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NYBL closing day

More than 1,000 people are expected to attend Novi Youth Baseball League closing day starting at 9 a.m. Saturday at ITC Park (northeast corner of Napier and Eight Mile roads). This year, more than 430 local players participated in the Pinto, Mustang, Bronco and Pony divisions. There will be four division championship games and four all-star games. Detroit Tigers mascot Paws will throw out the first pitch; hot dogs, chips and drinks will be served.

Choralaires seek new members

Join the Novi Choralaires, a community chorus of men and women from Novi and the surrounding area. The upcoming season is September through December with rehearsals 7:30-9:30 p.m. each Tuesday. Rehearsals will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 9 and 16 in the Novi Middle School choir classroom (4900 W. 11 Mile). For more information, visit www.novichoralaires.org.



The Festival of the Chariots features a parade, traditional Indian dancing, a vegetarian feast and a marketplace. The towering chariot pictured here is being pulled along the road by dozens and dozens of followers manning its ropes. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

FESTIVAL OF CHARIOTS SHOWCASES INDIA'S CULTURE

Novi event Saturday along 10 Mile, at Fuerst Park

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The 29th annual Festival of Chariots – or Michigan Ratha Yatra – will again be held in Novi, featuring a 40-foot chariot being pulled through the streets. It's based on an ancient Indian festival.

The event is from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 19. The parade will begin at the Novi Civic Center, on 10 Mile east of Beck Road, with the three-mile trek concluding at Fuerst Park at 10 Mile and Taft.

"Right now, we are looking at about 7,000 people," said Ganesh Kathiresan of Novi, an organizer who handles media. Those of all cultures can learn more about India through dance, yoga, food and more.

DETAILS

The Festival of Chariots is observed as one of the most important yearly events in the Vaishnava-Hindu faith. The festival celebrates Lord Krishna's return to Vrindaban. Every year, more than one million people from around the world descend upon Jagannath Puri in India to celebrate. Information is online at www.thefestivalofchariots.com.

The focus for 2014 is to broaden the reach of this festival to match what is taking place in New York, San Francisco and Toronto. More than 10,000 people walk down Fifth Avenue in Manhattan to pull the chariot.

At Fuerst Park, more than 20 tents will be set up with entertainment, a free lunch, yoga, live music and shopping. The Kirtan Yoga Festival will be 2-6 p.m., with artists

from India as well as New York. Attendees can do Indian dances then.

"It's a nice thing to have in the community," Kathiresan said. "We just want to keep extending the reach."

New to Novi this year is a Festival of Colors, Kathiresan said, including face painting or putting color on a friend or spraying the color. "It's just sort of fun," he said. That's been popular in other U.S. states such as Utah.

He agreed folks from all walks of life enjoy the Festival of Chariots.

"Basically, there is a tradition behind this festival," Kathiresan said. "There's plenty of stuff for all ages. You don't have to be of Indian background to enjoy the festival."

Kathiresan and other organizers appreciate local officials who attend, as well as all the hard-working volunteers. It's an all-volunteer effort.

"It requires a lot of coordination and planning," he said.

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Local high school students exceed state test score averages

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

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

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

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



Matthews

Kay Gallagher said.

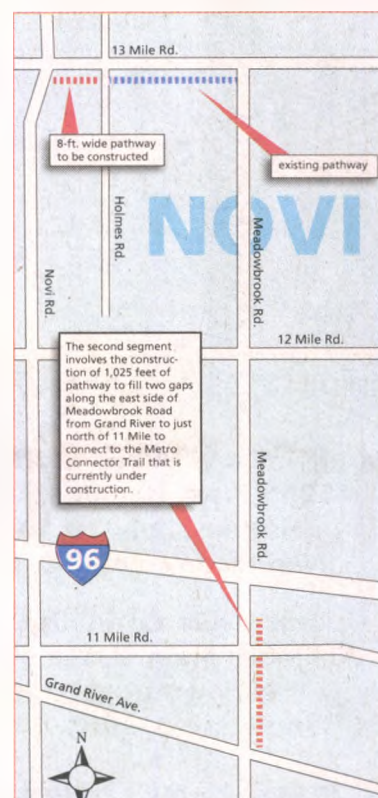
Novi Superintendent Steve Matthews agreed.

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

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

In addition, the MME includes a free WorkKeys job skills assessment that evaluates students' education and job opportunities, as well as core subject area assessments that measure student knowl-

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Novi getting better connected

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

On a drive around Novi, it's very apparent residents like using the roadside pathways. Many will be happy to know more connections will be made this summer in the city's 2014 Pathway Gap Program.

With the full approval of the Novi City Council, a \$263,923 contract was awarded to Audia Concrete Construction of Milford for construction of pathways in two areas of the city. Interim City Manager Victor Cardenas said this is an annual program, which has the city working to become interconnected.

Novi currently has more than 200 miles of pathways and sidewalks.

This latest project includes the third year of the Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Implementation as recommended by the ADA Compliance Transition Plan adopted in March 2011 and funded in Novi's 2013-14

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fiscal year Capital Improvement Plan.

"This annual program is intended to address high-priority areas (high pedestrian usage and areas where pathway

barriers exist) and includes improvements along 13 Mile at the intersections of East Lake Drive, Plateau Drive and Le Grand Boulevard," Public Services Director Rob Hayes said in his recommendation.

The ADA Compliance Transition Plan provides a long-term plan for

bringing the city's public sidewalks and other related facilities into compliance with ADA requirements.

The first segment involves the construction of an eight-foot wide concrete pathway along the south side of 13 Mile between Novi Road and Holmes Drive. This com-

pletes the sidewalk connection along 13 Mile from Meadowbrook to Novi roads.

The second segment is the construction of 1,025 feet of pathway to fill two gaps along the east side of Meadowbrook, from Grand River Avenue to just north of 11 Mile. This will connect to the Metro

Connector Trail, which is currently under construction.

The segment between the Metro Connector Trail and 11 Mile will be 10-foot wide asphalt to make a shared use connection between the proposed 10-foot wide pathway along the north side of 11 Mile and the 1-275/Metro

Connector. The new pathway segments between 11 Mile and Grand River will be six-foot wide concrete.

Cardenas said it's anticipated that the project will be completed by this fall.

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Lakeshore fun



Eva Cox, 3, plays on the beach June 27 at Novi's Lakeshore Park as grandmother Louise Bragg looks on. The park is open seven days a week, free to Novi residents, and is located on the south shore of Walled Lake. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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edge in math, science, social studies and persuasive writing not covered in the ACT and WorkKeys tests.

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

Novi

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

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

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

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

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

"These scores show that we are working hard to ensure that our students will continue to be well prepared for life beyond Novi High School," Matthews said.

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

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

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

STEVE MATTHEWS
Novi Community Schools superintendent

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

Second, not all of the students are being successful.

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

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

"We use the NWEA MAP assessment in grades K-10. We will compare the results of the MME with the NWEA to see if we are getting consistent results," he said.

They will also compare these results to their own internal accountability system - tests that Novi's teachers create.

Northville

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

Gallagher said the

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

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

In comparison, the statewide average ACT composite score for the March test was 19.8, with 17.8 percent of Michigan students deemed college-ready as defined by the ACT. The highest score for the ACT is 36.

According to the state Department of Education, the college readiness score is the percentage of students meeting the ACT college benchmark in all ACT-tested subjects (English, reading, mathematics and science).

"Proficiency in a content area is determined through a variety of student assessments over an extended period of time. The MME is one tool used by our educators to help map out each student's progress," Gallagher said. "While these improved scores are encouraging, particularly in the areas of social studies, math and science - which have been a focus for the district over the past several years - we will continue to place an emphasis on all core subject areas as we look to next year's school improvement plan with the goal of better preparing students for college and career."

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Judge Powers to fight misconduct allegations

By L.L. Brasier
Gannett Michigan

A Novi district judge, accused of falsifying his expense accounts and failing to show up for work, has pledged to fight the charges during an upcoming hearing, now set for Sept. 3.

Judge Dennis Powers, a Highland resident who has been on the bench since 1998, faces eight allegations by the Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission, that, if proven, could end his career. Among them are that he was reimbursed several thousand dollars in mileage for trips he took unrelated to his job and that he attended conferences when he should have been on the bench.



Novi District Court Judge Dennis Powers.

Powers filed a 100-page response earlier this month denying any wrongdoing, saying the conferences, including real estate seminars and sessions on credit unions, made him a better judge. He said he also attended civic events, like the American Legion Flag

Day and meetings of the Incorporated Society of Irish American Lawyers, that he considered part of his duty as a community leader.

"They forgot I was a Marine and I'm not going without a fight," Powers said Monday, adding that he has repaid money for the mileage once he was made aware it was improper. "There is nothing about me being a poor judge in that complaint. So maybe they can get me for poor record keeping, but that's it."

Powers said he has been hampered in preparing his defense because dozens of records, including his calendars and mileage forms, were stolen from his chambers shortly before a local TV reporter confronted him in the parking lot of the courthouse and asked him

about his travel and expenses. "It's clear it was somebody on the inside," Powers said. "It makes it hard to defend yourself."

Powers said he was sometimes late getting to work because he has a seriously ill wife and disabled son, but that he always made the time up, working late into the evening.

The hearing, to be held in Oakland County Circuit Court, is expected to last several days. The Judicial Tenure Commission has appointed attorney Michael Sapala as special master to hear the case. Sapala will then make his recommendation to the Michigan Supreme Court.

Powers' term on the three-member bench expires in 2016.

Judge calls Novi dad who slaughtered family 'an evil human being' at sentencing

By L. L. Brasier
Gannett Michigan

A judge July 10 sharply dismissed a father's claim that he was mentally ill when he murdered his wife and two children in their Novi condo more than five years ago by slashing their throats.

"I think you're most wholly, completely and utterly selfish," Oakland County Circuit Judge Nanci Grant told Lakshminivasa Nerusu, as he stood shackled in jail garb, before she sentenced him to life in prison without parole. "That doesn't make you mentally ill, that makes you an evil human being."

Nerusu, 46, an unemployed software programmer, slaughtered his family members one by one Oct. 13 2008, stabbing his wife, Jayalakshmi, 37, more than 50 times that morning. He then waited for his children to come home from school, slashed the throat of his daughter, Tejasvi, 14, and minutes later attacked his 12-year-old son, Siva, as he arrived home.

After the killings, Nerusu fled to India. He was extradited in 2013 and charged with three counts of first-degree murder.



Nerusu

Jurors convicted Nerusu in June following a week-long trial and two hours of deliberation. Nerusu had said the stress of being unemployed

prompted his insanity, but doctors who examined him found no mental illness. Assistant Prosecutor Tricia Dare told jurors that Nerusu wanted to return to India and found his family to be an inconvenience.

Nerusu did not speak at his sentencing, but in a report provided to the judge Nerusu wrote that he believed he was the victim of a conspiracy among psychiatrists, his previous defense attorney and his brothers to cover up his insanity.

"I am not responsible for the incident," he wrote. "I was insane at the time of the incident." He demanded an investigation.

Grant, a judge for 18 years, told Nerusu that she has handled hundreds of murder cases.

"None of them affected me like this one did," she said.

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Member of ICP vows to fight government

ACLU lawsuit cites rights of band, fans

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

A Farmington Hills band member of Insane Clown Posse has vowed to keep fighting the government, following the dismissal of a lawsuit by the rap-metal duo — and fans known as Juggalos — who claim they have been targeted by police because of jewelry or tattoos with the group's symbol, a man running with a hatchet.

"This is not the end. We'll keep fighting to clear the Juggalo family name," Hills resident Joseph Bruce, also known as Violent J, said in a statement released by the ACLU, which filed the original lawsuit this past January on behalf of the Juggalos and band members.

U.S. District Judge Robert Cleland dismissed the lawsuit, claiming the federal government cannot be blamed for repercussions from a 2011 FBI report that put a gang tag on fans of the music group.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, along with Insane Clown Posse, appealed Cleland's order dismissing the Juggalos' case against the Department of Justice and Federal Bureau



Farmington Hills resident Joseph Bruce, also known as Violent J (left), and Joseph Utsler, a.k.a. Shaggy 2 Dope, members of Insane Clown Posse, address the media Jan. 8 in Detroit. GANNETT MICHIGAN

of Investigation.

"The only way to remedy this injustice for all innocent Juggalos is to start with the root of the problem — the FBI's arbitrary and erroneous branding of hundreds of thousands of music fans as gang members," said Michael J. Steinberg, ACLU of Michigan legal director. "There is no doubt that the FBI created this problem and the solution begins there as well. Otherwise, we'll be playing whack-a-mole to stop local law enforcement agencies from discriminating against our clients, when the agencies are just following the FBI's lead."

In July 2000, Bruce and Joseph Ulster (a.k.a. Shaggy 2 Dope) organized the inaugural Gathering of the Juggalos at the Novi Expo Center.

Described by Bruce as a "Juggalo Woodstock," this three-day music festival featured games, seminars, contests, sideshows and performances by Psychopathic Records artists.

In its lawsuit, the ACLU, on behalf of Juggalos, claimed that their constitutional rights to expression and association were violated.

Cleland said the U.S. Justice Department is not responsible for how authorities use a national report on gangs.

The report "does not recommend any particular course of action for local law enforcement to follow and instead operates as a descriptive, rather than prescriptive, assessment of nationwide gang trends," Cleland said in a 14-page opinion last week.

The FBI report labeled the Juggalos as a "loosely organized hybrid gang." It said those who identify as Juggalos have committed assaults and vandalism, while a "small number" of them have engaged in more serious crimes. There is no mention of them in the latest report.

"While it is easy to fear what one does not understand, discrimination and bigotry against any group of people is just plain wrong and un-American," Bruce said.



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Novi Youth Assistance volunteers helped lead local teens through a financial reality simulation at the Teen Center, which was put on by Community Financial.

Novi teens learn about finances, budgets

By **Lonnie Huhman**
 Staff Writer

A group of Novi teens got a look into their financial futures recently while participating in the Financial Reality Fair, put on by the Novi Youth Assistance's Teen Center and Community Financial.

"It's fun to plan for the future, but a lot of this is new to me," said Alexis Fahey, 13. "Learning how to cover all your important costs with the money you have is tough."

Community Financial made a visit to the Teen Center again this summer to help teach teens the value of money. The group from Community Financial set up an interactive real-life financial scenario for students to explore and have fun with, while learning about good and bad

ways to spend money. "It's a great, hands-on way to learn about financial responsibility in the real world," said Natalie McLaughlin, Community Financial's senior education partnership coordinator. "It has a big impact on the kids because they see the challenges and rewards of good planning and budgeting."

The teens all picked a profession from a list of at least 10 and with that role they were assigned an annual salary. They learned quickly that not all professions earn the same amount. The lawyer earned an annual salary of \$43,000, while the restaurant manager brought in \$30,000.

From there, taxes were taken out and a credit score was given. The big challenge was making it work within their assigned budget

and covering monthly costs.

Stations were set up, allowing the teens to explore the different things they would have to pay for. From housing to transportation, Internet and TV as well as food, they learned that a lot goes into life.

"I like this. It's fun to try and make everything balance," Alexis said.

McLaughlin said even though this activity is a two-hour simulation, the teens do away with new perspectives.

"It's a simulation, but it gives them a good understanding on what a budget means and hopefully they can go on to learn more before they enter adulthood," she said.

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Walled Lake student hosts party for Detroit youth

Clifford Smart Middle School student Caleb White has decided to help students in Detroit who cannot afford to get ready to go back to school by throwing a back-to-school party from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 23 at the Beulah First Missionary Church in Detroit.

At the party, local students can receive free haircuts, manicures, food and backpacks full of school supplies.

White knew he needed to get a lot of support for this project, so he sent an email to Dan Gilbert, chairman and founder of Rock Ventures and Quicken Loans Inc. Much to White's surprise, Gilbert responded and copied the CEOs of his family of companies asking them to help as well. White was called in for a meeting where CEOs, directors and executives from all over Detroit came to discuss his project. Two companies that have taken on leading roles on this project are dPOP! and Chalkfly.

White was also set up with designers and made a logo for The Caleb White Project.

"I have never had to worry about going back to school without all of the stuff I need," Caleb said. "I don't think any kid should have to. We need to help others so that they can focus on school. I think we should always try to give more than we receive and expect nothing in return."

To contribute to the event, Chalkfly.com has a registry up and running in Caleb White's name where supplies can be purchased. If you are interested in participating, you may choose to have all of the supplies shipped to: Clifford Smart Middle School, 8500 Commerce Road, Commerce, MI 48382.

Call 248-956-3500 for information.

In order to make sure that all supplies are delivered to Clifford Smart MS in time, Aug. 15 is the last day that to order through Chalkfly.com.

The Caleb White Project team plans to have slushy machines, bounce houses and everything possible to make this event fun and get kids ready to go back to school.

For more information, contact Judy Evola at judyevola@wlcsc.org; Melissa Kennedy, Caleb's mother, at 248-513-1930 or visit <http://chalkfly.com/giftregistry/view/index/id/20932fbc3f867b880266d9c0a404fac7/>

Novi Northville Montessori Center enrollment

Novi Northville Montessori Center is accepting applications for 2014-15 enrollment. Classroom tours will be 9:30-10:30 a.m. July 23.

Children must be 2½ years old (30 months) and completely potty trained. The center offer five full days, five half days and three full days Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday only.

Visit www.novinorthvillemontessoricntr.com or call 248-348-3033 for more information.

WLCSO offers free preschool programs

A free summer preschool for income-eligible children who will be enrolled in kindergarten in fall 2014 is available now. Classes are at the Walled Lake Community Education Center and run Monday through Thursday, through Aug. 14. Enrollment is ongoing; call 248-956-5091.

The district is also offering free preschool for children living in Walled Lake area for the upcoming school year. Families of four earning up to \$71,500 per year are

always eligible and those earning up to \$90,000 per year are sometimes eligible.

Half- and full-day openings in schools and childcare centers are available.

To enroll, children must be 3 or 4 years old on or before Oct. 1, 2014.

Call 248-956-5089 for a referral or visit wlcsc.org/webpages/preschool for more information.

Community Education Preschool

Registration is open for Novi Community Education Preschool's Young 5's, full-day 4's and half-day preschool programs for 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds. The program has certified teachers and low staff-to-child ratios. Preschool classes follow the Creative Curriculum.

Preschool C.A.R.E. (child care for before and after school) registration is ongoing via www.novicommunityed.org.

For more information about Preschool or C.A.R.E., call the Early Childhood office at 248-449-1713.

Summer C.A.R.E.

Novi Community Education's Summer Child C.A.R.E. is for children ages 3 who have attended one year of preschool up to children going into the eighth grade.

The program ends Friday, Aug. 15. Hours of operation are 6:45 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Students will be placed in age-appropriate groups and will participate in crafts, sports, field trips, games and free play. This year's location will be at the Instructional Technology Building (Novi Meadows), 25425 Taft Road. Lunch and snack are included (except on field trips days).

Registration and scheduling is done at novicommunityed.org. Call 248-449-1713 for more information.

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Art in the Garden open house comes to Tollgate Farm

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

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

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

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

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

There are more than 20 gardens to view, in-



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

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

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

going on.

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

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

This is a rain or shine event with complimen-



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

tary refreshments.

It's from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Tollgate is located at 12 Mile and

Meadowbrook roads.

To learn more about Tollgate, go to www.tollgate.msu.edu.

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

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

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

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

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

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

"It can be very satisfying and interesting to work with tens of thousands of bees to help improve pollination for fruits and vegetables, as well as producing pollen, propolis, wax and honey," Ottoni said.

The hands-on class also includes discussion of the equipment, activities and commitment level required to become a beekeeper. Although



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

the class runs from April through September, beekeeping is a year-round task with each season bringing with it different responsibilities.

This is the fifth year the classes have been held at Tollgate. Classes are usually held on one or two Sundays each month.

Students take away lessons in beekeeping basics like learning to identify hive problems, evaluating and applying corrective measures, adopting a bee management philosophy that aids the bees to combat parasites, diseases and improving their overall beekeeping

skills.

Ottoni's hives are near the front of Tollgate, close to the maintenance building, while the students' hives are at the rear, next to the community gardens. Each year, Ottoni said the bees have become more productive at Tollgate and produce

more honey, which is sold at the farm.

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

their wax. They are truly fascinating."

To learn more about the beekeeping program, stop by Tollgate at 28115 Meadowbrook Road or call 248-347-3860.

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Police warn residents about IRS phone scam

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

The Northville City Police Department is warning residents about a reported phone scam from a caller purporting to be from the Internal Revenue Service. "Our department recently received complaints from citizens regarding IRS phone scams. In the latest scam attempt, a voice mail was left requesting the citizen

call the IRS back at a specific telephone number regarding an unspecified issue," according to a statement from the Northville City Police Department. Police officials say a local woman recently reported the scam. "The citizen, knowing that she had no outstanding issues with the IRS and feeling this was probably a scam, did the right thing by calling our police department and re-

porting the call. We determined that the call was fraudulent," the statement read. In the past year or so, the IRS has warned of similar scams. The agency said victims are told they owe money to the IRS and it must be paid promptly through a pre-loaded debit card or wire transfer. If the victim refuses to cooperate, they are then threatened with arrest, deportation or

suspension of a business or driver's license. In many cases, the caller becomes hostile and insulting. Potential victims have also reported scammers use fake names and IRS badge numbers. They generally use common names and surnames to identify themselves. They may be able to recite the last four digits of a victim's Social Security number. Scammers spoof the IRS toll-free number

on caller ID to make it appear that it's the IRS calling. They sometimes send bogus IRS emails to some victims to support their bogus calls. Victims hear background noise of other calls being conducted to mimic a call site. After threatening victims with jail time or driver's license revocation, scammers hang up and others soon call back pretending to be from the local police or DMV and the call-

er ID supports their claim. Northville police are directing those seeking more information on recognizing IRS scams and what to do if you receive one of these calls or emails to go to <http://www.irs.gov/uac/Newsroom/IRS-Warnings-of-Pervasive-Telephone-Scam>.
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POLICE BRIEFS

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

Montmorency Drive. She told Novi Police the shed doors were closed, but not locked. The woman's son eventually located the Harley after asking around the neighborhood. He was directed to a location and it was later found at a home in which the homeowner reportedly had no clue it was there. That homeowner said a friend had dropped something off that she didn't see. The scooter is still missing.

TOOLS STOLEN
A man had some tools stolen from the bed of his truck while it was parked at the Extended Stay Hotel in Novi. The man reported the theft June 16 to Novi Police. His truck was parked in the lot off of Haggerty Road. At least \$3,500 in tools were taken, including an air compressor and saws. The man told police he was temporarily staying at the hotel. The tools were kept in the truck bed which had a cap on it, but the owner said it could be forced open. There was no evidence found at the scene and no leads in the case.

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

ness. The woman told Novi Police she observed her car's driver side door wide open as she approached it after leaving the gym on High Pointe Boulevard. She said she also heard a car alarm sounding, so she pressed the turn off button on her key chain. A man popped up from her vehicle on the passenger side and immediately left the scene. She gave police a description of the suspect and canceled her cards.

HIGH BLOOD-ALCOHOL
A woman was arrested June 6 for driving while super drunk (0.17 percent or higher blood-alcohol content). Novi Police spotted a vehicle near Beck Road and West Pontiac Trail in which the driver was unable to maintain her lane and crossed the lines several times before being stopped. Upon making contact with the woman, police reported smelling intoxicants within the vehicle as well as seeing some beer bottles on the floor. The woman told police she had been drinking at the Tigers game and a local bar. Police reported her speech being slurred. Her preliminary breathalyzer test registered 0.186 percent.

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

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

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

place around 5:30 p.m. An officer on patrol saw two motorcyclists in the area of Haggerty and Seven Mile. After noticing that neither had license plates, the officer attempted to pull them over. However, when the emergency lights were activated, the Northville man accelerated, heading south on Haggerty. With the officer in pursuit, the man locked up his brakes and attempted to turn west on Six Mile. As he turned he nearly collided with a large box truck, then skidded into a curb before making contact with the truck with his shoulder. He was able to regain control and continued to speed off west on Six Mile.

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

About 10 minutes later, however, another officer was able to locate the second motorcyclist, a 18-year-old Novi man, and pulled him over in the Comerica Bank park-

ing lot at Haggerty and Six Mile. After being questioned, the man told the officer the other man's name and said he had just received a phone call from him. Police were able to get all his information and he ended up turning himself in at the NTPD about 20 minutes later. He was arrested and charged with multiple crimes, including failure to yield to an emergency vehicle, reckless driving, operating a motorcycle without the proper endorsement, no plate, no proof of insurance, running a red light and driving left of center. His parents showed up a short time later and posted the \$300 bail. He was given a July 30 court date.

MARIJUANA POSSESSION
A Livonia man was cited for drug possession at the Northville Downs parking lot. Police reported the 24-year-old man was parked in the lot around 3 a.m., so police checked him out and upon making contact smelled marijuana inside his vehicle. He admitted to police that he had two bags of pot inside the car.

- By Lonnie Huhman and Kurt Kuban

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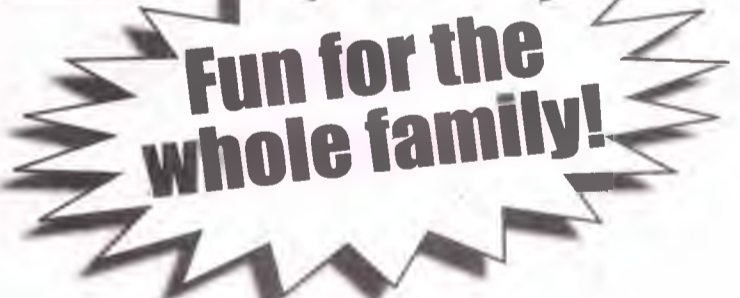
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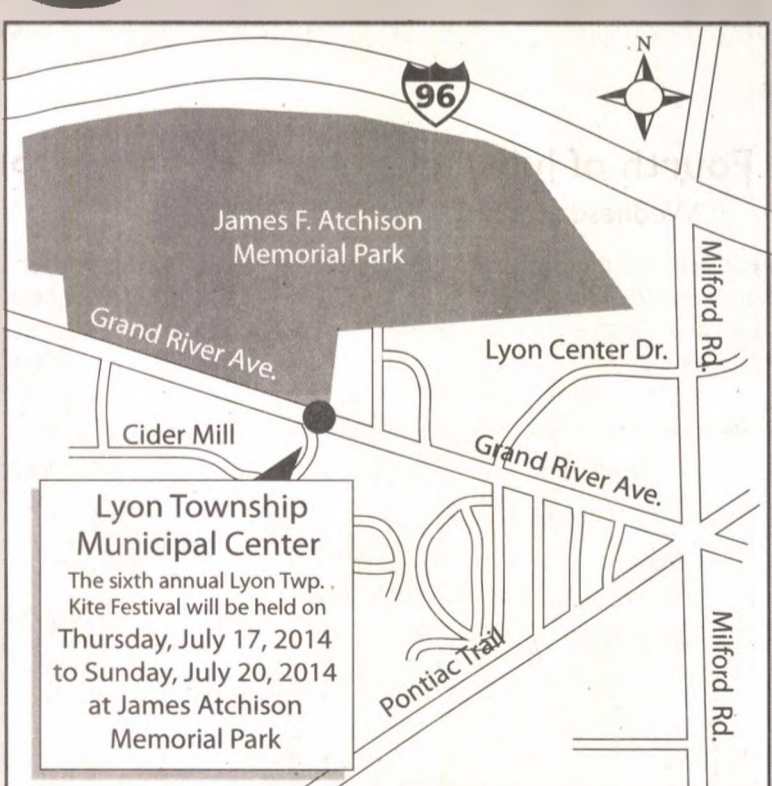
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Donation helps Novi resident take a meaningful trip

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Mahle Industries, Inc., of Farmington Hills, each year give financial assistance to the Manor.

"(Cindy Ferriman) knows there are some many in need here and

for the last three years her efforts have paid off," Berthold said.

Some of this year's donation helped fund Gladys' trip.

"I'm not sure if this

will happen again, but I will make the most of this trip," she said. "I can't wait to see my baby."

The trip was a huge success for her and now

she's back in Novi.

Although she can't see her daughter every day, she can still hear her voice over the phone and will hold on to the dear memories she made this

summer during her trip to North Dakota.

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Wednesday, July 2 | 1:30 pm

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July 11 - 13
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Sunday Brunch & Open House

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Sunday, July 20

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Summer Celebration Open House

Saturday, July 26

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

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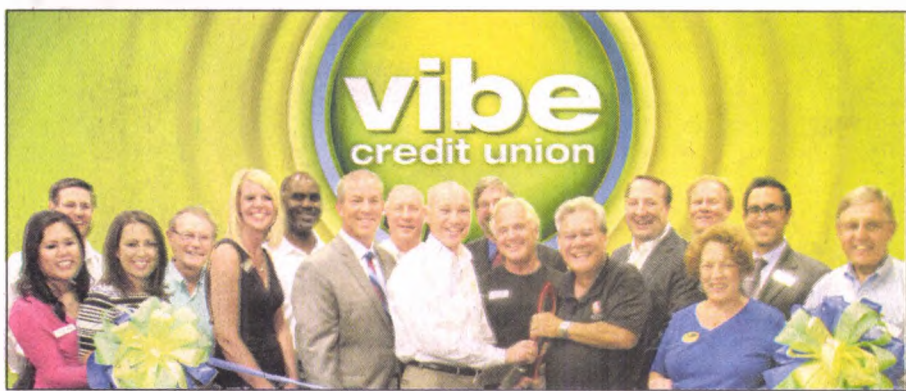
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Vibe expands



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Community Financial backs summer events

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Beaumont executive elected to MHA board

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

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



Sripada

Hospital and Oakwood Healthcare.

He has extensive U.S. and global health care

industry and consulting experience. Before joining Beaumont, he served in a leadership role at PricewaterhouseCoopers, a global management consulting firm, consulting on health information technology and business strategy with U.S. and international clients. He has also held leadership positions at CapGemini, Ernst and Young and Henry Ford

Health System. Sripada earned his bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Osmania University in India and his master's in industrial and systems engineering from Kansas State University.

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

'Friends' will use grant to improve Maybury trails



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

BUSINESS BRIEFS

MRA's Friends of Retail

Michigan Retailers Association announced Friend of Retail designations for the Aug. 5 primary election. Thirty-one state Senate candidates and 71 state House of Representatives candidates earned the title, a designation demonstrating an understanding of the retail industry's priorities and a willingness to work toward solutions, said William J. Hallan, MRA's COO general counsel.

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

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

retail.

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

Library's Business Resource Center offering classes

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

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

11:30 a.m. Aug. 6.

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Next Chapter book signing event

Author Ryan Patrick, a resident of Gross Pointe Shores, will be at the Next Chapter Book Store & Bistro, 141 E. Main St., in downtown Northville signing copies of his book *Amabo: The Bright Mouse in the White House*, 1-2:30 p.m. July 26.

Amabo is an allegorical tale certain to raise questions about the yearning for equality and the promises of prosperity.

Signature sells Wixom space

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VCS, Dell team to upgrade Allen Terrace computers

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

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

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

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

Allen Terrace's technology center has five work stations, which are accessible 24 hours a day to residents, but due to the rapid advancements in technology, the computer lab had fallen be-

hind in functionality. Some residents reached out to the community for help and the word was put out about the need.

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

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

"Dell has been a big help," Marino said.

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



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

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

Various members of VCS will lead these monthly classes.

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

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The City of Northville, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, requests sealed requests for proposals to replace the current fire alarm system of City of Northville Housing Commission - Allen Terrace Apartment Building, located at 401 High Street. All interested bidders should see the application to submit a proposal. Proposal details may be received by contacting: Sherry Necelis, Housing Director, 401 High Street, Northville, MI 48167 (248) 349-8030.

An original proposal and two (3) copies must be submitted by Thursday, August 7, at 2:00 p.m. at which time they will be opened and read to: Dianne Massa, City Clerk, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167. Proposals must be sealed in an envelope marked "PROPOSAL - Allen Terrace - Fire Alarm Replacement". Faxed and emailed proposals will not be considered. The City of Northville reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all proposals and to waive any irregularities in the proposals that are in the best interest of the City of Northville.

Northville City Hall Chamber is handicap accessible. Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs including handicap accessibility or interpreter are requested to contact the housing director at the above number at least 72 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

This is a Federally Funded project. This project mandates bidders must carry commercial general liability coverage of \$2 million.

The Contractor and Subcontractors on this project must comply with HUD contract provisions 24CFR part 85.36(i), the Davis Bacon Act, Nondiscrimination, Equal Employment Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Section 3 requirements, Anti-Kickback Act, Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act and Department of Labor Standards and Regulations as set forth in the Contract Bid Documents. This municipality is an equal opportunity employer; businesses owned by women or minorities are strongly encouraged to bid.

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

An electronic version of this Request for Bid can be obtained from the City's web site.
<http://www.ci.northville.mi.us/Services/PurchasingAndRFPs/ProposalsBids.htm>.

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Northville Public Schools Request for Proposal

July 17, 2014

The Northville Public Schools (also referred to as the District or NPS in these documents) will accept sealed bids for:

Roofing Replacement - 2014

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Roofing Replacement 2014 - BID"

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

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MILL RACE MATTERS

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

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

Weekly events

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

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

Wednesday, July 9: Northville Garden Walk
Thursdays and Fridays: Archives open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

Volunteers

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

Rotary exchange program taking applicants

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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OUR VIEWS

Allow students access to colleges' data

With costs on the rise, information is crucial

When President Barack Obama proposed a pilot program to reimburse doctors and hospitals based on the quality of care they provide, rather than the quantity, many of his supporters lauded the effort.

But now that he is proposing something similar in higher education, some of his backers are crying foul.

In its efforts to control surging college costs, the Obama administration wants to rate colleges on metrics such as how much they cost to attend, how many of their students graduate, how long they take to graduate and how much money graduates earn once they're in the work force.

Initially, this would only be for informational purposes, so students and their parents could make more informed decisions. The average cost of a four-year college has roughly tripled in the past two decades, to nearly \$24,000 for tuition, fees and room and board. At least as much data should be available for that purchase as for a new car.

Eventually, the plan is to link the ratings to grants and loans. More federal aid money would be available to students who attend highly rated schools.

The administration is onto something. Colleges are able to increase costs without consequence largely because easy access to federal aid assures them a steady supply of students, so debt keeps piling up, which is not just a problem for the students. Taxpayers are vulnerable as students default, for instance, and home building is stifled as debt-laden young people resist taking on mortgages.

In that context, it would be irresponsible for the government — as the primary driver of the problem — not to intervene and the Obama plan is mild intervention.

Not surprisingly, many university presidents and academics are protesting the idea. It would, they say, discourage colleges from offering liberal arts degrees, which are not associated with high starting salaries.

Furthermore, they argue, it would cause schools to admit more students who don't need much aid. Schools would look for ways to game the system, much as they do with the *U.S. News & World Report* rankings.

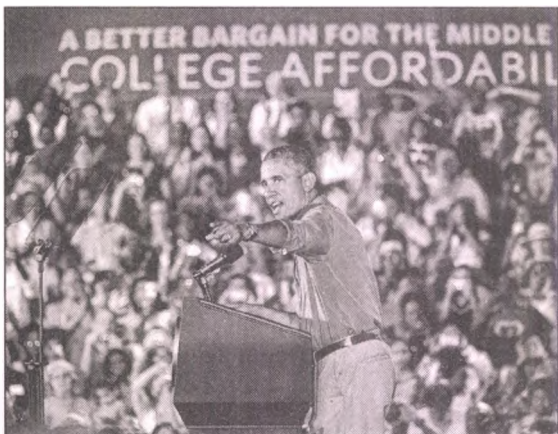
No doubt, these are reasons for concern. But there are 150 billion reasons to hold colleges more accountable, one for each federal tax dollar that universities reap annually in student financial aid.

With that much money sloshing around, colleges can hardly restrain themselves. They spend much of it on things that do not directly assist students. These include professors who spend too little time teaching, money-losing sports programs, ponderous administrative bureaucracies and opulent buildings.

To combat this, the administration wants to make pricing and value more transparent, so students can shop around using information that is not readily available today. If that medicine is not strong enough, it could move on to reduce aid at underperforming schools. But that's an issue for another day.

What's clear is that taxpayer money is being wasted and that colleges aren't going to fix the problem.

The question isn't whether Obama's plan should be tried. It is whether that will be enough.



President Barack Obama delivers remarks Aug. 22, 2013, at Henninger High School in Syracuse, N.Y., during the college affordability bus tour. CHUCK KENNEDY

COMMUNITY VOICE

What do you love about MSU Tollgate Farm?

This question was asked of people on a recent sunny day at the farm on the northwest corner of Meadowbrook and 12 Mile roads. It has 70 acres of open pasture land and hay fields, as well as 40 acres of woods, a pond, an arboretum, well-maintained buildings and horticultural demonstration gardens.



"I love that it promotes farm life and staying connected to nature. We lose some of that in today's society, so a place like this is important."

Darius Fadanelli
Novi



"It's very educational for kids. I volunteered here and got to see all the variety of things it has to offer."

Christopher Fadanelli
Novi



"I love the views. It's a little oasis."

Alicia Molin
Rochester Hills



"It's 160 acres of beautiful land located in a heavily populated area, so it's sort of like a hidden preserve."

Kevin Mercier
Farmington Hills

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stop tax cuts

Constant tax cuts in Michigan are killing our communities. We pay taxes to get roads fixed and other services. This is not happening. Michigan conservative Republicans say, "I'll cut taxes," but then have passed new taxes on our seniors' earned retirement benefits. They won't even consider closing tax loopholes so that the 1 percent pays their fair share.

Main Street is suffering while Wall Street is pulling in record profits. Luckily, Oakland County has a micro loan program for small businesses. Check it out here <http://www.miceed.org>. This is what our small businesses need. This will help the entrepreneurs who will save our economy. The federal government also has a site for small businesses: www.sba.gov.

We need to hear about resources that help and vote out the Republican agenda that works against us. Our next election is Aug. 5. We must hold our legislators accountable and vote for leaders that will stop hurting our communities with false promises of tax cuts. Voters have power and must demand tax fairness.

Colleen Crossey
Novi

Focus on renewables

The Sierra Club was founded in 1892 by John Muir to "explore, enjoy and protect the planet." He took Teddy Roosevelt camping in Yosemite to convince him to set aside wilderness areas in a national park system. We celebrated the Earth long before Earth Day. Since then, the Sierra Club has advocated for wilderness, biodiversity, clean air and clean water for all Americans.

Much has changed since 1892, but we still believe in exploring, enjoying and protecting the planet. We do not think we should go backward and not have electricity, but we do know that we could generate electricity in clean and affordable ways.

Nuclear energy, for example, is dirty and expensive. From uranium mining which devastates communities and leaves behind contaminated soil and water, to hugely expensive (and often unneeded) reactors that create tons of highly-toxic radioactive waste which lasts for hundreds of thousands of years.

Coal plants spew mercury and particulate matter into the air as well as CO2 and other greenhouse gases. Why do we have advisories to not eat Great Lakes fish? Because of mercury

in their bodies generated by coal power plants.

What is the answer? Clean, renewable energy. Both DTE and Consumers Energy have complied with the law requiring that they generate 10 percent of their energy from renewable resources by 2015. The Michigan Public Service Commission has said they can easily do much more. The cost of new coal and nuclear energy is \$108 to \$133 per Mwh, while the cost of wind power is \$43 to \$59 per Mwh. Once the initial infrastructure is in place, electricity from solar and wind sources is extremely cheap, requiring minimal maintenance and no dirty fuels.

Michigan sends \$1.2 billion to other states to buy coal; meanwhile, we are behind many other states in the production of renewable energy. Wind and sunlight cost nothing. Our state has a rich manufacturing history and the infrastructure in place to be a leader in renewable energy generation which will create 44,000 jobs in our state, stabilize long-term energy prices, decrease our dependence on fossil fuels and mitigate our impact on the climate for this and future generations.

Jean Gramlich
chair, Southeast Michigan Group
Sierra Club

GUEST COLUMN

Referee's tragic death sheds light on sports officials' contributions, many challenges

By Francisco A. Villarruel
Guest Columnist

Every year, there are thousands of soccer matches played in Michigan and hundreds of thousands of matches throughout the United States. Regardless of age, matches are played with enthusiasm, excitement and energy. Two teams compete against one another for victory in emotional competition.

Yet in every match, there is a third team — the referee crew. Officials range in age from as young as 14 to as old as 70. As the World Cup competition showed, referees are admonished, blamed, ridiculed and applauded for their contribution to the beautiful game of soccer. Like players, we also compete to succeed — to get to the top of the sport we love.

Unfortunately, there are times when players or fans forget about the game and display their frustrations in a manner that impacts everyone. This is noted in the tragic death of John Bieniewicz, a 44-year-old father who loved officiating youth matches in Michigan. He has been described as the "gentle giant who took pride in telling stories of his two sons" and who accepted willingly youth matches of all ages. He was a teacher, a coach, a role model, a father and a man who simply enjoyed giving to a game so players and fans could fully enjoy a sport that they loved — especially in love of his two sons.

We share this tragic story for a simple reason. John's unfortunate death gives us an opportunity to reflect on the contributions and role of the "third team" in sports. Like players, sports officials



John Bieniewicz

dedicate time to training, studying the rules of competition and helping to develop players. Out of more than 131,000 registered soccer referees in the U.S., only one referee

crew was fortunate to earn the privilege of being invited to officiate the World Cup in Brazil.

While John may not have had the desire to reach these heights, his passion for officiating to support the enjoyment of others was evident. He selflessly gave of his time to provide opportunities for youth to develop their soccer skills. Comments being posted on social media laud John as a colleague, a peer, a father who will be missed by this world.

Like players, referees develop their skills through work and effort. Yet unlike players, sports officials are subjected to consistent criticism. "Referee, are you blind? How could you call that? Where did you get your referee license — a Cracker Jack box?" Imagine for a moment if the stands were filled with referees who made such statements to players — would we as a society tolerate this type of verbal abuse directed toward others?

Occasionally, there are reports of referee abuse and assault in virtually every sport. What are we teaching our youth, schools or communities when we "join the crowd of dissent"? When spectators are asked if they would be interested in becoming a sports official, an all-too-common response is: "Who in their right mind would subject themselves to verbal abuse, threats of physical abuse and repeated negative statements?"

Simple — people who have a passion for sports, who enjoy working with others and who help support the skill development of young amateur athletes.

John's tragic death is a painful loss for the soccer community — and youth soccer in Michigan — but this pales in comparison to the loss for the Bieniewicz family and thousands of persons whom John touched in his short life. The Michigan Soccer Referee Committee asks those who read this to offer their prayers and support for the Bieniewicz family, but also to thank sports officials of all ages for their willingness to be the "third team" for the enjoyment of athletes and fans throughout the world.

We also ask that you reflect on how public criticism expressed at sports officials can turn into rage that can impact the lives of sports officials who do what they "love." Remember, like young athletes, sports officials are also developing and refining their skills.

Referees are also human. Celebrate their contribution by expressing your gratitude for their time, effort and contribution to the sports that we choose to play.

And to John Bieniewicz and his family, we express our gratitude for your contribution to soccer, for your support and collegiality of bettering the referee community across Michigan and the nation and for touching the lives of youth in your professional and personal communities. You may be gone from this world, but you will never be forgotten.

Francisco A. Villarruel is the Michigan state soccer referee administrator.

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

This is as good as it gets." I recently heard these words from the Rev. Denis Theroux during a beautiful sermon at Our Lady of Victory parish in Northville. They keep ringing in my ears over and over.



Denise Jenkins
GUEST COLUMNIST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

There is a little bit of

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

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

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

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

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



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

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State Senate 15th District hopefuls share their views on topics

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

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

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

Why are you seeking this elected position?

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

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

sing more effective while consuming less.

Ron Molnar: As a state senator, I can get more done for this state and our roads.

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

Why are you the best qualified for this position?

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

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

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

bully me.

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

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

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

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

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

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

experience current businesses are looking for in employees.

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

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

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

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

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

Are road improvements among your

MIKE KOWALL

Years in the community: Has lived in the district since 1980
Residence: White Lake
Age: 62
Party affiliation: Republican
Website: www.ElectKowall.com
Profession: State senator, small business owner.



Kowall

Educational/professional background: Before joining the Legislature, Kowall was president of Accurate Woodworking Inc., a family-owned business, and served on White Lake Township Planning Commission for nine years. Kowall graduated from Henry Ford High School in Detroit and later attended Oakland Community College.
Relevant community/political involvement: Serving his first term, Kowall, R-White Lake, was elected to the Michigan Senate in November 2010. He served in the Michigan House of Representatives from 1998 to 2002 and most recently was the supervisor of White Lake Township.

RON MOLNAR

Years in the community: 15 years
Residence: White Lake
Age: 59
Party affiliation: Republican
Profession: Road builder
Education: Detroit Institute of Technology



Molnar

MATT MADDOCK

Years in the community: 43 years Oakland County, 14 years in Milford
Residence: Milford
Age: 48
Website: www.mattmaddock.com
Party affiliation: Republican
Profession: Bail bondsman, private detective
Educational background: Orchard Lake St. Mary's, Oakland Community College.



Maddock

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

MICHAEL D. SMITH

Years in community: Lifelong (minus college years)
Residence: White Lake
Age: 33
Website: www.smithformisenate.com
Party affiliation: Democrat
Profession: Deputy city clerk for the city of Clawson



Smith

Education: Grand Valley State University, bachelor of science in liberal studies; emphasis in leadership and diversity; Oakland University, master of public administration; Oakland University, post master certificate in local government management
Relevant community/political involvement: Elected as a precinct delegate since 2008; elected and served as Walled Lake school board member from 2011-13; member of Oakland County Democratic Party and Michigan Democratic Party.

priorities? The governor has stated he thinks it will take more than \$1 billion per year for the next decade to make needed infrastructure repairs. How should the state fund this? Provide specifics.

Mike Kowall: Yes, this is a top priority. The bottom line is Michigan's

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

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

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

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

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

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

and an evaluation of the wholesale tax.

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

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

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

Matt Maddock: Yes. I want to cut the budget of all 18 state departments 5% across the board this year and 2% the following years until our state starts to gain businesses and population again. Then, as our population

grows, we can start to build our tax base the fair way by encouraging more people to do business and live in Michigan. I'm sick and tired of our legislators increasing our taxes every year as we lose jobs and family members to more attractive states with less of a tax burden. We're competing with seven states with no income tax.

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

Michael D. Smith: I think we should cut the salaries of the appointees and all of the high-level employees of the government. We need to work together and take cuts just like everyone else. We need to evaluate how our tax dollars are spent and look at waste and cut

waste in departments. We need to be more open with our citizens and find out better methods and practices to save money.

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

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

Matt Maddock: No. Let me explain. Georgia has 100,000 more people than we have and they provide their state services for \$10 billion less than we do. I don't buy the line that we have to continue to increase taxes a \$1.5 billion every year. If they can provide their state services for 20% less, we

can too. It just takes leaders with the fortitude to say no more taxes or fees. I'm going to Lansing to say no. Enough is enough. You're going to have to make do with a little less, like all of us have.

Ron Molnar: To encourage tourism.

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



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

FORMER NOVI COACH 'JACKED' ABOUT JOB

Krygier enters second season with USHL Muskegon franchise

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

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

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

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

By Brad Emmons
Staff Writer

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

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

Getting the call

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

"I think there's an adjustment period for everybody from whatever league they go from and to, whether it's pro, amateur, college," Vanbiesbrouck

said. "But I don't think it was a big learning curve for him at all. Todd's a hockey guy, played at the highest level. I just think that adaptation takes a little bit. Certainly coaching high school in Novi and dealing with this age group fit really well for him."

Vanbiesbrouck saw numerous positives when he hired Krygier.

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

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

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Northville coach Boshoven testing his CrossFit capacity

By Brad Emmons
Staff Writer

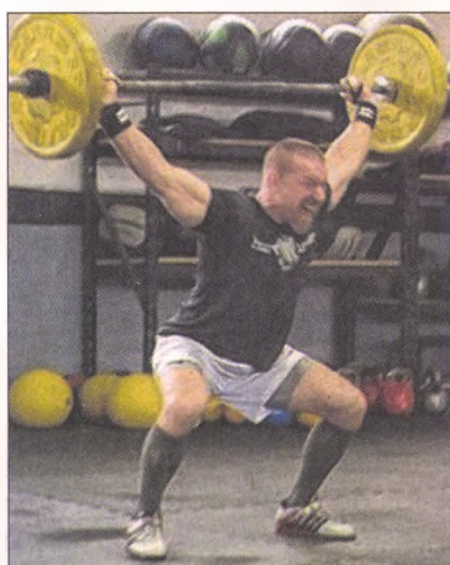
Northville wrestling coach Bob Boshoven has given new meaning to the term "being fit as a fiddle."

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

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

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

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



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

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

"It started with me trying to get the

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CC sophomore Piot wins GAM Junior by 13 strokes

By Greg Johnson
Correspondent

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

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

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

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



Canton native James Piot, who will be a sophomore at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, won the GAM Junior by 13 strokes. GREG JOHNSON | GAM

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

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

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ALL-AREA BOYS LACROSSE TEAM

CC's Van Acker earns Player of the Year nod

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

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

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

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

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

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

First team
Alec Melucci
Northville

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

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



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

against great teams."
Sean Stanners
Catholic Central

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

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

Zach Woods
South Lyon

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

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

Woods will continue to play lacrosse at Genesee Community College — a top-five team in the NJCAA — in Batavia, N.Y.

Sean Birney
Catholic Central

The senior is an All-

America midfielder who earned first team all-state honors. He collected 39 goals and 10 assists and was one of the final four players in the running for team Player of the Year honors. He will be attending University of Detroit Mercy on a lacrosse scholarship.

Jake Fuller
Northville

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

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

Marc Longe
Catholic Central

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

Tommy McMaster
Novi Junior

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

"Tommy is the best

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

Travis Sparling
Novi Senior

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

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

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

Casey Copp
South Lyon

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

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

"Casey is an intense, fundamental defender who values positioning and footwork above all else," Napier said. "He doesn't miss scoops and throws one of the best clearing passes in the state of Michigan. His best asset is that he's always on the field."

Alex Justice
Northville

The junior goaltender had a save percentage of .650.

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

conference and honorable mention all-state honors. If that weren't impressive enough, Justice also scored twice from the goalie position this year.

Alex Jarzembowski
Catholic Central

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

Andrew Caris
Catholic Central

The sophomore earned first team all-state honors for his long-stick play this season.

Second team
John Cooke
Northville

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

David DiRado
South Lyon

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

Ryan Wonders
Huron Valley Junior

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

Keith Pravato
Novi

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

Ryan Moore
Novi

The junior earned honorable mention all-state honors in just his second season playing the game. He scored 26 goals and picked up eight assists while scooping up 49 ground balls.

Jake Hovey
South Lyon

Making the most of his senior season, he picked up 18 goals and 14 assists, earning himself team MVP as well as all-region and honorable mention all-state honors.

Dave Brown
Huron Valley

A three-year varsity

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

Daniel Baldwin
Northville

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

Kam Rakowski
South Lyon

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

Joel Trent
South Lyon

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

Alex Capara
Novi

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

Peter Chew
Northville

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

Ryan Tague
South Lyon Senior

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

Eric Schell
Huron Valley

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

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

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WOLFPACK WIN JAM



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

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

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of the law. This test is open to all interested parties. For further information, contact the Novi City Clerk's Office at 248-347-0456.

Fledgling rowing program makes big splash

By Dotty Garrity
Correspondent

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

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

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

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

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

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

Senior rower Emily Tatge medaled at every level of competition.

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

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

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

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

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

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

"My dad kept me working



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



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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

the last couple of seasons."

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

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

"When you look at teams with very successful large boats, those teams usually have over 60 rowers. The boat is filled with rowers of the same gender and general build (and) height," NRC assistant coach Mark Breeding said.

The team competed in three out-of-state regattas, along with regional and national regattas. The team's small boats consistently finished in the top three at each competition. NRC also has a large novice women's class coming up the ranks which should be exciting to watch in the seasons to come.

The addition of the rowing team to Northville High School has given students the oppor-

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

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

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

The coxswain, also known as the "coach in the boat," is responsible for steering the boat while directing rowers on how much effort is necessary to train and compete successfully. No small task, an "eight" is almost 60 feet in length, can weigh about 250 pounds and can cost in the neighborhood of \$40,000 brand new.

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

"I've seen novice coxswains run into hazards in the water

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

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

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

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

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

GOLDEN MILER

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



MU softball coach lands Novi outfielder

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

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

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

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



Daschke

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

was the basketball team's sportsmanship award winner as a senior as well.

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

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

Morrissey shot a second

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

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

Meanwhile, Anika Dy, the

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

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

shots.

Kamryn Johnston of Flint was third with 81 for 166.

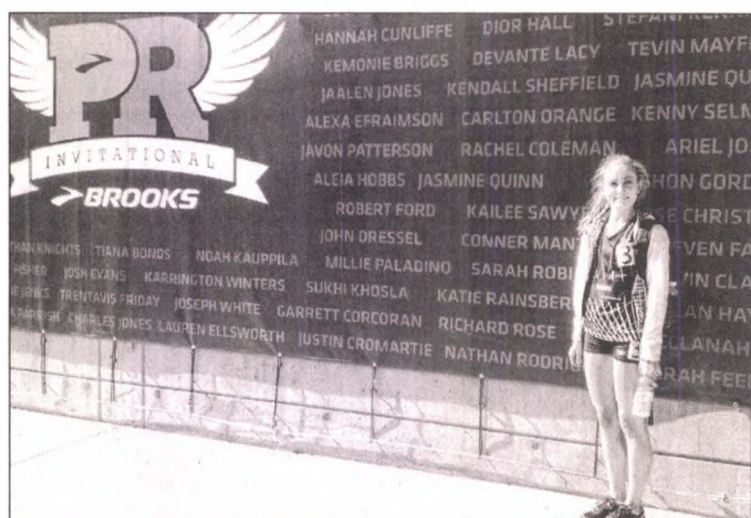
"I was expecting to shoot lower, but a couple of bogeys and a double(-bogey) ruined it," Dy said. "I still played pretty good. The course is really nice and super hilly. It got me tired."

Dy's little sister Anci won the 12-and-under with a nine-

hole round of 42 to give her a two-day total of 82. Maggie Pietila of Brighton was second with 45 for 95.

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

GOING THE DISTANCE



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

SOCCER CHAMPS



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

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Maybury races

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

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

Proceeds will benefit the Friends of Maybury State Park.

Race entry costs (through July 24) are \$6 (fun run), \$25 (5K and 8K). Race day fees are \$7 (fun run) and \$27 (5K and 8K). Shirts (\$10) are not included in the entry fee.

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

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

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

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

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

KRYGIER

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

Getting acquainted

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

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

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

Professional career

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

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

Krygier played his last two seasons with the Orlando Solar Bears of the International Hockey League before going into coaching.

After guiding Computware's AAA mite team to a Michigan Amateur Hockey Association title in 2012 and finishing his last season at Novi, Krygier put his coaching toe back in the water, this time with some of the country's most promising junior players in the USHL.

"They're all 16- to 20-year-olds," Krygier said. "We had 10 players in high school. Five were seniors and five were juniors. That was half of our



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

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

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

Building blocks

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Krygier often catches Brock's Sunday games in person at Munn Arena and goes online to watch others (while offering Brock some fatherly coaching advice when they hook up).

"I'd commute back couple times a week, depending on the schedule," Krygier said. "It worked out well. There were a lot of people that had it tougher than I did. I just had to drive two hours."

"I look at it that I get to stay in Michigan, so I'm happy."

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BOSHOVEN

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

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

Multi-athlete

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

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

"Every February, Reebok hosts a CrossFit Games Open," Boshoven said. "Over the course of five weeks, on Thursday night, they announce what

the workout is. You have until Monday night to perform the workout in front of a certified judge, get it verified by an affiliate owner and send in to the worldwide database. And then they rank you each week based on how you perform.

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

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

All body types

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

"In some of the strength events, the bigger guys have an advantage, but when you get to some of the endurance and agility events, then little, nimble guys, the guy with the great gas tank, or a gymnastics back-

ground guy, has an advantage," said Boshoven, who stands 5 feet, 9 inches and weighs a compact 194 pounds. "And the idea is that you get good at everything."

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

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

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

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

Shown on TV

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

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

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

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

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

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

CrossFit classes

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

three minutes to 20 minutes. It's series of skills where you have this many to do as fast as you can, and or, do in 15 minutes as many as you can."

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

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

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

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

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Realtor Association attorney warns of 'coming soon' ad issues

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

In addition to complying with state license laws, brokers advertising a listed property as "coming soon" must ensure the advertising complies with their local MLS rules. Consumers benefit from MLSs because MLSs help aggregate and evaluate numerous factors that can affect a property's fair market value. MLS information facilitates appraisal preparation, comparative market analyses, and broker price opinions that help consumers ascertain a property's fair market value. Sellers often rely upon those valuations when setting listing prices, and buyers rely on them when making offers to purchase.

Those valuations are espe-

cially useful when they include information about comparable properties, including sales prices, days on market, and property conditions. Withholding that market information from the MLS impedes the consumer's ability to receive useful estimates of value.

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

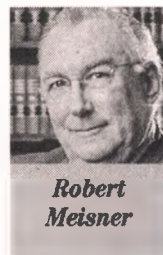
Finally, adherence to the NAR Code of Ethics is an important consideration for brokers when advising clients on whether or not to advertise properties as "coming soon."

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

W. Canada has appeal to retirees

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

A: A tough question since it always depends on the location and the size of your residence. For example, if you want to live on a coastal inlet around Butchart Gardens in Victoria, your home will easily start in the millions. If you live in a high rise condominium in downtown Vancouver, or, for that matter, North Vancouver, it can be even more expensive. In short, real estate is extremely high in these areas because of the proximity of the mountains, the Pacific Ocean and the City landscape. A good local Realtor is a must if you are thinking about moving to those areas. I would also consider the tax and healthcare ramifications of you doing so.



Robert Meisner

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

A: Calgary is not only known for the stampede, but for oil, cattle and tourism, and, like Denver, the precursor to the Rocky Mountains, in this case the Canadian Rockies. Rapid transportation abounds and there is a substantial construction boom in high rise condominiums in and around the downtown area. There are also a number of mixed use residential apartments in the downtown area, so what you may want to consider is buying a condominium, at a pre-construction priced discount, which you may be able to receive, given the number of high rises that are going up, but as in buying any condominium, you must find out as much as you can about the developer and his track record. Perhaps, however, it is best to rent first to explore the real estate scene.

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

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

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

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

Investors

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

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

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

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

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

BEVERLY HILLS

16100 Buckingham Ave \$243,000
32175 Spruce Ln \$350,000

BIRMINGHAM

693 Coolidge Rd \$315,000
1878 Haynes St \$168,000
1973 Hazel St \$570,000
662 Purdy St # 215 \$235,000
395 Suffield Ave \$535,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

524 Barrington Ct \$2,150,000
778 E Square Lake Rd \$282,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

944 Adams Castle Dr \$555,000

365 Applewood Ln \$535,000
851 Fox Run \$390,000
7045 Pinewood Ct \$388,000
3824 W Maple Rd \$250,000
1949 Westlake Ct \$888,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

1741 Applebrook Dr \$50,000
3200 Belle Terre \$75,000
2731 Red Arrow Dr \$127,000
3053 Ridgemont St \$90,000
197 Ruppert St \$143,000
6185 Warwick Dr \$223,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

27654 E Echo Vly \$47,000
35740 Forestville St \$191,000
37890 Glengrove Dr \$315,000
35523 Johnstown Rd \$165,000

FRANKLIN

30400 Helmandale Dr \$481,000

LATHRUP VILLAGE

18771 Glenwood Blvd \$222,000

299 Crystal St \$223,000
728 N Main St \$140,000

NORTHVILLE

724 Horton St \$510,000
1027 Portsmer Ct \$455,000
816 Revere Ct \$113,000

NOVI

43100 12 Oaks Crescent Dr # 5066 \$174,000
24200 Bramblewood Dr \$303,000
28548 Carlton Way Dr \$183,000
24235 Glenda St \$120,000
27064 Ladbroke St \$304,000
26355 Mandalay Cir \$202,000
24251 Saybrook Ct \$650,000
23703 Stonehenge Blvd \$81,000
24396 Surfside Rd \$220,000
22907 Woolsey \$75,000

SOUTH LYON

24322 Glenwood Dr \$373,000

57371 Hidden Timbers Dr \$340,000
59371 Peters Barn Dr \$79,000
417 Walnut Dr \$214,000
970 Westbrooke Dr \$212,000
879 Westhills Dr \$199,000

SOUTHFIELD

27390 Aberdeen St \$113,000
22434 Avon Ln \$70,000
24363 Lois Ln \$175,000
17531 Madison St \$140,000
16965 W 10 Mile Rd \$35,000
30080 Wildbrook Dr # 103 \$70,000

WHITE LAKE

9450 Bonnie Briar St \$199,000
21 Danforth St \$340,000
9075 Pennfield Ave \$60,000
9075 Pennfield Ave \$48,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

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

CANTON

1823 Aberdeen St \$180,000
7263 Burgundy St \$218,000
308 Cherry Stone Dr \$133,000
8725 Columbia Cir \$72,000
39915 Edmundton Dr \$130,000
51020 Federal Blvd \$78,000
41544 Greenwood Ct \$204,000
46848 Hanford Rd \$300,000
4138 Hawksbury Ct \$290,000
1004 High Ridge Dr \$240,000
1857 Maple Park Dr E \$195,000
46419 Mornington Rd \$365,000
1708 Orchard Dr \$35,000
47707 Ormskirk Dr \$127,000
47740 River Woods Dr \$277,000
45866 S Stonewood Rd \$165,000

624 Shana St \$190,000
1921 Vanderbilt Rd \$214,000

GARDEN CITY

28934 Block St \$8,000
28585 Cambridge St \$65,000
29009 Dawson St \$55,000
30158 Hennepin St \$137,000
28964 John Hauk St \$70,000
30751 Rosslyn Ave \$86,000

LIVONIA

33027 Allen St \$151,000
9913 Arcola St \$129,000
34060 Carl Dr \$257,000
16592 Country Club Dr \$150,000
31523 Haldane St \$135,000
16320 Huff St \$245,000
33910 La Moyne St \$160,000
18360 Lathers St \$128,000
11018 Mayfield St \$138,000
37834 Munger Dr \$250,000
18336 Norwich Rd \$150,000
33143 Oregon St \$119,000
8955 Roslyn St \$190,000
19152 Weyher St \$100,000

15177 Yale St \$1,238,000

NORTHVILLE

18268 Blue Heron Pointe Dr \$327,000
50332 Briar Ridge Dr \$689,000
17685 Briar Ridge Ln \$693,000
17905 Briar Ridge Ln \$796,000
48927 Freestone Dr \$477,000
50532 Laurel Ridge Ct \$672,000
16736 Lyonhurst Cir \$330,000
16745 Lyonhurst Cir \$320,000
16088 Morningside \$156,000
50676 Northstar Way \$687,000
50754 Northstar Way \$604,000
50825 Northstar Way \$629,000
49130 Parkshore Ct \$670,000
940 Scott Ct \$185,000
50198 Teton Ridge Rd \$599,000

PLYMOUTH

340 Burroughs St \$198,000
41431 Five Mile Rd \$186,000
185 Hartsough St \$200,000
845 Hartsough St \$255,000
801 Irvin St \$200,000

9735 Tennyson Dr \$325,000

REDFORD

10068 Beech Daly Rd \$41,000
12884 Dixie \$82,000
17336 Glenmore \$72,000
15626 Lexington \$12,000
12940 Mercedes \$65,000
15866 Norborne \$28,000
19768 Seminole \$24,000

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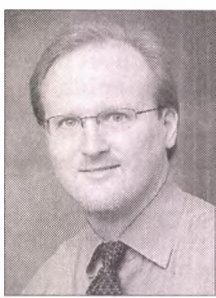
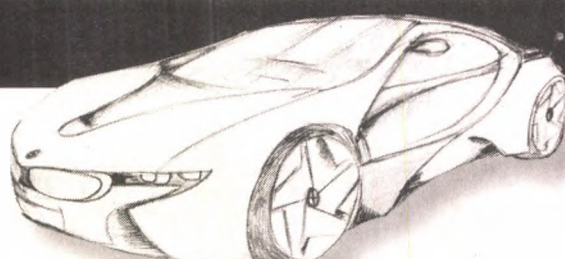
4329 Adams Cir \$66,000
33971 Annapolis St \$39,000
36864 Greenbush Ct \$96,000

WESTLAND

1145 Alvin St \$80,000
6738 Bison St \$75,000
31761 Conway Dr \$90,000
692 Easley Dr \$100,000
29250 Manchester St \$30,000
7769 Manor Cir \$45,000
1520 N Wildwood St \$90,000
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Car Report

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



By Dale Buss

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

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

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

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

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

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

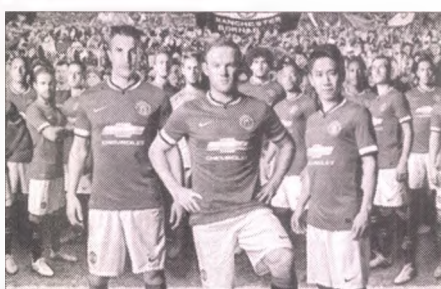
likeness to be on a Man U virtual jersey on the first day.

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

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

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

All of these soccer-related campaigns



Man U stars with the Chevy logo newly adorning their jerseys.

Madrid in a sold-out venue.

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

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

Along the way, the most-promoted vehicle by



Chevy's most global vehicle: Cruze.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Your review questions can help you decide where you are at



By Robert Half

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

your manager might have some suggestions for upping your game.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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