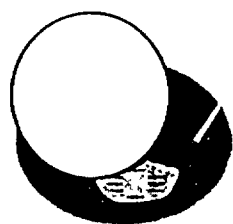


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# Heise helps with Scott prison sale

Facility on 35 acres at Beck, Five Mile

BY LONNIE HUHMANN  
CORRESPONDENT

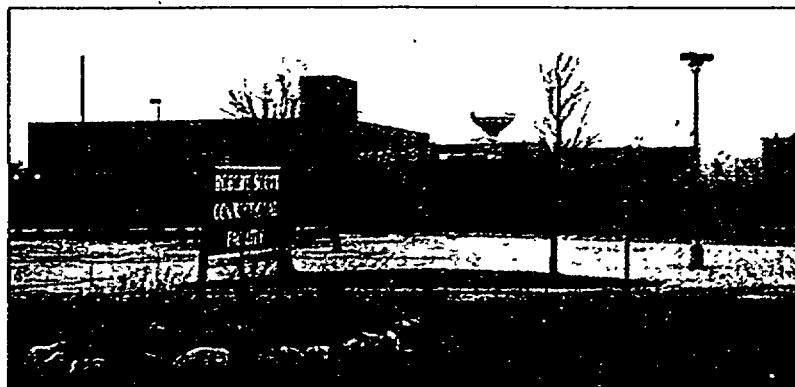
Northville Township will most likely have their wishes fulfilled regarding the Scott Correctional Facility property after 20th District state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, announced a bill to move the future of the former women's prison forward and work with the township so it can be sold for sensible development.

Heise stated on May 26 he is sponsoring a bill to allow the state

of Michigan to sell the vacant Scott property to allow for the land to be used for public or private development in Northville Township.

"Instead of allowing these buildings to continue to deteriorate and become even more dangerous and unproductive, it is time for the state to move forward and work with Northville Township to sell this valuable piece of property and put it to good use," said Heise.

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The Robert Scott Correctional facility at Five Mile and Beck in Northville Township.

### Wanted: Gardens for walk

If your garden, or that of a friend, has been blessed with a bounty of blooms and/or a bevy of vegetables, the Gardeners of Northville & Novi Garden Club would like to take a peak. The group will be treading down garden paths for the next few weeks in search of gardens that will be featured in the Clubs July 2012 Garden Walk.

If you are interested, please call Audrey Murphy at (248) 349-0376.

### Seven Mile workshop

The public is invited to attend a Community Design Workshop for the 7 Mile Road Park Master Plan from 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. June 9 at the Northville Township Municipal Office, 44405 Six Mile Road.

The workshop will engage participants in a series of activities to create and explore design concepts and potential park features. Throughout the day, participants can:

The township has engaged a team from Stantec to lead the public engagement and park master planning process for the Seven Mile Road Property—the 350-acre former site of the Northville State Regional Psychiatric Hospital. The work is being overseen by township staff and the Twenty21 Green Ribbon Committee, comprised of 30 community representatives.

For more information, visit [www.hwp.northville.mi.us/7milmasterplan](http://www.hwp.northville.mi.us/7milmasterplan).

### Senior Health & Fitness

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is hosting a Senior Health Day Fair from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, June 11 in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital South Lobby with free donated lunches from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Join many other seniors, families and

friends for a day that includes information on a variety of health topics, health screenings, speakers, exercise demonstrations, a

cooking demonstration, and free prizes and giveaways. Hear from physician experts and learn from exhibitors; all activities are free.

Pre-registration for the event is preferred. Call (734) 655-2929, visit [stmarymercy.org/SeniorHealthFair](http://stmarymercy.org/SeniorHealthFair).

## On the march



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Members of Northville's VFW Post march at the head of Monday's Memorial Day Parade through downtown.

## Heavy spring rains flood local yards, basements

BY LONNIE HUHMANN  
CORRESPONDENT

It's been a rainy spring, to say the least. The way above average rain totals this spring have led to some Northville basements and yards being flooded. Usually the Northville community gets about three inches of precipitation in May. But, according to WeatherChannel.com, we now have over five.

According to Northville city's Public Works Director Jim Gallogly, there were nine flooded basements within the city boundaries. These were located in the Novi Street and Allen Drive area.

He also said many road areas saw flooding, but soon got back to normal once the rain ended last Friday morning. Roadways are the second defense after the storm sewers, so it was no surprise many of them began to see high standing water areas.

As far as the storm sewers were concerned, he said nothing was plugged. However, it was a matter of the storm sewers reaching a capacity they were not designed for and so they could not take the amount of run-off.

"In my 16 years here, this is probably the worst I have seen the standing water," Gallogly said. "But considering how others are doing around the country, we are not doing too badly."

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## I-275 RECREATION PATHWAY

# Trail unveiling part of River Day

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A twofold milestone awaits bicyclists, joggers and other outdoor enthusiasts as organizers prepare to formally unveil a newly restored section of the I-275 recreation pathway from Canton to Novi and the improved Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail, now connected by pedestrian bridges from the interstate west to Canton Center Road.

The celebration occurs 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 4 — coinciding with River Day

— and dozens of events are planned, rain or shine, across communities such as Canton, Plymouth and Livonia.

Jubilant recreation leaders say the official opening of the two recreation trails marks the culmination of hopes and dreams that began more than a decade ago.

"We've been working on it for 11 years," Bob Belair, assistant township engineer for Canton, said, referring to plans to connect the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail with a series

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## TRAIL

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of eight wooden pedestrian bridges.

Belair estimated the entire project, mostly paid for with county and state grants, cost some \$2 million.

John Bailey, spokesman for the I-275 Metro Trail, estimated that project cost \$4 million — primarily, he said, using federal grant dollars.

### BIG IMPROVEMENT

Planners say the projects signal a vast improvement for recreation offerings in western Wayne County, using dollars set aside prior to a sharp economic downturn.

Bailey said the I-275 trail has been "completely rebuilt" between Michigan Avenue and Hines Drive, with smaller-scale repairs made along the stretch that continues north to Meadowbrook Road in Novi.

"It's a major milestone because that trail had been falling into serious disrepair," Bailey said. "I think we've got the momentum (and volunteers) now to keep that trail in good shape."

A section of trail south of Michigan Avenue remains closed for repairs, but Belair said it is expected to open later this year. It's all part of a 40-mile recreation trail that runs through communities such as Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, Farmington Hills, Northville Township and Novi.

The trail improvements mark one of the biggest face-lifts the I-275 trail has witnessed since it opened in the 1970s. It couldn't be more welcome news for people like Bailey, who rides his bike along the path three or four days a week, as much as 15 miles



Canton Township engineer Robert Belair and parks and facilities manager Brad Sharp walk the trail along the Rouge River.

### FUN FESTIVITIES

Here's a snapshot of other activities during the River Day festivities:

For the I-275 trail:

- Along with the group bike ride and ribbon-cutting ceremony, activities include a children's bike- and helmet-decorating parade at the Cherry Hill rest stop 11 a.m. to noon.

- A guided bike ride through Plymouth will happen 12:30-1:30 p.m., and cyclists must wear helmets. The group is expected to meet at Wilcox Lake's parking area on the south side of Hines Drive, east of Northville Road.

- A "geocaching" demonstration, which involves using GPS units to find hidden caches, is set for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Schoolcraft College.

- Also at the college, a helmet-fitting and bike-safety clinic is set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; a bike safety talk by Northville Township Police Officer Jim Fisher is scheduled for 10 a.m. and noon; and an activity that involves mixing up a smoothie drink by pedaling is set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- From 10:30 a.m. to noon, a guided urban walk/hike around Haggerty Road and the trail is set, with participants meeting at Schoolcraft's south parking lot.

- The Canton Downtown Authority is expected to have a gazebo set up near the northwest corner of Ford and Lotz roads, near Sweet Bikes.

- Those who register will qualify for prizes during a drawing at 2 p.m. at Schoolcraft College.

For Canton and the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail:

- A restoration project at Canton's Heritage Park, west of Canton Center between Palmer and Cherry Hill, is set for 9 a.m.

### GRAND RE-OPENING CELEBRATION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, June 4:

9 a.m.-3 p.m. - Open riding, in-line skating, walking, and jogging between Michigan Avenue and Seven Mile Road (cyclist and in-line skaters must wear helmets)  
9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. - Participant registration at Ford Road/Lotz Road (look for the gazebo in front of Sweet Bikes) and Schoolcraft College south parking lot along Haggerty Road

Events at I-275 Metro Trail Spth (Hines Drive to Michigan Avenue):

9:30-10 a.m. - Organized ride from Canton Lower Rouge Trail to Cherry Hill rest stop - cyclists must wear helmets (meet at the trail head north of Michigan Avenue at Morton Taylor Road)  
10 a.m.-Noon - Band entertainment at Cherry Hill rest stop  
10:30-11 a.m. - Ribbon Cutting and speeches at Cherry Hill rest stop  
11 a.m.-noon - Children's Bike and Helmet Decorating and Parade at Cherry Hill rest stop  
12:30-1:30 p.m. - Guided ride through Plymouth - cyclists must wear helmets; bright clothing is helpful (Meet at Wilcox Lake parking area on the south side of Hines Drive, east of Northville Road)

Events at I-275 Metro Trail North (Hines Drive to Seven

Mile Road):

10 a.m.-1 p.m. - Geocaching demonstration at Schoolcraft College  
10 a.m.-2 p.m. - Children's helmet fitting and bike safety clinic at Schoolcraft College (free children's helmets while supply lasts)  
10 a.m. and noon - Bike safety talk by Officer Jim Fisher, Northville Township Police Department, at Schoolcraft College  
10 a.m.-3 p.m. - Cycling a smoothie (make a smoothie by pedaling away)  
10:30 a.m.-noon - Guided urban walk/hike around Haggerty Road and trail (meet at registration table, south parking lot at Schoolcraft College)  
2 p.m. - Drawings for prizes at Schoolcraft College  
9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. - Learn the Hines connector (Volunteers with be available to show you how to get from the "north" end of the trail to the "south" end)

- Cherry Hill rest area is south of Ford Rd and the Cherry Hill overpass at I-275

- The registration table and Canton DDA gazebo are on the northwest corner of Ford and Lotz Rd in the Sweet Bikes strip mall.

- Schoolcraft College is located on Haggerty Road between Six Mile Road and Seven Mile Road; go to the south parking lot, which is closer to Six Mile Road.

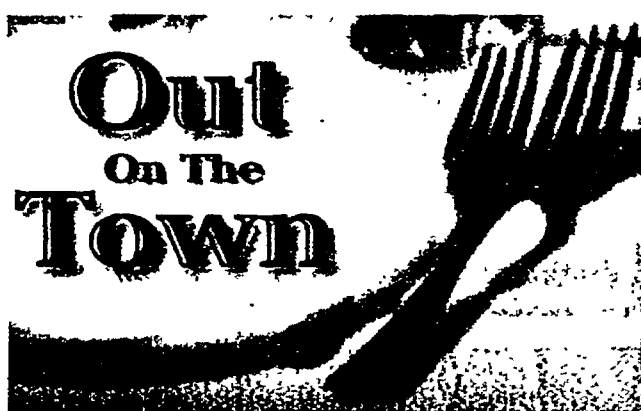
to 2 p.m. Canton employees will work with volunteers to plant shrubs and seeds with wet meadow wildflowers and grass along the banks of ponds. Volunteers are encouraged to wear jeans and boots, and registration will be at the park's clock tower. Scout troops who want to help should call (734) 397-1011 to register.

• The Leslie Science Center will be at the trailhead to tout their Raptors Program, including an up-close look at a bald eagle.

Demonstrations are set for 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.

- The Michigan Scholastic Cycling Association will be at the trailhead to provide basic bike and helmet-fitting advice and to take groups of parents and children on trail tours, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A birdhouse-building tent also will be set up for children to build their own birdhouses out of donated wood.

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# Fountain Walk to host third annual free concert series

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk will once again double as a concert venue when the third annual Summer Sidewalk Series kicks off next Thursday.

The concerts were held on Saturdays in the past, but Kelly Kaufman, new general manager at Fountain Walk, said she feels moving the shows to Thursday will help break up the week for people and make the area an even better happy hour spot.

"We just wanted to have something cool for people in the community," she said. "It's free so we aren't looking for anything other than people coming and enjoying it because it's here for them."

The concerts and art fair will take place from 5-8 p.m. every Thursday in the center court roundabout until the end of August.

Jill Jack Duo will open the series on June 2, shortly after returning from her gig opening for Bob Seger.

"She is one of the most awesome players in the Detroit area," said Whitney

McClellan-Stone, president of ArtsNovi, which put together the shows. "We are really excited about her kicking off the series."

The series this year also will have more variety than in years past, featuring everything from pop, rock, country, blues and jazz to a Jimmy Buffet cover band, Leaky Tiki's, on August 25.

"We wanted to step it up a little this year and do something more mainstream where people know the words and can get involved," Kaufman said.

Joining the musicians will be a plethora of artists giving demonstrations and selling their wares. There also will be children's activities including sidewalk chalk art and drawing contests.

People who come are encouraged to bring a chair or sit on the patios of nearby restaurants. In the event of rain, the concerts will move inside Lucky's.

"I cannot wait to see it," Kaufman said.

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August 25 - Leaky Tiki's (Jimmy Buffet covers)

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Jill Jack, fresh off gigs as the opening act for Bob Seger at The Palace and in Toronto, will kick off the music series at Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountainwalk at 5 p.m. Thursday, June 2.

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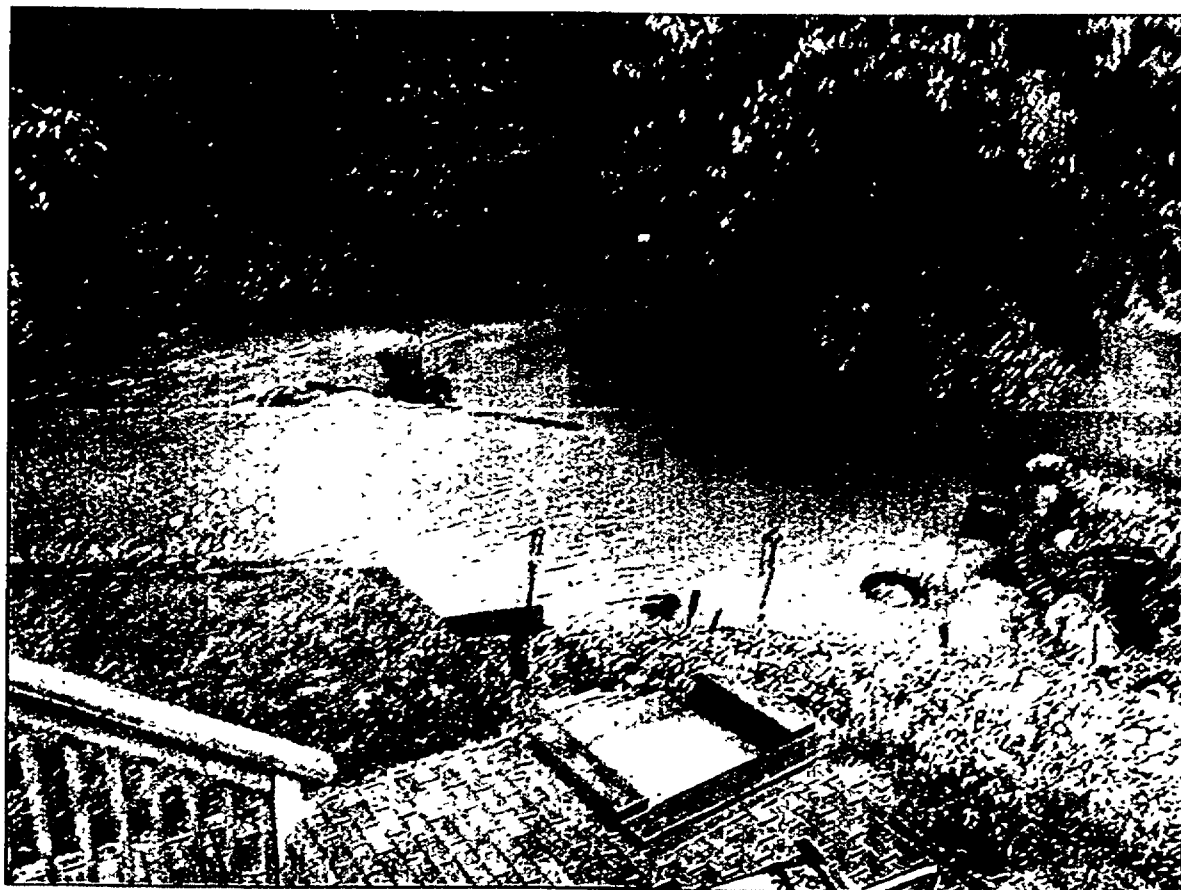
The O'Briens, who have the Randolph Drain running through their backyard on Randolph Street, saw a weather-made pond appear on Wednesday when the area was hit with well over an inch of rain last week.

"It carried our bridge away, and it's now down a little bit further," said Terri O'Brien on Thursday afternoon of the quick, overflowing creek. "It looks like we have a built-in pond."

They have lived on Randolph for three years, and John O'Brien says this is as high as he has seen the creek that's a part of the Rouge Watershed. He said Wayne County had come out earlier this spring to perform some work to the creek, but he did not know how well that worked, considering the flooding.

Gallopy said the county's project was meant to improve the banks and prevent further erosion problems. He added because of this rain and creek overflow they may be coming back to check up on their work and any damage.

"You just can't totally defend yourself when it comes to weather-made problems," Gallopy said.



Terri and John O'Brien saw plenty of water at their home on Randolph and Linden streets in downtown Northville.

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## Public invited to hearings for proposed sex ed changes

The Northville Public Schools Board of Education has scheduled two public hearings for school parents and community members to comment on the proposed revisions in the middle school abstinence-only health curriculum and instructional DVDs; including making one of the proposed DVD's available for use in the high school health courses as well as in middle school.

The hearings will take place at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 7 and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 14 at Northville Public Schools Board of Education Offices (third floor, room 302), 501 West Main Street, Northville.

If approved, the new material would be used beginning with the 2011-2012 school year. The updated curriculum and DVDs have gone through the curriculum review process including review by the District's Health Advisory Board. The 21-member Health Advisory Board is comprised of parents of children attending Northville Public Schools, as well as educators, high school student, local clergy, and community health professionals, as required by law.

The next step in the review process is offering the opportunity for parent/community review and public hearing comment, prior to moving forward to the Board of Education for consideration.

At the two public hearings, the school board will hear comment on the proposed curriculum and DVDs.

School parents and citizens may review the proposed curriculum and instructional materials during any of the following dates/times (all except the last are in room 104b, Curriculum Resource Center):

9-11 a.m. Wednesday, May 25

2-4 p.m. Thursday, May 26

9-11 a.m. Friday, May 27

2-4 p.m. Wednesday, June 1

4:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 7

The review opportunities will take place in the room numbers noted above at the Northville Public Schools Board of Education Office, 501 West Main Street. To register for one of the review opportunities, please send an e-mail message to [CommitteeMail@northville.k12.mi.us](mailto:CommitteeMail@northville.k12.mi.us).

### NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

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Northville parents, if you have a child that will turn 3 years old on or before the first day of the 2011-2012 school year, and you suspect that your child may have speech and language difficulties or overall developmental delays.

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#### Open House to honor retiring kindergarten teacher Jan Loeffler

All students, parents and former students of Moraine retiring kindergarten teacher Jan Loeffler are invited to an open house from 4-5:30 p.m. Monday, June 13 in Moraine's Multi-Purpose Room.

Celebrate a 36-year career during which Loeffler has taught more than 1,200 students.

A special tribute fund to benefit Moraine Elementary is being planned. For information visit [honormrsloeffler.org](http://honormrsloeffler.org).

#### Senior All-Night Party walk-through

The Northville community is invited to attend a walk-through of the 2011 Northville Senior All-Night Party from 3-6 p.m. Sunday, June 5.

This special tradition transforms the halls of the high school into a magical setting and provides the senior class a safe evening to celebrate graduation. Enter through the front (main) entrance of Northville High School.

#### Community invited to celebrate Superintendent Rezmierski's retirement, legacy

School families, students and community members are cordially invited to a community reception celebrating the retirement of Northville Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Leonard R. Rezmierski on from 4-6 p.m. Friday, June 10 at Northville High School. A part of the Northville Public Schools family for 35 years, Rezmierski has served as superintendent for the last 20 years.

The community celebration will include a short program beginning at about 4:15 p.m. featuring musical performances, art-work and other special presentations by Northville elementary, middle, high school and special education center program students. A reception where attendees can visit with Rezmierski and enjoy hors d'oeuvres and beverages will follow the program.

"It comes as no surprise that Dr. Rezmierski would want a celebration of his legacy to showcase the accomplishments of our students," said Northville Board of Education President Joan Wadsworth. "This community reception is a wonderful opportunity for the entire Northville community to honor what Dr. Rezmierski has nurtured over the past 20 years — Northville's exceptional student achievement in academics, the arts, athletics and community service."

Admission to the community reception is free and no RSVP is needed. Northville High School is located at 45700 Six Mile Road (between Sheldon and Beck roads).



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Students watch their Thornton Creek Elementary School classmates during a talent show on May 20.



#### Thornton's got talent

Thornton Creek Elementary School student Holden Dwyer was the first up in the school's May 20 talent show - with short drum solo.

### NORTHVILLE ON CAMPUS

#### Hope College

Two students from Northville -- Emily Kreichelt (biology education) and Allison Reynolds (nursing) -- received bachelor degrees during graduation commencement ceremonies on May 8.

Kreichelt also received the Catherine Morrison Senior Science Education Award during the college's annual honors convocation on April 28. The cash award is given to students who have demonstrated academic excellence and who are committed to teaching science in elementary or secondary classrooms.

In addition, Kreichelt was one of 81 seniors awarded monogrammed blankets for their participation in athletics at Hope. The orange and blue "H" blankets are presented to seniors who earned at least three varsity letters while at Hope.

One of the letters must have been earned during the senior year.

Ashli Brennan, of Northville, was one of 34 juniors inducted into Mortar Board, a national honor society that recognizes students for scholarship, leadership and service. The students were recognized during the honors convocation April 28.



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# A new brother and son

## Vietnam veteran dedicates book, meets family of fallen soldier

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Over the years, Livonia native Debra Braden often wondered about her brother, Arnold Sarna.

She never really knew him as a child. She was only 4 when Arnold, the oldest of eight Sarna children, left for Vietnam. When she was 7, her family received the horrible news that Arnold had been killed by a rocket in a strike by the Viet Cong in March 1968.

Debra grew up with her siblings in a home on Wayne Road in Livonia, and attended Ladywood High School before the family moved to San Jose, Calif., in 1976. She eventually married and moved to Hillsborough, N.C., always wondering about Arnold. As many transplants do, she was homesick and missed her family, a feeling that made her long even more for personal details about her brother.

She left a note on the Virtual Wall, a website devoted to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. At the site, relatives and friends can place letters, poems and photographs.

"I wanted to know if anyone was stationed with him, who knew him and what he did for fun," Braden said.

The note drew occasional responses from Vietnam veterans, none of whom really knew Arnold.

The note sat in cyberspace.

### FINALLY, A RESPONSE

Then one day, Braden received an e-mail from someone who said she knew of someone who had written a book about Vietnam and dedicated it to her brother. Braden remembers her reaction.

"Oh, yeah, right," Braden said.

The woman followed up with a second e-mail and sent information about the book so Braden searched for it on Amazon.com. "I looked it up and saw my brother's name,



Arnold Sarna

and I just gasped," Braden said. "Here was my brother's name just staring me in the face."

The dedication in *Fortunate Soldier* read: "This book is dedicated to Arnold P. Sarna. I didn't forget."

It turned out Braden was corresponding with a friend of Pat Moffett, an author and Vietnam veteran.

Oddly enough, Moffett never met Arnold Sarna. Moffett dedicated *Fortunate Soldier*, a book about Moffett's Vietnam experiences, because Moffett had an opportunity to live his life when he returned home from Vietnam, enjoying a successful business career, family and a grandchild. Moffett was with the 101st Airborne Division in 1968. Moffett was sent out on reconnaissance, but was called back because the division needed someone to type up "morning reports," which highlighted soldier counts, accounting for R&R breaks to ensure minimum counts of soldiers. Moffett could type 80 words per minute.

One of his first assignments was to type up information on Arnold Paul Sarna. Moffett asked what happened to Sarna. "He was killed when a rocket hit his tent," Moffett said he was told.

"When he was killed, I got his job," Moffett said. Weeks later Moffett learned



Arnold Sarna

that his former company where he had served in the field had been overrun and everyone was killed. Moffett believes that Sarna's death spared his life.

Moffett went back to the United States, married, raised a family and today he is vice president of logistics for Audiovox Electronics Corp. He lives in Great Neck, N.Y.

Years and decades passed. Moffett wrote the book and dedicated it to Arnold Sarna in 2003. Then Moffett heard about and read Braden's note on The Virtual Wall.

Braden received the e-mail and later Braden and Moffett spoke. "It was an amazing, overwhelming experience," Moffett said.

### REMEMBERING ARNOLD

Moffett met the Sarna family on the weekend of Veterans Day 2010. Moffett flew into Detroit, then traveled with Sarna family members and met Arnold's mother, Cecilia Sarna, at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights to visit Arnold's grave.

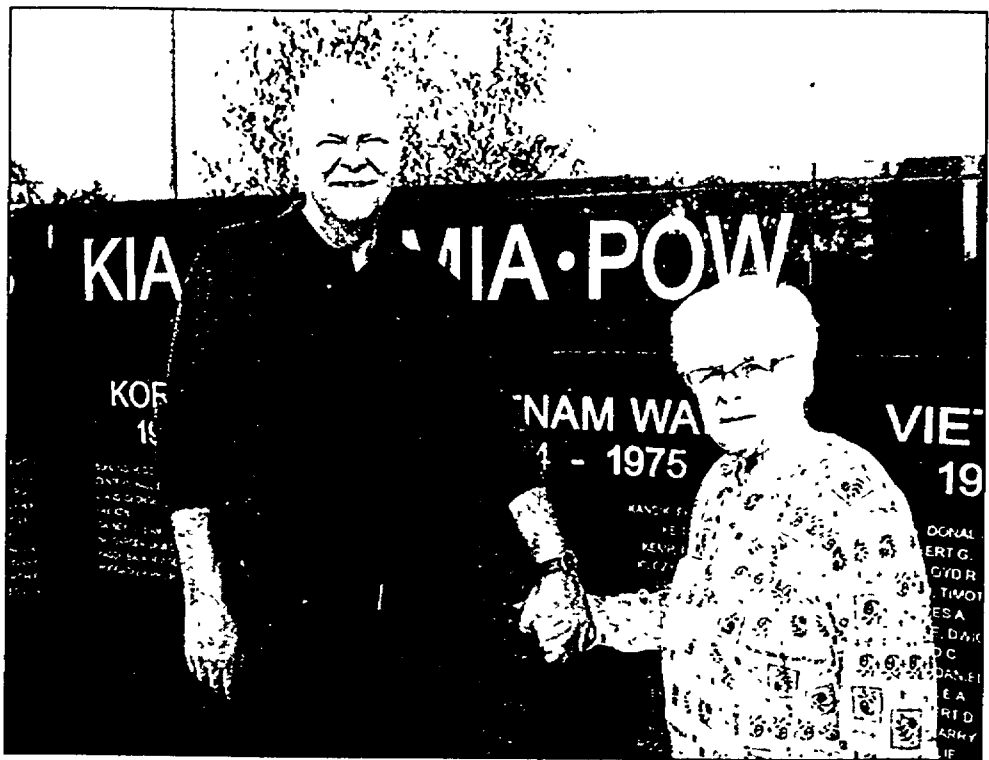
Moffett said the grave visit represented closure "because I knew he was home with other family members at the cemetery, and I didn't know that," Moffett said.

Cecilia said the first time she saw Moffett at the cemetery, "it was like Arnold was reaching down to me."

"This man is very sensitive and feels a closeness he had with Arnold even though he never met him," Cecilia said. "He said he always said a prayer for Arnold, and that he would never forget and he never did."

Moffett and Sarna family members visited the Veteran's Park Memorial Plaza at Five Mile and Farmington Road, where Arnold's name is etched on the wall. That weekend Moffett visited and learned all about the Sarna family, enjoying a Polish meal of kielbasa, sauerkraut and beer with the family in Northville. "I didn't know Sarna was Polish," Moffett said.

Moffett gave Cecilia a leather-bound copy of his book, writing in it: "Your son gave his life for his country on March 13, 1968, and through a twist of fate, my life was spared. I will be eternally grateful to Arnie and the entire Sarna family for his supreme sacrifice that day. He will always be my



Pat Moffett stands with Cecilia Sarna at Veterans Park Memorial Plaza in Livonia. Moffett visited the plaza to view the name of Arnold Sarna, Cecilia's son.



The Sarna family, formerly of Livonia, reunited for a weekend on Veterans Day 2010 to meet with Pat Moffett, who dedicated his book to Arnold Sarna who died in Vietnam. Pictured are Moffett (from left, front), Cecilia Sarna of Northville; Debra Braden; Hillsborough, N.C.; Tom Sarna (upper left), Portland, Maine; Chris Sarna, Brighton; Joe, Ray and Tina Michalski of Farmington Hills; Judy Sarna, Northville; Mary Ann and Roger Convertino of San Jose, Calif. Not pictured is Bill Sarna, who lives in Port Angeles, Wash.

hero."

Moffett called Cecilia on Mother's Day and Easter, Cecilia said. "He calls me 'Mom'; he's adopted me," Cecilia said.

Other Sarna members who grew up in Livonia included Tom Sarna, now in Portland, Maine; Deb Braden, Hillsborough, N.C.; Judy Sarna, Salem Township; Tina Michelski, Farmington Hills; Maryann Concertino, San Jose, Calif.; and Bill Sarna, Port Angeles, Wash. Another brother, James, is deceased.

Arnold graduated from Franklin High School, while Judy graduated from Churchill. Their father, Adolph Sarna, died 30 years ago. Their mother, Cecilia, is 85 and lives with Judy in Northville.

### 'A VISIT FROM HER SON'

Sarna family members were moved by the entire

experience of meeting Moffett. "She actually felt like she got a visit from her son," Judy said of her mother. "After all these years, he feels like he owes his life to Arnold. We've kind of adopted him."

"It's just awesome, after all these years."

Moffett points to the life he's had as the reason for his deep appreciation, respect and honor for Arnold and the Sarna family. He's experienced tragedy, too, as he lost his wife last year at the age of 53 to Alzheimer's disease. He wrote a book about that, too, called *Ice Cream in the Cupboard*.

Moffett enjoys a successful career in the business world and reflects on his life today and the blessings of his 64 years of life.

"None of this would have happened," Moffett said.

"My first grandchild was born last year and all those

moments would not have happened, everything I've done over the past 40 years."

Braden said she believes that the experience leaves her thinking that the world "is not as big as we think."

Braden believed that her brother would be fascinated and amazed by the family's connection to a soldier he never knew.

"He would be happy to know that my mom was able to touch him many years later," Braden said. Though the family lost Arnold years ago, "we are close to him," Braden said.

"So many people can touch one point in history. And at some point, you touch again, and he (Moffett) has a whole new group of friends now," Braden said.

"Something good has come out of something horrible."

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**AUFDERHEIDE, CARL J.**  
Age 98, died May 17, 2011, at Ohio Veterans Home, Sandusky. Former resident of Centennial Farms, South Lyon. Born in Detroit. Husband of the late Ruth (nee Trimmer). Father of Lawrence of Mentor, Ohio. Grandfather of Jeremy and Matthew, great-grandfather of Morgan and Violet. World War II infantry combat veteran. 40-year employee of Detroit Free Press. A gracious and generous man to the very last.



### STALKER, THOMAS A.

Prescott, Michigan. Mr. Stalker, age, 78 passed away peacefully Monday, December 6, 2010 in Holiday, Florida. He was born December 22, 1931 in Ann Arbor, Michigan to the late George and Etruria Stalker. A Celebration of his life will be held Saturday, June 4, 2011 at 2pm from the Lee-Ramsay Funeral Home. Friends may call from 1pm until time of service.

**BONDIE, EDNA DRUSILLA**  
Age 92 and former resident of South Lyon, Milford, and Atlanta, MI. May 24, 2011. Funeral Services were held at Lynch & Sons, Milford, on Friday, May 27, 2011. More info visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



**HAMILTON (CARPENTER), LISA M.**  
A resident of White Lake and Milford, journeyed home to Heaven on May 22, 2011, reunited with her daughter Amanda and her mother Sharon Carpenter. Lisa is survived by her father, George Carpenter; siblings, Clay Carpenter (fiance Rene), Shawna Barrett, Kerry (Bob) Nahas, Babbette Walters. Also 7 nieces, 1 nephew, & 4 great-nieces. Memorial Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, Friday, June 10 at 6:30PM with gathering beginning at 5PM. Memorials to: Joel Jeremy Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 755 Highland, MI 48357. For further information, call 248.684.6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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### SCOTT

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Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo said he is pleased with this development. "Anytime the state is willing to work with us on something like this it's good," he said. "We want that location to be tax-producing."

In April, the Northville Township Board of Trustees approved a resolution urging Gov. Rick Snyder to sell the Scott property to private interests so it can be developed with a creative and useful economic activity.

The 35-acre site is located at the northwest corner of Five Mile and Beck roads, but it closed over a year ago. Michigan's Department of Technology, Management and Budget recently designated it as surplus, or for sale.

At that time, Kurt Weiss, public information officer for the management and budget department, said they were waiting on legislation to move things forward.

House Bill 4689 would allow the state to sell the property to Northville Township, or

to work closely with the township to sell the property at market value for private development.

Heise, who is also a lawyer, met with Northville Township officials and personally drafted a provision in the bill that would force the state to properly maintain the site while on the market and make it presentable by removing the barbed wire and guard towers as requested by the township.

"This location is well-situated to have a very positive economic impact, and lead to more jobs," Heise said. "The state no longer has a need for this property, and should be able to work closely with Northville Township to sell it for development."

For the township the bill now needs to be passed so they can begin having meetings with the state, Abbo said. That's when they can start implementing the intentions of the bill.

"It has always been the township's motivation to have properties developed so they are consistent with adjoining, neighboring properties."

Adjacent to and across from the location there is commercial development.



# Former Scout's training saves choking MSU classmate

BY LONNIE HUHAN  
CORRESPONDENT

He was just going to wait for his girlfriend to get done with work and grab a bite to eat, but for Ryan Obarzanek what started out as a quick lunch soon turned into a life-saving situation.

A student at Michigan State University, Obarzanek was sitting at the cafeteria at Brody Hall earlier this spring. At a table by himself he began

to notice a woman sitting at another table facing him begin to signal as though she was having some trouble.

"She was trying to signal for help and holding her throat," he recalled. "At first, I thought it might be an allergic reaction, but she stood up and made



Ryan Obarzanek

even more motions for help." And that's what Obarzanek did.

Back in Northville, he was a Boy Scout for Troop 777 and he became an Eagle Scout while attending Novi Catholic Central High School. As he looks back to that moment in the cafeteria, he remembers learning to do the Heimlich maneuver on a "test dummy" during scout summer camp.

His training then helped him through the following

moments as he stood up and went over to Shanna Savage, a fellow student at Michigan State, and asked her if she needed help. She did. Past lessons, which included a refresher course at college, let him know these were classic symptoms of choking.

After spinning her around and he performed five back slaps to aid in dislodging the obstruction. This step is used before the abdominal thrusts. That did not work, so he did

the Heimlich.

It worked as she spit out a piece of bluish-colored sushi. He said she then quickly moved away breaking down in tears, walking away. A couple of sweaty minutes for Obarzanek, he tried to calm down.

The woman soon came back to thank him; she was crying. "She thanked me and was very emotional," he said. "She said she had to call her mother and tell her. I understood why

... it was very intense."

Obarzanek's reaction to the crisis didn't surprise his old scout master, David Rabahy. "This is quite a thing for Ryan, and it says a lot about him," Rabahy said. "It's a great example of the importance of the training that's instilled in the scouts."

Ryan will be starting his senior year this fall at Michigan State University, majoring in kinesiology as a pre-med student.

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### ENGAGEMENT



#### Anderson & Farrant

Debra and Herbert Thomas Anderson III, of Novi, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Nicole Anderson, to Tyler Ross Farrant, of Novi, son of Jan Cartwright and Jerry Gass III of Novi.

The bride-to-be and groom-elect are both graduates of Novi High School and earned bachelor degrees at Central Michigan University.

A September 2011 wedding in Wixom is planned.

### ENGAGEMENT



#### Timar & Solon

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Timar, of Novi, and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Solon, of Clive, Iowa, announce the upcoming marriage of their children, Kristi Ellen Timar to Shawn Michael Solon.

Kristi attended Novi High School, followed by Michigan State University with a degree in criminal justice. She is currently attending the Thomas M. Cooley Law School. Shawn attended Northern Iowa University with a major in history and education. He recently graduated from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

They were to be married on Saturday, May 21 at the First Presbyterian Church in Northville. They will reside in the Village of Milford.



COURTESY OF MELISSA TOLSTYKA

### Soul 4 Sole

Winchester Brownie Troop 018, with the help of Brownie mom Jenni Chirgwin, contacted Soul 4 Sole, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing gently used or new shoes to those who have been devastated by a disaster. The girls asked the students at Winchester Elementary School for donations and were able to collect 160 pair of shoes that will go south to those devastated by tornados. They then met, bundled and packed the shoes. Breckenridge Financial Services, owned by Northville resident Bill Tolstyka, contributed the funds to ship the shoes to Sole 4 Souls. Pictured (l to r) are Avery Tolstyka, Katie Peters, Clare Maginley, Olivia Engler, Regan Henderson, Ava Vollick and the front row (left to right): Jenna Kamsickas, Megan Vos, Kacey Howley and Kaylee Chirgwin. Leaders not pictured are Melissa Tolstyka and Lisa Engler.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville Planning Commission has prepared draft text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance regarding fences, special storage permits, and Planned Unit Development. The proposed changes are described as follows:

Section 18.09	Fences
Section 18.12.9	Special storage permit
Section 18.12.10	Special storage permit
Section 20.10.2	Planned Unit Development

The proposed text amendments will be considered at a public hearing conducted by the Planning Commission on June 21, 2011 at 7:30 p.m., at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of this hearing will be to receive public input on the proposed changes. The complete text of the draft amendments can be reviewed at the Building Department during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Written comments will also be received at the above address.

JIM PENN, BUILDING OFFICIAL DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

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### Northville Public Schools Attention: Student Transportation Services

Northville Public Schools is requesting proposals for student transportation services. Student transportation companies and/or their representatives may submit proposals to:

Northville Public Schools  
Attn: Michael Zopf, Asst. Superintendent  
501 W. Main Street  
Northville, MI 48167

Northville Public Schools Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals or to accept the proposal that it finds, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the school district.

A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on June 7, 2011 at the Administration Building, Room 302, 501 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167. A copy of the RFP will be available on the district's web site ([www.northville.k12.mi.us](http://www.northville.k12.mi.us)) by June 3, 2011. Potential bidders are asked to e-mail any questions to Mr. Michael Zopf, Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations at [zopfmi@northville.k12.mi.us](mailto:zopfmi@northville.k12.mi.us).

All proposals must be submitted no later than 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22, 2011. All proposals should be delivered in a sealed envelope and addressed to the Northville Public Schools and be clearly marked: Student Transportation Services Proposal.

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The City of Northville Planning Commission will consider a request for the rezoning of property located at the northeast corner of Rayson Street and North Center Street (lots 649, 650, 651 and 652a of Assessor's Plat No. 7) from Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Central Business District / Conditional Zoning. The proposed rezoning would allow for a variety of land uses, including retail, restaurant, or office uses. As a conditional rezoning, the property owner has voluntarily imposed development restrictions on the parcel to be developed.

The proposed rezoning will be considered by the Planning Commission at a public hearing on June 21, 2011 at 7:30 p.m., at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of this hearing will be to receive comment on the rezoning application. The rezoning application submitted by Raycen Group LLC (Jim DeLano - Pizza Cutter), 43442 Serenity, Northville, MI 48167, is available for review at the City of Northville Building Department during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, local prevailing time. Written comments pertaining to the proposed rezoning will also be received at the above address.

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### Northville Dems elect new VP and secretary

Lisa Dirado was elected the new vice-president and Barbara Moroski-Browne was elected the new secretary of the 181-member Northville Democratic Club at their membership meeting on May 24 at Cady Inn in Mill Race Village, Northville. Incumbent vice-president Susan Nichols chose not to run

again, and incumbent secretary Pilar Fierro chose to return to the board of directors.

President Scott Craig and treasurer Chuck Nichols were unopposed and re-elected, rounding out the top four officers of the club.

President Scott Craig reported that he had been appointed to the Democratic State Central Committee, one of five members representing the 11th

District on this state policy-making committee.

"We are fortunate to have a very strong group of leaders that have helped make the Northville Democratic Club one of the most successful Democratic clubs in the state," said Craig.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Scott Craig at [scraig27@comcast.net](mailto:scraig27@comcast.net) or viewing

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# Northville celebrates the art of summer

Art Hunt, Arts & Acts and First Friday Experience make culture cool

Summer is a time to relax and stay cool. From a city-wide Art Hunt and the second year of Arts & Acts, to the expanded First Friday Experience, laid back Northville has a collage of activities to keep you cultured all season long.

## ART HUNT

June 3-5, Northville public places

Northville itself will become the giant canvas for a living art project as the public is invited to participate in a city-wide scavenger hunt for miniature paintings. Artist William Hessian of Portland, Maine will bring his Art Hunt concept to town the first weekend of June, hiding 10 "super tiny" original works of art in Northville's public places.

Starting at 5 p.m. Friday, June 3, the public is invited to log on to the artist's website (www.williamhessian.com) for clues to find the hidden treasures, including close-up photographs of each location. It's finders keepers as winners walk away with their keepsake painting, as well as additional prizes from downtown merchants. Everyone is welcome to draw with Hessian at a wrap party 3 p.m. Sunday, June 5 at the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

## ARTS & ACTS

June 24-26, throughout downtown Northville

This year is the second for Northville's Arts & Acts festival. This celebration of the arts expands upon Art in the Sun, Northville's long-standing juried art show, which celebrates its 23rd anniversary this year and remains the visual arts component of the event. For the "acts":

- Reel Michigan Film Festival.

This mitten-centric event features short films, ranging from documentaries and comedies to dramas and animation, all with a Michigan theme. Showings are at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall Theatre on Saturday, and top films will be honored at a Reel Michigan Gala on Saturday night. The film festival also features lectures by industry professionals, including Film and Television Actors Workshop: Audition Techniques for Beginners and Professionals, 9:30-11 a.m. Friday; and Film Work: Long Story Short, 9:30-11 a.m. Saturday (free). Register at Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady St., (248) 344-0497 or www.ticketleap.com.

• Sandbox Play Festival. Northville's Tipping Point Theatre will host its second annual playwriting competition to encourage and increase exposure for Michigan theatre artists. During Arts & Acts, finalists will present their 10-minute readings at noon on Saturday; and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday. Featured plays include 18 Holes by David MacGregor; Two-Out-Of-Three by O.G. Ueberroth; The iMyth of Sisyphus by Al Sjoerdsma and Heartless by Jason Bergsieker. Audiences watch the plays then vote for their favorites to win coveted prizes. \$5.

Arts & Acts is 4-9 p.m. Friday, June 24; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, June 25; and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, June 26.

## FIRST FRIDAY EXPERIENCE

6-9 p.m. June 3, throughout downtown

The first Friday of each month, downtown Northville celebrates the arts during its popular First Friday Experience (formerly known as the Art Walk). As local galleries highlight featured artists, participating shops and restaurants offer hors d'oeuvres, drinks and

special deals. On June 3, catch finalists in Northville's Talent for the Title competition performing in Town Square, and stop by special events at these Northville galleries:

• Dancing Eye Gallery: Open until 8 p.m., this gift shop offers a wide selection of apparel, tiles, jewelry and décor. 101 N. Center, (248) 449-7086, www.dancingeyegallery.blogspot.com.

• Northville Art House: The public is invited to the opening reception for "Left of Center," a group show juried by Northville native Cedric Tai, which lasts through June 25. 215 W. Cady, (248) 344-0497, www.northvillearts.org.

• Northville Gallery: Works will be highlighted by young digital artist and graphic designer Hunter Langstrom, a Northville native who illustrates his hometown and its surrounding areas in unique ways. 123 E. Main, (248) 465-9630, www.buyitnowart.com.

• Painter's Place: Long-time Northville painter Caroline Dunphy welcomes visitors to her personal gallery and showroom. 140 N. Center, (248) 348-9544.

• Starring "The Gallery": Watercolor works by the New Directions Critique Club will be featured, along with live entertainment. 118 W. Main, (248) 347-1642, www.starringthegallery.com.

• State of Mind Art Gallery: Every First Friday this made-in-Michigan gallery highlights a different media. June is all about fibers with an artists' reception and 10 percent off all fiber wraps, purses, and tie dyes. 120 Main St., (248) 347-1642, www.starringthegallery.com/.

• Tiffany Art Glass: Artist John Zawadzki will open the doors of his eclectic stained glass studio for an informal reception. 121 E. Main, (248) 349-2777, www.tiffanyartglass.us.

For more information, visit www.downtownnorthville.org.



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Students and seniors dance at the annual "Senior Prom" at Hillside Middle School on May 11.



## 'Senior Prom'

Northville High's jazz ensemble entertains Hillside Middle School's annual "Senior Prom" on May 11.

Mel Knopf and Hillside Middle School student Kelsey Macaddino dance at the school's annual "Senior Prom" on May 11. For more than two hours that day the school hosted dozens of seniors from Northville and Novi, fed them dinner, entertained them with speeches and song and all then danced to the big band tunes of Northville High School's jazz ensemble under the direction of Mike Rumbell.



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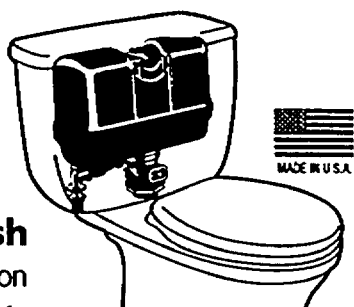
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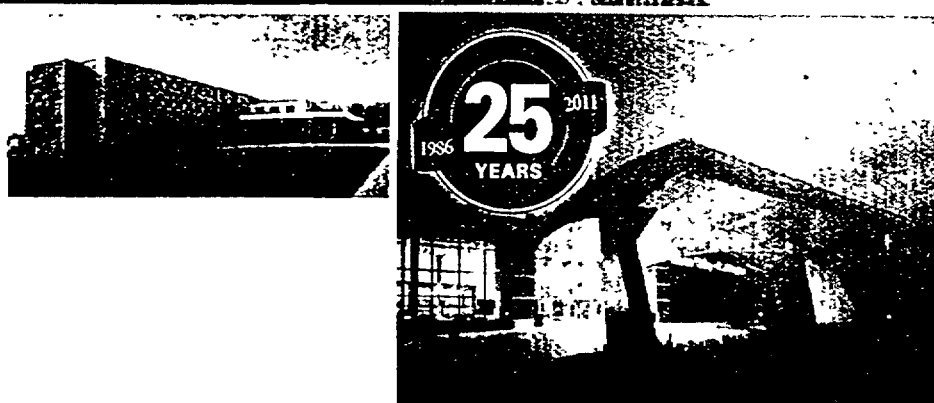
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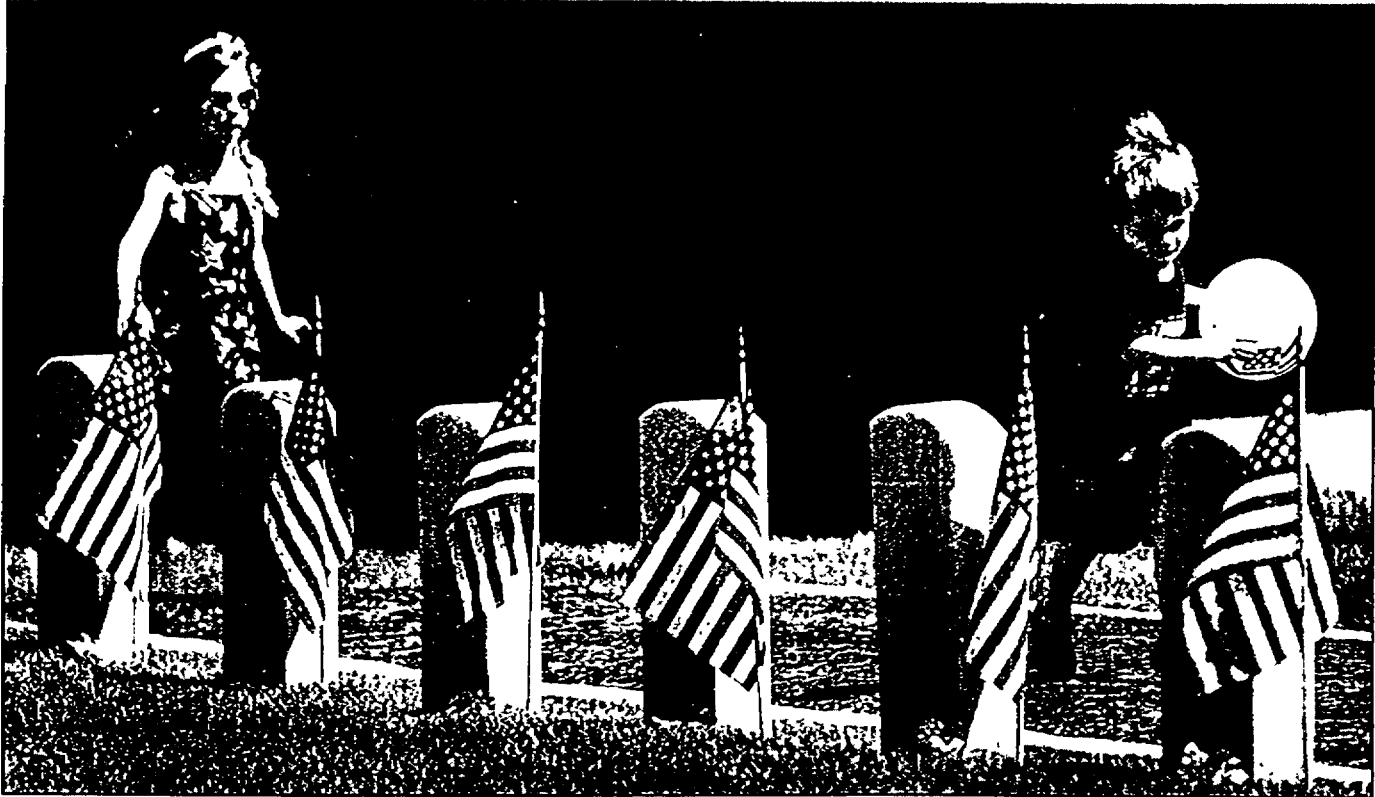
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Viktor, 2, and Mira Pavlov, 7 walk through the veterans section of Northville's Rural Hill Cemetery on Monday. After parading through downtown, Northville citizens congregated at the cemetery for a brief memorial for all those servicemen who gave their lives to the defense of the country.



Boy Scout Michael DuQuesnel, 11, carries the American flag in Monday's Memorial Day Parade.

# Grand!

## Northville's parade marshal recalls WWII's Pacific Theater

BY LONNIE HUHMAN  
CORRESPONDENT

For World War II veteran and Northville resident Victor Spallone, Memorial Day is about remembering the men he served alongside of during his days with the Army Air Corps in the Pacific Theater.

"They were like family to me," he said of his fellow service members. "I have a deep respect for anyone who serves our country, and I remember them every day."

Spallone, 87, was given the honor to be grand marshal for this year's Northville Memorial Day parade. A joint vote by Northville's American Legion and Veteran's of Foreign Wars (VFW) nominated him out of the reverence they have for him and his past service.

At 18 years of age, he entered the Air Corps after the attack on Pearl Harbor, and went on to serve during the war years of 1943-46. Trained as a mechanic, he was sent to the China-Burma-India Theater to serve with the Air Transport Command. His unit was the 1326 Army Air Force Base Unit, based in India.

Their mission was to fly supplies into China for the fight against the Japanese. The crew he served with primarily hauled pipes, meant for building a connecting fuel line. They called themselves the Pipe-eyed Pipers.

Besides the enemy planes, the other big challenge for Spallone and his fellow crew members was flying the "hump," also known as the Himalayan Mountains. Each flight had them crossing the famous mountain range where the average peaks are well over 12,000 feet; he said they were "all close calls."

"The weather could be



COURTESY

Victor Spallone, grand marshal of Monday's Memorial Day parade in downtown Northville, served in the Army Air Corps during WWII.

fierce," he recalled. "When we were up that high it would be freezing, and there wasn't much we could do about that."

He was an in-flight crew chief in charge of the mechanics for the supply missions. Each time out they took on the risks that had brought down other flights like theirs. According to many accounts, well over 500 flights had crashed and more than 1,000 crew members lost.

On the ground things could be life-threatening as well. During his time in the Pacific Theater, he contracted Malaria and was put out of commission for some time.

Spallone went on to serve on many successful supply missions, and today stands as a representative for those brave crew members who served so honorably.



Members of Northville High's marching band and color guard contribute to Monday's parade.



Marta Avery and son Dominik, 2, watch the Northville Memorial Day Parade.



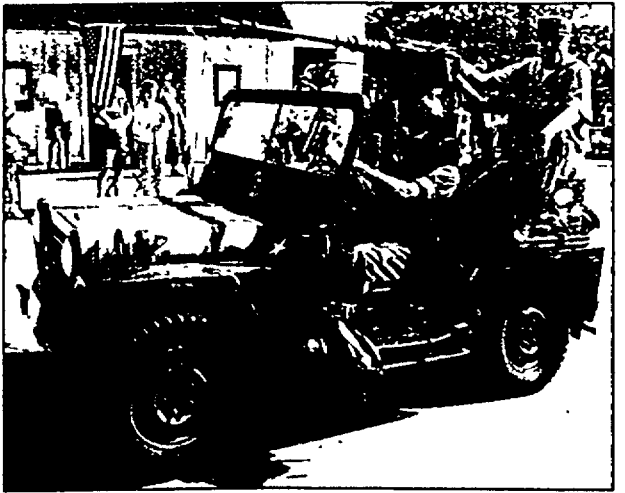
Liz Vallespir and son Mark Paul, 7, leave red, white and blue balloons at the Northville Rural Hill Cemetery grave of veteran Michael Enochs. Vallespir knew the Vietnam War veteran and wanted to pay tribute to him on Memorial Day.



The Ladies Auxiliary of Northville VFW marches in Monday's parade through downtown.



Ray and Sandy Kirchner wave their flags during Monday's parade.



Part of Monday's parade included this Jeep and its crew.

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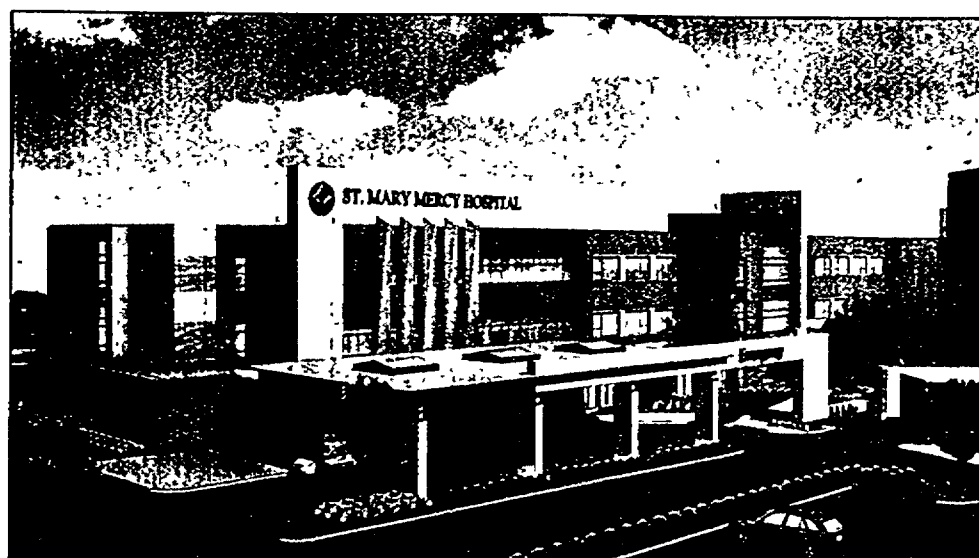
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Slated to open in the fall of 2012, this \$89 million project is the sixth major renovation in the hospital's history since it was built in 1959.

## St. Mary Mercy Hospital's \$89M addition, renovation under way

Construction began in February on St. Mary Mercy Hospital's new South Pavilion, a three-story, 154,000-square-foot addition located in the southwest campus. Slated to open in the fall of 2012, this \$89 million project is the sixth major renovation in the hospital's history since it was built in 1959. After the completion of the South Pavilion, the hospital's existing patient rooms on the north campus will also be renovated to private patient rooms. St. Mary Mercy Hospital will remain licensed for its current 304 beds.

The first floor will boast a 45,000-square-foot Emergency Department, twice its current size, with over 50 specialized treatment areas including a senior ER, behavioral medicine treatment rooms, as well as trauma, rapid assessment and fast track bays and more.

The second and third floors will have a total of 80 all-private patient medical and surgical rooms specifically designed with the community's involvement. The all-private rooms benefit the patients and families through more personal and private space, fewer patient transfers, a quieter atmosphere, and a healing environment emphasizing natural light and warm natural

colors.

"Our new private patient rooms will enhance the care we provide for our patients and their families," said David Spivey, president and CEO, St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

We designed our private rooms with the input of patients, families, physicians, nurses, and support staff. Site visits and evidence-based research prepared the design team to implement best practices for a healing environment. Patient safety, staff efficiency, effectiveness and ergonomics were all considered during the design process.

Hobbs + Black Architects is the architectural firm hired to design the new addition while Granger Construction Company will be doing the construction. Both have experience in healthcare design and construction, respectively. Steve VanBrussel, of Canton, was hired as the project manager for the new South Pavilion.

Philanthropic support from community partners is a vital component of this project. To learn more about the philanthropic campaign initiative or to make a gift, contact the St. Mary Mercy Development Office at (734) 655-2980. For more information, visit stmarymercy.org.

## Simple steps to speed up your computer

BY JON GUNNELLS  
GUEST COLUMNIST

Unless your laptop or desktop computer is fresh out of the box, it properly isn't performing as well as you would like it to. There are, however, a number of tasks you can do to help your computer run as fast and efficiently as possible — just like it did the first time you took it out of the wrapping.

**Virus Scan** — Every computer owner should run their anti-virus, or anti-malware programs regularly because they can help identify and rid computers of virus, spyware and other threats that are likely slowing you down. Try leaving your computer on setting your anti-virus software to run a time at a time when you aren't using your computer — such as the middle of the night. By doing so, your computer won't be bogged down with scanning for viruses while you're trying to send out e-mails or browse the web. If you have a newer machine, you can probably do other tasks while simultaneously scanning viruses.

**Disk Defragmenter and Disk Cleanup** — When you run these programs, your PC will identify programs and files that are no longer used. Your computer will automatically condense and or remove these files to clear up memory on your computer. The more

memory your computer has available, the more "energy" it will have to perform necessary processes.

**Add or removing programs** — Over the course of a few months or even a few years, your computer can accumulate a number of programs that take up space and slow down your machine. On a PC you can add or remove programs by clicking on the control panel. From there you can click "add or remove programs" and then sort through programs and remove items you no longer use, or never wanted (some computers come pre-loaded with a multitude of games or media players that you may not want). When you are inside the "add or remove programs" window, your computer will show you the last time you used each program. This helps you to easily identify the programs you don't need, or the programs that you do need that were pre-loaded on your computer. Just be careful not to delete necessary programs that you need like a plug-in for your printer or your preferred media player. This option is best for removing programs like Internet toolbars and other applications you have accumulated over the years.

You can also easily add or remove programs from a MAC. Simply click on the finder and open the applications folder. You can delete the unwanted programs by dragging the items to the trash. You can do the same with old movies, songs, or anything else that takes up space that you don't want to keep.

**Condense your own files** — Whether you are on a MAC, or PC, or even using an external hard drive, you can save a load of space by removing duplicate files. Maybe you have a folder full of old resumes, or outdated documents, or even double-copies of movies or music. By removing these items, or deleting other documents you don't need, you can save valuable space.

If you have gone through all of these steps and you are still finding yourself with a slower-than desired computer you can always try running system restore (PC only). System restore allows a user to go restore their computer to exactly how it was configured at an earlier date — like when the computer was first purchased. This is a great way to remove Trojan viruses, or other malware, but it also only meant to be used rarely.

Remember if you use system restore in June 2011 to revert to January 2011, you will lose any data you acquired between the two points. So be careful, and if you want to save any documents like those updated resumes, or freshly-downloaded music, make sure you back it up on discs, or thumb drives first.

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Michigan retail sales rebound, but retailers wary

Michigan retailers rang up better sales in April, although they remain concerned about high gasoline prices and unemployment, according to the latest Michigan

Retail Index survey conducted by Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

"A late Easter and resilient consumers helped overall retail sales rebound in April," said James P. Hallan, MRA president and chief executive officer.

"However, retailers' short-term sales projections dipped for the third month in a row, indicating continued concern about the economy. The recent easing of gas prices — after this survey was completed — should help soften some of those fears as we head into summer."

Retail sales dipped sharply in March as a combination of rising prices at the pump, a late Easter and cold weather hit the industry. But

that same late Easter helped pull up April sales, and enough consumers shrugged off \$4-a-gallon gasoline to move the Index back into positive territory.

The Michigan Retail Index for April found that 45 percent of retailers increased sales over the same month last year, while 32 percent recorded declines and 23 percent saw no change. The results create a seasonally adjusted performance index of 53.1, up from 42.9 in March. Index values above 50 generally indicate an increase in overall retail activity.

Looking forward, 48 percent of retailers expect sales during May-July to increase over the same period last year, while 16 percent project a decrease and 36 percent no change. That puts the seasonally adjusted outlook index at 60.9, down from 63.8 in March and 72.3 in both February and January.

Department stores, gift retailers and automotive service shops posted the best performances in April. Central and Southeast Michigan were the strongest regions.

## BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in May offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months.

Unless otherwise noted, all programs take place at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For pre-registration and location specifics, visit oakgov.com/peds/calendar or call (248) 858-0783.

### WORKSHOPS

June 2: Pre-Business Research Workshop (PM)

June 7 FastTrac NewVenture

June 8 CEED Microloan Orientation (AM)

June 8 5 Keys to Achieving Fiscal Fitness

June 8 Social Media Marketing Part 3 (PM)

June 9 Fundamentals of Starting a Business (PM)

June 16 Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan (PM)

June 21 Small Business Loan Workshop (AM)

June 23 QuickBooks Essentials Part I & II

July 7 Pre-Business Research Workshop (AM)

July 13: CEED Microloan Orientation (AM)

July 14 Fundamentals of Starting a Business (AM)

July 20 Social Media Marketing Part 3 (AM)

July 19 Legal & Financial Basics

July 21 Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan (AM)

July 28 Fundamentals of Marketing Your Business

• (AM) Morning Class 9 a.m.-12/12:30 p.m.

• (PM) Evening Class 6-9/9:30 p.m.

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## OUR VIEWS

# K-12 funding Is school out forever?

"School's out for summer. School's out forever."

Alice Cooper's hit from 1972 may become Michigan's new mantra as districts across the state are facing budget deficits that could make education look like it's been "blown to pieces."

The good news about our state Legislature approving a transformational state budget was that it was done months ahead of previous years when the state was on the verge of shutting down services because Democrats and Republicans couldn't agree on anything. The chaos that we've come to expect from our Lansing leaders in September will be absent. Completing the budget the earliest in 30 years is not really a problem when one party controls both the House and Senate (and the governor belongs to same party).

Just a day after Gov. Rick Snyder signed into law a major tax overhaul, the GOP majority approved (without the vote of a single Democrat) the \$46-billion 2012 budget that includes the bad news — a \$300 million cut in state aid to schools brought about by transferring money from K-12 funding to higher education.

But, there is a new governor now, and he sees things a little differently. The governor is suggesting, no, promising that by forming cooperative agreements, schools can save money.

That means at least \$300 less per pupil to public schools than in the current budget year, which ends Sept. 30 and already has a \$170 per pupil cut.

Districts will recover part of that when the state pays anywhere from \$80 to \$160 per student for pension costs. Also, another \$100 per student is there for districts that show they do "best practices" (show finances

and test scores online; become policyholders for employee health benefits; bid out non-instructional services; and charge employees 10 percent or more for health care premiums).

But the core of our education funding woes remains. The school aid fund is the major mechanism approved by voters in 1994 that funds education in the state. It was a compact, say educators, an attempt to improve equity among districts. It never really achieved what it had promised — improving the lot of low-funded districts. There have been calls for its revision, which raises the spectre of the exorbitant rises in tax rates before it went into existence.

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It makes sense, but it's something Novi and Northville have been doing for a while. Educators say they have cut expenses and are at the bone. It's true. The impact of nearly \$500 less per student is severe with Northville approving 60 staff layoffs, which only make up a portion of its \$7 million shortfall. Novi is letting go 26 employees. What more can be done?

While the economy is improving, and state revenue appears more than anticipated, there is a lag between improving property values, upon which tax rates are levied, and increased tax revenue.

What educators, parents and other taxpayers have to look at now are ways of improving finances through other means. Some districts may seek a bond issue, but that legally can't pay for operations. Northville voters recently approved a five-year millage for much needed facility repairs.

Like municipalities, school districts must look for cooperative agreements covering services and equipment that will not only save money, but could improve the education students get.

Let's face it, some small districts just can't afford to provide the range of programs for students that some larger ones can.

Many see cooperation as loss of local identity, but it isn't. It's more like baking a loaf of bread: You mix up the different ingredients, and the synergy found in the dough rises up above the pan it is in. Stringent monetary policies could just bring about needed change in the long run.

In the meantime, you can always let Lansing know how you feel about this budget via a phone call or e-mail.

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## COMMUNITY VOICE

What keeps you coming back to the Northville Farmers' Market?



"I like the variety of plants and the people that sell the jewelry. It's like a reunion every spring."

Judy Poole  
Northville



"We've been coming for years - it's the social atmosphere and the colorful flowers."

Jenny Artz (with daughter Cale, 5)  
Northville



"I live just down the street and love coming here and seeing everything. I usually buy fruit and produce here in season."

Nancy Gosdeck  
Northville



"It's the kettle corn - and it's nice to come here on a great day and see people out and about."

Jeremy Minnleear  
Northville

## LETTERS

### Say no to the governor

Gov. Snyder needs to take stock of our state and its residents. It is time to say no to corporate tax breaks. The state will not attract corporations, if we have high crime rates, underemployed, and undereducated people. We have to stop giving tax breaks to corporations and make life easier for the elderly.

Seriously, Gov. Snyder has no idea what to do. First he wanted to cut the K-12 school budget, and then he wanted to increase taxes on the elderly. Next he decided to spend money on the Pure Michigan campaign. He hasn't made one smart decision since he took office. For a nerd, he isn't too bright.

I honestly cannot figure out how he managed to get elected. I wasn't fooled by his rhetoric spouting that he was a proud nerd. How many people who are nerds go around announcing it? Not many. In my opinion, people who brag on themselves are not usually as great as they claim.

Wake up, Michigan! Pay attention to what Gov. Snyder says and then read between the lines. Stop playing the shell game with him, and put your feet down, Michiganders. Tell Gov. Snyder we won't stand for this treatment, and we are not interested in lining his pocket or any of his buddies who have large corporations who are reaping all of the benefits while the little guys suffer.

I would love to get a tax break for staying in Michigan. People are leaving this state in

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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droves, and I don't think that throwing money at companies will actually work. Let's try being more creative, please.

Vonda L. Newborn  
Inkster

### Helmet health

I feel that the issue of not wearing helmets on bikes is affecting our community greatly. People who do not wear helmets have a high chance of damaging their brain and spinal cord.

My neighbor used to be very athletic and

would ride his bike for miles on end. Until one day, when he was not wearing a helmet, he hit a bump on the sidewalk and went flying. His spinal cord was severely damaged. He is now paralyzed from the waist down and has difficulty moving his upper body.

My neighbor was one of the many who have suffered from damage to their spinal cord or brain. No one should have to suffer as my neighbor did. I greatly encourage others to wear a helmet when riding a bike.

Laws on wearing bike helmets should be enforced more because do you really want to risk it? If I did not wear a helmet, I would be very angry at myself from how I was living. Not wearing a helmet doesn't show others you are cool or a rebel. It just shows you are not wearing a helmet ... and what will that ever do for your life?

Will it show you accomplished anything? Because it won't, the only thing you will accomplish is that you accomplished putting your life on the line, and you might even die. Does that sound "fun"? I didn't think so.

Start teaching your children to wear bike helmets. We would all like more birthdays in the world, not less. When we teach them to wear bike helmets, it will help them be more safe than not wearing them. Save the world, wear bike helmets.

Taylor Smith  
Canton

# Did we elect Tigger (or Eeyore) for gov?

BY TOM WATKINS  
GUEST COLUMNIST

You remember Tigger? That "bouncy, bouncy, fun, fun, fun" always optimistic character from the Winnie the Pooh book series?

Gov. Snyder, with challenges tangled around him like he has been dropped in a bowl of spaghetti, remains upbeat, positive and pursuing — as he likes to say — "relentless, positive actions."

Recently, at the Economic Club of Grand Rapids, he asked the record crowd to lighten up.

"We're too negative," Snyder told the largely supportive business folks. "We look in the rear-view mirror too much to say, 'This is what we've always had, so we've got to keep that going.'"

Recently addressing more than 1,000 sixth-graders from the Utica School District, Snyder encouraged the students to maintain a positive attitude through life. "Michigan needs a glass-half-full mentality in order to pull out of its economic doldrums," the governor said.



Tom Watkins

Have we been a state of Eeyores (the sad, always down, in-the-dumps donkey from the same Winnie the Pooh books)?

### ATTITUDE MATTERS

"If you really want to be successful, you will view that glass as half full. It's about having a positive attitude for the future," Gov. Tigger — er, Snyder — cheered.

Michigan's glass has been filled with:

- Stubbornly high unemployment
- Loss of nearly a million jobs
- Massive home foreclosures
- Schools and cities teetering on the bankruptcy cliff and far too many schools not educating far too many students to thrive (let alone survive in the hyper-competitive, global knowledge economy)

Not to mention the protest in Lansing and the recall effort targeting Gov. Tigger as he bounces around the state with reinvent Michigan ideas. Snyder has a big bounce in his own step after passing an overhaul of the much-reviled state's business tax system and addressing school funding.

"The wicked witch is done," he told the businesses at the Economic Club of Grand Rapids. "I can tell you in my heart this is good legislation.

It is focused on job creation. This is the best answer possible for the middle class and all of our classes in Michigan."

### LEADERS LEAD

Gov. Snyder has a vision for reinventing Michigan. He realizes that we cannot rebuild our state on a foundation in the clouds. He is not simply cutting budgets, he is invoking the new three R's — restructure, reform and reinvent government at all levels, leveraging change in ways that forces a recalibration to our new reality.

The governor, while more than willing to listen, engage and compromise, has set a course for "True North." He knows that what we once had is gone and with a positive attitude we can create a 21st century Michigan that will lift all boats.

"Do not waste your energy on blame. Do ... not spend time or waste your energy on deciding who will get credit," the governor encouraged the Utica middle schoolers.

Michigan, are we Tigger or Eeyore?

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NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY  
CALENDAR

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## LOCAL

## Genito's Hole-in-the-Wall

Location: 108 E. Main, Northville  
Contact: (248) 349-0522

## Fairy Tea Party

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday June 26  
Details: \$16.95 adults; \$8.95 children 3-10; free for 3 years and under.

## Rouge Rescue

Time/Date: 9 a.m. June 4

Location: Cold Water Springs/Linear Park  
Details: The event will consist of a fun run along the newly constructed park path that runs parallel to the Johnson Creek and has access to the creek in several locations. Parents are asked to register their children ages 5 and up in advance with the staff engineer.

Contact: (248) 662-0497

## Friday Night Concerts

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Fridays, July 1-Aug. 26

Location: Town Square, downtown Northville

Details: Free concerts presented by Tom Holzer Ford and the Northville Downtown Development Authority. July 1 - First Presbyterian Church; July 8 - Randy Brock Group; July 15 - Shawn Riley Band; July 22 - Steve King and the Ditties; July 29 - Zap Tor; Aug. 5 - Buy Michigan Now Festival; Aug. 12 - The Crutches; Aug. 19 - Gia Warner; Aug. 26 - Justine Blazer.

## Barnes &amp; Noble Booksellers

Location: 17111 Haggerty Road, Northville  
Dean Bakopoulos Book Signing

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, June 6 and 2-4 p.m. Saturday, July 1

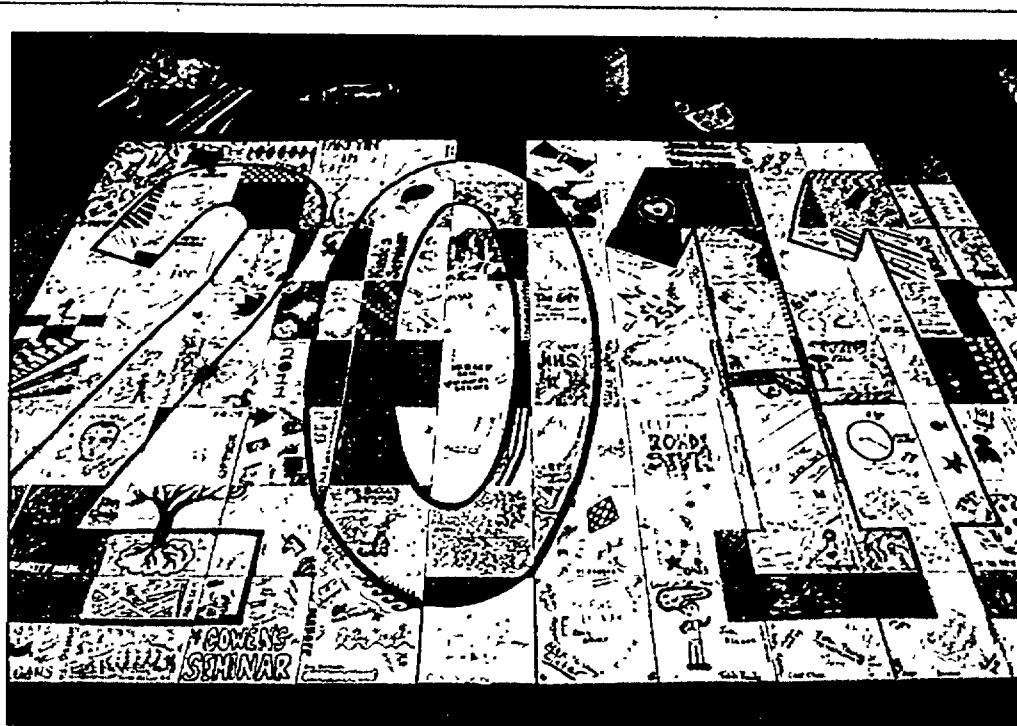
Details: The author of the award-winning novel *Please Don't Come Back From the Moon* returns with *My American Unhappiness*. In this sophomore release from Dean Bakopoulos, the book follows protégé Zeke Pappas, a borderline alcoholic widower whose project to determine why Americans are so unhappy has become almost obsessive.

Contact: (248) 348-1274 For questions regarding this event, please call Betsy Storrs, Barnes & Noble Community Relations Manager at (248) 348-1274.

## Harry Dolan Book Signing

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Saturday, July 9

Details: Michigan resident Harry Dolan's first book, *Bad Things Happen*, climbed to the top of the bestseller list quickly with its fast-paced plot full of twists and turns. Mystery readers devoured the book, which the author placed in his hometown of Ann Arbor. With endorsements from writers like Stephen King and Karin Slaughter, Dolan's



## Mosaic

Lucy Zhao, a senior at Northville High School, organized a Senior Seminar Tile Mosaic. Each seminar and Oakland Technical School student received a tile that they decorated with Sharpie pens. It was all put together in a frame, spelling "2011", and put on display last week. The tiles are 4-foot by 6-foot. There are 96 ceramic tiles. The frame was made by the Robotics Team, and the Sharpies were donated by the PISA. The tiles, currently on display in the library, will be moved to their permanent location nailed into the wall above the main staircase.

sequel entitled *Very Bad Men* is sure to keep its readers up for another long night of page turning.

## Hal Malchow Book Signing

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Monday, June 13

Details: The father-son team of Hal and Alex Malchow began the book when son Alex was only 8 years old. It took two years to write, and the result is a thrilling new adventure for middle-grade readers. The authors and publisher will be donating a percentage of the royalties from the sales of this book to non-profit organizations across the country aimed at helping children with learning disabilities.

## 18th Annual Garden Walk

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, July 13

Location: Garden Walk Central is at Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold Avenue, Northville  
Details: The Country Garden Club of Northville invites you to attend its Eighteenth Annual Garden Walk featuring six gardens in charming Northville. Other unique attractions include a garden market, live music, and refreshments. Proceeds from the event support charitable contributions to local and national horticultural causes. Cost is \$10; tickets available at Gardenvivies, 117 E. Main in downtown Northville, after June 13.

Contact: (248) 348-3263; [www.cgcny.org](http://www.cgcny.org)

## Northville Art House

Location: 215 W. Cady St., Northville

Contact: Northville Art House (248) 344-0497 or [www.northvillearts.org](http://www.northvillearts.org) for on-going art classes, lectures, events, rentals, volunteering.

Hours: 1-5 p.m. Saturdays; 1-9 p.m. on first Fridays of each month

Details: Admission to Art House exhibits are always free and open to the public.

## 3rd Annual "West of Center" All Media Show

Time/Date: opening reception 6-9 p.m.

June 3; exhibit continues through June 25 during gallery hours

## Northville Community Senior Center

Location: 303 W. Main Street

Contact: (248) 349-4140

## Detroit Tigers Trip

Date: June 16

Details: Register by May 11; \$40 prepaid includes transportation, ticket and lunch.

## Portofino on the River

Date: July 20

Details: \$45 prepaid, includes transportation, cruise and lunch

## Senior Fest

Time/Date: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday, June 8

Details: RSVP by June 3. Back again - Senior Fest 2011 will be held at the Northville Community Senior Center. Great music, lunch and prizes!

## Northville Chamber of Commerce

Location: 195 S. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167

Contact: (248) 349-7640

## Farmers Market

Time/Date: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursdays

Location: northwest corner of Sheldon and Seven Mile roads

Details: The area is filled with Michigan-made, Michigan-grown products.

## Northville Flower Sale

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, May 27 and 9-5 Saturday, May 28

Details: The downtown streets of Northville are paved with color during the annual Flower Sale event. Over 20 Michigan growers and greenhouses participate in the event, selling annuals, perennials, trees, shrubs and garden art.

## Chamber Golf Classic

Date: Tuesday, June 7

Location: Northville Hills Golf Club

Details: Opportunities for sponsorships and advertising are still available. Enjoy a day on the links with other chamber members and friends, while supporting your Chamber. Golf is \$150 per person.

## Mill Race Historical Village

Location: 215 Griswold Avenue, north of Main Street near Ford Field

Time/Dates: Office open 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Monday-Friday. Village buildings open 1-4 p.m., Sundays, mid-June to mid-Oct.

Contact: (248) 348-1845

## Weekly Events

(\*Grounds closed to public)

Thursday: 9 a.m. archives open; 9:30 a.m. school tour; 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts #1737; 7 p.m. docent meeting

Friday: 9 a.m. archives open; 6 p.m. rehearsal

Saturday: 1:30-3:30 p.m. wedding\*

Sunday: 1-5 p.m. Northville Genealogical Society meeting

Monday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Hands-All-Around Quilters in church; 6 p.m. Girl Scouts #834

Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Country Garden Club; 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts #473

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. school tour; 5-8 p.m. Scouts on bridge; 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation group

## Fourth of July Activities

Time/Date: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday, July 4

Details: Buildings open after parade. Civil War Soldiers from American Civil War Shooting Association will be encamped behind the Yertzes House. Music by 5th Michigan Regiment Band, an authentic Civil War band.

Volunteer help  
needed to Rescue  
the Rouge River

Friends of the Rouge, a local non-profit organization dedicated to restoring the Rouge River in southeast Michigan, calls for volunteer help to rescue the rouge. Thirty worksites are being coordinated in nineteen (19) communities across the Rouge River watershed on Saturday, June 4 and one activity taking place on Saturday, June 11.

The Friends group is celebrating their 25th year of Rouge Rescue and is pleased with the cleanup efforts over the past 24 years but warn the public should not become complacent.

"Volunteers have made great strides in cleaning up the Rouge" said Cyndi Ross, River Restoration Program manager for the group. "We have seen tremendous improvements, but there is still work to be done."

Historically, the focus of Rouge Rescue was trash removal from dumpsites along the river. In the past decade or so, the focus of the event has shifted toward restoration activities, and volunteers work to stabilize eroding stream banks, plant native vegetation to reduce the impact of storm water on the river and educational activities to inform the public how their everyday activities effect water quality.

"Wouldn't it be great to be able to jump into a tube and float down the Middle Rouge from Northville to Dearborn on a hot summer day?" asked Ross. "If we all take corrective actions to improve the river, that dream may become a reality for our grandchildren and their children."

The problems facing the Rouge River today are more complicated than removing trash from dumpsites, albeit the need for cleaning up trash remains. The biggest impact to the river is pollutants carried by storm water and the quantity of rain water that is piped directly to the river to prevent flooding on streets and in neighborhoods. There are 1.5 million people living in the Rouge watershed, whose everyday activities impact the River.

What can watershed residents do? Become involved in cleaning and caring for the Rouge River on Saturday, June 4 and everyday thereafter.

More information, including a list of sites, can be found on the Friends of the Rouge website at [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org) or by calling (313) 792-9621.

## 2011 ROUGE RESCUE SITES

Saturday, June 4

## NOVI

Time: 9 a.m.-noon

Location: Rotary Park, 22220 Roethel Drive, Novi (south side of Nine Mile Road between Novi and Meadowbrook roads)

Family Friendly: No  
Volunteer Projects: River clean up, placing of wood-chips, picking up litter, clearing of trails and invasive plant removal/weeding activities

## NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP

Time: 9 a.m.-noon

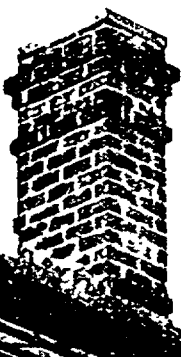
Location: Allen Drive Park (just northwest of Eight Mile and Novi roads. Park along Novi Street and walk back to the river just north of Eight Mile)

Volunteer Projects: Clean-up, invasive plant removal/weeding, park maintenance and trash removal  
Family Friendly: Yes

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## NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Special needs summer camp open house

O.U.R. Camp, Inc. ([www.ourcampinc.org](http://www.ourcampinc.org)), a summer day camp for young children with developmental needs, will have an open house from 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, June 4. At the event, parents can register their children for camp, meet the counselors and take a tour of the camp facilities. This event is free and open to the public and will be held at the camp located at Northville Christian Academy, 41355 Six Mile Road in Northville.

For more information, please contact Claudia Pietron, board president, at (734) 718-5734 or Karen Beaudoin, registration chair, at (734) 737-9102.

O.U.R. Camp (Opportunity - Understanding - Recreation) is a specialized summer day camp for young children, ages 3 to 11, with developmental needs. Its purpose is to provide continuity with school year programs and to stimulate the development of cognitive and social skills during the summer months. Activities are designed to promote improved self-image and group interaction skills. Since its inception in 2000, the children who have attended camp have had a wide range of special education certifications, including autism spectrum disorder, cognitive impairment and speech and language impairment. Three camp sessions are held from the end of June through mid-August. O.U.R. Camp, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) company.

### Walk-N-Fund to help foster children

Walkers and runners participating in the Saturday, June 4, Walk-N-Fund Run will help raise public awareness and financial support for Royal Family Kids Camp (RFKC) held July 11-15 at a camp near Gladwin, Michigan, sponsored locally by Detroit First Church of the Nazarene in Northville and Northville Christian Assembly church.

The Royal Walk-N-Fund Run event will feature a four-mile walk and four-mile fun

run. Registration will be from 7:30-8:30 a.m. and the walk and fun run events will begin at 9 a.m. at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty north of Eight Mile in Northville. The walk and run will be along the I-275 bike path from the church to Grand River and back.

The fee of \$30 per walker/runner will include an event commemorative tee-shirt, water and a snack. The event is free to children 12 and younger.

Interested persons may register in advance by visiting [www.dfnazarene.org](http://www.dfnazarene.org) or by contacting Shelly King at (248) 348-7600 or via e-mail at [sking@dfnazarene.org](mailto:sking@dfnazarene.org).

Registration forms also will be available the morning of the fundraising event. A sponsored walker form is available for those runners/walkers who wish to raise money in this way.

Many walkers and runners will be collecting pledges of financial support from friends, family and colleagues at work as an additional way of raising money for Royal Family Kids Camp.

### Harley Fest June 18

Harley Fest 2011 will be held Saturday, June 18 at Northville Community Park, Five Mile and Beck roads. Sign up by June 8 and ride for \$15. Proceeds will benefit Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The ride will leave from Motor City Harley-Davidson on Grand River Avenue in Farmington. Riders can pre-register at [www.wrf.com](http://www.wrf.com); email to [kkroll@mdausa.org](mailto:kkroll@mdausa.org) or call (586) 274-9000.

Volunteers are needed to help out with four-hour shifts, and they get to attend the event for free. Duties include parking attendants, ride registration, selling beer tickets, dispensing beer, and selling T-shirts and pins. All volunteers must be at least 16; 21 or older to sell beer/tickets.

### Heise invites residents to office hours

State Rep. Kurt Heise is

available to meet with residents every second Monday of the month, at the following times and locations:

- 10-11 a.m. at Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady Street, Northville;
- 1-2 p.m. at Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne
- 3-4 p.m. at Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth

Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office. Residents are invited to call toll free 1-855-REP-KURT or e-mail [kurtheise@house.mi.gov](mailto:kurtheise@house.mi.gov) to schedule an appointment.

### Concours d'Elegance of America holding track event

The Concours d'Elegance of America at St. John's (formerly held at Meadow Brook Hall) announces the First Annual Concours Track Event at Michigan International Speedway (MIS).

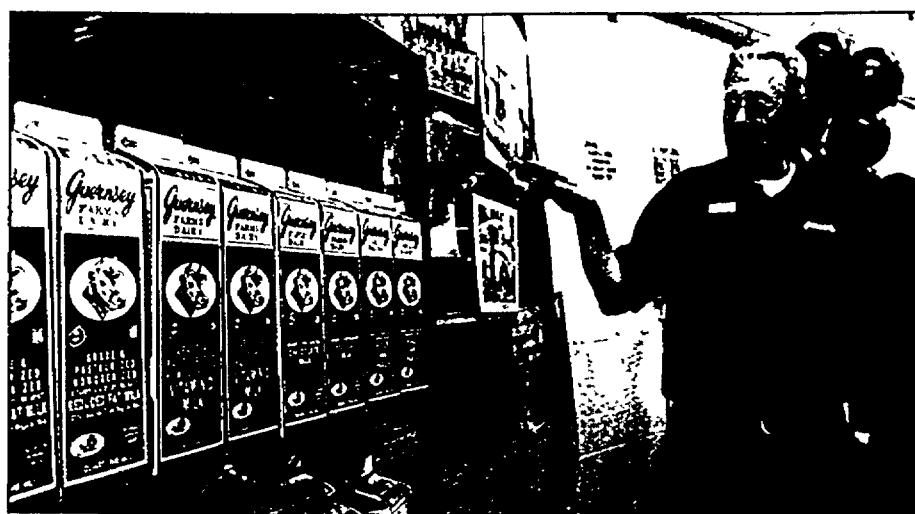
Owners of classic cars from around the country are invited to bring their machines to MIS on Friday, July 29 to experience thrill of driving on a high speed raceway.

A special "100 Years of Indy" class of 33 vintage Indy cars will be on the field at the Concours at St. John's Sunday, July 31. Priority participation in the driving event will be given to the vintage Indy race cars.

Many of the pre-1964 cars that raced in the Indianapolis 500 are expected to participate as well as other vintage racers, also on display at the Concours d'Elegance of America at St. John's.

Spaces in the track event are limited, so McCarter encourages those interested to sign up as soon as possible. Registration Forms are available at the Concours website ([www.concoursusa.org](http://www.concoursusa.org)) or call the Concours office at (248) 643-8645 and one can be mailed or faxed.

More information on the



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Guernsey Farms employee and family member Tom McGuire talks to visitors during their April 30 open house. McGuire used to drive one of the dairy's many delivery trucks in the early days of the business.



### Guernsey open house

Guernsey Farms Taste Fest open house was on April 30. Guernsey opened up its dairy production facility on Novi Road for all visitors that day and gave everyone a scoop or three of ice cream.

Lucy Beauregard, 18 months, seems to be happy with anticipation as she tries a scoop of Guernsey Farms ice cream during its April 30 Taste Fest.

Concours d'Elegance of America and all ancillary events please refer to our web page at [www.concoursusa.org](http://www.concoursusa.org) <<http://www.concoursusa.org>>.

### Buy Michigan Now event returns to Northville to celebrate state Aug. 5-7

Buy Michigan Now is again teaming up with Downtown Northville to host an upbeat celebration of Michigan, Aug. 5-7. The family-friendly Buy Michigan Now Festival will showcase various Michigan entertainers, businesses, products, and educational opportunities with the goal of revitalizing the local economy.

Launched in 2007 by Lisa Diggs, Buy Michigan Now is a statewide initiative to inform, educate and encourage organizations and consumers, to refuel Michigan's economy by purchasing products and services made in Michigan and from Michigan-based companies. "The Buy Michigan Now Festival is a little different from a lot of other summer

events. It's a fest with a cause," said Diggs. "In addition to providing great food, entertainment, and fun, we are dedicated to helping Michigan businesses grow. It's going to be companies like these, each adding one or two more jobs that brings our economy back on track, and we want to help them do it."

The weekend celebration focuses attention on Michigan-based businesses and locally-produced merchandise to help stimulate the economy. Main and Center streets in central Northville will be closed to allow for pedestrian traffic. Local Northville merchants will host a sidewalk sale, while Michigan vendors set up shop under tents in the streets. The event also features live entertainment in Town Square and a kids zone dedicated to family fun.

The Buy Michigan Now Festival is scheduled to run from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5 and Saturday, Aug. 6 and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7. More than 100 vendors and merchants are expected to participate and the festival is

free to the public.

For information on vendor or sponsorship opportunities, contact Buy Michigan Now (248) 390-0974 or info@BuyMichiganNow.com.

### Northville Record online

Have you checked out our newly redesigned website? It's chock full of local news from the Northville community and is updated often. There are several cool features at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com) that allow you browse through the latest news and features from your neighboring communities, too; allow you to chime in with your opinion on our stories; editorials and letters to the editor; check out our amazing photo galleries and videos that are captured daily by our reporters and photographers. Readers can also find garage sale listings — with a map! — each week from Wednesday-Sunday.

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## SOCIAL SECURITY

Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.



call him to determine if you may be eligible for these benefits. He offers a free phone or office consultation. If Bieske represents you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

In a recent radio interview attorney Bieske explained that many people are not even aware that they are eligible for Social Security Disability benefits. You may be eligible even if you have retired and are receiving a pension. If you have an illness or injury (whether or not related to your work), are under 65 and unable to work full-time you may be eligible. Social Security Disability benefits are based on your work record or your deceased spouse's work record (Widow's/Widower's benefits).

Call attorney J.B. Bieske at 1-800-331-3330 for a FREE consultation if you are considering applying for Social Security Disability Benefits or if you have been denied. His Livonia office is located on Six Mile Road just West of I-275 and his Novi office is on Haggerty just North of 12 Mile Road.

Many large firms assign clients to young associate attorneys with much less experience; and often these firms aren't even based in Michigan.

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject. He also has been interviewed on various radio and television programs and has given speeches to many groups.

Bieske's office staff consists of paralegals and secretaries who are extremely helpful in answering questions with regard to the status of client's cases and administrative procedure.

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## NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

At a Regular Meeting held by the Charter Township Board of Trustees on May 19, 2011 held at the Charter Township of Northville Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m. the following Ordinances were introduced. The ordinances will be presented to the Board of Trustees to be adopted at the Regular Board of Trustees meeting on June 16, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. to be held at 44405 Six Mile, Northville, Michigan 48168 at 7:30 p.m.

### Chapter 170 Zoning - Article 3 - Accessory Building, Structures and uses

- Section 3.2 indicates that a building permit is required for accessory buildings, structures and uses. The proposed amendment adds a reference to a compliance permit as a potential permit requirement.

### Chapter 170 Zoning - Article 15 - Office, Research and Technology District

- The main reason for this amendment is to add uses involving chemical processing as a special land use in order to accommodate anticipated expansion of the TSC facility. The new use is consistent with the types of uses contemplated in the district and the amendment takes into consideration the continually evolving types of technology. The special land use classification provides the township with the opportunity to ensure the locations for these uses are appropriate within the ORT zoning district.
- Many amendments have been made, many of which are stream lining, updating text to make it easier to administer and deleting uses that are not targeted toward research and development so as to maintain the integrity of the district.

### Chapter 67 - Criminal Code - Article 15 Malicious use of telephones or electronic devices Added:

- An electronic device shall include but not be limited to a computer, telephone, cellular phone, facsimile machine, satellite phone, text messaging device, e-mail, answering machine or any device used for communication by any means.
- This section prohibits aforementioned conduct whenever such communication is commenced or received within the Township.

### Chapter 113 - Motor Vehicles - Article 38 - Fines for Overweight Vehicles

### Proposed Ordinance Amendment to conform with State Law, MCL 257.724(3) and to provide Uniformity for 35th District Court Clerks

An owner of a vehicle or a lessee of the vehicle of an owner-operator who causes or allows a vehicle to be loaded and driven or moved in a highway, when the weight of that vehicle violates the provisions of this article is responsible for a civil infraction and shall be assessed a civil fine in an amount equal to \$0.03 per pound for each pound of excess load over 1,000 pounds when the excess is 2,000 pounds or less; \$0.06 per pound for each pound of excess load when the excess is over 2,000 pounds but not over 3,000 pounds; \$0.09 per pound for each pound of excess load when the excess is over 3,000 pounds but not over 4,000 pounds; \$0.12 per pound for each pound of excess load when the excess is over 4,000 pounds but not over 5,000 pounds; \$0.15 per pound for each pound of excess load when the excess is over 5,000 pounds but not over 10,000 pounds; and \$0.20 per pound for each pound of excess load when the excess is over 10,000 pounds. However, the court shall have discretionary power as to the amount of the civil fine within the schedule provided by this section and may impose the civil fine provided in Sec. 113-43 for a civil infraction where at the time of the violation either the motor vehicle, motor vehicle and semitrailer, or trailer did not exceed the total weight which would be lawful for each unit by a proper distribution of the load upon various axles supporting each unit.

Complete copies of the proposed ordinance amendments are available in the Clerk's office during regular business hours, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday and can be found on the township's website at [www.twp.northville.mi.us](http://www.twp.northville.mi.us)

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### NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

#### Vehicle Theft

**1** A Northville man had his motorcycle stolen on May 16 or 17 despite it being chained and locked while parked under his carport on Northville Place Drive.

The 29-year-old man reported to Northville Township Police the theft of his 2004 red/black Yamaha motorcycle had occurred while he was not home, and had left it secured with a high quality, thick chain. He brought the remnants of the chain with him to the department. The police report stated the chain appeared to be cut with a torch.

Furthermore, the man stated he was not behind in his payments and he possessed all of the keys. The case remains open.

#### MDOP

**2** A Northville Township resident reported to police that his 2011 Ford Fiesta had been damaged sometime on May 7 or 8 while parked outside his home on Coachwood Circle.

Two weeks prior to the report being filed the man had found several pieces of bologna on the hood of the car. However, it was not until he had it washed did he notice the scratches on it. The case has been closed due to no leads.

#### Marijuana Possession

**3** A 22-year-old Commerce Township man was arrested for marijuana possession after Northville Township police find a baggie in his car.

While on a routine neighborhood patrol a Northville Township police officer observed a vehicle parked on Northridge Drive. One man next to the vehicle had quickly got back in after noticing the patrol car go by. The area has been known for larcenies from automobiles, so the reporting officer made another check of the vehicle only to find it still occupied. So the office decided to make contact with the men inside of it.

There were three men sitting in the car. The vehicle belonged to the arrested man, who was sitting in the passenger seat. A search of the car had the officer finding the baggie of marijuana and a cigarette containing marijuana.

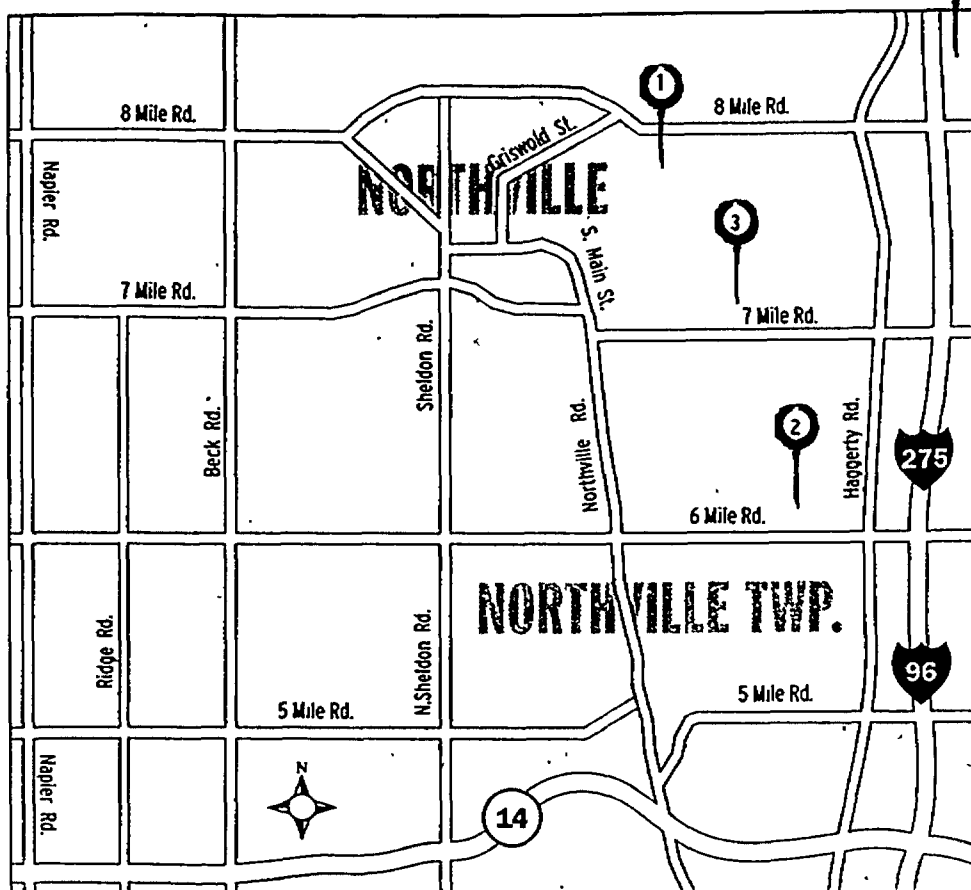
#### Larceny of vehicle parts

**4** After responding to a 911 call of a larceny in progress Northville Township police arrived to find a vehicle missing four wheels/tires.

The reporting township officer went to a location on Innsbrook Drive after a resident called the department to say he had seen three men stealing the tires off of a 2011 Ford Edge SUV. He had observed them driving away in a silver colored smaller style SUV.

The Ford Edge had been placed on two landscaping blocks so the wheels could be taken off. A check of the area revealed the suspects had left the neighborhood. There are currently no leads.

Compiled by correspondent Lonnie Huhman



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By JON GUNNELLS  
ADVERTORIAL WRITER

If you're looking for a place to spend a day, a weekend or even a week this summer, why not visit our northern neighbors in Southwestern Ontario.

Just a short drive from Southeastern Michigan and across the Blue Water Bridge, Sarnia-Lambton is home to a plethora of parks, unrivaled blue water beaches, unique shopping districts, theatres, festivals and more.

"Obviously we're known for our blue water beaches on Lake Huron and the St. Clair River," said Beverly Horodyski, Sarnia-Lambton Convention & Motorcoach Marketing Coordinator. "We have 72 miles of waterfront and we don't do anything to doctor the water. It's naturally that blue, and it's the heart of the Great Lakes region."

Accompanying Sarnia-Lambton's 72 miles of waterfront is more than 6,000 campsites, countless public parks, and more than 20 beautiful golf courses.

"There are beachfront marinas, there's boating, we even have a petting farm for children and a nature walk," said Special Events and Marketing Coordinator Vicki Prail.

From BMX courses, to bed and breakfasts – Sarnia-Lambton offers activities and attractions for all interests and all ages – but to list them all would be nearly impossible.

Among the attractions Sarnia-Lambton is most known for is its

unique shopping districts, unrivaled theatre performances, and eclectic concerts and festivals.

#### Shopping

"We have great shopping available from two malls to local and independently-owned stores and shops in downtown Sarnia and downriver districts," Prail said.

There's Lambton Mall, a 650,000 square foot shopping center with more than 90 stores and throngs of boutiques to pack a day of shopping.

"The front street area is a very special area that visitors should make sure and see," Prail said.

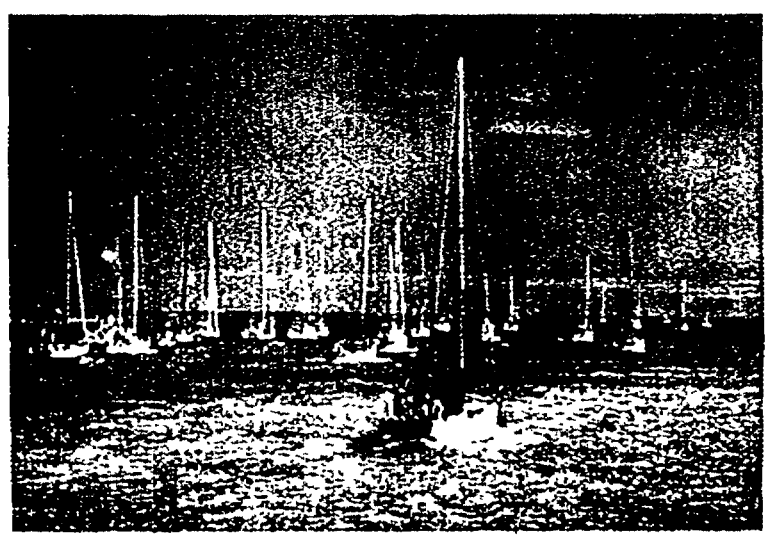
#### Events

Music fans may want to get their calendars ready and start marking off July 6 to July 10 as the blockbuster concerts at the Sarnia Rogers Bayfest.

This year's country and rock festival will feature famous performing artists such as Trace Adkins, Montgomery Gentry, Lady Antebellum, The Tragically Hip, Steve Miller Band, KISS, Marianas Trench and INXS.

"Last year, more than 100,000 fans packed the Bayfest," Horodyski said. "It's a very fun event catering to all ages. Tickets can be purchased for licensed and unlicensed areas, general admission and VIP."

For those folks who are not interested in the painted faces and guitar riffs of the Motor City Rockers and KISS,



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there are many other events to enjoy. The 16th annual kids fun fest (June 11) and the 5th annual Tropical Music Festival (June 24-25th).

Nearly every day there is an event for the whole family from food festivals to 5k fun runs and more.

#### Theatre

In addition to beautiful beaches and larger-than-life festivals, Sarnia-Lambton is home to some of the finest live theatre in the world.

"We have three wonderful theatres that offer musicals and comedies performed by actors from Stratford and Broadway," Prail said.

The Starbright Summer Festival which runs from July 20 to August 21 is a theatre-lovers dream. More than 20 live performances of three musicals and an inspiring play. For ticket information on the Starbright Summer Festival visit imperialtheatre.net.

#### Everything else

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## Mustangs set for state track finals

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

Al Myers and Edward Clifton are no strangers to the MHSAA Lower Peninsula track and field finals.

The two Mustangs, a senior and junior, respectively, qualified last year for the state finals as well, which means this year they will be able to put those first-time jitters behind them and simply turn in their best performances.

"Both of these fine young men were captains for the Northville track team," said their coach, Gordie McIntosh. "They were excellent mentors to the rest of the team. They showed dedication to the team and the sport of track and field."

That dedication paid off. Myers will be competing in the high jump at the finals, which will be held Saturday in Rockford. His current best performance so far this year has been an impressive leap of 6 feet, 5 inches.

If that weren't enough, Myers is also being considered as a potential representative for Michigan in the Midwest Meet of Champions, which showcases some of the finest senior athletes from Indiana, Michigan and Ohio. The selection process hasn't been completed, however.

Clifton will be running in the 800-meter run in the finals, an event he has truly made his own. His personal best time came at last week's regional when he won the even with a 1:56.2.

"The coaches of Northville track and field are very proud of the efforts put forth by these two young men," said McIntosh. "They strived to be the best in their events by working hard at practice and meets. They will represent Northville High School very well at the state meet."

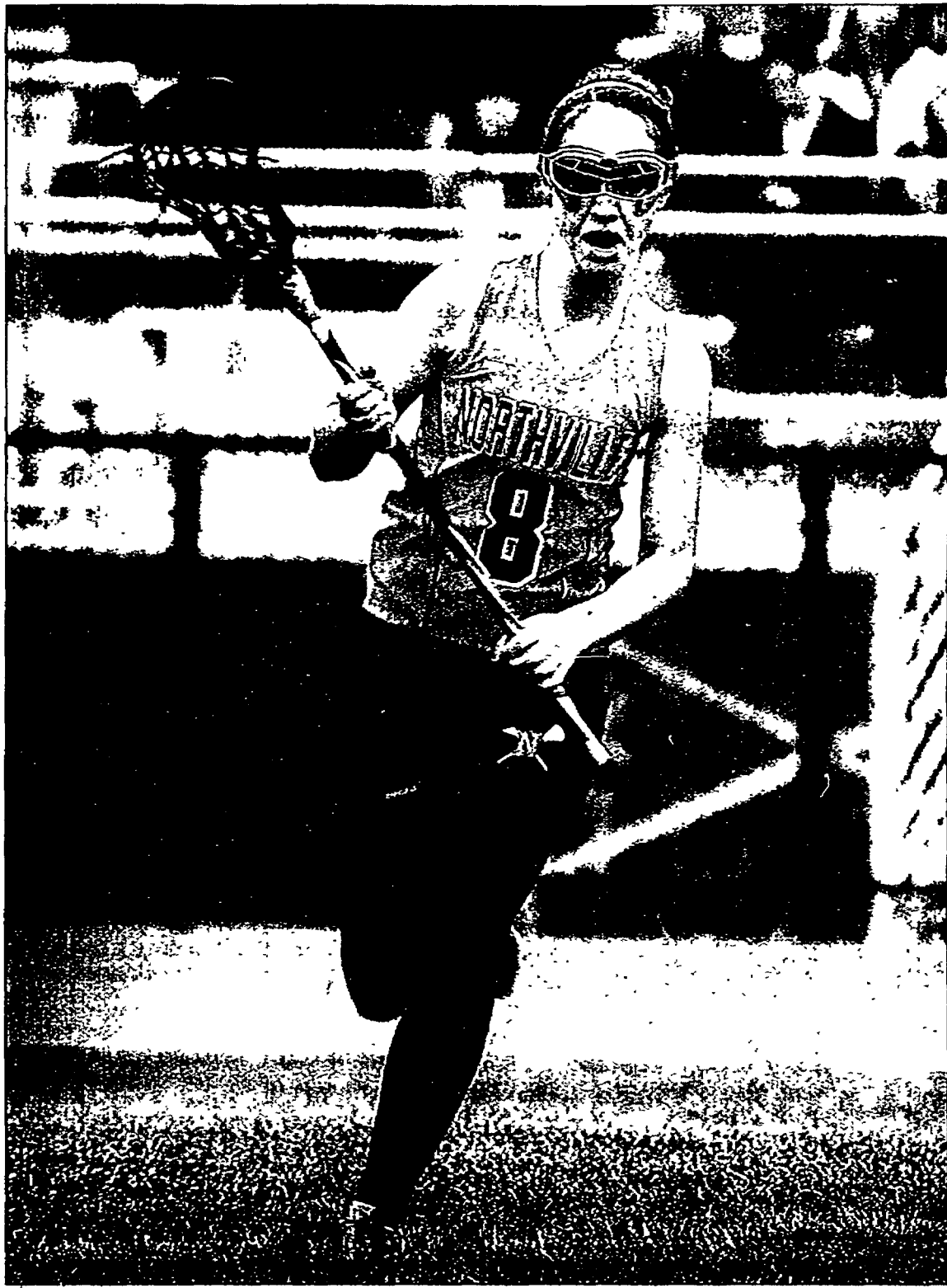
Qualifying for the finals from the girls team was Alexandra Moynes, who took second place in the high jump by clearing 5-2.

The team also qualified four runners in the 3,200-meter relay. Beth Roach, Taleen Shahrighian, Hallie Tyburski and Erin Zimmer only took sixth in the regional, but qualified thanks to their impressive time, which was a 9:47.6.

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### ON TAP

The track and field teams will compete in the state finals Saturday in Rockford.



Charlotte Peterson handles the ball for the Mustangs.

## History in the making for Northville girls Lacrosse team secures first-ever tournament victory

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

Every step the Northville girls lacrosse team takes from this point on is historical.

That's because the team, coached by Jamie Francek, is now officially in the second round of the playoffs. That's a place they've never, ever been before. The Mustangs collected their first-ever playoff victory last week, handing a convincing 19-10 loss to the Plymouth Wildcats last week. The game was an 8-4 contest at halftime with Northville in command.

Leading the way for the ener-

### ON TAP

The Mustangs were scheduled to play Tuesday against South Lyon. Results were not available as of press time.

getic Mustangs was none other than standout Charlotte Peterson, who notched a whopping 10 goals to cut the Wildcats to pieces. Peterson was particularly on fire in during the middle of the contest when she scored seven goals in a row.

Kelsey DeRidder didn't have a shabby day, either, scoring six goals to help secure the victory for her

squad. Adding to the final tally was Tenley Mustonen, Katie Bielskis and Alivia DuQuet, who had a goal each. Goals typically aren't scored with at least some help, which is where Shaylyn Brady came into the contest, adding two assists to push her team forward. Bielskis also had two assists while Reena Pullukat and Peterson each had one. Northville also benefited from the top-notch play of Rachel Jurczynski, who had 22 saves to earn the victory in goal.

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## Northville boys golf team three-peats

### Squad earns Central Division title yet again

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs golf team didn't know what to expect when they started off this season. Could they win another title? Were

they as good as they had been the past two years despite just one player with true varsity experience?

The squad put those questions behind them with a resounding "yes" after earning a 9-1 record to secure their third-straight Central Division title.

"These boys set a goal for themselves and worked towards it all year long," said interim head coach Jeff Balagna. "When we lost to Novi early in the season they got refocused and dedicated because they didn't want to let the division slip away."

The squad added to their record

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## Tennis squad looking forward to state finals

Flights get tough draws, but still focused on ultimate goal

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

Ranked fifth in Michigan in the coaches' poll and heading to the state finals with a division and conference title under their belts, the Northville Mustangs girls tennis team is looking to make some noise.

In order to do so, however, they are going to have to work through some very tough opponents along the way when they head to Midland for tomorrow's state finals tournament.

"Unfortunately, the draws are out and the seeds didn't exactly go in our favor," noted coach Sandy Woolfall. "Two singles and two doubles have a season record of 23-1 and neither of these flights were seeded in the draw."

If that weren't bad enough, these two flights will have their hands full right away. After the first round, Northville's No. 2 singles, Erin Doud, will face the No. 1 seed while the No. 2 doubles team of Ally Weaver and Jackie Kjolhede will have to take on the No. 2 seed.

"When you talk about the luck of the draw in tennis affecting the outcomes, this is an example of the impact it can have in the outcome of the tournament," said Woolfall, who added that several other flights also did not do well in the draw.

The Mustangs, as a team, will be hoping to finish in the top 10 in the state, but their ultimate, oh-my-goodness goal is to finish in the top five.

"That would be the dream come true scenario, but we'd have to have a few upsets," said Woolfall. "It's always a dream come true when we can get girls into that second day of the semi-finals. It's quite an achievement to make it into that top four."

There are some tough teams patrolling the state finals this year. Clarkston, Midland Dow and Ann Arbor Pioneer are stacked to the gills and ranked first, second and third in the state, respectively. After those three, which likely won't be upset from their current standings, teams like Saline, Grosse Pointe South, Hudsonville, Port Huron Northern and Northville will be fighting for the fourth through 10th finishes.

Woolfall said that her girls are playing the best tennis of the season right now, and they are focused on proving they belong in the state finals. That's good, considering all of the hiccups along the way this year.

"It's been the most difficult season I've ever coached in terms of building momentum and keeping everyone focused," Woolfall noted. "We've played in terrible weather conditions, have had to re-schedule so many events and have missed quite a few practices. I think having six seniors in the state final line-up helps keep the team focused. It's their final year and they all want to advance as far as possible."

Competing in the state finals will be: No. 1 singles: Joanne Weber; No. 2 singles: Erin Doud; No. 3 singles: Mackenzie Powers; No. 4 singles: Alex Jeannotte; No. 1 doubles: Christy Murphy and Danielle Romano; No. 2 doubles: Ally Weaver and Jackie Kjolhede; No. 3 doubles: Elizabeth Sakorafis and Christy Snyder; and No. 4 doubles: Emily Toupin and Lauren Starr.

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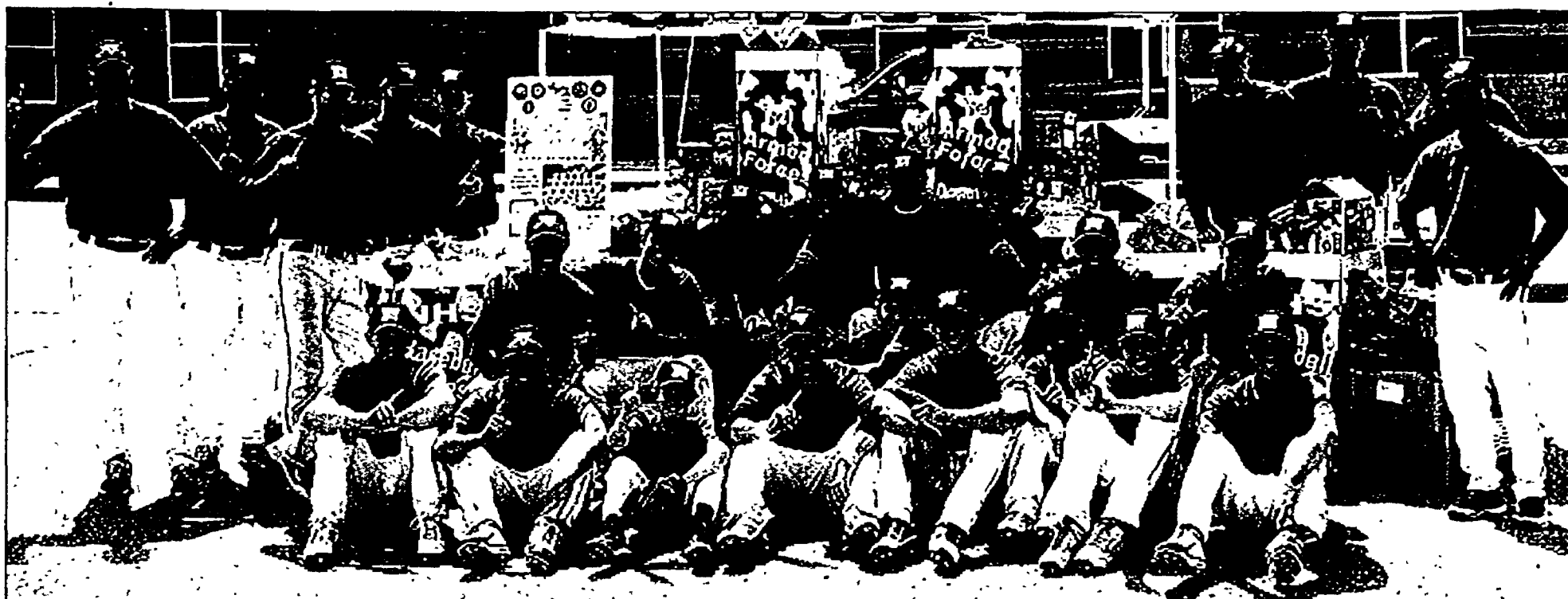
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## Goals surpassed at NHS Baseball's Armed Forces Day

Fourteen-hundred pounds of donated toiletries and snacks. Hundreds of dollars in donations. Two commanding baseball victories. All branches of America's military proudly represented. Clear, sunny skies. Ask a ballplayer, a weatherman, a spectator or a veteran, and you'll know that NHS Baseball's second annual Armed Forces Day celebration exceeded all expectations.

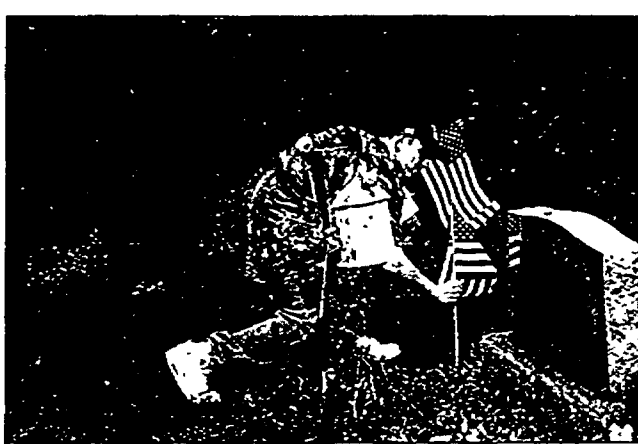
In a welcomed display of Mother Nature's patriotism, the unrelenting dark rain clouds of spring gave way to a brilliant blue sky. The air on Saturday, May 21 crackled with the rousing cheers and chatter of fans, patriotic music and the distinct flapping of dozens of crisp American flags.

A somber color guard and our national anthem opened

View John Heider's photo gallery from Armed Forces Day at hometownlife.com.

each game. Major Thomas J. Cleaver (USMC) and FOX 2 Sports Director Dan Miller threw out first pitches for Northville's game against White Lake Lakeland High School. In the second game, NHS faced Wyandotte Roosevelt High School. USMC Desert Storm veteran Scott Snyder (now principal at Silver Springs Elementary School) enthusiastically threw out a first pitch, as did Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Wade A. Mueller.

NHS players and coaches eagerly took to the field in camouflage jerseys, as did visiting teams. Midway through the fifth inning of the first game, the Mustangs were on the wrong side of a 6-2 score



Bobby Nayh, NHS senior, joined his teammates at Northville's Rural Hill Cemetery last Friday. In anticipation of Memorial Day, members of NHS varsity baseball team placed a flag next to every veteran's grave site. This solemn tribute marked the last component of NHS Baseball's Armed Forces celebration.

against the Lakeland Eagles. Led by Head Coach John Kostorzewski, the home team charged back with nine unan-

swered runs to win, 11-6. After a lunch break amid overflowing donation boxes, varsity players explored

diverse displays and activities provided by various branches of the military. After seeing who could do the most chin-ups at one site, they moved on to challenge each other on the obstacle course.

The Wyandotte Roosevelt Bears' meeting with the Mustangs was cut short when NHS won 11-1 in five innings (based on the mercy rule of a 10-run lead after five innings).

"Our JV and freshman baseball teams supported us on Saturday, as did the families of all three NHS ball teams," said Bill Flohr, assistant varsity baseball coach and event organizer. "The Northville Baseball-Softball Association, Meads Mill Middle School and all six Northville elementary schools had ambitious dona-

tion drives. Moraine led the way. They've been accepting donations and supporting the troops since September."

Flohr also formed alliances with the West Point Parents' Club of Michigan and Operation Support our Troops, Inc. These groups will ensure all appropriate donations reach Michigan's military serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"We're grateful to the Northville community for the 1,400 pounds of toiletries, good wishes and touches of home," said Flohr. "Next year's goal? Blue skies. Stands overflowing with veterans, military and spectators. Two more baseball victories. And 2,000 pounds - at least."

- Submitted by Katy Baetz-Matthews, Northville High School Baseball parent



Mallory Weber's point-blank shot is stopped by Plymouth's goalie, at right, during their May 23 meeting.

## Mustangs suffer second loss of season

### Soccer team bows to tough Plymouth squad

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

You can't win 'em all, especially in girls soccer in metro Detroit.

The Northville girls soccer team, coached by Eric Brucker, suffered their second loss of the season last week to a very talented Plymouth Wildcats squad, 1-0.

The difference in the game? Some very solid defense and a corner kick.

"We had our chances and generated a lot of scoring opportunities, but (goalie) Marissa Williams played outstanding for the Wildcats," said Brucker. "She needed some help from her backline on a couple of occasions, but it still shows up a shutout."

The Wildcats scored 14 minutes into the game on a corner kick that managed to find its way directly into the back-side netting. The kick was by Stephanie Dillion.

The loss was a tough pill to swallow, but Brucker said it was a learning experience.

#### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls soccer team will be playing in the post-season this week. Check back next week for results.

"This was a good test of what we'll see in the playoffs next week," he said. "We talk about not giving up corners and tonight the girls saw, firsthand, what can happen."

Northville, which was ranked fourth in the state before the loss, fell to 13-2-2 on the season. Plymouth climbed to 9-2-4.

Northville had several scoring opportunities, but Williams just didn't give any wiggle room and managed to make some impressive saves. One example was when Northville junior Mallory Weber broke through the Plymouth defense just nine minutes into the game and fired a one-on-one shot on goal. Williams dove on the low, hard shot, leaping to her left and stonewalling the shot. It was a scene that repeated

itself late in the first half when Cheslik drew the Plymouth defense toward her before firing a clean pass to Weber, who found herself one-on-one with Williams once again. Despite a point-blank shot, Williams stood her ground and preserved the shutout.

The Plymouth defense hardened even more in the second half. Northville was awarded eight corner kicks in the second half of play, but could not get on the scoreboard.

Tara Cureton had two strong scoring chances in the second half, both which were rejected as one was cleared by a defensive player and the second was stopped by Williams.

Northville played the last five minutes of the game with 10 players on the field after a red-card ejection left them shorthanded.

"I don't like to lose," said Brucker, "but better this week than next."

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## GOLF

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two wins over the past week, defeating South Lyon, 153-161, after sealing the division title with a 151-162 victory over Livonia Stevenson on Northville's home course of Tanglewood.

"We always play really well on our home course, so it was reassuring to play this match at home," said Balagna.

Leading the way was Blake Bonatz, a senior, who shot a 35. At one point during the contest, he was shooting three-under par.

"One of the main reasons our strong play at the end of the year has been because of senior Blake Bonatz," Balagna said. "He has truly taken his game to the next level and proved to the team why he is number one and one of the best players in the state. He has been under par the last three matches. It makes my job as a coach real easy when you have a number player like him leading by example all year long."

Not far behind was senior Brady Marotta, who shot a 38, while Todd Goebel and Matt Evasic each recorded 39s. Senior Nick Zanotti added a 43 in the match while Kevin Collareno carded a 44.

"I was very pleased with the play of Brady Marotta," said Balagna. "The senior has stepped up his game the in the final two weeks of the year. I am glad to see him turning things around with the post-season coming up."

Against South Lyon, the Mustangs turned in a strong performance despite being on the road at the Coyote Golf Course.

Goebel led the way with a 36 while Zanotti shot a 37 and sophomore Alec Lasley carded a 39. Alex Latta recorded a 41 in the win, while Collareno shot a 42 and freshman Andrew Sarokin shot a 55.

"It's always nice to pick up an 8 stroke victory at a course that we don't play much, but it is even better to pick up the win while resting some of your starters," noted Balagna. "We were able to get some of our underclassmen into this match because we had already sealed up the division. I also gave most of the seniors the day off so they could enjoy end of the year festivities."



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Blake Bonatz sinks a shot at Novi's Tanglewood on May 23.



Mustang golfer Kevin Collareno.

#### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs will play in the district tournament tomorrow and, if they play well enough, the regional tournament next week.

Northville will now focus on the post-season, which will feature some of the state's best teams even in the early tournaments. But, until then, it's OK for the squad to sit

back and savor in the moment. Balagna is.

"I am so happy for these boys; they really deserve this and have worked hard all year long," he said. "This is a total team championship, everybody who played in the varsity line-up on a regular basis had their score count at some point over the course of the year."

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A: At any election of the association, an inspector of the ballots should be appointed and an Oath of Inspectors

prepared and signed by the persons counting the ballots. What happened in this situation was improper as no director should put himself or herself in a position of invalidating any association records. Obviously, there is a correct way to recount the votes and this was not the right way.

Q: One of our officers had received bids to make repairs they thought necessary. The officer never communicated to the other officers or directors except to send e-mails asking for their opinion. The matter was never discussed at a board meeting. Can a board member act on their own and seek bids?

A: Under general agency law, as well as corporate law, no one can act for the association and commit to a contract or agreement without authority from the Board of Directors. Keeping in mind that the directors can appoint-elect a new officer at any board meeting, the officer in question should be sent a letter advising him to cease and desist from all actions not approved by the Board of Directors at a board meeting. If the action continues, the board should remove the officer as an officer of the association.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$99.50 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit [bmeisner@meisner-associates.com](mailto:bmeisner@meisner-associates.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

### HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 22-25, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	
2142 Arcadia Dr	\$95,000
43648 Arlington Rd	\$167,000
50567 Coolidge St	\$257,000
298 Edington Cir	\$125,000
40445 Glen Eagle Ln	\$70,000
841 Harrison St	\$242,000
7865 Haverhill Ct N	\$352,000
45077 Horseshoe Cir	\$120,000

207 McDougal Ct	\$363,000
2041 Stonebridge Way	\$327,000
5867 Wedgewood Rd	\$115,000
Garden City	
28417 Cambridge St	\$65,000
372 Lytle Pl	\$46,000
6633 Mansfield St	\$71,000
33659 Pierce St	\$53,000
6746 Schaller St	\$80,000

Livonia	
12001 Arcola St	\$35,000
14808 Arden St	\$90,000
12400 Cavell St	\$41,000
9851 E Clements Cir	\$94,000
14229 Foch St	\$60,000
14555 Huff St	\$133,000

15400 Loveland St	\$25,000
36798 Munger St	\$120,000
29607 Nottingham Cir	\$75,000
9193 Pere Ave	\$105,000
35971 Perth St	\$125,000
14296 Richfield St	\$224,000

Northville	
18918 Bella Vista Ct	\$1,020,000
44474 Broadmoor Blvd	\$380,000
16143 Brook Trout Ln	\$130,000
19445 Cardene Way	\$135,000
44333 Deep Hollow Cir	\$430,000
16424 Mulberry Way	\$270,000
43715 Prestwick Cir S	\$495,000

Plymouth	
11429 Aspen Dr	\$133,000

49484 Cooke Ave	\$410,000
50443 Cottonwood Ct	\$302,000
46772 Darwood Ct	\$325,000
48645 Hilltop Dr W	\$385,000
12113 Hines Ct	\$225,000

Redford	
25546 Five Mile Rd	\$88,000
15149 Aubrey	\$12,000
16668 Ryland	\$60,000
12025 Tecumseh	\$30,000

Westland	
738 Ethan Dr	\$143,000
6160 N Farmington Rd	\$83,000
38163 Warren Rd	\$75,000

### HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 14-18, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Beverly Hills	
16981 Beechwood Ave	\$176,000
17325 Beechwood Ave	\$168,000
Birmingham	
677 Chapin Ave	\$475,000
475 N Eton St #c8	\$50,000
327 N Old Woodward Ave #18	\$350,000
2083 Sheffield Rd	\$139,000
1726 Stanley Blvd	\$228,000
1240 Webster St	\$409,000
Bloomfield Hills	
586 Chase Ln	\$950,000
770 Falmouth Dr	\$1,750,000
Bloomfield Township	
1716 Brandywine Dr	\$245,000
2007 Eagle Pointe	\$145,000
1540 Georgetown Dr	\$49,000
408 Henley Dr	\$175,000

790 Kensington Ln	\$450,000
1363 Lake Crescent Dr	\$275,000
4806 Malibu Dr	\$280,000
3000 Middlebury Ln	\$175,000
6700 Oakhills Dr	\$1,075,000
Commerce Township	
3213 Adele Ter	\$193,000
2869 Alorington Ct	\$120,000
2841 Augusta Dr	\$239,000
2055 Canal St	\$222,000
3866 Elissa Rd	\$85,000
6045 Lochmore Dr	\$130,000
Farmington	
35535 Heritage Ln	\$75,000
23133 Lilac St	\$40,000
Farmington Hills	
30902 Cedar Creek Dr	\$184,000
24205 Farmington Rd	\$134,000
21925 Flanders St	\$106,000
27197 Hampstead Blvd	\$380,000
25293 Hopkins Rd	\$285,000
21640 Oxford Ave	\$61,000
21414 Ruth St	\$170,000
39216 Silverthorne Bnd	\$232,000
32259 Tall Timber Dr	\$219,000
30737 Turtle Crk	\$247,000
29850 W 12 Mile Rd #504	\$25,000

28678 Wintergreen Ct	\$450,000
Milford	
4299 Lancashire	\$80,000
202 Noble St	\$90,000
Novi	
41984 Borchart Dr	\$315,000
42796 Brookstone Dr	\$202,000
50564 Langley Dr	\$485,000
27961 Middleton Dr	\$145,000
44090 Sellers Creek Ct	\$260,000
44468 Sussex Dr	\$140,000
South Lyon	
58615 Castle Ct	\$40,000
1254 Coach House Ln	\$315,000
216 Detroit St	\$5,000
22260 Quail Run Cir Unit 1	\$103,000
54170 West Ct	\$40,000
Southfield	
16974 Addison St	\$82,000
27425 Berkshire Dr	\$58,000
27305 Bradford Ln	\$150,000
16280 Crescent Dr	\$53,000
15893 Fairfax St	\$100,000
White Lake	
975 Sloane Ct	\$125,000
8314 Vanden Dr	\$111,000

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#### Investors

The Real Estate Investor Association of Wayne County holds monthly meetings the first Tuesday of each month at the Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline Road, Southgate. At 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 7, David

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## What Employers Think When They Read Your Résumé

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If you're like most job seekers, the hiring process can sometimes make you scratch your head in confusion. For example, how many times have you come across the "perfect" position, quickly submitted your résumé and eagerly anticipated the hiring manager's call... only to hear nothing from the company?

Unfortunately, the frustrating reality is that the majority of résumés you submit will elicit little or no response from potential employers. Much of the time, the situation is out of your control: The position may have already been filled by the time you inquired about it or simply wasn't as good a fit as you thought. That doesn't mean, however, that there's nothing you can do to improve your odds of being called for an interview. Following is an inside peek into the questions hiring managers ask themselves when evaluating resumes. By understanding potential employers' thought processes, you can craft stronger application materials.

**Can the applicant fill my need?**  
Admittedly, it's an obvious question. After all, a firm looking to hire a computer programmer isn't going to call you for an interview if you only have a background in human resources. But even if you possess the necessary experience, if your résumé isn't targeted to the specific company and opening, your qualifications could seem equally unrelated.

Tailoring your résumé to the position involves positioning your skills and

experience in a way that shows the hiring manager that they align perfectly with the opening. So, rather than submit the same generic résumé for every job you pursue, look at each opening and create a customized résumé. Sure, it takes a little more time, but it's worth it.

If you are applying for a programmer position, for example, the company will want to see previous employment in the information technology industry; knowledge of Java, XML or other computer languages; and evidence that the applications you've helped develop have benefited former employers. In this case, you would downplay your three years as a busboy in college as well as your brief stint as a telemarketer. Throwing everything against the wall and seeing if something sticks isn't the right approach; a hiring manager is more likely to discard your résumé than wade through it in hopes of finding relevant information.

Use numbers -- perhaps by pointing out that your program enabled the sales team to collect more than 5,000 leads per month -- which are likely to stand out in a sea of words and grab a hiring manager's attention. Research the company and re-read the job description several times to make sure you are stressing all of your most relevant qualifications.

**Will the applicant remain with my firm for the long term?**  
The hiring process is lengthy, complicated and expensive. An October 2004 study by

the Employment Policy Foundation found that replacing just one worker costs businesses an average of \$13,355. Because of high turnover costs, hiring managers seek employees who are not likely to leave the company soon after accepting an offer. They'll look to your résumé for proof of a stable work history.

If you have job-hopped in the past, consider submitting a functional, rather than a chronological, résumé. A functional résumé is organized around your skills, experiences and accomplishments, not the specific roles you have held at various points in your career. You also can use this format to downplay employment gaps; but be prepared to explain them during an interview.

In addition, hiring managers look for assurance that you are dedicated to your profession. If you belong to a professional association, possess certifications or take professional education courses, list this information on your résumé. But make sure everything is relevant and current. You may have a certified financial planner designation, but it means little if you have not renewed your certification in four years.

**Is the potential employee professional?**  
Imagine trying to convince someone to buy a product by providing them with a description of it but not allowing them to see or test it. Sounds hard, doesn't it? In essence, that's your challenge when

submitting a résumé. A hiring manager will use just a few sheets of paper to determine if you are professional and can communicate well. So, make sure your résumé is free of typos and grammatical mistakes and that it is easy to understand. Because hiring managers may receive hundreds of applications, they'll eliminate you from contention for the slightest infraction. And if they have a question about your work history, they don't have the time to call you for clarification.

Have a friend, relative or member of your professional network read through your résumé with a sharp eye to spot any errors you might have missed. Afterward, ask the person to summarize its contents. Can he or she accurately recall your past positions and responsibilities? Can the individual name your career highlights? Is the person able to tell the type of job you seek? If not, you're probably not getting your message across as clearly as you can, which means a hiring manager may not be as impressed with your application as you'd hope.

The hiring process can be opaque, but one thing is clear: A well-written, targeted résumé gives you the best chance of being called for an interview and, ultimately, landing the position you desire. Before you submit your next application, think like a hiring manager to ensure your résumé doesn't get lost in the crowd.

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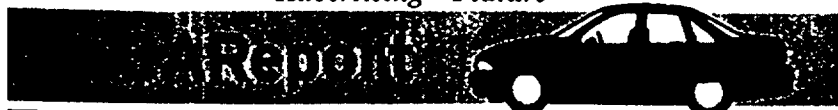
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# VOLKSWAGEN WELCOMES NEW PASSAT TO AMERICA

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By Dale Buss

If Volkswagen is going to capture much more of the U.S. market, and ever climb to the pinnacle of the worldwide automotive business, the march must begin in Chattanooga, Tenn. Last week, Volkswagen of America hosted a grand-opening ceremony at its \$1-billion new facility in the southeastern corner of the mid-South, with dignitaries ranging from U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood to Martin Winterkorn, chairman of Volkswagen AG.

VW is counting on the plant to become a robust platform for fulfilling North American ambitions that it had abandoned nearly a quarter-century ago when it shut its last U.S. plant, in Westmoreland, Pa. The Chattanooga plant could be expanded to produce as many as a half-million vehicles a year that possibly could include a VW SUV, cars for the company's Audi luxury brand for the U.S. market, or even cars for export. But all of the pomp and circumstance will be for naught if Volkswagen can't further wedge the first vehicle it is building there, the new and significantly improved mid-size Passat, into a U.S. car market that is becoming a competitive donnybrook.

"The future for Volkswagen begins here in Chattanooga," said Jonathan Browning, CEO of Volkswagen of America. Building a new American plant

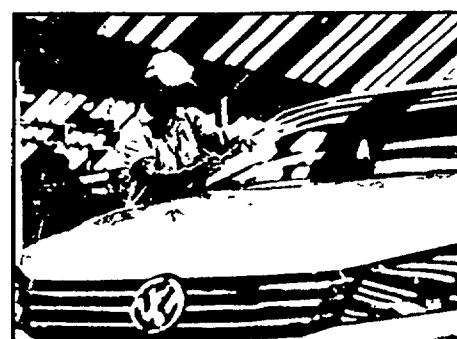
"is a strategy we talked about for a long time. This will be a key driver of our long-term success in the U.S. market. It represents a major step forward. We are making German engineering more accessible than ever before, in cars that reach the core of each of their segments. Customers are clearly responding to our vehicles that offer more of the things they want - reliability, driving dynamics, fuel economy and safety - at a better price." The car not only is being made in America, he said, but was specifically designed for the U.S. market and consumers.

Timothy Mahoney, chief product and marketing officer for the Volkswagen brand in the United States, said that VW is "clearly making a new commitment to this market." He maintained that "the sales momentum is there," noting that VW's recent push behind its new Jetta subcompact resulted in a 63-percent U.S. sales increase for VW's small-car flagship this year through April over a year earlier. "And now the new products are," too, with the new Passat due out around October 1, and the new Beetle, with its much-hyped fresh design, arriving in U.S. showrooms around the same time. Volkswagen's goal in refreshing its perception in the U.S., Mahoney said, is to create a "volume but premium" brand that is differentiated



A worker and a new Passat on the line.

The new Volkswagen Passat sits outside the new Tennessee plant.



from its competitors similar to how Target enjoys a classiness factor over Kmart even though both are mass-retail brands.

VW executives have touted several reasons the American-built Passat could mount a charge in the mid-size segment even though the nameplate has been in the U.S. market for decades and Passat sales last year were only about 11,000 units, 12 percent above 2009 sales.

"The Passat offers better fuel economy than any car in its class - 43mpg on the highway," Browning noted. "It will come highly equipped with standard premium features such as automatic dual-zone climate control and Bluetooth. It will offer class-leading rear-seat legroom and no-charge, three-year, 36,000-mile Carefree Maintenance." And with sticker prices that will start around \$20,000, Passat's entry price point will be about \$8,000 less than the version it is replacing. Yet with prices topping out over \$30,000, Passat will cover about 80 percent of the price distribution in the compact-car segment compared with just eight percent for the version it replaces.

Volkswagen can afford to slash the lowest price for Passat, executives explain, mostly because building the car in Chattanooga will remove the increasingly onerous currency-exchange penalties that they have sustained over the last several years of the weakening dollar by importing the car to the United States. Moreover, VW managed to set up a labor-cost structure in Chattanooga that will pay starting workers about \$27 an hour in wages and benefits, according to estimates by industry analysts. That's about half of the \$52-an-hour cost of labor at the Detroit Three auto makers and some non-union plants operated by Japanese automakers in this country.

Besides, Browning argued, Passat isn't exactly a punchless nameplate. "We have sold significantly more Passats [in previous years] than we did last year," he said; the vehicle peaked at 80,000 sales in the U.S. a few years ago. And the new Passat family includes a Chattanooga choo-choo of its own: a clean-diesel version, adding to Volkswagen's dominance of diesel in the mainstream American market.

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