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#### **Victorian Festival**

The 26th Annual Victorian Festival, hosted by the Northville Chamber of Commerce, returns Sept. 12-14 to downtown Northville. The annual event is a community celebration of the era when Northville was founded as a village and features events, entertainment and fun for the entire

family.

The 2014 Festival
theme is "The Lumbering Industry," a significant feature of the Victorian Era that largely contributed to the expansion and growth of the country, state and North-

ville community.

Festival hours will be 4-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13; and 10 a.m. to 4

p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14.
The Victorian Festival Parade will kick off the weekend beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, and will be followed by a weekend full of activities.

For more information about the 2014 Victorian Festival, contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce at 248-349-7640, tracisincock@northville.org or visit www.northville.org.

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# Community mourning the loss of John Genitti



In this file photo, John Genitti, with helmet securely fastened, rides his Harley-Davidson motorcycle through downtown Northville. Riding his motorcycle was one of his great joys in

Genitti's owner helped reshape fortunes of downtown

> By Kurt Kuban Staff Writer

John Genitti, the longtime owner of Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall Italian restaurant and dinner theatre in the heart of downtown Northville, passed away Friday night, leaving a gaping hole in a community that he came to love - and which loved him back.

If Northville had its own Mt. Rushmore, it is likely John Genitti's face would be part of it. And for good reason.

Genitti, 67, lived a pretty interesting life. He was a former copy boy for the Detroit Free Press during the 1967 riots, Purple Heart recipient in the Vietnam War and successful businessman who helped reshape downtown Northville but most are remembering him as a great friend and incredibly giving human be-

"When I think about my dad, I'm just amazed at his sense of community and the fact he would do anything he could for anyone," said his son, Andy Genitti, one of three children John had with his beloved wife, Toni. He is also survived by daughters, Laura (Kirk) Rentz and Tina Genitti, as well as five grandchildren – Avery, Andrew, Mia, Olive, and Sonny.

"He was just such a part of this community. I think of all the baptism parties, graduation parties, birthday parties and even gatherings after funerals that were held at my parents' restaurant over the years. And then there were all the employees. We've had kids that started working for my dad and stayed on for 30-35 years. We've had so many marriages that came out of there with people who met at the restaurant," Andy Genitti said. "He just touched so many lives."

And while many are calling Genitti the heart of the community, ironically it was his own heart that failed him in the end. When Genitti was 30 years oid, ne suifered a massive heart attack but survived after several major bypass surgeries. On Friday night, some 37 years later, Genitti suffered another heart attack that he

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#### New faces to greet students at secondary schools

**By Lonnie Huhman** 

Staff Writer

Some new faces will greet students when school starts in the coming weeks at both Northville middle schools and the high school.

At its Aug. 12 meeting, the Northville Public Schools Board of Education approved the hiring of a new assistant principal at NHS and five teachers.

#### **New assistant principal**

The Northville High School administrative leadership team has been further transformed with the hire of a new assistant principal in Billy Shellenbarger. who comes to Northville Public Schools from Seaholm

High School in Birmingham. "Thank you for this opportunity," Shellenbarger said to the

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New Northville High School Assistant Principal Billy Shellenbarger is preparing for the new school year.

# A teal reminder

Ribbons around town stress urgency of ovarian cancer detection

> By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Northville residents Terrie Karebian and Vicky Van Gorder have different stories in getting diagnosed with ovarian cancer, but they share the same battle to raise awareness and help others.

To get the message out they kicked off Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month a little early (it takes place in September) and participated in the Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance (MIO-CA) event called "Turn the Towns Teal" by wrapping tealcolored ribbons on light poles around downtown Northville.

"We want others to have a better understanding of the symptoms of ovarian cancer and its diagnosis," said Karebian on Aug. 18 before placing the ribbons along Main and Center streets. "It's important to us on a very personal level and that's why we are here today to begin raising even more awareness.'

She has been fighting ovarian

cancer since 2003 and has had four re-occurrences, but has been in remission this time for almost 2 ½ years. Van Gorder, 60, was diagnosed this past spring and has gone through surgery and chemotherapy the

past several months. Both said the initial reaction

to the diagnosis was fear. "It's now part of my life, but at first I was scared and didn't understand why. I had always thought of myself as being healthy," Van Gorder said. "However, I have come to learn it's not a death sentence and

there is hope.' Ovarian cancer is the most lethal gynecologic cancer and a leading cause of cancer-related death in women. It's a growth of abnormal malignant cells that begins in the ovaries. Symptoms can include bloating, pelvic or abdominal pain, difficulty eating or feeling full quickly and urin-

ary symptoms. According to MIOCA, due to the lack of an early detection test, more than 80 percent of patients are diagnosed at a late

"For these reasons, increased

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could not overcome. While saddened, family members are thankful they were given those 37

#### Interesting journey

Genitti was born June 10, 1947 in Detroit; the son of John and Clare (nee Aurora) Genitti. After growing up on the East Side in a traditional Italian family, he landed a job as a copy boy at the Free Press in 1966. That's where he met one of his best friends, Tom DeLisle, who, like many, are heartbroken over Genitti's death.

One of DeLisle's best memories of Genitti was the night in August of 1967 when the riots broke out in Detroit. Their editor at the time, the legendary Neal Shine, would not let any of them

leave because of the chaos outside. At one point, after they put the paper to bed in the early morning hours, those who remained in the building went up on the roof, looked out over the city and couldn't believe what they were seeing.

"There were fires for as far as you could see,' DeLisle said. "We just stood there with our mouths open. John looked over at me and said, this is what Berlin must have looked at the end of World War II. That was the defining day of our lives - the day we went from boys to men."

It was a year later that Genitti was drafted into the U.S. Army and served as a sergeant during the Vietnam War, the same conflict that took the life of his brother, Charlie. Although many of his friends never knew it, Genitti was awarded various medals for his service, including

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the Purple Heart. DeLisle said he just found that out over the weekend despite the fact that the two remained very close for more than four decades.

After the war, Genitti visited Northville where some of his aunts lived. In 1972, he ended up purchasing a dusty, old general store located at 108 E Main Street and converted it into a butcher shop. DeLisle remembers Genitti going to Eastern Market nearly every day to purchase fresh meat back in those days.

It was that same year he married the love of his life, Antonia "Toni" Vermiglio.

While the meat market was successful, and Genitti learned all his customers by name, he ended up converting it into a restaurant. Andy recalls his dad telling him the story many times of how that came about.

"There was some construction going on across the street, and one of the workers came in to ask if my parents could make the crew some sandwiches, and that led them to start doing lunches," Andy Genitti



In this file photo from 2002, John Genitti kisses his grandson Andrew Genitti as he strolled about Main Street near his family's business - Genitti's Hole in the Wall. JOHN

said. "That same guy came back at the conclusion of their project, which must have been a year or two later and asked if they could cook up a celebration dinner. They served those guys the same seven-course meal they still serve today. They were all old

family recipes. As the business became more successful, Genitti bought the electronics store that was next door, busted a hole in the wall (hence the name of the restaurant), and converted it into the dinner theater. Today Genitti's is one of the most recognized businesses in town.

There is no downplaying how important Genitti's was to downtown Northville's revival.

"They really changed the face of Northville into a place that people wanted to come to and walk around. That wasn't always the case," said Roxanne Casterline, owner of Casterline Funeral Home and a longtime close friend of the Genittis.

Northville Mayor Chris Johnson, who remembers going to the meat market as a teenager, agreed.

"The impact they had on downtown is almost kind of obvious," he said. "He started a trend of starting with a small place and expanding it into a special place. He transformed that little meat market into a real destination.'

Johnson said Genitti's commitment to Northville went far beyond that of a business owner. The Genittis lived in town, and John was always active in community events, especially the Memorial Day Parade and Veteran's Day ceremony. He was a member of VFW Post 4012, and served on the board there. Members say one of his pet projects was helping over at the VA hospital in Ann Arbor.

Over the years, he also would take extra food to homeless shelters in Detroit, and help feed the hungry.

#### Family man

If you ask anyone that knew him, though, Genitti was, first and foremost, a devoted family man. In recent years, after he and Toni were able to retire and let their daughter Laura take over, they spent a great deal of time with

their five grandchildren. In retirement they were finally able to have some free time. They loved boating, taking their motor home to Florida for the winter or to Michigan campgrounds with the grandchildren, and John particularly enjoyed riding his Har-

ley-Davidson motorcy-

In addition to his wife, children, grandchildren and beloved aunt Mary Ware, Genitti leaves behind more close friends than can be counted. The people who knew him best say he was one of the most selfless people you would ever meet – a man who enjoyed great success in life, but who also was the most giving person around.

DeLisle said he spoke to Genitti on Friday night, and they had one of their typical conversations – DeLisle was fretting about the recent fortunes of the Detroit Tigers, and Genitti "was talking me down from the ledge." DeLisle said Genitti was always a Boston Red Sox fan, but he didn't hold it against him. Well, not too much anyway.

DeLisle said he hung up the phone around 10:30 p.m., and received a call about an hour later from a mutual friend informing him of the "devastating" news. There is no doubt that his death will leave a gaping hole for those who knew him, he said.

Everything he touched was successful. And yet he was the most humble, decent, greatest guy you would ever meet," DeLisle said. 'He was probably the greatest man I ever met in my life.'

A funeral service was held Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church, 777 West Eight Mile, Northville. His burial, with full military honors, took place at Rural Hill Cemetery.

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#### Worthy tells budget committee she needs more money to function

**By David Veselenak** Staff Writer

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy went before the county commission's Ways and Means Committee with a request she's made in previous years: her office needs more money to function.

"We do not have the resources to do our jobs properly," she said.

Worthy, along with other county department heads, spoke Thursday during a committee meeting on the proposed 2014-15 county budget at Livonia City Hall. The committee meeting, chaired by Livonia Republican Laura Cox, served as a public hearing and featured several

departments presenting their proposed budgets to the committee.

The prosecuting at-

torney's office, headed by Worthy, has requested a budget of more than \$46.5 million for the next fiscal year, while the Wayne County executive's office has recommended \$38.6 million, a difference of more than \$7.8 million, according to county documents. Worthy's budget calls for including funds for a staff of 301 full-time employees, while the executive's office calls for a staff of 246 next

Worthy, who said her department is down nearly 107 employees, said many leave her office and head to jobs in other parts of the state that pay better and offer a lighter caseload.

The feeling is that the county is never going to be adequately funded," Worthy said of employees who leave for elsewhere.

Commissioner Shannon Price, who represents Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton, referenced the lawsuit filed last year by Worthy against Wayne County during the meeting and said the figures requested in the lawsuit and the actual amount spent did not match.

'You made a lot of public appearances on local news, talking about how you couldn't cover the courts, you couldn't do warrants, you

couldn't cover your cases because we cut your budget, yet you spent \$3 million more than you even sued us for," he said. "Forgive me if I come in a little skeptical on everything that you say, because every time I turn on the TV, I hear a different

story.' Worthy said there have been a multitude of funds that have been pulled out from various sources, including the state, which has led to a decrease in funding to her department, which oversees thousands of cases each year.

#### Circuit court budget

Also discussed Thursday morning was the budget for Wayne Coun-

ty Circuit Court, a body that is scheduled to lose four judges under a state restructuring plan signed into law by Gov. Rick Snyder earlier this

Chief Judge Robert Colombo told the committee he hopes that other employees who work in the courtroom with those judges, including sheriff deputies and court clerks, do not have their positions eliminated as well.

"We have a problem that we do not have enough sheriffs or enough clerks," he said. "I don't think we should lose those positions."

The court has requested a budget of more than \$141.6 million for next year, which is

less than the executive's office recommendation of \$142 million.

Colombo said it is possible the court may need more resources in the future, as law enforcement efforts in Detroit are ramped up. That increase in enforcement could send more cases through the court

"We expect to see an increase in filing criminal complaints," he said.

The next committee budget hearing will take place at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Guardian Building, 500 Griswold, in Detroit.

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Northville residents Terrie Karebian (wrapping the ribbon on the pole) and Vicky Van Gorder (right center), both battling ovarian cancer, along with friends and family, spent a recent morning spreading more awareness of this cancer by placing teal ribbons around

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awareness and advocacy are critical," Karebian said. "Those who are diagnosed need to be

above all their own ad-

They also need support from family and friends, which Van Gorder said has been big.

'Surrounding yourself with positive people helps a lot as well as

staying proactive and healthy," she said.

To learn more about MIOCA and ovarian cancer, visit www.mioca.org.

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#### Storm damage tops \$210 million in Wayne County

Based on preliminary reports, damage estimates in Wayne County following the storms and flooding of Aug. 11, have been initially estimated at \$210 million with the conservative figure likely to go higher as reports continue to be processed by the Wayne County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM).

The damage assessment total included most of the communities in Wayne County, excluding the City of De-

'Clearly, the storms and flooding of Aug. 11, have caused extensive damage in much of Wayne County," said DHSEM Director Timothy McGillivary. "We are getting many reports of damaged basements, electronics and other infrastructure."

Wayne County provided its information to the State of Michigan, as is required in disaster declarations. The state is compiling the data



Hines Drive at Merriman was under water after torrential rain on Aug. 11 that cause more than \$200 million damage in Wayne County.

gathered from the county and across the region to submit it to federal authorities. It is hoped the damage assessment information will help get federal aid from FEMA and other agencies to assist with ongoing cleanup and restoration efforts.

"We provided the State of Michigan with our initial reports in a timely manner and like other disaster situations, believe the damage assessment figure will likely rise," McGillivary said.

Following the tor-

rential rains that sparked the widespread flooding the county across much of metro **Detroit, Wayne County Executive Robert Fica**no declared a State of **Emergency for Wayne** County and its 43 communities on Aug. 12.

Residents are encouraged to check the Wayne County website at www.waynecounty.com and Facebook page for updates from the Wayne County Department of Homeland Security, Department of Public Health and Department of Public Services.

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#### School officials tout latest state report cards

**By Lonnie Huhman** 

Northville Public Schools is a high-performing district, said Superintendent Marv Kay Gallagher in citing the **Annual Education Report** (AER) for the 2013-14 school year, which was released by the district on Monday.

"Northville Public Schools is a high-performing district with our K-12 schools ranking in the 88th-98th percentile of schools across Michigan,' Gallagher said. "We continue to focus our school improvement efforts to increase the achievement of all students and to improve career and college readiness without losing sight of the value of our comprehensive programming and a balanced curriculum.

According to NPS, this detailed report provides key information on the educational progress of Northville Public Schools as a district, and at each of the schools. The AER addresses complex reporting information required by federal and some requirements of state law.

The Michigan Department of Education ranks public schools across the state using a "Top to Bottom" percentile ranking. The ranking is based on student achievement, the academic growth of all students, and the gap between the highest and lowest scoring students in the school.

#### **High rankings**

Northville High School ranked in the 96th percentile, Meads Mill Middle and Winchester Elementary schools both in the 98th percentile.

At NHS the key initiative cited to accelerate achievement is a, "Concentration on curriculum and assessment alignment with the State Standards through the lens of the International Baccalaureate and good instruction to help improve Math, English, Science, and Social Studies literacy."

"Any set of data or process for rank-ordering information has both strengths and pitfalls that are important to understand," Gallagher told the school community in an email letter. "We use all of this student data information, together with other measures of student performance, to improve our curriculum and instructional practices, and to enhance student intervention and support programs to further enable success for all students - across the spectrum of learners and in an increasingly global context."

The Annual Education Report contains the following information and highlights:

- » Student Assessment Data, including statewide data from the National Assessment of Educational Progress
- » Michigan Department of Education (MDE) Accountability Scorecard information and rankings
- » Teacher qualification
- » AdvancEd District Accreditation information

District officials invite the community to review the entire 79-page report by visiting www.northville schools.org/annualreports. In addition, copies of the district and individual school reports are also available at the Board of Education Offices (501 West Main Street, three blocks west of Center Street in downtown Northville) and at each of the individual school offices.

For more information, or if you have questions about the report, Gallagher said staff is available to help. Please contact the Office of Instruction at (248) 344-3520. Those interested can also access data about Northville Public Schools, and each school within Northville, at www.mischooldata.org/.

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#### **Davenport Dean's List**

Robert Wright and Vonyetta Hunter, both of Northville, were both named to the Davenport University Dean's List for the winter 2014 semester. To make the Dean's List, a student must maintain a minimum 3.5 grade point average while enrolled in at least nine credits of regular coursework.

#### **Wheaton College Art** Award

Wheaton College (Ill.) student Jeffrey Linton of Northville was recently recognized with a Best of Show Award in the "NonWord & Upward" student juried art exhibition. The award, given by the school's art department, was announced at Wheaton College's Honors Convocation.

#### **ON CAMPUS**

The award is given to an undergraduate student for work completed during the last two years.

#### LTU grads

Several Northville residents were among students who graduated from Lawrence Technological University back in May. The local students were: Priscilla Oshikiri, M.S. in education; Kimberly Shaw, master of educational technology; Stephen Osterhoff, B.S. in biomedical engineering; and Katherine Wilbert, B.S. in audio engineering technology.

#### **Washington Dean's List**

Shilpi Priyam Sharma of Northville was named to the Washington University (St. Louis, Mo.) Dean's List for the spring 2014 semester. Sharma

is enrolled in the university's School of Engineering and Applied Science. To qualify for the Dean's List in the School of Engineering & Applied Science, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.6 or above and be enrolled in at least 12 graded units.

#### LTU Dean's Honor Roll

The following Northville students were named to the Lawrence Tech University Dean's Honor Roll for the spring 2014 term. To be named to the honor roll a student must maintain at least a 3.5 average for the term. They are Thomas Bennett; Steven Gonzalez; Katherine Wilbert; George Gallagher; and Stephen Osterhoff.

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school board. "I feel very for-

He's been hired on a oneyear probationary administrator contract with a total base salary of \$87,927.

He fills in for Katie Shirk, who transitioned from her role as assistant principal at NHS last year to now being the assistant supervisor (principal) at Cooke School.

According to Dave Rodgers, NPS assistant superintendent of human resources, there were nearly 200 responses for the opening. Eventually the list was whittled down to three candidates who were interviewed by new NHS principal Tony Koski, Athletic Director Bryan Masi, Rodgers and NHS Assistant Principal Diana Patterson as well as by NHS content area department leaders and other administrators.

Shellenbarger was the "clear choice," Rodgers said.

Shellenbarger had most recently been the response to intervention coordinator at Seaholm. Prior to that, he taught English and a leadership course at Seaholm. He also has coaching experience in Clawson and Birmingham.

He came to education after spending 12 years in the business world as a pharmaceutical manager and salesperson. He said his passion for students during his coaching experiences led him to return to college and make a career change. He has a B.A. in English from Saginaw Valley State University and most recently completed his M.A. in educational leadership at Michigan State University.

#### **New teachers**

At Hillside Middle School Leigh Ann Meyer takes over the full-time ELA/social studies position, which opened after a retirement. She was formerly a teacher in L'Anse Creuse. Rodgers said she brings energy, enthusiasm, and curriculum experience to this new role.

Taylor Glinski was hired to fill a half-time ELA position at Meads Mill. Rodgers said Glinski has successful teaching experience at Saline and International Baccalaureate (IB) knowledge from the International Academy West and will be a great addition.

The foreign language department at NHS gets some help from Danielle Reeves as a part-time Spanish teacher. She is a former student-teacher at NHS and has been teaching English at an IB school in Mexico since 2009. Her knowledge and experience "should be prove to be invaluable," Rodgers said.

Jenna Bell is the new fulltime English teacher at NHS after a retirement. Bell has teaching experience with Walled Lake and in California. Rodgers said both districts expressed their regret in seeing her leave.

The last full-time position at the high school is in biology, and will be filled by teacher Melissa Stendardo, who was hired to fill in for a teacher on a leave of absence. She was formerly a teacher in Point Pleasant, New Jersey before moving to the area after her husband was relocated for work. Since then she had been teaching biology at Cabrini High School.

All have been hired on a probationary contract for the upcoming school year.

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# **GOP** convention in Novi could hold surprises

Tea Party candidates will challenge 'establishment' Republicans

**By Lonnie Huhman** Staff Writer

Some crucial statewide nominations for the Republican Party will come this weekend in Novi as it hosts the 2014 Michigan Republican State Convention.

Scheduled to be held this weekend at the Suburban Collection Showplace, the convention expects to be an eventful one as many incumbents, including Lt. Gov. Brian Calley, will be chal-



Staudt

lenged. The successful nominees emerge from the convention will appear

on the November general election ballot.

The nominations to be made at the convention include: lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, three justices to the Michigan Supreme Court, two

members of the state Board of Education and two members each for the Wayne State University Board of Governors, the Michigan State University Board of Trustees and the University of Michigan Board of Regents.

Novi Mayo Pro Tem David Staudt, who will be attending the convention as a member of the Oakland County Republican Party, said the convention is an important one. The nominations will be made by the party delegates attending the convention.

"It's rare that you see

incumbents being challenged like this, but it looks as if they will be," Staudt said.

The convention will feature more than 2,100 delegates, who were picked during county conventions this past month from around the

Calley, who has been

in office since 2011, is

being opposed by Wes Nakagiri, who is the founder of RetakeOurGov.org. The school board race has four candidates and all three university boards also have more than two candidates seeking nominations.

Staudt said the party appears to be split between Tea Party members and "establishment" Republicans.

Drama aside, the convention will be a boon for Novi with nearly 3.000 people expected to come to town. They will stay in hotels, host parties around town and generally pump revenue into local businesses.

'This is great for Novi to have this. It will bring a lot of people from around the state into town, so it should be nothing but positive for local hotels and busi-

will give the opening remarks at the convention. On Friday night, the Oakland County Republican Party will host a

Novi Mayor Bob Gatt

nesses," Staudt said.

party at Paradise Park in which all elected Republican precinct delegates are invited. Staudt expects some candidates to attend.

Activities will get going Friday, Aug. 22, but the official convention will be called to order at 10 a.m. Saturday.

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Shown (back, from left) are Carol Hoffman, Jennifer Preston, Sue Johnson, Margi Karp-Opperer and Evelyn Young and (front, from left) Tanya Madhani and Jiaying Li.

#### Interns lend helping hand in Summer Reading Program

The Friends of the Novi Public Library recently awarded two Novi teens, Tanya Madhani and Jiaying (Kaei) Li, \$500 stipends for completing a summer internship at the library in accordance with the NPL's Summer

Reading Program. We are very grateful to The Friends for generously giving us the funds to pay the two interns and to the interns themselves for the fabulous job they did," said Jennifer Preston, information services librarian in charge of the Teen Volunteer Program and supervisor of the high school interns.

In 2013, Preston had applied for and won a grant through the Young

**Adult Library Services** Association, which awarded the library \$1,000 to pay a stipend to two interns to help with the Summer Reading Program. After great success with the first pair of interns, The Friends of the Novi Public Library generously offered the \$1,000 for the intern stipends to continue.

Intern candidates were required to live in Novi and be in high school or just recently graduated. More than a half-dozen applications were received.

For more information on The Friends of the Novi Public Library, visit www.novilibrary.org or call 248-349-0720.

#### Three new credit programs announced

When the fall 2014 semester starts Monday, Aug. 25, Schoolcraft College will be offering a new skills certificate in plastic technology, a new degree in education and new credit courses in English as a Second Lan-

The plastic technology skills certificate will expose students to plastic materials, processes, equipment and quality systems and safety. Today's plastics professionals not only need to know the fundamentals of production, they must be able to think critically, solve problems and have a thorough understanding of the technology they can use to produce products efficiently and with the highest quality. Skills certificates generally only requires two semesters of study.

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#### **Meditation Series** continues

Schoolcraft College's Continuing Education Department is once again offering the four-part lecture series, A Journey of Self Discovery: Meditation Series, presented by Kathy Bindu Henning. Each session includes interactive lecture and Present Moment Meditation.

The Wednesday evening series includes:

Experience the Self: An Inner Journey, Sept. 24; A Peaceful Mind is a Precious Gift, Oct. 1; The Illusive Nature of Happiness, Oct. 8; and 10 Tools for Health, Harmony & Joyful Living, Oct. 15. Sessions are held 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Participants will learn how to release stress, quiet the mind and increase health and happi-

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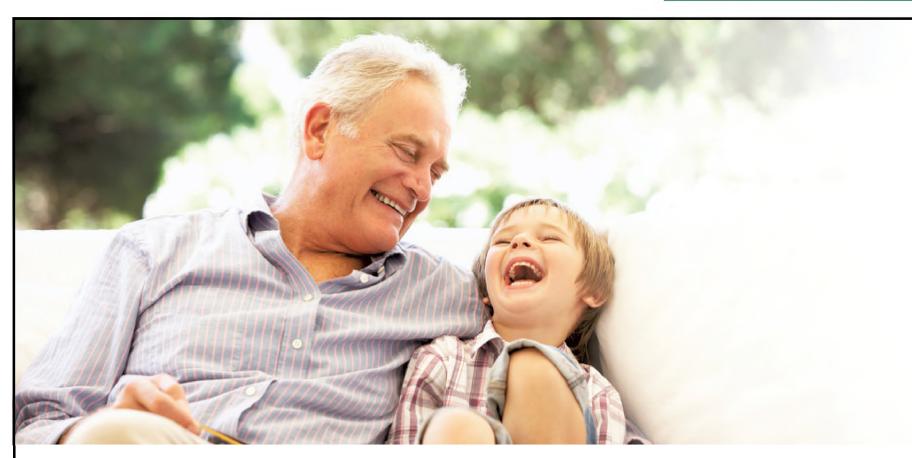
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Northville Venture Crew 8 at the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. They include Robert Prescott, David Garon, Leo LaCivita, Brigit Culkeen, Robert Dunne, Erin Dunne and Jeremiah Dunne. The adult chaperones are Don Garon, Kristina Dunne and Rob

#### Local Venture Scouts trek to New Mexico

After more than a year of planning, Northville Venture Crew 8 boarded an overnight Amtrak train to Raton, N.M., July 14, and began their two-week, 88-mile backpacking adventure in the mountains of New Mexico at Philmont Scout Ranch. The Scouts, a co-ed group ages 16-19, chose a "strenuous" trek, climbing Mount Baldy, (12,400 feet), rock climbing and rappelling, shotgun reloading and shooting, burro packing and racing and much more.

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Jeremiah Dunne. They were accompanied by adult chaperones Don Garon, Kristina Dunne and Rob Dunne.

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"Although often grueling with daily hikes often exceeding 10 miles, the trek taught each of us how to survive in the back country at campsites with no water source, in thunderstorms, and where bears and mountain lions roam," Kristina Dunne said. "We were well-prepared and physically fit and suffered only minor blisters

despite the miles." Crew 8 meets at 6:30 p.m. every other Sunday at Mill Race Village in the Cady Inn. If you are at least 14 years old and interested in this kind of high adventure, contact Kristina Dunne kldunne@comcast.net and learn more about youth-co-ed Venture Scouting.

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Whether visiting an 1800s Victorian or a 1990s lakeside condo, guests set their own pace while hearing interesting facts from stationed docents. This year, ticket-holders get exclusive access to a bonus garden party at Starring "The Gallery," at 118 W. Main Street in Northville, 2-5 p.m. on tour day. Free refreshments are provided by Edwards Café and ticketholders receive a 10percent discount on all purchases.

Homes for tour are an original mid-1800s Victorian, a newly-constructed Victorian-style, a 1980s renovated two-story, the Pheasant Hills home of a well-known custom builder and a Blue Heron Pointe condominium on the water. More than 30 local businesses help sponsor the event.

Now in its 19th consecutive year, the home tour is the major fundraising event of the Northville-Novi branch of the American Association of University Women. Funds support educational scholarships and community events to promote achievement in local girls and women. Nationally, AAUW promotes equity, education and development for women around the world.



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#### **Superhero Olympics**

The Superhero Training Academy invites people to the second annual Superhero Olympics at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center, 3577 Sleeth Court, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday,

Join in for a fun and challenging day of creative events to test the strength of children ages 8-12. There is a \$20 suggested donation; register at www.superherotraining.org

There will be 12 different outdoor events stationed throughout the field and forest. Events will be run by a staff of superheroes who are educators, circus performers or game aficionados. Dress for the outdoors, bring a lunch and wear clothes that may get

The Superhero Training Academy is a nonprofit organization that works with youth education and leadership in schools, camps and community centers in southeast Michigan, For more information, visit www.superherotraining.org.

#### **Food Truck Festival**

The Northville Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the second annual Food Truck Festival from

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11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, at Northville's Ford Field Park, 150 Griswold, north of Main Street. The event will include a classic car

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food and even a beer garden. The food trucks scheduled to attend include:

The Pita Post, Jacques' Tacos, Shimmy Shack, The Rolling Stoves, Concrete Cuisine, Rollin Stone Pizza, Mystic Kettle, Kona Ice, Qais Truck, Treat Dreams, Dago Joe's, Ol' Tyme Good Humor Ice Cream, Stewards for Strangers, Time2Chill and Wooden Spork. Each truck will

carry a variety of options. Live music will take place throughout the afternoon. Performers will include Just Push Play (2 p.m.), Ricky See (4 p.m.) and Mainstreet Soul (7 p.m.). There will also be an outdoor movie beginning at 9:30 p.m.

Admission to the festival is free, but there is a charge for food and beverages. Wristbands (\$2) will be required to purchase alcohol and must be purchased at the Beer Garden. Parking is available at the north end of the Northville Downs parking lot, off Cady Street (south of Main

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Tickets for all performances are \$9 each. No children under the age of 3. There are group rates and reserved seating for groups of 20 or more.

Special weekday school shows are also available for school groups.

For more information, call the Marquis Theatre at 248-349-8110 or visit www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.

#### Veterans Appreciation Night

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4012 of Northville would like to invite all current active duty service members and former service members to join them for two free drinks and appetizers on Sept. 19, from 7-9 p.m. All veterans are welcome no membership is required.

If you served in the US Armed Forces you are welcome to come celebrate freedom. VFW Post 4012 is located at 430 S. Main Street.

#### **'Take Back Your** Garden'

The Gardeners of Northville and Novi (AKA "No No's") will host Julia Hofley at 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 8 at Novi High School. Hofley is a member of the Michigan Regional Lily Society, Hardy Plant Society and Michigan representative for Plantskydd Animal Repellent. She will speak about how to garden successfully in the midst of an active animal browsing community, and offer tips to help protect garden investments.

The social mixer begins at 6:30 p.m. with the presentation "Take Back Your Garden" starting at 7 p.m. Admission for non-members is \$5 at the

Novi High School is ocated at 24062 Taft Road, Novi. The event will take place in Student Forum Room198C (park in staff parking lot off of Taft Road, and enter the building via main steel doors). Directional signs will be guiding to Room 198C.

#### **Annual Community** Reads program coming to area libraries

The Neighborhood Library Association announced its fifth annual Community Reads book selection We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves.

By Karen Joy Fowler, it is a curious, wonderfully intelligent novel, which brings to life a most unusual American middle-class family, ordinary in every way but one. Fowler is the New York Times bestselling author of The Jane Austen Book Club and has written six novels and three short story collections. Five neighboring libraries are hosting book discussions and programs related to the

We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves is a tale of loving but fallible people whose well-intentioned actions lead to heartbreaking consequences. The madcap plot and fresh diction add humor to a story about experimental psychology, human development and animal rights.

"We are very pleased to announce this year's book selection," said Julie Farkas, Novi Public Library director. "Librarians from five neighboring libraries meet to carefully choose a book that appeals to a broad audience and lends itself to good discussions and programs. We have been very successful with our book selections and author presentations over the past four years and are quite excited to have Karen Joy Fowler here to meet and talk with members of our communi-

The goal of the NLA's Community Reads is to bring communities together to read and discuss the same book. The NLA is composed of Lyon Township Public Library, Northville District Library, Novi Public Library, Salem-South Lyon District Library and Wixom Public Library. Copies of the book are now available for checkout at each library. Book discussions and related programs begin Sept. 20.

Fowler will be available for a "Meet the Author" event at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, at Novi Public Library. Contact the library to register at 248-349-0720 or visit www.novilibrary.org.

#### **DETAILS**

Everyone is welcome to attend these Community Reads events at the five area NLA libraries: » "Humane Animal Education with the Detroit Zoological Society: Dangers of Exotic Animals as Pets" at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at Salem-South Lyon District Library » "Our Closest Relatives: **Understanding Primate** Behavior and Ecology" at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, at Lyon Township **Public Library** » "Journaling to Reduce Stress" at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, at Wixom Public Library » "Healing Vets & Saving Pets" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, at Northville District Library » "Leader Dogs: Helpers, Guides and Friends" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, at Novi Public Library » "Meet the Author: Karen Joy Fowler" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, at

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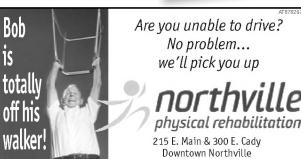
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# **HITTING THEIR** STRIDE

#### Walkers take to the road in fight against breast cancer

**By Brad Kadrich** 

Jake Hermann of Livonia has lost his aunt and his grandmother to cancer, so he wanted to help when it came time for the 60-mile Susan G. Komen Michigan 3-Day walk this year.

He knew his sister and his dad were already walking, so Hermann figured he could spread the wealth and find another way to help

So there was Hermann, in the wee hours of Friday morning, loading

luggage onto rental trucks as walkers were checking in at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi, the staging area for the 2014 Komen 3-Day.

"I'm just helping out the cause, trying to help raise as much money as possible," Hermann said as he hoisted backpacks and suitcases into the truck. "My dad and my sister are walking and I wanted to help as many walkers as possible. They're the ones who raise the money."

Some 1,200 walkers -



And they're off ... headed up Grand River after leaving the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

up a little from last year's total — stretched amid temperatures in the mid-50s as the walk got off to a cool start.

Walkers averaged 20 miles a day by the time they were through Sunday, and the event ended up at Ford World Headquarters in Dearborn. The Michigan walk is one of seven events Komen is sponsoring this year and remains one of its more popular ones.

It's the 11th year Michigan has hosted the walk.

"It's a walk for women and men who want to be a part of something bigger they want to end breast cancer forever," said Dr. Sherie Phillips, national spokesperson for the Susan G. Komen 3-Day. "This weekend is no exception.'

There are seven walks around the country, down from 14 a year ago. Phillips says the fact there are fewer walks doesn't diminish what participants hope to accomplish.

"The evolution of the (3-Day) doesn't change the fact Komen is committed to the cause of ending breast cancer forever," she said. "We have 1,200 people here ready to walk ... the New Balances are laced, we're going to urge people to take action to end breast cancer with each and every step.

Fans and supporters waited for the walkers all along the path, as they do every year. Not only did they line the neighborhood streets along the route, there were also cheering stations in Farmington Hills, Northville, Plymouth and Livo-

Like many walkers, Jill Engel of Canton is walking in honor of a family member stricken with breast cancer. Her mother, she said, has had breast cancer twice.

At one point, Engel said, her mother was given 18 months to live. She is now a 10-plus-year survivor whose fight convinced her daughter to take up the cause. "My mom knew she'd

be OK no matter what happens and I wanted faith like that," Engel said. "I'm walking because my mother gave me the gift of faith."

Anna Fleeman of Novi walked with her friend Denise Francisco, a breast cancer survivor

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'I walk with her so nobody else has to go through what she's gone through," Fleeman said. "Hopefully, soon we won't have to fight it anymore."

The walk culminated with the closing ceremony around 4:30 p.m. Sunday at Ford World Headquarters. But even after the walk ended, Phillips pointed out, the battle doesn't.

"Nearly 3 million breast cancer survivors live in the U.S. today – the largest group of cancer survivors in the nation," Phillips said. "But we know our work is not done until we find the cure.'

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#### LIBRARY LINES

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

The library will be closed Monday, Aug. 25 and Tuesday, Aug. 26 for carpet installation. It will reopen at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27. Upcoming programs include:

#### **Drop In Computer Tutoring**

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Time/Date: Noon to 2 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 23 **Details:** Casual session for all skill levels, basic instruction and materials provided. Drop in.

#### Novi

#### **Home invasion**

An unoccupied home on East Lake Road was broken into by an unknown suspect who ended up stealing the vacuum cleaner.

The homeowner, who told Novi Police the home was up for sale at the time, said he checked the home Aug. 12 and found the lock box open and key missing. This wasn't too unusual, he told police, because the home was being shown by a Realtor. However, when he found some items missing, he thought o erwise.

There were also curtains taken from two rooms. The police report said the homeowner thought the box may

have been left open and that's how the thief gained entry. There was no useful evidence found in the home to indicate a suspect.

#### **Third drunken** driving

A driver involved in an accident near Novi Road and West Oaks Drive was arrested for

The Novi Police arrived at the scene Aug. 10 after a phone call to the department about the accident. Police reported that one driver had the odor of alcohol on his breath when speaking with them. Police had him go through the field sobriety tests, which he had difficulty maintain-

ing his balance. The driver was arrest-

#### ed after the preliminary Northville breathalyzer test came

#### Missing person

The city of Northville Police Department has issued a missing person alert for 59-year-old resident John

Suchomel. He has been missing since Aug.

No foul play is suspected, but his family is

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male and drives a silver 2009 Jeep Cherokee with Michigan license plate BZF532.

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# Binky birthday bash

'Binky Tree' celebrates 10 years of helping little ones give up pacifier

The Binky Tree is celebrating its 10th birthday and everyone is invited to celebrate.

The celebration — organized by Northville dentist William Demray and his staff over at Preservation Dental as a way to coax children to give up their pacifiers — will take place from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23 at Northville's Ford Field.

Children who over the past 10 years have left a binky on the tree can come for a visit. Children willing to give up their binky at the party will receive a special birthday present. They can invite brothers and sisters, moms and dads, grandmas and grandpas — everyone they know to join them for this special occasion. And there will be a special birthday cake for all. The ceremonial cake cutting will take place at 1

There will be special appearances by the Tooth Fairy and the Binky Bug and photo opportunities.

Demray dedicated the Binky Tree during the summer of 2004 in a special ceremony, with the first pacifier being hung by the Tooth Fairy. It has been featured on the Under The Radar Michigan television program, and visitors have come from all over to see the brightly decorated tree.

"If a little one is not sure about giving up a pacifier this could be the perfect opportunity," Demray said. "It's all about going to a birthday party and that sounds like a lot of fun! It has always been our intention to keep this rite of passage festive."

The Tooth Fairy will be on hand to assist youngsters ready to hang their pacifier on the tree. They can visit the tree often and enjoy the nearby playscape. The celebration will coincide with all the festivities at Ford Field that same day as part of the Food Truck Festival.

For more information, contact Denise Jenkins at 248-348-1313.



The Binky Tree, located at Northville's Ford Field, offers little ones the opportunity to give up their pacifiers in a festive atmosphere.

#### **Hunt Club Cafe**



Thomas Hollinshead, dining service manager, is proud of the newly-renovate Hunt Club Cafe at Fox Run. This month's opening at the Novi retirement community is shedding light on the snack preferences of "The Greatest Generation" (the most ordered ice cream is Cappuccino Crunch). The Cafe is set up as a scramble system, which means there are no lines. There are five stations: Deli/Grill, Pizza/Pasta, Chef Creations, Salads/Sweets and the Beverage station/Grab & Go. The Cafe is open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. for a breakfast buffet consisting of scrambled eggs, sausage links, bacon, potato pancakes and muffins. Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and dinner is served 3-6:30 p.m. Fox Run, which has more than 1,000 residents, is managed by Erickson Living. PEGGY MATHER









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Meadowbrook Country Club 40941 W. 8 Mile Rd., Northville Nov. 20: Pelvic Prolapse

Meadowbrook Country Club 

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# The Stories Behind THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE 2014

#### The clear choice for a People's Choice Award: Town & Country Eyecare



Town and Couny Eyecare, is located in Novi and has hundreds of frames to choose from including designer ware.

Town & Country Eyecare has been providing caring optometric service and quality eyewear to the Novi and Northville area since 1994. This spring, it had an open house for all its loyal patients and friends to celebrate the 20th anniversary.

"It's been quite an experience going from opening up in an empty lease space in Oakpointe Plaza 20 years ago with just myself and a skeleton staff to now our new building with double the space, three doctors and triple the staff," said Dr. Tim Kirk, original founder of the practice.

What has been a constant since the start is the wonderful families they have enjoyed serving. Why is Town & Country Eyecare the destination for patients in the Novi/Northville area? Because whether it's contact lenses, fashionable eyeglass frames or medical eye health care, the experienced trio of doctors at Town & Country can meet all your eye care needs.

Dr. Timothy Kirk, Dr. Amy Crissman Head and Dr. Rob Nagy are available six days a week, serving patients with a variety of optometric symptoms, including glaucoma, macular degeneration, dia-WINNER OF THE 2014 PEOPLES CHOICE

betic eye disease and cataracts, as well as

pediatric eye conditions, in addition to

glasses and contacts. Combined, the three doctors have experience that is unrivaled in the industry. Dr. Kirk has more than 25 years of clinical practice, making him an expert in most aspects of eye care and contact lens specialty fittings.

Dr. Crissman Head, now partner/ owner of the practice, brings low-vision services from her training at Beaumont Eye Institute, in addition to her multifaceted general clinical experience. Dr. Nagy is the newest member of the team. He calls the Novi/Farmington area home and brings a level of expertise in surgical co-management for LASIK and cataract surgery from his background on staff of TLC Surgical Center of Detroit.

There's no better place to purchase fashionable frames than Town & Country's beautiful optical setting, which will be going through a design renovation this fall to create more personal space to work with patients. One can find the latest frame styles from Maui Jim, Swarovski, Gucci, Wiley X and many more. An event that patients especially look forward to is the annual "Sunglass Style Show," an all-day event in May to showcase the latest sunglass styles with lots of fun giveaways and refreshments.

You want to have frames that look attractive, but what's the benefit if you can't see well out of them? That's where Town & Country Eyecare glows in terms



Dr. Rob Nagy, Dr. Tim Kirk and Dr. Amy Crissman Head are working together to help you see clearly

of quality control and precise optical lens selection. The opticians are board-certified in lens measurements and materials, which they choose specifically for each patient's needs. The in-office edging lab allows for cutting of many lenses on site for better accuracy and shorter wait times for new glasses.

When you get your glasses at Town & Country Eyecare, you are sure to see the difference in results.

Are contact lenses a curiosity of yours? With the latest high-tech lenses at Town & Country Eyecare, it's never been easier to find a contact that will work for you. Whether it's the health and convenience of a soft daily disposable lens, or one for astigmatism or bifocal options, we are able to fit nearly any prescription. We go the extra mile in providing a contact lens "class" to learn how to insert and remove and care for your new lenses. We even extend a guaranteed fitting fee that can be refunded if you decide contacts are not for you. So if you've always wanted to try contacts, we provide the opportunity to do so, risk-free!

Why is Town & Country Eyecare voted No. 1 year after year? We think it's because whether you are 1 or 101, we meet your eye care needs with professionalism and compassion.

Town & Country Eyecare is located at 22350 Novi Road. They can be reached at (248) 347-7800 or visit them at http://www.tceyecare.com or Facebook.



Dr. Amy Crissman Head, Pam Lego, Dr. Tim Kirk, Andrea Peczynski, Cheryl Rusin, Angela Proulx, Jen Johnson, Jordan Lego, Jennifer Johnson, Becky Anderson and Amanda King

#### **Customer service is key to becoming the** "People's Choice"

The People's Choice Awards are always exciting. Our winners, chosen by you our readers, were announced in our annual section published in May. These local business owners are always honored and thrilled to be recognized.

All the business owners enjoy making new friends and business contacts. Our winners explained how they try to be in tune to customer relationships and how they establish good business practices. These professionals offer so much and are very good at what they do.

The winners of these awards are incredible and are to be admired.

Remember that you, our readers, voted for these businesses and consumers obviously know what it takes to make a difference in that relationship.

Here is your chance meet the people behind those awards. For a business owner to be named a People's Choice Award recipient, he or she must have been chosen by our readers because they have offered quality products and outstanding service throughout the year.

Doing business with a People's Choice winner is a victory in the making and would be considered a win-win situation. You know you will be dealing with businesses that are running at peak performance, which is a huge step toward lasting fulfillment and personal excellence for everyone involved. We recommend taking the time to get to know these people. They are worth your serious investigation.

Congratulations to the people behind the People's Choice Awards!

#### As your Novi Allstate agent Bruce Faber can help with all your insurance needs



The staff from Bruce Faber, Allstate Insurance Office in Novi, from left to right is Lisa Fraser, Bruce Faber, Debby Eagle and Kristin Rypkowski which encourage you to call or stop by the office

Bruce Faber has been with Allstate for more than 32 years and has worn many hats in the company. His tenure and experience have allowed him to not only understand the ins and outs of insurance, but also to service hundreds of families regarding their protection needs. Farber can help you protect the things that are important - your family, home, car, boat and more.

Faber tells us that he is proud to work with a company that's been serving satisfied customers for more than 80 years. Customers count on outstanding financial strength and superior claims

service to help protect what they value most. Allstate delivers on its promise. In fact, its outstanding financial strength and superior claims service received an A-plus (superior) rating by A.M. Best. Quality service, strength and satisfaction - that's something Faber is glad to be a part of.

Faber and his staff are committed to helping you protect not only what you have today, but to also prepare for tomorrow. They can help you understand how insurance is a part of your "safety net" and a cornerstone to your financial security. Together, you'll work to evaluate your coverages and select flexible payment options that work for you.

Insurance is unlike any other product out there - you pay for it and hope you never have to use it. And that makes paying more than you need to that much more uncomfortable.

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Keep in mind, not all discounts are available in every state. The best way to get all that you qualify for is to get an insurance quote specific to Novi.

You can get a rough "ballpark" insurance quote from many companies online, but talking with an agent allows you to ask questions and get a quote for coverage that matters most to you. Faber and his winning team can prepare a quote that details the coverage,

deductibles (your portion of a loss) and cost (premium) of your insurance policy.

Bruce Faber, Allstate agent, deals with auto, car and life insurance, including retirement plans, annuities, college savings plans and business in-

If you live in the following areas -Novi, Northville, Wixom, Walled Lake, South Lyon, New Hudson, Commerce, Farmington, Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield, Howell, Brighton, Milford, Livonia or White Lake - it would be wise to call and find out why Bruce Faber wears the "Honor" ring for 19 years of service.

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#### Brian Larson descibed as: Old school jewelry crafting with a twist $^{\vdash}$

No mater what the reason, purchasing jewelry from Larson Jewelry Design in Novi should be your first choice. Brian Larson has been in the industry for 36 years. The owner of Larson Jewelry Design, he opened his doors 25 years ago and this September will be celebrating 15 years at his current location in Novi.

Larson incorporates new crafting techniques for the best possible design and workmanship available. He has built his reputation on integrity and honesty. Larson is a Graduate Gemologist from GIA. He embraces all the newest technology available.

Certified diamonds and colored stones are always used in his creations. Quality is very important: "You can not be in this business as long as I have without building client trust," he said. "My clients trust that they are receiving quality merchandise and

Larson's designs are modern and fresh, aided by CAD-CAM process, followed by a sample that is produced though 3-D printing. Wax models are



Brian Larson, owner of Larson Jewelry Design in Novi still available for many designs. Larson believes that both processes are necessary and chooses the best system for his projects. When it comes to a perfect fit, Larson understands his customers and knows quality jewelry creation.

Larson Jewelry Design is located in Novi, at 43155 Main St. Contact them at 248-347-4653 or visit their website at www.larsonjewelrydesign.com

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# The Stories Behind THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE 2014

#### Auto care business still serving with integrity after 35 years







and repair."

transmission service, all the way to com-

plete electronic and computer diagnosis

have at least 30 years experience. These

professionals, along with the service ad-

visers, oil change technicians and detailing staff, all do their part to ensure total

customer satisfaction. Owner Jim Davis

The ASE master technicians each

Jim Keith, Technician, middle: Ed Roberston Technician, right: Jim's Oil depot Manager Jeff Jacobson and Andrew Fisher, Technician

To several generations of Northvillearea drivers, Davis Auto Care is the one and only place to go for complete car care. Its reputation for honesty and superior customer service puts it first on the list for routine maintenance, computer and mechanical diagnosis and repairs and appearance enhancement.

Independent, local and owner-operated, this company began serving the Northville community in 1979, at the gasoline service station located at Eight

We have held high

standards, assem-

bling a group of

people who not only

have outstanding

technical expertise,

but also the desire to

deliver exceptional

customer service,

Mile and Taft roads. As word spread about the honest, expert repairs being performed, the two service bays were quickly filled and often booked weeks in advance. Needing more repair space, Jim Davis was lucky to find the location on Doheny Drive, which his company has occupied since 1986.

—Jim Davis, Owner Jim sought a way to offer quicker, more convenient service for oil changes and minor repairs, so in 1993, Jim's Oil Depot was born. "The train theme was a natural, being so close to the train track viaduct," Jim says.

"And everyone loves seeing the largescale train running overhead, especially

Today, the drive-through quick oil change also performs tire service and minor maintenance, such as headlights and wipers. "What we're most proud of are the customer comment cards we get, which thank us for doing only what is

Many other shops lure patrons with a low price, then pressure them to buy

additional unnecessary items. Our technicians have been with us for years and they treat our customers as valued friends."

About 10 years ago, Davis began getting requests from customers for a car detailing service. He opened the Ultimate Image Auto Spa. What Davis Auto Care offers to keep your vehicle running its best, the Spa does to keep it looking its best.

"It's a completely different side of automotive service from what we do at Davis Auto Care," Jim said. "Our repair shop does everything from routine tune-ups and brakes, major engine and desire to deliver exceptional customer The motoring public trusts and ap-

standing technical expertise, but also the

preciates the integrity with which they have operated their business for more than three decades.

"It's been a great 35 years and we're very proud to have won the People's Choice Award again, 12 years in a row," Davis said.

Davis Auto Care is located at 807 Doheny Drive in the Northville Industrial Park. Call 248-349-5115 or visit www. davisautocare.com All mechanical repairs and services including electronic and computer diagnosis, routine maintenance oil changes, and complete interior and exterior automotive detailing. Written warranties, shuttle service, and a customer Rewards discount program.

Davis Auto Care 248-349-5115: Mon. & Thur. 7 am to 8 pm; Tues., Wed. & Fri. 7 am to 6 pm. Jim's Oil Depot 248-349-7884: Mon. & Thur. 8 am to 7:30 pm; Tues., Wed. & Fri. 7 am to 6 pm; SAT. 8am to 5 pm. Ultimate Image Auto Spa 248-349-3509: Mon. - Fri. 8 am to 6 pm.



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# Flooring specialist continues to roll out the BEST

If you are in need of perfect floors for your home or business, South Lyon has the perfect place. Perfect Floors, owned and operated by Livonia native Ron Williams since 2004, recently won its 10th consecutive People's Choice Award – a testament to how perfect the floors really are.

"We're a family-run business that is very experienced and very hands-on," Williams said. " All of our installers have been working with wood flooring for a very long time, which means our workmanship is better than other places."

Perfect Floors offers a wide variety of flooring and restoration services for commercial and residential properties. It also offers a variety of materials, including hardwood, ceramic, laminate, vinyl and much more.

"We even have a guy that can do custom rugs," Williams said. "Big ones, small ones, borders, patterns - he can do all of that stuff because he's been doing it a long time."

People's Choice WINNER In fact, nearly everyone involved with the Perfect Floors operation has been working on his or her craft for a very long time. Williams has personally been in business since 1993, when he opened the first Per-

fect Floors store in Rochester Hills. The South Lyon operation is typically staffed by 15 to 18 members. Due to its size, turnaround time is quick. "We come out and measure at no charge and usually get something on the floor the next day, if it is in stock," Williams said. " If not, we can usually order special stuff and have it ready in seven to 10 days."

More importantly, Williams guarantees competitive pricing for all jobs.

"We will beat any price out there," Williams said. "We can go lower than our sales price if we have to in order to be competitive in the market."

With a combination of competitive pricing, experienced installers, quick turnaround and unsurpassed customer service, Perfect Floors in South Lyon has completed an estimated 5,000 jobs since



Their selection, like their service and attention to details...just doesn't stop

opening eight years ago.

"Sometimes it's just a bedroom, sometimes it's a whole house," Williams said. "But whatever project the client needs, we can do it.

Perfect Floors offers installation, sanding, refinishing, repairs, samples and a showroom. You can find out more about what Perfect Floors can offer your home or business by visiting it on the web at perfectfloorsinc. com. There you will find testimonials, photos and even videos of some of the beautiful work completed by the experienced team at Perfect Floors.

Perfect Floors in South Lyon can be found at 21946 Pontiac Trail. Store hours are: Mon, Wed., Fri., 9-8; Tue., Thur., 9-6; Sat. 9-5; Closed Sun.



Perfect Floor stocks many manufactures to meet every taste and budget.



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Perfect Floors offers advice and installation of thousands of carpets, hardwoods, ceramic tile, vinyl's, laminates and much more

# 'IN GOOD HANDS'

Barbers of the Ville offers experience, laid back atmosphere

**By Lonnie Huhman** Staff Writer

Customers have been getting haircuts at the Barbers of the Ville for about four months, but it seems longer when you sit down and experience the laid back atmosphere at the new shop in Northville.

'We want our customers to be comfortable while getting a great haircut," said Doug Taylor, owner of the new barbershop located in the Highland Lakes Plaza at 42969 Seven Mile Road, next to Subway and Little Caesars Pizza.

Taylor and fellow barbers Cody Lince and

#### **BARBERS OF** THE VILLE

Address: 42969 Seven Mile Road Phone: 248-773-7380 Web: http://barbersoftheville.com Hours: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday

Wally Hill have been cutting hair in Northville for some time. Taylor and Lince had been at Northville Barbers previously, while Hill has been cutting hair in Northville for decades.

"This is a great com-



Quality haircuts and prices in a comfortable atmosphere is the motto at Barbers of the

munity and it's exciting to be in this new location," said Hill, who has been a barber for more than 50 years. "I think our customers are in good hands here.'

Hill works at the shop from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. each Tuesday and from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday.

The shop motto is: "Top quality cut with a laid back experience at an affordable price."

Some Facebook comments about the shop include ones like, "Barber chairs refurbished like new from the '60s, high polished floors, bright and airy, free Wi-Fi and killer hair-

After a long construction time, the former pharmacy has been transformed into a spacious shop with five chairs and waiting area that has a large flatscreen television. Taylor said they have succeeded in their plan to make it into a clean and inviting environment.

"I want to thank ev-

eryone who has helped and supported us through this long process," Taylor said. "We now want the community to know we are here and looking forward to the future in Northville."

The shop's website is at http://barbersoftheville.com and Facebook page at https://www. facebook.com/ Barbers-of-the-Ville.

To reach them by phone, call 248-773-7380.

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#### How to decipher the Dow Jones Average

fter the recent release of favorlable job numbers, the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed above 17,000 for the first time in its

history. Over the last five years, the Dow has experienced a remarkable run.

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over five years ago, the Dow was just under 7,000.

It's nice the Dow has reached record highs, but that doesn't mean that your portfolio has performed as well. That's because the Dow only measures the performance of 30 stocks and these companies are all large, U.S.-based leaders in their industry. The Dow does not measure the performance of small or international compa-

It is important to talk about the Dow so investors have a better understanding of what the average means.

The Dow has been around for more than 100 years and, during that time, the individual stocks contained within the index have changed.

Stocks are taken out or added to the Dow based upon a number of factors, including the financial health of the company, its reputation, its ability to grow and its interest to investors.

Over the Dow's 128year history, there have been 53 changes.

The most recent change occurred last September, when Goldman Sachs, Nike and Visa were all added to the index and Alcoa, Bank of America and Hewlett-Packard were removed. General Electric is the longest tenured member

of the index. The Dow is a priceweighted index. Most of the other popular indexes use the company's overall market value, which is nothing more than multiplying the number of outstanding shares the company has by the stock price. When they compute the Dow Jones Industrial Average, the stock price is the only

factor. A dollar rise in Nike will have the same impact on the index as a dollar gained in GE, no matter what the overall market value of the company is. Therefore, it is possible for one stock to move the entire index

A dollar change in any Dow's stock price is equal to a movement of 6.42 points on the Dow. Therefore, if one of the Dow stocks increased by a dollar and the other 29 companies were flat, the Dow would increase by 6.42 points. The result is that higher priced stocks in the index have more influence on it than lower priced stocks.

On the whole, the question for investors is whether the Dow is an accurate reflection of the overall stock market. In my view, it is not.

Investors that don't take risks or consider their goals and objectives will generally not be successful investors. Indexes are important to provide a gauge as to what is happening. However, they alone should not dictate your investment decisions.

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## Work progresses on the soon-to-open Buddy's Pizza

Buddy's Pizza in Novi is beginning to shape up. The home of Detroit's original square Sicilianstyle pizza announced in June it would be opening a new location in the north end of the Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk entertainment complex. The newest addition to the Buddy's family will be its largest location to date. The full-service restaurant will include indoor and outdoor seating for more than 200 people and provide ample parking

as well as easy accessibility for guests.

"With the addition of our new Novi location, we'll expand Buddy's Pizza into northwestern Wayne and southwestern Oakland counties, making Detroit's original square pizza more accessible to the fans that've made the brand a favorite across the region and the country," Buddy's Pizza President Robert Jacobs said.

Designed by Northville-based Martone Design Studio, the new

Novi location will feature an urban, retrostyled interior and exterior, including a main lobby, outdoor dining area, main bar, dining room, banquet room, carryout room, modern restrooms and kitchen. The 8,000-square-feet restaurant will carry on Buddy's Pizza's legacy with strong undertones of automotive design and Detroit's industrial history.

A grand opening is tentatively planned for early fall 2014.



Buddy's Pizza will soon open in Novi's Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk entertainment complex.

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#### **CEED offers business loans**

According to the U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of Advocacy, the major constraint limiting the growth, expansion and wealth creation of small firms — especially women- and minorityowned businesses —

inadequate capital. The Center for Empowerment and Economic Development has trained 15,000 business owners and entrepreneurs and provided \$5.5 million in needed financing. This has led to the creation of more than 1,800 jobs.

A 5-percent interest rate on small business loans increases organizational commitment to supporting small business owners. Through partnerships with the city of Detroit, Oakland County, Washtenaw County and the U.S. Small Business Administration, CEED provides loans up to \$50,000 for machinery, equipment, inventory and some working cap-

"A loan from CEED comes with more than money. Part of the loan relationship is technical assistance which can range from help with bidding on federal contracts to using social media as part of your marketing strategy. Our goal is to make \$500,000 in loans in 2014," said Michelle Richards. CEED executive direc-

To register for an upcoming loan orientation or to learn more about the program, visit www.miceed.org or call 734-677-1400.

CEED (www.miceed.org) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to empower women and minorities economically through business development training, supplier certification as a certifying council for Women's **Business Enterprise** National Council, business-to-business networking and accessible capital assistance programs.

#### **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

#### **Demonstration Alley registration**

Registration is open for life science and health care companies who want to showcase their innovative products and technologies at Demonstration Alley as part of INNO-VEN-TION 2014 - a Medical Main Street Conference.

Conference organizers have expanded Demonstration Alley for the 2014 health care and life science event. They are looking for exhibits that have a demonstrable "wow" factor. INNO-VENTION 2014 is set for Oct. 21-22 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. Information on the conference can be

found at MedicalMain-

Street.org.

Product evaluation criteria for the demonstration area include: health care-related products that are newto-market, visual and award-winning. Interactive live demonstrations are preferred. Companies wishing to be considered for space on Demonstration Alley should apply online at MedicalMainStreet-.com. Submissions must

be received by Sept. 5. Γhe fee to participate is \$500, which includes exhibit space and one complimentary conference registration.

Questions may be directed to Leslie Smith, CMP, at 248-353-0735, ext. 152, or lsmith@esd.org. Those selected will be notified by email by Sept. 12.

# Extras premier new summer movie in Novi

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Michigan film incentives have taken a dip in the past couple of years, but enthusiasm for acting and film-making hasn't left the state. A recent premier party held at Emagine Theaters of Novi was testament to how much the popularity has grown.

More than 150 movie extras that were in the movie Into the Storm held their own premier party Aug. 8 at the Novi movie theater, which has been supportive of film work in the state since the incentives began being offered.

'We are hard working and love acting, but we also rely on the film incentives for extra money," said movie extra and local resident Amy Sloan. "We want to see the industry continue to grow here. There are a lot of people who have had to leave the state because of the cuts to the incentives in the previous years, but there is still room to grow beyond where we were.'

Through the growth of the film industry in Michigan, Sloan found work in commercials and television, including the series Detroit 187. Now she, like the others, are worried politicians don't take it seriously.

Gov. Rick Snyder had cut and capped the incentives at \$25 million in 2012, but it does look like it might go back up. Re-



Michigan residents who worked as film extras in the movie "Into the Storm" held a premier at Novi's Emagine Theater.

portedly, \$50 million will be set aside for incentives next year. Half of that is a one-time sum.

Each film extra has their story. Lisa Gaulzetti, who was also at the Novi premier, plays a teacher in Into the Storm. For her, the love of film has grown with each project she has had the opportunity to partici-

"There's never been a dull moment since I got involved," she said. "It really has been a dream

to get roles, no matter how small.

Extras Phil McDermott and Laurie Valko want Lansing to show how much this industry means to the state. They said it has a positive impact on all areas of a community, from businesses to construction crews. It creates job, Valko noted.

"Lansing needs to know all of the positives," McDermott said.

#### **Future uncertain**

Big projects are still coming despite the cuts, but long-term financing is still unsure.

After receiving a \$35 million incentive to film in Michigan, the super hero movie Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice began filming in metro Detroit this past year and continues.

According to the Michigan Film Office,

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\$43 million has been an example of what the awarded to nine projects ple in Michigan. for the current fiscal year. The projects are

than 1,000 hires for different jobs. Sloan said Emagine, Moose Ridge Golf Course and various area restaurants, especially those at the Fountain Walk, have been very supportive of their efforts to promote the film industry. She

said these businesses are

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION

**ORDINANCE NO. 14-171.02** 

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 14-171.02 TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 2-210 TO AMEND THE PROCEDURE FOR ADMINISTERING PAYMENTS MADE FOR REVIEW OF

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, August 11, 2014 and the provisions

of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of

the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION **ORDINANCE NO. 14-120.12** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 14-120.12 TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, AT CHAPTER 20, "MASSAGE," ARTICLE I, "IN GENERAL," AND ARTICLE III, "MASSAGE THERAPIST PERMIT," IN ORDER TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR A CITY-ISSUED INDIVIDUAL MASSAGE THERAPIST PERMIT AS A RESULT

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, August 11, 2014 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W.

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

LEGAL DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED FOR PRIVATE OR INDIVIDUAL BENEFIT

expected to create more

incentives mean to peo-

"Many people I know are in full support of the film industry being here. We need more support for these incentives," she said as the theater filled with movie-goers coming to see this new summer movie.

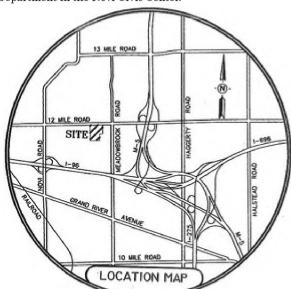
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Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

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#### **CITY OF NOVI**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 27, 2014 at 7:00P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Ml to consider TRILOGY, SITE PLAN NUMBER 14-13, FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WOODLANDS PERMIT, WETLANDS PERMIT, AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 14, ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF TWELVE MILE BOAD. IS LOCATED IN SECTION 14, ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF TWELVE MILE ROAD, WEST OF MEADOWBROOK ROAD. The applicant is proposing to construct a 90 bed, 59,926 square foot senior assisted living facility along with associated parking, landscape and detention areas on 10.25 acres. Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Ml48375 during the cities regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8 A.M to 5 P.M. Written comments must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday August 27, 2014.

Novi Planning Commission

Published August 21, 2014

#### 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, September 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 Ten Mile Road to consider:

CASE NO. PZ14-0035 2020 AUSTIN DRIVE The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES. Section 2400 to allow construction of a new second floor addition and carport addition with a reduced front setback of 8 ft. (30 ft. required), reduced side setback of 7 ft. (10 ft. required), reduced aggregate side yard setback of 10 ft. (25 ft. required) and maximum lot coverage of

30% on an existing non-conforming lot. The property is located south of 13 Mile Rd and west of Old Novi Rd.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires that a structure within a R-4 zoning district have a minimum front yard setback of 30', minimum side setback of 10 ft., a minimum aggregate side set back of 25 ft. and maximum 25% lot coverage.

CASE NO. PZ14-0036 25843 STRATH HAVEN
The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES,

Section 2400 to allow construction of a new single family home with a reduced front setback of 40 ft. (45 ft. required), reduced rear setback of 40 ft. (50 ft. required), and reduced aggregate side yard setback of 41.34 ft. (50 ft. required) on an existing non-conforming lot. The property is located east of Beck Rd and north of 10 Mile Rd.

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., rear yard setback of 50 ft., and an aggregate side yard setback of 50 ft. CASE NO. PZ14-0037 25885 STRATH HAVEN

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) and reduced rear setbacks of 37 ft. (50 ft. required) on existing nonconforming lots. The properties are located east of Beck Rd and north of 10 Mile Rd. 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. and a

minimum rear setback of 50 ft.

CASE NO. PZ14-0039 PARCEL 5022-32-401-044 MAYBURY PARK ESTATES The petitioner is requesting an extension to allow the continued placement of the existing subdivision business sign located north side of 8 Mile Rd and west of Maybury Park Dr. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-6 (2) Temporary Signs states:

"Subdivision business sign which advertises residential subdivision under development, not to be issued prior to a first starting permit and is valid until eighty (80) percent of the lots in

the subdivision are issued certificates of occupancy".

CASE NO. PZ14-0040 - EYEGLASS WORLD 27793 NOVI ROAD

The applicant is requesting a variance from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(3) to allow an third wall sign of 21.5 square feet located on the south side of a retail tenant suite. The property is located south of Twelve Mile Rd and west of Novi Rd. The applicant was previously granted approval of a second wall sign located on the north elevation in Case PZ13-0064.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(3) permits a single wall sign for

each business storefront in the RC, Regional Center District.

#### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE



Michael Lynch, Secretary

#### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONSIDERATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UNDER ACT P.A. 198 OF 1974, AS AMENDED

Notice is hereby given that Harman Becker and HCP Land, LLC have submitted a request to the City of Novi for the establishment of an Industrial Development District under the "Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial Development Act P.A. 198 of 1974."

The proposed project is located at M-5 and Thirteen Mile Road and, described as

#### LEGAL DESCRIPTION (BY PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES)

Land in a part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 1, Township 1 North, Range 8 East, City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan;

Being more particularly described as:

Commencing at the Southeast Corner of said Section 1; thence N02°30'06"W, 90.22 feet along the east line of sold Section 1;

OF STATE PREEMPTION OF SUCH REQUIREMENT.

thence S87°29'54"W, 1085.33 feet; thence S77°54'36"W, 118.19 feet;

thence 638.75 feet along the arc of a non-tangent curve to the right, having a radius of 5639.58 feet, a central angle of 06°29'22", and a chord bearing 581°16'27"W 638.40 feet to the POINT

thence continuing 75.08 feet along the arc of the extension of said 5639.58 foot radius curve to the right, having a central angle of 00°45'46", and a chord bearing S84°54'01"W 75.08 feet; thence N02°26'23"W, 225.23 feet;

thence S87°33'38"W, 141.99 feet; thence N29°13'41"W, 337.92 feet;

thence S87°39'29"W, 141.70 feet;

thence N02°28'25"W, 631.50 feet;

thence N87°31'25"E, 816.33 feet to the west line of Cabot Drive (60' wide);

1. 376.90 feet along the arc of a non-tangent curve to the left, having a radius of 455.00 feet, a central angle of 47°27'40", and a chord bearing S34°05'28"E 366.22 feet;

2. and 22.98 feet along the arc of a curve to the right, having a radius of 395.00 feet, a central angle of 03°19'58", an a chord bearing S56°09'20"E 22.97 feet;

thence non-tangent from said curve, S35°30'40"W, 99.13 feet;

thence S85°15'02"W, 90.05 feet; thence S02°54'28"E, 115.00 feet;

thence S87°31'35"W, 135.71 feet;

thence S02°28'25"E, 351.48 feet; thence S87°31'35"W, 152.56 feet;

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thence 52.49 feet along the arc of a non-tangent curve to the right, having a radius of 197.00

feet, a central angle of 15°15′54", and a chord being S2543'29"W, 52.33 feet; thence 174.94 feet along the arc of a curve to the left, having a radius of 280.00 feet, a centra

angle of 35°78'48", and a chord bearing S15°27'32"W, 72.10 feet; thence S02°26'23"E, 71.92 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 16.500 acres of

land, more or less.

Pursuant to Section 4 (4) of said Act, a public hearing shall be held on August 25, 2014 at 7:00 pm in the Novi City Council Chambers, located at 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, during which any property owner within the proposed Industrial Development District, and any resident or taxpayer of the City of Novi may appear and be heard in relation to the consideration of the aforementioned Industrial Development District.

If you have any comments regarding this proposal, they may be presented in writing to the City Člerk's office or at the public hearing.

> Maryanne Cornelius, MMC City Clerk

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Send calendar information to cstone@hometownlife.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,

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

#### **Church of the Holy** Family

grade. Pre-register.

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook

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 appoint-

Priests: the Rev. Bob LaCroix. pastor, and the Rev. Beto Espinoza, associate pastor.

AA: 8 p.m. Wednesdays.

#### Crosspointe **Meadows Church**

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

visit crosspointemeadows.org. Sunday worship: 11 a.m.

Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages.

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

#### **Destiny Worship** Center

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile, Northville.

Contact: DestinyW3C@Gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org.

#### **Emmanuel Lutheran** Church

Location: 34567 Seven Mile,

#### RELIGION CALENDAR

Livonia. Web: www.emmanuel-livo-

nia.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.

**Presbyterian Church** 

**Faith Community** 

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

#### First Church of the Nazarene

Saturday of every month.

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. Contact: 248-348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org.

View Online

www.hometownlife.com

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

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

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

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

#### **First Presbyterian Church of Northville**

Location: 200 E. Main. **Contact:** 248-349-0911 or visit www.fpcnorthville.org.

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. (for all ages)

#### **First Presbyterian** Church

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

Contact: 248-437-2875.

#### **First Presbyterian** Church

Location: 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington.

#### **First United Methodist Church of** Northville

Location: 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville.

Contact: 248-349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org. **Summer Sunday Worship** (Memorial Day-Labor Day): 10

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

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

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

Nursery-sixth grade.

Location: 41415 Nine Mile, corner of Meadowbrook Road,

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

#### **Holy Cross Episcopal** Church

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

Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10

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

#### **Hope Lutheran** Church

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

#### **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

and Orchard Hills Baptist Church) Location: 23455 Novi Road,

Contact: pastor Jon Hix, 248-

349-5665 or visit www.legacychurch.us **Sunday School/Small Groups** 

Bible Study/Prayer: Wednes-

#### Meadowbrook Congregational Church

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road between Eight Mile and Nine Mile.

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.

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).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Oak Pointe Church Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile,

Novi.

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

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

Sunday.

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

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

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

#### **Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church** Location: 54899 Eight Mile,

Northville.

Contact: 248-374-2268. Children (5-10) & Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7

#### **Orchard Grove Community Church**

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

#### **Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic** Church

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

#### **Our Lady of Victory** Catholic Church

Location: 132 Orchard Drive,

Contact: 248-349-2621 or olvnorthville.org

Northville.

Saturday Worship: 5 p.m. Sunday Worship: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

#### **Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church** Location: 1200 S. Sheldon,

Plymouth. Contact: pastor Bill Burke at

734-927-0891. **Wednesday Bible Study:** 7

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

Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

#### **Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church**

Location: 54899 Eight Mile,

45175 W. 10 Mile.

**Pentecostals of Novi** Location: Novi Civic Center,

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

#### Plymouth St. John's

**Episcopal Church** 

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

#### **Praise Baptist**

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

#### **Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**

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

#### Church

Location: 46325 10 Mile, Novi. Contact: 248-347-7778. Mass schedule: 8, 9:30 and

#### St. John Lutheran

5 p.m. Saturday.

Location: 23225 Gill, Farming-

Contact: 248-474-0584 or visit stjohn-lutheran.com

Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

Farmington Hills Location: 32500 W. 13 Mile,

trativeDirector@unityfh.com

## of Farmington

Location: 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills

ton.org **Details:** This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. Classes are grouped

Contact: Jennifer Teed at

**Details:** Six weeks exploring different topics like religion, philosophy, science, health, social and political issues. No advance registration necessary; a \$5 donation is suggested. Drop in and pick the class that interests you most at the Unitarian

Contact: 248-478-7272 or uufarmington.org/uucf/re-

#### **Multigenerational Services:** 6:45 p.m. Fridays

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville (behind the shopping center at the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty) Web: www.wardchurch.org

**Contact:** 248-374-7400

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

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

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

http://live.wardchurch.org at Also, the Traditional Service is

#### Plymouth.

Location: 574 S. Sheldon in

.orq.

#### Church

St. James Catholic

Pastor: Monsignor John Kasza. 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday;

#### Church

ton Hills.

Saturday Worship: 5:30 p.m. Sunday Worship: 9, 11:15 a.m.

#### St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Location: 201 Elm St., Northville Contact: 248-349-3140 Unity of

Farmington Contact: 248-737-9191; Adminis-

#### Unitarian **Universalist Church**

Contact: www.uufarming-

into grades K-five, six-eight and nine-12 with age-specific education materials for all.

248-478-7272 or dre@uufarmington.org

Universalist Church of Farming-

Details: Family members of all ages can gather for drumming, chanting, and meditation followed by a brief participatory worship service which could include stories, songs and sharing. A religious education activity will follow, such as an art project, music, dance, game or theater. The evening will close with a light snack and a short time to socialize, ending at 8:30

#### **Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

in Knox Hall **Sunday Groups and Classes:** 

September-May. Service Broadcasts: Live at

9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays for live interactive video web-streaming. broadcast every week on WRDT-AM 560 at 11 a.m.

# Passages

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

Holiday deadlines are subject to change. ANDERSON, BERYL Died August 14, 2014. Memorial

CAPUTO-LILLA, **JUSTIN** 

September 5, 1989-July 30, 2014

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Service September 27th, 6p.m.,

Community Center, 4377 Old Plank Rd., Milford. www.

**DeLUCA. FRANCES** August 15, 2014. Care and services were provided by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home (Northrop-Chapel), Northville Rd., 248-348-1233.

DOWELL, GEORGE November 3, 1925-July 31, 2014

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griffinfuneralhome.com

**ERBSCHLOE** 

JANELLE TOBSING

Born April 18, 1929 in Mason

City, Iowa. She spent her childhood in Mason City, the home of "The Music Man". Her family moved to Fort Knox, Kentucky during the war, where she graduated salutatorian of her high school in 1947 at Fort Knox High school. She met Richard Ross Erbschloe, the love of her life when she was attending Iowa State College and he was attending the University of Missouri. They were married on July 10, 1948. After Ross earned his masters degree in Statistics, he reentered active duty and went to Korea. Over the next 30 years she supported Ross in his Air Force career at Scott AFB, Illinois; Maxwell AFB, Alabama; Harlingen, Texas; the US Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs; Wiesbaden, Germany; back to Colorado Springs, and Langley AFB, Virginia. While in Colorado Springs she pursued a part time career in modeling. After Ross retired from the Air Force. they moved to Phoenix, Arizona where they both earned degrees-Ross a PhD in Higher Electronics from Arizona State while Janelle attended Scottsdale Community College obtaining an Associate Arts degree in Nutrition. She always considered Colorado to be their home and returned in 1994 after Ross retired for the second time. Their final home together was at the Liberty Heights Retirement Facility. She was a founding member of St Church Michael's Episcopal serving on the altar guild and working at the church thrift store. She was a talented homemaker and chef. She loved animals, but most important she loved to get people together. She is survived by her daughters Sue Lantello and Diann Brei and her son, Don Erbschloe, six grandchildren Spenser, Amy, Zachary, Melissa, Alison, and Jeremy, and a great-grandaughter, Sharron.

Her funeral will be held at St. Michael's at 1p.m. on Thursday, 14 August, followed by an inurnment in the church's Columbarium. A Celebration of Life ceremony will take place starting at 3:30p.m. at Liberty Heights on 14 August. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Colorado Springs Humane Society.

#### GENITTI, JR., JOHN R.

Age 67, longtime resident of Northville, died suddenly August

www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

GILMORE, LOUIS July 15, 1929 - August 5, 2014 obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

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## KRESSE,

STEPHEN "STEVE" **GERARD** Age 71 of Fowlerville, formerly of Milford, passed away at his home Tuesday, August 12, 2014. He was born February 5, 1943 in Detroit, Michigan, the son of Herman Edward and Emily Josephine (Depa) Kresse. He is survived by his daughters, Dawn (Larry) Donovan of Fowlerville and April (Eric) Daniels of Wisconsin; five grandchildren, Taylor, Grace, Joy, Rachel, and Elise, and his sister, Mary (Bill) Barnett of Whitmore Lake Steve had owned and operated several local businesses, including the Red Dog Saloon in Milford and Diamonds Steak House in Howell and currently Grille in the Ville in Fowlerville. He attended the Howell Church of Christ, 1385 W. Grand River, Howell where memorial services were held Saturday, August 16, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Gleaner's Community Food Bank. Arrangements by MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). Please sign the family's

#### online guestbook at www.macdo naldsfuneralhome.com. **MICHELIS**

RAVYN LYNNE Age 23, born January 31, 1991. Beloved daughter of Scott and Jodi, sister of Joslyn, niece, granddaughter, cousin friend. Ravyn Lynne left us suddenly on August 5, 2014. God saw you were getting tired. He closed his arms around you and whispered " Come to me " In tears we saw you weaken we watched you fade away. Our hearts were almost broken, you fought so hard to stay. But when we saw you sleeping so peacefully, free from pain. We would not wish you back to suffer that again. Services: August 23, 2014 Church of the Holy Spirit 3700 Harvey Lake Rd., Highland MI 48357 Final Respects begins at 10:00 a.m. Mass at 11:00 a.m.

#### **EMILY** July 2, 1920- August 5, 2014 obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

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MOORE.

July 28, 2014. Care and services were provided by the L.J. Griffin Home, (Northrop-Chapel), 19019 Funeral Sassaman

Northville Rd., 248-348-1233. Share a "memorial tribute" with the family at: griffinfuneralhome.com PROSS, LUCJA Age 89, of Bristol passed August 11, 2014. Burial will be in Glen

Eden Cemetery, Livonia, MI.

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#### STANDO, **KATHERINE**

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Michigan and formerly of Northville, MI, died Friday, August 8, 2014. Born November 3, 1927 5373

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(Frances) Wigton. Grandfather

of 7. Many great grandchildren.

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ANDRA HERALD

#### WIEZBOWSKI. **FRANK**

of Lambertville,

in Detroit, MI, he was the son of John and Antoinette (Gelewski) Wiezbowski. He was a 1945 graduate from Cass Tech High School and proudly served in the US Army during WWII. Frank married the love of his life, Dorothy M. Gassmann on September 29, 1951. Employed by Domestic Linen Company and a member of Detroit Teamsters, Local 285 for over 20 years, he retired in 1986. He then started his dream job at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville, MI where he worked for 25 years. He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Dorothy. Children, Debra (Mark) Beier and Michael (Kathy) Wiezbowski. 6 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter. Frank was preceded in death by a daughter, Kathleen Andel and several brothers and sisters. Visitation will be from 1-2:00 pm Thursday, August 14, 2014, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Main Street, Sylvania, Ohio, 43560, where Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 2:00 pm. Inurnment will follow at Toledo Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to LostNMissing.com, Disabled Veterans of America or St. James Catholic Church Food Pantry, Novi, MI. Arrangements

#### WIGTON, JOSEPH

A former South Lyon resident, Andra Herald Ziemke, died of a heart attack August 11, 2014, at her home in Las Vegas, Nevada. She was born August 28, 1952, the daughter of Marilyn Smith and the late David Herald. She graduated from South Lyon High School in 1970 and later earned two associates degrees from Schoolcraft College in Livonia. She is survived by her husband, Wayne Ziemke of Las Vegas; her mother and step-father, Marilyn and Warren Smith of Moran, Michigan, and St. Cloud, Florida; a brother and sister-in-law, Scott and Judy (Hill) Herald of Gregory; a sister-in-law, Nancy Paterson Herald of Millington; five Herald nephews; a stepdaughter and her husband, Korey and Michael Jackson; and family of Davidson; and several Ziemke step-grandchildren. She was pre-ceded in death by her older brother, Steven Herald. No serv-

ices are planned at this time. The

family was assisted by Desert

Memorial in Las Vegas.

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# Contact: the Rev. Arthur P.

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#### **BIRTH**



Callum Hamilton Torrance

Craig and Brooke Torrance of Northville welcomed a new son, Callum Hamilton Torrance, July 23 at Providence Park Hospital in Novi. Proud grandparents are Stephen Fritz and Kathleen Catrine of Kaukauna, Wis., and Brian (Margaret) and Brenda Torrance of Larbert, Falkirk, Scotland.

#### **ENGAGEMENT**



Katrina Lemmen and Ryan Heffernan are engaged to be married. Katrina is the daughter of Ruth and Loren Lemmen of Lansing. She is a graduate of Lansing Christian High School and Michigan State University. She is currently employed as a dental hygienist in Denver, Colo. Ryan is the son of Mrs. Chris Szelap of South Lyon and Joseph Heffernan of Novi. He is a graduate of Novi High and Michigan State University. He is currently employed in marketing in Denver. A late summer of fall 2016 wedding is planned in Den-

#### Llama's lunch



A llama enjoys a snack of grass at Novi's Tollgate Farm, an MSU educational center located at the northwest corner of 12 Mile and Meadowbrook roads and open seven days a week for visitors. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOG-

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# OPINION

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

**OUR VIEWS** 

# Lawmakers must reform charter school law

# State education board proposals are sensible

our move, lawmakers.

Last week, the state Board of Education proposed a host of very sensible changes to the state laws governing charter schools, in the wake of a June Free Press report that pointed to glaring problems in the way Michigan's system is structured.

When the Legislature returns in September, the board's recommendations ought to form the basis for laws that give Michigan the best of what charters have to offer, but eliminate the tolerance for (and certainly the expansion of) low-performing schools masquerading as high-quality alternatives.

There's no question that in the 20 years since Michigan first passed its charter law, some schools have posted tremendous results. They're an important part of the education matrix, and part of the system we need to be sure all kids have access to good schools.

But there are too many poorly performing charters, and state law lacks sufficient teeth to ensure comprehensive oversight of charter schools, much less closure of charters schools that aren't up to snuff

Charter schools receive \$1 billion in state taxpayer dollars each year, and produce results often no better, and sometimes worse than, regular public schools. Some 38 percent of charters rank in the bottom quarter of state schools.

Nothing about that is acceptable for Michigan's children.

The charter system is two-part, comprising authorizers and operators. Authorizers — all of which are colleges, universities or other educational institutions — vet operators and should perform ongoing oversight of the school's operations and academic performance. Charters are funded with state educational dollars, siphoned from the taxes that fund traditional public schools.

Charter operators have asked why they should be held accountable to higher standards than public schools, and it's certainly true that many traditional public schools have abysmal track records.

But the answer to that problem is not continuing to let charter schools escape strict scrutiny; the right approach would hold all schools more accountable for their performance.

Charter schools were sold to citizens here as a way to improve education across the board, offering parents trapped in ailing districts a high-achieving academic alternative. That's the only justification for diverting a billion dollars annually from traditional public schools.

The state board's ideas would bring Michigan's charter schools closer to delivering on their promise, and justifying their existence.

The board would have the Legislature set clear standards for charter operators, and hold charter authorizers more accountable for academic performance

The state board also proposes to address some financial quirks in the way charters operate. Charter management companies would be banned from serving as a charter school's landlord, and lease agreements for charter schools would have to reflect market conditions. Bidders for contracted services would have to identify relationships with owners, board members or employees of charter schools, and charters would have to adhere to the same financial reporting requirements that traditional public schools make available.

That's a good start. But it's probably not enough. Unlike some states, Michigan places no limit on for-profit, full-service management companies. Should Michigan limit or bar the number of such operators allowed to open schools in the state? It's a question worth investigating.

It's also worth examining the way school authorizers are funded. Charter authorizers can claim up to 3 percent of a school's revenues, a method of funding that gives authorizers little incentive to close poor-performing schools — but plenty of incentive to allow new schools to open.

When lawmakers return to Lansing, drafting and passing legislation along these lines should be a top priority — and frankly, a political no-brainer. Some lawmakers have been reluctant to act, saying freedom from regulation gives charters the ability to innovate, freed from burdensome bureaucracy.

That's hogwash. Innovation need not happen at the expense of responsibility and accountability. But most important, innovation that doesn't lead to better outcomes for students is useless.

Michigan has indulged far too much of that from some charter schools, for far too long.

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#### Summer reading program a success



The Northville District Library's Fizz, Boom, READ! Youth Summer Reading Program was a great success thanks to the wonderful support of the Friends of the Library. It was an exciting summer for the library: 905 children registered this year, over 2,300 people attended special events for kids, and more than 100,000 items circulated in June, July and August.

The Youth Services Department could not have provided such a terrific summer program without the benefit of the gracious support of the Friends of the Library. A \$6,000 gift from our Friends funded all special events performers, reading game prizes and weekly prize drawing gift certificates to local businesses, and necessary supplies to support programs. Roz Fink and Friends volunteers were immensely helpful coordinating and generously providing complimentary tote bags received by the first 300 kids to register for the summer reading program, assisting with registration, and providing a fun finale party attended by 147 people. Children and parents enjoyed cake on the lawn behind the library on what had to be the most glorious summer day ever.

Thank you to the Friends of the Library, Northville kids and families, and teen volunteers for another fantastic

Youth Services Department Northville District Library

**LETTERS** 

#### **Lasting legacy**

Our community lost one very outstanding person in John Genitti this past Friday. He leaves a legacy of so many contributions of service to others.

**Jim Nowka** Northville

#### Northvi Town lost 'dear friend'

Northville lost a not insignificant part of its collective heart and soul while we lost a dear friend with the sudden passing of John Genitti last week. Over the years, John had proven time and time again he was a most caring and generous individual to whom young and old could go for comfort and support.

While Genitti's Hole in the Wall has stood for years as an anchor on Main Street, John never sought the limelight. Literally hundreds of young people have passed through the restaurant's welcoming doors as waiters, bussers and such, many

who were thought to be somehow out of the mainstream. John fostered an all-inclusive atmosphere long before it became politically correct.

It is said a man never truly "dies" as long as he is remembered and loved. John Genitti will continue to live in our hearts for generations to come.

Howard Rundell

#### Downs part of Northville's identity

I feel compelled to write in response to Lonnie Huhman's article "Council debates future uses of Northville Downs site," because it raised a flag and left me with a lot of questions. One line stood out: "That is if things change, especially if the Downs were to be sold to a developer." Is that an imminent reality?

As a city resident since 1967, I know how important Northville Downs is to our history – to our very identity. I believe city residents also understand how important the racetrack is to our economy and tax base. Do Northville Township and City of Novi residents share that understanding?

I do understand that city planners need to plan and that is what they are doing. I do not pretend to know the specific facts or figures that apply to revenue created by the Downs for the City of Northville, but I am left wondering how single-family residential zoning can make up the tax base. Will research and development or commercial and retail venues fill up when we already have vacancies in the city? Is building height really the important issue here?

In the wake of the Buy Michigan Now Festival, I would urge residents to patronize our local businesses, especially the Downs.

Louise Hopping

STAFF COLUMN

# 'Uncle' John Genitti made everyone feel like family

'm going to miss my "Uncle"
John Genitti, who died from a
heart attack on Friday.

He wasn't really my uncle, but he had a way of making me feel like I was part of his family and part of his world that encompassed Northville.

I first met him in 1996, as he greeted me in his family's restaurant-theater – Genitti's Hole in the Wall. It was a welcoming place then as it is now. Their motto, of course, being "We treat you like family – probably bet-

For the next 17 years, I slowly got to know a bit about Uncle John as he initiated me into his business and his extended family. I can't say as I knew him as well as some in town, but that never made me feel like he wasn't a friend – like he wouldn't do me a favor if I needed one.

What I did learn about John is that he wanted me to feel part of his place at 108 E. Main Street. If I was cruising around the town on a hotter than Hades summer's day, looking for some photos to take, he'd greet me at the door, ask me what I was doing outside – didn't I have the good sense to be inside where it's cool?

Then, inevitably, the offers of food and drink began. You look like you need a beer, he'd offer. "John," I'd say: "It's two in the afternoon. I've still got to work for another six hours today." Without skipping a beat he'd then suggest, with a wink, a shot of bourbon.

And food? Food at Genitti's was just a way of saying hello. Welcome. Fill your stomach, sit a



John C. Heider

while and relax. I'd usually try to parry the offers of veal cutlet, Italian sausage, baked chicken and bread with weak excuses that I'd just eaten. That I didn't have time. That I didn't want to take anything from their paying guests. John would just look at me like I was nuts, slowly shake his head, hand me a plate, and point towards the kitchen. My resignation was delicious and warming to the soul.

And then the questions began. Gently, I guess. Caring too, with a nod towards the slightly mischievous: How's your work, how's your family, you got a girlfriend, why not, what's wrong with you, been fishing recently, when did you go to Florida, catch anything you could eat there?

In 1999, when he learned that I didn't have any plans for New Year's Eve, he invited me to join his gathering at Genitti's. Family, friends and local waifs like me celebrated the arrival of Y2K with a midnight raucous gathering around the town's clock. Before I went to the party I asked John if I should bring any food, any wine. Again, he looked at me like I was growing a third eye or something.

The sad thing, for me, about John – is that I didn't feel like I really knew him that well. And more importantly that I didn't

really appreciate all that he did for and meant to his town and family - until he was gone. I knew, but not how often, his family and business donated food to local groups. I'd guess to girl scouts, charity fundraisers, the First United Methodist Church when it hosted the homeless for a few nights, to the Northville High School All Night Party, Northville Civic Concern, and to the VFW. But there was more. So much more that he and his family would not want revealed. Because they were kind and generous people who gave not to see their names in lights, but because it was the right thing to do.

Finally, I feel bad that I didn't get to say goodbye to John. Of course, I think we all do; we had no idea he'd be leaving us much too soon.

I think the last time I saw John Genitti was late last summer, sitting in Town Square with his dog Sebastian. I stopped to chat for a bit. We probably talked about Florida, where he'd soon be going and fishing, family, and food. You know: the basics.

After a bit, he got up and began walking back to his apartment with his dog leading the way. And as I watched him walk away I'm sure I thought that the next time I saw him I'd feel warm and welcomed – just like family.

John C. Heider is a longtime staff photographer for the Northville Record. He welcomes your feedback at jheider@hometownlife.com.

# Opportunity ripe for a charter do-over

ducation policy has evolved over the years in Michigan to mimic the old Chinese proverb: "When you open the window, all the flies can come in."

The flies have been swarming Michigan's charter school market.

We need a better screen that allows quality schools in and keeps the lousy ones out, be they traditional or charter. We need to support quality learning, regardless from where it emanates.

Like traditional public schools, charter schools include the good, the bad and the ugly.

Lansing policymakers are not creating opportunities for quality schools to bloom and are shutting the window, trapping far too many kids in failing schools. There ought to be a single quality measuring stick for all public education in Michigan.

A lousy school — one that is not educating children — is a lousy school and should not be able to operate, regardless of whether it is a traditional or charter.

The political left needs to stop supporting traditional schools failing our children, just as the political right must admit that simply calling a school a "charter" does not give it magical pow-

We need to stop using our schools and students to make ideological points and instead use them to prepare our children for their future.

Traditional schools, charter schools, blended and e-learning — all have a place in the educational framework so long as they are preparing students for the hyper-competitive, technological and knowledge-driven



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children for their

global economy.

future.

Having traveled extensively in China over the years, let me assure you that its citizens are not slowing down while we indulge in ideological fights.

While we fix the flaws in the lucrative charter scam, we need to be equally cognizant that the status quo will not take us where we need to go. In spite of public schools' past achievements, the current system is leaving far too many children behind.

It should not be a state default policy to cheat children out of the education they need and deserve so that entrepreneurial scoundrels can line their pockets.

Efforts under way to "fix" or help existing public schools are laudable, but more can and should be done for the students and their parents — not for the district, charter or the system. We need to ask: "What must we do to help teachers teach and help children learn?'

The focus must be on establishing quality

screens — not to keep charter schools out, but to assure quality (both educationally and financially) is built into all educational opportunities for our children.

As the second decade of the 21st century knowledge economy unfolds, Michigan is going to be dependent at every level on bold leadership with the courage to cast off the anchors of the past and set sail to create a new future. We can no more afford to waste tax dollars on entrepreneurial rip-offs than we can afford to leave a single child behind. Change that produces progress is need-

While much focus has been on Michigan's "brain drain" — students receiving a college education and fleeing our state — the greater problem is those we fail to educate who are staying behind. We cannot build a strong city, region or state on such a faulty foundation.

So, Lansing policymakers, you have an opportunity for a "doover." Stop the ideological fights and place the focus on appropriate oversight and quality education, regardless of its source — for the sake of our children and our collective future.

When the Legislature returns, it must take its role seriously and the fix the loopholes and charter school educational pot-

Tom Watkins served as Michigan's state superintendent of schools from 2001-05 and helped create the first charter in Michigan and Florida. Contact Watkins at tdwatkins88@gmail.com; follow him on twitter at tdwatkins88.

## Mill Race Matters

Mill Race Historical Village is located at 215 Griswold Avenue, north of Main Street near Ford Field.

Buildings are open to the public every Sunday from 1-4 p.m. until Oct. 19. The grounds are open daily dawn until dusk.

#### **WEEKLY EVENTS:**

» Doll house raffle continues with tickets on sale in the office and

general store during open hours.

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

Thursdays and Fridays: Archives open 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Saturday:** Grounds closed for wedding 3:45-5:45 p.m.

Sunday: Village buildings open 1-4 p.m.

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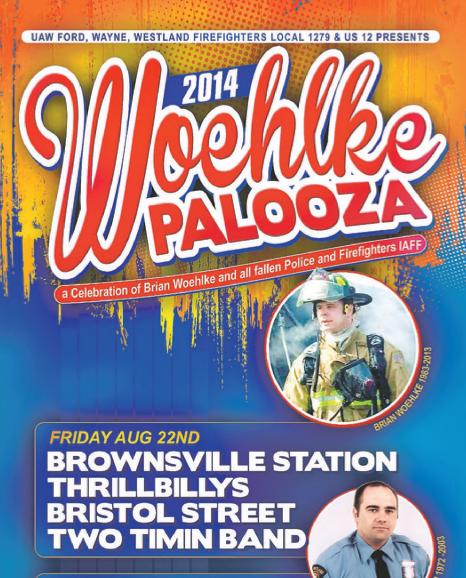
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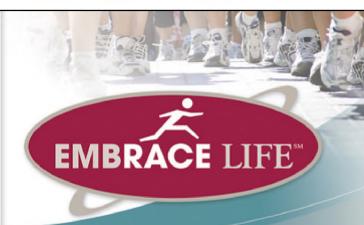












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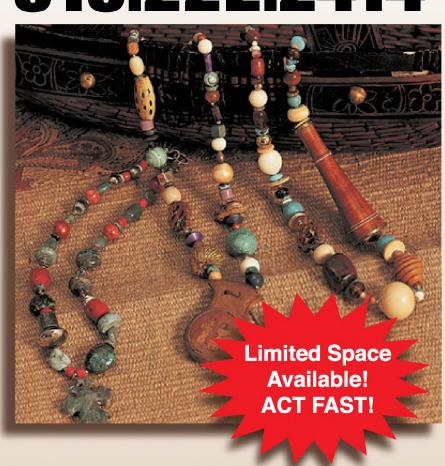
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#### Fash Bash raises \$325K



Dominic Gordon of Rochester Hills (from left), Frances Truant of Allen Park, Lauren Hantz of Bloomfield Hills and Dr. William Demray of Northville attended Fash Bash 2014 at the Detroit Institute of Arts on Aug. 14. The DIA Founders Junior Council teamed again with Neiman Marcus to host the Fash Bash, held for the fourth time since 1970 at the DIA. The party of the season raised \$325,000. JULIE YOLLES

# Skateboarding legend to visit Riley Skate Park

Skateboarding legend Tony Hawk will appear at Riley Skate Park in a free demonstration at 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, as part of the Birdhouse Summer Tour hosted by the city of Farmington Hills Special Services Department.

Skateboarding enthusiasts are invited to watch Tony Hawk along with the Birdhouse Skate Team featuring Aaron "Jaws" Homoki, Ben Raybourn, Clint Walker, David Loy, Kevin Staab, Willy Santos, Clive Dixon, Mike Davis, Shawn Hale and Shaun Gregoire

As one stop on the Birdhouse Tour's eight-



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city On the Road Summer 2014 Midwest Tour, Riley is a 29,000-square-foot all-concrete skate park with a variety of features for skateboarders and inline skaters of all skill levels. At the Aug. 23 event, 100 limited-edition Riley Skate

Park skateboard decks will be for sale, along with T-shirts and other souvenirs. Riley Skate Park is at 35550 W. Eight Mile inside Founders Sports Park, just two miles east of I-275. Call 248-473-1800 for more information.

Skateboarding fans are also invited to attend or participate Sept. 13-14 in the 2014 Fall Classic Skateboarding Competition. All skill levels, from beginner to advanced, are welcome. Admission fee is \$5 and the competition starts at 10 a.m. each day.

For registration information, call 248-426-0899.

# Green thumbs rule summer at Fox Run

It seems as though people who have "green thumbs" never retire, especially the men and women who live at Fox Run retirement community who tend to 38 garden spaces where fresh vegetables, fragrant herbs and colorful flowers are grown all summer

John Barbay, who moved to Fox Run from Birmingham in 2004, co-chairs the Garden Club with his neighbor Peg Quigley.

"I have been gardening since I was 12 years old," Barbay said. "I have a lot of experience."

This season, Barbay grew green beans, egg-plant, green peppers and lots of juicy red tomatoes. Barbay says his wife Margaret sometimes uses the just-picked vegetables from their garden to whip up a fresh summer



Green-thumbed retirees at Fox Run grow flowers and vegetables all summer long on the gardens designated for resident use. PEGGY MATHER

meal.

Barbay doesn't let his crops go to waste; he gives baskets of fresh vegetables to staff members at Fox Run. "They look forward to it every

year," he says.
Fox Run's gardeners
purchase their own seeds,
soil, fertilizer and other
supplies. They share a
communal tool shed
where they store shovels,
rakes and other gardening tools that residents
have donated for all of
the gardeners to use.

Barbay says each gardener works on his or her own garden whenever they choose. When they do find themselves in the garden together, they can exchange growing tips, help each other out or just chat while they work.

All of the members of the Garden Club get together twice a year for semi-annual meetings. Barbay says they typically enjoy a pizza lunch or desserts and lemonade at the meetings and they host speakers who provide useful information about gardening.

Past speakers have included experts from Michigan State University's 15-acre organic farm located in Holt.

# NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

Please take notice that an amendment and addition to the Code of Ordinances for the Charter Township of Northville will be introduced at the August 21, 2014 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, at 7:30 p.m. at Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

The amendment is to Part 1 of Chapter 1 – Administrative Legislation, §1-10. The addition is item C

\$1-10, C: If any misdemeanor under this Code, or adopted by this Code from state law, the Court may assess any penalty provided by this Code or under adopted state law. In addition to those penalties the Court may sanction the defendant upon a finding of guilt, no contest plea or guilty plea for court costs.

A full description of the amendment and addition to the Code is available during regular business hours of the township, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the township Clerk's department.

Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C. Clerk

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# NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE FOR SERVICE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PSLU14-0004

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the applicant Maples Club/Bottlz is requesting Special Land Use approval at 31260 Wakefield, parcel 50-22-02-200-039. The applicant is requesting approval to use a portion of the parcel for service of alcoholic beverages accordance with Section 2525 of the Zoning Ordinance. A public hearing will be held on **Monday, September 8, 2014 at 11:30 AM** in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi Michigan to consider the request. Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi MI 48375 during regular business hours, Monday thru Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 PM and should be directed to Charles Boulard and must be received prior to **September 5, 2014.** 

Charles Boulard (248) 347-0415

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The neighborhood celebrated Abby Rubenson's return home from the hospital last summer.

# Local girl remembered for keeping love of life

Ward Church to host Abby Rubenson Cup soccer tourney

**By David Veselenak** 

Of the many things Greg Rubenson will remember about his daughter Abby Rubenson, one of the biggest memories will be the smile she had on her face.

'She always had a smile," the Livonia resident said. "Al-

ways joking, always teasing.' Abby spent more than a year battling a rare brain tumor before passing away last month. The girl, who just completed fourth grade at Kennedy School in Livonia, died one month shy of her 10th birthday.

She and her family discovered the disease last May, when she fell ill during a school field trip. Since then, Abby split time between her home with family and at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor for treatment. The tumor subsided earlier this year, but a new one grew just



Abby Rubenson maintained her corny sense of humor throughout her cancer fight, her father said.

But even with all the medications, doctor visits and stops at the hospital, Abby maintained her smile and corny sense of humor, her father said.

"There wasn't a person she met she wasn't teasing or joking with," he said. "She definitely had a love for crappy jokes. Any awful jokes. That was in her bag, she loved that stuff.'

The first time she returned home from the hospital last summer, she was welcomed to a neighborhood celebration complete with friends from school, church, her soccer team and the neighborhood.

'We had a school family, we soccer family. The amount of

Greg Rubenson said. "It really did help us get through it."

Tami Danaher, Abby's teacher last year, said it was incredible to see how her students rallied around the little girl and were sometimes stronger than some of the teachers at Kennedy School.

"She would come in; they were excited to see her. They were glad when she was there," Danaher said. "Whatever it was, there was never a problem. They really went out of their way to make sure she was included."

Rubenson said one of Abby's memorable practical jokes came near last Halloween during her treatment at the hospital. She had obtained a bag of fake candy blood and hung it on her IV pole, startling a nurse who came to help her.

She was also known for loving to play games, including card games. Rubenson said it wasn't uncommon for the two to wager a \$1 a game and for Abby to empty his wallet by the end of the night.

Even after losing feeling in her sides, her family set up a way for her to continue play-

"She took my money on a daily basis," he said. "She en-

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joyed being engaged in those games."

#### **Soccer tournament** planned

Abby played for the Livonia City Soccer Club, now known as AC Milan Detroit West Soccer Club. As she continued to battle her illness, several groups, including some from her family's church in Northville and her soccer team, collaborated to launch a soccer tournament that will make its debut next month in North-

The tournament, dubbed the Abby Rubenson Cup, will take place Sept. 26-28 at Ward Church, 4000 Six Mile, in Northville. So far, several teams have already applied to participate, including teams from Livonia, Novi and South

The deadline for teams to sign up is Sept. 1. Proceeds will go toward Ward Church and a fund named for Abby, which will benefit several charities in the future. More information can be found on the tournament's website, abbyscup.com.

Abby's soccer coach, Chris Burnette, said she was a budding soccer star, playing in upper age divisions in the club and proving her worth. Her team has since retired her No. 2 jersey for future squads.

"When she came to my team, it was like hitting the lottery," he said. "She was poised to be a very good center back."

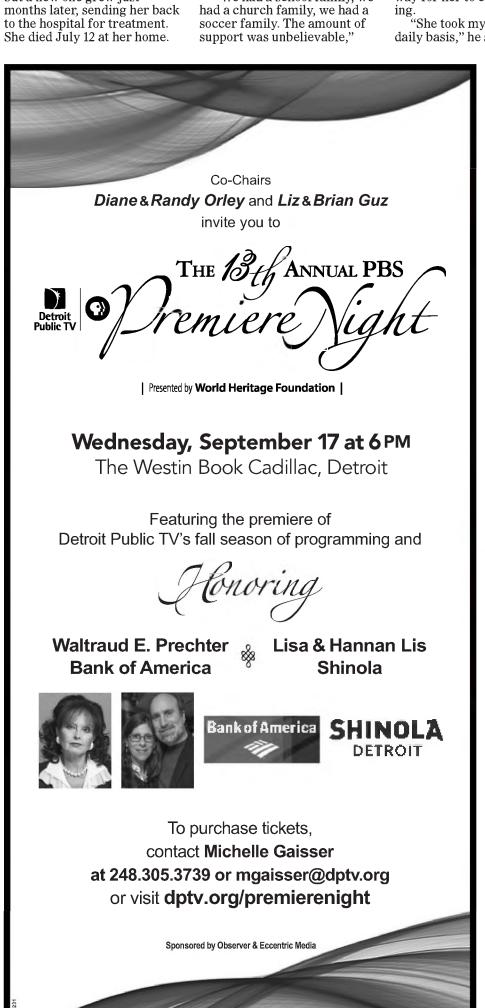
Burnette said the loss has been tough on the Livonia soccer community, especially with the recent death of John Bieniewicz, a Westland man who was a referee in the area. But the support has been unmatched.

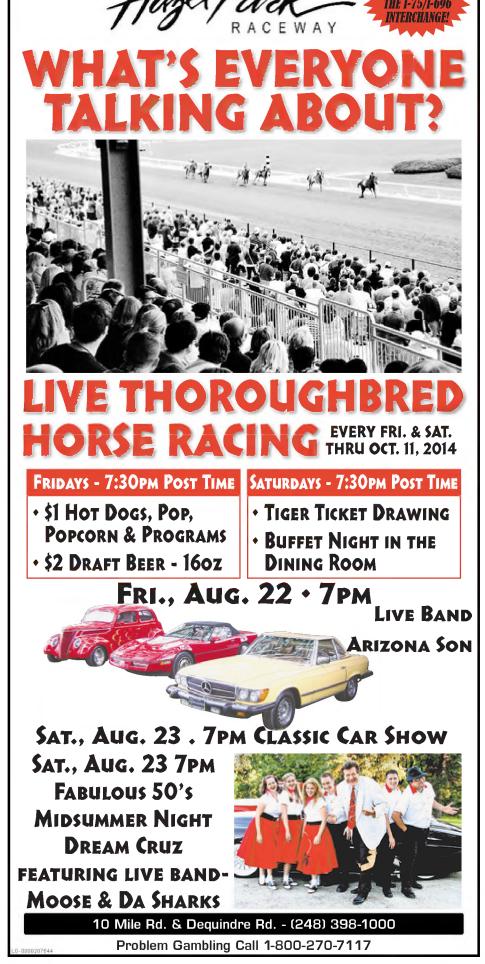
"When something like this happens, the soccer community has been huge," he said. "We've had huge support from everywhere."

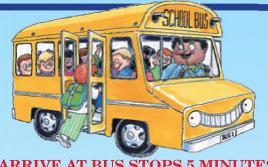
Danaher, who has taught at Kennedy for 18 years, said support from around the school had been huge as well. She described Abby the best way she could with just one word: perseverance.

"The big thing I wanted to get across was her perseverance and my admiration for that," she said. "She taught us a valuable lesson of keeping faith and keeping strong.

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8:22 AM Castlewood & Mystic Forest Dr

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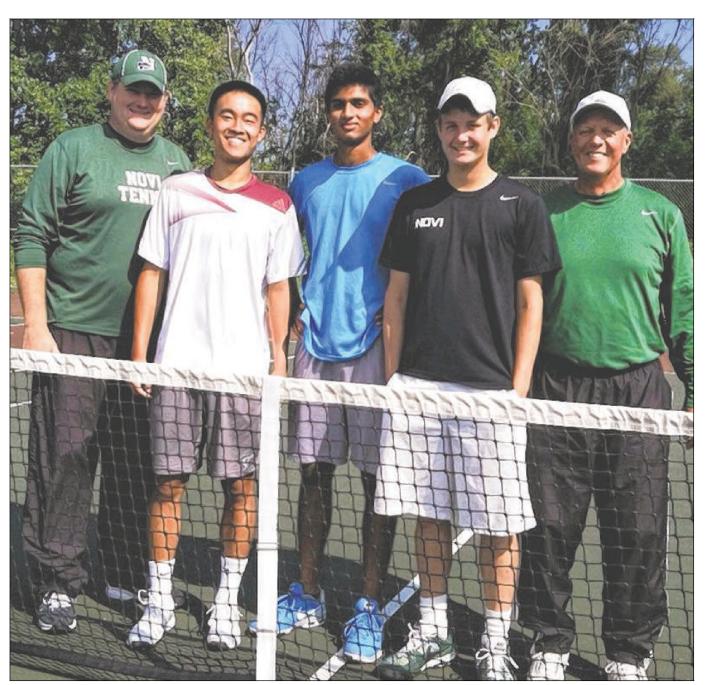
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Novi's 2013 state runner-up team, coached by Dan Lowes (far left) and Jim Hanson (far right), returns state singles champions (from left) Tim Wang, Koushik Kondapi and Maxx Anderson. BRAD EMONS

# Novi netters eye the ultimate prize

#### Division 1 singles champ Wang leads talented group

By Brad Emons

Could this be the year for the Novi boys tennis team?

Armed with arguably the state's top singles player in Tim Wang, the Wildcats were on the precipice just a year ago of capture their first-ever MHSAA Division 1 title before Ann Arbor Huron squeaked by for its third straight crown by a razor-thin margin of 30-29.

All four Novi singles players, including state champions Koushik Kondapi (No. 3) and Maxx Anderson (No. 4), return, along with Wang and state quarterfinalist Andre Liu (No.

Add a highly-touted freshman in Alex Wen, the Boys 14 Southeast Michigan Tennis Association singles champ who is ranked No. 68 nationally by tennisrecruiting net, and the Wildcats could be ready for a breakthrough after seven straight top 10 finishes under veteran coach Jim

Hanson, who is entering his 21st year. But there is one caveat to the Wildcats' 2014 fortunes.

#### **Develop doubles**

"If we're going to contend for the state title, we're going to have to

rebuild our doubles," Hanson said.
"We had a very good JV team last
year, as we do every year. Coach
(Chris) Hayward does a super job
with those kids down there. They're
all going to want to be on varsity this

"There are other freshmen coming in that have USTA experience. ... We'd like to think all we have to do is reload, but unfortunately we're losing kids out of that doubles last year. They played three or four years on

varsity."
All four Novi doubles teams

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# Division 1 champions have more in the tank

Northville girls ready for cross country run

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

The defending Division 1 state champion Northville girls cross country team spent its first five days of training with the scenic backdrop of the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in Glen Arbor.

"We bring both teams together; we work on team bonding," North-ville coach Nancy Smith said. "It has amazing trails and scenery that we can train at. Chris Cronin (the boys coach) and I said it's the best camp we've had."

Last year was a dream 2013 season for the Mustangs, who garnered their first cross country state title in school history while winning every meet in sight, including the Michigan State Invitational (Elite Division), Wayne County, KLAA Kensington Conference and Division 1 regional crowns.

Northville graduated four of their top seven runners, including allstate runners Rachel Coleman (10th, 18:30.1) and Taleen Shahrigian (14th, 18:30.2), both enrolled at Michigan. Also lost were Nicole Mosteller

and Erin Zimmer, who finished 61st and 66th overall in the Division 1 state finals last November at Michigan International Speedway. But the cupboard is far from bare for Smith, who returns two all-state

for Smith, who returns two all-state runners: junior Lexa Barrott (13th, 18:27.0) and sophomore Cayla Eckenroth (22nd, 18:34.1).

Also returning is junior Emma Hermann, who took seventh at the

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Expected to carry the load this season for Northville, the defending Division 1 state champion girls cross country team, are (from left) Cayla Eckenroth, Lexa Barrott and Emma Hermann. NANCY SMITH

# Optimism running high for veteran CC boys soccer squad

Catholic Central third-year coach Gene Pulice (center) will rely on the senior leadership of Noah Kleedtke (left) and Champ Kozlowski.



By Brad Emons Staff Writer

At least on paper, this should be one of Novi Detroit Catholic Central's best

boys soccer teams in quite some time.

The Shamrocks, who open the season Saturday at the Balconi Invitational in Canton, feature a slew of returnees from last year's 15-5-1 squad that reached the Division 1 regional final for the first time in 17 years before losing to Salem. 2-1.

Expectations are higher than ever for CC despite the loss of honorable mention all-state players Alex Pastor, a goaltender, and Jacob Hackman, a midfielder

Optimism is running high for thirdyear coach Gene Pulice, who returns third team all-state midfielder Noah Kleedtke, a co-captain, along with senior defender Champ Kozlowski.

"This season we should be better than ever," Kleedtke said. "We've got our full squad back, not many seniors left and I think we should be as good as last year, if not better.

"Our defending is good, but maybe playing out of the back would be a little more beneficial to us. I know we like to kick the ball up the field a little bit too much and I think a possession-style atmosphere would be really critical to our team."

Seniors Will Coffman, a midfielder, and Chad Quick, a defender, also bring loads of experience to the lineup.

"We've been working on our speed and strength, as well as our technical skills," Kozlowski said. "We're just looking forward to working as a team

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#### THE WEEK AHEAD

Thursday, Aug. 28 Brighton at Novi, 7 p.m. Lakeland at Northville, 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29
Detroit CC at Muskegon, 7 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER Friday, Aug. 22 Franklin Road at Bethany, 5 p.m. Northville at A.A. Pioneer, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23 Detroit CC at Balconi Inv. (CEP), 10

Monday, Aug. 25 Churchill at Northville, 7 p.m. St. Mary's at Detroit CC, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27 Northville at Canton, 7 p.m. Roch. Adams at Novi (Meadows), 7

p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28 Detroit CC at Garden City, 7 p.m. VOLLEYBALL Saturday, Aug. 23 Novi at A.A. Pioneer Inv., TBA. Franklin Road Christian at Oakland Christian Tourney, TBA.

Wednesday, Aug. 27 Wednesday, Aug. 27
Novi, Northville at Lake Orion, TBA.
CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Aug. 23
Novi at South Lyon Invitational
at Island Lake, 9:30 a.m.
CC at Lansing CC Inv., 10:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, Aug. 26**Northville Mustang Invitational at Cass Benton Park, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 28 Novi at A.A. Huron Inv., 5 p.m. BOYS TENNIS

Thursday, Aug. 21
Northville Quad, 8 a.m.
Groves at Novi CC, 4 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 22
Roch. Adams at Novi (M.S.), 2 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 23
CC, N'ville at Grand Blanc Inv., 8

Tuesday, Aug. 26 Novi at Rochester, 8:30 a. Wednesday, Aug. 27 Forest Hills at Deroit CC, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 28
Novi at A.A. Pioneer, 8 a.m.
Detroit CC at Sturgis Inv., 8 a.m.
Northville at A.A. Huron, TBA.
GIRLS GOLF

Thursday, Aug. 21
N'ville at Seaholm Inv., 7:30 a.m
Novi at Traverse City Cent. Inv.
at Spruce-Wolverine G.C., TBA. Friday, Aug. 22

Novi at Traverse City Central
Inv. at Spruce-Wolverine, TBA.

Monday, Aug. 25 Novi vs. Birm. Seaholm at Forest Lake C.C., TBA. Thursday, Aug. 28
Northville at Twin Lakes Inv., TBA.
Kensington Conf. Pre-Tourney at Fox Hills G.C., 10 a.m..

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#### NOVI

Head coach: Brian O'Leary, 19th season.

League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's overall record: 12-6-3.

Notable losses to graduation: Don Nakashima (first-team All-State); Matt Kiura (third-team All-State); Nick Oakley (honorable mention All-State)

Leading returnees: Jake Geary, Sr. Def.; Sean Dallas, Sr. Def.; Tony Asimadu, Jr. F; Kent Maidens, Sr. MF.

Promising newcomers: Ryan Kobakof, Sr. MF; Amissi Kajinake, Sr. F (transfer from New Jersey).

O'Leary's 2014 outlook: "We got hit pretty hard by graduation. We lost an outstanding senior class last year, and only having four starters returning means we will probably take some lumps early. But overall they are a great group of kids that work hard and are very coachable, so I expect to see steady improvement throughout the season. We have three (goalies) on the roster. We have a senior and two juniors. One is hurt right now and is out four weeks with a shoulder. We're pretty set in goal, all three are pretty good goalies. They're all about pretty equal to each

#### NORTHVILLE

Head coach: Henry Klimes, 24th

League affiliation: KLAA Kensington

Conference (Central Division). Last year's overall record: 14-5-3.

Notable losses to graduation: Joey Van Houten (honorable mention All-State): Conrad Rush (honorable mention All-State); Steve Jansen, Benedikt Kansy,

Collin Watkins, Griffin Wasik; Doyle Lang. Leading returnees: Alec Morgan, Sr. MF (captain); Grant Tybarski, Sr. Def. (captain); Jonathan Mitchell, Sr. Def. (captain); Nick Toupin, Jr. C-MF (captain); Jake Reitzloff, Jr. F; Johnny Rodriguez, Jr. F.

Promising newcomers: Mario Plachta, Soph. MF; Blake Becker, Sr. Def.;

#### **BOYS SOCCER OUTLOOK**



Junior forward Tony Asimadu (right) is one of four returning players this season for the Novi varsity boys soccer team. John Heider | Staff Photographer

Josh Hamilton, Sr. Def.; Kyle Johnson, Sr. MF; Gunnar Struit, Sr. MF; Manuel Kansy, Sr.

Klimes' 2014 outlook: "We graduated 14 of the 20, so we lost a lot of experience. I think we have lots of talent and speed. We're a little young in the sense of experience at the varsity level, but I think we can get them up to speed right away. I'm really excited and encouraged overall with the team speed. We're going to have to work on our goaltending situation. We lost a great goalie in Steve Jansen. We're going to have to play a different formation, but we're really excited."

#### **CATHOLIC CENTRAL**

Head coach: Gene Pulice, third season. League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).

Last year's overall record: 15-5-1. Titles won last year: Division 1 district champs

Notable losses to graduation: Jake Hackman (honorable mention

All-State); Alex Pastor (honorable mention All-State); Jacob Hackman, Andrew Trombley, John McLauren, Jr.

Leading returnees: Noah Kleedtke, Sr. MF (captain; second-team All-State); Champ Kozlowski, Sr. Def. (captain); Will Coffman, Sr. MF; Chad Quick, Sr. F; Paul Wiedmaier, Sr. F; Brendan Paul, Sr. MF; Robert Winn, Sr. F; Austin Smith, Sr. Def.; Peter Kirouac, Jr. GK; Justin Murray, Jr. Def.

Promising newcomers: Nicholas Ozog, Jr. MF; Anthony Chavez, Jr. MF; Jack Earhart, Jr. F; Connor Gaskin, Jr. GK; John Petruska, Jr. F.

Pulice's 2014 outlook: "I think our expectations are higher. This is my third year with the program and we've made leaps and bounds here, so I think going forward everybody has bought into my idealisms now and I think we have a very good chance of going all the way. Champ Kozlowski will be an integral part for us. Chad Quick and Will Coffman, as well, will be leaders."

FRANKLIN ROAD CHRISTIAN

Head coach: Paul Coombs, first season League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Red

Last year's overall record: 16-4. Titles won last year: MIAC Red Division champions.

Notable losses to graduation: Marcus Charlick, Jacob Weaver

Leading returnees: Tanner Spires, Jr. F: Micah Charlick, Jr. F: Gavin Harris, Sr. F: Dennis Cleminte, Jr. MF; Parker Bowman, Sr. MF; Daniel Weaver, Jr. GK.

Promising newcomer: Paul Alex, Soph, sweeper

Coombs' 2014 outlook: "We have a good nucleus of players to build a team around. Word is spreading, and we're slowly picking up more players. We're a small school, so just having a good number of players is important. I'm looking forward to seeing how we come together as a team. Charlick is probably best player I've ever coached. It's going to be fun and I'm looking forward to it."

#### **PREVIEW**

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and getting better for

this next year." Pulice is trying to guard against complacency as CC hopes to vie for a Catholic League title along with state powers Birmingham Brother Rice and Warren DeLaSalle.

"My biggest concern

going into this season is a maybe a false sense of euphoria too early," Pulice said.

In the KLAA's strong Central Division, both Northville (14-5-3) and Novi (12-6-3) are rebuilding while hoping to unseat defending champ and Division 1 state semifinalist Salem.

The Mustangs, who lost 16 of their 20 players to graduation, will rely on seniors Grant Tybarski, Alec Morgan and Jonathan Mitchell, along with juniors Nick Toupin, Jake Reitzloff and Johnny

"I think it's going to be a good season and I think the division is wide open." said Northvil coach Henry Klimes, now in his 24th season. "South Lyon has gotten better and Novi is always a

tough game, so everybody has a legitimate chance for the division."

Novi, also gutted by graduation losses, will certainly miss all-state players Don Nakashima (University of Detroit Mercy), Matt Kiura and Nick Oakley.

The four returnees include senior defenders Jake Geary and Sean Dallas, junior forward Tony Asimadu and senior midfielder Kent Maid-

Senior midfielder Ryan Kobakof, who was a starter as a sophomore but played academy club soccer as a junior, returns. New Jersey transfer Amissi Kajinake, a senior forward, should also help up front.

The Wildcats are coming off a four-way scrimmage Saturday at Saline,

Northville High's soccer fortunes will rest on captains (from left) Nick Toupin, a junior, and

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seniors Grant Tybarski, Jonathan Mitchell and Alec Morgan. BRAD EMONS

losing 1-0 to Warren De-LaSalle, while tying the host Hornets, 0-0, and Ann Arbor Huron, 1-1.

"Different people use it (the scrimmage) for different things," 19thyear coach Brian O'Leary said. "Every team we played, played to win. I played everybody equal the entire day just to learn stuff about people."

Meanwhile, Novi Franklin Road Christian (16-4) is coming off a Red Division championship in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

First-year Warriors coach Paul Coombs, who had stints at Dearborn High, Henry Ford Community College and Spring Arbor Univers will bank on scoring from junior forwards Tanner Spires and Micah Charlick.



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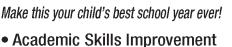
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# Mustang boys ready to gallop out of gate

**By Brad Emons** Staff Writer

If you're Northville boys cross country coach Chris Cronin, you can't wait to get the season started.

That's because the Mustangs are coming off a banner season and return a majority of their top runners.

'Our 2014 goal is to contend for a state title," said Cronin, who enters his 21st season. "In 2013, we finished fifth. It was the highest place in school history, but a couple late-season injuries prevented us from reaching our true potential.

'In my humble opinion, we return as much talent as anyone in the state and I know the leadership on this team is hungry to show what they can do.'

Replacing top runner Dan Sims, who is now at Michigan State, will be a daunting task. Sims earned all-state honors for the third straight year after finishing 10th last November at MIS while posting a time of 15:52.9.

There's no doubt we'll miss Sims," Cronin said. "He was a fierce competitor and arguably the best Northville has ever produced in cross country. With that said, our top four have sub-16 (minute) speed and that gives us a chance to write some history this season."

Senior captain Nick Noles, a two-time all-state runner who placed 21st in Division 1 (15:58.8) last year, now assumes the lead role for the Mustangs, who open the season Tuesday in the Northville Invitational at Cass Benton Park.

"Nick is the toughest big race runner I've ever coached," Cronin said. "Nick's aggressive style of running will set the tone for our team this season."

Also returning for the KLAA Kensington Conference and Wayne County champions are senior captain Sean McCullough (46th, 16:22.8), junior Conor Naughton (67th, 16:29.6) and senior captain Jason Ferrante (175th, 17:09.8)

'Sean has added strength, speed and greater confidence to his arsenal over the course of this last year and is poised



Coming off a fifth-place finish in last year's Division 1 state meet are Northville runners (front row, from left) Ben Cracraft, Conor Naughton and Sam Kremke and (back row, from left) Jacob Kamm, Sean McCullough, Jason Ferrante and Nick Noles. CHRIS CRONIN

to have a breakout senior year," Cronin said. "Posting a 9:33 in the 3,200-meter (run) this spring in track puts him in a position to earn all-state honors in 2014.

"Jason is a track runner who has developed into a formidable cross country runner. With a season best 16:05 in 2013, followed by a 1:53 (800) and 4:22 (1,600) in track, Jason has positioned himself to race with the state's elite this fall.

'And Conor could emerge as our top runner this season. He has run 9:30 (3,200) on the track and last year he went 16:01 in cross. With his talent and work ethic, there is no limit to what he can do.'

Seniors Jacob Kamm (225th, 17:43.2) and Sam Kremke will also be in the mix, along with sophomore Ben Cracraft, who held down the sixth spot for much of last season.

'Ben's dedication to three sports - cross country, swimming and track - is starting to pay off," Cronin said. "He enters the season bigger, stronger, faster."

Possible impact runners for the Mustangs include junior Connor Lepish, who missed all of 2013 with an injury, along with junior Kenny Goolsby, sophomore Peter Bejin and junior Sean Flanagan.

Meanwhile, fellow KLAA Central Division member Novi finished just seven points away from qualifying for the state finals after a fourth-place showing behind state champion Milford (68 points), Pinckney (108) and Hartland (136) in the regional meet held at Huron Meadows.

Wildcats coach Robert Smith, embarking on his 33rd season, has two state titles (1998-99) and one runner-up finish (2000) under his belt.

Smith lost state qualifier Brian Barnes (73rd, 16:31.5) to graduation, but returns junior Joost Plaetinck, an individual state qualifier who went 16:31.1 (48th overall) in the Division 1 finals after taking 13th in the

regional (16:08.4).

Senior Sahisnu Malapati, who took 22nd (16:27.9) in the regional, returns along with senior Nathan Hall, who garnered 35th (16:44.2) in the same meet.

Novi Detroit Catholic Central coach Tony Magni, who has guided the Shamrocks to five state championships (2010, 2009, 1989, 1984, 1982) and two runner-up finishes (1992, 1982), hopes his team can improve on last year's sixth-place regional showing

The Shamrocks will be led by junior Scott Smith, who took 22nd (16:27.1) at the regional. He'll be joined by holdovers Avery Felty (junior), Bailey Hopson (junior), Ben Racine (sophomore) and Brian Clark

Meanwhile, Novi Franklin Road Christian, a member of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, will miss the graduated Jacob Weaver, who earned Division 4 all-state honors (24th, 17:07.2).

#### **BOYS CROSS** COUNTRY OUTLOOK

**NORTHVILLE** 

Head coach: Chris Cronin, 21st season. League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division)

Last year's finish: Coaching Legends Invitational, Wayne County KLAA Central, Kensington Conference, Division 1 regional champions; third, MSU Spartan Invitational (Elite Division), fifth, MHSAA Division 1 finals.

Notable losses to graduation: Dan Sims (All-State), Nick Dufrense

**Leading returnees:** Nick Noles, Sr. captain (All-State); Sean McCullough, Sr. captain; Jason Ferrante, Sr. (captain); Conor Naughton, Jr.; Ben Cracraft, Soph.; Sam Kremke, Sr.; Jacob Kamm, Jr.; Mark Castellano, Sr.; Alex Chevoor, Sr.; Sean Flanagan, Jr.; Kenny Goolsby, Jr.; Christian Frieberger, Jr.; Peter Martin, Jr.

Promising newcomers: Connor Lepish, Jr.; Peter Bejin, Soph.

Cronin's season outlook: "One of the challenges we face this year is developing young talent. With such a strong varsity core for the past three years, cracking our top seven has been tough. To sustain this run of success our program has had, we need our current sophomore and junior class to step up this season."

NOVI

Head coach: Robert Smith, 33rd season. **League affiliation:** KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's finish: first, South Lyon Invitational; second, Anchor Bay and Coaching Legends Invitationals: third, KLAA Central (3-2) and Kensington Conference; fourth, Division 1 regional; seventh, MSU Spartan Invitational; ninth, Oakland County,

Notable losses to graduation: Brian Barnes (state qualifier), Michael Dickmann.

Leading returnees: Joost Plaetinck, Jr. (state qualifier; 48th); Sahisnu Malapati, Sr.; Nate Hall, Sr.; Cameron Misko, Sr.; John Landy, Soph.; Collin Thomas, Sr.; Casey Croad, Sr.; Scott

MacPherson, Soph. Promising newcomer: Adam Ditri, Jr. Smith's season outlook: "There are additional guys who I know will emerge into our top 10, or even our top five. The KLAA is the best conference in the state for men's cross country. It prepares us well for the rigors of the season.

Overall, we were 134-19 (.876 average) in 2013. I'm very impressed by the attitude and work ethic of this 2014 team. They have increased their summer miles significantly over the past few seasons. If we stay healthy we could be

Head coach: Tony Magni, 41st season. League affiliation: Catholic League

NOVI CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Last year's finish: first, Catholic League, Sturgis and CC invitationals; fourth, West Bloomfield and Holly invitationals; fifth, Oakland County, sixth, Division 1 regional

Notable losses to graduation: Ryan McCord, John Mulcahy



Leading returnees: Scott Smith, Jr.; Avery Felty, Jr.; Bailey Hopson, Jr.; Ben Racine, Soph.; Brian Clark, Sr.

Promising newcomers: Eric Solarz, Sr.: Alex McLaren, Jr.: Mark Borek, Soph.; Brendan Canavan, Soph.

Magni's season outlook: "We're a team of juniors and sophomores basically. With Brian Clark being hurt, Eric Solarz is really the only other one that I can see stepping up, give us a hand and trying to help us. I think dual meetwise, Catholic League, we should be OK, but when we get to the big meets we generally don't have any front runners. We're going to bunch pretty good, but unfortunately we're going to bunch towards the middle. Hopefully we can move them up as the season goes along from the middle maybe to the top, maybe 20 percent of the race instead of being in the top 50 percent of the race. So hopefully as the season goes along they build some confidence once they start racing more. This year they've really put the mileage in and they've committed to be up there. With Smith and people like Felty, hopefully give them a run for it — and Hopson. The whole team is doing well, but it's a matter of

#### FRANKLIN ROAD CHRISTIAN

doing it. But again, for sophomores it's kind of

tough sometimes.

Head coach: Andrew Schmid, fifth season. League affiliation: Michigan Independent

Notable losses to graduation: Jacob Weaver (Division 4 All-State, regional and MIAC

champion) Leading returnees: Nick Hanley, Jr.;

Promising newcomers: Will Govan, Jr.; Erick Westphal, Jr.; Maxwell Holleman, Soph.;

Nathan Buis, eighth-grader. Schmid's season outlook: "We did not

have full teams for the boys or the girls except for a few meets in our school's history, but this year it looks like we will have full teams for the boys and girls. Our boys team continues to grow and is planning to have its most successful team in the school history. Nick Hanley is returning as one of the school's historically fastest runners and Will Govan is running very well as a first-time runner. Both should lead the team, Last year's most improved runner, Nate Austin should continue to develop as this season progresses. Erick Westphal, our most improved track runner, will be adding his skills to cross country team this season. New runners Maxwell Holleman and Nathan Buis should also impact the team's results this year.



Novi's Joost Plaetinck (front) was a Division 1 state qualifier last year who took 48th in the MHSAA finals.

#### GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY CAPSULE OUTLOOK



Novi senior Hannah Lonergan was an individual qualifier who finished 39th in the Division 1 state finals a year ago. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

#### NORTHVILLE

Head coach: Nancy Smith, 14th season. League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Confer-

Last year's finish: KLAA Central Division (5-0), MSU Spartan Invitational (Elite Division), Brother Rice, Wayne Country, Kensington Conference, Division 1 regional and MHSAA state champions.

Coleman (All-State), Taleen Shahrigian (All-State), Nicole Mosteller, Erin Zimmer, Alison Robinson, Chloe

Leading returnees: Lexa Barrott, Jr. (All-State); Cayla Eckenroth, Soph. (All-State); Emma Herrmann, Jr.; Hailey Harris, Jr.; Emma Smith, Soph.; Taylor Gattoni, Soph. Mirai Kobayashi, Soph.; Helena Bryans,

Soph.; Katie Chevoor, Soph. Promising newcomers: Anna Buettner, Fr.; Megan Krygier, Fr.; Rachel Zimmer, Fr.

Smith's season outlook: "For the 2014 year we hope to again win the division, conference and regional, and make a return trip to the state finals for the fifth straight year. I graduated four of my seven state championship team, but bring back two all-staters with Lexa Barrott and Cayla Eckenroth. Emma Herrmann has two years of state meet experience under her belt and continues to get better each year. I have many that can fill the rest of the top seven team. This year we will be young with only six returning seniors, but the team has had a great summer of conditioning and are ready to step up to the challenge that our schedule is comprised of and make another run at a top three finish.

#### NOVI

Head coach: Marsha Reid, eighth season. ence (Central Division).

Last year's finish: fourth, KLAA Central (2-3); seventh, Kensington Conference; eighth, Division 1 Notable losses to graduation: Karissa

Leading returnees: Hannah Lonergan, Sr. (state

qualifier; 39th); Hadley Peterson, Soph.; Jacalyn Schubring, Soph.; Jessica Lypka, Soph.; Heather Blair, Soph.; Tori Giese, Sr.; Hannah Latham, Sr. Promising newcomers: J.J. Wright, Jr.; Yash

Reid's season outlook: "I'm really excited. We've got some young kids that are sophomores, who could potentially for the next couple of years, show some good things within our division. We also have some good, solid seniors. We have 12-to-15 kids who are competing for those seven spots. It always helps when you have that competition on your team. We

were young last year, most of our top seven were freshman or sophomore level, so we didn't have a very big junior class at the varsity level and we only had

FRANKLIN ROAD CHRISTIAN **Head coach:** Andrew Schmid, fifth season. League affiliation: Michigan Independent Notable losses to graduation: Maria

Cardenas-O'Tool (Division 4 state qualifier; 48th **Leading returnees:** Danielle Fusco, Soph.

Promising newcomers: Audrey Hicks, Soph.; Amanda Hall, Soph.; Sidney Lipovsky, Fr.; Madison Austin, Fr.; Shelby Buis, eighth-grader.

Schmid's season outlook: "We did not have full teams for the boys or the girls except for a few meets in our schools history, but this year it looks like we will have full teams for the boys and girls. Our girls team should have its best season if everyone stays healthy. Danielle Fusco will be available as a dual athlete (volleyball). She ran well her first season and she should continue her improvement into this season. The first-time runners Sidney Lipovsky, Audrey Hicks, Madison Austin, Amanda Hall and Shelby Buis should be bringing their talents to improve their personal times and the team results as the season progresses."

#### **CHAMPIONS**

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regional and finished 100th in

the state finals (19:32.7). And after their five-day stint running the hills of northern Michigan, the early re-

turns appear to be good. 'We did a 5K time trial today (Monday) and my top three all ran in the 18-minute range," Smith said. "Lexa (Barrott) went 18:26, Cayla (Eckenroth) went 18:45 and Emma (Hermann) went 18:49 after a 55-mile week. They're pretty

excited, great benefits."

Meanwhile, the other four varsity spots in the lineup are up for grabs as Smith's squad approaches its season opener Tuesday, Aug. 26, with the **Mustang Invitational at Cass** Benton Park.

"I had three (others) that did decent today that I expected to do well and they did better than last year," Smith said.

Meanwhile, fellow KLAA Central Division member Novi returns five of its top seven performers from a year ago as coach Marsha Reid enters her eighth season.

The Wildcats, who took

seventh in the Kensington Conference and eighth in the regional at Huron Meadows, will be led by senior Hannah Longeran, who ran 18:51.1 at the state finals to finish 39th overall after placing 15th at the regional.

Sophomores Hadley Peterson, Jacalyn Schubring, Jessica Lypka and Heather Blair also gained varsity experience as ninth-graders.

"Most were freshmen, so they got a taste of it last year and are real hungry this year," Reid said. "I have a good core group of kids that have been out conditioning with the cap-

tains' practices this summer. They've been putting in the extra time. We also have a couple of incoming freshmen that look very promising. We'll see what comes out from the incoming kids as well to see who contributes."

Meanwhile, Novi Franklin Road Christian, a member of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, must replace state qualifier Maria Cardenas-O'Tool, who finished 48th in the Division 4 finals.

But fifth-year coach Paul Coombs is expected to field his first full team, led by sophomore Danielle Fusco.

#### SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### Northville girls stage swim alumni meet

Northville High will stage an alumni girls swim meet beginning at noon Saturday. Aug. 23, at the school's pool.

Warm-up begins at 11 a.m., with all swim events included (with adjustments if needed). All alumni are encouraged to attend even if they do not want to participate in the meet.

For more information, email Brian McNeff at mcneff00@yahoo.com.

#### **Novi sports passes**

Novi Athletic Boosters allsports passes for the 2014-15 school year are available during registration at Novi Middle

School and Novi High School. Community members and students who haven't included passes on their registration vouchers may purchase them by downloading a form from the www.noviathleticboosters.com website under "Forms" from the Coach's Corner menu.

Passes provide entry into all high school and middle school regular home sporting events. Individual sports passes are \$60 and family passes for all family members living in one household may be purchased for \$180. Regular gate admission for high school events is \$5 and adult admission for middle school events is \$3.

All-sports passes are sold as a fundraiser for the Novi Athletic Boosters, a nonprofit organization which will benefit middle school athletes and teams.

#### **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. highlighted by a tastefest and silent auction. To RSVP, email Steve Barr at sbarr@novischools.net.

There will also be a celebratory reception beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Novi High School Commons. The new field dedication scheduled for 6:30 p.m. with varsity football opener featuring the host Wildcats against Brighton at 7

For more information, visit www.noviathleticboosters.com.

#### **Novi youth soccer**

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is offering travel and house soccer programs for players in preschool through high school.

House league and travel home games will be held at ITC Community Sports Park, 51000 Eight Mile, Novi. Practices start Aug. 25, with house teams going once per week, while travel teams practice twice per week.

Volunteer coaches are also needed.

To register or for more information, visit cityofnovi.org or stop by the Novi Parks Office, 45175 10 Mile.

You can also email Chase Root at croot@cityofnovi.org or call 248-347-0400.

# Wildcat, Northville girls gearing up to hit the links

**By Brad Emons** Staff Writer

Bolstered by a ninth-place finish at last year's MHSAA Division 1 girls golf tournament, Novi coach Deb Harris is hoping for even better results in 2014.

And for second-year Northville coach Jeff Balagna, the aim is to be one of the 15 regional qualifiers when the state finals roll around, Oct. 17-18 at Bedford Valley Golf Course in Battle Creek.

Novi captured a fifth-player tiebreaker to capture the regional title at Dunham Hills and wound up ninth overall in Division 1.

The Wildcats' biggest loss to graduation was Lauren Cojei, who placed sixth at the regional and ninth in the KLAA Association tournament.

'She was key player for us, steady scoring, leadership and captain," said Harris, who is entering her 25th season. "She'll be very hard to replace. We will need every other player to step up their game to replace a great player like Lauren."

The Wildcats will be led by their two senior captains -Katelyn Henry and Madison

Henry was Novi's top scorer at last year's state finals (90-87-177) after taking 11th in the regional with an 88, while Kroetsch shined at the KLAA Association tourney with a fifth (85) and added ninth in the regional (87).

"(Henry) was usually our one or two scorer, has great



Northville junior Katie Childers was a Division 1 state qualifier last year after finishing second in the

the top six.

Freshmen Abby Livingston

Abby is a great player who

and Leah Kiura could also

make an immediate impact.

has had success this summer in the Meijer (Junior) Tour," Harris said. "She is challeng-

ing the top five on a daily ba-

sis. Leah is a promising player

that could challenge the varsi-

importantly, will be key to the

The Mustangs, who are

moving their home course to

nearby Northville Hills Golf

Club, are coming off a sixth-

The most notable loss to

graduation was senior captain

year starter and the team's No.

Chloe Page, who was a three-

place regional finish and

Kensington Conference.

ranked fifth overall in the

ty lineup this year but, more

future or the team.

Northville outlook

leadership, shows compassion for her team and could play college golf is she chooses to do so," Harris said. "And Kroetsch is capable of scoring

Sophomore Alexa Hatz, who was 16th at the regional and 20th in the KLAA tourney, joins junior Maya Grandstaff, who was 24th in the KLAA tourney, with state finals experience.

in the low 80s.

"We look forward to this season and feel that we have the potential to give this best teams in the league, county and state competition on any given day," Harris said. "We can beat teams if we all play well. That is what it takes in girls golf today.'

Seniors Claire Kalina and Stacev Sirabian, along with juniors Olivia Ghannam, Morgan Krupic and Marissa Catner will be pushing for spots in

Senior Madison Kroetsch returns for Novi girls golf team, which captured a regional title and finished ninth in Division 1. John Heider | Staff Photographer

2 player.

Junior Katie Childers, an individual state qualifier, is Northville's top returnee after finishing runner-up in the regional with an 81. She also took eighth in the KLAA Association tourney with an 86.

"With a player of the caliber of Childers at the top of our lineup, I know we are going to be competitive every single time out," Balagna said. "It is going to come down to the two through six players. I have a number of girls that can put up good scores, it's just a matter of doing it on a regular basis."

Other returning players for the Mustangs possessing regional experience include seniors Elizabeth McGowan and Maddy Berman and junior Alyse Clevenger.

"Just like every season, we have big goals," Balagna said. "We want to win our division

and conference, along with qualify for the state finals. Novi, South Lyon and two-time defending state champion Plymouth are going to be some of our toughest competition and will also be vying for those top honors.'

GIRLS GOLF CAPSULE OUTLOOK NOVI Head coach: Deb Harris, 25th season. Home course: Walunt Creek C.C. League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Confer

ence (Central Division).

Last year's dual match record: 7-1 overall. Last year's finish: first, Division 1 regional; second, KLAA Central (4-1); third, Kensington

Conference and KLAA Association Notable losses to graduation: Lauren Cojei. Leading returnees: Katelyn Henry, Sr. (cap-tain); Madison Kroetsch, Sr; Alexa Hatz, Soph.; Lauren Henry, Soph.; Maya Grandstaff, Jr.; Claire Kalina, Sr.; Olivia Ghannam, Jr.; Stacey Sirabian, Sr.; , Morgan

Krupic, Jr.: Marissa Catner, Jr. Promising newcomers: Abby Livingston, Fr.;

Harris' 2014 outlook: "No longer can one. two or even three players carry a team. You have to put four good and or great scores together to win put four good and of great scotes together to will tournaments or qualify for 'states.' We have the potential and look forward to seeing how often they can put it all together on the same day. Consistency will be key for this to happen."

NORTHVILLE
Head coach: Jeff Balagna, second season.
Home course: Northville Hills G.C.
League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Confer-

Last year's dual match record: 7-1 overall. Last year's finish: third, KLAA Central (4-1); fourth, Kensington Conference, sixth, Division

Notable losses to graduation: Chloe Page. **Leading returnees:** Katie Childers, Jr. (regional runner-up; state qualifier); Alyse Clevenger, Jr.; Maddy Berman, Sr.; Elizabeth McGowan, Sr.; Nicole Saez, Sr.; Victoria Zaremba, Sr.: Jen Kowalczyk

Promising newcomers: Allison Zwarka, Jr.; Paige Rosinski, Soph.; Kristen Cooprider, Jr.; Taylor

Balagna's 2014 outlook: "One thing that is going to be different for us this year is our surroundings. After being at Tanglewood, we have moved to Northville Hills Golf Club. There is going to be a little bit of a transition because lack of familiarity with the course. One positive is a lot of our girls live in the neighborhood and play the course often. It is a much tougher course than Tanglewood, so I think it will help in our home matches. We are going to be very tough to beat at home this year. It is such a pleasure having our course right in our backyard now. The course is top notch, the practice facility is second to none, and the location across from the high school couldn't be any better for us."

#### **BOYS TENNIS CAPSULE OUTLOOK**

**Head coach:** Jim Hanson, 21st season. League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division)

Last year's dual match record: 9-1 overall. Last year's finish: MHSAA Division 1 runnerup; first place, Rochester Invitational, Novi Quad, East Lansing, KLAA Central, KLAA 'A' Tournament, regional; second place, Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational, East Grand Rapids Invitational; third place,

Notable losses to graduation: Michael Chang (No. 1 doubles; KLAA and regional champion); Andrew Ying (No. 1 doubles; KLAA and regional champion); Shashank Chitta (No. 2 doubles; KLAA and regional champion); Kevin Xu (No. 2 doubles; KLAA and regional champion); Tim Lu (No. 4 doubles; KLAA and regional champion), David Mehl (No. 4 doubles: KLAA and regional champion): Raymond Wen (No. 4 doubles; KLAA and regional champion), Ashwin Kumar (No. 5 doubles; KLAA champion.)

Leading returnees: Tim Wang, Sr. (No. 1 singles; KLAA, Division 1 regional and state champi on); Andre Liu, Sr. (No. 2 singles; KLAA and regional champion); Koushik Kondapi, Jr. (No. 3 singles; KLAA, regional and state champion); Maxx Anderson, Jr. (No. 4 singles; KLAA regional and state champion); Daniel Yu, Soph. (No. 4 doubles: regional champion); Ryan Fernandes, Sr. (No. 3 doubles; KLAA champion); Sai Gotur, Jr. (No. 5 doubles, KLAA champion);

Promising newcomers: Alex Wen, Fr. (singles); Aakash Ray, Soph. (doubles); Vamsi Nimmagadda, Sr. (doubles); Anurag Koduri, Sr. (doubles); Abhishek Subash, Jr. (doubles); Andrew Jamison, Jr. (doubles); Nayan Makim, Soph. (doubles); Robert Chen, Fr. (doubles); Aidtya Chitta, Fr. (doubles).

Hanson's 2014 season outlook: "It's no secret. If you're going to have a run at a state title you got to get contributions from both singles and doubles. Obviously on paper we have to rebuild those doubles. Over the last five years we've had all our doubles make the semifinals at the state tournament, which shows you the kind of strength and contribution we got from our doubles over the years. It will interesting, exciting and these kids be battling hard this first week of tennis for tryouts."

#### NORTHVILLE

Head coach: Matt Stetson, 11th season. League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's dual match record: 8-2 overall. Last year's finish: second, KLAA Central, Kensington Conference, Division 1 regional; 15th, Division 1 state finals; Novi Quad 1 and 2 champions. Notable losses to graduation: Veer Shah,

Sam McCutcheon, Jonathan Oh. Leading returnees: Connor Johnston, Jr. (No. 1 singles; KLAA 'A', regional and Division 1 state runner-up); Oliver Daniel, Jr. (singles); Andrew Schafer,



Johnston

Jr. (singles); Stephen Freeman, Soph. (doubles), Umais Rao, Sr. (No. 1 doubles); Jason Wang, Sr. (doubles); Jonathan Bi, Jr. (doubles); Evan Simoff, Jr. (doubles); Nick Chatas, Sr. (doubles); Michael Pui, Jr.

comers: Janak Mukherji, Fr. (No. 1 doubles).

almost everyone from last year's team. We only had one senior playing in the state tournament last year. and the majority of our team were sophomores and freshmen. This year, we come back as an experienced squad. We will be led by Connor Johnston at No. 1 singles. There was only one person in the state that could beat him (Tim Wang of Novi) last year, and Connor even had a win against him during the season. He will be one of the favorites to win the state title at No. 1 singles this year. We lost a couple of players to graduation, but we return as a much older team, and we are even able to add a couple of freshmen to the team to help with depth. The key to our season will be to find the right mix of doubles

#### **CATHOLIC CENTRAL**

Head coach: Joe Stafford, 13th season. League affiliation: Catholic League (Central

Last year's dual match record: 3-5-2

Last year's finish: Third, Division 1 regional. Grand Blanc and Ann Arbor Pioneer tournaments: fourth, Holly and Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central tournaments: tied for seventh. Division 1 finals

Notable losses to graduation: Michael Dube (No. 1 singles; All-State; state semifinalist); Jesse Jenter, David Killian, Nick Landi, Austin Beyer, Matt



Leading returnees: Steve Magagna, Sr.; Andrew Hijaouy, Sr.; Tommy Dooley, Sr.; Tommy Swad, Sr.; Caleb

Promising newcomers: Jake Hermann, Jr.; Brendan Allen, Jr.

Roberts, Soph.

Stafford's 2014 season

outlook: "Our league is always important to us, the Catholic League. We want to finish at 'states' as high as we can. We'll have some new people on the team that we'll try to develop and coach up. We want to try and continue to get better each and every day, and really create great memories for these guys so when they look back when they're older, they'll say, 'Hey, high school tennis was a great experience for me.' I'd like my kids to do that some day."

Promising new-

Stetson's 2014 season outlook: "We return

#### **NETTERS**

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reached the semifinals in Midland last year, but seven of the eight players graduated, with the only exception being sophomore Daniel Yu at No. 3 doubles.

"You're looking at number one doubles where Andrew Ying won a state title at four singles as a sophomore, then played doubles the last two vears," Hanson said. "Michael Chang played varsity for four years. They were all-state last

"(Shashank) Chitta and Kevin (Xu) played three and four years, respectively. The other kids, because we had so much depth over the years -Tim Lu, David Mehl and Raymond Wen – those three bid their time. They played on JV for three years, but it wasn't because of a lack of talent. When they played last year, they obviously made a major contribution.'

#### **Tough opponents**

Novi, 9-1 last year with its only dual match loss to Division 3 state champion Detroit Country Day, will be tested early and often with an ambitious schedule.

'We play all the top 10 teams and we host one tournament where we have Ann Arbor Huron, Birmingham (Brother Rice), Troy and Novi. which have been the top four teams in Division 1,' Hanson said. "That's a ministate tournament."

But it appears Hanson certainly has the firepower this season to compete with the state's best.

Wang, a qualifier for the USTA Boys 18 Nationals this summer in Kalamazoo, is coming off a 34-1 high school season. The senior, a Columbia University commit, is the school's best player since Mark McGrew earned a trip to the 1992 USTA Boys Nationals in Kalamazoo McGrew later played at Northern Illinois.

"There are a lot of good players in the state, but what makes Tim so good is that he loves to compete," Hanson said. "He's very consistent and he plays the big points extremely well. He's quick on his feet. He's played in the national tournaments, the 16s last year and the 18s this year. He's that caliber of player. He'll have his work cut out for him. Three of the top four kids from last year from the (Division 1) state tournament are back."

#### Singles standouts

Wang's only loss in 35 matches last year was to Northville's Connor Johnston, the state runner-up, in a dual encounter. Wang had a 3-1 advantage over Johnston, the Boys 16 Midwest Closed singles runner-up and doubles champ, along with being a Kalamazoo qualifier.

The two met in the prep state finals last year, with Wang prevailing, 6-1, 6-3.

"Those are fun matches to watch and coach," Hanson said. "Tim will have his work cut out for him, but he's very coachable and extremely hard worker in the off-season. He's played number one singles all three years so far and this is fourth at number one and you get everybody's best player."

Meanwhile, Kondapi and Anderson, both juniors, give Novi's 2014 squad even more cache. They posted records of 35-1 and 32-5, respectively at Nos. 3 and 4 singles, en route to KLAA, regional and state championships.

Liu, a senior currently sidelined with a wrist injury, also finished 26-8 at No. 2 while winning the KLAA and regional singles crowns as

#### Talented frosh

And throw in Wen, who is 51-8 in USTA matches during the past 12 months and ranked No. 3 in SEMTA and the Wildcats will field a lineup to be reckoned with.

Novi Detroit Catholic Central finished seventh in last year's Division 1 standings,

while Northville placed 15th. Northville, led by Johnston, returns three of its top singles players along with seven in doubles after finishing second in the regional and KLAA 'A'

Tournament. "We have plenty of depth. We will just have to find the right combination to help us make a run at the state tournament," Northville coach Matt Stetson said. "If each player has made expected improvements since last season, we should be very strong this year. We finished 15th at states last year and I don't see any reason why we couldn't finish in the top 10 or even five with the right draws at states. We finished fourth in the state two years ago, so many of the guys know what it takes to make a solid run in the postseason."

#### Shamrocks ready

Meanwhile, Catholic Central will be without four-year stalwart Michael Dube, who was a state semifinalist at No. 1 singles and a Kalamazoo qualifier in 2013, has taken his talents to Michigan State.

Coach Joe Stafford, who guided CC to the 2010 Division I team title, is in a rebuilding mode led by senior Steve Magagna.

"We want to finish at states as high as we can," Stafford said. "We'll have some new people on the team that we'll try to develop and coach up.'

Once again, it will be no cakewalk to even get out of the Novi regional this fall.

CC finished high in the states three or four years ago and just dropped off a little bit," Hanson said. "They'll reload. Northville has a lot of kids back and they've got Connor Johnston, one of the best players in the state in all classes.

"We've had good teams overall and obviously this is the hotbed of tennis, the regionals in this area. CC and Northville are always going to be there, so you have to compete with them.'

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# 'It's in the hole!'



Northville's Nicholas Tokarz, who took second in his age group in the First Tee Foundation's US Kids Open with a 42, used an 8-iron to ace the 75-yard, No. 8 hole July 18 at White Lake Oaks Golf Course. The youngster took up the game about three years ago, when the family was transferred to Mexico due to his father's job with American Axle. Both Nicholas and his sister Katelyn joined golf groups after the family recently moved back to Northville. KAREN TOKARZ

# REAL ESTATE

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Younger buyers are entering the real estate market in the Midwest with an improving economy.  ${ t GETTY}$ 

# JOB MARKET GROWTH **HELPS MORE MIDWEST** MILLENNIALS BUY HOMES

First-time homebuyers have been largely absent from the housing market in the current economic recovery, but some metropolitan areas - particularly in the Midwest and West – are well positioned to see increases in home-buying from the Millennial generation in upcoming years, according to new research by the National Association of Realtors.

NAR analyzed current housing conditions, job creation and population trends in metropolitan statistical areas across the U.S. to determine the best markets for aspiring, leading edge millennial homebuyers. Austin, Texas, and Salt Lake City were identified as top standouts for millennials for having a young adult population with solid job growth rates and still relatively affordable home prices. Seven of the 10 metro areas recognized are in the Midwest and West.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says the homeownership rate for young adults under the age of 35 peaked in 2005 (43 percent) and fell to 36 percent in the first quarter of

"Limited job prospects, student debt and flat wage growth have combined with tight credit conditions and low inventory to price millennials out of some of the top cities such as New York and San Francisco," he said. "However, NAR research finds that there are other metro areas millennials are moving to where job growth is strong and homeownership is more attainable. These markets are well-positioned to soon experience a rise in first-time buyers as the economy improves.'

NAR analyzed 100 metro areas that have a large millennial presence, solid local job market conditions and strong migration patterns of young adults moving to that particular area to determine the best purchase prospects for young buyers. Housing affordability and inventory availability

were also considered. The best purchase markets for aspiring Millennial homebuyers are (listed alphabetically):

- » Dallas » Denver

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» Salt Lake City » Seattle Other markets with strong potential for attracting millen-

» Minneapolis

» New Orleans

» Ogden, Utah

» Des Moines, Iowa

» Grand Rapids, Mich.

- nial homebuyers include: » Madison, Wis » Nashville, Tenn.
  - » Omaha, Neb.
  - » Raleigh, N.C. » Washington, D.C.

NAR President Steve Brown , co-owner of Irongate Inc., Realtors in Dayton, Ohio, said favorable affordability in these

markets will ultimately be met with inevitable life milestones to increase homebuying activ-

"Millennials will eventually settle down, trade their roommates for spouses and want to raise a family," he said. "As long as median income continues to support purchasing power in most areas, the demand and opportunity will be there for millennials to purchase their first home with guidance and insights from a Realtor.'

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#### **HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE** TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 7-11, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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27875 Berrywood Ln	<b>\$83,</b> 000	44040 Durson St	<b>\$149,</b> 000
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<b>39132</b> Downs Ct	<b>\$3</b> 50 <b>,</b> 000	24230 N Le Bost	<b>\$175,</b> 000
38244 French Pond	\$340,000	24700 Olde Orchard St	\$107,000
37416 Glengrove Dr	<b>\$8</b> 0,000	21850 Shadybrook Dr	\$275,000
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30115 Kingsway Dr	<b>\$298,</b> 000	1201 Corral Ln	<b>\$288,</b> 000
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FRANKLIN		29245 Guy St	<b>\$129,</b> 000
31850 Brandingham Rd	\$724,000	28729 Marshall St	<b>\$58,</b> 000
27217 Gardenway Rd	\$175,000	18218 Melrose Ave	\$120,000
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919 Duke	<b>\$119,</b> 000	WHITE LAKE	
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314 S Main St	\$180,000	9062 Rhyan Rd	\$154,000
657 Woodside Dr	\$180,000	1394 Waverly Dr	<b>\$162,</b> 000
NORTHVILLE			

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#### **HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE** TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 28 to May 2, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities addresses, and sales prices.

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# Counsel should review senior cohabitation agreement

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A: Shared housing and communal living are becoming increasingly attractive options among seniors because of the numerous benefits: inexpensive rent, shared responsibilities, resource-efficiency, independence and companionship. Shared housing is generally defined as two or more unrelated people sharing a home. There are two main types: match-up programs which allow homeowners an opportunity to rent out vacant bedrooms following a screening-matching process and/ or shared living residences also known as communal living arrangements where homes have multiple tenants, each with a private bedroom, sometimes a private bathroom and shared private common areas. In any event, it is imperative that you have a cohabitation agreement before entering into one of these agreements and have counsel review any living arrangement into which you enter.

#### Q: I am a senior citizen and I am questioning whether I should make a conveyance of my home to my children to avoid Medi-care taking my property. What is your answer?

A: My answer is that this is an extremely complex question which should take into consideration a whole host of factors with which you should consult a lawyer who specializes in elder law. For example, you need to consider the following. 1) Which legal rights on the property will be lost in the transfer and which ones retained: 2) Is the conveyance a gift and, if so, of what value, and what will be the Medicaid transfer penalty; 3) Will any tax benefits be lost; 4) Will your financial ability to remain in the home be in jeopardy due to a shortage of liquid assets and the loss of ability to draw out the equity in the home via such vehicles as a reverse mort-



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gage; 5) will this transfer disrupt your estate plan by disproportionately shifting assets; and, 6) will this transaction cause existing mortgages to be called? Will it really remove the risk of a future Medicaid lien? These are some of the answers that you need to get from competent legal

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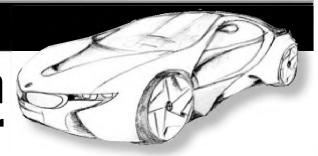
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#### Car Report

## All-New Acura TLX Performance Sedan & May Be Hit the Company Is Looking For





By Dale Buss

American Honda could use a jolt, as sales of both Honda and Acura brands have suffered this year even amid a continued boom in the U.S. car market. Mike Accavitti hopes that jolt will come in the form of the all-new Acura TLX luxury-performance

sedan that the Honda-owned premium brand will begin advertising this week and start selling in September.

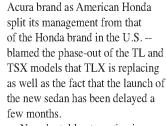
Honda sales declined by 1 percent through June in the United States in a pretty robust market where major competitors continue to thrive. Honda has a relatively aged fleet and no huge product launches this year. So among other things, the brand is making a bigger deal of summertime clearance sales than many rivals and just completed a fun social-media based model-closeout campaign, "#Cheerance," early this month.

"Last year we had the best summer event and July on record for the brand," Susie Rossick, senior manager for American Honda, told me. "So we've had success with this emphasis."

Honda's summer clearance event was all about social media, with videos, memes, GIFs and visual jokes as well as an effort to get hits so that Honda would donate \$100,000 to the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation.

It also involved TV, print, digital and radio advertising, featuring skits and other brand-light scenarios designed to spread "unprecedented cheer" and connect "with as many people as we can in five days," Rossick said.

But Acura's TLX looks like a much better bet to make a material difference to the company's sales this year. Acura sales were down by 2 percent in the first half and plunged by 21 percent in June alone compared with a year earlier. For this disappointing turn, Accavitti -- who recently became chief of the



Now, he told automotive journalists, the aim of introducing the all-new TLX is nothing less than restoring Acura's once-respectable place in the luxury-sedan segment as it joins the flagship new RLX sedan that was introduced last year. He's putting Acura's biggest-ever marketing campaign behind the TLX launch.

"It's going to get us back into the mid-size performance sedan market," Accavitti said. The quality and technology in the vehicle including advanced handling aids, as well as the unprecedented marketing outlays, he said, indicate that "we're turning our attention to sedans" while the brand's MDX crossover continues to outsell all other Acura vehicles combined.

In fact, Accavitti would love to see TLX duplicate the success of MDX. Sales of the crossover so far this year are 55 percent ahead of the version it replaced last year, he said. And so far, Accavitti reported, Acura has fielded 40,000 "handraisers" who "actually want to be contacted by dealers" once TLX is available.

"That's twice what we had for MDX," he said. "So we're antici-

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About one-third of total advertising outlays for the campaign will be digital, said Ed Beadle, Acura's senior marketing manager, fitting the financially-flush Millennials who are TLX's juiciest target and who have never seen a must-have Acura sedan. Audi, with its new A3 compact sedan, and Mercedes-Benz, with its equally compact CLA sedan, are after a big part of the same crowd.

Social activations include creation of bite-sized videos that are designed to target different types of customers. Acura will run a massive video "road block" on Facebook with TLX videos reaching nearly 100 percent of users beginning in early September.

On Twitter, Acura will run a unique Twitter Cards execution that will allow users to design a car directly within a Tweet, while New Yorker contributing illustrators will be creating custom illustrations on social media "Thrillustrations."

The model will also be featured at the New Yorker Festival in October and the Sundance Institute NextFest film festival this month in Los Angeles, among other experiential-marketing gambits.

Analysts say that Honda's future-product pipeline may be somewhat more robust than the industry average, reportedly including a new version of the Honda Pilot large SUV for 2016 and a major overhaul of the Odyssey minivan for 2017.

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Announcements

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LIFETIME SALEM NORTHVILLE SALE Aug 22-24, 10am-4pm. Packed Pole Barn, Garage, & Home! tools, '52 tractor, arts & crafts supplies, vintage china, vintage clothing, tons of books, framed art. pwr

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Bloomfield Village: Huge 48301. Kids clothes boys/girls (boutique, Justice, Gap, Nike Und. Armour, N. Face), 2 Pow-er Wheels, toys, sports equip. furn., putt green, housewares Garage/Moving Sales

BRIGHTON-Christmas in Aug. Halloween too! lots of personal & household items, 8/15-8/23 10-5pm. 5466 Military Ave BRIGHTON FREE CAR WASH AT: Brighton Christian Church, 1309 Buno Rd. Sun., Aug. 14, 11a-12:30p. Please: NO

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ESTATE SALE: 8/21 - 8/24, 10-5pm. 24626 Graham, Redford. Cash only. No early birds, no purses.

FOWLERVILLE - Jewelry Craft Sale! 6500 W. Sharpe RD. Fri. Aug. 22, 1p-5p Sat. Aug. 23, 10a-2p. Bracelets, necklaces & earrings. \$5-\$12. **HOWELL** - Garage sale: art teacher supp's/books., horse equip., antiques, sheep/alpaca

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MILDFORD -4 Family Sale Thurs.-Sat., Aug. 21-23, 9a-5p. 887 W Maple Rd. 5p. 887 W Maple nu. Collectibles, birds, fum. pop-up camper. New Christmas decor. sporting goods and lots more!

MILFORD: Berwyck On The Park Sub Sale. 3 miles N of I-96 at S. Milford Rd & Buno. Aug. 21-23, 9a-5p. Furniture household goods, toys, etc.

MILFORD - EVERYTHING MUST GO! Crafts, beads, ect. Thurs -Sat 9a to 5p Aug. 21st-23st 845 E. Liberty st.

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NORTHVILLE-gar./moving household goods, furniture, table saw, etc. Aug. 22-23. 9-5pm 47104 Red Oak Dr.

NOVI: 41300 Singh Blvd, 9 Mi & Meadowbrook. Fri-Sat., Aug. 22-23, 9-5. 3 Family - Furn., 2 dining sets, hockey equip. moving & redecorating sale

#### **Garage/Moving Sales**

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Many applicants focus their efforts on large companies, because they either are attracted to the idea of working for a household name or believe these companies have more openings. Yet pursuing employment opportunities with smaller companies can be a wise move.

Before you begin sending your resume to every small employer with an opening, however, make sure you'd be a good fit for the company.

Small businesses often have very defined corporate cultures, and working at a mom-and-pop shop can be different than working at a larger company.

The ideal candidates for roles with small businesses often have these traits:

#### An entrepreneurial mindset.

By definition, small and midsize companies have fewer people to tackle projects, oversee initiatives and move things forward. As a result, employees need to be self-starters who can work on their own and think creatively about business solutions.

#### The ability to collaborate.

It's hard to get any job if you aren't a team player, but in a small business, your ability to work and get along with colleagues is absolutely essential.



The most effective employees can advance their ideas, but not at the expense of working relationships.

In addition, you should possess excellent listening skills and an upbeat personality. When you're working with the same tight-knit group every day, a negative attitude can easily affect the entire team.

#### A willingness to do it all.

If you're a veteran of a large employer, you're probably accustomed to having someone in IT address your computer issues and asking the department's administrative assistant to order more office supplies. At a small company, however, you may not be able to call upon these same resources. Are you comfortable

attending to all tasks, both large and small? And are you willing to help others who need a hand?

#### A focus on customer service.

Every client counts for a small business. You'll need strong interpersonal skills to provide great service and ensure customer satisfaction. A small company may not be a place in which you'd thrive if you get annoyed by the small or "irrational" demands of clients.

#### A passion for the job.

Small employers seek employees who don't merely punch the clock. They want people who show a true interest in and commitment to the bigger picture and understand the correlation

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Working for a small business offers many rewards, including autonomy, the opportunity to make large contributions, a chance to assume significant responsibility and often a family-type atmosphere that may be hard to find elsewhere. If you possess the right skills and mindset, working for a small business could be an excellent career move.

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