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The Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro will host Cathy Clough, author of "Death Happened, No What?" from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, March 24

She is the founder/director of New Hope Center for Grief Support, a non-profit Christian-based grief support center located in Northville. For over 25 years Clough has presented grief seminars and workshops locally and nationally, and has trained hundreds of people to facilitate grief groups.

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# Township sets sights on local sidewalks

By Lonnie Huhman  
Correspondent

There are at least eight reasons the current sidewalk along Eight Mile going west from Moraine Elementary School should be extended to Maybury Park,

according to Northville resident Susan Greenlee. These range from safety to giving her kids as well as other families better access to the "gem" just down the road. She said children, ages 12-16, want more outdoor options, but can't

drive and sometimes their parents are busy. Maybury is an ideal place to go explore. However, she added, "When I want them to go to Maybury Park there is no safe way for them to get there." This is a growing sentiment

in the Northville community. Recent surveys and questionnaires used to gauge the community interests for the five-year Parks and Recreation and Seven Mile Property master plans con-

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Northville School District Speech Pathologist Janice Nagle assists Hillside student Demarco Williams, 9, in using the EagleEyes device on March 8. EagleEyes allows handicapped students, who might not be able to control a mouse, to control a cursor on a computer screen by moving their head. Sensors, seen on the side of Williams' face, monitor which direction he's looking at and relay that information to the computer. The school district recently received a grant for the system, which is only one of two in all of Michigan's schools.

## EagleEyes: Technology 'opens so many doors' for disabled students

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Northville Public Schools student Demarco Williams was pretty excited about the EagleEyes computer-human interface system. Williams was among special needs students trying out the technology recently in a classroom at Hillside Middle School. "It's incredible the opportunities it's opening," Cooke School classroom teacher Lorie Farrow said of EagleEyes. "It opens so many doors

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The EagleEyes' controller box that is wired to the sensors attached to students' faces.

# Ridge Wood student with knife suspended

By Lonnie Huhman  
Correspondent

A student at Ridge Wood Elementary School has been suspended for bringing a knife to school on March 14, according to officials in the Northville Public Schools district.

A letter was sent out to the community via e-mail on Thursday with an update of the situation. According to Ridgewood Principal Alicia Parsons:

"A swift and prompt response took place to ensure the safety of students and staff following the reporting of a possible weapon at school. It was quickly realized that a fifth grade student was in possession of a knife. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those that brought this concern to the attention of the school so we could immediately respond to the situation."

According to the Northville Township Police Department, an investigation into this incident is ongoing. Consequences from the school are determined by the Board of Education and could range from long-term suspension to full expulsion.

In her letter, Parsons urged parents to please view this incident as an opportunity to speak with child(ren) about the seriousness of bringing any kind of weapon to school and the severity of disciplinary actions which could result. And she asked parents to join the school in reinforcing the importance of reporting any such information to school staff immediately.

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The knife incident was further addressed with students on Thursday afternoon with a number of talking points used to better inform them:

- A weapon in the form of a knife that had a blade longer than 3 inches was brought to school.
- Other students informed the appropriate adults as soon as possible.
- School personnel intervened and the knife was confiscated in the morning.
- The student who brought the knife has been suspended from school pending an investigation.



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# Davey gets 3-year mowing contract with city

By Lonnie Huhman  
Correspondent

After reviewing the recommendation made by the parks and recreation department, the City of Northville went ahead and approved a three-year lawn mowing and fertilization contract with Davey Commercial Grounds to perform these duties at the parks around the community.

Davey is an Auburn Hills-based company that has been doing these duties the last four years.

According to interim director Joanna Vaghy, the Northville Parks and Recreation Department had solicited competitive bids for these services from six companies. The contract is for the period 2012 – 2014. Davey came in with the lowest annual bid at \$111,980 while the highest came from the Brickman Group, based in Canton, which proposed an annual bid of \$123,845.

Vaghy said only two bidders met all of the requirements set out, which included using a specific fertilizer. Davey came in under the budgeted amount for this service, which was set at \$114,000.

Davey has held the mowing contract from 2008-2011. According to Vaghy, department staff is satisfied that the company can fulfill the requirements of the contract, which has an option for a one-year extension.

Park properties included in the contract are: Cabbagetown, Cady Street Dog Park, Fish Hatchery, Ford Field and Park, Henningsen, Millennium, Community, Community Park Dog Park, Sheldon Road, and Veteran's Memorial. Building properties included in the request for bids included the Northville Art House and Community Senior Center



Michigan State Rep. Kurt Heise, right, meets with some constituents at the Northville District Library recently.

# Heise opposed to cyber charter school bill

By Juilie Brown  
Staff Writer

State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, didn't mince words when it came to cyber charter schools in Michigan.

"Cyber schools is on the House floor," Heise said March 12, during a constituent meeting at the Northville District Library. "I'm still a no. The votes aren't there for it. It's going to be interesting to see what happens."

Cyber charters have operated in Michigan less than two years. "We don't have enough data," Heise said. He noted taxpayer money would follow operators, and there's little oversight of them. He trusts parents to do what's best, he said, but not necessarily providers.

"I think you need some of the human interaction that goes on with being in a school setting," said Heise, whose children attend

public schools.

He emphasized he's not opposed to cyber education, but that cyber charters are typically run by out-of-state providers. Homeschoolers in Michigan have been indifferent or even hostile to the concept, he said.

Heise would be more amenable on cyber charters with smaller caps. "Cyber charters in Michigan are still very much a work in progress," he said of the "largely unproven education technology." The two operators in Michigan have some 1,700 students.

## Trustee's concerns

In agreement was Anita Bartschat, a Northville Public Schools trustee and Northville Township resident who attended the session.

"I think that it's too soon to expand the program in Michigan," Bartschat said. Bartschat believes education is based on

the three R's of Rigor, Relevance and Relationships. "I think the cyber has a challenge meeting the Relationship aspect," she said, adding she's also concerned about the many children who lack access to a "learning coach" to assist with cyber learning.

Heise also touched on foundation allowance spending for public schools, which is the same as last year due to the state budget cycle. There are incentives for best practices such as merged services, which would increase per-pupil allocations.

"It is better than where we were a year ago, which was lousy," Heise said, adding retirement reform is the largest area open to change.

"We're hearing good stuff about the future, we're just not there yet," he said of the economy.

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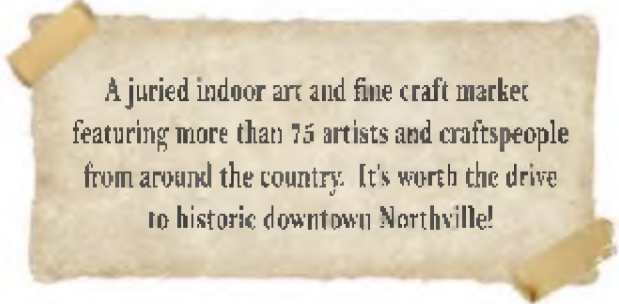
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in shorts and a T-shirt, Corey Burgol bikes through Northville's Maybury State Park on March 19. The area saw a high temperature in the upper 70s that day, well above normal for this time of year.

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# It felt like summer at state park

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Penny Brayfield of Plymouth Township had a great day to walk her dog Lyra on Monday. Spring was still a day away, but Brayfield and others took advantage of unseasonably warm weather to get outdoors at Maybury State Park. "Every day, every single day," she said of their visits to Maybury. "It has to be real bad when we don't come. She just needs her walk, she's so energetic."

Brayfield found the ear-

lier storms including tornados scary, but likes the spring weather. "The flowers are all out in the woods. It's amazing," said Brayfield. She loves being so close to the state park on 8 Mile west of Beck in Northville Township. "It's invaluable. You see all the folks here," said Brayfield. She's from England and "used to having space to roam." She finds it a great resource that's well run. "I think we're pretty lucky, really." Nearby at Maybury was fellow park visitor Patri-

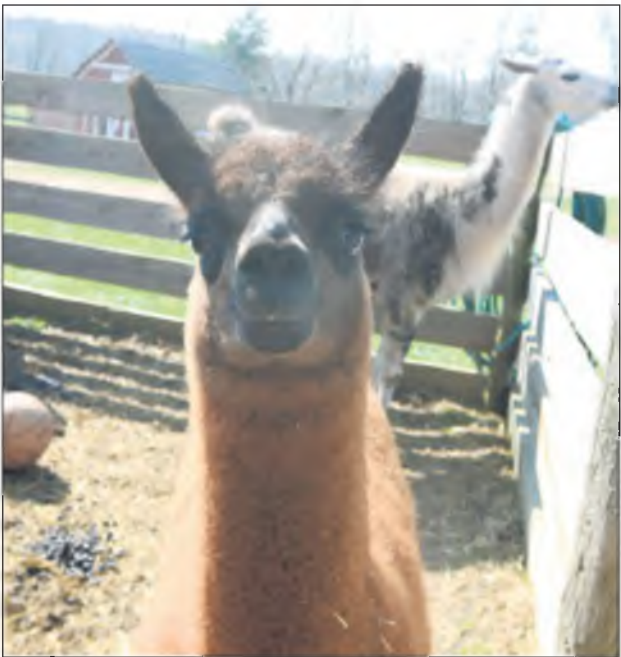
cia Olsen of Dearborn. "My husband and his brother are going mountain biking," she said. "I'm going to walk the dog. I love it, I love it." There are no bike trails by their home, so they drove to Northville Township. "Mountain trails and nature, I guess," she said. "It's gorgeous out here. I wish there was a park like this in Dearborn." Olsen was walking dog Koda that day, a common sight at Maybury. Other visitors rode bikes or hiked trails.

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# Spring has sprung Make it to Maybury this weekend

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

The Picks 'n' Sticks country band will visit Maybury Farm noon-4 p.m. this Saturday and Sunday. "They've come out different times to play," said Shari Peters, president of the Northville Community Foundation, which runs the farm on 8 Mile west of Beck in Northville Township. "They're a lot of fun." Hands-on maple syrup demonstrations are also ongoing at the farm, with tours 1, 2 and 3 p.m. both March 24-25 and also next weekend, Saturday, March 31, and Sunday, April 1. The warm weather hasn't pre-empted the maple syrup tapping demonstrations, Peters emphasized. April 3 will be opening day at the farm, which will be open noon-4 p.m. daily after that except Mondays. "We need one day to fix up," she said. The farm is now home to baby llama Brownie, born Jan. 19. "He's



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Maybury State Park recently welcomed this new llama to its group of three. Its name is Brownie, and it's located at the farm's main barn at 50165 8 Mile in Northville Township. the first llama we've had born on the farm," Peters said. Brownie was named by a Cooke School student, part of a group that helps out Thursdays at the farm. You can also buy maple syrup and honey at the farm Welcome Center. Those visiting should note the farm entrance is separate from and a short distance west of the Maybury State Park entrance. For information on Maybury Farm, call (248) 374-0200.

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SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE UPDATE

Trio pays homage to the Andrews Sisters in concert March 23

In the third installment of Schoolcraft College's 2011-12 Friday Evening Music Series, three local performers will pay homage to "America's Wartime Sweethearts," the Andrews Sisters, at 8 p.m. Friday, March 23 in the Presentation Room of the VisTaTech Center, located on the college's main campus in Livonia. Tickets are \$20 per person, \$10 for students.

Wendy Bloom, Elizabeth Major and Monica Swartout-Bebow have received rave reviews for tribute performances of the Andrews Sisters, one of the country's first widely recognized female singing groups.

Wendy Bloom, mezzo soprano, has a diverse artistic background that includes opera, oratorio, early music, chamber music, choral music, recitals, cabaret, and musical theatre. Her concert appearances have included performances with choral organizations throughout Michigan.

Soprano Elizabeth Manor has appeared as soloist with the Chicago, Grand Rapids, Ann Arbor and Illinois Symphonies and sung principal roles with the Lake George Opera Festival, Connecticut and Minnesota Operas. She is currently on the faculty of Adrian College.

Monica Swarout-Bebow, mezzo soprano, started her career singing jazz and cabaret and continues to appear at club and concert venues in the Midwest, including Davenport's in Chicago, the Kerrytown Concert House in Detroit, and the Toledo Museum of Art. She is currently an adjunct professor of voice at Eastern Michigan University.

The final performance of the 2011-12 Friday Evening Music Series will feature pianist Lori Sims on April 20. To order tickets visit [www.scbxoffice.com](http://www.scbxoffice.com) or for more information on this or any of Schoolcraft College's other music programs visit [www.schoolcraft.edu/music](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/music) or call the Music Office at (734) 462-4403.

Eighth-graders and parents can explore college options for free March 26

Eighth-grade students and their parents can get a head start on preparing for college by attending Middle School College Night at Schoolcraft College from 4-7 p.m. Monday, March 26 in the DiPonio Room of the VisTaTech Center on the college's main

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campus in Livonia.

Representatives from a variety of colleges will be available to speak with students. Schools attending include: Schoolcraft College, Central Michigan University, College for Creative Studies, Eastern Michigan University, Grand Valley State University, Lawrence Technological University, Madonna University, Michigan State University, Michigan Technological University, Northern Michigan University, Saginaw Valley State University, University of Michigan-Dearborn, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, Wayne State University and Western Michigan University.

Representatives from the Michigan Department of Education's College Access and Outreach department—Patty Hill and Peggy LaFleur—together with Diane Brewer from the Michigan Department of Treasury's MET/MESP department will present brief, 15 minute, "How to Pay for College" sessions for parents several times during the open house.

There will be information available on career trends, financial aid and scholarships, savings and investment ideas, high school course selection, ideas about getting ready for college, as well as tuition and cost information from universities and colleges in attendance.

Students who participate in at least three activities at each level—freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, college—are eligible for a special prize drawing. The activities range from science experiments, computer quizzes, hands-on challenges, or simple conversations with knowledgeable professionals designed to help students learn how the choices they make in high school create options for college. There will also be a grand prize raffle. Students can download a raffle ticket for entry into the drawing by visiting the Middle School College Night event page at [www.schoolcraft.edu/mscn](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/mscn), completing the information and bringing the ticket with them to the event.

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The Flying Oreos receive medals and high fives from the Robostangs at the Expo on March 17.

Robotics program expands into local elementaries

Last spring, Northville High School freshman Susan Doong wondered if there would be interest in expanding FIRST Robotics in Northville to the elementary school level.

In the fall, she held a meeting at Amerman Elementary to begin signing up students; around the same time Mrs. Andrea Barringer was organizing students at Ridge Wood Elementary. Although they anticipated a trial year with 10 or 15 kids, the Northville Junior First Lego League was formed with an overwhelming 16 teams with 86 excited 6- to 9-year-olds.

The FIRST Robotics Challenge (FRC) Robostangs have been successful at Northville High School for over 10 years and FIRST Lego League (FLL) is thriving at Meads Mill and Hillside middle schools.

FIRST stands for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology". Junior FIRST LEGO League (Jr. FLL) focuses on building an interest in science and engineering in children ages 6-9.

The JrFLL program features a real-world challenge to be solved by research, critical thinking and imag-

ination. Guided by adult coaches and the JrFLL Core Values, students work with LEGOS and moving parts to build ideas and concepts and present them for review. Each yearly Challenge has two parts, the LEGO Model & the Show Me Poster.

Teams with names like The Flying Oreos, The Dangerous Refrigerator Raiders and Lego My Eggos worked hard over the following months on this year's Challenge, Snack Attack. In the Snack Attack Challenge, over 12,000 6- to 9-year-olds from five countries took a hands-on approach to the topic of food safety by exploring how proper preparation and storage can help keep us healthy. Nine high school mentors attended the meeting to assist the students.

The culmination of the season was the teams showcasing their work at the 2012 Northville JrFLL Snack Attack Expo, organized by Robostang Susan Doong on March 17 at Northville High School. The teams presented their LEGO Model & Show Me poster to volunteer reviewers and participated in fun activities before receiving their JrFLL medals and Awards.

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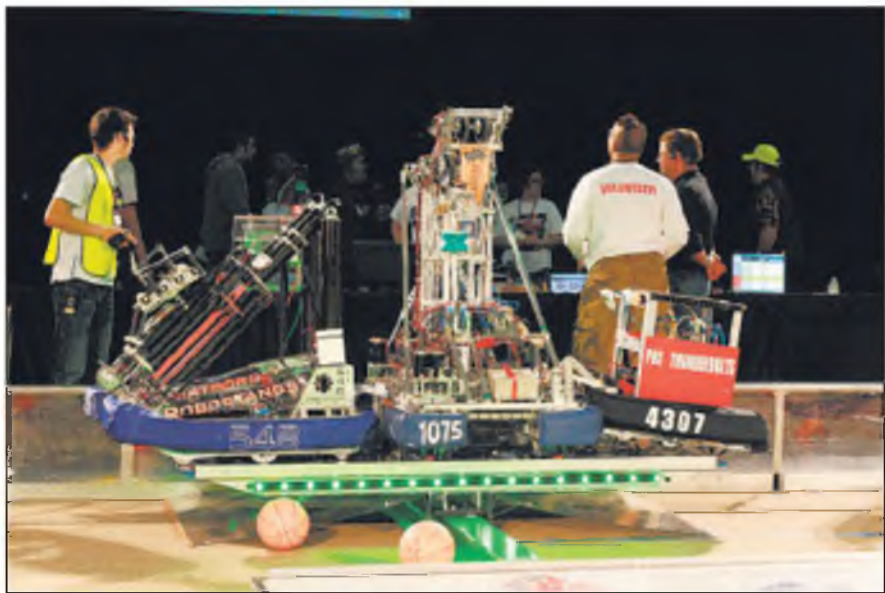
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Rebound Rumble



Forty high school robotics teams will be traveling to Northville to compete in the Northville FIRST Robotics District Competition Friday and Saturday. The Northville High School robotics team, the Robostangs, has been competing since 2001, but this is the first time Northville will be hosting a tournament. The game challenge this year is called Rebound Rumble, an exciting game played by two competing Alliances on a flat, 27-foot-by-54-foot field. Each Alliance consists of three robots from three high schools. They compete to score as many basketballs into their hoops as they can during a 2 minute and 15 second match. The match ends with robots attempting to balance on bridges located at the middle of the field. The event will be held in the gymnasium from 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday and 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday. The finals begin Saturday at 2 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, go to [www.Robostangs.com](http://www.Robostangs.com) or [www.firstinmichigan.org](http://www.firstinmichigan.org).

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NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

Meads Mills' Loebach wins essay contest

Local elementary and middle school students showed off their creativity recently during Community Financial's Presidents Day Essay Contest.

Almost 800 students sent in essays answering the question: Which U.S. President would you like to have lunch with and why? Each essay was read and reviewed by a committee of Community Financial team members and judged on creativity, clarity and overall success.

The winners are: Emily Loebach, Meads Mill Mid-

dle School (who wished to have lunch with President Lincoln) and Julie Shen, Miller Elementary School (who chose President Jefferson).

Both winners will receive \$100 cash along with lunch for their class with Community Financial President/CEO Bill Lawton. Ten finalists will each receive \$10 gift cards to Subway restaurants.

Overall, the students chose Abraham Lincoln more often than any other president with whom they'd like to have lunch. Presidents George Washington and Barack Obama finished second and third.



# Cancer diagnosis surprised these 3

By Sandra Armbruster  
Eccentric Staff Writer

**SOUTHFIELD** — Julie Moore figured being tired was no big deal. After all, she said, she has two teenage sons. But her doctor thought differently.

“I thank God she did,” Moore said. It turned out that Moore was extremely anemic, she said, and a colonoscopy was ordered.

“It all happened so fast,” she added. “I have a very strong faith.”

Indeed, Dr. Amir Damadi, who was performing a procedure in a room adjacent to where Moore’s colonoscopy was being performed, was called in to consult. Damadi is a co-originator of the colorectal center for excellence at Providence Hospital in Southfield. He removed a section of her colon through minimally invasive procedure called a laproscopic surgery that, he said, gets patients out of the hospital sooner and “lets them live a normal life.”

Moore, 45, was one



PHOTO BY SANDRA ARMBRUSTER

Glenn Gawronski describes how he felt following surgery for colon cancer. With him is Ila Onofrio, another patient of Dr. Amir Damadi. Those two along with Julie Moore spoke about the disease during Colon Cancer Awareness Month.

of three patients who, along with Damadi, spoke with the *South Oakland Eccentric* in Southfield’s Providence Hospital at the start of colon awareness month in March

The other two — Glenn Garowski and Ila Onofrio — joined Moore in expressing their appre-

ciation for the doctor during what was a trying time.

“You do think about your children,” said Moore, whose sons are ages 13 and 14. “We didn’t know how to really tell them. We didn’t want to scare them, but they need to know that life is not always

(rose). We did kind of sugar coat it.”

At Stage 2 for colon cancer, Moore is now going through chemotherapy.

“She’s going to have a wonderful outcome,” Damadi said.

The situation, and surgical outcome, was somewhat different for

Garowski, who had noted some blood in his stool.

Damadi explained that he knew something wasn’t right with Garowski’s situation, but didn’t say anything immediately. Usually a CT scan and other tests are performed before surgery, he said.

“In Glenn’s case, the (lesion) was very close to the end of the rectum ... In situations like that, I have to remove the entire area,” he said.

That meant that Garowski would have a permanent colostomy bag, something that Damadi said is pretty tough to talk with patients about.

“It was a shocker,” Garowski admitted. “I had limited understanding of the situation, but (I knew there would be) substantial changes in your plumbing.

“Boy, that’s not what I wanted to have. It’s like having a diaper for a 63-year-old.”

That was a year ago, and Garowski just had a check up with another CT scan and is awaiting the results.

## LEARN MORE

**What:** Dr. Amir Dimadi will be giving a lecture on colon cancer

**When:** 6:30 p.m. March 27

**Where:** Providence Park Hospital, 47601 W. Grand River, Novi. Use the Heart Institute entrance. Refreshments will be provided.

## Noticing a change

Ila Onofrio, 49, had noticed that she just didn’t “go” as much as she used to. She was 47 at the time. A lesion was found, requiring what Damadi said was more aggressive treatment.

“I went after everything I could,” the doctor said. Onofrio has had both chemotherapy and radiation.

“You do what you have to do,” Onofrio said. “I didn’t feel terrible.”

The three patients compared notes, but ultimately were hopeful.

Garowski said he is more aware of “my bodily functions, what and when I eat.” But for now he has “accepted what I am. A great support group makes a difference.”

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# Downtown merchants see hope for 2012, but concerns remain

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Chris Van Dam will mark 12 years in business with her ladies clothing store, Van Dam's, on Main in Northville this fall. "Last year was our best year," she said, pausing from duties amid racks of fashion. "Pretty exciting. I think the economy has turned around."

She draws customers from Northville and Plymouth, as well as Ann Arbor and West Bloomfield, noting some items are more unusual. "We change our windows every week and we do it on purpose," Van Dam said. Foot traffic's important in her business.

She added that unfortunately a lot of other boutiques have closed recently. "It's good for us but it's always sad to see," she said.

**'Events are fabulous'**

Van Dam likes the Victorian Festival, Buy Michigan Festival and others. "Very good," she said. "Events are fabulous. Our best weekend is during Victorian Festival. It brings so many people into town."

The First Friday events of the Northville Central Business Association also help her. "I'm hoping it's going to beat 2011," she said of business this year. "That's always the goal."

Around the corner on Center, Tiffany Zendejas was minding the store at the Sincerely Yours stationery/invitation shop she owns.

She's been in that location two and a half years and was in Novi for nine years before that. Zendejas likes events of the NCBA and Downtown Development Authority, mentioning the Movies at the Marquis series.

"It's such a great town as far as supporting their businesses," she said. "I absolutely love this town." She appreciates Chamber of Commerce referrals, too.

"Not everybody participates to an equal degree which makes it hard sometimes," she said of the downtown business climate. She sees owners put in long hours and knows they have family responsibilities as well, but added participation in the business community is needed.

She's glad many customers followed her from Novi. "We didn't really have that family cohesiveness," Zendejas said, adding that Novi's a bigger city and more commercial.

Bill Riffle's had his Riffle's Restaurant on Main downtown since November 2008 and sat down to talk business between the breakfast and lunch shifts. "It's survival mode nowadays," Riffle said. "It's just at the point where I'm hanging on. Some are doing OK, others are struggling," he said of downtown businesses.

"This town thrives on activities. When we do have these activities, it seems most of us are busy. The Buy Michigan Festival, we do extremely well."

Chain restaurants look at vehicle traffic in deciding on locations, Riffle said, and when he was in South Lyon with Riffle's for 15 years they'd have some 25,000 vehicles a day. It's slower in Northville.



Visitors to downtown Northville walk along Main St. on Feb. 20.

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Bill Riffle, owner of Northville's Riffle's Restaurant, said he wished the downtown area would have more events, like a winter fest, as they really brought in customers to the area.



Tiffany Zendejas, owner of Northville's "Sincerely Yours" stationery shop.



Chris Van Dam, owner of Northville's Van Dam's, a ladies' boutique, said that 2011 was her best year for business since she opened 12 years ago.

*'The downtown community is really strong for a local bookstore where people can come in and relax and enjoy community.'*

DAN COMAIANNI,  
owner The Next Chapter  
Bookstore & Bistro

## Newer businesses glad to be part of Northville

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

It'll be two years in May for The Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro on Main in Northville.

"We're working real hard to make sure we're satisfying our patrons," said owner Dan Comaianni, citing good service, products and food.

"If there ever was a time (for an independent bookstore), more so now than ever before," he said. Buyer Linda Caine said events, cards and sideline items "give people multiple reasons to come in."

Their frequent buyer program with a \$10 discount for spending \$100 (not usable on food) helps. They began to draw Novi customers after the Borders chain closed.

"The downtown community is really strong for a local bookstore where people can come in and relax and enjoy community," Comaianni said. They have mah jongg, storytimes, author visits and entertainment, some in the lower level.

"We love the festival weekends," Caine said. "It brings a lot of traffic to the store."

The owner agreed. "We're happy to be in downtown Northville," he said. "We feel the community has really embraced us as a meeting place."

The cafe area helps, he said. "You never know what's going to happen next."

He finds some new customers say, "We'll definitely be back."

He and Caine like Downtown Development Authority and chamber events for the Main-Center area.

"We're finding that it's a destination," Comaianni said of Northville, drawing from Bloomfield and even the Grosse Pointes. "This is a spot you have to come to when you're in Northville. We work hard at it but it's also fun. It's a big passion for us."

Down the street at Northville Square, Marilyn Grech works four days a week at the Lime-light Emporium, open five months.

"Each area is a different artist," Grech said. "They rent space from us. We're adding artists right along."

This time of year is slower than the holidays, which were good, she said. "They're coming in and looking, which is good."

Grech finds festivals less helpful for their indoor location, but added the First Friday events bring in art lovers and help with sales.

"Come on in, people, and see all the fantastic things we have, handmade," she added.





A spaghetti dinner fundraiser to help pay the medical expenses of Joshua Retherford, a one-year-old South Lyon boy, will take place from 3-7 p.m., Sunday, March 25, at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton (7000 Sheldon Road). Joshua was born with a congenital heart defect known as Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome (HLHS), which is characterized by the lack of development of the heart's left ventricle, and the diminished development of the aortic arch. In his short life he has had several open heart surgeries and many other invasive medical procedures to deal with the condition. He has constantly fought hospital borne infections including pseudomonas, strep pneumonia and sepsis; constant battles with fluid in his right lung and dependency to sedatives like morphine and Ativan. Joshua is also on many medications, including blood thinners, antacids and blood pressure medicines. Through it all, Joshua has never stopped smiling. Joshua's parents, Dan and Julia Retherford, who grew up in the Plymouth-Canton community, need help to pay for the medical costs associated with his condition. The fundraiser will feature dinner, a silent auction, face painting, music and prizes. Suggested donation is \$20 for adults, and \$5 for children 10 and under.

# Healing Hearts hosts VIP's Jerry Dash

Hope 4 Healing Hearts, Inc., a non-profit organization providing group support for adults with an incarcerated loved one, will host a special presentation, "Finding Hope When There Is No Hope" by Jerry Dash from V.I.P. Mentoring in Detroit, Monday, March 26, at Kirk of Our Savior Church in Westland. Dash is the chief executive officer of volunteers in Prevention, Probation and Prisons, Inc., also known as VIP Mentoring, in Detroit since 1989. His programs work to improve the lives of children who are at high-risk for involvement with the justice system with a special focus on children with incarcerated parents. Dash is an ex-offender and served time in the federal penitentiary in Terre Haute, Indiana, in the early 1980s. He uses his experience to talk with inmates and families of inmates and tells about how that experience is now being used to help others affected by incarceration. He will share his per-



sonal story about how he believed all was lost and how he was finally able, even in the darkest of situations, to find hope both in prison and returning home. He will speak from the heart as he shares some of the things that he feels might make a difference in the lives of inmates and their families. The 6:30-8:30 p.m. presentation is open to the public. Kirk of Our Savior at 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, in Westland. For more information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237 or go to [www.hope4healinghearts.com](http://www.hope4healinghearts.com). To learn more about Jerry Dash and his program, go online to [www.vipmentoring.org](http://www.vipmentoring.org).

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Women and Pelvic Health

Ladies' Night Out, a community event hosted by St. Mary Mercy Hospital, will feature a presentation focusing on Women and Pelvic Health from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18 in the hospital auditorium. Approximately one-third of U.S. women will have a pelvic health problem by age 60. The speaker, Dr. Paul R. Makela, Obstetrics and Gynecology, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, will discuss symptoms, diagnosis and treatment options for pelvic health problems. Bone density screenings, blood pressure screenings and massages will be offered from 5:30-7 p.m.



Makela

tal, a 304-bed large community hospital in Livonia, and Huron Valley Ambulance (HVA), a nationally accredited, nonprofit community ambulance service covering Washtenaw and western Wayne counties, have partnered to offer a local service to patients called Mercy LifeLink. Mercy LifeLink is an in-home medical monitoring system that provides instant access to emergency medical care 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Mercy LifeLink offers a wearable or wall-mounted call button and in-home speaker console. In case of a fall, distress, or other medical concern, pressing the call button automatically activates the speaker console and connects users to the Mercy LifeLink 9-1-1 Call Center which is staffed 24/7, or to selected neighbors, family or friends. Calls directed to the Mercy LifeLink 9-1-1 Call Center are answered locally by medically trained dispatchers who evaluate the situation and send an ambulance to the home immediately when necessary. Call (888) 430-4989 or email [mercy-lifelink@hva.org](mailto:mercy-lifelink@hva.org).

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**Location:** Northville High School gymnasium (north side of 6 Mile between Sheldon and Beck roads)

**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, March 23 and 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, March 24

**Details:** Northville High School will be hosting its first “FIRST” Robotics Competition – Rebound Rumble -- with 40 high school robotics teams. The event is free and open to the public. **Contact:** visit [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

#### GET LISTED!

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**More:** For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Northville Calendar online at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

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#### EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

**Location:** First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty Road (north of 8 Mile, east of Haggerty)

**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 7

**Details:** Over 12,000 eggs to hunt (ages 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-11); “Eggciting” show by professional entertainer Ben Spitzer; pictures with the Easter Bunny; games to play and lots of prizes; hot dogs,

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#### DRUG TALK

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 18

**Location:** Hillside Middle School auditorium (southwest corner of 8 Mile and Center Street, Northville)

**Details:** National Trends & Deterrent Strategies for Opiates, Prescription and OTC Drug Abuse with

featured speaker Joseph T. Rannazzisi, deputy assistant administrator, Office of Diversion Control, U.S. DEA, responsible for overseeing and coordinating major pharmaceutical, precursor chemical, clandestine laboratory and synthetic drug investigations; the drafting and promulgating of regulations; establishing drug production quotas; and serves as liaison to the pharmaceutical industry, international governments, state governments, federal agencies and law enforcement agencies. For parents, students, key leaders and

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CARLOCK,  
ELAINE VIOLET  
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A long time resident of White Lake Twp., died peacefully in the company of her family on March 17, 2012. She was 96 years old. Elaine was born in Toledo, Ohio on August 20, 1915, the daughter of Robert Douglas and Minna Engel Douglas. She studied art at the Dayton Institute of Arts where she met Vernon Thorwald Carlock who was also studying there. They fell in love and married on September 6, 1936. They started their family in Dayton and later made their home in Greenville, Ohio. In 1951 they moved to White Lake, Michigan and the family has made their home in this community since then. Elaine worked as an artist and sculptor throughout her life. In the early years she created original clay sculpture for Coventry Ware porcelain figurines, and a series of well loved small babies based on her observations of her own young children. During the 1970's she set up her own Cranberry Hill Studios in White Lake. In addition to doing the original sculpture, she developed her own unique clay blends and glazes to achieve the natural look of her figures. Her handcrafted stoneware sculptures of children were sold and collected around the country and abroad. When she wasn't in her studio she was ever and always a loving mother and grandmother to her large family. She had seven children spanning eighteen years in Michigan and Ohio. She gave only love and acceptance, with a special concern for each of them. She brought everyone together for Sunday dinners, trips to the Detroit Institute of Art and various museums and art exhibitions on Sunday afternoons, and summer picnics on Lake Huron always complete with her famous apple pie and biscuits. She will be dearly missed. She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon, in 2001, her son Douglas, and her sister Eleanor Douglas Lisk. She is survived by children David (Jill) Carlock, Michael (Merilyn) Carlock, Conrad Carlock, Suzanna (the late Stephen) Lewis, Daniel Carlock, and Merrie (Frank) Parkanzky; twenty grandchildren, and sixteen great grandchildren. Funeral Services were held at Cedar Crest Lutheran Church in White Lake, on Tuesday, March 20, 2012, with burial in West Highland Cemetery. Memorials may be made in her name to the Parkinson Foundation.

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#### CHAMBERS, RICHARD A.

Age 81, passed away March 17, 2012. He was born on March 24, 1930, in Detroit, son of the late Arthur and Margaret (Dorr) Chambers. He is survived by his beloved wife of 56 years, Viola; his loving children: Cynthia (Kim) Coulter, Karen Lee (Bryan) Bishop, Richard Jr. (Conception) Chambers and Terri-Anne Chambers. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Cherie, Danielle, Christopher, Katie, Adam, Erin, Suzell and Kim; his great grandchildren: Adrianna, Nevaeh, Anella, Coulter and one great granddaughter expected in August and one brother Douglas Chambers. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Robert and his best friend Spike. Visitation and funeral services were held on Tuesday, March 20, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online Guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



CLOUTIER,  
BERNARD K.

Age 91, of Northville, MI, passed away March 18, 2012. He was born on October 14, 1920, in Louisville, KY, son of the late Bernard and Estelle Cloutier. He is survived by his loving daughter, Sandra Cloutier; his grandchildren: Damon (Leslie) Ajlouny and Darcel (Bill) Broadwick. He is also survived by his great grandchildren: Drake, Trent, Jenna, Cole and Ava; his brother George (Helen); his sister Elizabeth (LeRoy) Lange and his nieces and nephews and their families. He was preceded in death by his wife Edna and his sister Trish Downs. Visitation will be held on Friday, March 23, from 5:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A Liturgy of the Word funeral service will be held on Saturday, March 24, at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home.

Online Guestbook at [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

#### GRAHAM, ROBERT S.

Age 75, of South Lyon, passed away March 18, 2012. He was born on October 18, 1936, in Steubenville, Ohio, son of the late Jeremiah and Eula Graham. Mr. Graham was a trustee of the Yankee Air Museum in Belleville, a trustee of the Western Wayne County Conservation Club and a trustee and dedicated member of the Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi. In his spare time, Robert enjoyed hunting and could often be found shooting skeet and occasionally shooting competitively. He is survived by his beloved wife of 54 years, Reola; his two sons: Richard Graham and Robert Graham and his special daughter in-law Carol. He is also survived by three grandchildren: Nicholas, Samantha and Alex. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 21, at 3:00 p.m. The family will begin receiving friends at 2:00 p.m. at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi. Online Guestbook [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



KROSWEK,  
RICHARD E. “DICK”

Age 82, of Gaylord, MI, died Wednesday, March 7, 2012. He was born in Unionville on March 27, 1929, the son of Frank & Luella (Zimmer) Kroswek. He graduated from Unionville High School in 1947. Dick began his career with General Motors and became Director of Purchasing. He later worked as Vice President for Rupp Oil in Bay City. His community involvement included President of the Recess Club in Detroit. He is survived by his wife, Jeanette; son, Michael (Pam); daughter, Karen; grandchildren, Debra (Levi), Cynthia (Kevin), Christopher, Kevan, Scott, Cailleigh, Robyn, and Richard; siblings, Margaret and Raymond (Michella) and his Aunt Elma Also surviving are his In-laws, Roger (Carol) Jaye; Lynda Raleigh and Brenda Jaye. MEMORIAL SERVICES will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2012 at 11:00am from the White Lake Community Church, 915 Round Lake Rd, White Lake, MI 48386. Memorial contributions may be made to White Lake Community Church, Charlevoix Area Humane Society or Ducks Unlimited, through the Nelson Funeral Home, PO Box 1548, Gaylord, MI 49734 [www.nelsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.nelsonsfuneralhome.com)

#### LOVELL, BERTHA MAY WATSON

Age 91, passed away March 14, 2012. She was preceded in death by her husband Earl Lovell. She is survived by her daughter Suzann (Hank) Smith; grandsons: Douglas Smith, Aaron (Sarah) Smith, granddaughters: Teresa Smith, Rebecca (Evert) Main and ten great-grandchildren. Bertha was born in Earlington, KY of mostly Scottish, Irish heritage and worked in an Aircraft factory in Evansville, IN during WWII. She was one of the many “Rosie the Riveters” who went to work to help the war effort. She enjoyed growing a large vegetable garden, canning and feeding everyone with delicious southern fare. Bertha was also a prolific seamstress and quilter. Visitation and a funeral service was held on Friday, March 16th at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Bertha will be laid to rest next to her husband in South Lyon Cemetery. Online Guestbook at [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

#### MANCINI, THERESA

Age 79, passed away at home on March 16, 2012. She was born on Sept. 4, 1932, in Detroit, to the late Joseph and Constance (Machowski) Kremenski. She was a former board member of the Salem-South Lyon Library. Theresa is survived by her beloved husband of 58 years, Ray Mancini; her loving daughter Susanne Mancini; her grandchildren: Claire (Justin) Kwolek, Ava Wegner; and her great granddaughter Elizabeth Wegner. She was preceded in death by her daughter Elizabeth Wegner, 4 brothers and 1 sister. A memorial service will be held in the near future. Please contact PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME for further information, 248-437-1616.

Online guestbook [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

#### MAROTTA, MARIE

Age 89, of Northville, passed away March 13, 2012. Loving mother of Ray (Pat) Marotta. Adored grandmother of Callie. [www.easterlinefuneralhome.com](http://www.easterlinefuneralhome.com)

#### RICHMOND, DORIS M.

Age 91, a lifelong resident of Northville, passed away March 13, 2012. She was born February 19, 1921 in Minneapolis, MN to Harold and Mary (nee Jindra) Hubbard. Doris was united in marriage to Dale Richmond on November 8, 1947; they spent 44 loving years together until his death in 1992. Doris, a 1940 graduate of NHS, was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She enjoyed playing bingo, fishing, and crocheting. She was a lifelong member of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church; where she sang in the choir for many years and was a member of the Altar Society. She is survived by her loving children, Valerie (Paul) Schaffer, Melodie Ely, and Mark (Patricia) Richmond; her cherished grandchildren, Scott (Laura) Schaffer, Chad Schaffer, and Kylie Ely; and her adored great grandson Edison Schaffer. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, her grandson Travis Ely, her brother Harold Hubbard, and her sister Murna Hartner. A funeral mass was held Monday, March 19, 2012 at Our Lady of Victory of Northville. She was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home.



## SIDEWALKS

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firmed this when bike/walking paths and general non-motorized connectivity listed near the top in both.

“Can’t we find the funds, and the will, the expertise and skill to get the sidewalk across?” she asked the Northville Township Board of Trustees at their March 15 meeting.

They agreed and have formed a subcommittee to begin looking into making this as well as connecting other pathways happen.

Trustees Mindy Hermann and Marv Gans, Treasurer Richard Henningsen, along with Marjorie Banner as the alternate, will work with other township staff to review its current non-motorized pathway plan and to define priority areas to help begin filling in the gaps. One of the big hurdles in getting this done will be finding the money.

Clerk Sue Hillebrand said the township did have plans years ago and made some headway, but money became an issue. Supervisor Mark Abbo added they were about

## REIS, AMBULATORY CENTER

According to Mark Abbo, Northville Township supervisor, things are moving along at the corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads. Developer/land owner REIS and University of Michigan should have a site plan for its ambulatory care center this summer, and by fall REIS should have one for the balance of its land. Abbo said he spoke with REIS representatives recently and they said grading and clearing of the site will begin this summer.

At this point, it appears the plan is to construct the center in the south/middle area of the site on an elevated portion, which would make it high profile. Abbo said the preliminary drawings of the planned 100,000-square-foot center look good.

The next step will have the township attorney working out an agreement on when to begin the brownfield schedule. Abbo said coordination between the involved parties will be essential going forward.

three years into that 10-year plan when priorities changed.

Gans said some of the current pathways were constructed by developers as part of agreements with the township. For Trustee Chris Roosen, the plan is good, but he also said potential maintenance costs and needed repairs on pathways that already exist should be kept in mind.

“I think we should have an opportunity to prioritize where we fill the gaps, so to speak, based on some criteria,” Abbo said of moving forward.

Hermann is a big proponent and recently went to a meeting in Novi with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and said a Maybury connection was discussed. She thinks if there is movement on re-working the park entrance then Northville Township should look to join in on the plan.

She points to the Bennett Arboretum pathway along Sheldon Road as evidence of the community's desires,

“You see hundreds of people using that pathway.”

## EAGLE

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and gives them opportunities they never had before. When we find something that works for our kids, we're so grateful.”

EagleEyes will help Northville students ages 3-26 with cognitive and physical challenges. Farrow wrote the grant for it through Old Village School, with the Northville Education Foundation grant used to purchase technology.

“It's so they have access to a computer,” said Susan Oleson, a speech and language pathologist at Cooke and Old Village Schools for special needs students. EagleEyes will be based at Old Village classrooms at Cooke, and was also supported locally by the Jane Frances Abler Memorial Fund,

named for a former student.

Students who can't use a mouse, lacking those motor skills, can with EagleEyes use eye movement for learning, communication and entertainment. It turns electric impulses of muscles around the eye into mouse “clicks,” Oleson said.

Farrow described another student who began to access the computer via EagleEyes: “She could play with a computer program by herself for the first time in her life.”

It was developed in the early 1990s by James Gips at Boston College. Ron Williams, director of education and training for the Salt Lake City-based Opportunity Foundation of America came to Northville to help set up the technology.

“Basically their communication is yes-no com-

mand,” said Williams, whose foundation took over the technology in 2003. Students acquire greater freedom to communicate, and one young man in Boston with high intelligence was able to graduate from high school with EagleEyes help.

There are fewer than 100 in the world, Williams said, and the NPS one's only the second in Michigan. Northville educators hope to share it with other districts when possible.

“The Cooke School has really embraced it and seen the potential,” Williams said, noting the technology is easy for educators to use “and see really defined success. It provides them (students) that opportunity they wouldn't have had otherwise.”

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## OUR VIEWS

# Who's in charge?

## Gamesmanship with commission seats

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and his Republican brethren in the Michigan state Legislature figured they could effectively do an end-around the established process to draw up new county commission districts after the 2010 Census was released.

Republicans were unhappy because the new maps were drawn last year by the five-member Oakland County Apportionment Commission comprised of three Democrats and two Republicans. And, of course, the new map favored Democrats, which isn't a big surprise considering the party with the short end of the stick always complains when the rival party is in charge of drawing up voting districts.

Republicans challenged the district maps in court last year, but the Michigan Court of Appeals and Michigan Supreme Court both rejected the challenge.

So, Patterson looked to Lansing, currently dominated by Republicans, for help.

It didn't take long for the Legislature to craft a law that stripped the county's own apportionment commission of its power. The new law, which applies only in Oakland County, reduced the number of county commissioners from 25 to 21, and turned over redistricting duties to the Republican-controlled Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

Gov. Rick Snyder, who signed the bill into law in December, said it created greater transparency to the redistricting process. Patterson said the new law will save the county lots of money because it reduces the size of the board of commissioners.

The move enraged Democrats, who called it a blatant Republican power grab. Ingham County Circuit Court Judge William Collette agreed, striking down the new law (Public Act 280) back in February. The judge 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 an unfunded mandate.

Patterson attacked the decision because, as he said, "Ingham County Circuit Court has a long record of ruling in favor of Democrats, only to be overturned by higher courts."

Earlier this month, the Michigan Court of Appeals agreed with Judge Collette by a 2-to-1 vote. While they didn't agree with all three of his reasons, the decision essentially restores the maps drawn by the county's apportionment commission and the board of commissioners back to 25 members.

Republicans are not happy. Patterson said the appeals court is stacked with Democrats. So they will appeal it to Michigan Supreme Court, where Patterson and fellow Republicans apparently feel like they will have a better shot.

Of the seven justices on the Michigan Supreme Court, four were nominated by the Republicans. Forgive us if we sound a bit cynical here, but you almost know how this thing is going to end up. Apparently our legal system has become like the other branches of government, a tool of political partisanship.

The reality is the Oakland County Apportionment Commission drew up its districts exactly the same way it is done in all of the state's 83 counties — and the way Oakland County has done it in the past. The big difference this year, of course, is that Democrats for the first time controlled the apportionment commission. They did nothing illegal. There was no reason for Public Act 280 — other than to suppress the current law and to maintain Republican power over the redistricting process. If Democrats pulled a similar stunt, Republicans would be howling about their power grab. And they would be right.

This delay is unfair to residents and potential candidates. It's less than two months until the filing deadline, and commissioner-hopefuls have yet to know for what race they would be campaigning. We can only hope that the Supreme Court will see past its own partisanship to recognize this new law for what it is — a partisan move by Oakland County Republicans and their supporters in the state Legislature. If the Supreme Court comes down on the side of Republicans, it will make a mockery of the redistricting process not only in Oakland County, but the entire state of Michigan.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

## The Northville Parks and Recreation Commission is looking to rename the Northville Community Senior Center. We asked visitors what they think it should be called.



"The Community Center of Northville. I think it sounds more professional, and would include both township and city."

**Richard O'Hare**  
City of Northville



"What about The Palace of Northville, or have the word 'Main' in there because it's on Main Street."

**Jeanne Planet**  
Novi



"The Northville Community Complex & Senior Center."

**Dave Sutton**  
City of Northville



"Main Street Center or Northville Activity Center."

**Paulene DeMeere**  
Commerce Township

## LETTERS

### Derby build kudos

Winchester Cub Scout Pack 903 would like to share a sincere thank you to store manager Brian Fitzgerald; millwork specialists Chris Caloia and Richard Bragiel (who is also a member of the Boy Scouts Great Lakes Council Sunset District) at the Home Depot on Five Mile Road in Plymouth for putting on two spectacular Pine Wood Derby build nights for our Cub Scouts. Northville Troop 755 had Boy Scouts help the younger ones with ideas, so with appreciation of your time — Aaron Kowalczyk, Tony Volk, Connor O'Meara, Travis & Spencer Compo & Hamilton Wilson — we thank you.

**Stephanie Bednarz**

Pack 903 Committee chair,  
Popcorn Kernal and Wolf Den leader

### Good news on Nix

The report of Bob Nix announcing his candidacy for township supervisor is great news for our community. As a friend and neighbor for over 25 years, we have a unique opportunity to elect an individual with a proven commitment to the community including his dedication to the planning commission. The combination of those efforts over the past decade and his professional legal expertise, especially in real estate matters, creates a unique opportunity for us to support and elect a proven leader. Future township planning, and development in particular, will require a leader who will effectively and aggressively represent township residents, not special interests. We are fortunate that Bob Nix is ready for that responsibility.

**John P. O'Reilly**  
Northville

### Women's rights left

Nice try, Ms. Giannola, in trying to portray Republicans as some sort of victim in their quest to turn back women's rights for decades or even centuries. Women are "hollering" because that it what is happening all over the country. Several states and their Republican leaders have passed or are working on legislation that forces trans-vaginal rape of women, using expensive and unnecessary sonograms, when they seek a medical procedure that has been legal for decades.

In Arizona, Republicans want to give employers the right to deny contraception to women unless they certify that they aren't using it for the purpose of birth control. Now the Republican party of "small government" wants both the government and employers to come between women and their health care needs under the guise of religious freedom.

You are right, Ms. Giannola — the Constitution does grant freedom of religion, but this also means freedom from religion. Should the "boss" also be able to deny antibiotics or chemotherapy if he has a "religious" objection? What if the "boss" believes the best cure for women's health care problems is humor and wants to send her to a comedian for a few laughs? Silly? So is your "religious freedom" argument.

How about the cowardly Repub-

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lican presidential candidates who refused to stand up to and condemn a perverted right-wing Republican radio commentator who would have young women that are using contraceptives post their lovemaking on line so Oink Oink Limbaugh can watch?

How about Republican Rick Santorum telling women that if would be better if women didn't work and would stay home with the family?

How about the re-authorization of the Violence Against Women Act being held up right now by Republicans in the United States Senate?

How about Republican Romney stating last week that he wants to "get rid of planned parenthood"? They provide millions of low-income women with free or low-cost access to health care screenings, mammograms, pap smears, contraceptives, and more.

The very first bill President Obama signed was the law that ensures that women receive the same pay as men for the same work. Informed women know what the truth is and who is on their side. Now you do too, Ms. Giannola.

**Steve Lawrence**  
Northville

### Silver Springs' fundraiser thanks

On March 8th at the Northville Sports Den, parents and staff from Silver Springs Elementary School came together with community members for a wine- and beer-tasting auction to support the school's new leadership initiative, known as The Leader in Me. Based on Stephen Covey's classic book and program called "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People," the program is designed to help students take control over their own decisions, attitudes, and habits. Despite the steep start-up costs, the program is being adopted by several schools in the district.

The event, sponsored by The Silver Springs Elementary Parent Lighthouse Committee and Silver Springs Dad's Club, was extremely

successful, raising \$15,884 to fund Silver Springs' Leader in Me Program. Through a key partnership among Northville Square owners, Bob and Margene Buckhave, as well as Northville Sports Den manager Phil Martinez and Silver Springs parents, the evening was a complete success with 31 different wines to try, three Michigan craft beers, a silent auction with more than 80 items to bid on and an amazing live auction hosted by Silver Springs Principal Scott Snyder. With the cooperation of the Buckhaves, various local car dealerships parked several new cars inside the corridors of the mall. Tom Holzer Ford parked a brand new black Mustang convertible just outside the doors of the Sports Den to be auctioned off for a weekend loan.

Thank you to everyone who pulled together to help: Bob & Margene Buckhave (Northville Square owners), Phil Martinez (Northville Sports Den), Lon Connery (National Wine and Spirits), and Mike and Mary Spaven (Rave Associates). Thank you to corporate sponsors, including platinum sponsors Baha Fresh, Cadillac of Novi, Marty Feldman Chevrolet, O'Brien Law Office, Little Caesars, Tom Holzer Ford, Gina Agosta Salon, Varsity Lincoln, Victory Honda, Suburban Chrysler Jeep, Joe's Produce, Fifth Third Bank, Patti Mullen (Remerica); gold sponsors Center Stage Dance Company, PKSA Karate, Rehmann, GMA Asset Management, Kid's Kingdom Sports Center, Kumon, Andrea Valle (Keller Williams Realtor); and silver sponsors Denise Bondoni (Coldwell Banker Realtor), Justice Brian Zahra, Aubree's Pizzeria & Grill, Svoboda McDaniel Group, Auto Glass Service, Precision Print & Label. There are countless numbers of parents and community members to thank for auction items which were donated.

A celebratory dinner was held at the Northville Sports Den on March 18. A check was presented by Phil Martinez in the amount of \$5,660.03, which greatly contributed towards the \$15,884 raised.

**Dana deMink and Laura Budweg**  
event co-chairs

### Cheesy grits? Yeah right

During a campaign swing through Mississippi last week, Mitt Romney remarked, "Mornin', y'all," stating he had started his day in Mississippi with "cheesy grits and biscuits." Give me a break. Perhaps caviar and a croissant, but grits? No way.

Romney is so desperate to make a connection with any voter making \$1 million or less, but a consumer of cheesy grits just does not ring true.

Romney seems much more comfortable in a corporate board room speaking with other millionaire CEOs than us other 99-percenters.

You would seriously think Romney's highly paid staff of handlers could come up with a better desperate identity seeking opening to the people of Mississippi. But then again, perhaps they are highly paid but incapable of helping Romney reach just average folks.

**Gerald Maxey**  
Farmington Hills

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BIRTH

**Filip Joseph Avery**  
Filip Joseph Avery was born Feb. 26, 2012, at Providence Hospital, Novi.  
He joins his parents, Michael and Marta, and brother, Dominik, 2½, at home in Northville.  
Grandparents are Jeni and Lyle Avery of Salem Township and Barbara Solak of Poland.  
Great-grandmother is Aurilla B. Steele of Plymouth.



ENGAGEMENT

**Stevens & Jameson**  
Erin Stevens and Steven Jameson, both of Plymouth, are engaged to be married.  
The bride-to-be is the daughter of Carl and Coleen Stevens, of Northville. She is a 1998 graduate of Novi High School. She earned a degree in mechanical design engineering from Bowling Green State University in 2002; a master's in industrial operations from Lawrence Technology University in 2004 and an MBA in finance, marketing and global business from LTU in 2006. She is director of Operations at GMA Industries, Inc.  
The groom-elect is the son of John and Jan Jameson, of Northville. He graduated from Northville High School in 2000 and Princeton University 2004. He earned his MBA from Michigan State University in 2011 and is director of Sales and Marketing for Dealers



Erin Stevens and Steven Jameson  
Resources, Inc.  
A June 16, 2012, wedding in Northville is planned.

NEWSMAKERS

**St. Mary Mercy Hospital medical staff updates**  
**Rose Ermete**, RN, BSN, OCN, CCRP, research coordinator, has been published in the Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing, February edition. Her article, Clinical Trials and Communicating Safely, highlights the importance of communication to prevent errors in clinical trials, who your team members are, and the use of tools to assist in discussing research requirements with non-research personnel. This is her second published work, the first being a chapter in The Manual for Clinical Trials Nursing, 2nd edition (2008) published by Oncology Nursing Society.  
**Jose L. Evangelista**, MD, Cardiology, has been certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in Sleep Medicine. He is also board certified in Internal Medicine and Cardiovascular Diseases. Evangelista has been on staff at St. Mary Mercy since 1974 and served as chief of staff in 1999. Evangelista received his medical degree at the University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines. He is also



Ermete



Evangelista

honorary consul general of the Philippines.  
**New to the hospital staff are:**  
**William K. Johnston**, MD, Urology, of Northville, received his degree at Albany Medical College, Albany, N.Y. He completed his residency at University of California Davis, Calif., and fellowship at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He is board certified in urology and a member of the American Urological Association, Endourology Society, and editor of the Journal of Endourology.  
**Anthony J. Oddo**, DO, Pain Management, received his degree from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, Erie, Penn. He completed a physical medicine and rehabilitation residency and pain management fellowship at Detroit Medical Center. Oddo is board certified in physical medicine and rehabilitation and pain management. He is a member of the American Osteopathic Association, American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and American Academy of Pain Medicine.



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ENGAGEMENT



William Barnauskas and Alexandra Smith

**Smith & Barnauskas**  
Tim and Cindy Smith, of Novi, announce the engagement of their daughter, Alexandra Therese Smith, of Northville, to William Charles Barnauskas, of Livonia, son of Bill and Peggy Barnauskas, of Clinton.  
The bride-to-be earned a bachelor science degree in nursing from Madonna University and is a labor and delivery nurse at St. Mary Mercy Hospital Livonia.  
The groom-elect earned a bachelor of science degree in engineering from Michigan State University and is a process engineer at ACH - Automotive Components Holding in Saline, Mich.  
A June 2, 2012, wedding at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville is planned.

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Training



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The former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital property was used by the Urban Search and Rescue team from the Western Wayne County Mutual Aid Association on March 13 to train for life-saving emergencies like a tornado or missing person situation, which requires a wide-area search. Farmington Hills Fire Chief Corey Bartsch, a team leader, said the 40-person team trains for a different scenario each month. Since 2006, the USAR team has performed this important role, one particular scene they responded to was the 2010 Frank's Furniture Store building explosion/collapse.

Westland resident dies in rollover crash

A 67-year-old Westland resident was killed in a rollover accident on Haggerty Road Saturday morning. The Northville Township Police and Fire departments responded to Haggerty Road north of 6 Mile Road on a traffic crash involving two motor vehicles just before 10 a.m. A Mazda 6 was traveling south on Haggerty and struck the left rear of another southbound Haggerty vehicle, causing it to roll over.

The Mazda 6 was driven by a 44-year-old Northville Township resident who sustained non-life threatening injuries and was transported to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. The vehicle struck in the rear was a Pontiac Grand Am driven by a 67-year-old Westland resident who was transported to Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills with fatal injuries. The investigation is ongoing. Alcohol was not a factor in the crash.

NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Obstruction of police

**1** A 23-year-old Northville man was arrested for trying to lie about a car accident. On March 10, Northville Township police were called to a residence on Innsbrook for a report of a damaged vehicle. A 24-year-old Novi man called police to report damage done to his vehicle by an unknown person. There was damage to the front end that appeared to be done by hitting a small pole. A previous dispatch had police investigating a damaged light pole at Silver Springs Drive and Dearborn Court. It appeared a vehicle hit the pole, drove away and left it in the road. The 23-year-old man is the brother of the Novi man and said he had been drinking with a friend when he came home and found the car damaged. After giving police several versions of the same story, he finally admitted to hitting the pole and driving away.

**Trespassing**  
**2** Three men were cited for trespassing after police received a call stating some individuals were seen on the roof of the power plant at the former psychiatric hospital on Seven Mile Road. On March 7, police were dispatched to the Northville Township-owned property and found three men pushing a utility cart on one of the property's roads. The men, ranging in age from 19-20, said they did not know they were tres-



passing and that they were just exploring. They said they entered near the Hawthorne Center.

**Fraud**  
**3** A Northville man was scammed while trying to rent his former apartment in East Lansing over Craigslist. On March 9, the 22-year-old man reported to Northville city police that while attempting to rent his apartment he received a call from a woman interested in it. She said she resided outside of the United States and would send him a check. The monthly rent at his place was \$650. He received a check for \$2,950 and deposited it in his account. However, the woman later called him to ask if he could send back to her the overpaid amount. He sent back \$2,300 via a Western Union office in Florida. Later on he was notified by his bank the check she sent was no good and could not be deposited. He wanted to file a report even though he knows of no credible information pertaining to the woman's identity.

**Assault and a counterfeit bill**  
**4** Northville city police made a couple of trips to Northville Downs to investigate a case of assault and one for a counterfeit \$50 bill. The assault took place on March 7 and involved two men playing cards in the poker room. After exchanging some words, a 23-year-old Wixom man was punched in the face by another man who could not be identified and fled the scene. Police told the management at the Downs to call them if the suspect is seen again at their location. The counterfeit bill was discovered on March 11 by an employee. A 61-year-old Belleville man attempted to use it and said he received it after cashing a lottery ticket at a gas station in Pittsfield Township. He said he had no idea it was a fake. Police confiscated the bill and sent it along with the report to the counterfeit unit of the United States Secret Service for further investigation. Compiled by correspondent Lonnie Huhman

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**Contact:** downtownnorthville.com  
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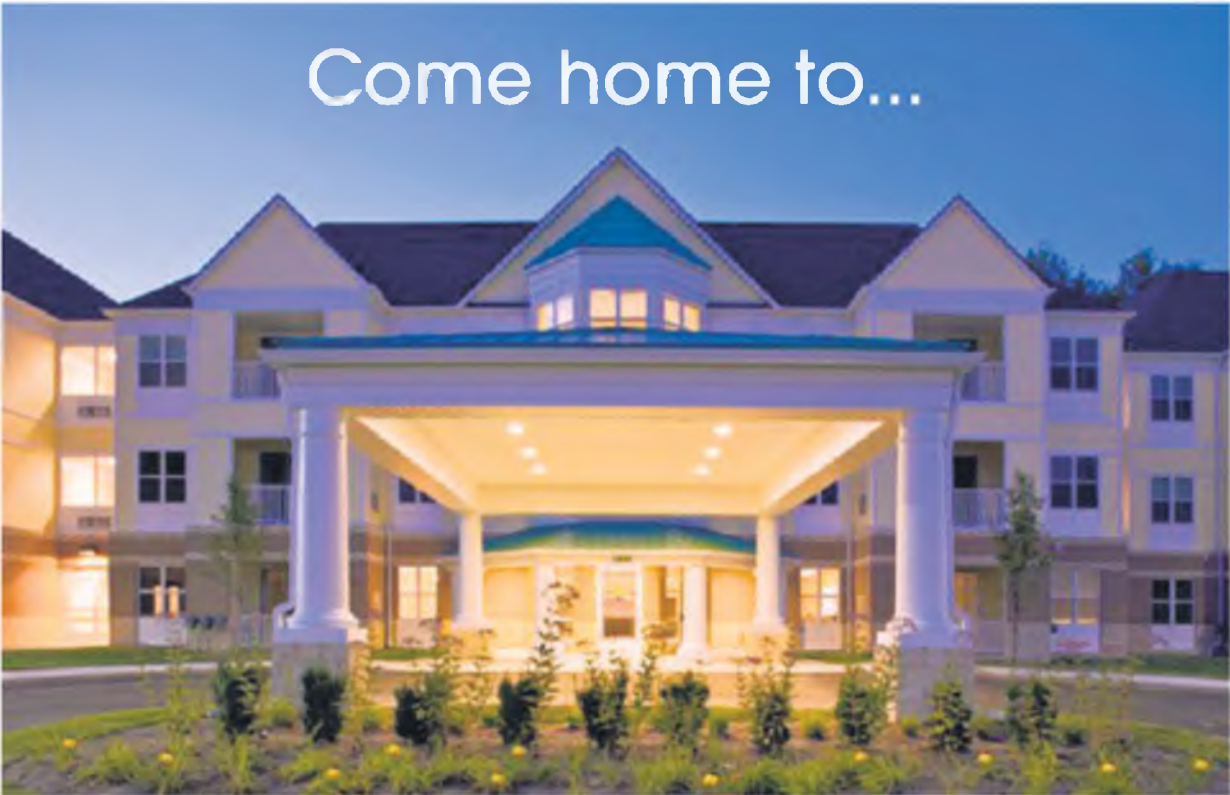
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TO CHAPTER 170 -ARTICLES 14-21  
AND REPEAL ARTICLE 25

The following proposed ordinance amendments were introduced at the March 15, 2012 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting. Article 25 will be repealed. The proposed amendments will be on the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda for adoption on April 19, 2012.

The majorities of the changes contained in Articles 14-21 of the Zoning Ordinance are organizational and streamline the text so that it is more concise and less redundant. Additionally, the proposed amendments address new uses that are not currently addressed in the ordinance; update permitted and special land uses within the districts, remove procedural requirements contained in other ordinances, rules or regulations and reorganize the structure of PUD regulations.

**Chapter 170 Zoning Ordinance proposed amendments include:**

**Article 14 - Commercial Recreation District (CR)**  
**Article 15 - Office Research and Technology District (ORT)**  
**Article 16 - Industrial District (I)**  
**Article 17 - Consumer Industrial District (CI)**  
**Article 18 - Schedule of Regulations**  
**Article 19 - Mobile Home Parks**  
**Article 20 - Development Options**  
**Article 21 - Lighting Standards**  
**Article 25 - repeal**

A complete copy of the proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance are available in the Clerk's office located at 44405 Six Mile Rd., Northville, Michigan at Township Hall during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and on the Township Website [Http://www.twp.northville.mi.us](http://www.twp.northville.mi.us)

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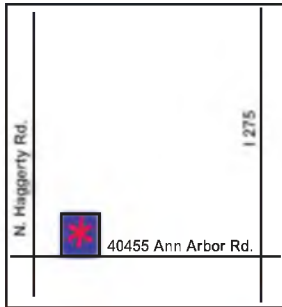
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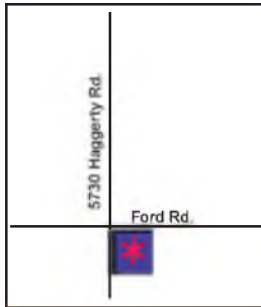
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Shamrock Chase Janer fouls Chibunna Ukandu as he heads to the hoop.

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# CC bows in regional

## Squad falls to CHSL rival Orchard Lake St. Mary's

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

The difference was a single shot — but what else would you expect when two Catholic High School League teams square off in a winner-takes-all contest?

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks had the last shot in their regional tournament title tilt against rival Orchard Lake St. Mary's. Unfortunately for the blue and white, that shot didn't find the bottom of the net and the Eaglets celebrated a 48-46 victory in Novi last week.

Richard Katkic pulled up in the corner of the gym, firing a long-range shot toward the bucket with time expiring. It clanged on the rim, a sound repeated as fellow Shamrock Kyle Cooper tried to tip the rebound back into the basket.

"I don't really think we wanted a three-pointer, but we told Ritchie to slip off the backside in case they cheat in," Catholic Central coach Bill Dyer said. "He had a good look and, gosh darn it, it looked good. I wanted him to have that shot again. I wanted it to go in."

The victory for the Eaglets marks back-to-back seasons in which St. Mary's ended the Shamrocks' season in the playoffs.

Catholic Central was the favorite on paper, having won the CHSL title, the city championship and marched through the district tournament and to the regional title game. They had an 18-7 record heading into the game while the Eaglets had a 14-10 mark. But what else would you expect in a game between rivals?

The Shamrocks had to come back from a nine-point deficit in the fourth quar-



Shamrock David Racey gets hacked by Orchard Lake St. Mary's Matthew Linehan on March 14.

ter and managed to cut the Eaglets' lead to just one point with 2:27 left in the game, 47-46, mainly thanks to the play of Jack Dillon, who scored five points in just 10 seconds to slice the lead down. He ended with a team-high 16 points.

The Shamrocks were forced to foul St. Mary's in order to keep in the game — a strategy that worked in their favor thanks to 1-for-5 shooting from the charity stripe by the Eaglets over the final minute and a half.

The Shamrocks looked to take the lead with 2.7 seconds but a block by St. Mary's forced the Shamrocks to inbound the ball from the baseline and take the outside shot by Katkic.



An Orchard Lake St. Mary's player greets a welcoming committee of Kyle Cooper, left, and Chase Janer.

Cooper pitched in 11 points in the losing effort while Matt Doneth added nine. "We had a lot of chances under two minutes," Dyer said. "A lot of chances. We played great there for a long stretch in the fourth quarter. We had a shot to win and we just didn't do it."

## Girls soccer team returns slew of talented players

### Squad overflowing with experience this season

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs can count on one thing as the girls soccer season gets ready to start — they aren't going to have to try to gain very much experience this year.

The squad returns eight seniors, five juniors and four sophomores from a team that went 15-3-2 in 2011 and made it to the district tournament championship game before falling to Canton, 2-1. Out of their seniors, they have a combined 23 years of varsity experience.

Last year, the team listed on-field knowledge as their biggest challenge. This year, it's their top strength heading into their first competitions.

In short, experience definitely isn't a problem — so coach Eric Brucker will be focusing on creating team chemistry in the early weeks of the new season.

"We gained a lot of experience last year," he said. "Now we need to take that experience and take it to the next level."

Helping Brucker with his goal of team unity will be senior captains Mallory Weber (forward), Jenni Borawski (midfield) and Tess Bradley (defense). Both Weber and Borawski have four years on the varsity squad and Bradley has three. They are joined by fellow seniors Sasha Gardner (defense), Claire McHugh (defense), Noelle Kuphal (midfield), Sam Jarrett (midfield) and Alyssa Moulds (defense) as well as juniors Emily Bush (forward), Gabbie Guibord (midfield), Kiki Hilmmer (goalie), Alexis Mencotti (defense) and Cassidy Ebach (defense).

The sophomores on this year's team are forwards Rachel Yaggi and Jamie Cheslik, defender Ashley Peper and midfielder Megan Buckingham. The only new addition to the team this year is freshman goalie Emily Maresh.

Brucker wasn't shy in setting out his team goals this year: A KLAA Central Division title, win the KLAA Association crossover game and win the 2012 Division 1 MHSAA soccer title.

To make it that far and reach those lofty goals?

"(We can't) take anything for granted," Brucker said. "This team is very talented but if we are complacent, we will lose. We need to take every game and every opponent seriously. Complacency and lack of focus will not allow us to reach our goals. If we play to our potential, we will be very competitive this year."

Brucker is quick to remind his team of the pain of losing to Canton in the district last season, pushing them to be the best players they can be.

"Last year we were young and inexperienced," he said. "We learned a lot about ourselves last year. Even though we were young, we were disappointed in our early exit from the playoffs. Almost all of my players got to experience that pain last year. Now that same group is back and ready to use that pain as motivation."

#### ON TAP

The Mustangs begin the season Monday at 7 p.m. with a visit to Livonia Churchill before hosting Walled Lake Western a week from today at 7 p.m. They will then play Canton April 2 at home with a 7 p.m. start.

**Head coach:** Eric Brucker

**Years as Northville head coach:** 3 (17th year in program)

**Last year's record:** 15-3-2, lost in district final to Canton

**Captains:** Mallory Weber, Jennifer Borawski, Tess Bradley

**Biggest challenge:** Team chemistry

# Northville girls hockey players earn top honors

## Squad has three on All-State list

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs girls hockey program has long been a team that other squads are wary of. The reason, you see, is rather simple — they bring to the ice talent, determination and the ability to beat

anyone they face.

This year the squad made a run into the playoffs, eventually falling to the state champions from Grosse Pointe South, who earned their 12th state title this year in the league's 15-year history.

The Mustangs efforts didn't go unnoticed this year, and sev-

eral girls were given top honors by the girls hockey league coaches.

Allison Holden, a forward, earned herself first-team All-State status with her play this year while Sara Blackhurst and Kate Sell were named to the All-State honorable mention squad. Paige McGuirk, a forward, and Avery Allman, a goalie, both received All-League honors in 2011-12.

What's more is that all five girls were notable off the ice, too, as each earned All-Academic honors for carrying a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher.

"All of our players have made a significant contribution, especially the seven seniors who have played in the program all four years," said Northville girls hockey coach Bill Holden. "The one achievement that

is overlooked is the fact that our team, year in and year out, has the league's highest grade-point average — a testament not just to the players, but to the high school's level of academic excellence."

This is the first year in the 10 years that Northville has played girls hockey that five players have been recognized for their performances with post-season honors.



## Rec champs



The Northville Mambas won the boys (10th-12 grades) winter recreation league championship by defeating the Novi Cats, 50-39. Shown (from left) are Brad VanHulle, Troy Dolmetsch, Kyle Brenner, Austin Rogers, Dennis Merlo (head coach), Bradley Merlo, Evan Swoish, Joel Kish, Spencer Conn, Nick Lowe and Jeff Sims. Assistant coach Mark Merlo is not pictured.

## Go Orange!



The Northville Orange fifth grade basketball team won the Southeast Michigan championships tournament in Saline on March 10. They edged out Hartland in the finals with a score of 41-22 in their fourth win of the day to take the title. Shown are Steven Morrissey, Robert Johnson, Brendan Lehmkuhl, Arvind Ganeshram, Coach Sean McLaughlin, Nick Prystash, Zach Maccoux, Brian Politi, Coach Bryan Kearis, Ryan Pumper, Paul Kearis, Daniel McLaughlin.

## NORTHVILLE SPORTS BRIEFS

### 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).

### Pom pon clinic, tryouts

Northville High School pom pon program is sponsoring a spring clinic for girls who would like to improve their pom skills. It is open to any age and all skill levels. The cost is \$40. Clinic dates are from 6:30-8:39 p.m. Monday-Wednesday April 2-4 at the high school. Participants will receive instruction from coaches and senior members of the Northville High School team. Instruction will focus on proper form and placement, along with the specific skills required for pom pon. Pom pons will be available for use each day. Please mail your registration form and check (payable to NHS) to Karlyn Jones, 16239 Oak Forest Court, Northville, MI 48168; phone (248) 912-5645 for more information. Also, a program information night will be held at 7 p.m. April 19 at the high school. Tryouts will be Tuesday-Friday, April 24-27.

### It takes a community to rebuild the stadium

Join the campaign to raise \$1 million for artificial turf and other significant improvements to the Northville Community Eight Mile Stadium. To date, \$721,000 has been raised, but another \$279,000 is needed by May 1. Please donate today at [www.NHSTurfClub.org](http://www.NHSTurfClub.org). Following initial donations totaling \$600,000, TURF CLUB was formed to raise the additional \$400,000 needed to complete the artificial turf project. TURF CLUB is a consortium of community partners including Northville Parks & Recreation, NHS Boosters, the Board of Education, Northville Soccer Association, Northville Youth Football, Northville Lacrosse, the Northville Educational Foundation, Northville Public Schools,

and Northville Football Parents. Installing turf at the stadium will enable hundred of additional hours of usage for Northville High School and community programs. For more information, visit [www.NHSTurfClub.org](http://www.NHSTurfClub.org).

### Howard featured at fundraiser

University of Michigan football icon Desmond Howard will be the featured speaker at U of M Club of Greater Northville's scholarship fundraiser dinner on Thursday, April 12. Howard, 1991 Heisman Trophy winner, ESPN College Game Day analyst and co-author of the book, 'I Wore 21: The Legend of Desmond Howard', will share some of his amazing stories and will also be available to sign copies of his book. The evening includes dinner, a cash bar and a silent auction. Net proceeds from the program will be used to award merit scholarships to high school seniors from western Wayne and Oakland counties who will be attending the University of Michigan. Tickets are \$40 each for members of the U-M Alumni Association, and \$50 each for non-members. For ticket information, please go to: <http://northville.umclubs.com> and click on Upcoming Events, or call 1-800-847-4764.

### Baseball camp

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

### Northville youth football registration

The Northville Youth Football Association will hold new player and cheerleader registration through March 18. If your son or daughter would be interested in playing football or cheering, please visit the NYF website at [www.northvillyouthfootball.com](http://www.northvillyouthfootball.com) for more information and to register. All Colts and Stallions teams have openings except the JV Stallions. If demand exceeds capacity on any team, an age-based lottery will be held. New for 2012 will be flag football for 6- and 7-year-olds. Go to [www.northvillyouthfootball.com](http://www.northvillyouthfootball.com) for more information.

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# Quartet of Novi freshmen add young core to MSU women’s hockey squad

## Grigg, Hayes, King, Van Antwerp honed talents locally

By Chrls Jackett  
Correspondent

Although finding a full squad of quality hockey players may be tougher for women’s college programs because the pool of candidates is smaller than it is for the men’s program, Michigan State University’s women’s club hockey team grabbed four from Novi alone and made a run for a second-straight national title this season with the talented freshmen foursome.

Novi residents Lauren Grigg, Emily Hayes, Julia King and Madison Van Antwerp have all grown up in local hockey circles, playing with one another on and off for several years. Van Antwerp and Hayes started playing at when they were 4, Grigg when she was 6 and King when she was 12. All were based out of Novi Ice Arena or Suburban Ice Arena in Farmington Hills.

“It has been nice to have four of the girls from Novi because we’re all coming from the same place and can relate to each other and also get rides home with each other if we need to,” King said.

King was in the netminder rotation all season while the other three earned playing time on the third and fourth lines as freshmen for the defending national champions

who finished the regular season ranked No. 2 in the country due to a large core of upperclassmen.

“The college game is much more intense than I thought,” said Van Antwerp, a Detroit Country Day School alum who was a member of the inaugural girls hockey team as a sophomore. “Growing up, we were always told that AAA was the best hockey you could play, so everyone believed that. But, college women’s hockey is just as intense and time-consuming as AAA, if not more intense. Going from high school hockey to college hockey was a huge change. The pace of the college game is extremely fast and you have to be willing to give up a lot of time to play.”

Her Novi teammates echoed her thoughts, but none would have traded a moment of the experiences they had during the first few months of their college careers.

“Meeting all of the girls on the team was my favorite part of this year,” said Grigg, who also played golf, lacrosse and hockey at Northville High. “I am so glad I chose to try out for the team because I believe we will all be good friends for a long time. The hockey team is like a big family and I think everyone else would agree with that statement. The older girls really made us freshman feel



Van Antwerp



King



Hayes



Grigg

very comfortable and really helped us feel included as part of the team.”

The freshmen’s roads to the Spartan program all took long, winding paths through multiple youth teams. Grigg and Van Antwerp both started their hockey careers in the Novi boys league for several years before teaming up to help start the Farmington Hills Fire U12 travel team, which was coached by their two dads.

“I played with my older brother Michael on Novi house boys hockey teams for five years,” Van Antwerp said. “Hockey is in my blood because my dad, my uncles, cousins and three brothers all play or played hockey throughout their life. Now I am 18 years old and still loving hockey just as much as I did when I was 4.”

Van Antwerp is the only one of the four Novi freshmen who had played with all three of the others at different points growing up.

“Lauren, Emily and I were three out of the four only girls who played Novi boys house hockey when we were younger. It was nice to know that there were other girls involved in the sport,” Van Antwerp said, noting that she moved from the Fire team at U12 and U13 to a

Livonia Knights U14 girls travel hockey team where she played with King. “Julia was always a very reliable goalie and I had a lot of fun playing with her, too.”

Hayes said she only played one year on Northville High’s girls team, but, like the others, focused mainly on AAA hockey.

“I had played with all three of the Novi girls before, but the girls travel hockey community is very small,” Hayes said. “Out of the 10 rookies on the team this season, I had played with seven of them previously. I think it helped bring our team together more because, once you bring new people into a situation, they have to get to know each other, then they have to get to know the older girls; but, if most of them already know each other, half the job is already done.”

“Most weekends of the first semester were spent cooped up in a hotel with the hockey team. You really get to know people like that.”

Grigg and King are the only combination of the four Novi freshmen who hadn’t previously played together until this year together as Spartans. Grigg and Hayes were fourth-line forwards together, while Van Antwerp, who played for-

ward in high school, was moved to fourth-line defense with another former forward and the two gelled and moved up to third line by season’s end.

“The transition was rough at first, but I grew to love the position and I began to feel really confident about it and I improved a lot,” Van Antwerp said. “We ended up getting a lot of ice time as the season went on.”

Despite gelling as a young core and helping the Spartans maintain a No. 2 seed, the trip to Nationals March 8-10 didn’t end as planned among the field of the nation’s top eight women’s ACHA teams.

MSU (25-9-1) dropped a 2-0 decision March 8 to eventual national champion Northeastern, who was ranked No. 7. The girls went on to tie No. 5 Liberty 1-1 the next day and then lost to No. 4 Minnesota later that day to be eliminated. Northeastern defeated Minnesota 3-1 March 11 for the ACHA national championship.

“Heading into Nationals, I expected to place in one of the top four spots because we were ranked No. 2 going into it,” Grigg said. “We played well, but just couldn’t put the puck in the net as much as the other teams even though we outshot our opponents in every game. Everyone was gunning for us since our team won the national championship last year.

“All were low-scoring games where it came down to one break or bounce. There really wasn’t much difference in the teams. They were all good and all the games were close.”

# Northville basketball beaming with pride

## Girls and boys squad turn in magnificent seasons

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

Talk about a season full of special moments, great memories and historic occasions — in short, it was a great year to be a member of the Northville Mustangs basketball program.

Be you a fan of the girls squad or the boys, this season was full of excellent basketball.

“It was a memorable year,” said girls coach Todd Gudith. “Anytime you can achieve a goal that you set you for your team and it becomes a reality, it’s pretty cool to see that happen.”

For the girls, the 2011-12 season was one for the

history books. It marked just the second time the Northville girls cage program brought home a district championship and the first time since 1986 — about a decade before any of the current team was even born.

For the guys, it was less about historic occasion and championships and more about defeating the teams that have long stood as unstoppable juggernauts on the schedule. The boys team earned 14 wins — the most in six years — and they stop an eight-game losing streak against the Novi Wildcats. What’s more is the Mustangs beat the Wildcats twice in a single year — the first time that’s

happened since the mid-1990s.

The squad also had a slew of close games, many decided by less than just a couple of baskets.

“I hope (the team is considered one to watch next season) because that means we are making significant steps forward in what we are trying to accomplish,” said boys coach Todd Sander. “The dramatic finishes did create some additional buzz for the program, so I think people will take notice.”

The girls program has plenty to celebrate when it came to toppling old dominant foes. The squad beat Canton, which had won the past three dis-

trict titles in a row, in the playoffs after losing to them twice in the regular season. It was the first girls win at Northville over Canton since December 2007.

The squad also defeated Novi for the first time in eight years.

“We thought we probably could’ve won a few more games overall,” said Gudith. “We lost a few tight ones but won a few of them as well. But we’ll take a 15-8 record with a district title rather than going 18-5 with nothing to show for it any day.”

Both squads have shown that dedication from the athletes on their team can go a long way toward the success of a

program. The boys team will graduate a staggering nine players this year and the girls will bid farewell to six seniors, including All-Area standout Alex Moynes.

Both teams will be looking to be back in the running for their division and conference titles when December rolls around in 2012.

“We will certainly miss our seniors,” said Sander. “They led the resurgence of our program. But, at the same time, we are excited about what we have returning and moving up for the junior varsity. The JV went 20-0 this year.”

One thing is for certain — no matter how many players return next year or how much talent comes up from junior varsity, it’s going to be

hard to repeat some of this year’s magic.

“It’s never easy to duplicate the success you have from one season to another because there are always players who graduate and new players that come into the mix,” said Gudith. “We’ll be losing some very talented girls and we’ll have a different look to us next season. You hope that the players that will be back learned that besides talent you need to have the right attitude, work ethic, and belief in yourself and your teammates to accomplish anything. I think having our team get a taste of success and seeing that it can be done will go a long way with how our returning girls approach the upcoming season and how they compete day in and day out.”

### CATHOLIC CENTRAL ROUNDUP

#### New soccer coach chosen at Detroit Catholic Central

Despite being a brand new head coach at Detroit Catholic Central, Gene Pulice knows exactly what kind of expectations are placed on education, success and tradition on the Shamrocks’ pitch. That’s because Pulice, who has over 25 years of coaching experience, used to be an assistant coach for the program.

Pulice was announced as the new head coach of the program last week and will take over for Joe Nora, who is departing the soccer team after a successful decade at the helm.

“Gene Pulice knows what the Catholic Central program needs to be successful,” said Detroit Catholic Central athletics director Aaron Babicz. “He knows our CC family and is a man of the community. We couldn’t be happier hiring someone who is familiar with our mission and the Shamrock family.”

Currently, Pulice is coaching the Michigan Wolves/Hawks club team, which has had national success during his tenure there. His soccer coaching experience doesn’t end there, either: Pulice is also a current varsity assistant at Farmington Mercy, has coached at the Catholic Central feeder school Our Lady of Good Counsel and is a former regional director of the Midwest Soccer Academy.

Two Shamrocks race in ski state finals

The Shamrocks may not have raced

as a team in the state finals this year, but they did send two representatives to Traverse City to compete as individuals.

Damon Rottermond finished third in the giant slalom with a final score of 49.34 — just .01 away from second place. His first run through the course resulted in a 23.87 final and his second was a 25.48.

Ian Price also raced in the state finals as an individual, taking 14th in the giant slalom with a final score of 50.73. His first run was a 24.89 and his second resulted in a 25.88.

In the slalom event, Rottermond did not place following a 35.98 run down the hill in the first portion of the race. He was disqualified in the second run.

#### All-State hockey team honors several Shamrocks

The Detroit Catholic Central hockey team was ranked first in the state throughout the entirety of the season, and for good reason — it had some of the best players on the ice on its roster.

The was proven a fact this year during the All-State hockey team selection. The Shamrocks earned four first-team selections and one second-team honor this year. Peter Halash, Michael Babcock and Charlie Green were selected as first-team All-State forwards while Nolan Gluchowski was selected as a first-team defensive player.

Carson Gatt, a defender, was the lone Shamrock on the second-team All-State squad.

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# FitBarre: Shaping up includes dance moves

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

The FitBarre classes at BodyFit in downtown Northville draw mostly women.

"We've found this is great for all age groups," said Angela Mitchell, who owns BodyFit in Northville Square with husband Dean. BodyFit's been there since 2007 and the New Hudson couple took it over last August.

She'd be happy to get men in the classes, noting pro football players often use ballet for strength and conditioning.

"They have to want to come try it," said Mitchell.

FitBarre is a workout incorporating ballet and other fitness techniques such as Pilates. It offers a full body workout to lift your seat, tone thighs and arms and create flat, strong abdominal muscles. The classes also help with burning fat.

A recent class at BodyFit was taught by instructor Natalie Eupizi of Northville Township. The women used the barre at various times to work different muscle groups. They also worked with weights for their upper body, the heaviest weights at five pounds.

The women concentrated at one point on tucking their hips up and in, to flatten abs and create a tighter bottom. That's also good for flexibility, said Beverly Parker of Livonia, another instructor at



BodyFit instructor Beverly Parker joins a Thursday afternoon class at the barre.



BodyFit instructor Natalie Eupizi works with weights with her Thursday morning class.

BodyFit.

Eupizi used music to keep the class moving, including some high-energy songs, as well as slower ones for warming up and cooling down. The hourlong classes are offered at various times of the day, seven days a week.

Maureen Wood of Northville Township has been a FitBarre regular "lately, yes. I love it. I think it's a full body workout. Nice leg workout. You can do it at your own level."

Randi Valdez of Northville Township was a first-timer at the Jan.

26 morning class. "I thought it was great," Valdez said. "A full body workout. A little bit of everything."

The women visited at the end of class, but concentrated on fitness during the session.

Angela and Dean Mitchell have found



BodyFit instructors Beverly Parker and Natalie Eupizi work at the barre during a Thursday morning class at Northville Square.

the FitBarre classes popular. "Just recently, it's really started to get popular," Angela Mitchell said. FitBarre doesn't require dance experience, with proponents advocating workouts three-four times a week for the best results.

The room accommodates up to 15.

BodyFit also offers other classes, such as TRX suspension weight training, along with Boot Camps, high-intensity, military-based training. The Mitchells are concentrating

on bringing more business in.

"I don't think a lot of people know about us here," she said, noting they face a side street. They do one-on-one training consults for weight and strength training. BodyFit also sells the lululemon athletica attire as well as supplements.

BodyFit is in Northville Square on Main Street in downtown Northville. It can be reached at (248) 305-8414.

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## TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS

# The business of education

By Rick Radners  
Guest Columnist

It strikes me that people don't like to use the words business and education in the same conversation. I often find myself stepping out of an awkward exchange because people don't like to mix these two subjects. With some fore thought, I find that not only do the two models fit together, but also putting them side by side can teach us a great deal. I'd like to talk about the two ideals within this paired concept and see what kind of conversation I can spark with others.



Rick Radners

First is the concept of charter schools. It is no mystery that many of our public school systems have been struggling under ineffective curricula and stressed leadership. Public schools find it hard to make the grade in subjects such as math and science compared to other districts or countries whom spend a considerable amount less per student than the United States. Therefore, what is the answer in fixing our public school issues? Arguments can be made for more community involvement, greater spending in regressed areas both urban and suburban, and stronger curriculum development however, these ideas take time, money, and people.

Now switch to business for a second and ask yourself the same question. If a business

is struggling, what concept forces it to improve or close its doors? The answer is competition. Competition is the one tool that forces us to improve or leave the market/field and the same concept can work for public school district via charter schools. Public school districts have a history of fighting the charter schools based on competition for headcount alone. Primarily because a charter school can act as a business in that, it can release ineffective staff, change its model to suit the needs of its customers, and close its doors if it can't meet the needs of the public it serves. Charter schools have a history of enrollment waiting lists and better than average graduation rates to prove their worth. There are some minor draw backs however, charter schools are in demand, and the public school districts aren't at all happy about it. Ask yourself why.

The second concept is the community college funding announced several months ago by President Obama at the University of Michigan. Anyone that knows me states that my political views are personal to me and I don't usually share them unless necessary. I always have respect for the Presidents' office based on the job that it carries and that someone will ultimately know more than I do about a given situation. With that, the funding proposal for community colleges has me a bit puzzled.

In a struggling economy like ours, jobs are needed for college graduates. I heard a statistic the other day that 13

out of 100 college graduates will begin work in their field of study within 12 months of graduation. Back when I was in business school, the business concept of supply and demand was delivered repeatedly. Learning this concept meant that you understood how to pull back supply to stabilize a price and effectively meet market demand.

Now back to community colleges, why is it important to make funding for training/education of more people when ultimately they will have no jobs to go too? Somehow, the simple concept of supply and demand is being met. I'm certainly not saying that the funding shouldn't be put forth however, spend it on job placement services or create programs between areas business and community colleges that use interns or word study concepts. In short, the supply is growing every December and June with every college graduation. This country needs paid career tracks for these skilled graduates. Keep tuition in check and work on job programs; it's one of the simplest equations in business of education!

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## Local nonprofits make cut in 'Aprons in Action'

Jewish Family Service's Project Build! program, winner of the January Aprons in Action contest, The Home Depot Foundation's yearlong Facebook voting program, will compete against 10 other monthly winners for \$250,000 in the final round of the contest. Voting began March 1 and runs through March 31 at [www.facebook.com/homedepotfoundation](http://www.facebook.com/homedepotfoundation). The organization with the most votes at the end of the month will win the \$250,000 grand prize. Organizations with the second and third most votes will receive \$150,000 and \$100,000 from The Home Depot Foundation, respectively.

During the Aprons in Action Contest, which began in April 2011, The Home Depot Foundation's Facebook fans have already helped 11 nonprofit organizations win \$25,000 each to better their communities. In the March 2012 round of the competition, Jewish Family Service is competing against 10 other monthly winners from across the country. Competing finalists include:

- April 2011: Great Falls Children's Receiving Home (Great Falls, Mont.)
- May 2011: Ronald McDonald House of Detroit (Detroit)
- June 2011: Jerusalem House (Atlanta, Ga.)
- July 2011: New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity (New Orleans, La.)
- August 2011: Northwest Hospital Fdn. (Seattle, Wash.)
- September 2011: Taylor VFW Post #4422 (Taylor)
- October 2011: Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans (Wheaton, Ill.)
- November 2011: Utah State Veterans Home (Salt Lake City, Utah)
- December 2011: Lifebuilders of Detroit (Detroit)
- January 2012: Jewish Family Service of Metropolitan Detroit (West Bloomfield)
- February 2012: Veterans Guest House (Reno, Nev.)

"Winning \$25,000 from The Home Depot during the first round of Aprons in Action was such an honor, and we are so thankful for the recognition," said Perry Ohren, CEO of Jewish Family Service. "If we actually win the grand prize of \$250,000, we would be able to grow this essential program and help hundreds of people in Southeast Michigan live in safe and functional homes for many years to come. So we encourage everyone to go to Facebook and vote for us."

Working together, Jewish Family Service's Project Build!, The Home Depot Foundation and the local The Home Depot Commerce Township store recently teamed up to complete an extensive home repair. It took seven days over a period of three weeks to replace rotted flooring, paint all of the walls, replace the lighting and oven, and repair the gutters outside. In the end, JFS's Project Build! and The Home Depot turned the client's house into a home.

"Everyone at work tells me how happy and healthy I look these days," said the client. "I tell them that every day I walk into a new home. I'm not worried about things anymore."

Across the country, The Home Depot Associates give back to their communities by volunteering their time and talents with local nonprofit organizations, like Jewish Family Service. The Aprons in Action Program recognizes these successful partnerships and gives each of the featured nonprofits the opportunity to do additional work with Team Depot volunteers to better their communities.

"Aprons in Action is our \$1 million effort to support the most active and engaged nonprofit organizations across the country," said Kelly Caffarelli, president of The Home Depot Foundation.



Jewish Family Service recently renovated a Huntington Woods home. The agency is involved in an effort to win \$250,000 from The Home Depot Foundation, to support its Project Build! program providing home repairs for those in need.

"Through Aprons in Action, we have already distributed \$440,000 to 44 deserving organizations from across the nationwide Team Depot network, allowing them to continue their great work serving our communities."

Voting runs through March 31 at noon ET. Aprons in Action is on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/homedepot](http://www.facebook.com/homedepot)

or [www.facebook.com/homedepotfoundation](http://www.facebook.com/homedepotfoundation).

The final percentages of votes for each nonprofit will be posted on The Home Depot and The Home Depot Foundation's Facebook pages.

For more information and to view the program rules, visit The Home Depot on Facebook or go to [www.homedepotfoundation.org](http://www.homedepotfoundation.org).

## Website for roomies raises issues

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

Q: Can you tell me whether the Fair Housing Act applies to roommates picked through a website organization which is becoming an ever-increasing set of circumstances?

A: At least based



Robert Meisner

upon a recent decision from the United States Court of Appeals Ninth Circuit, the anti-

discrimination provisions of the Federal Fair Housing Act do not extend to the selection of roommates. The case at hand involved a website that was operated to help roommates find each other. Two local fair housing organizations sued the website alleging that the website violated the Fair Housing Act by requiring users to disclose their sex, sexual orientation, and familial status and then matching users based on those characteristics. In that case, the court found that their activities did not violate the Fair Housing Act in that finding same would interfere with the constitutional privacy rights of those that share living quarters. The court specifically said that it did not find it unlawful to discriminate in selecting a roommate.

Q: I understand that they take American money in Ecuador and I am wondering whether or not there are opportunities to live there cheaper, particularly in Quito, than in other places such as Mexico?

A: In discussing the residential environment in Quito, Ecuador, I am advised that there are many Americans who are moving there because it is relatively cheap and because of the problems in Mexico. Quito is one of the most Americanized cities in South America and the currency is actually the dollar. Since it is about 9,000 feet above sea level, and surrounded by mountains, the temperature is much cooler than other places in Ecuador and many parts of South America. The city is relatively clean and the people take pride in maintaining it as such. You can buy a good condominium in a high end area of Quito, say a two or three bedroom, for around \$300,000 to \$450,000. Again, you are advised to consult with a real estate professional and attorney in the local area, but you may well also be advised to have an attorney from the States overseeing the transaction.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition, available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping/handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping/handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit [bmeisner@meisner-associates.com](http://bmeisner@meisner-associates.com).

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 5-9, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

#### CANTON

43838 Applewood Rd	\$126,000
43860 Arlington Rd	\$167,000
427 Belvedere Ct N	\$325,000
2184 Cameo Ct	\$390,000
1836 Century Ct	\$140,000
41760 Creston Ct	\$85,000
41770 Creston Ct	\$113,000
39718 Deepwood St	\$80,000
39649 Dorchester Cir	\$200,000
44820 Geddes Rd	\$125,000
50070 Grant St	\$161,000
49135 Ivybridge Way	\$313,000
418 Merrimac Rd	\$100,000
48138 Picadilly Ct	\$332,000
46470 Polo Dr	\$267,000

274 Shana St	\$130,000
GARDEN CITY	
28945 Birchlawn St	\$26,000
32118 Block St	\$58,000
291 Brandt St	\$16,000
29020 Cambridge St	\$38,000
414 Lathers St	\$83,000
6303 Lathers St	\$55,000
6948 Venoy Rd	\$100,000
LIVONIA	
36780 Six Mile Rd	\$66,000
14315 Auburndale St	\$140,000
14575 Bainbridge St	\$110,000
36265 Dardanella St	\$235,000
36332 Fairway Dr	\$30,000
18091 Floral St	\$59,000
34672 Grove Dr	\$180,000
32612 Lyndon St	\$153,000
32940 Lyndon St	\$176,000
36017 Lyndon St	\$149,000
20235 Maplewood St	\$35,000
9351 Merriman Rd	\$70,000
34966 Munger St	\$200,000
37486 N Laurel Park Dr	\$105,000
37677 Newburgh Park Cir	\$148,000

14353 Nola St	\$103,000
37805 Plymouth Rd	\$195,000
19209 Westmore St	\$84,000
NORTHVILLE	
50615 Seven Mile Rd	\$175,000
17961 Beck Rd	\$177,000
19019 Bella Vista Ct	\$300,000
18165 Blue Heron Pointe Dr	\$290,000
18293 Blue Heron Pointe Dr	\$350,000
19572 Cardene Way	\$132,000
16743 Carriage Way	\$110,000
18717 Clover Hill Ct	\$465,000
16696 Dover Dr	\$118,000
39726 Muirfield Ln	\$245,000
725 Randolph St	\$70,000
43762 Wabeek Ln	\$535,000
PLYMOUTH	
242 Elizabeth St	\$100,000
47578 Katherine Ct	\$445,000
9260 Oakview St	\$132,000
42467 Plymouth Hollow Dr	\$39,000
REDFORD	
9992 Berwyn	\$65,000

11318 Brady	\$45,000
20567 Denby	\$23,000
15019 Fenton	\$45,000
26618 Glendale	\$72,000
19210 Negaunee	\$21,000
19737 Seminole	\$18,000
26925 W Davison	\$55,000
20525 Wakenden	\$15,000
WESTLAND	
31203 Cooley Blvd	\$45,000
38561 Deer Creek Blvd	\$63,000
741 Denice St	\$59,000
36512 McKinney Ave	\$183,000
5908 N Berry St	\$68,000
7895 N Hix Rd	\$145,000
8614 N Hubbard St	\$65,000
6200 N Newburgh Rd	\$58,000
32263 Parkmoor St	\$56,000
7820 Randy Dr	\$70,000
7820 Randy Dr	\$73,000
1455 S Norma St	\$92,000
27664 Trailbrooke Cir	\$39,000
2355 Treadwell St	\$74,000
1667 Westchester St	\$58,000

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 28 to Dec. 2, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

#### BIRMINGHAM

16947 Kinross Ave	\$155,000
22166 Valley Oaks Dr	\$415,000
18451 Warwick St	\$225,000
507 Lewis St	\$195,000
1661 Maryland Blvd	\$350,000
635 N Old Woodward Ave	\$221,000
1890 Oak Ave	\$869,000
655 Pilgrim Ave	\$695,000
505 W Frank St	\$790,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
1963 Cragin Dr	\$285,000
1904 Pine Ridge Ct	\$270,000
5114 Woodlands Ln	\$130,000
1443 Ravineview Ct # C-14	\$140,000
1012 Stratford Ln	\$165,000
571 Yarboro Dr	\$725,000

#### BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

4063 Cranbrook Ct	\$375,000
5096 Forest Way	\$775,000
1281 Fox Chase Rd	\$510,000
1791 Lone Pine Rd	\$645,000
1895 W Tahquamenon Ct	\$200,000
5118 Woodlands Trl	\$275,000
920 Yarmouth Rd	\$900,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
8039 Barnsbury St	\$149,000
4045 E Commerce Rd	\$145,000
5005 Fairgrove Ln	\$170,000
8633 Hibbing St	\$95,000
8228 Hummingbird	\$223,000
FARMINGTON	
24119 Saint Mary Ct	\$136,000
Farmington Hills	
21429 Archwood Cir	\$127,000
25476 Bridlepath Ln	\$247,000
31037 Cedar Creek Dr	\$178,000
33501 Colony Park Dr	\$225,000
38876 Country Cir	\$72,000
29321 Geraldine Ct	\$112,000
28014 Green Willow St	\$83,000
35501 Johnstown Rd	\$209,000
25533 Kilreigh Dr	\$130,000

21761 Middlebelt Rd	\$27,000
31807 Middlebelt Rd	\$75,000
30863 N Wendybrook Ct	\$175,000
29440 Pendleton Club Dr	\$42,000
21493 Riverwalk Ct	\$199,000
27971 Rollcrest Rd	\$30,000
25718 Skye Ct	\$160,000
24789 Springbrook Dr	\$190,000
35157 Valley Forge Dr	\$158,000
22026 W Brandon St	\$82,000
FRANKLIN	
30550 Woodside Dr	\$1,100,000
MILFORD	
990 Hickory Ridge Cir	\$83,000
891 Panorama Dr	\$95,000
974 Panorama Dr	\$100,000
127 Ravinest Dr	\$245,000
400 Riverbend St	\$230,000
488 Rowe Rd	\$160,000
3450 W Buno Rd	\$190,000
2145 W Commerce Rd	\$95,000
NOVI	
123 Charlotte Dr	\$60,000
1667 Harbor Cv	\$150,000
27504 Harrington Way	\$218,000
25678 Island Lake Dr	\$430,000

40587 Lenox Park Dr	\$259,000
21937 Meridian Ln	\$208,000
31130 Seneca Ln	\$125,000
41709 Steinbeck Gln	\$80,000
SOUTH LYON	
440 Second St	\$110,000
23511 Spy Glass HI N	\$289,000
SOUTHFIELD	
21001 Andover Rd	\$80,000
18519 Autumn Ln	\$145,000
20405 Brookshire St	\$99,000
26717 Franklin Pointe Dr	\$44,000
23337 Grayson Dr	\$26,000
27730 Larkmoor St	\$75,000
16256 Mayfair Dr	\$41,000
28715 Monterey Dr	\$101,000
21944 Murray Crescent Dr	\$100,000
16400 N Park Dr # 302	\$29,000
30543 Shoreham St	\$126,000
18454 Westover Ave	\$20,000
WHITE LAKE	
9387 Gale Rd	\$160,000
1919 Howland Blvd	\$170,000
588 Rumson Ct	\$310,000
8446 Strada Ct	\$135,000
315 Woodsedge Ln	\$225,000

### REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

#### New location, good works

RE/MAX Classic of Canton office has made the move to its new location at 42078 Ford

Road from the previous long-term home at 43435 Joy Road. The new space has allowed the Classic office to expand their Realtor staff and the location is accommodating with close access directly from the I-275 freeway.

"We are up, running and settled in and continue to actively

sponsor the Cell Phones for Soldiers program," said Carol Boji, broker/owner. As a supporter for the Cell Phones for Soldiers program, area residents and businesses can now drop off and donate their unused cell phones and accessories at the new Ford Road location Monday through Friday until 6 p.m.

and Saturdays until 5 p.m. "Calling cards are also available to those who have service personnel stationed overseas or in the states upon request," said Boji.

Families with friends or family in the military can visit RE/MAX Classic in Canton or visit [www.detroitmetrorealestate.com](http://www.detroitmetrorealestate.com).





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For most job seekers, the art of negotiation comes into play at two specific times in their careers: during an initial job negotiation and at their performance evaluation. Some negotiations operate on a grand scale, with discussion about company cars and relocation allowances. But most of us focus on one thing in our negotiations: salary.

There are, however, a number of possible negotiation points for new and existing workers. And with many employers delaying or deferring raises because of tough economic challenges, hiring managers are more open to discussions about alternatives. Here are just a few of the possibilities that many workers are not aware of.

**Time off.** For many of us, time off is as important (if not more important) as monetary compensation. But workers may not be aware that they can negotiate for time off.

- Paid vacation time is an extra benefit that is often negotiated at the time a job offer is made. Companies often use extra vacation with pay as an incentive to bring new talent onboard. They may also use it as a retention tool if an employee is considering leaving. You can negotiate for a few more days or even weeks than you were originally offered.

- Companies may be also open to allowing workers who are seeking more time away from the office an option to take unpaid time. Some employees may be able to negotiate an extended unpaid leave, which allows them more time to spend with family, take an extended trip, do volunteer work or take a class.

- If extended time out of the office is not available, consider negotiating for time off on specific days that are important to you, such as a birthday or anniversary. Let your company know how important time out of the office is to you, and develop a plan for how work will be done in your absence.

**Dress code.** Many workplaces have casual Fridays, but you may be able to negotiate a more relaxed dress code for every day of the week.

Your company may be open to talking about this perk, but their willingness to

change the dress code may depend on how much you and your co-workers interact with the public.

**Education and career enhancement.** Many workplaces have programs in place for tuition reimbursement if employees are attending a college or university. But those programs do not always automatically cover classes, workshops and seminars that are not part of an undergraduate or graduate program.

Discuss your interest in career-enhancing courses. This may include continuing courses in your field or in a related field. They may also be willing to pay for attendance at seminars on time management and organization. Remind your company that they will reap the benefits of what you learn.

**Environmental friendliness.** You may also be able to negotiate for perks or rebates for adhering to a company's

"green" guidelines or for developing more environmentally friendly ideas. Employees might receive a bonus for giving up a parking space, biking to work, or carpooling with co-workers.

Companies are eager to explore ideas on how to be green at work, so approach your company with your ideas. They may coordinate a meeting with the buildings and grounds manager to review your ideas.

**Flexible schedules.** Many employees have successfully negotiated this perk at work. Employers are more open to providing flexible schedules to retain the worker. And employees have been seeking out this benefit for several reasons, including a desire to commute less and a need for work/life balance. Among the possible options:

- Compressed scheduling, where employees work their allotted hours in a

work week or pay period in a compressed time frame.

- Family-friendly flexible time, which allows workers to come in late or leave early to attend activities with their child.

- Working from home, either as one of several scheduling options or as a full-time location for work.

It's important that any scheduling changes take place without impacting productivity, so work with your manager to ensure that your department has appropriate coverage when you're not there.

**Wellness.** One concept that companies have focused on in recent years is employee wellness. Many companies offer information and resources about wellness programs at the office. Management and HR may be open to working with employees and negotiating additional perks that are wellness-related. Those perks could include:

- Paying for a portion of your gym membership, or offering employees discounts and rebates when they purchase fitness equipment.

- Supplying employees with pedometers, water bottles and other items that support wellness initiatives. In addition to providing a perk to employees, companies can emblazon those items with the company logo.

- Changing or improving on-site vending machines and providing filtered water or access to a water cooler with filtered water.

- Having a massage therapist or yoga instructor come to the workplace to lead programs that reduce stress.

- Providing on-site access to fitness equipment, and scheduling flexibility to exercise during the day.

Like environmental benefits, many companies are actively trying to find ways to incorporate wellness initiatives into the workplace, so be proactive about your ideas and a possible plan of action.

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