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Criteria and complete information packets are available at the office of Preservation Dental at 371 E. Main St. (corner of Griswold and Main in historic downtown Northville), on line at preservationdental.com, and at the Northville Art House.

Heise's property tax town hall

State Rep. Kurt Heise (R-Plymouth) is sponsoring his second annual property tax town hall meeting to help interested residents better understand their property tax assessment and the Board of Review appeal process.

The town hall meeting will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 3 in the Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road.

Douglas Shaw and Holly Adams, certified assessors, will discuss the assessed value and taxable value of property, how it is determined and what it means, as well as the Board of Review process and how to properly prepare for an appeal.

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MEAP results show Northville still strong

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Correspondent

Even with the new rigorous cut scores, Northville Public Schools students still performed relatively well in comparison to the rest of the state when it comes to the latest MEAP scores.

“We are happy to see strong overall scores in the district, especially in comparison with

the county and state,” said Robert Behnke, assistant superintendent for Instructional Services. “Northville continues to be a leading school district within the state for high performing students.”

Behnke said the district saw solid gains in math with four out of six grades seeing an increase in math proficiency.

The biggest proficiency gains

were in third-grade math scores, which went from 53.7 percent in 2010 to 60 percent in 2011 while fourth-grade math jumped from 55 percent to 60 percent. Sixth-graders math proficiency scores increased from 52 percent to 58.

The biggest decline in proficiencies was with ninth-grade social studies, which fell to 59.7 percent in 2011 from 61.2 percent in 2010, and eighth-grade

science with a dip to 34.5 percent from the 36.8 percent it had in 2010. In 2008, over 47 percent of eighth-graders demonstrated proficiency in science.

The scores were released by the state's Department of Education last week. The scores and those from the previous years reflect the updated proficiency

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True to his school:



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Northville Township's new Public Services director, Tom Casari (right), meets with Karl Gorham, the township's Water and Sewer supervisor, at one of the township's recently-built water pumping stations.

Spartan serves as new DPS director, praises ‘good people’

By **Julle Brown**
Staff Writer

When Tom Casari graduated from Detroit Henry Ford High School in 1972, he headed to Schoolcraft College. After one year of general business, Casari decided to study engineering, with a choice of the University of Michigan or Michigan State University.

The new Northville Township director of public services is quick to say he doesn't wish to offend

Wolverines, but his choice was MSU.

“I went up to their orientation and it was a good choice,” said Casari, who served as Canton's township engineer from 1984-2011. He earned bachelor of science and master of science degrees in civil engineering from MSU. “Either one would have been a good choice. I certainly enjoyed my years there.”

He also praises Schoolcraft.

“I was aware of the reputation as a community college,” he said of Schoolcraft, where he enrolled after growing up in northwest Detroit. Casari, 57, now has 33 years of his career in, including a couple years with Oakland County and around four with a private contractor.

Moving on

There were a lot of changes for government

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Northville Community Senior Center could get a new name

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Correspondent

A new name for the Northville Community Senior Center could be in the works as part of the latest master plan adopted by the Northville Parks and Recreation Commission.

The center's name change is expected to come soon and it has been endorsed by groups like the Senior Advisory Commission. The hope is that a name change might generate more interest in the use of the center and its services.

Joanna Vaghy, interim Parks & Recreation director, said many seniors already call it the community center rather than by its full name. Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo said using an historic name or something specifically Northville related could also be looked at. Suggestions from the community are requested.

That item, and hiring a full-time director, went before the commission at their Feb. 9 meeting, which was specially called for the plan's adoption.

The hiring process for a new director will get underway after Abbo, Mayor Chris Johnson, City Manager Patrick Sullivan and Township Manager Chip Snider make a recommendation to the commission on how the process should proceed.

A motion to appoint Vaghy as full time was put forth at the meeting, but it was shot down after Abbo said the shared-agreement bylaws state the hiring process must be created and then agreed upon before any final decision. Vaghy has been serving as interim director since Janu-

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Sorority leaders: Northville High prepared us well

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Ursula Cauffiel has some good company at the helm of the Delta Gamma sorority at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Cauffiel, a junior studying strategic communications, is the third Northville High graduate in a row to serve as sorority president.

She's the daughter of John and Darlene.

"It was kind of a weird coincidence," said Ursula Cauffiel by phone from the Ohio campus. Kelsey Thomas, a 2007 NHS graduate, and Kristina Kaldis, a 2008 graduate, previously served at Delta Gamma.

Another NHS 2008 graduate, Abbie Saltz, was sorority vice president of finance last year, Cauffiel said.



Kelsey Thomas served as Delta Gamma president at Miami University of Ohio. She's a graduate of that university and of Northville High School.

"There's a lot of girls from Chicago, the East

Coast," as well as Ohio, said Cauffiel, who will serve from January to December. She praised her high school as preparing her both for college-level coursework and sorority leadership.

"It's one of the best in Michigan," she said of NHS. "I think we all just have the mentality from Northville to do greater things."

There are 17 sororities at Miami University, with students required to rush all. "DG was the fit for all of us," said Cauffiel, who has president serves as delegate to the university/chapter and runs meetings.

Miami graduate Kelsey Thomas, daughter of Carla and Mitch, is applying to Ohio University for a dual master's degree in business administration/sports administration. "I developed great communication, organizational and leadership skills," she said of her leadership in the Greek system. She was responsible for over 150 women and their education and community involvement.

She held all members accountable and tapped into their talents. At NHS, Thomas took chal-

lenging courses from great teachers. Extracurricular activities built character "and also taught me time management skills."

She's glad she led the sorority: "It was just a great experience and opportunity," Thomas said.

Kaldis, daughter of Peter and Julie, is a senior in early childhood education. "The sorority has given me an overall leadership role," she said. She's learned to be organized and work with others.

"It really has changed my life for the better," Kaldis said. She has found a good work ethic, and appreciates the love and support of the sorority, "just working together with others who had a common goal."

"Northville High had outstanding teachers," Kaldis said. "They cared about all their students doing well and they worked with you if you were struggling."

The young women all joining DG showed they share morals and character from their families and school, Kaldis added.



Kristina Kaldis (left) and Ursula Cauffiel, both Northville High graduates, are the immediate past and current president of Delta Gamma sorority at Miami University. Northville High School graduates have been sorority president the last three years.

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CORRECTION

Last week's article "Township's D.A.R.E. program enters 25th year" contained several errors. The program started in 1997 under Officer (now Sgt.) Matthew Mayes. The school liaison position started in 2001, and Officer Larry Demeter is the current high school liaison officer.

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Kevin Masel, 9, concentrates as he works on a Lego “flaming racer” of his own invention during a Jan. 25 afternoon craft session at the Northville District Library.

Building with Lego shows Northville kids’ creativity

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Kevin Masel, 9, likes building with Lego. He has plenty at home.

“I like how there’s the different pieces and the different sets you can build,” said Kevin, a Winchester Elementary fourth-grader. He was among kids in first through fifth grades at a Lego program Wednesday, Jan. 25, at the Northville District Library.

He’s had a few Lego “incidents” at home: “We had a few disasters and it was all over the house a few times,” said Kevin, who prior to the library session wasn’t sure what he’d build.

“A car” appealed to Steven Aron, 7, a Moraine Elementary second-grader also waiting for the start time. He also likes to build Lego airplanes, and has an ample supply of Lego at home.

The library has done Lego programs for kids in the past, said Mary Brissette, children’s librarian.

“We’ll put them on display in the youth department,” she said of the more or less hand-sized creations, marked with each child’s name.

“It’s something that kids enjoy,” Brissette said. “We wanted them to enjoy the Legos in the library.”

The library provided a variety of Lego shapes and colors for the 25 kids registered, who had up to an hour to build their creations.

Brissette hadn’t heard of the recent flap about pastel Lego marketed to girls: “I think Legos are growing up in diversity,” she said with a smile.

Visitors to the library in the past have been impressed with the creativity shown by Northville kids with Lego designs. “It’s just a fun thing, to get out of the house,” said Brissette. “A nice avenue.”

During the hour, some children worked intently on their own, while others sought advice from the other kids. The group had plenty of time — but only one creation per child could be displayed at the end.

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MEAP

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standards adopted by the last fall.

According to the district, the new cut scores represent a significantly higher standard for student achievement and are intended to more accurately reflect a student's progress toward college and career readiness.

Students previously could have answered as few as 40 percent of the questions correctly to be considered proficient. Under the new scoring system, students will have to correctly answer a much higher percentage of questions. Michigan is one of only three states in the nation (along with New York and Tennessee) to move to this top tier level of test scoring.

Behnke said the scores for each grade and school will be analyzed in order to help the district improve curriculum and get students ready for college and/or a career. He said the MEAP is great way to track student performance, but it's not only way method used by the district.

He said Northville is in

Northville Public Schools				
District average				
Percentage of students who were "proficient."				
Writing was new to 4th and 7th grades in 2010.				
3rd Grade				
Math	2008	2009	2010	2011
Reading	67.8	58.8	53.7	60
Reading	86.8	87.8	85.8	84.4
4th Grade				
Math	2008	2009	2010	2011
Reading	60.9	63.7	55.8	60.3
Writing	82.4	91.7	85.6	89.7
Writing	n/a	n/a	78.8	77.3
5th Grade				
Math	2008	2009	2010	2011
Reading	50.5	69.2	63.6	61
Science	83.6	88.7	90.5	90.9
Science	42.8	43.2	47.1	46.2
6th Grade				
Math	2008	2009	2010	2011
Reading	68.1	50.5	52.6	58.2
S.Studies	83.9	83.6	83.6	89.2
S.Studies	66.8	56.2	53.5	55.1
7th Grade				
Math	2008	2009	2010	2011
Reading	73.5	74.7	68.1	69.2
Writing	84.1	81.7	77.7	81.2
Writing	n/a	n/a	71.9	75.3
8th Grade				
Math	2008	2009	2010	
Reading	54.3	53.8	51.6	
Science	77.5	82.4	81.3	
Science	47.7	36.8	34.5	
9th Grade				
S. Studies	2008	2009	2010	2011
S. Studies	61.7	61.7	61.2	59.7

Source: Michigan Department of Education

its second year of using the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) and Explore Tests, which are used two to three times a year to track proficiency and give teachers an idea of what

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Big Buck Night, an annual family staple on Michigan Out-of-Doors television show, will be filmed on Thursday starting at 7 p.m. It, too, is free with admission.

More than 100 scheduled seminars on mushroom hunting, fishing, hunting for big and small game, dog training, growing food plots for wildlife, and other subjects are free with admission. Other in-booth demonstrations draw crowds all day long. A favorite is traditional skills expert Jim Miller who shows kids of all ages how Native Americans made fire, built canoes from birch bark, and tanned animal hides without chemicals.

Non-scheduled fun events are always popping up at Outdoorama. In past years, Cogs the Robot and Smokey the Bear have strolled the aisles. Premiere Ani-



The Howell Nature Center will have an educational exhibit of live Michigan birds and mammals at Outdoorama Feb. 23-26 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

DETAILS

Event: Outdoorama

Location: Suburban Collection Showplace (Grand River Avenue between Taft and Beck roads, Novi)

Dates: Feb. 23-26

Times: 2-9:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday; 10-9 Saturday; and 10-5 Sunday.

Cost: \$10 for adults; \$4 for children ages 6-12; free for children ages 5 and under.

Phone: 800-328-6550

Web: www.Outdoorama.com.

mal Attractions in Ortonville will bring several exotic animals, including a baby tiger, to the show.

What kid doesn't like to nibble on elephant ears, Mackinac Island fudge, roasted almonds or beef jerky? If they're still hungry, the Sportsmen's Grill food court serves up baskets of breaded fish fillets with slaw and fries at an affordable family price.

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fishing tackle and other outdoor products, including camping equipment. There is bottom-line value, especially on fishing boats, duck hunting boats, pontoons and pleasure boats, in addition to boat docks, lifts and other accessories.

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Kids are among those who enjoy collecting the commemorative Dardevle spoons that Eppinger Manufacturing Co. in Dearborn hands out each year on Thursday and Friday to the first 500 show patrons. On both Saturday and Sunday, K & E Tackle in Hastings will provide free fishing-tackle packs to the first 250 attendees.

Adding to the show's broad appeal is the 5th Annual Cottage & Lakefront Living Show, which runs concurrently at Suburban Collection Showplace and offers free crossover admission to Outdoorama patrons.

Cottage, lakefront property and vacation homeowners or those looking to buy, build or rent will find everything they need on display at the pre-season fifth annual Cottage & Lakefront Living Show Feb. 23-26 the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

Vacation and retirement lakefront custom homebuilder will showcase different types of log home and timber-framing construction. Architects will exhibit their custom residential architectural services and explain how the home's function is considered during the planning process along with aesthetics, environment and state and local regulations. The Log and Timber Frame Showcase will include how a cabin is put together, floor plans, profiles, roof options, log species, cedar siding, full logs, post and beam and do-it-yourself or contractor built home packages. Builders, contractors and architects will be available for scheduled private consultations through the show's website.

Mexican thatch and bamboo Tiki bars and décor that are for sale or rent will be displayed. The Tiki bars setup and breakdown in minutes for winter storage and range in size from four-person pub table to seating for 12.

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floating docks and swim rafts, aluminum hydraulic boat and pontoon lifts, roll-in, floating and portable docks, paddleboats, rafts, water toys and aluminum vinyl, steel, wood, boulder, sheet piling and bulkhead materials for seawalls, along with easy-to-use weed removal rollers and tools to create a sandy beach and remove the weeds from the lake shorelines and bottoms and natural shoreline restoration will be displayed.

Cottage Living Center will provide the opportunity to relax and work on a community puzzle, put a pin in an oversized Michigan map to show where cottages are located or read a book selected from the 2012 Essential Cottage Reading List provided by Horizon Books of Traverse City. Patrons are able to post a cottage for sale or rent on the Community Cottage Available Board.

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BAILLO-ARMS, DORIS I.
Age 84, of New Hudson, passed away February 15, 2012. She was born on February 19, 1927, in Chicago, daughter of the late George and Hazel Clark. She was Valedictorian of the South Lyon Class of 1944. Doris was very proud of her children, and grandchildren, especially that each of her children were college graduates. She started her first business, in the 1950's, delivering farm fresh eggs to homes in Plymouth. She and her family owned and operated the Lyon Auto Wash from 1972 - 1986. Prior to retirement, she was a Real Estate Broker in South Lyon. She owned and operated Baillo Real Estate. She was a member of the: Primer Child Study Club, a Leader of Washtenaw County Co-Operative Extension, Golden K Kiwanis, and the BPW USA Club. She gave generously to area charities, especially PBS and the DSO. She was also an avid bowler. Doris is survived by her beloved husband of 13 years, H.C. Arms, her 10 children: Mike Baillo, Susan (Mark Williams) Baillo, Kent (Cindy) Baillo, Becky (Mike) Cottrell, Judy (Tony) Puidokas, Clark (Carla) Baillo, Chris (Karen) Baillo, Craig (Lisa) Baillo, Dawn (Chris) Lower, Sam Jr. (Bonnie) Baillo, her step-daughter Molly (Dave) Kramer; 28 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers: Bill (Janet) Clark and Ralph (Anne) Clark, several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Sam Baillo in 1988 and their daughter Marcia in 1959. Visitation was held on Feb. 18, Saturday, and Feb. 19, Sunday, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A funeral service was held on Feb. 20, Monday, at the First United Methodist Church of South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to Active Faith Community Services, P.O. Box 188, South Lyon, MI 48178. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

BEHRMAN, EDNA H.
Age 91, of Plymouth, previously of Northville, passed away peacefully February 8, 2012 in Plymouth. She was born on February 3, 1921 in Port Clinton, Ohio to Gust and Mary (Tairi) Johnson. She was a 1938 graduate of Port Clinton High School and attended Sandusky Business College. Edna married Howard Behrman on October 25, 1941; they celebrated 70 years of marriage this past October. She was assistant supervisor of medical records at the Plymouth Center for Human Development, but spent most of her life being a wonderful homemaker. Edna was a devoted wife, cherished mother, and a loving grandmother. She is survived by her husband Howard; her children, Brad Behrman and Cathy (Paul) Clough; 6 grandchildren; and 8 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her son John Behrman, and her brothers Ang Johnson and John Johnson. Services have been held. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to New Hope Center for Grief Support, 315 Griswold, Northville, MI 48167. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home.

COUSINS, MARION V.
Age 100, of Delray Beach, Florida, passed away February 13, 2012 in Boca Raton, FL. She was born July 5, 1911 in Detroit, MI to Thomas and Jenny (nee Huard) Cousins. Marion spent her childhood in Northville, as a young adult moved to Ann Arbor, where she and her family were the owners of J.H. Cousins, a women's apparel shop. She later moved to Delray Beach, FL and spent many wonderful years there. Marion loved her cat, Trouble. An avid reader, she kept her mind sharp by keeping up with current news event, the Wall Street Journal, and Women's Wear Daily. Over the years Marion developed many lasting friendships and gave brilliant council to her nieces and nephews. Marion is survived by her loving sister Betty Dean; and her cherished nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, 2 sisters and 2 brothers. Visitation will be held Saturday, February 25, 2012 from 10 a.m. until Noon with a funeral service at Noon at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.

DAVIO, RAYMOND WILLIAM
Age 83 passed away February 13, 2012. Raymond was born on April 6, 1928; son of the late Charles and Catherine. Raymond was a very proud member of the New Hudson Methodist Church and retired from the Detroit Diesel Division of General Motors after several years of service. Raymond is survived by his loving wife Janet and his children: Stephen (Barbara), Michael (Tanya), and Christopher (Sarah) Davio. He is also survived by 6 grand-children and 1 great grandchild. A memorial service will be held on February 25, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at the New Hudson Methodist Church 56730 Grand River New Hudson, 48165 with Rev. Gerald Hunter officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are requested to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. On-line guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

DONOVAN, MICKEY D.
Age 81, of Livonia, passed away February 13, 2012. Mickey is survived by his beloved wife Marilyn, five children, 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Visitation and a Funeral service was held on February 17 at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com



EBERSOLE, CAMILLE A.
Passed away February 16, 2012 at the age of 66. She was born in Detroit on December 13, 1945 to Cyril B. and Bernice A. (Troost) Rodman. She is survived and greatly loved by her husband James and her children Daniel (Janice) Ebersole and Denise (Kevin) Cadwell. She is the dear grandmother of Steven Cadwell and the dear sister of Harry (Patricia) Rodman. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Camille was preceded in death by her sister Gloria Cecile Thorpe. Until the time of her death Camille was the Manager at the Super Bowl in Canton where she worked for many years. She formerly worked at Tai's Cleaners and Gould's Cleaners as well. She was a life-long resident of Canton and Plymouth. At one time Camille served as a Director at the local level for the W.I.B.C.(Women's International Bowling Conference) She was a a long time avid bowler. She also loved to travel and visit Casinos. Camille loved to watch MSU sports, the Redwings and the Tigers. She especially loved spending time with her family that she loved so much. Funeral Services will take place Monday, February 20, 2012, 11AM at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth. Friends may visit Saturday 4-8PM and Sunday 2-8PM. Memorials may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute, or Saint Joseph Mercy Hospice. www.schrader-howell.com



KOSKI, MAMIE H. (nee Makela)
Age 99 of South Lyon, died February 16, 2012. Loving wife of the late George Koski. Beloved mother of twins, Dolores (David) Johnson of South Lyon and the late Norman (Joyce) Koski. Precious grandmother of 6, great-grandmother of 10 and great-great-grandmother of 4. Funeral services were held Monday, February 20th at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, downtown Farmington. Interment Lakeview Cemetery, Calumet, MI. www.thayer-rock.com

MEIER, MARY LOU
Age 92, of South Lyon, passed away Feb. 17, 2012. A private family service was held. Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. www.phillipsfuneral.com

MELONE, MARION C.
December 19, 1920 -February 17, 2012. Online condolences www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

NOEL, PAULINE L.
Age 91, of Troy, and formerly Milford, Feb. 23, 2012. Funeral will be held Thurs. Feb. 23 at 11am at Lynch & Sons, Milford. www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

O'BRIEN, JANET KATHLEEN
July 19,1952- February 17, 2012 Online condolences www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

ORZECZOWSKI, GERALDINE R.

Age 78, of Wixom, passed away February 13, 2012. She was born on June 19, 1933, in Northville, daughter of the late Harold and Lillian Miller. She was a long-standing member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church of South Lyon. She was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was married to her husband Stanley for 50 years. Geraldine is survived by her three loving sons: Michael (Kelly) Orzechowski, Robert Orzechowski and Mark (Aurelia) Orzechowski. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild and her brother, William (Pat) Miller. She was preceded in death by her husband Stanley in 2007. Visitation was held on Friday, February 17 from 4:00-9:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A Funeral services was held on Saturday, February 18, at 11:00 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 330 Liberty St., South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to: Immanuel Lutheran Church. Online Guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

POZEHL, DENNIS O.
Age 64, of South Lyon, passed away suddenly Feb. 17, 2012. Visitation was held Sun., Feb. 19 at Casterline Funeral Home.

PRIEBE, LARRY A.
November 3, 1942-February 16, 2012. Online condolences www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

REID, NANCY
Age 68, passed away Feb. 20, 2012. Visitation Feb. 23, Thurs., 6-9p.m. Funeral Feb. 24, Fri. 10a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home. www.phillipsfuneral.com


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AARP tax helper Teri Kuehn, left, assists Jane Smiley in filing her 2011 taxes on Feb. 16 at the Northville Community Senior Center. Seniors and low-income individuals can get assistance at the center on Thursdays for the next four weeks. Appointments are recommended.

County commission map will stand; Patterson vows appeal

By Philip Allmen
Staff Writer

For now, the new Oakland County Commission districts drawn last year will stand.

An Ingham County Circuit Court judge issued an opinion Feb. 15 that Public Act 280 of 2011, which reduces the number of commissioners in Oakland County from 25 to 21 and turns redistricting duties to the Republican-controlled county commission, was unconstitutional.

The redrawn maps were created last year by a 5-member that favored Democrats, 3-2. Republicans challenged the district maps last year, but the Michigan Court of Appeals and Michigan Supreme Court rejected the challenge.

The Michigan state Legislature then passed the law, citing cost savings to Oakland County. Gov. Rick Snyder's spokesperson said at the time it created greater transparency to the redistricting process. The law only affects Oakland County.

The reasons

Judge William Collette based his opinion on three issues:

- * a need for a two-thirds majority vote for approval, because it dealt with a local matter;
- * limited time for county voters to request a judicial review of a new apportionment; and
- * a violation of the Headlee Amendment as it relates to unfunded mandate.

"We are glad that Judge Collette saw the "Republican Power-

grab Bill," for what it was — an outrageous attempt by Republicans to change the law, just for Oakland County, for Republican political gain," stated Frank Houston, chairman of the Oakland County Apportionment Commission, in a release. He was one of the plaintiffs in the case.

"Judge Collette's decision allows candidates and voters to begin a conversation about how to move state and county forward instead of worrying about (Oakland County Executive) Brooks Patterson's trying to cheat democracy for personal political advantage," Houston added.

Challenge likely

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said he expects Collette's opinion won't stand.

"Ingham County Circuit Court has a long record of ruling in favor of Democrats, only to be overturned by higher courts," he stated in a release. "This matter will be settled in the Michigan Supreme Court."

If it were to stand, he said it can create major financial woes for the City of Detroit. The Legislature changed population-based funding statutes to benefit Detroit following major decreases in the last census. Those changes were not passed with a two-third majority, he said.

"How can the law be one thing for Democratic areas and something else for the rest of the state?," he stated.

No surprise

Commissioner Bob Hoffman, R-Highland, said he wasn't surprised at last week's ruling, although he favors the law. "It would actually save taxpayers money," he said.

The timing of the law, isn't surprising, either. Asked if partisan politics played a role the legislature's passing of the law, Hoffman said "I think that's a fair assessment. It's a lot about politics on both sides."

Commissioner Kathy Crawford, R-Novi, said the five-member committee in place to redistrict commission boundaries promotes dissidence between the political parties.

"When you have the chair of the Democrats and the chair of the Republicans on the committee what do you think they are going to do?," she said. "That is the way it is right now, they are going to be very partisan."

"For someone who doesn't think this isn't partisan is very naive."

She said she will wait to see what Collette's final ruling will be, since last week's news was his opinion on the case.

The Republican caucus' legal counsel explained the judge still wanted to study it and there hasn't been a final ruling yet, she said, noting she expects the issue to advance to the state Supreme Court.

"I think it's just a wait-and-see thing. I really don't know what is going to happen with it."

Nathan Mueller contributed to this report.

PLAN

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ary 2011.

The master plan for 2012-16 was approved unanimously with some amendments made to it that included adding some community historical items like the Bennett Arboretum and plan for the Northville Township-owned Seven Mile property. One big hope for the five-year plan is to increase the pathway connectivity in the community, which could include having a potential bike/walking connection to Maybury Park.

The public comments regarding the 2012-16 recreation master plan centered on increasing the pathway connections throughout the community.

Resident Jerry Mittman said Maybury is one of the most popular destinations in the area, but for bicyclists and pedestrians from Northville it's difficult to get to without having to drive. He said making better use of what the community already has should be a priority.

The Northville Township Board of Trustees also approved the plan and it was expected the Northville City Council would do the same at their meeting on Feb. 21.

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OUR VIEWS

Prevent heart disease

Make healthy choices — and encourage others to do the same

February is American Heart Month, and the designation serves as an important reminder of the devastating effects of heart disease and what we can do about it.

Heart disease is the No. 1 cause of death in the United States.

Every day, 2,200 people die from heart disease and stroke. That is one in every three deaths — about the same number as those who die from cancer, lower respiratory diseases and accidents combined.

Heart disease is one of most costly health problems facing the United States today, accounting for more than \$444 billion in health care expenditures and lost productivity in 2010.

Yet, heart disease is also one of the most preventable causes of death.

All Americans should be aware of the risk factors that can lead to heart disease, including high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, obesity, physical inactivity, tobacco use and family history.

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These risk factors can be reduced by eating a balanced diet, maintaining a healthy weight, limiting sodium intake, exercising regularly, avoiding tobacco and moderating alcohol use.

The Department of Health and Human Services launched an initiative in September aimed at preventing one million heart attacks and strokes in the United States over

the next five years.

Called Million Hearts, the public-private partnership is co-led by the Center for Disease Control and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The initiative's goals include empowering Americans to make healthy choices.

You can do that by:

- Taking the Million Hearts pledge at www.millionhearts.hhs.gov and encouraging your friends and family members to do the same.
- Being physically active for at least 30 minutes most days of the week.
- Knowing your ABCS — Ask your doctor if you should take an aspirin every day; find out if you have high Blood pressure or Cholesterol, and if you do, get effective treatment; and If you Smoke, get help to quit.
- Eating a heart-healthy diet high in fresh fruits and vegetables and low in sodium and trans fat.
- Following your doctor's prescription instructions.

You can also learn more about heart health by attending "Controlling Hypertension" with Dr. Susan Steigerwalt at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23. Sandwiches, salads and refreshments will be served. To register, please call 866-501-DOCS (3627) so that we can anticipate the number of attendees. The Conversations in Health series takes place in conference rooms A, B & C in the Outpatient Center on the Providence Park campus (southwest corner of Beck Road and Grand River Avenue)

Heart disease and stroke affect all of us. Everyone of us knows someone who has died of heart disease or stroke, depriving their families of someone they love.

But, at the same time, everyone of us can do something to keep heart disease and stroke from taking so many lives — starting with our own.

Commit to living a more heart-healthy lifestyle. Do it today, and encourage those you love to do the same.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you plan on voting in the Feb. 28 Michigan primary?



"I will absolutely be voting. I vote in every election and always have since I began voting."

Willy Mena
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"You betcha'. I wouldn't miss it."

George Kortlandt
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"Yes. See I'm the treasurer of the Oakland County Party -- plus it's our responsibility to vote."

Dave Staudt



"Oh my gosh, yes. I've already voted by absentee ballot."

Kathy Crawford
Novi

LETTERS

Romney's right to work stance

I am a retired blue collar worker/ tradesman and Vietnam veteran. Over a period of 40-plus years, I have worked in union and non-union jobs, being lucky enough to realize home ownership and pretty much live comfortably providing for my family. During my career I took part in providing quality products and services to this area and beyond. My preparation and training and emphasis on high quality and worker safety was provided by the union I originally belonged to. It set the standard for high-quality manufacturing and service in the metro area and all over Michigan.

For a "native son" Republican candidate to have the nerve to even come to this great state after he betrayed the auto industry and even mentions his aim toward a right to work state is outrageous. I hope Michigan residents won't stand still for this, especially my fellow blue collar workers whose fathers and mothers shed their blood to form Michigan unions. This area played a huge part in the support of our service men and women during World War II when it was desperately needed. Let's not forget who we are.

John A. Thomson
Novi

Costs of Obama's health care mandate

Putting aside religious and constitutional issues, are you ready to use your money to pay for the president's HHS mandate? Politicians say insurance companies or employers will pay for birth control, sterilization, or abortion-inducing drugs, with no cost to the employee. In fact, however, neither the insurance company nor the employer will be paying for these services. We will.

Companies will simply get back the money they spend for these free services by increasing prices on whatever they produce or sell. Costs will go up for things like gas, food, utilities, clothing, etc.

So as you consider this health care mandate, ask yourself: Am I willing spend my money so that someone else can get free birth control, free sterilization or free abortion-inducing drugs? Remember what your mom said: "There is no such thing as a free lunch." ... or free health care.

Barbara Pichan
Northville

Poor choices in Republican field

In light of President Obama's lack of effectiveness, I would likely have voted Republican but for the poor quality of the candidates. What can one say about Mitt Romney's mealy-mouthed back-tracking of his Marie Antoinette-type of comment: "Let Detroit Declare Bankruptcy."

Then there is Santorum. With him as president, ladies, you will want to keep your whale-bone corsets and aspirin handy. I hope that Santorum is enjoying driving his Audi A6, which is not made in America.

Finally, there's Newt whose colleagues, after sanctioning him \$300,000, won't support him. More worrisome is knowing that

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Newt has his finger on the bomb, a questionable temper and a lack of ethics. With Newt, the nation would elect Dr. Strangelove.

John Bullington
Northville

Red Kettle kudos

The Plymouth Salvation Army Corps would like to thank the following groups and people for their help in nearly reaching its ambitious goal in the Red Kettle Campaign — \$211,295 was collected in the kettles this season and an additional amount was mailed in, bringing the total to over \$309,951. Our goal was \$315,000. The kettle at the Northville Hiller's, once again, collected the most money in the six community service area. Thank you to all who gave their time and money.

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Judy Kohl

Northville Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign coordinator

Seven Mile Park a fraud

Every day I drive past our Seven Mile Road "park" and gaze upon the towering hulk of the former state psychiatric hospital, and wonder: "How many more years will this contaminated property will grace my neighborhood?" Frequently, I recall the personal assurances from the enthusiastic leader of the \$21.5 million bond campaign in 2009 to purchase the land, who told me that, "Making this property into a park will cost the residents of Northville next to nothing."

Three years after this dubious promise we find out the real price tag — \$82 million on top of the \$21.5 million we've already spent to purchase the land. My family is already paying \$300 a year toward the purchase price of this "park" that we cannot set foot upon. Now we learn that it's going to take another \$82 million to realize the vision of completing this park.

Let's see — \$300 per year from my family's budget to buy the land and \$82 million to realize the dream of Mark Abbo and our township trustees to complete this park. At that price, we will need to contribute another \$1,200 per year for 20 years from our family budget to get the job done.

Fifteen-hundred dollars year for me and my family? I don't think so. We have better uses for our money. At that price, I would rather continue driving past that hulking derelict collection of buildings for years to come. At least it will serve as a constant reminder to never again allow ourselves to be sold a bill of goods by politicians who are out to cover their blunders.

I notice that the CEO of REIS (the company that sold us this lovely property), Robert Schostak, is now the chairman of the Michigan Republican Party. I wonder what he and Abbo have to say to one another about this whole deal. Let's see: 1) Schostak got stuck with a property that could not be developed in the real estate meltdown of 2008-9; 2) Abbo fumbles the negotiations with Schostak and company; 3) REIS threatens to sue the township of Northville; 4) A plan is developed to bail out Schostak and REIS; 5) Northville voters hand over \$21.5 million to Schostak and REIS.

I'm sure when Abbo and Schostak have their Republican get-togethers they all have a big chuckle over these dealings.

Annette Masson
Northville Township

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Can your child read math?

Let's Read Math, an enrichment program that links children's literature to creative math learning, is being launched for the first time in the metro area by the American Association of University Women Northville-Nov.

AAUW members and Northville High School honor students enjoyed a recent training day with Pennsylvania founder Claire Passantino, Ed.D. By day end, heads were spinning with adventures of Albert who lost his riches because he didn't count well, the royal kingdom with a measuring problem and the greedy triangle who turned into an octagon.

The first Let's Read Math workshop series for second and third graders is set from 1-2:30 p.m. on four Saturdays – March 3, 10, 17, 24 – at the Northville Community Library. Space is limited.

For more information and an enrollment application, email marcia.horn-gren@gmail.com.

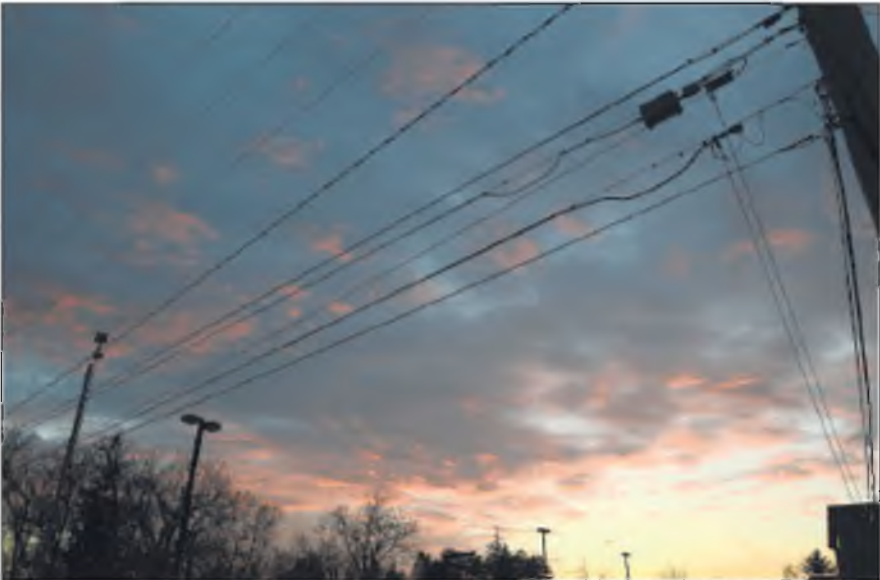
Is this a 'place'?

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.

Food program changes

Income guidelines have been adjusted to allow more individuals and families to be served by TEFAP. The Emergency Food Assistance Program provides low-income Plym-

Northville at sunset



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A pretty January sunset as seen from the Northville District Library's parking lot on Jan. 30. The sun is setting a little later each day.

outh and Northville residents with canned and non-perishable items.

The next distribution is scheduled for Thursday, March 15, 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.

the day.

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Flu shots

The Wayne County Department of Public Health emphasizes that "it's not too late to be vaccinated" to protect you and your family from the flu. Cost for adults and children six months and older is \$5 now through spring 2012 (regular price is \$15). Medicaid and Medicare Part B

accepted.

The flu season typically peaks in January or February, and can last as late as May, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Wayne County flu shot clinic locations and hours include: Wayne Health Center, 33030 Van Born Road, (734) 727-7100, walk-ins 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, by appointment 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Fridays; Taylor Health Center, 26650 Eureka Road; (734) 955-3900, (same hours as Wayne Health Center); and Redford Area Health Office, 17421 Telegraph Road, (313) 537-1708, by appointment only 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesdays.

For more information, call the Wayne County Department of Public Health at (734) 727-7000.

CASARI

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workers, and Casari was eligible for retirement from Canton Township.

"Northville and Canton do a lot together," he said. "I've known Don (Weaver, his predecessor) for years. I'm very well aware of the people here. It just seemed like a good fit. It's just a great place to work with a lot of good people."

He began with Northville Township last September as Weaver's deputy director. Weaver announced his retirement in December, and Casari was a good fit for the opening.

The department includes township building and code enforcement, along with water and sewer issues and engineering. Maintenance of the water and sewer system is key, Casari said, with staff working out of a Beck Road facility on that. There's also some stormwater maintenance.

"There's a lot of responsibility that goes with the job. You can never make a mistake with those things. Again, I can't emphasize enough the good people we have," Casari said.

He anticipates if all works out well he'll be on the job about seven more years. Casari noted inspections and building permits are up 50 percent from 2009.

'Good sign'

"That's a very good sign," he said. "I expect for this year for that to continue. Northville's a very desirable community. There's a lot of good things going on here."

He cited the recent announcement of a \$39 million health facility to be built by the University of Michigan at Seven Mile and Haggerty, as well as parkland development of township property near that.

Chip Snider, township manager, talked to Canton officials prior to Casari's hiring, and liked hearing the engineer's a problem solver.

"Everyone said the same things, that he was an experienced leader," Snider said. "Since he's been on board in September he's already proved himself. It's as if Tom's worked here forever."

Snider praised Casari as thoughtful and hardworking.

Casari and wife Beth have two children, Tommy, 11, and Sasha, 10.

"We're skiers, downhill skiers, enjoy that," he said. Their son's in hockey and their daughter in gymnastics.

"We enjoy Michigan," Casari said. "We enjoy the water, beach, those kinds of activities."

He's felt welcome in his new role with Northville Township.

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South Lyon man charged in hit-and-run

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Correspondent

The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office issued a warrant for Kevin Alexander, 43, South Lyon, in connection with the fatal hit-and-run accident on Dec. 3 that caused the death of Joshua Green.

After reviewing the Northville city police department's investigation, the prosecutor has charged him with failure to stop at the scene of an accident result in serious impairment or death.

According to Northville City Detective Matt Clemence, this charge has a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

The police department said on Jan. 20, Alexander, along with his attorney, turned himself into the Northville City Police Station. Clemence said Alexander realized the day after the 1 a.m. accident what had happened after hearing about it in the news, specifically on television.

The department said Alexan-

der has been forthright and cooperative with the investigation and voluntarily surrendered the suspect vehicle. He had been keeping it in his garage since the incident, police say.

According to the police department's report, that late night Green and two other friends were walking along Griswold Street toward downtown Northville to visit Brick's, a local bar on W. Main. Reportedly, Green had been drinking and was engaged in an argument with one of his friends when he unexpectedly stepped out into the street from the sidewalk and was struck by a car heading south on Griswold.

The driver of the vehicle did not stop even though one of Green's friends chased after it on foot. Green later succumbed to his injuries while at Botsford Hospital.

The report stated Alexander explained that he had been at Brick's Bar with a friend, when the friend became ill due to over-indulgence. He drove his friend

home and was returning back toward downtown when he said his car was struck by an object on Griswold.

At the time, Alexander alleges that he thought the persons on the sidewalk had thrown something at his vehicle and therefore he did not want to stop, according to police.

A Michigan State Police Accident Reconstructionist responded to the scene to assist in the investigation, and from the debris found at the scene the suspect vehicle was identified as a 2007-11, black Honda, CRV EX-L.

During the investigation, the Northville department alerted all collision shops and part suppliers in southeast Michigan and throughout the state. Officers then began the task of visiting all the owners of similar vehicles within the area.

The department thanked the news media for their assistance in this investigation and said without their help, this investigation would likely still be unresolved.

NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

License suspensions

Northville Township police again see a spate of driving while license suspended violations.

There were four incidents reported from February 8-10.

One occurred on Feb. 8 and had a 43-year-old Southfield man cited after being stopped near the intersection of Haggerty and Seven Mile roads. The police were running checks on vehicles to see if they were stolen or if the registered driver had warrants.

A check on the Southfield man stated he had a suspended license and arrest warrant. It also stated he had a "No Driver" designation. He was arrested and later posted bond.

Seven Mile trespassing

According to Northville Township police reports, the common reason given by individuals trespassing onto the Seven Mile Road property is thrill seeking.

One recent incident took place on Feb. 7 when an officer spotted, while driving westbound on Seven Mile, flashlights near or in the first floor of the main building. The officer then used night vision to better observe the trespassers. A 20-year-old Shelby Township man and 21-year-old Troy woman were cited for trespassing after they crossed back over toward the Northridge complex.

They said they were there "just for the thrill of it."

Another incident on Feb. 12 involved four male subjects. They also said they were drawn to the "spooky" site after hearing stories from friends.

Drunken driving

A 38-year-old Livonia man was arrested for his third drunken driving offense after being caught speeding along Eight Mile Road.

The police observed the man going 60 mph in a 40 mph speed zone on Feb. 6 while on patrol. The man was also observed swerving and driving erratically.

Upon making contact with the man the police detected the odor of intoxicants on his breath. The report stated the man had trouble with the field sobriety tests and refused to take a preliminary breathalyzer test. After that he was placed into custody on suspicion of driving intoxicated, and he was also cited for refusing a PBT.

A further check of the man revealed he had three previous alcohol convictions and two suspensions. A search warrant was obtained in order to draw a blood sample from the man. The department is seeking a warrant for the OWI and driving on a suspended license.

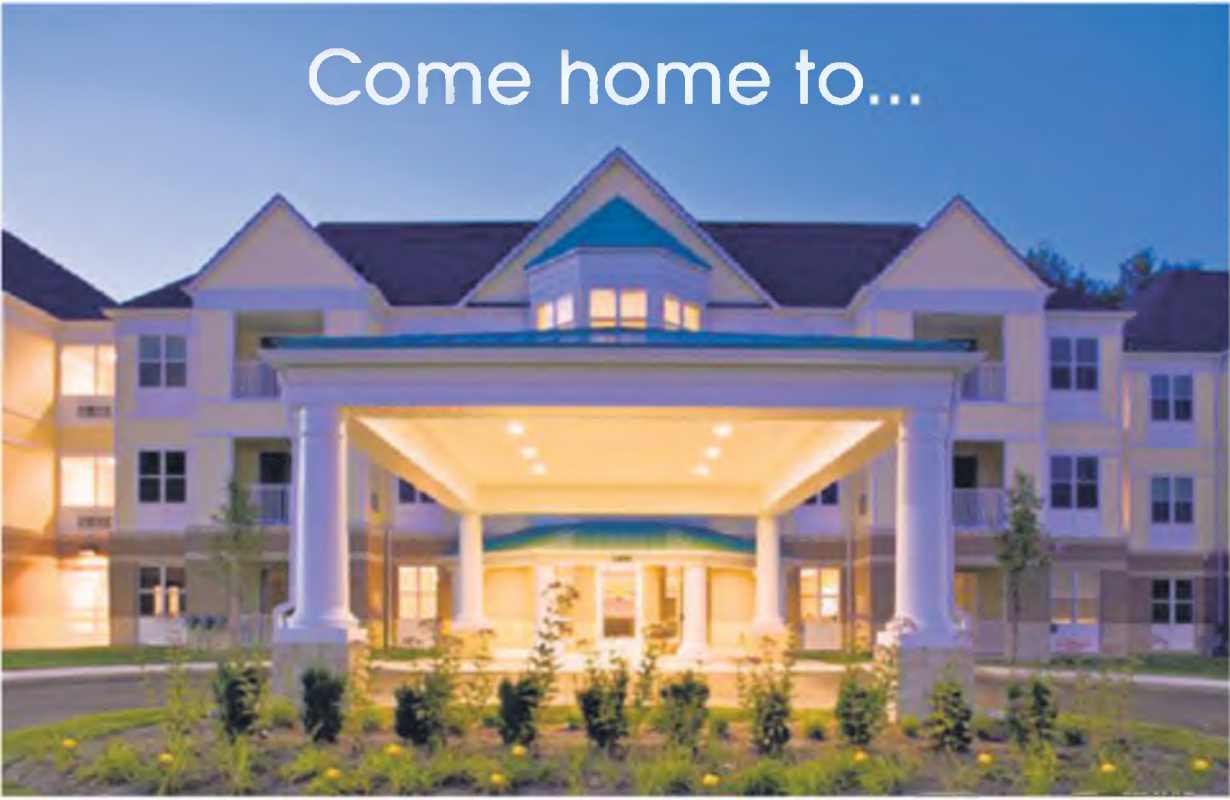
Larceny attempt

On Feb. 8 an unknown suspect was spotted by witnesses as he attempted to steal from a vehicle that was parked in the lower structure of the E. Cady Street parking area.

The suspect is a white male. He was also observed by the vehicle owner, a 38-year-old Farmington Hills woman, as she approached the car. Once she was around 25 feet away the man decided to flee. Nothing was reported missing.

The woman thought the car was locked, but police found no evidence of a forced break-in. She said her electronic key fob's battery did need replacing, so police assume it was not locked at the time.

Compiled by correspondent
Lonnie Huhman



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Kelly clown figurines hold special meaning for township family

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

When Connie Ruff's late husband, Dennis, became bedridden with multiple sclerosis, the family's collection of Emmett Kelly clown figurines brought him a dose of happiness. Following Dennis's 2004 death, Connie has kept the figurines at her Northville Township home.

"Probably over 100 figurines," she said. "My daughter started him on it. It became something he was fascinated with."

The Kelly figurines show the image of a sad clown, a real-life character both of Kelly and his son, Emmett Kelly Jr. The Ruffs' collection is in great shape.

"They've all been behind glass in a cabinet," she said. Some pieces are signed by Kelly Jr.

"He took over his father's place," she said, noting the son worked as an ambassador for Kodak at the 1964 World's Fair.

"His whole performance is in mime." Connie and Dennis saw Kelly Jr. some 15 years ago in Frankenmuth, and she realized she couldn't speak to him once he was in character.



Some of the smaller Emmett Kelly clown figurines of Connie Ruff.

Dennis was diagnosed with MS in his 30s and died in his 50s. He used a wheelchair during a part of his illness before being bedbound.

"He would have me once a week change them (figurines) out. Being bedbound, he didn't have much avenue." The Internet wasn't widespread at

that time, she said, and such a patient now would have more to see.

The couple's daughter, 42, lives in California. Connie said she and many friends have found their children don't want or can't take larger collections such as hers.

"Your kids don't want these," she said. She is busy cataloging the collection and plans to sell it through auction.

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Northville resident Connie Ruff is hoping to sell her late husband's collection of Emmett Kelly clown figurines. She has about 101 of the ceramic figures, part of a collection that was begun in the early '80s.

ENGAGEMENT

Currier-Butkovich

Lyndsey Kay Currier and Blake Alan Butkovich announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of George and Kathy Currier of Northville, graduated from Northville High School and works at Northpointe Insurance.

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Republican party says primary is a big deal

By Christopher Behnan
Gannett News Service

Despite GOP candidate Mitt Romney's lead, Michigan's upcoming presidential primary still matters very much, according to state Republican Party officials.

Because of the format of Michigan's primary — in which delegates will be divided up proportionately to the vote — more than one candidate can leave here with delegates as well as momentum heading into Super Tuesday.

"Michigan is really the most competitive state. It's a state that campaigns can come to," said Matt Frendewey, spokesman for the Michigan Republican Party. "They can use our resources widely and come out with delegates."

A total of 11 Republican candidates will appear on the Feb. 28 primary ballot, although only Newt Gingrich; Rick Santorum; U.S. Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas; and Romney have active campaigns.

The primary also will have a Democratic ballot, though only incumbent President Barack Obama will appear on the Democratic ticket.

Michigan has 42 GOP congressional district delegates, and 14 at-large GOP delegates to be split proportionally among the top vote-getters, explained Frendewey.

Primary delegates attend the national party convention, where the party officially names its candidate for president.

Arizona also will hold its primary Feb. 28, but that state will send delegates to the GOP convention on a winner-take-all basis, Frendewey said.

That means more candidates can leave

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5: Kings Mill Clubhouse; 18120 James-town Circle

City of Northville

1: City Hall; 215 W. Main Street (Wayne County residents)
2: Amerman School; 847 N. Center Street (Oakland County residents)

All polling locations open at 7 a.m. and close promptly at 8 p.m.

Michigan with delegates, as opposed to one, he added, even though Michigan native Romney is heavily favored here. Romney is a former governor of Massachusetts and the son of former Michigan Gov. George Romney.

That also means more candidates will spend time in Michigan interacting with voters. Santorum is slated to speak at the Oakland County Republican Party's Lin-

coln Day Dinner, for example, Frendewey said.

Michigan's primary will be the final contest before March 6, also known as Super Tuesday, when 11 primaries and caucuses will be held across the country.

The Feb. 28 election is a closed primary, which means both absentee voters and those voting in person must request in writing either the Democratic or Republican ballot in order to vote.

The early date of Michigan's primary goes against GOP rules, and has resulted in Michigan losing 26 of its 56 delegates. Frendewey said multiple other states, including Arizona and Florida, also have been dealt the handicap.

"That brings the bar down to everyone. It's not like we're the only one," he said, adding the remaining candidates each has an opportunity to make gains in Michigan and leave with delegates.

Democrats disagreed. Michigan's primary is of little significance, considering Romney is the hands-down favorite, and because he will arrive as the nationwide front-runner, said Mark Brewer, chairman of the Michigan Democratic Party.

Brewer maintains the Michigan Republican Party should have funded the primary, considering there is no Democratic contender to Obama on the primary ballot. The Democrats asked not to be on the primary ballot, he said.

"Romney should certainly be a heavy, heavy favorite here with all the support he has from the Republican electorate. We're not early, we're at least 10th in the process, so I don't think Michigan is particularly relevant in the process at this

point," Brewer said.

Michigan's primary was set up to be a "nonevent" considering Romney is faring extremely well in state polling and has raised so much money in the state, said Bill Ballenger, publisher of *Inside Michigan Politics*.

Ballenger said Michigan will be a battleground for the nomination only if Romney loses all of the party elections between now and Feb. 28.

The Nevada caucus was held Saturday, and the Missouri, Minnesota and Colorado elections were scheduled to take place Tuesday, Frendewey said.

He said it's been "onward and upward after Florida" for Romney, and he doesn't see Gingrich — who won the South Carolina contest — picking up steam in the Great Lakes state.

"Most people think right now that Romney is on an inexorable path to the nomination, so the Michigan primary, where he's already way ahead in every category, is an afterthought," Ballenger said.

Michiganders will benefit from having more candidates visiting and meeting with residents, said Jim Holcomb, spokesman for the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

Holcomb said more visits from candidates will lead to informed voters.

"The general citizenry wants to hear a debate on issues, and the more we can get the candidates in here, the more we can get them talking, the better it is for everybody," he said.

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Santorum says Michigan primary can be 'game changer'

By Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer

Declaring Michigan is in "a high stake place" in the November elections, Republican presidential candidate Rick Santorum fired up an already energized crowd of 1,400 at the annual Oakland County Republican Lincoln Day Dinner last Thursday in Novi.

The former U.S. Senator criticized the current administration and outlined his vision for a United States that is "built on the concepts that made America great."

Held at the Suburban Collection Showplace, the event reportedly drew record numbers, dwarfing the typical attendance of some 500 seen at past years' Lincoln Day dinners.

Santorum, the final speaker in a lineup that included Gov. Rick Snyder, Ann Romney and Rev. C.L. Bryant, outlined a conservative agenda that embraces "foundational freedoms," economic opportunity for all and limited government — buoyed by solid family values. This, he said, is the key to once again making America "the model for the world."

Calling President Barack Obama "divider in chief" and describing the current Congress as "horribly unpopular," Santorum said "we don't have the leadership to remind us what brought us together, what made us great."

America, he said, "is a great country because we believe in a great society being built from the ground up, a great society that trusts free people."

"Obamacare," redistribution of wealth, unnecessary restrictions on off-shore drilling and blocking the Keystone Pipeline project are some policies of the current administration that hamper progress and promote dependency on the government, Santorum said.

He also spoke out against Obama's "over-reaching and over-burdening regulation" that he said is thwarting free enterprise and job growth. "It's crushing and destroying the goose that laid the golden egg," he said.

Santorum said Obama "is a president that doesn't believe in you."

"You need someone who can paint a picture of an America that puts people to work, not make them dependent," he said.

Noting that his relatives emigrated to the United States knowing they would find opportunity and freedom, Santorum said people "need to elect someone who understands the heart and soul of America's values, to go out and talk to the American people, to remind us who we are and what brings us together."

This is a "time of great consequence," Santorum added. "And Michigan, America is in the center. You have an opportunity to be



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Former Senator Rick Santorum greets the Oakland County Republican Party at its Feb. 16 dinner in Novi.

a game changer in the primary. You have an opportunity to be a game changer in the general election."

Among those attending the event was Bill Belcher of Farmington Hills, who called the program "fantastic."

"I didn't believe they'd get near this amount of people," said Belcher, who co-chairs the 9th district Republican Party. "(Santorum) shared his family values and his distinct differences from Barack Obama."

As for who he'll vote for in the primary election, Belcher said he's "still tossing it around."

"But it helps to listen to all of them," he said, noting that he's been to a couple of rallies for Romney as well as Santorum. "I'll probably back one of them. They believe in what I believe in, (which is) small government, we got to get rid of our enormous debt and live within our means."

Susan Corey of Southfield described the event as "great." "It's helping me understand (Santorum's) platform and his vision," she said.

Also in the crowd were several Milford High School students, who said they were selected for the event by their advanced placement government teacher.

"I am a conservative, but I still haven't picked a candidate," said 18-year-old William Schoenle, a senior.

Fellow student Chris Orr said he wanted to attend "just to get involved in government."

"And to keep my options open," he said.

Novi resident Jack Donnelly said he was "here for great government."

"I just want to hear what they have to say. I haven't totally made up my mind (for the primary), but I will."

"And I think it's inspiring to see all the young people here," Donnelly said. "It's very encouraging."

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Romney talks business in Farmington Hills

By Stacy Jenkins
Staff Writer

Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney said all the right words to a crowd of more than 500 Feb. 16 in Farmington Hills.

"I liked how he talked how important Michigan is, and about bringing businesses back to Michigan," said Mark LaBerge, an ambassador with the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, which co-hosted a lunch event with the Greater Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce.

His son, Andy LaBerge, of Livonia, who is 22, said he was impressed by Romney's words — and his spirit.

"I think he truly believes in America," he said. "My generation is looking for jobs — and for the president himself to hold to his promises. That's the biggest thing that's caused anger and disapproval in our current president, in my generation."

The longtime businessman and former Massachusetts governor made a strategic stop on the campaign trail, just hours before key opponent Rick Santorum was scheduled to speak at the Oakland County Republican Party Lincoln Day Dinner in neighboring Novi.

The Republican presidential primary in Michigan is Feb. 28.

Romney was joined by family members and Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder at the event, held at the Farmington Hills Manor. Snyder publicly endorsed Romney and offered words of support before Romney took the stage.

He means business

Snyder pointed out Michigan "had been at the bottom, for a decade, of all 50 states," but is now repositioned as a leader in a fiscal turnaround that has erased a \$1.5 billion debt and eliminated \$5.6 billion in long-term liability.

He also touted the elimination of the Michigan Business Tax and Michigan's recent climb from 49th to seventh best in the nation for corporate taxation.

"We are now becoming a role model for the rest of the United States in what success is all about and what teamwork is all about," he said.

Opponents of the corporate tax, however, say it's unfair to only tax a small portion of businesses that are C-corps, and not the majority that are structured otherwise. And, they say the budget hole left by the MBT elimination was filled on the backs of seniors and families.

Change in D.C.

Snyder said Washington D.C. is holding the state back.

"Washington is a divided place and the job is not getting done," he said. "We need the leadership in Washington to get that job done. To do that, we need the right people, leading the charge. We have a person in Gov. Romney who has that background. He has a great combination of private sector experience ... and being the chief executive of a state."

Romney echoed his experience in the private sector as being essential in knowing the nuances of how to run a government.

"In the private sector that you all live in, you're either fiscally conservative or you're out of business," he told the audience filled with chamber of commerce members. "You can't borrow money year after year and spend more than you take in, or you'll go



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Mitt Romney detailed for a crowd of about 500 last week how his business experience translates well to government. He also said he's been watching Gov. Rick Snyder's action in Michigan, and he's impressed.

bankrupt. And, if you don't balance your budget, you'll kill your enterprise.

"But, we're doing that to Washington. Our federal government keeps spending more than they take in, and they're just killing the nation."

Romney said many of the actions of the Obama administration have made it harder for businesses to succeed. He said this is because President Barack Obama doesn't come from a business background. He cited "Obamacare," increased regulations; Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform; and cap and trade policies that are "making it harder for the economy to recover."

What he would do

Romney said if he's elected, he will end "crony capitalism" that plays favorites and decimates free enterprise. He would keep taxes low; take advantage of all natural resources for energy, including installing the Keystone Pipeline; and amend free trade to hold China accountable for stealing U.S. patents and devaluing their currency.

"We will not let China continue to steal jobs from the United States of America," he said.

On the auto industry, Romney, who was criticized for his anti-bailout statements last year, said he believes the American auto industry will "continue to lead the world."

He said he believes in the vision of America's founding fathers, that everyone is entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

"That government would not guide our lives — we would guide our lives," he said. "I don't want government to take a larger role... I want to give people more freedom and have government as a partner."

Inspiring

Debra Williams of Livonia, vice president of operations at Garden City Hospital, said Romney's speech was "very fruitful and insightful."

"He is a man who can hopefully lead the American people in the right direction," she said.

Nancy Bates, Farmington Hills mayor pro tem, said she was impressed by the event. She was proud of Hills Mayor Barry Brickner, a Democrat, who offered welcoming words with a good dose of humor.

"I was proud of our mayor for his tact and his humor," she said.

Community
Events

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Time/Date: 7-10:30 p.m. Thursday, March 8
Location: Northville Sports Den
Details: A benefit for “The Leader In Me” program at Silver Springs Elementary. Cost is \$30 per person; adults only. Live and silent auctions. Wear your favorite sports shirt. Tickets will be limited to 170. Presented by the Silver Springs Dad’s club and TLIM Parent Lighthouse Team.
Contact: Dana DeMink (248) 347-6047

NORTHVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Taste of Northviiiie
Location: Northville High School (6 Mile Road between Sheldon and Beck)
Date: Saturday, March 10
Details: Come have a great time connecting with residents and other businesses at the event that gives businesses direct access to one on one experience with over 800 customers.
Contact: chamber@northville.org or (248) 349-7640 x 22 to RSVP

MILL RACE HISTORICAL VILLAGE
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Hours: Office open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday; Archives open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday-Friday; Village buildings open 1-4 p.m. Sundays, mid-June to mid-Oct.
Contact: (248) 348-1845
Weekly Events
(*Grounds closed to public)
Thursday: 9 a.m. Archives open; 10 a.m. AAUW Creative Crafters; 1 p.m. New Docent meeting; 6 p.m. rehearsal; 6 p.m. Girl Scouts #737
Friday: 9 a.m. Archives open; 4-6 p.m. wedding*
Monday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Valentine creations



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Prajakatd Bhambare and her daughter Shalvi work on a Valentine's day craft at the Northville Public Library on Feb. 9. On that day, visitors could create colorful magnetic bookmarks.

Hands-All-Around Quilters in Church
Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 11 a.m. Country Garden Club
Wednesday: 9 a.m. Mill Race Basket Guild; 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation Group

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE
Location: 215 W. Cady St., Northville
Contact: Northville Art House (248) 344-0497 or www.northvillearts.org for on-going art classes, lectures, events, rentals, volunteering.
Hours: 1-5 p.m. Saturdays; 1-9 p.m. on first Fridays of each month
Details: Admission to Art House exhibits are always free and open to the public.
Anarchy of the Line; Drawing Comes of Age
Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. Friday, March 2 opening reception
Details: exhibit continues through March 24 during gallery hours

MAYBURY STATE PARK
Location: Eight Mile Road (between Beck and Napier

roads.) Recreation Passport required for park entry. MI registered vehicles \$10 annually; non-resident vehicles \$8 daily or \$29 annual.
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Time/Dates: 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays for six weeks
Location: Hearts of Inspiration, located in Northville Square, in downtown Northville
Details: La Maison Fran,/Baise for Children teaches French language, culture and history through hands-on art education at. The program is for students in grades 5-7. Additional ages are welcome to attend with instructor review. Classes are six weeks in length; registration is on-going.
Contact: (248) 773-7664

NORTHVILLE-NOVI BUSINESS NETWORKING

BREAKFAST
Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. first and third Tuesdays (except Nov. and Dec., which are just the first Tuesdays)
Location: Kerby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty Road
Details: Business networking focused on building relationships. The Sunrise Networking Group, LLC (www.sunrisenetworkinggroup.com), or SNG for short, is a group of about 250 business leaders who help each other to build more business by referring people to each other. Cost of breakfast is \$10.
Contact: Fonda Milana 586-232-3009 or fmilana@sunrisefinancialgroupllc.com

Regional Events
QUARTERMADNESS
Time/Date: 5-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 29
Location: Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road
Details: New Hope Center for Grief Support is a non-profit 501c3 bereavement outreach center, located in Northville with grief support services throughout

southeastern Michigan. This fundraising event will benefit their many services provided free of charge to those who are grieving and the community at large. The evening will include auctions and lots of fun! Bidders may buy up to three paddles to win great prizes and all donated items will be available to bid on with quarters.
Contact: Tammy Brown (734) 844-9180.

MEN'S HEALTH DAY
Time/Date: 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, March 3
Location: St. Mary Mercy Hospital (south lobby), Livonia
Details: For men ages 40-70. Prostate cancer and heart disease are leading causes of illness and death in men — early screening and detection can save lives. The fair consists of prostate exam by a physician; blood test for Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA); Total Cholesterol and HDL check; blood pressure screening; skin cancer checks by a dermatologist (optional); foot exams (optional); and information related to healthy living. This event and screenings are free, but registration is required.
Contact: (734) 655-8950

MOM2MOM SALE
Time/Date: 9 a.m. 2 p.m. March 10
Location: Hillside Elementary School, 36801 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills.
Details: About 100 tables of gently used baby, maternity and children's clothing, toys, equipment and furniture. A great opportunity to get items you need and save money off of retail prices. Proceeds of the sale will benefit Hillside Elementary and its students. Now accepting resale table registrations; \$2 early admission; \$1 general admission.
Contact: Email hillsidemom-2mom@gmail.com

MOMS SALE
Time/Date: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, March 24
Location: First United Methodist Church, located Pontiac Trail south of 10 Mile, South Lyon

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More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Northville Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com.

Details: South Lyon Mothers of Multiples Society sale of gently used clothing (including teens) sorted by size and gender, cribs, strollers, car seats, maternity clothing, books, games and more. Admission is \$1.

JAZZ @ THE ELKS
Time/Date: 7-10:30 p.m. fourth Tuesdays
Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, just west of Haggerty Road in Plymouth.
Details: These events are keeping the uniquely American tradition of jazz alive in southeast Michigan. A \$5 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres and live jazz in a beautiful club setting; limited seating.

WOMEN'S NETWORK SOURCE
Time/Date: 6:30-9:30 p.m. second Mondays
Location: Real Estate One, 346 N. Lafayette, South Lyon
Details: Networking and education meetings; cost is \$5. Women's Network Source was established to empower, motivate and support women to become successful entrepreneurs. WNS welcomes women curious about exploring whether to start a new business or learning how to grow their current business to attend an upcoming meeting.
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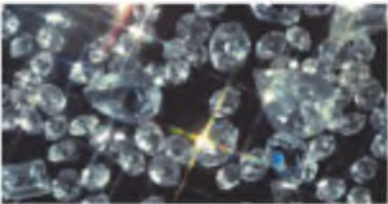
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Ben Crabill puts a backhand on net for Northville.

Mustangs edge Pinckney

Northville hockey team tries new tactics, gets victory

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs hockey team knows that in order to win the MHSAA playoffs, you have to be willing and able to adjust your strategies.

The squad, coached by Clint Robert, tested on a new system during the first two periods of their game against Pinckney last week and came away not only satisfied with how it worked, but with the 2-1 win they came back to earn as well.

“I thought we did a decent job at it, but we still need to work some

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys hockey team will be back on the ice when they play in the MHSAA regional tournament. Time, place and opponent were not available as of press time.

more on it,” said Robert.

Northville fell behind 1-0 in the first period of play as they still tried to figure out some of the finer details of the new strategy. Once they had those ironed out, the team held the Pirates scoreless in the second period and entered the final stanza down, 1-0.

Northville switched back to their typical style of play, ramping up the offense and spending the rest of the night in Pinckney’s zone as they scored the game-tying goal off the stick of AJ Bradley with Ben Crabill and Clay Neal assisting.

“In the third period we went back to our regular system and our regular forecheck,” said Robert. “I thought we had a lot of pressure.”

That pressure paid off with 14 seconds left as Neal picked up a rebound off a Crabill and slid a backhand past the Pirates’ netminder for the game-winning goal.



Northville’s Danny O’Malley splits the defense driving to the net.

Tankers capture division title

Central Division crown is all Northville’s after convincing triumph

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs made short work of the competition when they raced in the Central Division’s swimming and diving championships last week.

The squad, coached by Rich Bennetts, scored 618.5 points to keep a healthy margin between them and second-place Livonia Stevenson, which scored 467.5. Novi was third with 433 while South Lyon finished with 373 and Salem with 312.

“It was a nice meet for the boys,” said Bennetts. “I would still like to see some better

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs swimming and diving team will compete in the Kensington Conference meet this week. The meet will be held at South Lyon East beginning noon Friday and continuing Saturday.

swimming from some of our guys next week, but we did meet the challenge today and found a way to win. We need to continue to improve.”

Northville will find it hard to improve on three of the races from the division meet. Andrew Westphal took first

in the 100 free with a blazing time of 49.72 seconds. The 200 free relay team, consisting of Westphal, Spencer Miller, Dawson Laabs and Chris Kim, took first in 1:31.19 while the team of Westphal, Sam Boyea, Miller and Kim swam to first in the 400 free relay with a time of 3:18.69.

One swimmer who really stood out in the meet was Nick Dufresne, who had a 30-second drop in his tie in the 200 free-style and a four-second drop in his time in the 100 butterfly — an event in which he captured 15th place.

“I was happy with the performances of some of our young-

er guys as well as some of the upper-classmen that were competing for spots on the conference team,” said Bennetts. “We have a great opportunity next week. It will be up to us to find out what we make of it.”

Northville’s other finishes in the division meet included: 200 free: Chris Kim (second place); Dennis Kim (5); Danny Teng (6); Sergio Reyes (10); Akbar Ariswala (13); Mark Kaminski (15); 200IM: Westphal (4); Nick Hayes (5); Scott Wang (6); Adam Curry (8); Laabs (10); Aaron Zalewski (14); Josh Liu (15); 50 free: Boyea (2); Spencer Miller (4); Mike Miller (8); Daniel

Brown (12/tie); Alec Latta (12/tie); Spencer Koblinski (14); Diving: Phillip Bondy (11); Troy Cini (12); 100 fly: Frank Zhang (5); Ariswala (6); Wang (7); Laabs (11); Tom Franchi (12); Nick Dufresne (15); Josh Dufresne (16); 100 free: Westphal (1); Boyea (3); Chris Kim (4); Spencer Miller (6); Fillippo Miavaldi (7); Curry (9); Latta (14); 500 free: Dennis Kim (6); Teng (9); Reyes (10); Matt Schafer (14); 100 back: Miavaldi (3); Hayes (7); Mike Miller (11); and the 100 breast: Alan Runa (6); Liu (7); Zalewski (12); Yash Bajaj (13); Christian Yap (14); and Sho Kikumori (16).

Mustangs have no trouble in victory

Girls team controls Waterford Mott from the start

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

From the very start of the contest against Waterford Mott, it was very clear that the

Northville Mustangs weren’t going to be satisfied with any outcome except a victory.

The Mustangs, coached by Todd Gudith, earned a con-

vincing 43-25 victory over Mott, controlling the contest in all aspects of the game.

A key to that dominance was controlling Mott’s best player,

Rachel Hung, a sophomore who was averaging 20 points per game coming into the contest. Northville held her to just nine points on the night.

“Our girls did a tremendous job on Hung,” said Gudith. “She’s got a knack for scoring. Mott’s success depends on her, so we knew she had to be limited.”

Mott wasn’t able to do the same thing against

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ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs will be back in action when they play in the district tournament Feb. 29 at Novi. They will play the winner of the Plymouth/South Lyon game.

Mustangs figure skaters having fun, earning big scores

Squad has 13 skaters and plenty of youthful energy

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

One thing that any program needs to have continued success is an influx of excited and talented underclassmen. The Northville High School figure skating team, coached by Sheri Combs, has just that.

This year, the team consists of three seniors, four juniors and six sophomores. It just so happens that total number — 13 — was less than Combs was hoping for this year.

“That is the smallest team we’ve had since I have been the coach,” said Combs, who is in her fourth year at the helm of the team. “But I believe we put our skaters in the best possible places to create three very strong teams.”

The program is split into three squads — an A, B and C team. The top skaters are put into the A team, followed by the intermediate skaters in the B team and the up-and-coming skaters in the C team.

One skater who knows how tough the A team can be is senior captain Jillian Kastely, who has been on the top squad all four years of her career at Northville.

“She shows such strong team spirit and great leadership as one of our senior captains,” said Combs. “She practices



Maya Warszawska, of Northville’s A Team, performs a split jump.

over 13 hours per week and many of our skaters look up to her. She is a great asset to our team.”

This year the team set a simple goal for themselves — topple perennial powerhouse United Farmington in their district tournament.

“They always have a

strong team, so we kind of joked that we just wanted to beat them this year,” Combs said.

And beat them they did. Northville’s A and C teams edged Farmington in the district this year. Northville is no stranger to success on the ice, however. Last year the

figure skating programs A team tied for first in the district while the B team was second and the C team finished fifth.

In the state finals, the A team finished in a tie for third while the B team walked away with the 13th spot.

This year, the A team



Northville A Team member Jillian Kastely shows her form in a combination spin.

tied for the district title with Plymouth Canton Salem, marking the second year in a row they will head to Traverse City and the state championships with a division title under their belt. The state finals will be held March 24 and 25.

The C team will also compete in the state finals after having a strong season and maintaining a first-place standing throughout the year.

The B team didn’t quite make the cut, missing a trip to the state finals by one place. The team

did see improvement throughout the year, however, pulling themselves from a three-way tie for sixth place in January to finishing in fourth in the district.

The team captains this year are seniors Jillian Kastely, Kathleen Crowley and Krista Learman. Juniors on the team are Alex Drayback, Maya Warszawska, Carolyn Zhang and Cassie Molinari. Sophomores include Lyndsy Allmacher, Olivia Scott, Susan Doong, Melissa Clawson, Morgan McCarter and Elizabeth Rourk.

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NORTHVILLE SPORTS ROUNDUP

Ferrante qualifies for indoor state track finals

Jason Ferrante was highlighted throughout his freshman cross country season at Northville High School as a player to watch in the coming years. He, apparently, decided not to wait, having come off that performance in the fall of last year and running straight into the state indoor track and field finals this winter.

Ferrante qualified for the state finals with a relay team that consists of Keegan Biegilski, Josh Miles and Tyler Hamilton. The team runs for the Michigan Accelerators and are coached by Francis McCawley.

The team qualified for the finals in the distance medley relay, running a time of 11:09:11 at the University of Michigan.

Competitive cheer season comes to an end

The Northville Mustangs competitive cheer team wrapped up their season last Saturday when they failed to qualify for the MHSAA regional meet.

The Mustangs, coached by Mindy Gentz, finished fifth in the MHSAA district tournament — just one place shy of advancing. The team had three strong performances but it was not enough to overtake North Farmington or Walled Lake Western and move on in the tournament.

“We had a very tough week heading into the meet,” said Gentz. “On Thursday, we had to pull a girl from round two due to an injury which forced us to change our numbers in the other rounds. On Friday, we had to pull another girl from all



Northville’s Jason Ferrante (second from left) joined up with Keegan Biegilski, Josh Miles and Tyler Hamilton as a member of a very speedy relay team that runs for the Michigan Accelerators club track and field squad. The four athletes qualified for the state indoor track and field finals this season.



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Before their meet against Livonia Churchill on Feb. 14, the Northville gymnastics squad participates in a fun group warm-up exercise on the mat.

three rounds due to an injury, which required the team to re-work our material for a second time in two days — the night before the district competition.”

Gentz said the team has nothing to be ashamed of and should look forward to next season and all the

experience they have gained.

“Although we did not advance to the Regional Meet, we are extremely pleased with how the team performed on Saturday given the circumstances we were faced with,” she said.

Outstanding perfor-

mances on the day were turned in by senior captain Rachel Polanski, who suffered an injury during round two and pushed through to complete all the requirements of the round and then went on to compete in round three, as well as the entire



Mustang gymnast Erin Warwood warms up on the bars on Feb. 14. Warwood competed despite two sprained ankles — one which she had a walking cast on during introductions.

round one team that turned in a strong performance, said Gentz.

Gymnastic team loses close match

It was the last dual meet of the regular sea-

son and the Northville Mustangs gymnastics team did exactly what they’ve done all season long — show their determination, their grit and their ability to improve.

Unfortunately, the squad, coached by Erin McWatt, took a tough loss to Livonia red, 135.8-131.35.

McWatt noted that strong performances were turned in by Morgan Price on the vault, who scored an 8.6, and Taylor Dempsey on the beam, who also scored an 8.6. Daisy Ference scored an 8.45 on the bars, the same score given by the judges to Victoria Clay for her floor exercise.

Compo and Maresh heading for state wrestling finals

Northville will be represented by two outstanding wrestlers when the MHSAA individual state finals kicks off March 1 at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Travis Compo and Trevor Maresh earned a right to move on after having outstanding performances at the regional tournament in Saline last week.

Maresh earned a win by fall in the opening round of his 171-pound division and then collected a shutout victory in the semi finals. He lost in the finals, 3-1, to the top ranked wrestler in the state.

Compo took a loss in the first round before earning a 1-0 win in the second round and a win via last-second takedown in the consolation round to earn a trip to the finals.

Northville’s Andy Boyd also competed, ending his senior year in the regional tournament.

— By Sam Eggleston



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Northville Prep hockey team heading to state championships, league semis

The Northville Prep hockey team has obviously saved its best hockey for last.

The Broncos, 21-8-1 overall, have roared through the preliminary rounds of the Great Lakes Prep Hockey League Playoffs and Michigan Amateur Hockey Association District playoffs. As a result, Northville will play in the League semifinals on Saturday, Feb. 25 and have qualified for the state championship tournament to be held March 9-11 in Jackson.

Strong goaltending, an improving defense and quick-strike offense have all contributed throughout the playoff run, which has seen Northville outscore its opponents 24-13.

Northville 5, Lakeland 4

The Broncos started out District playoff play with a hard-fought 5-4 win over Lakeland on Feb. 1. Northville went on top quick, springing to a 3-0 first-period lead. Ryan Bloom scored off a perfect pass from Dominic DiComo for the first goal of the game. Nick Strom then fed Christopher Tripi, who scored on a breakaway. Nick Stegmeyer made it 3-0 on the power play goal with 71 seconds left in the period off a pass from



The Northville Prep Hockey Team celebrates Henry Chang's goal that advanced the Broncos to the state championship tournament March 9-11 in Jackson.

Troy Youmans. Lakeland kept the game tight and pulled within 3-2 midway through the second period. Bloom pushed the lead back to two goals with 4:35 to play in the period with Youmans picking up his second assist. The Eagles cut the lead to 4-3 just over a minute

later, but Bloom netted the eventual game-winner with another set-up from DiComo in the waning seconds of the game. Lakeland tallied a goal midway through the third period but it could not get an equalizer against goalie Nick Zalewski.

Clarkston 3, Northville 1

Despite beating Clarkston in their two regular season matchups, the Wolves dominated Northville on Feb. 4 in a 3-1 victory in the opening league playoff game. After a scoreless first period, Clarkston went on top 1-0 early in the second period. Bloom evened the game minutes later with assists from Tyler Marcotte and DiComo. Clarkston came back with goals late in the period to go up by two goals. The Broncos attempted a furious rally in the third period, outshooting the Wolves 11-3, but they could not cut the deficit. Clarkston outshot Northville in the game 32-20.

Northville 4, Clarkston 1

Two days after play-

ing Clarkston in a league playoff contest, Northville faced the Wolves in a District playoff and this time the result was more favorable, a 4-1 win. Clarkston hopped on top 1-0 early in the second period. Tripi tied it at 1-1 with 6:18 left in the period with assists to Stegmeyer and Tim Eis. Marcotte tallied the eventual game-winner less than two minutes later. Stegmeyer and Henry Chang both assisted on the goal. The Broncos added two more goals in the third period. DiComo scored off a pass from Sean O'Malley and Kyle Wright finished the scoring with assists to Taylor Turner and Cameron Layne. Zalewski got the win in goal.

Northville 4, Shamrock Prep 3 (OT)

Needing a win to clinch an automatic spot in the state championship tournament, Northville used overtime to beat Shamrock Prep 4-3 on Feb. 11. Tripi gave the Broncos a 1-0 lead just over six minutes into the

game with assists to Alex Ridener and Chang. The Rocks responded by scoring the next three goals. Northville had a two-man advantage for nearly three minutes, but was unable to capitalize on it. However, the Broncos were able to earn two goals in the final 7:16 of the period to even the game at 3-3. Bloom started it off with a wrist shot from 5-feet out with assists going to Wright and Layne. Kelan Flayer tied it at the 3:31 mark with a close-range shot with Eis and Turner picking up the assists. In overtime, Tripi stole the puck in the Shamrock zone and sent a pass back to Chang near the blue line who fired in the game-winning goal. Goalie Jeremy Onofrio had several big saves in recording the win.

Northville 3, Farmington Unified 1

Three third-period goals, including two by Bloom, propelled Northville to a 3-1 league playoff win over Farmington Unified on Feb. 12.

The Flyers netted their only goal 50 seconds into the game. Bloom evened it at 1-1 at 13:10 of the third period with assists to Stegmeyer and DiComo. Just over three minutes later, he put Northville ahead for good with an unassisted goal. Ridener sealed the victory when he converted a pass from Strom with under two minutes left. Zalewski earned the win in goal.

Northville 4, Novi 1

Another strong defensive effort and a hat trick were the needed ingredients in a 4-1 league playoff victory over Novi on Feb. 15. Bloom scored the first two goals of the game and gave the Broncos a 2-0 lead after one period. He notched his first goal off a pass from Stegmeyer and then got his second tally when he tipped in a shot from Sean O'Malley. After Novi cut the deficit in half midway through the second period, Bloom set up Youman's goal from 30 feet out. Bloom then capped the scoring with an empty-netter with just over a minute left. The defense comprised of Youmans, Chang, Strom, Chaudoin and Drake Eaton played one of its best games of the year and helped Onofrio pick up the win in the nets.

Northville 7, Shamrock Prep 3

The Broncos secured a spot in the league semifinals with a 7-3 win over Shamrock Prep on Feb. 17. The Rocks scored first, but Northville responded with five straight goals to put the game away. Eis started the spurt and was joined by Stegmeyer and Bloom in the scoring column during the opening period. Flayer and Bloom added goals in the second period to push the margin to 5-1. The Broncos finished the scoring with third-period goals by Eis and DiComo. Zalewski registered his fourth playoff win.

— By Bob Tripi

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MUSTANGS

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Northville. Senior Alex Moynes lit up the scoreboard as she put on a scoring clinic, single-handedly pouring in 24 points, nearly surpassing Mott's team total.

What's more impressive is that she only played the first three quarters of the game.

Senior Meredith Williams added eight points in the winning effort.

"Offensively we just pounded the ball inside but didn't force it,"

said Gudith. "It was an obvious mismatch, size wise, and Alex finished well around the rim."

The Mustangs jumped out to a 12-4 lead in the first quarter and held it as they entered halftime with a 21-14 advantage. They increased their lead in the third

quarter with 16 points while holding Mott to just five. The two teams each scored six points in the final stanza.

Northville also rebounded well, grabbing 35 boards on the night to Mott's 20.

The Mustangs are now 12-7 overall.

NOVI TOWNSHIP BOARD

The Novi Twp. Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year on March 13, 2012 at 7:30 pm at 44020 Cottisford. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at 44020 Cottisford. Individuals with disabilities requiring assistance may contact the clerk at (248) 231-6210.

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Northville picks up win in KLAA tournament

Squad defeats Plymouth in very low-scoring affair

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

If you're a fan of a high-scoring basketball game, then you either are glad you missed Northville's victory over Plymouth last week or you bemoaned the defensive struggle the entire time you were in attendance.

The Mustangs, coached by Todd Sander, earned a victory in the KLAA tournament with a 37-34 victory over the Wildcats.

From the start, it was a game of strong defense and too many turnovers as the Mustangs found themselves trailing their foes, 8-6, heading into the second quarter. That period of play wasn't much more conducive to a scoring environment and the two teams continued to ply successful defensive strategies against one another. Northville's consistent play, however, kept the Wildcats from putting in too many points and helped them chip into the lead by one point. The team headed into the locker room trailing, 15-14.

ON TAP

Northville was slated to play in the KLAA tournament yesterday against John Glenn. Game time was after the sports section went to press.

strong inside play by Steward Henzi and outside shooting by Brett MacDonald, let them go on a 7-0 run to start the half.

Northville capped it off with two steals by Andrew Meacham and Jeff Gertley that were converted into points, followed by a strong rebound and put back by Meacham with time expiring to give his squad a 31-21 lead going into the final quarter.

Northville's defense held on for the win despite the Wildcats outscoring Northville in the fourth quarter, 13-6. Meacham had two key blocks in the game while Jeff Hewlett took one for the team and was awarded a charge call against Plymouth. He sunk both free throws with 1.5 seconds left to keep the game out of reach.

Meacham scored 13 points, pulled down six rebounds and had three blocked shots and three steals in the victory. MacDonald added seven points and three rebounds of his own while Henzi had six points and five rebounds.

NORTHVILLE SPORTS BRIEFS

Men's lacrosse

Registration for Northville Men's Lacrosse is now underway and closes Feb. 26. Please go online to www.mustangslax.com to download the registration information sheet.

Please turn in this form to the Northville High School athletic office along with a physical form. The coach also has an online team expectations which will need to be completed prior to tryouts. This is also available on the website.

Tryouts will be held from 3:30-5 p.m. March 12 at Total Sports (30990 Wixom Road, Wixom).

For more information, contact Kim Cooke at kdcooke@aol.com, Patty Williams at willismsu@yahoo.com or Coach Durham at gdurham13@gmail.com.

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.

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.

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For questions contact Laurel Brady at Ldsm@msn.com or Cathy Vogel at 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 advanced, are invited to join the teams. Season runs March-May.

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Northville Rowing Club is looking for current Northville High School students interested in rowing during the spring 2012 season, March through early June.

Rowing, also called Crew, is a co-ed club sport consisting of both men's and women's teams. No prior experience is necessary — all you need is a willingness to learn and a desire to compete.

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Shamrocks advance to state finals

Team heads to Battle Creek, 10 individuals head to Palace

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks had one goal in mind when they started this season — win a state championship as a team and qualify as many grapplers for the individual state finals as possible.

They are one step closer to the former goal after a dominating victory over Livonia Franklin, 83-0, followed by a 70-9 win over Farmington in the regional tournament.

The team will compete in the quarterfinals starting Friday at 5:30 p.m. as they begin their quest for their second team state title in three years.

The team also qualified 10 individual wrestlers for the state finals. Seven of those 10 will be No. 1 seeds after winning their regional tournament brackets.

Sophomore Malik Amine was one of the wrestlers who earned a No. 1 seed, his coming off a big 8-6 victory over Canton's Alex Pantaleo in the finals. Also winning titles were Kevin Beazley (189-pound division), Drew Garcia (171), Alex Mooradian (152), Ken Bade (130), TJ Fagan (125) and Trevor Zdeb-ski (103).

Bob Coe took second place after a tough loss to Temperance Bedford's Logan Rimmer, the No. 1 ranked wrestler in the heavyweight division. The match went through four overtime periods before Coe, a junior, took the loss.

Taking third for the Shamrocks was senior Nick Mason, who wrestles at 160 pounds, while freshman Myles Amine took fourth at 112.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

CC's Zachary Colone, top, nears pinning his Livonia Franklin opponent on Feb. 15 at Garden City High.

**CITY OF NORTHVILLE
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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:

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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
2012 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW**

The Northville Township 2012 Board of Review will conduct hearings on the following dates for appeals from citizens, regarding the 2012 assessment, at the Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road. All appeals are by appointment. **Beginning Monday, February 27, 2012 you may call (248) 348-5810 to schedule an appointment. Letters of appeal must be received by March 17, 2012. Postmarks are not accepted.**

Tuesday	March 06, 2012	1:00 pm	Organizational Meeting
Appointment Dates:			
Monday	March 12, 2012	9:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Appointments Appointments Appointments
Tuesday	March 13, 2012	9:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Appointments Appointments Appointments
Wednesday	March 14, 2012	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Appointments Appointments
Thursday	March 15, 2012	9:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm 6:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Appointments Appointments Appointments
Friday	March 16, 2012	9:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Appointments Appointments
Saturday	March 17, 2012	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Appointments

All persons protesting their assessment must complete a petition (form L-4035) which can be obtained at Northville Township Hall or at www.michigan.gov/treasury . Click on Forms, then click Property Tax, Board of Review (L-4035)

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

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**SYNOPSIS
FEBRUARY 16, 2012 - REGULAR MEETING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

DATE: Thursday, February 16, 2012
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road
CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
ROLL CALL: **Present:** Mark Abbo, Supervisor; Sue Hillebrand, Clerk; Margorie Banner, Trustee; Marv Gans, Trustee; Mindy Herrmann, Trustee; Christopher Roosen, Trustee
Absent: Richard Henningsen, Treasurer
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- Agendas:** **A.** Approve the Consent and Regular Agendas and add 5.E and 5.F.
- Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**
A. Moraine PTA Charitable Gaming License - approved
B. Costigan, Judy – re-appoint to Economic Development Corp. - approved
C. Refunding 2003 Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds Resolution - approved
D. Parks and Recreation Resolution – Master Plan – approved with amendment
E. Resolution in honor of Trustee Gans - approved
- Public Hearing: None**
- Brief Public Comments:** State Senator Colbeck spoke re: the budget that was presented 02/09/12 and stressed the importance of promoting business in the community. Resident had questions re: the Seven Mile property.
- New Business:**
A. DPS – Repair to HVAC System - approved
B. Public Safety – Patrol Vehicle Purchase - approved
C. The Senior Alliance match – approved
D. DPS – Purchase – Cargo Van - approved
E. Detective Bureau Vehicle Lease - approved
F. Rescind Motion – Police Vehicle - approved
- Unfinished Business: None**
- Ordinances: None**
- Bills Payable:** **A.** Bills payable in the amount of \$1,706,544.35 - approved
- Board Communication & Reports:** **Reports were given by** Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Mindy Herrmann, Christopher Roosen, Chip Snider
- Any other business or public comment for the Board of Trustees: None**
- ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

A draft of the unapproved minutes will be available in the Clerk's office after 02/29/12

Respectfully submitted:
Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.

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3. Why did you choose the Northville area?

I was born and raised in Northville, so I naturally gravitated back here. In fact, I used to deliver the paper you are now reading. Northville and the surrounding area is such a special place. There is so much opportunity here, and the people and sense of community in this region is magnetic.

4. What makes your business unique?

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6. Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

I've met many of my clients and interesting people by knocking on their front door and introducing myself. One time, a gentleman answered his door and after we spoke a few minutes, he was joined by his wife. She kept looking at me with a funny grin until she had an epiphany -- many years earlier she had been my second grade schoolteacher. I had not seen her since I was at the school, and I complimented her on her terrific memory.

7. How has the recent economy affected your business?

The recent economic downturn has actually strengthened my relationships with my clients and provided opportunities for growth. Whether there is fear and volatility or economic expansion and relative calmness, I make communication a priority because I want to identify any changes in my clients' situations so we can adapt accordingly. Taking care of my clients has helped me earn some very strong relationships with new clients through referrals.

8. Any advice for other business owners?

Work hard at what you love and have balance in your life. Pray, eat well, get plenty of sleep and

DETAILS

Business name and address:

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Name / Title: Ian A. Waldo,
financial advisor, wealth man-
agement specialist

Hometown: Northville

Business opened when: 1989

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Email: ian.waldo@raymond-
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exercise. Tell and show the people whom you are close with that you love them. Never stop learning or get stagnant. All of these things have helped me reach my personal best and have improved my successfulness as a business owner.

9. What's in store for the future of your business?

I'm excited to have the opportunity to continue to help my clients take the right steps to achieve their personal goals. The current economic climate has been tough since southeast Michigan continues to struggle, but I am excited to be a part of our region's recovery.

GUEST COLUMN

Learn the basics of life insurance

By Paul E. Housey

Guest Columnist

For a vast majority of working Americans, life insurance should be used to replace their future earnings in the event of an untimely death. Those with others (spouse, children, parents, siblings, etc.) depending on their income should be sure they have the right type and amount of life insurance.

Life insurance falls into two broad categories -- term and permanent.

- Term provides insurance coverage for a period of time, most commonly 10, 20 or 30 years. Typically, at the end of this time period, the insurance coverage stops and your policy has no value.

- Permanent includes universal, whole and variable and is meant to last for your entire life. The premiums are generally much higher than term insurance, particularly in the early years.

Before you buy life insurance, ask yourself what you are insuring. Most often, the answer is your future income -- from tomorrow until retirement. Most people need a lot of insurance when their kids are young and their investment portfolio is small. As your kids move toward adulthood and your portfolio grows, your need to replace your income with life insurance will likely decrease. For those who plan adequately for their retirement, your life insurance needs should be minimal by the time you retire.

Therefore, in my opinion, term should be the preferred option for most people, especially in a bad economy when money is tight. Because insurance agents receive higher commissions on permanent products, you might have been told permanent is right for you. Again, ask yourself what you are insuring.

Permanent policies do serve an important purpose for a smaller number of people including those caring for someone with special needs or who need insurance to pay estate taxes on a multi-million dollar estate. Permanent can also be useful for those in high-income tax brackets looking for tax-advantaged savings vehicles after they have maximized their 401(k), 403(b), IRAs, Roth's and 529's.



Paul E. Housey

Where should you get your insurance?

Many people have a majority of their life insurance through their employer. According to the Life Insurance and Market Research Association (LIMRA) (2010) only 44 percent of U.S. households have individual life insurance -- a 50-year low. Simply being covered by a plan at work does not mean that you have the right amount or the right price.

Group plans are either employer- or employee-paid.

- Employer-paid coverage is a 'free' benefit. If the insurance amount is greater than \$50,000 the worker will have to pay some tax for receiving the benefit, but only a small amount compared to the generous benefit.

- Employee-paid coverage is more difficult to evaluate because you are paying the costs. Normally, I am more comfortable with life insurance owned outside of the employment relationship. For healthy workers, term insurance outside of the group plan is often much less expensive over time than coverage at work. Further, if your employment or insurance coverage ends without much notice you may lose your coverage completely or be disappointed with the available options if you want to keep that coverage.

Here are four action steps you should take:

- Determine how much coverage you need based on your projected future income.
- Start with term insurance unless you have a specific need for the more expensive permanent options.
- Don't expect that employer paid coverage will always be there. Purchase additional insurance as if the employer paid coverage did not exist.
- Shop the price of insurance by comparing the estimated costs of your employee paid group insurance (over the period of time in which you need insurance) to a term policy purchased independently.

Paul E. Housey, MBA, CPA, CFP, is president of the Financial Planning Group of Snook Housey Advisors, Inc. in Troy and teaches financial planning at Walsh College. Contact him at 248-458-1100 or phousey@snookhousey.com.

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Guard against home heating fires this winter

In 2009, heating equipment was involved in an estimated 58,900 reported U.S. home structure fires, with associated losses of 480 civilian deaths, 1,520 civilian injuries, and \$1.1 billion in direct property damage. These fires accounted for 18 percent of all reported home fires, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

Based on 2005-09 annual averages:

- Heating equipment fires accounted for 18 percent of all reported home fires in 2009 (second behind cooking) and 22 percent of home fire deaths.
- Space heaters, whether portable or stationary, accounted for one-third (32 percent) of home heating fires and four out of five (79 percent) of home heating fire deaths.
- The leading factor contributing to home heating fires (26 percent) was failure to clean, principally creosote from solid-fueled heating equipment, primarily chimneys.
- Placing things that can burn too close to heating equipment or placing heating equipment too close to things that can burn, such as upholstered furniture, clothing, mattress, or bedding, was the leading factor contributing to ignition in fatal home heating fires and accounted for more than half (53 percent) of home heating fire deaths.
- Half (49 percent) of all home heating fires occurred in December, January and

February.

The United States Fire Administration's Winter Residential Building Fires report shows that each winter an estimated 108,400 residential building fires occur in the United States, resulting in 945 deaths, 3,825 injuries, and \$1.7 billion in property loss. Cooking is the leading cause of winter residential building fires at 36 percent followed by heating at 23 percent. Winter residential building fires occur mainly in the early evening hours, peaking from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"The winter season brings the highest number of home fires, more than at any other time of year," said USFA's Deputy Fire Administrator Glenn Gaines. "Home fires increase in part due to cooking and heating. Winter storms can also interrupt electrical service and cause people to turn to alternative heating sources that contribute to the increased risk of fire during the winter months."

The NFPA and USFA recommend following these safety tips to prevent winter home fires:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period, turn off the stove.
- Space heaters need space; keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from each heater.
- Check electrical cords often and

replace cracked or damaged electrical or extension cords. Do not try to repair them.

•Never use your oven or stovetop to heat your home. They are not designed for this purpose and can be a fire hazard. In addition, carbon monoxide (CO) gas might kill people and pets.

•Avoid using lighted candles. If you must use candles, place them in sturdy candleholders that won't burn.

•If you smoke, use only fire-safe cigarettes and smoke outside.

For more information about the causes of winter fires, winter storm fire safety, and tips that will help prevent the incidence of fire in the home, visit the USFA website at www.usfa.fema.gov/winter and the NFPA website at www.nfpa.org/winter.

Security cameras: Get pro advice

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist



Robert Meisner

Q: We are thinking about installing security cameras in the common areas. What do you think of that idea?

A: You and your association's Board of Directors should review and update your community's security measures at regular intervals. With respect to installing security cameras, you might consider installing them in parking lots and common areas on the property. Like any security measure, there are pros and cons to using security cameras to see suspicious activity before a crime is committed or using footage after the crime is committed to identify perpetrators and aid police in finding them. Before installing and using security cameras to monitor the community association, you should weigh the benefits and downsides to doing so and consult with a security expert as well as your attorney.

Q: I was planning to invest in New Orleans and I am wondering if you have had any experience recently with respect to the business and/or real estate climate?

A: While New Orleans has made a vibrant recovery, there are still remnants of many blocks of vacant property as a result of Hurricane Katrina and, unfortunately, a very tall building near the Super Dome, which apparently became mold infested and, is totally unoccupied and an eyesore. The St. Charles trolley line proceeds almost to where it used to end and tourism seems to be picking up. The business climate has still not reached the level it was prior to the hurricane. There may be opportunities in terms of revitalization monies, and the Police Department has made strides in terms of taking care of what was a great deal of corruption and crime. You are best advised to consult with a knowledgeable real estate person in the area as well as a real estate attorney before making any business investments or real estate purchases.

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 brmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 7-11, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON
2358 Arcadia Dr \$64,000
2430 Arcadia Dr \$70,000
1957 Bellingham St \$140,000
8370 Brewster Ln \$245,000
48276 Central Park Dr \$395,000
8588 Congress Dr \$193,000

1263 E Crystal Cir \$195,000
1291 E Crystal Cir \$205,000
44618 Forest Trail Dr \$169,000
41546 Haggerty Woods Ct \$131,000
7325 Heron Way \$380,000
39909 Hillary Dr \$114,000
7265 Lyndhurst Dr \$280,000
8180 N Ridge Rd \$400,000
43913 Palisades Dr \$104,000
6004 River Run Ct \$300,000
45310 Rudgate Rd \$150,000
1452 S Lotz Rd \$150,000
42657 Somerset Dr \$145,000
47111 Woodlong Dr \$257,000
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33158 Allen St \$115,000
15161 Auburndale St \$79,000

14406 Blackburn St \$115,000
15056 Blue Skies St \$132,000
15067 Blue Skies St \$130,000
14122 Cardwell St \$88,000
16243 Country Club Dr \$182,000
14154 Denne St \$130,000
14908 Ellen Dr \$113,000
18968 Floral St \$15,000
8982 Fremont St \$62,000
14212 Hubbard St \$135,000
28140 Lyndon St \$138,000
11307 Mayfield St \$120,000
28731 Minton Ct \$55,000
36902 Munger St \$53,000
28143 N Clements Cir \$75,000
33813 Oakdale St \$212,000
17311 Oporto Ave \$110,000
18768 Southampton St \$220,000

31023 W Chicago St \$106,000
14405 Westmore St \$146,000
16771 Yorkshire St \$255,000
NORTHVILLE
45849 Fermanagh Dr \$446,000
18842 Heather Ridge Dr \$518,000
20145 Silver Spring Dr \$52,000
20181 Valley St \$160,000
PLYMOUTH
12937 Andover Dr \$247,000
8811 Briarwood Dr \$102,000
15102 Lakewood Dr \$210,000
9639 McClumpha Rd \$293,000
685 McKinley St \$365,000

261 N Evergreen St \$273,000
305 N Evergreen St \$221,000
11872 Talltree Dr \$238,000
1064 William St \$525,000
REDFORD
8890 Appleton \$55,000
25356 Ivanhoe \$27,000
20566 Negaunee \$12,000
9027 Riverview \$62,000
14834 Seminole \$90,000
WESTLAND
7352 Arcola St \$39,000
7777 Carrousel Blvd \$94,000
31637 Conway Dr \$52,000
7350 Gilman St \$49,000
8561 Haller St \$65,000
8241 N Henry Ruff Rd \$65,000
1801 S John Hix St \$70,000
2152 Wilshire St \$112,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

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

BEVERLY HILLS
16954 Wetherby St \$149,000
BIRMINGHAM
1380 Bird Ave \$475,000
1482 Bowers St \$175,000
1964 Cole St \$152,000
1403 Hazel St \$558,000
630 Henrietta St \$390,000
964 Pierce St \$245,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS
2330 Heronwood Dr \$570,000
88 Marlborough Dr \$127,000
3960 Far Hill Dr \$175,000
1750 Trailwood Path # D \$66,000
32 Vaughan Ridge Rd \$292,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP
4730 Avondale Ter \$627,000
5253 Fairmont Hill Ct \$263,000

5568 Fieldston Ct \$318,000
375 N Cranbrook Cross Rd \$487,000
825 N Pemberton Rd \$102,000
1583 Old Chatham Dr \$174,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP
650 Candela \$115,000
1720 Carriage Hl \$310,000
1849 Carriage Hl \$282,000
4888 Greenview Ct \$200,000
4843 Hummingbird \$230,000
9125 Marilyn Ter \$98,000
5904 Strawberry Cir \$318,000
5928 Strawberry Cir \$334,000
6042 Strawberry Cir \$280,000
2920 Windwood Ct \$300,000
FARMINGTON
33750 Alta Loma Dr \$180,000
23061 Farmington Rd \$163,000
33928 Grand River Ave \$230,000
FARMINGTON HILLS
25170 Appleton Dr \$160,000
27273 Arden Park Cir \$105,000
29721 Beacontree St \$119,000
27920 Berrywood Ln Unit 40 \$35,000
30184 Briarton St \$125,000
28872 Glenarden St \$163,000
34030 Hillside Ct \$125,000

22377 Inkster Rd \$56,000
33723 Kirby St \$106,000
28026 Statler Ln \$152,000
29880 W 12 Mile Rd \$30,000
22042 W Brandon St \$57,000
36212 W Lyman Rd \$135,000
32022 Wayburn St \$115,000
FRANKLIN
30065 Hickory Ln \$150,000
32259 Scenic Ln \$633,000
MILFORD
720 E Maple Rd \$140,000
912 Queen St \$80,000
1575 S Hickory Ridge Rd \$115,000
1940 Scenic Dr \$365,000
590 Tower Ridge Ct \$235,000
NOVI
21855 Arbor Ln \$180,000
22049 Barclay Dr \$430,000
23053 Brookforest \$198,000
23651 Dunston Rd \$216,000
43029 Emerson Way \$220,000
27113 Maxwell Ct \$195,000
22636 Mondavi Dr \$50,000
23650 N Rockledge \$37,000
24501 Park Ridge Ct \$184,000
22139 Shadybrook Dr \$220,000
1127 South Lake Dr \$55,000

25671 Strath Haven Dr \$215,000
27171 Victoria Rd \$281,000
30224 Viewcrest Ct \$239,000
42762 Wimbeldon Way \$280,000
SOUTH LYON
60587 Gary Ct \$240,000
54771 Grefelefe Cir E \$320,000
753 Knollwood Cir \$130,000
SOUTHFIELD
27220 Bradford Ln \$125,000
20880 Duns Scotus St \$62,000
23389 Grayson Dr \$28,000
18556 Hilton Dr \$55,000
24050 Lee Baker Dr \$43,000
18501 Mount Vernon St # 9-5 \$37,000
20100 Secluded Ln \$14,000
27349 Selkirk St \$96,000
30453 Shoreham St \$82,000
28266 Tapert Dr \$80,000
26918 W 12 Mile Rd \$29,000
21280 Wallace Dr \$8,000
29460 Woodhaven Ln \$130,000
WHITE LAKE
8815 Glasgow Dr \$150,000
1971 Kingston St \$101,000
35 N Hulbert St \$178,000
325 Shotwell Ct \$135,000

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BIA courses

Building Industry Association of South-eastern Michigan (BIA) will present all three courses needed for Certified Aging-in-Place designation by the National Association of Home Builders. Don Pratt, CAPS, CGB, CGR of CECS of Michigan, LLC will be the instructor for all three courses. He will cover the technical, business management and

customer service skills essential for competing in this fast growing segment of residential construction.

CAPS I, Marketing and Communication Strategies for Aging and Accessibility, will be held on Monday, March 12. CAPS II, Design/Build Solutions for Aging and Accessibility, will be held on Tuesday, March 13. Business Management, the third course

required for this designation, will be held on Wednesday, March 14. Each session runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Association Offices, 2075 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

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The Elephant In The Interview Room: Are You Being Passed Over Because Of Age?

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"I can see the look in people's eyes when they first greet me," says Bill Wood, a 64-year-old from Minneapolis, Minn., who is looking for a job in information technology. "It seems to say, 'This guy is going to retire soon; we don't want a short-term permanent employee.'"

Cyndi Pauwels, a writer in her 50s from Yellow Springs, Ohio, has had similar experiences. "I was told (second-hand, off-the-record) by a headhunter, 'We don't hire older workers.' I've read that the longer I'm unemployed, the less likely my chances are of finding anything, and I'm beginning to believe it."

The current recession has been particularly hard on older job candidates. In March 2011, the duration of unemployment for all seekers averaged 39 weeks. But in April, the average length of unemployment for people over 55 surpassed the year mark (53.6 weeks), according to an AARP analysis of Labor Department data. And while age discrimination is illegal, that certainly doesn't mean it isn't happening. Complaints filed with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission have increased 35 percent over the last three government fiscal years compared with the average of the three years prior.

What is behind the longer length of unemployment? Lisa Quast, author of "Your Career, Your Way!" and president of Career Woman Inc. in Seattle, Wash., notes the following:

Corporate downsizing during the recession eliminated many of the middle-management positions previously held by older workers. There are more entry-level positions available, and these are the positions into which young people are being hired. Higher-level positions are less numerous and harder to obtain, so it

can take longer for older workers to find an equivalent position to what they previously held.

Older workers are further up the career and salary ladder. Many do not want to take a position beneath their skill level, so they hold out on accepting lower-level positions, thus increasing the duration it takes to find a position.

Yet even when older workers are willing to settle for less, they often get passed over. "I have dropped my salary expectations to allow me to compete with younger candidates," Wood says. "The philosophy of industry in the past was to bring in 'young guns' that have fresh ideas and ways of doing things. Unfortunately for people in a similar position as me, companies are not changing that attitude and are missing out on a

golden opportunity to improve the business by utilizing experience."

Older workers often are perceived as outdated or stuck in their ways. Such stereotypes can be hard to shatter, but not impossible. "Show some enthusiasm. Discuss how you have been innovative and are a life-long learner," says Robin Ryan, author of "Over 40 & You're Hired!" "Demonstrate on a résumé and in interviews the results you have achieved in the last few years. Show recent training (especially your technical prowess) and innovations made on the job, such as creating something new, making process/system improvements or saving past employers money." Ryan also notes that many mature workers appear "weather-worn

and tired out" and suggests looking as vibrant as possible with a new hairstyle and a contemporary, well-fitting suit. While being lively is one thing, trying to hide your age can backfire. "In some cases, I see older workers removing the dates of their college degree(s) or their earliest jobs from their résumé in order to appear younger," Quast says. "However, savvy hiring managers are able to see the candidates in person and guesstimate age -- and may then be forced to ask candidates to explain holes in their résumé, leading to questions of integrity and additional embarrassment."

Focusing on what you can offer a company (wisdom and experience) rather than what you can't (youth) oftentimes sets the tone. "If you sense the hiring manager is worried about your age, then take the first step to put him at ease by explaining how you believe your knowledge, skills and experience would benefit him and the position," Quast says. "If you choose to ask about his concerns, do so in a highly professional manner, such as, 'Based on my education, skills and experience, are there any concerns you have that I am not qualified for this position?' The goal is to get the hiring manager to show his hand without you having to bring up the topic of age."

Finally, resist making blanket assumptions that companies only value youth. "The real-life experience of older workers can be of huge benefit in the business world, especially for start-up companies with a lot of young workers," Quast says. "If you are truly worried about your age being a negative factor, seek out companies who could benefit from your expertise and sell them on yourself and your skills!"

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