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**Is this a 'place'?**

Northville Chamber of Commerce members, government leaders and residents are invited to attend a presentation on the eight assets that make for a vibrant community and how Northville measures up to those attributes. The chamber's member breakfast will be held from 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 29 at Northville Hills Golf Club (15565 Bay Hill Drive). Cost is \$20 for members; \$25 for non-members. RSVP to the chamber by Feb. 24; (248) 349-7640.

**Northville's property values on the rise**

**Both city and township see increases**

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Correspondent

There's some good news for the Northville community on the property value front. This past year, the City of

Northville and Northville Township mutually saw an increase in average residential assessments. According to the Equalization Office of Wayne County, both have risen with Northville Township's values climbing by 4.89

percent and the city by 3.26. "This is good news for everyone," Mayor Chris Johnson said. "For me, it's the first solid, tangible sign that the economy is improving." Northville Township Super-

visor Mark Abbo agreed with Johnson and added it's a testament to the community's attractiveness. He said the township and city work hard to build a vision that helps make the community the best it can be. "Our goal is to make Northville a great place to live, work and

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**Heise coffee hours set**

State Rep. Kurt Heise (R-Plymouth, 20th District) is sponsoring coffee hours to give residents a convenient opportunity to meet with him locally.

Heise will talk with residents from 7:30-9 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 17 at Panera Bread, located at 20140 Haggerty Road, just south of 8 Mile, in Northville. No appointment is necessary.

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-REPKURT or e-mail kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

**Healthy Heart**

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, is hosting a presentation for Ladies' Night Out entitled, How to Have a Healthy Heart on Wednesday, Feb. 22 in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium. Bone density screening, blood pressure screening and massage will be offered from 5:30-7 p.m., and the lecture will be from 7-8:30 p.m. contact the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1182 to register, or register online at stmarymercy.org.

**Art From the Attic**



Northville Art House manager Joan Potter Thomas admires the Alexander Calder lithograph "Pyramid and Spiral" at the Cady Street building. The Art House will hosts its second annual "Art from the Attic" fundraiser on Feb. 24 where the donated Calder and other works of art will be sold to raise money for the organization.

**Calder lithograph featured in annual fundraiser**

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Correspondent

Among the many pieces of great art being donated to the Northville Art House for its second annual Art from the Attic event there is one that stands out a bit — not only for its potential price, but also for its mystery.

The work of art is an original Alexander Calder lithograph, which Art House manager Joan Potter Thomas says will

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*"Just as water on your property and light is not allowed to leave that property, neither is smoke. It is a second-hand carcinogen that will affect everybody around us."* **JOHN KISH**, Center Street business/building owner

**New cigar lounge has residents fuming**

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Correspondent

Some neighbors of the planned Northville Cigar Lounge know now there's not much they can do about stopping the business from coming to their neighborhood, but they're

concerned about its potential impact and say they will remain so until they see how it plays out.

The 2,400-square-foot building that will house the lounge at 331 N. Center St. is owned by Gary and Dean-

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The cigar lounge will be in this building at 331 N. Center Street.



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# 'Garage' restaurant on tap for downtown

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

A new restaurant, Garage grill & fuel bar, is in the works for downtown Northville, with opening slated for July.

Building owner Chuck Lapham, a 78-year resident of the city and township who now lives in the township, is excited.

"They are local people," he said of brothers Mark Evasic and Bill Evasic of NRG Holdings, restaurant developers. "They were chosen for many different reasons."

The future restaurant site on Main Street previously housed the Gardenviews store. Gardenviews has since moved down the street closer to the heart of downtown.

The building was a service station built in the 1940s, said Mark Evasic.

Engineering work and other approval took some time, but work began the week of Feb. 13.

"We've recently been awarded the contract," said Mark Evasic. Medora Building Co. of Livonia, with Northville Township resident Tom Crabill as president, got the contract.

The Evasic brothers sat down recently at Master Automatic in Plymouth Township, their business. Mark's a Novi resident and Bill lives in Northville Township; both send their children to Northville schools.

There had been some delays through city planning, Mark Evasic said. "You learn a lot of things," he said of their previous business experience. "At some point, you want to apply them to some other adventure."

Their automotive business started in the early 1940s with their grandparents, and their grandmother always wanted a restaurant.

"I think it's kind of come full circle," Mark

said of their family. "It was the perfect time so it became time," his brother added.

### Full service

They anticipate their new venture to be a full-service restaurant adding greatly to the local dining scene. "A very casual atmosphere," Bill Evasic said, with his brother adding, "casual and relaxed in a unique setting. The building itself is unique."

They're excited about their venture. "We're going to renovate it and transform it into what we hope is a great restaurant," Evasic said.

He noted it had been a car dealership and barber shop in the past.

"Now it's time to move on and put something in more permanent," owner Lapham said. The building had also been a Gulf and Sunoco service station in the past, Lapham added.

"It's something to see," Lapham said.

"We have some things to overcome," Mark Evasic said of the road to the building permit approval via the Planning Commission and City Council.



Bill Evasic's daughter, Danielle, is proud to show off the sign for the downtown Northville restaurant, slated to open in July.

It will be an American grill with appetizers, salads, gourmet pizza "as well as a full menu of dinner items," Mark Evasic said.

Those include salmon,

steaks and more. "We're going to have a variety of different foods," he said. "Good food for a good value, a place families and friends can meet."

The rounded area of the building will be the "fuel bar," accommodating 40 people with 10 at the bar plus booths and tables.

"You'll be able to see all down Main Street," Evasic said.

The main restaurant

will seat 70 more. Some 45-50 diners will be able to eat outdoors in an area wrapped around the restaurant with heaters and awnings.

"We're really excited," Mark Evasic said. "It's been in the works a couple years now."

Garage grill & fuel bar will also have a banquet facility for about 80 people, which the brothers noted is needed for Northville functions.

### New option

The Evasics see a gap in Northville dining they believe Garage will fill. "We want to give people in Northville city and Northville area another location," Mark said.

Lapham and other members of the Northville High Class of 1952 plan to hold their reunion at the new eatery this September.

"I married my high school sweetheart," also a class member, he said. "This time, we're going to do it up right," Lapham said of the class reunion in September.

He's pleased with the restaurant plans: "The end result is beautiful."

The Evasics will use social media and a website as work continues on the Main Street sight, to answer people's questions about the progress.

"They want to know what's going on," Mark Evasic said. "This is a big impact on the town."

"It's going to take a vacant building and put a vibrant business in it," Bill added, noting it'll help that end of Northville.

"You should see work just about daily there," Bill said.

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# Changes could come to central business district

By Lonnie Huhman  
Correspondent

Is the North Center Street corridor different than the Main Street/downtown area of Northville?

The City of Northville Planning Commission thinks it is, and they're exploring the possibility of creating an overlay zoning district for the area ranging from Randolph Street to Walnut.

According to Planning Consultant Don Wortman, the overlay district would mean reworking the zoning regulations for this area. It's currently zoned central business district and includes such properties as Hiller's Supermarket and a number of professional business office locations.

Wortman said the Planning Commission has been studying the corridor over the past few years by examining its land use, parking, pedestrian connections, architecture and other characteristics. This idea comes out of the master plan process held a few years ago, and he said this is an effort to implement some of the ideas that were developed.

"Overall, I do think that it will improve and enhance the North Center Street corridor," Wortman said.

Many things wouldn't change, such as the current uses for retail, office and restaurants. However, there would be added restrictions on building height (at 2.5 stories) and increased setbacks. The potential ordinance would also have new regulations for landscaping, sidewalk areas and general architectural standards.

An informational meeting was held last week by the Planning Commission with a handful of property owners in attendance. It was stressed that this overlay would only impact plans for new renovation or building within the district; what is there now would be grandfathered in and would not have to meet the potential requirements.

Wortman said the area is different than Main because many buildings on North Center do not share common walls, parcels are generally accessed by individual driveways, and the buildings are set back from the right of way rather than being located on it. This area also abuts single-family and multi-family residential neighborhoods.

The overlay district would allow a mix of land uses designed to serve the commercial and residential needs of the community in an attractive, well-designed and func-

tional environment. It's designed to promote development consistent with the city's master plan and in a manner which assures quality building design and site development.

Wortman said it's further intended to regulate the location of parking and ensure adequate buffers from adjoining residential areas.

The two main issues for property/business owners seem to be the proposed maximum height for buildings and front-yard setback (10 feet). CBD allows buildings to be three stories.

Richard Probst, owner of Fountainhead Financial Management Inc. on Center Street, said his biggest concern is placing more regulations on potential growth.

"Whenever you layer on more zoning regulations on any property owner it makes it more difficult to improve the property," he said.

He said the drainage requirements would make any potential improvements very costly.

Planning Commission Chairman Jay Wendt said the whole idea of the informational meeting was to get the idea out so they could get input back before making any decisions. The planning commission will discuss it again at their next meeting.



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# Meals on Wheels adds pet food program

Western Oakland Meals on Wheels has a new pet food distribution program. This program is designed to assist some of the frail, homebound Meals on Wheels participants with food for their pets, according to Margaret Davey, executive director of the Western Oakland Meals on Wheels Program.

Because Western Oakland Meals on Wheels Program recognized the needs of some of their participants who have pets, they sought and received a grant from the Banfield Charitable Trust to start this program in Oakland County.

Research reported in the Journal of American Geriatrics Society in May 1999 stated that "independently living seniors that have pets tend to have better physical health and mental well-being than those that do not," according to Davey, adding several other health organizations have reported the same findings, including the American Journal of Cardiology and National Institute of Health Technology Assessment Workshop: Health Benefits of Pets.

Eighty nine (89) of the program's clients have pets, and some are struggling to find food to feed their pets. Several clients admitted that they feed their pets with the food that is delivered from

Meals on Wheels. The Northville PetSmart Store and Banfield Pet Hospital agreed to include the Meals on Wheels organization in their collection of pet food late last year. The Banfield Charitable Trust grant has provided funds to publicize and solicit assistance from local schools and organizations to help in collecting and distributing pet food. Davey said she is looking for additional support to continue this program for seniors and their pets.

Individuals and organizations desiring to contribute or initiate a pet food drive can contact Carmin Harris, program director at (810) 632-2155.

## Octane for Ford



JULIE YOLLES

(From left) Ferndale resident Bill Bowen, Royal Oak resident Tom DeMay and Northville resident John O'Brien, all of Royal Oak-based Octane Design, helped create The Henry Ford's website and the 18, 42-inch interactive touch screens for the new Driving America exhibit at The Henry Ford. Bowen, DeMay and O'Brien, along with over 750 guests, attended the Exhibition Preview Party on Jan. 28. The permanent exhibit spans 80,000 square feet and features 130 cars and 60 artifact cases. In addition to Driving America, The Henry Ford is celebrating Black History with musical and dramatic performances throughout February.

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## NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Watkins to stay in Northville

Tom Watkins, the former Michigan state superintendent of schools and a finalist to lead Florida's Palm Beach County District, the 11th largest school district in the country, decided after a three-day interview process to withdraw his name from consideration and remain in Northville.

"It was clear that my vision to lead the district boldly into the future and that of the majority of the school board were not in alignment," he said. "When a school community is focused on teaching, learning and children and not on power, control, politics and adults – good things can happen for our kids."

Watkins said he will remain in Northville as a base for his U.S./China business and educational consulting and as a regular contributor to the Record.

### NHS All Night Party tickets

The Northville High School Class of 2012 Senior All Night Party will be held Sunday, June 3 following the graduation ceremony.

To purchase tickets for a graduating senior, or to volunteer or donate, please visit the SANP website at [www.nhssanp.com](http://www.nhssanp.com) and download and complete the SANP forms. Parent permission forms must accompany all ticket forms.

### Ward Preschool registration

Ward Preschool registration for the 2012/13 school year will begin for Ward Church members, children currently enrolled and alumni of Ward Preschool at 9 a.m. Thursday, March 8. Open registration will be at 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 20.

A copy of child's birth certificate and

a \$75.00 non refundable registration fee must be included with application.

An open house and informational meeting for new families will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27.

For more information, call (248) 374-5911 or email [carol.nowacki@ward-church.org](mailto:carol.nowacki@ward-church.org).

### Curriculum Night

Northville Public Schools Early Childhood and Extended Day Programs present Curriculum Night from 6:30-8 p.m. March 8 in the Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main Street.

Designed for families new to the programs, this evening will provide parents with information on the programs, curriculum and enrollment procedures.

Child care will be provided at the licensed Main Street location. Children must be at least 33 months old and toilet trained. Sign up by March 1 by calling (248) 344-8465.

### Early Learning Series

Northville Public Schools presents the Early Learning Series for parents with children from birth to 5 with educational consultant Cathy Shapero as the presenter. She will provide relevant information to provide balance in your child's life to maximize learning. Workshops include:

March 13 – Understanding and Embracing Your Child's Personality and Learning Style to Maximize Learning

The workshops are free and run from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main. Free child care is provided for children 33 months and toilet trained (pre-registration required). Donations will be collected for Northville Civic Concern.

Call (248) 344-8465.

## Science night



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Elicia Androne, 9, checks out an informative hand-on experiment during the Feb. 6 "science night" at Thornton Creek elementary. Hosted by Northville High School honor students and the Ann Arbor Hands on Museum, the night brought many different learning experiences to visitors including this one where Androne learned about polymers and how they can "wrap" themselves around objects poked into them - in this case: pencils - keeping a polymer bag's contents (water) inside.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville Township Police Officer Caroline Czelada talks to Winchester Elementary School kids on Jan. 31 about an upcoming Drug Abuse Resistance Education course she'll be leading at the school. Czelada holds two pairs of handcuffs as she goes over with the students an officer's gear.

## Township's D.A.R.E. program enters 25th year

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Correspondent

While many of communities in the area have cut their own programs because of budgetary constraints, Officer Caroline Czelada is helping take Northville Township's D.A.R.E. program into its 25th year of educating and helping community youth.

In her first year with this role, Czelada is also the resource officer for township elementary and middle school-aged students. As a nine-year veteran of the department she knows the importance of community outreach, especially with young people.

"The kids have an opportunity to have a positive experience with a police officer, which is not always the case. It's a blessing this joint partnership with the schools exists," she said. "Our D.A.R.E. program helps to open the communication lines for them and their families, so it's important

for me to reach out to as many as I can."

The program is for 10-weeks and starts in mid-February for Winchester and Ridgewood fifth-graders. It's a voluntary course giving students an introduction to dealing with peer pressure, understanding of the substances, and culminates with an essay and graduation.

"They (students) are really inquisitive and ask a lot of questions," Czelada said. "It gives them a chance to talk about things they might be wondering about but haven't been able to discuss with anyone."


This position with the schools started with current high school liaison officer Larry Demeeter. There are a variety of issues the police department works on with the schools, ranging from parking to serious crimes. Czelada's presence and accessibility gives the schools someone they can quickly turn to for help.

One situation involved a girl who came to school and said there was abuse happening at home. After interviews with the girl and her mother, as well as with Child Protection Services, an arrest was made of the mother. Another one involved busing, Czelada was called upon to resolve an issue for Durham, the new company running district transportation.

Recently, she helped out at Amerman Elementary School with the Kids for Afghan Kids silent auction. She acted as an auction item, which reached a winning bid of \$200. The winning students received lunch and a tour of the police department. She said the tour was a lot of fun with many interesting questions being asked.

"I'm here as a resource, and having eyes and ears in the schools mean a lot."

Czelada can be reached by telephone (248) 449-5088 or by email at [cczelada@northvilletwpd.com](mailto:cczelada@northvilletwpd.com).



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## VALUES

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play," he said. "I'm very thrilled to hear of these increases."

Both point to the great schools, shared values and forward-thinking planning as playing important parts in Northville's success.

Abbo said the establishment of the high-tech firm SoulBrain in Northville is an example of how the community can and has attracted new business and residents.

Northville City Manager Patrick Sullivan thinks lower home prices helped out a lot. And, when that's paired with the community being a safe place with

great schools, it becomes an even more attractive place to live and raise a family.

"We want to be top of the top in everything, and I think that drives the vision for the future," Abbo said. "People like to see that."

These numbers, however, still don't compare to the values from the past

decade. Johnson said it will take a long time to recover to where the city used to be as far as revenues are concerned, but he adds this is a good sign.

The two biggest decreases were Melvindale at 19.26 percent followed by Inkster, which saw a decrease of 16.26 percent.

## ART

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probably be priced in the range of \$1,000-\$1,500.

However, what is unknown is the donor of this piece. Thomas said it's the owner's wishes to remain anonymous, but she adds the entire sale proceeds will be going back to support the Art House.

"This member has been very generous in making this event a unique one," she said.

Calder's lithograph carries significance because he was one of the most creative American artists of the 20th century. Besides painting, he also worked with sculptures and mobiles. He died at the age of 78 in 1976.

Art from the Attic started last year as an orphan art sale idea. Participants can either donate "used" or new art and/or purchase a new piece. Thomas said donors may choose to receive 50 percent of the sale price or donate all proceeds to the Art House. The donors can set their own price.

## ART FROM THE ATTIC

Donated art is accepted on Feb. 21-22 from 2-7 p.m. The opening sale and reception is on Feb. 24 from 6-9 p.m. and tickets can be bought in advance for \$10. The public sale happens Feb. 25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. as well as the next day from noon to 4 p.m. For more information and tickets, call (248) 344-0497. The Northville Art House is located at 215 W. Cady St.

The Art House depends greatly upon these fundraisers; last year's brought in \$4,000.

"This event is another example of the generosity our members at the Art House have," she said. "Because of them and others, we will have a wide variety of great works on display and for sale."

Pieces will range from the Calder to works a Farmington Hills couple found while clearing out their mother's home in Mississippi, which are original, local artwork. This particular donor knows their mother would be so happy to see the pieces passed on, Thomas said.

## CIGAR

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na Klein. They said it has been vacant for two years. They still need to have their liquor license approved by the City Council, and the lounge will be a retail location with an open-air patio.

Randolph Street homeowner John Gustafson was one who voiced his concerns about the cigar lounge at the City of Northville's planning commission meeting Feb. 7. Gustafson's property is several lots away from the proposed lounge.

"It was a big surprise to my family and a big surprise to my neighbors," Gustafson said of the plan's approval.

Gustafson is concerned on three counts: second-hand cigar smoke impacting his children; the potential late-night crowd; and what this will mean to the residential property values for the surrounding area.

Jeff Davis, also on Randolph, is concerned about the same things and said he doesn't want to smell cigar smoke in his backyard while his daughter is out playing.

Center Street business/building owner John Kish said he feels blindsided and one big issue for him is also the smoke. He said he and his tenants, one being a health care provider, are wondering if

the smoke will be coming through their windows on a breezy day.

"Just as water on your property and light is not allowed to leave that property, neither is smoke," Kish said. "It is a second-hand carcinogen that will affect everybody around us. So, I would like that addressed to find out what we can do about that to keep it contained."

Jay Wendt, chairman of the Planning Commission, said they did give the site plan an approval last fall and worked with the owners to make sure the lounge's impact on the surrounding properties is mitigated. He said landscaping, lightening, air filtration and noise were all addressed.

He added this plan does fit the zoning ordinance for the area, which is part of the central business district. But he also said that concerned residents should go to the liquor license public hearing to voice their opinions.

Gary Klein said it's their goal to work with the neighbors and assured them it will be a members-only business, and therefore will be a controlled environment.

"We don't want to negatively affect anyone," he said.

The liquor license hearing has not been scheduled, but will likely happen in the coming months.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

## Dems, vote in both

Northville Democratic Party President Scott Craig it is OK to vote in both the state presidential primary and the Democratic caucus, according to the State Democrat Central Committee.

The state's presidential primary is Feb. 28, and the Democratic presidential caucus is May 5, being held in Northville at the Senior Center on West Main Street from 9-11 a.m.

This announcement reverses a decision made a year ago by the Michigan Democratic Party, which now encourages all Democrats to vote in local elections on Feb. 28 regardless of whether they vote in the primary, said Craig.

## Food program changes

Income guidelines have been adjusted to allow more individuals and families to be served by TEFAP. The Emergency Food Assis-

tance Program provides low-income Plymouth and Northville residents with canned and non-perishable items.

The next distribution is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 16, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church (14951 North Haggerty Road).

All recipients must be pre-registered. This is a supplemental food program so it may be used in addition to other assistance programs. Bridge Card holders automatically qualify, but need to pre-register. Recipients not currently on governmental assistance (food stamps, ADC and general) need to provide documentation including proof of income and residency before receiving food on distribution days.

Distributions continue the third Thursday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at St. Kenneth Catholic Church. Call Plymouth Community United Way at (734) 453-6879, ext. 7.

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## ASHER, VIRGINIA J.

Age 79, passed away February 13, 2012. She was born on July 16, 1932 in Novi, daughter of the late John and Florence Whitehead. From 1972-2000 Virginia and her late husband J.R. owned and operated Asher Manufacturing of South Lyon. She is survived by her loving nieces and nephews: Richard Yenson, Sandra Lopez, Robert Whitehead Jr., Carol Jackson and Terry Whitehead. She is also survived by many great nieces, nephews and loving friends. She was preceded in death by her husband J.R. In 2011, her sister Helen Gottschalk and her brother Robert Whitehead. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 15, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Thursday, Feb. 16, from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Funeral services will be conducted on Friday, Feb. 17, at 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Online Guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com



## BOLAND, DAN, SR.

Dan Boland born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on October 9, 1928 lost his battle with cancer on February 10th, 2012 at 83 years of age. Dan was a brilliant, very accomplished student who excelled throughout his entire academic and professional career. He graduated from Michigan Technological University with a double major in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering. His Engineering expertise was further exemplified through achieving the Professional Engineering certification. Growing up he excelled in athletics playing baseball, basketball and tennis, continuing basketball and tennis during college. Dan and his wife, Marilyn and family moved to Northville in 1958 where he became an active community member and was very passionate about his family, friends, sports, music/arts and bridge interests. He was an avid tennis player competing in many tournaments and along with Marilyn, hosted numerous tennis parties at their home combining competition with fun. He attended high school sporting events and was a regular presence at his kids and grandkids activities. Dan coached Our Lady of Victory basketball and recreational teams. He always enjoyed his morning coffee/breakfast meetings with his Northville buddies solving world problems. He was a founding member and president of Northville Swim Club and a long-time member of Walnut Creek and Lakeland Country Clubs. He proudly announced the annual Junior National baseball World Series held at Northville high school fields for many years. He had distinguished careers at Allis Chalmers and Eaton Corporation in technical sales before founding his own Engineering Sales company, TEMCO (Tennis Every Monday Company) in 1977 where he was President and still active up until his death. He was awarded top sales performer numerous times by the companies he represented. Dan is survived by Marilyn, his loving wife of 59 years as well as five children: Joe (Lynn), Kathy, John (Lisa), Margie (Brian) and Dan Jr. (Marianne); 11 grandchildren: Marie (Scott), David, Garrett (Maria), Janelle, Brad, Dan, Megan, Kate (Kevin), Mallie, Anna-Kate and MacKenzie; one great-grandchild, Brody; and one sister, Helen (Gerry) Geysso. He found great joy and pride in being a father, grandfather and great grandfather. Services will be at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville, MI on Saturday, February 18, 2012. Gathering is 9 am with a funeral mass at 10am, followed by lunch in the Father Ernie Center. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Our Lady of Victory Church or the American Cancer Society. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville.

## BRUNDAGE, LAWRENCE F.

August 23, 1943 - February 8, 2012. Online condolences www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

## CAMPEAU-MANZ EXIE

Passed away February 13, 2012. Please call Phillips Funeral Home for arrangements. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com



## CICERO, BARBARA K.

Age 69, longtime resident of Northville, passed away peacefully February 11, 2012. She was born on April 5, 1942 in Alpena, MI to Louis and Katherine (nee McVicar) Konczak. Barbara was united marriage to Robert D. Cicero on August 31, 1963, and they spent 42 loving years together until his death in 2006. She was a member of the Northville Garden Club. She was a world traveler, recently taking a cruise to Alaska and seeing much of Europe. Following a heart transplant in 2000, Barbara embraced and truly enjoyed her life. She was very social; enjoying spending time and going to lunch with her friends, as well as shopping. Barbara loved her family, and especially adored her grandchildren. She is survived by her loving daughter, Kendra (Chris) Polack; her grandchildren, Meghan, Max, Caleb, Hope, Faith, and Charity; her mother Katherine Konczak; and her sister, Louanne (Mike) Chambers. She was also loved by many nieces, nephews, and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband and her father. A time of gathering will be held Saturday, February 18, 2012 from 10 a.m. until Noon with a memorial service at Noon at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to U of M Heart Transplant Social Work Fund, c/o Ruth Halben, U of M Hospital, D2202 MPB, 1500 E. Medical Center Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

## COCHRAN, PAULA

Age 68, passed away Feb. 6, 2012. A private family service was held. Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. www.phillipsfuneral.com

## DAVIO, RAYMOND

Passed away February 13, 2012. Please call Phillips Funeral Home for arrangements. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

## DONOVAN, MICKEY

Passed away February 13, 2012. Please call Phillips Funeral Home for arrangements. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com



## GREYERBIEHL, DON H.

Don was born February 3, 1927, in Pontiac to Harry and Maude (Armstead) Greyerbiehl. He attended Pontiac St. Michael High School, and entered the US Navy at age 15. Don served in the US Navy during WWII and was a "plank owner" of the USS Franklin, having served on its first commissioned voyage. Following the war, Don earned a G.E.D. and graduated from Detroit Business University. He worked at Wayne Oakland Bank from 1961 until retiring from First of America Bank in 1984, as Assistant Vice President and Comptroller. Don was a member of Saint Mary's Church, the D.A.V., the American Legion and V.F.W. On September 3, 1949, he married Margaret M. Elliott in Uby. Following retirement, they made their home in several places, settling in East Jordan from 1997 until 2005, and then moving to Charlevoix. Don is survived by his wife, Margaret M.; sons, Mark (Vicky) of Charlevoix, Scott (Diane) of Birmingham, Paul of Highland; daughters, Donna of Ann Arbor, Erin (Joshua) Leach of Fowlerville; daughter-in-law, Shelly Greyerbiehl of Petoskey; grandchildren, Katie, Troy, Michael, Kevin, Danielle, Kelly, Dalton, Cody, Lacey, and Sara; brother, Richard (Maryanne) Greyerbiehl of Saginaw. Don's son Eric, preceded him in death in 2005. Don and Margaret also fostered thirteen children. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, www.woundedwarriorproject.org; or the Disabled American Veterans, www.dav.org

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Saturday of every month

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## OUR VIEWS

# Is Northville a 'place'?

## Find out what it takes to compete in the 21st century

If you moved to Northville, what was it about the area that compelled you to choose it over all others? Was it the outstanding education system, or the charming downtown? Maybe its location in relation to major freeways? Perhaps it was just the overall sense of a great community?

There are many reasons people choose to live in a certain area, but it's the areas with leaders who realize what people want that have a distinct advantage.

How does Northville measure up? That's a question that will be answered Feb. 29 when the chamber of commerce presents Dan Gilmartin, CEO of the Michigan Municipal League, in a discussion on the topic.

Gilmartin is recognized as a national leader in the fields of urban revitalization, local government reform and transportation policy.

### PLACEMAKING — HOW DOES NORTHVILLE MEASURE UP?

**Details:** Northville Chamber of Commerce members, government leaders and residents are invited to attend a presentation on the eight assets that make for a vibrant community and how Northville measures up to those attributes.  
**When:** 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 29  
**Where:** Northville Hills Golf Club (15565 Bay Hill Drive)  
**Cost:** \$20 for chamber members; \$25 for nonmembers. RSVP to the chamber by Feb. 24 at (248) 349-7640.

He is a contributing author to the book "The Economics of Place: The Value of Building Communities Around People" and a frequent speaker on matters pertaining to "place."

What does "place" mean, you're asking? It's the concept that, to be successful, a community's key assets (structural, cultural and human) must be leveraged, developed and nurtured through public policy.

When that's done properly, according to Fred Kent at the Project for Public Spaces, it turns a community from "one that you can't wait to get through into one that you never want to leave."

This concept of "placemaking" is especially vital in Michigan, which is struggling to compete with other states for our young adults who want to plant their roots, build their careers, and raise their families. A college-educated, mobile workforce is looking for "places" that have a variety of cultural opportunities, walkable downtowns and transportation options. The communities that focus on this and use it as an economic development strategy will be the winners.

Northville has a lot to offer: numerous festivals, live music options, a strong arts community, performance theaters, fine restaurants, unique shops and a walkable downtown.

But there is so much more we could do to attract people to Northville. And what about Michigan overall? What is necessary to retool our state and make it more competitive in this global economy?

To help us understand it, the Michigan Municipal League has come up with eight assets as part of its Center for 21st Century Communities:

- Physical Design & Walkability
- Green Initiatives
- Cultural Economic Development
- Entrepreneurship
- Multiculturalism
- Messaging and Technology
- Transit
- Education

We encourage residents and business owners to attend the Feb. 29 breakfast discussion and hear what Gilmartin has to say about these eight assets. Not only is he an expert on this subject, he also has a vested interest in our town. He and his wife, Lori, have two sons — and live in downtown Northville's historic district.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### With both Northville city and township both reporting increases in property values in 2011, do you see this as a solid indicator that the recession has bottomed out?



"Obviously, it's a good sign, but I'm not sure it means things have bottomed out."  
**Richard Kowalczyk**  
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"I don't think so. Northville just happens to be a pocket where they're more recession-proof."  
**John Horal**  
Walled Lake



"I work at a bank, and I don't think that's a good enough indicator."  
**Tammy Sadwal**  
Farmington Hills



"I don't think it's bottomed out, but I can't tell you why."  
**Kathleen Skaar**  
Birmingham

## LETTERS

### Seven Mile park plan an albatross

Something is amiss. In 2009, Northville Township bonded \$21.5 million for the purchase of the property along Seven Mile Road. The intent of this property was to be used as a park.

It is now 2012. At its Jan. 26 special meeting, the township presented the Master Plan for the property with an estimated total cost of \$82 million. But there is one thing missing: The 20 dilapidated, abandoned, condemned buildings still stand, and with all their ugliness welcome the visitor to Northville. With each passing day, this site becomes more unsightly and more dangerous. The intent is to demolish the buildings and clean up the site, but this is estimated to cost an additional \$7-\$10 million!

Let's see: \$21.5 million plus \$82 million plus \$10 million equals \$113.2 million — for a park. A wise investment?

Before any portion of the Master Plan is initiated, the site must be environmentally correct; thus, the \$10 million has to be spent. The question is when will this be accomplished and how is it funded. The answer given is "as soon as we can." What?

The township received a \$200,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) which must be matched with \$40,000 from the township. The township states that this \$240,000 will then be used this summer to demolish and clean up the power house, and if there are sufficient funds, the maintenance building as well.

Let's see: 20 buildings minus 2 buildings equals 18 buildings left standing. Now what?

The entire site has been designated a "brownfield," a clever governmental term that means the property is blighted, functionally obsolete and has abandoned buildings. With this designation, the township has the authority to "capture" the taxes on any redevelopment on the property. The township's plan is to capture these taxes and use them to cover the cost to demolish the remaining 18 buildings!

Let's see: \$10 million minus \$240,000 EPA grant equals \$9,760,000 of captured taxes. Are you kidding me? How does the township expect to capture taxes on a site that is predominantly public (non-taxable) land?

It is obvious that this site will remain as is for a long time, only it will get worse and worse. I wonder, if this site was privately owned, how long would it take before the township would demand that these buildings be removed? The reality of a park — it's a joke. Perhaps my grandchildren's children will enjoy it.

The simple fact of the matter is that this entire property acquisition and current situation is nothing more than the proverbial albatross, only this albatross is around each and every one of our necks.

**James M. Koster**  
Northville

### Looking for a Model T

I am reaching out to you because you are involved in retaining the history of the early Ford automobile. I represent Friends of Nankin Mills.

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tor Company Village Industry, the building has been restored and is in operation in a multiple services. The mill is an interpretive center, we have thousands of school children that enter the building every year. We have a speaker program that is growing. We even have a program to restore Thomas Edison's generator in the building so that kids can see how electricity was distributed in the area back in the '20s.

We feel that one thing that is lacking is an opportunity for children to be able to climb in and touch an early model car, specifically a Model T. We feel that having a car in the building that helped build parts for both the Model T and Model A that kids could climb in and feel the joy and excitement of what we all feel when we climb into our old cars. This would help spark interest in the next generation and help keep the history flowing.

What I am asking is that each of you help us by keeping your eyes and ears open for a car. We don't require a working engine, or even a perfect body and tires. This car will be cleaned up and painted and used as a hands on display in the museum. We do have some money, but we are also a 501(c)3 and are happy to accept donations.

Please feel free to contact me either via e-mail at don@donnicholson.net. Have a great day motoring and preserving the history!

**Don Nicholson**  
president

Don Nicholson Enterprises, LLC

### Support fuel standards

From the threat of more extreme weather fueled by global warming, to the billions of dollars we spend at the gas pump each year, our addiction to oil has real consequences for our environment and our economy.

Fortunately, the Obama administration is working to tackle this problem by proposing strong new pollution and fuel efficiency standards for cars and trucks sold in 2017 through 2025. The standards, also supported by UAW and 13 major auto manufacturers, would cut gasoline use by as much as 23 billion gallons per year nationally.

These standards will be the largest step the U.S. has ever taken to get off oil — and tackle global warming.

The Obama administration wants to know what citizens think about the new standards, and they're holding a public comment period through Feb. 13 to find out. I urge citizens to make their voices heard by submitting a public comment to a-and-r-Docket@epa.gov (include "Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2010-0799" in the subject line) in support of strong clean car standards.

**Sheelagh McCarthy**  
Environment Michigan

### Better use of money

Right to Life-LIFESPAN is encouraged by the Susan G. Komen Foundation's recent announcement that they have ceased their financial partnership with Planned Parenthood. Some Komen affiliates have been sending dollars donated by individuals and participants in area Race for the Cure events to that organization.

Planned Parenthood is the largest provider of abortion in the United States and while the scientific link between early abortion and breast cancer is debated, the inconsistency of an organization dedicated to finding a cure for breast cancer — Komen — donating to an organization determined to ignore this possible link — Planned Parenthood — is profound.

Komen has indicated that their sharing of donations with Planned Parenthood will cease because Planned Parenthood is under federal investigation for a number of issues and Komen's new partnering criteria prohibits donations to organizations under such investigation. Last year, such donations amounted to \$680,000.

We are hopeful that such monies can now be used for finding the cause, and the cure, for breast cancer. This is a day of victory for women and their health.

**Diane Trombley**  
Media Relations Director  
Right to Life-LIFESPAN

### Trump endorsement a spectacle

In only Las Vegas could huckster Donald Trump endorse Mitt Romney for the GOP presidency. At the Trump tower, no less, Trump created his spectacle circus atmosphere with his endorsement of Romney.

Trump was reported to be set to endorse Newt Gingrich. Unless Trump forgot who he was endorsing, in true stage show style, he triumphantly endorsed Romney.

It is difficult to see how this benefits Romney. Here is another self promoting millionaire "Birther" endorsing fellow millionaire Romney. Can Trump deliver the *Apprentice* vote? How does this endorsement help Romney widen his pool of potential voters? The poor, middle class, independents? What new voters exactly does the Trump endorsement bring to the table?

Romney is already the perfect 1-percenter candidate. How can Trump's endorsement trump that?

**Gerald Maxey**  
Farmington Hills

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# Origami fun unfolds at library for tweens

**By Julie Brown**  
Staff Writer

Ming Louie knows learning origami can be a whole lot of fun.

"I've only got one rule - there is no crying," said Louie, a Northville resident who's been doing origami 50-some years. "We're doing this for fun."

A group of 30 kids ages 9-12 came to the Northville District Library on Jan. 18 and spent an hour learning origami. They gave the program high marks, even though Louie emphasized there were no grades or tests.

"Very fun, very interesting," said Summer Covault, 11, a fifth-grader at Silver Springs Elementary. "I thought it was very fun," added twin sister Savannah, also a Silver Springs fifth-grader, adding "Probably making the ball" as her favorite.

Louie said his teaching depends on students' skill level. "We start with some basic folds," such as the mountain fold and valley fold. "Just some things to show the potential for the craft."

Wife Barbara and several other assistants from the library moved among the tables during the program to help.

"It's actually not easy to do this," Louie said. "There's a serenity to it that cuts against the technology. It forces you to slow your mind down."

Louie was born in China, where all learn origami. "It's like using chopsticks," he said.

He used to do more presentations in schools as well, but noted there's much less of that kind of



**Arianna Ramp, 11, works on a piece of origami during a Jan. 18 instructional assembly at the Northville District Library.**

fun stuff in schools now.

Most in his Northville library class had done origami, with creations ranging from Ninja star, flying saucer, fish tank to butterfly.

"It's simply a matter of experience," Louie told the class, noting they shouldn't assume anything about their intelligence based on picking up the skills quickly.

Language to explain the over 1,000 origami folds

has developed, he said, based on the mountain or valley fold. The kids started by creating a cup. "Did I use any tape? No. This thing incredibly will hold water."

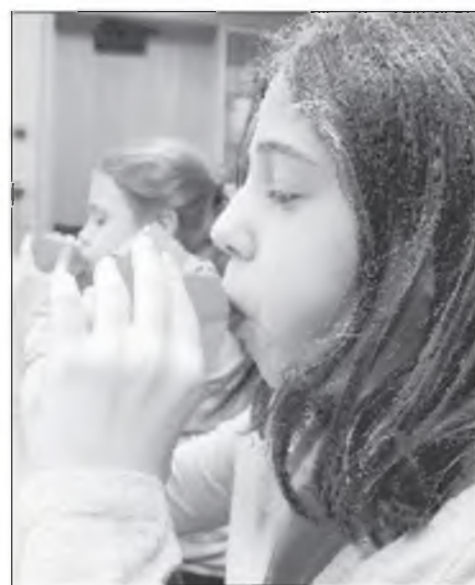
You need repetition in origami to build "muscle memory," Louie said.

The kids built a water bomb base, which Louie explained was used in the days before balloons by kids who dropped water on unsuspecting adults

from above. "I know none of you here are going to do that," he said.

The kids created paper balls, useful for Christmas decorations. "For some of you, this is old stuff," Louie said. "For others, this is amazing." Blowing up the ball requires dry lips, and it quickly inflates.

The kids used paper that was white on one side, colored on the other, helping them to see what



**Rose Butler-Shriner, 10, blows into her origami balloon during a lesson on the Japanese craft on Jan. 18 at the Northville District Library.**

they were doing.

Louie explained the bird base is the basis for just about all origami animals, the water bomb base for geometric shapes. The group moved on to the petal fold, their first 3-D fold.

"This is one of the prettiest folds in origami," he said. "You're watching it become a flower."

The session wrapped up with kids fashioning a bird. "See, he's flying away," said Louie, holding the creature's throat and pulling lightly on the tail. "This is a flapping bird."

Louie showed the group how to make a crane, but explained that doesn't move its wings so isn't as much fun for kids to make. He encouraged the kids to unfold and put back together their creations at home in front of the TV.

"It will be like riding a bicycle," Louie said, adding the library has many books on origami. "You will never forget how to do this."

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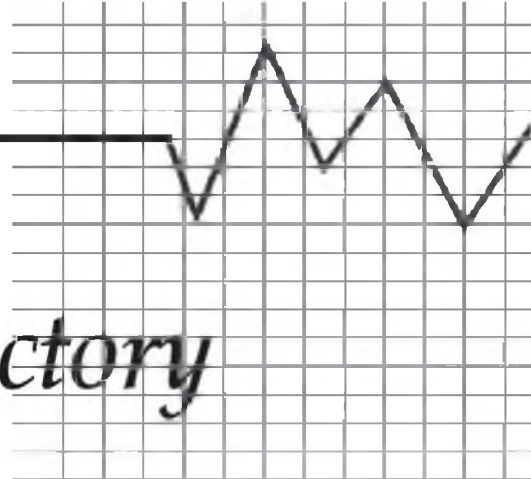
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## Next Chapter hosts regional authors Feb. 18

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

The Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro on Main Street in downtown Northville will continue its popular "Meet the Authors!" series on Saturday, Feb. 18.

This month's schedule features:

•10-11:30 a.m. Marybeth Dillon-Butler, "Myrtle the Hurdler." Myrtle is a snack-loving turtle who wears a pink and purple polka-dotted girdle to hold in her middle. Those ages 3-7 attending will find out how Myrtle's life changes when she trains to run in a track meet.

•11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Karen and Darin Brege, "Mick Morris Series." Mick Morris travels with his parents while they film the Myth Solvers show. This is a five-book series. The "Ghostboard Posse" books follow the adventures of five boarders. This session is for ages 10 and up.

•1-2:30 p.m. Teresa Irish, "A Thousand Letters Home." A first-hand account, this book is compiled from 1,000 letters that Irish's father wrote back home between November 1942 and December 1945 while serving in Germany during World

War II. Irish is a Northville resident.

•2:30-4 p.m. Mernalyn, "10 Second Diet." Buyer Linda Caine of Next Chapter said, "I was really pleasantly surprised at how well the January one went."

Previous "Meet the Authors!" events were done in conjunction with festivals in Northville. She wanted to host Michigan authors sooner.

"It was a snowy Saturday," Caine said of January's event. "Every author sold books."

All of the February authors are from southeast Michigan. Dillon-Butler, a former *Observer & Eccentric* staff writer, generally wears costumes for her appearances, although those details were still being worked out with Caine last week.

For more information on "Meet the Authors!" this Saturday, call (248) 465-0010.

"I like to think there's something here for everyone," Caine said of Feb. 18. The authors publicize their own events, but also the day, promoting each other's work.

"I think that's a part of what makes it such an interesting day," she said.

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## From 278 to 140: Weight loss is woman's health gain

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer



After surgery at the Michigan Bariatric Institute, Lori Ward of Westland's down to around 140 pounds. Diet and exercise have helped the former Northville Township resident stay fit.

Lori Ward of Westland weighed 278 pounds before having surgery almost four years ago at the Michigan Bariatric Institute affiliated with St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

These days, using diet and exercise after the surgery, Ward, 57, is around 140 pounds.

"You have to keep exercising," the former Northville Township resident said. "That's what I find helps me a lot. The more I exercised, the more I felt better."

"Exercise to me is the number one thing you have to do. You've got to keep moving. You just feel better."

Ward works at the Canton dental office of Janis Hayward and Associates, and she has been featured in a recent ad campaign for weight loss through the Michigan Bariatric Institute, part of Trinity Health.

"It's been kind of fun," she said of the recognition. "I get a lot of that from the people who come in here (work). My 15 minutes of fame, basically."

She found her recovery from bariatric surgery smooth, and is confident she'll keep the weight off into her senior years. Ward had

begun to put on weight over the 10 years before her surgery, not so much so when her four now-adult children were born.

"Fabulous," Ward said of how she feels now. "It's a lot better. In 2010, I actually did a mini-triathlon" in Lansing.

Ward swims, runs, works on the elliptical at the gym and does walking and some weights. She appreciates the help of husband Michael and their four children.

"They were very supportive," she said. "All of them are very happy for me." Her co-workers at the Canton dental office were also a big help.

"I'm a stress eater," explained Ward, who'd dealt with their son having cystic fibrosis and the death of her dad.

Through the Michigan Bariatric Institute — which is on Facebook — Ward worked on her diet even before the surgery as well as after. She attended nutrition classes before surgery focusing on what she was eating. She learned to read food labels as well.

"It's a great program," she said of work with a dietitian.

Ward was back to work within 10 days of her surgery, which was covered by her health insurance.

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### THE SURGERY

There are several types of bariatric surgery, said Jenny Kasprzyk, dietitian for the Michigan Bariatric Institute, which does four of those. The surgery to modify the stomach and digestive system is generally only for patients 100 pounds overweight or more.

Kasprzyk described the "food journal" kept. "Keeping track of what you're eating makes a big difference," the Clinton Township resident said.

That's especially true for bariatric patients but also for those with New Year's resolutions to drop 15 or 20 pounds.

Bariatric patients keep a focus on protein calories, Kasprzyk said, to change metabolism and make sure they're healthy: "We want to make sure we keep up with the proper nutrition."

She agreed it's best to see a doctor before starting a fitness regimen, to determine overall health and ability to work out. "It's kind of that old mantra of 'No excuses.' You just kind of have to break down those walls," said Kasprzyk, who recommends

starting small on exercise and building up. "I think the biggest tip is to find something you enjoy" and will stick with, she said.

As for food calories, Kasprzyk recommends eliminating the high calorie latte-type drinks, which have a lot of sugar and fat. Soda pop also represents empty calories, as does alcohol often consumed during the holidays.

"We tend not to get our water intake," Kasprzyk said. "Those liquid calories can add up very quickly."

She's worked some four years at the Michigan Bariatric Institute, and enjoys seeing patients like Lori Ward achieve normal weight.

"Absolutely," Kasprzyk said. "I think that is the best part of my job to see those transformations. She probably never imagined she'd be where she is today." Bariatric surgery does have risks for older people beyond Ward's age, Kasprzyk said, but regular weight loss is encouraged at any age. Her grandpa's in his early 90s and family members still talk to him about sugars in food.

"It's never too late," she said of fitness.

### THE CITY OF NORTHVILLE AND CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

#### PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE

To the Qualified Electors, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Presidential Primary Election will be held in the Township of Northville on **Tuesday, February 28, 2012**, from **7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** for the purpose of nominating candidates of the Republican and Democratic parties for the following office:

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Precinct 1	(Wayne County)	Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main St.
Precinct 2	(Oakland County)	Amerman Elementary School, 847 N. Center St.

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The Northville City Clerk's Office, located in the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 and the Township Clerk's Office, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan, 48168, will be open from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, February 25, 2012 for persons wanting to obtain an absent voters ballot. Absent voter ballot applications are available at the City and Township Clerk's offices and on both the websites listed above.

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**NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS**

**DWLS**

Northville Township police have in issued a number of driving while license suspended citations for driving while license suspended from Jan. 31-Feb. 4.

One occurred on Jan. 31 and had a 21-year-old Northville man cited after being stopped at Northridge Drive and Seven Mile Road. The police ran a check on the vehicle while following it on westbound Seven Mile.

Another incident occurred the same day at Haggerty and Six Mile roads. A 49-year-old Dearborn Heights man was stopped for running through a "steady" red light. When the man was stopped at the CVS parking lot he exited his vehicle in an emotional state, saying he was going to jail. That man was arrested and later posted a \$300 cash bond. He was also cited for the red light.

**Seven Mile Trespassing**

The trespassing citations are quickly adding up this year for the Northville Township-owned Seven Mile Property.

Another incident occurred on Feb. 5 when a 28-year-old Royal Oak man was cited for tres-

passing after police found him walking down Wayne Avenue, which is located on the property. Police were doing a routine check of the area when the man was spotted with a backpack and flashlight. He said he was out for an exercise walk and did not know he was trespassing.

The police report stated the man was near a gate that was marked with private property, no trespassing signs. He said he did not enter any of the buildings and added he had been there three or four times previously.

**Marijuana Possession**

A 35-year-old Westland man is cited for marijuana and paraphernalia possession after Northville city police found him and a female friend parked behind the old Stellar Manufacturing building on Baseline Road.

Because the closed down building has had previous acts of vandalism police regularly check it for any suspicious activity. The man said he parked there to talk with his friend, a 19-year-old Northville woman. He consented to a search.

Police found a drawstring bag in his unlocked glove box, which con-

tained a baggie that tested positive for marijuana and glass pipe with residue. He was cited and ordered to leave the property.

**Misdemeanor Arrest Warrant**

A 34-year-old Fenton man is arrested after Northville city police stopped him for driving through a stop sign.

The man said he was on his way to work when police observed him making an illegal turn onto southbound Novi Street from Eight Mile Road and then driving through a stop sign at Baseline Road. A check on the man revealed he had two criminal bench warrants out of Livingston County for probation violation.

He was detained and later released into the custody of the Livingston County Sheriff's Department.

*Compiled by correspondent  
Lonnie Huhman*

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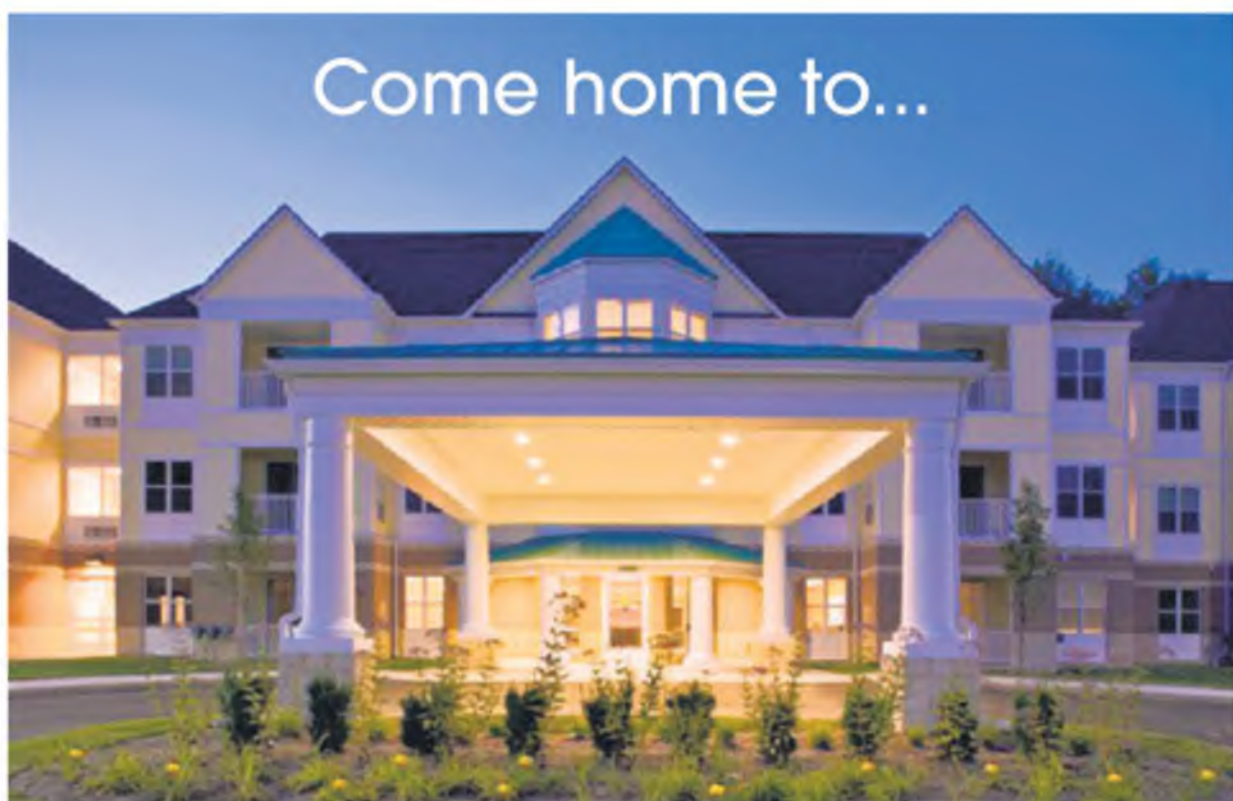


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Northville Township Firefighter Jesse Marcotte joins Marlene Kunz at Northville Civic Concern's office on Seven Mile Road on Feb. 7. The township firefighters held their annual "Fireman's Ball" on Feb. 11 and Civic Concern is one of three organizations that will benefit from the fundraiser. The firefighters will also be donating money to the Muscular Dystrophy Association and will establish a scholarship at Northville High.

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Adult volunteers and Hillside Middle School students go back-to-back in an exercise for Challenge Day that sought to bring people together and allow them to share a little part of their personality with each other.

# Challenge Day



Hillside Students Brittney Batarse, left, Shelby Warford, right, and others smile as they enjoy an early moment of the Feb. 7 Challenge Day.



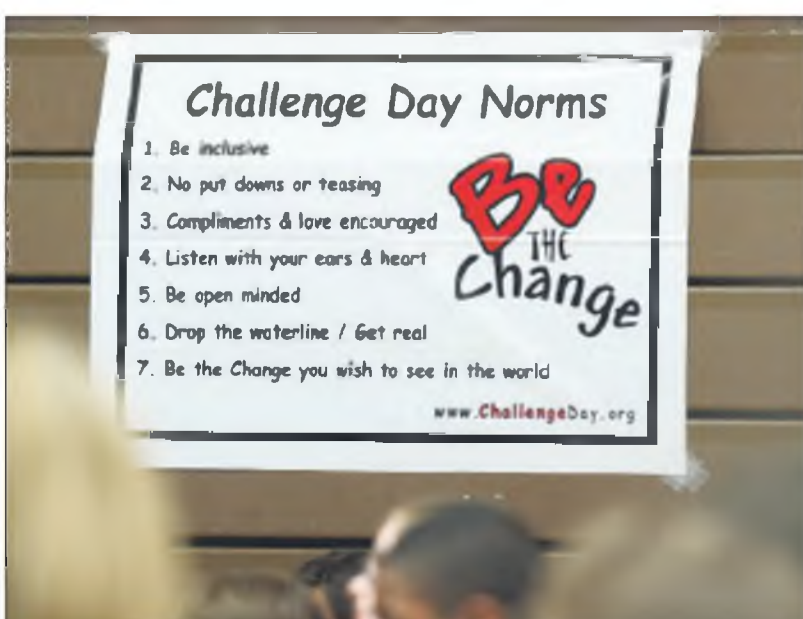
Challenge Day facilitator Chris Foster brings a Hillside student into the center of the group for a get-together as the students begin to learn about their fellow classmates.



Hillside student Paige Rosinski smiles as she shares a word with an adult facilitator during the beginning get-to-know-you time of the Challenge Day.



Challenge Day facilitator Christina Migilino, center, begins the day for seventh graders at Hillside Middle School.



Some of the "Challenge Day Norms" are spelled out on a sign in Hillside's gym.

## Skiing at Maybury



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

John Dennis cross country skis at Northville's Maybury State Park. Dennis, of Novi, was enjoying the park's two inches of snow while it was still around.

## NORTHVILLE IN THE SERVICE

### Todd M. Truran

Air Force Airman Todd M. Truran graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Truran is the son of Phillip Truran, of Commerce Township, and grandson of Howard Truran, of Northville.

He is a 2010 graduate of Northville High School.

## NORTHVILLE NEWSMAKERS

### Noble joins Botsford Foundation board

The Botsford Foundation Board of Directors recently elected philanthropy expert and Northville resident Elizabeth Noble to its board (along with Oakland County Commissioner William Dwyer of the 14th District).

As president of Noble Consulting Group LLP in Detroit, Noble offers clients more than 27 years' experience in the philanthropic sector successfully managing local and national non-profit organizations. She is deeply knowledgeable about capital campaigns, principal gifts, endowment building, planned giving, strategic



Elizabeth Noble

sponsorships, grant development, board development, government relations and civic engagement.

Before leading her consultancy, Noble served as vice president of the Detroit Institute of Arts. Prior to that, she held a variety of leadership positions with the United Way: Southeastern Michigan; Fort Worth, Texas; St. Louis, Missouri; and Alexandria, Virginia, the United Way's national headquarters. She has also served in executive-level positions at the American National Fish & Wildlife Museum in Springfield, Missouri, and with the Fort Worth Zoological Association in Texas. Rounding out her knowledge portfolio, Noble also worked for many years in the private sector as an executive with AMR Investments in Fort Worth, Texas.

She lives in Northville with her husband, Brian, and has two sons, Chase and Joshua.

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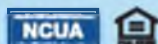
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Mustang Aaron Zalewski swims the 200 yard individual medley on Feb. 9.

## Mustangs need to find improvement



Northville's Dawson Laabs swims in the 200 team medley on Feb. 9 against South Lyon.



Dennis Kim swims on Feb. 9.

### Swimmers defeat South Lyon, have strong showing in MISCA

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

It's hard to complain about victories, but it's even more difficult for a coach to see his team not living up to their potential while getting those wins.

That's the boat Rich Bennetts, the coach for the Northville Mustangs boys swimming and diving team, is currently in. He's seeing results in the form of victories this year, including a win over South Lyon Consolidated last week, 109-77, and a handful of strong showings in the MISCA meet.

What he's also seeing is a team that won't survive against the best swimmers in the state, despite the fact that they have the talent to compete with them.

"My grandmother always told me if you don't have anything nice to say, then keep your mouth shut," said Bennetts after the MISCA meet. "We have a big meet this Saturday, so our

#### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys swimming and diving team will be back in the pool when they compete in the KLAAs Central Division meet tomorrow and Saturday. Diving will take place at Novi starting at 5 p.m. Friday while swimming will take place in the same location at noon Saturday.

better swimmers need to do a complete 180-degree turn compared to what they did today in order for us to win our division."

Bennetts did note that some swimmers, such as Nick Hayes (200 individual medley), Danny Teng (500 freestyle), Filippo Miavaldi (100 backstroke) and Josh Liu and Alan Ruan (100 breaststroke) had good performances in the MISCA, a non-scored meet.

"We had a couple of good swims, but this was not what I wanted to see coming into our champi-

onship meets," said Bennetts. "We have a lot of work to do in a very short time. We will see what happens."

The Mustangs did earn a victory this week, defeating South Lyon Consolidated to earn themselves an overall record of 9-1 and a 9-0 mark in the conference. The Mustangs are also 4-0 in the Central Division.

"Overall, we had some good performances out of some kids," said Bennetts. "This division meeting coming up on Saturday is going to be very close. Four teams have a chance to win it. Obviously, we need to swim better than we did (against South Lyon)."

Northville had strong performances from Teng and Mark Kaminski (200 freestyle), Adam Curry (200 IM and 100 freestyle), Dawson Laabs (50 free), Wang (200 IM and 100 fly), Andrew Westphal (100 free), Matt Schafer (500 free), Hayes (100 back) and Yash Bajaj and Aaron Zalewski (100 breaststroke).

### Mustangs have near-perfect day against Escanaba

#### Hockey team topples Eskymos, ties Clarkston

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs boys hockey team is well aware that if you want to do well in the playoffs then you need to end your regular season with strong and consistent play.

They're doing just that, actually, earning a 4-4 tie against a very competitive Clarkston Wolves squad before defeating the boys from the Upper Peninsula with a 4-1 victory over the Escanaba Eskymos.

"We played nearly three perfect periods in the win versus Escanaba," said coach Clint Robert. "We limited them to 16 shots and did a good job defensively, keeping them to the outside and slowing

#### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys hockey team is slated to be back in action when they compete in the Kensington Association crossover this weekend. Opponent and time were not available at press time.

them down in the neutral zone."

The Mustangs skated out to a 1-1 tie in the first period after the Eskymos got on the board with their third shot of the opening shift. While it was quick and decisive, it would prove to be the last time the Yoopers were able to get on the board as

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### 'Stangs let division slip through fingers

Boys basketball team needed two wins, can only come up with one

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

When you have no choice but to win two games in order to reach your first goal of the season, the pressure, to say the least, is heaped on.

Unfortunately for the Northville Mustangs boys basketball team, that pressure proved too much last week. The team needed wins over South Lyon and South

#### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys basketball team will compete in the conference tournament next. They will play Plymouth at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

Lyon East to guarantee a piece of the Central Division crown. They were only able to win one, topping South Lyon East, 54-

32, but fell to South Lyon, 44-32.

Northville finished 7-3 in the division, giving them second place — a bitter finish for the Mustangs, who had a four-game winning streak in place when they took on the Lions.

"We knew this would be a really tough game as they are always hard to beat there," said coach Todd Sander. "It was not a good time for us to have

an off night."

Northville had trouble right out of the gate, stumbling as the Lions' trapping defense forced several turnovers throughout the contest. While Andrew Meacham and Andrew Poterala each scored four points in the first quarter, Northville couldn't find a way to take the lead as the Lions closed out the open-

Please see BOYS HOOP, B2

### Mustangs wrap up third place in Central

Squad defeats South Lyon East, finishes two games out of first place

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

It was a bittersweet victory for the Northville Mustangs girls basketball team. On one hand, it snapped a two-game skid while, on the other, it just reminded them that they were at one time in the running for the Central

Division title.

The girls, coached by Todd Gudith, earned a 45-35 victory over the South Lyon East Cougars last week to wrap up their divisional play with a third-place finish. They ended up one game out of second place and two games out of first.

Combined, Northville's

four division losses were by a total of 11 points.

"Our kids have shown all season that they want to win and are willing to work on correcting mistakes we've made," said Gudith. "It's a matter of being consistent. With the playoffs approaching

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#### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls basketball team is slated to be back on the hardwood when they compete in the conference tournament. Opponents and times were not available at press time.



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Jake Pawloski goes post to post to make the save for Northville.

### HOCKEY

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Northville tied the game on a shot by AJ Bradley, who took a pass from Ben Crabill for the score.

The two teams remained locked in a knotted contest throughout the second period, but Northville broke it wide open in the third, scoring three to shut down their foes.

Northville took the lead with 10:02 remaining in the contest as Brent Atkinson fired home a goal off a rebound from Jacob Strom's shot. The Mustangs made it 3-1 just a minute and a half later as Buddy Debrabander added a wrap-around goal

and the Eskymos could only watch at Clay Neal added the final tally of the game at 7:51.

"We had a good fore-check and were able to create opportunities off of it," said Robert. "This was the type of game we want to play heading into the playoffs and, hopefully, defensively we finish the season that way."

Northville's Jake Pawloski earned the win in goal.

Against Clarkston, the Mustangs jumped out to a commanding 3-0 lead after the first two periods of play, taking goals from Matt Giordano, Neal and Crabill in what looked to be the start of a dominating performance.

Unfortunately,

Clarkston isn't the kind of team that stays down very long. The Wolves scored four-straight goals to take a 4-3 lead, tallying their first on a powerplay in the opening minutes of the third period.

A penalty by the Wolves gave Northville enough breathing room to pull their goalie and play with a 6-on-4 offensive surge into the Clarkston zone. Bradley put Northville back in competition, scoring from in front of the net to force overtime.

The final stanza found Northville going into a powerplay advantage with time expiring, but they weren't able to take advantage and closed the game with a tie, 4-4.

### NORTHVILLE SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Baseball camp

Registration has officially begun for the upcoming Fifth Annual Northville High School Spring Training Baseball Camp. The camp will be held from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, March 17 and Sunday, March 18 in the NHS gymnasium. It is open to all kids ages 7-14. The registration form can also be accessed at [www.northvillemustangbaseball.com](http://www.northvillemustangbaseball.com).

#### Girls softball registration

Northville Parks and Recreation Softball (NBSA) registration has started for girls ages 5-17 years with a new format. Northville Softball Association has teamed up with the Livonia Softball Association to create an exciting new experience for softball players — one league with two divisions offering inter-league play (beginning at age 10.) In addition, there are exciting changes that will be made for all age groups, including new uniforms, improved fields, umpires for all age groups; championship games; and machine pitch beginning at age 6 (girls pitch begins at age 10).

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#### Northville High women's lacrosse

Registration for Northville High School women's lacrosse is now underway. Please go online to <http://www.nhs-womenslacrosse.com/> to register.

The athletic office will have other necessary paperwork needed, including yellow emergency card, physical form, and transportation form. Please turn in all forms and check for \$350 made out to NHS Women's Lacrosse to the athletic office by March 5.

For questions contact Laurel Brady at [Ldsm@msn.com](mailto:Ldsm@msn.com) or Cathy Vogel at [cbsvogel@aol.com](mailto:cbsvogel@aol.com).

#### Youth lacrosse

Northville Parks and Recreation offers spring youth lacrosse for boys in third-eighth grades and girls in fifth-eighth grades.

All players, beginner through

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### BOYS HOOP

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ing stanza with a 17-10 advantage.

Northville looked as though it would come back strong as the team cut into their foe's lead, 19-16, midway through the second. The Lions, however, refused to allow the Mustangs a clear path to the bucket and maintained their lead, 23-18, heading into the half. The game continued to spiral away from Northville's grasp in the third and they found themselves

trailing heading into the final quarter and were not able to make up the deficit.

The Mustangs were led by Meacham, who had 10 points, while Gertley added eight in the losing effort.

Northville did tack on a consolation victory a couple of days later against South Lyon East, defeating the Cougars, 54-32.

"We got some easy baskets, which we had been getting until the South Lyon game," said Sander. "We had that bounce back in our step."

And that bounce led

Northville to a 19-5 lead in the first quarter and a 35-14 advantage heading into the locker room.

Northville used strong ball control and maintained their lead throughout the second half despite the Cougars outscoring them, 10-7, in the third quarter.

The Mustangs were led by Brett MacDonald, who poured in 13 points in the winning effort while Gertley added eight points and seven steals in the win. Meacham, Stewart Henzi and Andrew Wright each had six points.

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# Shamrocks continue wrestling dominance

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

The Shamrocks wrestling team, as expected, isn't having any trouble making their presence felt in both the individual and the team wrestling state tournaments.

The team, coached by Mitch Hancock, collected a team district title with wins over Novi and Walled Lake Western last week and advanced 13 individuals to the regional tournament as well.

A large part of the Shamrocks' success has to do with the programs' decision to focus four years ago on creating one of the best senior classes to ever compete for the school. Fast forward to today and the Catholic Central grapplers have more than 15 wrestlers in the senior class and they know both the bitter taste of defeat — having lost in 2009 to Lake Orion in the team quarterfinals — and the sweetness of victory — earning a 2010 state title over Rockford, their first team title in 22 years. Last year, the team was upset by Oxford by one point in the state championship.

This year, the seniors are looking to end their careers with a title.

The seniors on this year's team are: Alec Mooradian, TJ Fagan, Kevin Beazley, Nick Mason, Andrew Thompson, Casey Hagan, Zack Colone, Joey Vollmer, Steve Schmitt, Alex Goings, Nick Trojniak, Beau Bloomfield, Anthony Jabbar, Palmer Pawlusiak, Jay Edillo, Josh Carolyn, Tony Roosen and Clayton Dewitt.

Their successes can be easily seen this year. Last week, the team had 13 wrestlers earn a trip to the individual regional tournament. Nine of them, it so happens, are No. 1 seeds after winning their district titles in their respective weight classes.

Seniors Fagan, Mooradian and Beazley all earned individual district titles, as did Trevor Zdebinski, Ken Bade, Logan Marcicki, Nick Mason, Drew Garcia and Bob Coe. Malik Amine finished second, Riley Hanson was third and Myles Amine finished fourth.

Mooradian's performance at the individual district earned him not only his fourth district title, but also his 200th career victory, putting his total at 201-3.

The Shamrocks also defeated Novi and Walled Lake Western in the team districts to advance in the state tournament.

# School spirit



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

With lots of smiles and energy, the ladies of Northville High's junior varsity pom pon squad (above) entertain the winter pep assembly on Feb. 10. Northville High School faculty member (below, left) Sean Turner, left, finds some spirited defense of the basket by Brandon Love, center, and another student during the annual staff-student hoops game. Northville High School student (below, right) Josh Gertley, right, greets a member of the team during the winter pep assembly's staff-student basketball game.



## NORTHVILLE SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Gymnastics team earns first win of the season

It looks like congratulations are in order for the Northville Mustangs gymnastics team. After working hard all season and improving each and every week, the Mustangs earned their first win of the season, dominating Walled Lake Central, 123.85-103.46.

The Mustangs were busy celebrating senior night — wishing the best to both Yara Mousa and Victoria Clay — and followed the lead of Morgan Price, Taylor Dempsey, Hannah Mitchell and Clay to the victory.

Clay scored an 8.7 with her floor routine while Price added an 8.4 with her performance on the vault. Dempsey had an 8.15 on the bars and Mitchell scored a 7.55 on the beam to help their team to the victory.

Prior to the contest, Clay and Dempsey also wowed the fans, but not with their athletic ability. The two gymnasts sang the national anthem prior to the start of the contest.

The Mustangs also competed in the talent-packed Canton Invitational. The squad finished ninth among 20 teams, including first- and second-ranked Grand Ledge and Canton, respectively.

Daisy Ference finished first in the Division I all-around competition with a 37.925.

"She had a great meet," said coach Erin McWatt. "She had a fall on beam, but came back strong on the other events."

Ference, a freshman with plenty of club experience, scored a 9.6 for first place on the vault, a 9.775 for second place on the bars and a 9.35 for third place with her floor exercise. She also scored a 9.2 on the beam for 10th overall.

Northville scored 135.55 in the competition, the second-highest total this season.

### Mustangs cheer competes at DeltaPlex Invitational

Northville's competitive cheer team traveled to Grand Rapids last Saturday to compete in the DeltaPlex Invitational, a tournament featuring many of the top teams in the state and considered a warm-up to the MHSAA state finals.

The Mustangs scored 716 points in the event, finished 19th overall.

"We spent the last week reworking our material to increase the number of athletes competing on the floor in each round," said coach Mindy Gentz. "At this meet, we had 16 athletes in round one and

14 in both rounds two and three. By increasing our numbers, we are hoping to be able to better compete with the teams that are using higher numbers as well, especially as we prepare to head into the MHSAA district tournament. At the DeltaPlex meet we were able to improve our scores compared to our last few meets."

Northville is hoping to return Arielle Iafate and Alex Romano for the district tournament — two key athletes. They will also be working on revising their round three to increase the number of athletes from 14 to 16 in the routine.

### Three advance in individual wrestling tournament

The Northville Mus-

tangs may not have been able to escape the team district tournament, falling to Walled Lake Western in the first match of the night, but they were able to advance three wrestlers to the individual regional tournament.

Northville's Travis Compo, Trevor Maresh and Andy Boyd — all seniors — advanced in their respective weight classes. Maresh, who is a 171-pound wrestler, took second in his weight class to advance while Compo, who wrestles at 135 pounds, took fourth in the district tourney. Boyd, at 215 pounds, took fourth place to earn the right to wrestle in the regional. They will wrestle Saturday at Saline High School with hopes of taking the next step in the state tournament.

— Sam Eggleston

### City of Northville Final Statement of Objectives 2012 Wayne County Community Development Block Grant Funds

The Northville City Council approved the following Community Development Block Grant projects for the 2012 Program year:

Rehab Publicly Residential - Allen Terrace	\$32,299
Public Services - Senior services	6,432
General Program Administration	4,949
<b>Total Estimated Allocation</b>	<b>\$43,680</b>

Sherry Necelis,  
Housing Director

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### CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ENACTMENT ZONING ORDINANCE #01-17-12Z

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 01-17-12Z for the purpose of amending Article 29 Amending the Ordinance in the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance. The amendments to Article 29 include requirements for conditional zoning and zoning amendments, the criteria by which the Planning Commission can evaluate a zoning amendment map amendment, and the establishment of specific application requirements and review procedures for evaluating a conditional zoning request.

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on January 17, 2012 and was adopted by the City Council on February 6, 2012. The ordinance shall become effective on February 24, 2012. The complete text of the ordinance shall be available for public review at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Office of the City Clerk or the Building Department, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or on the City's website at [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us).

JIM PENN, BUILDING OFFICIAL

DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

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### THE CITY OF NORTHVILLE AND CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE

To the Qualified Electors, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Presidential Primary Election will be held in the City of Northville and Township of Northville on **Tuesday, February 28, 2012, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** for the purpose of nominating candidates of the Republican and Democratic parties for the following office:

President of the United States

#### Township Polling Locations

Precincts 1, 15	Moraine Elementary School	46811 8 Mile Road
Precincts 2, 8, 9, 13	Silver Springs Elementary School	19801 Silver Springs Drive
Precincts 7, 12	Meads Mill School	16700 Franklin Road
Precincts 6, 11	Winchester Elementary School	16141 Winchester Drive
Precinct 5	Kings Mill Clubhouse	18120 Jamestown Circle
Precincts 10, 14	Ridge Wood Elementary School	49775 Six Mile Road
Precincts 3, 4	Northville High School	45700 Six Mile Road

#### City of Northville Polling Locations

Precinct 1	(Wayne County)	Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main St.
Precinct 2	(Oakland County)	Amerman Elementary School, 847 N. Center St.

The polls open at 7:00 A.M. and will remain open until 8:00 P.M. Polling places are handicapped accessible and each precinct is equipped with Braille and audio voting instructions and ADA compliant voting equipment. Please note that the voter photo identification requirement is in effect. Please visit the City's website at [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us) or the Township website at [www.twp.northville.mi.us](http://www.twp.northville.mi.us) for photo identification requirements. Voters who do not bring picture identification to the polls or do not possess picture identification can vote like any other voter by signing an affidavit.

The Northville City Clerk's Office, located in the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 and the Township Clerk's Office, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan, 48168, will be open from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, February 25, 2012 for persons wanting to obtain an absent voters ballot. Absent voter ballot applications are available at the City and Township Clerk's offices and on both the websites listed above.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk  
Charter Township of Northville  
Dianne Massa, City Clerk  
City of Northville

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# South Lyon's Bonin leads talented team

By Jeff Theisen  
Sports Writer

South Lyon sophomore swimmer Chanel Bonin entered the State Finals in four events and came home with four All-State medals.

Bonin finished third individually in the butterfly, seventh in the 100 backstroke, fifth on the 400 freestyle relay and eighth as part of the medley relay. She was also KLAAs Conference champ in the 100 fly and 400 free relay.

Bonin earned All-American consideration in both relays and the 100 fly.

Chanel is one of the most competitive kids I have ever coached," said coach John Burch. "Chanel would spend extra time after practice working on her turns and dolphin kicks. Anyone who has that dedication to improving is going to do well, and she certainly did well this year."

## FIRST TEAM

**Rachel Green, South Lyon**

The South Lyon United junior swimmer earned All-State honors in three events. She placed sixth in the 100 freestyle, fifth on the 200 free relay and fifth again on the 400 free relay. Green also placed 13th in the 50 freestyle, scoring in all four of her events.

Green was the KLAAs Conference champ in the 100 freestyle, 200 free relay and 400 free relay.

"We tried something new with Rachel this year, having her swim the 50 instead of the 200 at state," said Burch. "With the state meet being one of the fastest meets ever, I believe that we made the

right call. It was great to see her willing to embrace swimming a new event this year. We will have a tough decision to make next year because she is very good at both of the events."

**Corinne Caldwell, South Lyon**

The senior swimmer also earned All-State in three events, all relays.

Caldwell was part of the freestyle relays to claim fifth and the medley relay in eighth at the State Finals. She also scored points with a 15th-place finish in the 50 freestyle.

"A new Corinne came to swim this year," said Burch. "She has always been a very good swimmer. This year she really took it to the next level in both practice and meets. It was great to see her score in an individual event for the first time ever this year."

**Dee Gerke, South Lyon**

Another All-Stater in three events for South Lyon, and also in all three relays. Gerke, just a sophomore, also qualified for the 500 freestyle and placed 19th.

"Dee had one of the best taper swims I have ever seen when she dropped five seconds to smash the state cut in the 200 freestyle at the conference meet," said Burch.

**Erin McCurry, South Lyon**

The senior swimmer earned All-State honors as part of the medley relay. She also competed in the 100 breaststroke (22nd) and the 200 IM (25th).

"Erin was one of our captains this year, and her leadership is one of the reasons we were able to win the conference meet this year," said Burch. She

brought the right mix of competitiveness, experience and dedication to the pool."

**Stormy Malarik, South Lyon**

The sophomore helped propel the 200 free relay to All-State honors. She also competed in the 50 free (29th) and 100 free (24th) at the State Finals.

"Stormy is a very competitive swimmer and a great relay anchor," said Burch. "I look forward to seeing what she can do next season."

**Andrea VanderMey, Novi**

The junior Novi swimmer made a huge push for Swimmer of the Year with a strong showing at the State Finals. She earned All-State in the 200 IM and 100 back. She is a three-year Oakland County champ in the 100 back.

"Team leader and committed athlete — exemplifies what the sport requires to be successful riding out all of the ups and downs with a smile and determination and a positive attitude," said coach Annette VanderMey.

**Maranda Buha, Novi**

Buha earned All-State honors in the 50 freestyle.

"Maranda's sprint power scores points at all levels and is a huge benefit to any relay she is on," said coach VanderMey.

"Maranda is an incredible team member, making sacrifices above and beyond expectations."

**Mallory Buha, Novi**

The freshman made quite a splash with an All-State performance in the 100 backstroke.

"As a freshman impacted immediately with her backstroke and all-around ability to score in any event where needed," said coach VanderMey.

**Catherine Cui, Northville**

The junior showed incredible versatility for the Mustangs this year. She broke the school record in the 100 breaststroke, set the conference record in the 200 IM (2:10.28) and the 100 breast (1:06.25). She finished All-State in the 200 IM with an eight-place finish. Cui was also part of the 200 free relay to finish 13th and the 400 free relay

which placed 14th at state.

"She was someone that I could always count on to not only win a race, but always give us her best effort," said coach Brian McNeff. "She was the anchor on both of the free relays and the ultimate teammate. Even though she was our fastest breast-stroker, she never complained about not being on the medley relay. She knew that we needed her on the others, even though it meant giving up more medals and breaking a school record."

**Mattison Boucha, Northville**

The sophomore diver set a new school record in the six-dive event with 239.55. Boucha finished fourth at the KLAAs Conference meet and went on to place 12th at the State Finals.

"She made huge improvements considering she did not even make it to regionals last year," said McNeff.

**Maddy Kipke, Northville**

The junior helped set the school record in the medley relay and also helped the relay finish second at the KLAAs Conference meet. She also placed fourth in the 100 back and sixth in the 200 free at the conference meet. Kipke went on to place 11th as part of the medley relay and 11th in the 100 back at the State Finals.

"Maddy proved again that she is one of the most talented backstrokers in the state," said McNeff. "She is a very hard worker and is very driven to be the best."

**Shannon Lohman, Northville**

The senior finished 11th as part of the medley relay, 15th in the 100 butterfly and qualified for the 100 backstroke at the State Finals. At the KLAAs Conference meet, the medley relay finished second, she was second in the 100 fly, sixth in the 100 back and third as part of the 200 free relay.

"Shannon scored at the state meet for the fourth year in a row which is a huge accomplishment that has not been done in Northville since 1980," said McNeff. "She served as captain of the team this year and was a huge part

of the success that we have had for the last four years."

**Andrea Meister, Northville**

The senior diver set an 11-dive team record with 434.10 and also won the KLAAs Conference meet. Meister went on to place 11th at the State Finals.

"Andrea is a great diver and a great person to have on our team," said McNeff. "It was a real plus knowing that we were going to win diving every meet we went into."

**Lia Nagata, Northville**

The junior swimmer scored points on the 200 free relay (13th) and 400 free relay (14th) at the State Finals. She also qualified individually in the 200 free and 100 fly for state. At the conference meet, she placed third on both the 200 free relay and 400 free relay, claimed fifth in the 200 free and 10th in the 100 fly.

"She was someone that I could rely on all year long for any relay and to score us points in a meet," said McNeff. "She is probably the toughest swimmer on our team and works extremely hard in practice."

**Briana Schoenek, Northville**

The junior swimmer part of all three point-scoring relays at the State Finals — medley (11th), 200 free (13th) and 400 free (14th). At the conference meet, she placed second on the 200 medley relay, fifth in the 50 free, ninth in the 100 free and third on the 400 free relay.

"Briana was our main sprinter all year long, and she really improved in that area from last year," said McNeff. "She ended the season with some amazing times."

## SECOND TEAM

**Rachel Eckler, South Lyon**

The senior just missed scoring at the state meet in diving, finishing 17th. She was the KLAAs Conference runner up as well.

**Kallie Krueger, South Lyon**

The junior qualified for the State Finals in the 100 breaststroke, finishing 32nd. She was fourth in the conference meet in the same event.

**Autumn Smith, South Lyon**

The sophomore finished a point away from qualifying for the State Finals with a 13th-place finish at regionals.

**Kara Berg, Novi**

The Novi junior won the KLAAs Conference title in the 200 freestyle.

**Rachel Aepelbacher, Novi**

The junior diver placed eighth at regionals to advance to the State Finals.

**Jessica Porter, Lakeland**

The Lakeland junior earned All-Conference honors in the 50 free (25.4) and 100 free (55.04). She qualified for the State Finals in the 100 free and placed 15th at the Oakland County meet in the same event.

**Reagan Dehnstotel, Lakeland**

The freshman broke onto the scene with All-Conference honors in the 500 free (5:20.36) and finished top-eight in the 200 free at the Lakes Conference meet. She qualified for the State Finals in the 500 free.

**Alicia Stowe, Milford**

The senior qualified individually for the State Finals in the 50 and 100 free. She was also part of the 400 free relay to qualify for state. Stowe was voted Team MVP.

**Leah Erlandson, Northville**

The senior qualified for state in the 100 backstroke. At the KLAAs Conference meet she 10th in the 100 back and 12th in the 200 free.

**Sarah Lohman, Northville**

The sophomore helped set a school record in the 200 medley relay as well as finishing 11th at the State Finals. She also qualified for state in the 100 breast. At the conference meet, Lohman finished second on the medley relay, second in the 100 breast and 10th in the 200 IM.

**Emily Butler, Northville**

The junior swimmer finished 13th as part of the 200 free relay and 14th on the 400 free relay at the State Finals. At the conference meet, Butler placed third on the 200 free relay, ninth in the 50 free and 11th in the 100 free.

with 14 points each for the entirety of the contest.

The Cougars did manage to bite into Northville's 16-point lead in the third quarter with some defensive pressure and quality outside shooting. They had an 8-0 run that cut their deficit in half, but Northville took control once again and extended their lead to double digits once again before the end of the contest.

"We're a much better team when we're in control," said Gudith. "I thought we were patient on offense and made a lot of good choices. We really didn't waste any possessions."

Northville is now 10-6 overall and finished 6-4 in the division.

### CITY OF NORTHVILLE 2012 BOARD OF REVIEW WAYNE AND OAKLAND COUNTIES

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Board of Review of the City of Northville, Wayne and Oakland Counties, will meet at the City Hall, 215 West Main Street, for the purpose of reviewing and adjusting the 2012 Assessment Rolls of the City of Northville on the following dates:

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012:	9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Administrative Meeting
THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2012:	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012:	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2012:	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for Deliberations
THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2012:	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2012:	3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for Deliberations

Unless otherwise specified the dates above are for Public Hearings

Pursuant to Act 165 of 1971 and based on the proposed changes to assessed value for 2012, the Wayne and Oakland County Equalization Departments have set the following tentative equalization factors relative to the 2012 Real and Personal Property Assessments: **WAYNE COUNTY** - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00. **OAKLAND COUNTY** - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00.

**Mail-in Petitions must be received by March 15, 2012.** ALL TAXPAYERS wishing to petition their property's taxable value or assessment in person with the Board of Review will be seen by **APPOINTMENT ONLY**. To ensure every appeal is heard it is requested that appointments be scheduled prior to **Tuesday, March 6, 2012**. Please contact the City of Northville Tax Department at (248) 449-9901 for an appointment or with any questions you may have regarding your 2012 taxable or assessed value.

BOARD OF REVIEW

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Public Accuracy Test for the February 28, 2012 Presidential Primary Election** has been scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. in the Township Hall Lobby located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the results of the election count the votes in the manner prescribed by the law.

The public is welcome and invited to attend.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

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## GIRLS HOOP

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we're going to face a lot of good competition and you have to have that level of consistency."

Consistency was the name of the game against the Cougars. Northville scored 13 points in the first quarter and 13 more in the second while holding South Lyon East to just five points in each for a 26-10 difference heading into halftime.

Northville followed a balanced attack on offense with solid shooting by Meredith Williams, who went 6-for-11 from the floor, and Kendra Brenner, 5-for-10, including 3-for-4 from three-point range. Williams and Brenner led the squad

## Subscribing has REWARDS...

The following subscribers have won a complimentary pass for two to any of the area's Emagine Theaters just for being a subscriber.

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- Tim Barrett South Lyon
- Robert Klosowski Livonia
- David Jarrett Milford
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## Providence Park MRI opens



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Providence Park MRI technicians Debbie Kimmel, left, and Joyce Durbin assist Jim McClean into the Novu hospital's brand-new Toshiba Titan 1.5 on Jan. 27. The wide-open MRI unit, costing about 3.2 million dollars total, has been in operation for about a week and will run from 5 a.m. to 1 a.m. seven days a week.

## Wilson Golf buys Northville Hills

Links Capital Advisors, Inc. announced that it has completed the sale of Northville Hills Golf Club to Wilson Golf.

Boasting a design by the legendary Arnold Palmer, Northville Hills is an 18-hole, 7,003-yard championship course with a slope of 132. Northville is one of the top daily fee courses in the Detroit metropolitan area. The unique layout encompasses native woodlands, natural wetlands, ponds and rolling slopes of Michigan Heather. The 10,000 square foot clubhouse is fully equipped with a pro shop, full-service kitchen, dining room and a 200-person banquet room. Also on the property is a separate cart



Northville Hills Golf Club was designed by Arnold Palmer.

barn and maintenance facility.

"Wilson purchased a great asset in Northville Hills," said Chris Charnas, president of Links Capital Advisors, "The property has always had positive cash flow, and

a new owner with fresh eyes will do even better."

Charnas represented the seller, Capmark Bank, in the transaction and the buyer, Wilson Golf, was not represented.

The transaction price was not disclosed.

## Presidential Award



Monroe Bank & Trust (MBT) received for the fourth straight year six President's Volunteer Service Awards from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, recognizing 8,659 hours of corporate and employee volunteerism in 2011. The national awards were presented to MBT's ENLIST (Employees Now Linked In Service Together) membership on Feb. 1 at the group's meeting to kick off its 28th anniversary year. The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes individuals, families, and groups that achieve a certain standard — measured by the number of hours served over a 12-month period or cumulative hours earned over the course of a lifetime. MBT was recognized as a leading corporate supporter of volunteerism. Individuals honored for 2011 include Pat Orr (143 hours), Amanda Reeves (174 hours), Karl Hauser (242 hours), Rebecca Roof (458 hours) and Wanita Robinson (460 hours). Shown (l to r) are MBT ENLIST Coordinator Erika Hunt; MCOP Executive Director Stephanie Kasprzak; MBT President and CEO Doug Chaffin; First Step Associate Director Theresa Bizoe; and 2011 ENLIST Board Chairperson Amy Strzesinski.

## NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Community Financial holding essay contest

In honor of Presidents Day, Community Financial announced an essay contest for local elementary and middle school students to have a chance to win a cash prize as well as lunch for their classmates.

Community Financial is asking area students to answer the following question: Which U.S. President would you like to have lunch with and why? Essays will be accepted between now and Feb. 20.

Essay forms are available at any of the Community Financial branch offices,

including Northville and Novi, and online at [www.cfcu.org/contest](http://www.cfcu.org/contest).

Essays will be judged by a group of Community Financial team members in two separate

categories — fourth and fifth graders and sixth-eighth graders. The top essay author in each

category will earn \$100 as well as lunch for their classroom with Community Financial President and CEO Bill Lawton. Each category will also have five finalists who will each receive a \$10 Subway gift card.

## TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS

# Common courtesy takes a hit from social media

By Lee Meadows  
Guest Columnist

While pundits regale and curricula abound with the integration of social media as a tool and life force in our increasingly complex lives, the question left unanswered is: At what cost?

Admittedly, I am a technological lunkhead and laggard when it comes to the full integrative usefulness of the evolving social media (yes, 8-track players will return with a vengeance), and I do have to consult with my son when discovering other uses for my iPhone besides dialing (fooled you! I know there's no dial. Although my extension cord keeps getting tangled). I do understand the importance of technological progress and the obsession with new and improved technology.

The airlines did put the Stagecoach business out of business, thus putting a lot of employment-seeking horses out to pasture. Streaming videos is far more convenient than running to the mini-mall to rent a video, and the advances of technology roll on with every iteration bringing us closer to technological Nirvana.

However, at what cost? Not too long ago, I observed a young man standing outside of a local retail outlet, locked into a heated argument with his girlfriend by way of his cell phone! His thumbs moved across and around his keyboard with all the precision and focus of an orchestra leader trying to squeeze a two-minute waltz into 10 seconds. From what I could observe, she was matching him comment for comment and keystroke for keystroke. He'd receive a text from her, grunt and yell an obscenity, and then fire off a text. This modern day version of "Dueling Banjos" went on for several minutes before he decided to end all texting and close the cover of his cell phone, undoubtedly believing he'd won the argument.

But how would he know? My curiosity, always my downfall, would not let me walk away, so I had to ask him about

what had just transpired. He gave me all the sordid details of the events that led up to the textment and assured me that he would send her a text later on, after "she has cooled down." Being an old-school Baby Boomer, I suggested that maybe he should talk to her.

"Why would I want to do that?" he asked.

"Oh, I don't know. Common courtesy," I replied.

I have the good fortune of being a professor at Walsh College. The opportunity to teach working adults is a lot of fun and presents its own set of challenges. Our night classes allow for lecture, discussion, group work and the application of real-world solutions to real-world issues, in real time.

However, in the last couple of years, I've noticed that among the younger crowd of our graduate students, the open laptop during lecture/discussion time is quite a common practice. I've sat in the back of classes, during student presentations, to see that my laptop users are engaged in things other than paying attention. I am left wondering when common courtesy became something you did after you finish surfing the Net.

It's even more fascinating when I have observed the same behavior at team meetings in a couple of places where I do consulting. I always thought that a team meeting is a place where you are to give your undivided attention, lest you miss some important detail that could cost an organization millions of dollars.

I have had to hit the brakes a number of times because someone was so focused on sending a text or talking on the phone that they would step into traffic only to be alerted by the screeching tires of the car that came to a halt two feet from where they were standing. The irony is the look I receive that suggests that I was wrong for driving on the street.

I am the first to acknowledge that technology has its place, but I do become concerned when that place is in front of our socially-prescribed common courtesies.

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## Building Industry Association lauds leaders in business, government

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By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan presented its annual Industry Leadership Awards to Immediate Past President Adorno Piccinini, Walbridge, Detroit, and the other distinguished awards honorees on Feb. 15 at the Sterling Inn & Banquet Center in Sterling Heights, in conjunction with the Builders & Remodelers Trade Show and BIA's Economic Forecast Luncheon.

Award honorees include:

- Hall of Fame to Al Klugman, Superb Homes
- Builder of the Year to Anthony Lombardo, Lombardo Homes
- Young Builder of the Year to Tim Capaldi, CGR, Capaldi Building
- Samuel Kreis annual Award for Distinguished Service to the Building Industry to Norman Finkelstein, Norwood Homes, Ltd.
- Distinguished Service Award to Government to Lannie Young, supervisor, Lyon Township
- Thomas Ricketts Award to the Region's Outstanding Building Official to Michael Taylor, deputy director, City of Detroit, Building, Safety Engineering & Environmental Department
- Distinguished Service Award for Urban Home Building to Mark D. Lewis, Community 1st Development
- Don Maillho Memorial Award in Banking to Huntington Bank, Mike Fezzey and

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- Distinguished Service to BIA's Charitable Endeavors to Richard Cherkasky, CAPS, The Richard Group Inc.
- Distinguished Service to the Housing Industry to Forrest M. Wall, CAE, Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan
- Distinguished Service to the Building Industry Association to Lynne Pratt, CGB, CAPS, CSP, Pratt Building Company
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- Membership Growth Honoree to Robert M. Tedesco, Silverado Custom Homes, Inc.
- Membership Connection Honoree to Cathy McLeod, The Huttenlocher Group, Inc.

Industry awards were given recently at a luncheon featuring David Crowe, chief economist of the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C., and Edsel Charles, chairman, MarketGraphics Research Group in Franklin, Tenn.



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Lyon Township Supervisor Lannie Young, Distinguished Service Award to Government

Q: We believe that our developer knowingly sold condominium units to individuals who presented a high risk of foreclosure and abandonment of their homes, provided them with financing, and really didn't give a true story of the nature of our neighborhood. Is there anything we can do against our developer?

A: In the past, I would have said you were out of luck, but in a recent 9th Circuit federal decision, the court held that the purchaser's decreased economic value and desirability were cognizable injuries which could be pursued against the developer, and if they can establish a sufficient causal connection between any decreased value and desirability in the developer's actions, they should be able to pursue the matter. This is certainly, therefore, worth something to consider and developers should be clearly put on notice of their potential exposure for selling units to people who have no business buying these units because of economic limitations.

Q: I am still thinking about buying a condominium in Naples, Fla., and I am wondering if the market has bottomed out, in your opinion?

A: As of the end of 2011, the market appears to have reached bottom as there has been a lot of activity in sales and not necessarily scavengers attempting to buy out properties at ridiculously low levels. Once again, the beachfront property has remained steady and the exorbitant appreciation which occurred for 10 years is not likely to come back for a considerable period of time.

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 \$9.95 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 rmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 31 to Nov. 4, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

1866 Aberdeen St \$121,000	41250 Southwind Dr \$52,000	18230 Mayfield St \$235,000	17247 Willow Ridge Ct \$472,000	23607 W Chicago \$44,000
42115 Addison Ave \$136,000	49515 Taft Ln \$359,000	38807 Meeting House Ln \$180,000	16506 Winchester Dr \$285,000	14207 Winston Westland \$34,000
2052 Arcadia Dr \$95,000	45192 Thornhill Rd \$270,000	14574 Melrose St \$93,000	39663 Birchwood Dr \$151,000	32516 Anita Dr \$91,000
998 Bristol Ct \$247,000	47533 Vistas Circle Dr N \$185,000	18255 Middlebelt Rd \$80,000	40420 Newport Dr \$68,000	30758 Avondale St \$34,000
46761 Camelia Dr \$180,000	GARDEN CITY \$185,000	39023 Pinetree St \$120,000	13928 Oakwood Ct \$384,000	7305 Bison St \$89,000
386 Constitution St \$380,000	32700 Bock St \$40,000	32922 Southgate St \$170,000	51240 Plymouth Lake Cir \$473,000	35891 Booth St \$24,000
41880 Coventry Way \$128,000	32439 Donnelly St \$42,000	34993 W Chicago St \$103,000	364 Roe St \$187,000	7840 Donna St \$89,000
2483 Cranbrook Rd \$153,000	30965 Maplewood St \$72,000	20251 W Wayne Rd \$299,000	17429 Westbrook Dr \$162,000	348 Ethan Dr \$220,000
7400 Emerson Dr \$199,000	32164 Maplewood St \$50,000	17429 Westbrook Dr \$162,000	28662 Westfield St \$104,000	2401 Hawley Blvd \$91,000
50240 Geddes Rd \$63,000	32109 Sheridan St \$43,000	NORTHVILLE \$215,000	16342 Brookwood Ct \$215,000	31535 Hazelwood St \$61,000
46755 Maidstone Rd \$196,000	LIVONIA \$180,000	16145 Homestead Cir \$255,000	20465 Lexington Blvd \$285,000	8243 Huntington St \$11,000
6628 Marshall St \$235,000	14795 Arcola St \$90,000	50676 Livingston Dr \$365,000	15992 Fox \$15,000	29730 Julius Blvd \$25,000
568 McKinley Cir \$258,000	11425 Auburndale St \$180,000	16109 Maplewood Ct \$342,000	9974 Garfield \$83,000	2034 Minerva St \$82,000
50483 Monroe St \$256,000	37354 Bennett St \$175,000	15858 Portis Rd \$175,000	11724 Hazelton \$22,000	8221 N Henry Ruff Rd \$90,000
43443 Proctor Rd \$90,000	11402 Berwick St \$133,000	46992 Red Oak Dr \$443,000	15886 Kinloch \$40,000	8206 Pickering Pl \$190,000
	27445 Buckingham St \$94,000	39692 Rockcrest Ln \$145,000	25122 Lyndon \$60,000	1365 S Karle St \$21,000
	11894 Chase Blvd \$140,000	319 S Rogers St \$450,000	11727 Nathaline \$43,000	7324 S Kingston Ct \$60,000
	15530 Comstock St \$160,000	41738 Waterfall Rd \$269,000	13011 Nathaline \$65,000	2227 Stieber St \$7,000
	29549 Curtis Rd \$94,000		9906 Seminole \$65,000	6272 Twin Oaks \$84,000
	36372 Fairway Dr \$30,000		12761 Tecumseh \$61,000	8400 Vista Ln \$30,000
	31846 Gable St \$49,000			7345 Woodview St \$20,000
	9900 Garrett St \$65,000			7360 Woodview St \$28,000
	18454 Golfview St \$210,000			
	9593 Inkster Rd \$67,000			

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 24-28, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

32210 Arlington Dr \$218,000	1987 Eagle Pointe \$133,000	36571 Martel Ct \$135,000	51134 Mayfair Ter \$45,000
32320 Bell Vine Trl \$350,000	2316 Greenlawn Ave \$105,000	26305 Middlebelt Rd \$90,000	44410 Midway Dr \$243,000
16321 Birwood Ave \$192,000	1418 Inwoods Cir \$660,000	29612 Nova Woods Dr \$112,000	22679 Penton Rise Ct \$215,000
BIRMINGHAM \$285,000	1900 Lone Pine Rd \$725,000	36356 Old Homestead Dr \$180,000	27595 Sloan St \$45,000
730 Chester St \$285,000	3544 Maxwell Ct \$520,000	29717 Pendleton Club Dr \$40,000	25242 Sutton Ct \$50,000
724 Lakeview Ave \$450,000	5859 Miller Way E \$415,000	28016 Quail Hollow Rd \$118,000	45564 Violet Ln \$352,000
1651 Latham St \$240,000	3555 Shallow Brook Dr \$105,000	34055 Quaker Valley Rd \$333,000	SOUTH LYON \$40,000
263 Ravine Rd \$400,000	3330 Sunnyhill Ct \$230,000	34462 Ramble Hills Dr \$410,000	25016 Carriage Ln \$40,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS \$176,000	4730 Tullamore Dr \$320,000	38251 Remington Park \$136,000	440 Chester Ct \$130,000
2332 Devonshire Rd \$176,000	784 Wooddale Rd \$300,000	31914 Trellis St \$110,000	25596 Coach Ln \$70,000
2468 Hickory Glen Dr \$270,000	COMMERCE TOWNSHIP \$343,000	30610 W 10 Mile Rd \$45,000	166 Easton Dr \$235,000
1451 Ravineview Ct # C-10 \$128,000	1721 Applebrook Dr \$343,000	32005 W 12 Mile Rd Unit 313 \$28,000	569 Graefield Dr \$155,000
800 Trailwood Path \$130,000	5305 Inverrary Ln \$206,000	LATHRUP VILLAGE \$134,000	426 Jean Rd \$136,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP \$160,000	3211 Newton Rd \$128,000	MILFORD \$311,000	23739 Lyon Ridge Dr \$61,000
1968 Bent Tree Trl \$160,000	FARMINGTON \$120,000	1794 Bristol Dr \$311,000	25345 Meadow Ct \$30,000
2757 Brady Dr \$215,000	34015 Glenview Dr \$120,000	590 Hill St \$123,000	23832 Prescott Ln E \$61,000
4378 Compton Way \$366,000	35560 Lark Harbor Ct \$122,000	2941 Katie Ln \$315,000	401 Princeton Dr \$124,000
5935 Crabtree Rd \$329,000	34052 Moore Dr \$130,000	1714 Milford Hts \$150,000	SOUTHFIELD \$70,000
666 E Fox Hills Dr \$34,000	33436 Shiawassee St \$103,000	1640 S Garner Rd \$315,000	21960 Concord St \$70,000
	35365 Blue Spruce Dr \$115,000	NOVI \$49,000	30524 Fairfax St \$132,000
	21349 Boxwood Ct \$134,000	22728 Cortes St \$49,000	28466 Inkster Rd \$70,000
	33964 Brittany Dr \$243,000	22655 Cranbrooke Dr \$75,000	15638 Jeanette St \$28,000
	39016 Empire Ct \$335,000	26385 Crestwood Dr \$588,000	15638 Stone Crossing Dr # D \$31,000
	23051 Fox Crk \$280,000	24844 Davenport Ave \$260,000	20515 Westhampton Ave \$25,000
	28700 Independence St \$60,000	46535 Galway Dr \$385,000	WHITE LAKE \$59,000
	21329 Inkster Rd \$87,000	26576 Glenwood Dr \$420,000	
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# Do You Have Enough Experience For That Job?

## Alina Dizik, Special to CareerBuilder

Just because you were a senior manager at one company doesn't mean that your next job won't be a midlevel role. Often, appropriate job titles can get confusing during a job search. "There's no standardization as to how the titles are done," says Jim Beqaj, founder of Beqaj International, an executive search firm and consultancy.

Not sure which job title you should target when looking for a job? Here's a rough guide to deciphering how to categorize your skills and what to keep in mind:

### Entry level

This category is misleading, because it's not just for those new to the workforce. Plenty of people who have been in the workforce for five years or fewer can fall under the entry-level umbrella.

When going after an entry-level job, try to let your personality and enthusiasm shine. "Entry level is all about personality fit ... basic skills of good communication, eye contact and a sign of eagerness and genuineness are key in securing entry-level jobs," Beqaj says.

### Midlevel

For job seekers who are no longer newbies in the market, a midlevel position has entirely different demands. "A midlevel manager typically directs people, departments, functions or projects as well as budgets," says résumé writer Deborah Schuster, founder of Lettersmith Résumé Service.

"For most companies, this would require a minimum of a bachelor's degree and five to 15 years of experience."

Additionally, conveying to hiring managers how you would fit in with the company hierarchy is key. "Midlevel requires experience in previous jobs, so making sure that you have the experience and skills sets required is paramount. Your ability to articulate your experiences and how they positively impacted your previous employer are critical," Beqaj says.

### Senior-level and executive

Just because you were a senior-level employee at one company doesn't mean you should be targeting only senior roles for your next gig.

"There are many definitions for the word 'executive' and 'experienced,'" Schuster says.

Corporate structures vary and larger companies have few senior-level slots. Before applying, use a site like LinkedIn to see where an employee with duties similar to your desired role fits in. "It helps if you know the size of the company and have a description of the qualifications they seek. And be sure your résumé and cover letter is tailored to show that you have those qualifications," Schuster says.

### Match skills not level

Just because you fall into a certain experience bucket doesn't mean you can't apply for a position that

requires your skills but is on a lower level. Most companies are happy to consider a more junior person for a job, especially if that means they can get away with paying a lower salary. Before you apply, consider whether "your natural instincts [are] making you feel comfortable or uneasy; trust your senses," Beqaj says. Many larger companies may also start employees at a lower level. In other words, your senior-level role at a technology startup may result in a midlevel position with a Fortune 500 firm.

### Understand what or whom you're managing

Another good test for figuring out which level to target is to gauge your current job responsibility. Whether you're getting the information from a recruiter or through your own personal connections, get a sense of whether you would be managing entry-level employees, other managers, a department, a group of businesses, the entire enterprise or just your own time, says George Bradt, managing director of PrimeGenesis, a company that helps executives become established in their new jobs.

The higher the level, the more senior the job title should be for your next position. "What matters when reviewing job descriptions for entry level, midlevel, senior and experienced positions is what people are managing," Bradt says.



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