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## Women Under Attack

The topic of the Northville Democratic Club's next meeting is Women Under Attack: What's at Stake, at 7 p.m. March 29 at Hillside Middle School's forum room (southwest corner of 8 Mile and Center Street, Northville). It is free and open to the public. NDC President Scott Craig said the town hall is being held to explore the recent verbal and legislative attacks on women by Congress and Republican candidates for president of the United States. A panel of three prominent women will present their views and lead the discussions.

# DDA approves five improvement grants

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Correspondent

Northville's Downtown Development Authority approved its last cycle of funding for the Business Assistance Program with five out of the seven businesses that applied being recommended to city council for financial assistance.

Commercial improvement grant funding of \$21,637 was approved

for the planned projects, which includes:

- Renovating the facade at 109/119 N. Center St.
  - Upgrading the Northville Sports Den's outdoor dining area; and
  - Fixing the roof at Rebecca's Restaurant.
- All three will receive over \$4,000 in assistance. Both Rebecca's and the Sports Den are planning renovations costing more than \$12,000.

There were no appli-

cants for technical assistance grants, so this budgeted funding was rolled into commercial improvement help, according to DDA director Lori Ward. The soon-to-be discontinued program was established in 2007 and offered a 50-50 match. Since 2007, over \$160,000 has been granted for commercial improvement projects, along with \$5,000 for

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Lee Holland Associates made a request for a grant match to help with his project to have a mural like this one placed on a wall of the building at 115 E. Dunlap St. The request was denied.



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Some members of the Turf Club gather at the high school's Eight Mile Rd. stadium on March 27. From left: David Moore, Kathy Koupal, Jennifer Pearson (Foundation Manager), Randy Holloway, Bryan Masi (Northville High's Athletic Director), and Donna MacDonald. The Turf Club plans on installing artificial turf at the stadium beginning in about a month and is almost at its \$1 million goal for the project. They're sponsoring a fundraiser night at Northville Square on April 28.

# Northville looks to raise funds for turf

Total cost would be approximately \$1M

By **Sam Eggleston**  
Correspondent

There's no denying it: it is great playing sports on real grass. Well, right up to the point that the field becomes muddy, torn up and nearly unusable — and that's just over the course of a single season. It is the reality of having a grass football field, especially one that hosts multiple teams and multiple sports over

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## ON TAP

A Night For Northville fundraiser will be taking place from 8 p.m. to midnight April 28 from at Northville Square, 133 W. Main Street. There will be live music, silent auctions of sports memorabilia from Take 2 Authentics as well as gift baskets, food

and drinks. A separate fundraiser, Test Drive for Turf, will take place 4-7:30 p.m. April 19 at the Northville High School center parking lot. Anyone who test drives a new Grand Caravan, Journey, Durango or Charger will earn \$20 for each test drive that will be given to the Turf Club.

# Amerman students set sights on solar power

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Correspondent

Solar awnings will be constructed at Amerman Elementary School at the southwest corner of the building in the coming months.

This project, which is being funded through fundraising and donations, will give students an up-close look into how renewable energy can be used on a daily basis.

"There are three big reasons for this, and they are to reduce our utility costs and carbon footprint and, most of all, to enhance the education of our students," Amerman Principal Steve Anderson said.

The idea for the project started after teachers Khris Nedam's and Bruce Ricketts' classes conducted a year-long study of weather and renewable energy during the 2010-2011 school year. According to Anderson, they tracked the data on wind speed for Amerman and contracted a company to see if the data would support the installation of a wind generator.

Those experts said there was not enough to support one, but there was a lot of sun -- specifically on the south-facing section of the building, which they said could be an ideal spot for solar panels. However, they said the minimum amount for a

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# Big Daddy and His Girls cash in \$1.25 million lottery tickets from Northville



This family, known as Big Daddy and His Girls, won \$1.25 million in the lottery with tickets bought at the Meijer store in Northville.

March 20 was the lucky day for the family referred to as Big Daddy and His Girls who cashed in their five matching 5 Mega Millions tickets from Northville at Lottery headquarters in Lansing March 23 and took home a cool \$1.25 million.

The winning tickets, which were among nine sold in Michigan for last Tuesday's drawing, were purchased at the Meijer store at 20401 Haggerty Road in Northville.

Besides Big Daddy, the Northville Lottery club includes his wife of 44 years and three daughters. He explained that he has been playing the same numbers in the Mega Millions game since it first went on sale. The numbers are a configuration of 641, the first number he ever won a Lottery prize on years ago.

The lucky purchase consisted of five tickets with 01 04 06 11 14 as the white ball numbers,

with a different Mega ball number -- 01, 04, 06, 11 and 14 -- on each. The five winning wagers were among nine sold in Michigan, and 68 sold across the country, for the March 20 drawing.

"I was strategizing," Big Daddy said about his playing practices. "I didn't give them (family members) an option."

Big Daddy boasted of another March 20 accomplishment: He caught a couple of walleye that weighed in at 9½ pounds. "That was his lucky day," a daughter said.

Despite cashing in on Friday, Big Daddy said he will continue to play the Lottery, and with the same lucky numbers. In fact, he is all set for tonight's Mega Millions drawing that carries a \$290 million jackpot.

"I bought the tickets yesterday," he said, adding that he hopes "to get it right this time" and take home the jackpot prize.

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# Lawyer Tom Cameron joins Northville Township trustees race

Tom Cameron has announced his candidacy for the Northville Township Board of Trustees and will seek the Republican nomination for one of the four trustee seats in the Aug. 7 primary election.

"These are difficult financial times for local governments everywhere in Michigan, and I have the background and experience to help make tough decisions", said Cameron. "I will fight to maintain our community's standard of excellence. Protecting our quality of life and property values will be my top priority."

Cameron is the Criminal Justice Bureau chief for the Michigan Attorney General's Office where he directs all criminal prosecutions for the office in key areas such as public corruption, on-line child sex predators, child support enforcement, Medicaid fraud, and cold case murders. Cameron earned his bachelor of arts degree in finance from Western Michigan University and his juris doctorate from the Wayne State University School of Law.



Tom Cameron

While at the Michigan Attorney General's Office, Cameron successfully prosecuted complex cases and obtained first-degree murder convictions for serial killer Coral Watts and serial child killer John Rodney McRae. In addition, Cameron has prosecuted public officials for abusing their positions of trust, such as former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, convicted of assault, and former River Rouge City Council President Tony Laginess, convicted of accepting a bribe. Before joining the Michigan Attorney General's Office, Cameron served as a Wayne County assistant prosecutor where he specialized in prosecuting homicides.

Cameron is active in the community and presently serves on the Northville Township Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, and he is a Cub Scout Den Leader for the Tiger Cub Pack 1384. In addition, Cameron serves as vice-president of the Michigan Commission of Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES).

Cameron is married to Dr. Mary Cameron, M.D., a family physician for the Detroit Medical Center, and together they have three children, ages 8, 7, and 5.

# Gardener: Taking out trees, plants can improve look

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Northville residents are eager to get out in their gardens, judging by attendance at a recent gardening program sponsored by the Northville District Library.

Master gardener Janet Macunovich shared tips on gardening and landscaping the evening of Monday, March 5, drawing some 125 to the Northville Community Senior Center.

"It just says something nice about what people are doing for the world around them," Macunovich said of the impressive turnout.

She and husband Steve Nikkila, a photographer, started work together in the early 1980s. "I don't believe in pie in the sky stuff," the practical Macunovich said, showing photos of a garden at The Detroit Zoo, their family gardens and those of clients.

Macunovich, author of books including "Designing Your Gardens and Landscapes," stressed the importance of clearing out trees and plants to make room for the new.

"People don't actually do it," she said. "They talk about it." It takes discipline for a gardener to give something up.

She recommends thinking about eliminating plants when they're not visible in all their glory. One needs to assess a plant's health, too, in freeing up space.

"We didn't change the bones, we

just changed the things that went in them," she said of their family gardens.

Gardeners should consider species, health and location when planting.

"Things just get all overgrown, and that's difficult for us to deal with," she said.

Macunovich emphasized that perennials can be moved. "They need to go to new soil," she said, and often thrive there.

She told her attentive audience a tree may have a million leaves. "Every leaf is a draw. That's how trees pull up water."

That makes pruning important, and Macunovich said in response to a question that pruning "in this crazy weather" of early March is fine.

She said not to prune on a winter day of 45 degrees when the night temperature drops to 15 degrees.

One needs to know where water goes in the soil, she said. In terms of moving vs. taking something out, pick a place and design/renovate for that.

That could be you on the back porch, she said, or a visitor in the driveway.

"Few stars, more supporting actors," she said of her gardening philosophy. "Make sure things fit the area, won't overgrow."

The couple has a free weekly newsletter and a website, [www.GardenAtoZ.com](http://www.GardenAtoZ.com). Their e-mail is [info@GardenAtoZ.com](mailto:info@GardenAtoZ.com).

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Winchester Elementary School students raise their hands as they answer author Brandon Mull's questions as to what goes into creating a good story — during his March 5 visit.



Author Brandon Mull interacts with Winchester Elementary School students on March 5. Mull, a popular kids' author, was brought to the school as part of March is Reading Month activities and to demonstrate to the students how imagination is a good part of his ability to craft a story.

# Author to Winchester kids: Imagination will take you far

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Brooke Gibbons, 11, and Nicholas Bhandari, 10, were pretty excited about meeting author Brandon Mull.

"He's awesome," said Brooke, a fifth grader at Winchester Elementary School, which Mull visited Monday, March 5. "I like him a lot. I've read pretty much all of them except his new one. I'm always in for a good adventure."

Fifth grader Nicholas is also a big fan. "I've read the entire Fablehaven series and they are one of my favorite series ever," he said. He likes the mythical creatures.

Mull, 37, from the Salt Lake City, Utah, area visited Win-



Some of author Brandon Mull's books lie by the feet of a student — ready for signing — during his March 5 visit to Winchester.

chester for March is Reading Month. He's written the Fablehaven and Beyonders series.

Fablehaven's a five-book series, he said, and is complete. He's published the first Beyonder, with the second coming out March 13. That will be a trilogy.

Mull got rejection letters before being published in 2006. He's married and has kids ages 8, 6, 3 and 1.

His books are fantasy-adventure, often read by kids around age 10 and up through teens. Harry Potter fans often like them and the "twisty, smart plot, hopefully."

### Read, think, create

His Northville appearance showed children how reading and creating keep imagination strong. Mull has done about 1,000 school visits in 35 states, including Michigan stops in the Detroit area, Ann Arbor and Grand Rapids.

"I hoped they would be successful," the author said. "It was a huge relief when they

were."

"Beyonders: Seed of Rebellion," the second of the trilogy, comes out March 13, with the author noting the first of that series made No. 1 on *The New York Times* best seller list.

The Winchester kids were eager and attentive with great questions. "I brought those as proof that I'm a mature person," said Mull, showing funny portraits of himself.

He was working in advertising when he got his first book published. Mull wrote a younger child's picture book, "Pingo," which was published, partly for his own children.

At Winchester, he led "The Imagination Game."

"Relax," he told the three students who helped. "There

are no wrong answers."

Together with classmate help, the kids told a story of being sucked into a projector onto candy ground. There were lollipop plants, marshmallow rain and "a big old buff ogre."

"I'm a big believer that imagination can take you places," Mull said. He showed a witch illustration from a book of his as well as work by two other artists for the same passage.

Information on Mull's books is online at [www.brandonmull.com](http://www.brandonmull.com). He encouraged Winchester children to read, write and realize that they too could publish books.

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## Indian American Student Association embraces diversity with cultural showcase

By Linda Busse  
Correspondent

Northville High School came alive with the music and dance of India on March 16, when students performed in the Indian American Student Association Cultural Showcase. The two-hour program featured Northville High School students performing many traditional dances of India as well as some colorful Bollywood-type pieces.

The Indian American Student Association (IASA) is a new club to Northville High School. Formed this school year, its goal is to promote diversity and expose students to Indian culture.

Other student dancers from Northville High School showed support for their IASA classmates, as the Northville High School varsity dance company performed two contemporary numbers during the show. Their participation was in an effort to show that dance is a means of expression and enjoyment that crosses all cultures.

"The show was a lot of fun to put together," said AISA co-president Puja Patel. "It took long hours of meetings and dance practices, but in the end the hard work of all the board members and the general members really paid off."

"Bringing an Indian-based organization into the school allows students to broaden their perspec-



IASA Board Members performed the last dance in the show together. Shown are (l to r, back) Donny Yamin, Lia Busse, Abhi Narsinghia, Esha Bedi, Yash Bajaj; (front) Bhavava Pabbati and Puja Patel.

tives on the way the world works. I think that IASA will open the eyes of many students to what India is really like. Indian cultural itself is a mix of many cultures, so it is only fitting for IASA to embrace and foster the diversity at NHS."

Northville High student Lia Busse is the only IASA Board member who is not of Indian heritage.

"I am interested in various cultures," said Busse. "That is why I was interested in being a board member. I think I can be an example to other students in my efforts to embrace diversity. I

believe the more you learn about the differences in people the more you see how much we are fundamentally the same. I have always been interested in how people around the world live. Two years ago I went to a Greek summer camp and I study Spanish at school, but my own heritage is Italian."

Performing an Indian dance number was a new experience for Busse who has studied ballet and other forms of dance for over 10 years.

"I was excited when the board included me in one of the dances and it was great learning another

form of dance. Indian dance is very expressive, vibrant and lively. I got so much out of the experience of performing a form of dance that was new to me, even though dance has been part of my life for as long as I can remember."

One of the most well-received performances of the night was a very energetic dance, known as a Raas, where color and gaiety are prevalent. This traditional dance is performed with a lot of quick movements and the body language, eye contact, facial expressions and rhythm plays a



Students performed a colorful and lively Raas, a traditional Indian dance involving the use of sticks known as dandias.

major part. Two circles formed by men and women revolve in clockwise and counter-clockwise movements, while clanging their dandias, which look like drumsticks. Precision is important as they have to move according to the rhythm of the music and as well as clang their dandias.

Funds raised by tickets and concession sales will go to The Miracle Foundation, a non-profit organization whose mission it is to build orphanages in India. There are over 20 million orphans in India, almost the population of Texas, and the foundation works to end that staggering statistic. The club will continue its fundraising efforts over the year, and will be holding other events.



Helee Patel (left) and Anyssa Patel, both ninth-graders at Northville High School, danced the Raas, a piece that Helee Patel also helped choreograph.

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#### Geography bee champ

Katherine Robertson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Robertson, was recently named a Michigan National Geographic Bee semifinalist by the National Geographic Society.



Katherine Robertson

She was the winner of the school-wide bee at Hillside Middle School on Jan. 4, and subsequently took a written, 100-question, one-hour qualifying test for the state level bee on Jan. 11, which was submitted to the National Geographic Society. Based on here score, she was invited to compete at the state level geography bee at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo on March 30.

In addition, Robertson was also the winner of Hillside's spelling bee in January.

The club meets from 4:30-6:45 p.m. Mondays in the high school cafeteria. Expert instruction will be provided by a certified instructor with over 30 years experience. Students may join any time. Sessions are on a drop-in basis. For more information, contact John Blacha at tapjb@earthlink.net.

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### Robochamps



JOANNE DESILVA

The Northville High School Robotics Team 548, The Robostangs, in an alliance with Team 67, Heroes of Tomorrow (HOT) from Milford High School, and Team 3656, The Dreadbots from Dexter High School, won the Northville FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition this past weekend at Northville High. The alliance won the final Rebound Rumble match with a record high score of 113-9 which concluded with all three robots balanced on the bridge. The Robostangs also won the prestigious Chairman's Award, presented to the team that demonstrates the greatest commitment to spreading passion about science and technology into their communities and schools. The Robostangs have qualified to compete in the Michigan State FRC Championship at Eastern Michigan University on April 12-14. Next weekend they compete at the Troy FIRST Robotics Competition at Troy Athens High School.

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### NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

#### Trespassing

**1** Three Brighton men were cited for trespassing on the 7 Mile Road property after Northville Township police found them attempting to take items from the former state hospital buildings.

On March 16, police were dispatched to the township-owned property and upon arrival observed the three suspects walking out of the main building. One, a 20-year-old, had a backpack that was loaded with signs and blueprints tak-

en from the building. A further search of the pack revealed the man also had in his possession marijuana paraphernalia, which he was cited for. The suspects were escorted from the property without incident, police said.



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#### Attempted retail theft

**2** Two Livonia teenagers were caught by store security at the Kohl's store on Haggerty Road trying to steal clothing items.

According to Kohl's loss prevention, on March 15, the suspects were seen by camera taking items to the fitting rooms and then exiting, leaving only tags behind. There were no tags before they went into the rooms.

The loss prevention officer stopped the two girls after they made no attempt to pay for the hidden items, which were stuffed in their bags.

Both were issued citations with a court appearance date.

#### MDOPs

**3** Two incidents of destruction of property were reported in Northville Township recently; both involved profanity scrawled on a resident's personal property.

The first incident occurred on March 17 at a home in the 16400 block

of Johnson Creek Drive. This involved the vehicle of a Northville teenager, which had a profanity carved in long words on its door. There are no leads in the case.

The second happened at a home in the 17400 block of Rolling Woods Circle. A 40-year-old Northville man said he came home on the 17th and everything at his home was fine. However, the next morning he awoke and found profane words in graffiti on the garage door and basketball backboard. Still no leads in this case as well.

#### Marijuana possession

**4** On March 20, Northville city police were dispatched to Cabbagetown Park for a report of loud teenagers smoking.

Upon arrival the police found three individuals, two boys and a girl, sitting at a picnic table. They were informed the park was closed after dark, and then asked if they had

anything illegal on them. The 20-year-old Northville man said he did and revealed to police a pipe with burnt marijuana in it. The 21-year-old woman said she did as well and revealed that she was in possession of marijuana.

A test of these came back positive as marijuana.

Both were arrested while the other individual, a 16-year-old Northville teen, was released at the scene.

#### MDOP

**5** On March 13, B Ella Bridal was the scene of a malicious destruction incident that left it's building marked with the Kool Aid logo.

Northville city police were called to the building at N. Center Street on the complaint. On the south wall the logo was placed in two different spots and appeared to have been done with stencil and spray paint.

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**NEWSMAKERS**

**Northville nurse wins Nightingale Award**

Mary Sieggreen of Northville is a winner of a Nightingale Award for Nursing Excellence in the category of Advanced Nurse Practice. Each year, Oakland University's School of Nursing and its Board of Visitors honor Michigan's top nurses in eight different categories at the Nightingale Awards for Nursing Excellence. The event will be held on May 10 at the San Marino Club in Troy. The ceremony to recognize Sieggreen and the other winners is open to the public.



Sieggreen

For over 30 years, Sieggreen has worked tirelessly in the battle against one of the healthcare's greatest iatrogenic problems: pressure ulcers. In recognition of her work, the National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (NPUAP) invited her to be a member of its Board of Directors (2010-2014). As a dedicated member of NPUAP, a national organization that serves as the authoritative source in pressure ulcer prevention and treatment through education, research and public policy, Mary has been instrumental in educating nurses about the appropriate evidence-based practices in the treatment and eradication of nosocomial pressure-related injuries.

**Northville women honored by Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan**

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan (GSHOM) recently honored two women from Northville for their dedication to Girl Scouting. Valerie Niemiec and Christina Kowalczyk were honored at the council's Volunteer Recognition Luncheon held March 24 at the Kellogg Center, East Lansing.

Niemiec received the Honor Pin, a national award from Girl Scouts of the USA. This honor is given for service that benefits at least two Girl Scout areas within GSHOM's jurisdiction, is beyond the expectations of the position and rewards service not previously recognized. Niemiec mentored girls earning the Gold Award, the highest girl award in Girl Scouting. She served as public relations coordinator, increasing the visibility of Girl Scouting in her area. Her nominator said that "Valerie's vision helped merge a fragmented area into a larger, more supported and efficient area."

Kowalczyk received the Appreciation Pin, also a national award from Girl Scouts of the USA. The Appreciation Pin is given for service to an area or program that supports the goals of GSHOM, goes beyond the position's expectations and is given for service not previously recognized. Kowalczyk created a website for leaders, which resulted in cohesiveness for the Northville area.

She also guided all 16 girls in her troop to earn their Silver Award.



**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**

**Cavanaugh-Worthing**

Catherine Elizabeth Cavanaugh and Eric Nathan Worthing announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Michael and Theresa Cavanaugh of Dexter, is a 1998 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School, a 2003 graduate of Grand Valley State University, and 2008 graduate of Michigan State University's College of Osteopathic Medicine. She is currently employed as a physician.



Catherine Cavanaugh and Eric Worthing

Her fiancé, son of Mark and Rita Worthing of Brunswick, Maine, is a 2001 graduate of Brunswick High School and a 2005 graduate of Bowdoin College. He is a medical student and will graduate this year from the University of Vermont's College of Medicine.

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# SOLAR

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solar array would be \$10,000.

This did not deter the school, so Anderson said the students initiated several fundraising activities, which included a sledding day, that were supported by the Dad's Club. These were followed up by some generous donations, one from an anonymous donor and \$1,000 from the Northville High School Environmental Science Society Club. All of this amounted to \$11,700.

With this in hand, Anderson said the next step was to seek out bids from two firms for solar panels. One was Nova Consultants, Inc., based in Ohio and Novi. Nova offered a good proposal and being locally managed, it's the ideal fit for the job, according to the school district. Nova's president, Sunil Agrawal, who lives in the area, has been very

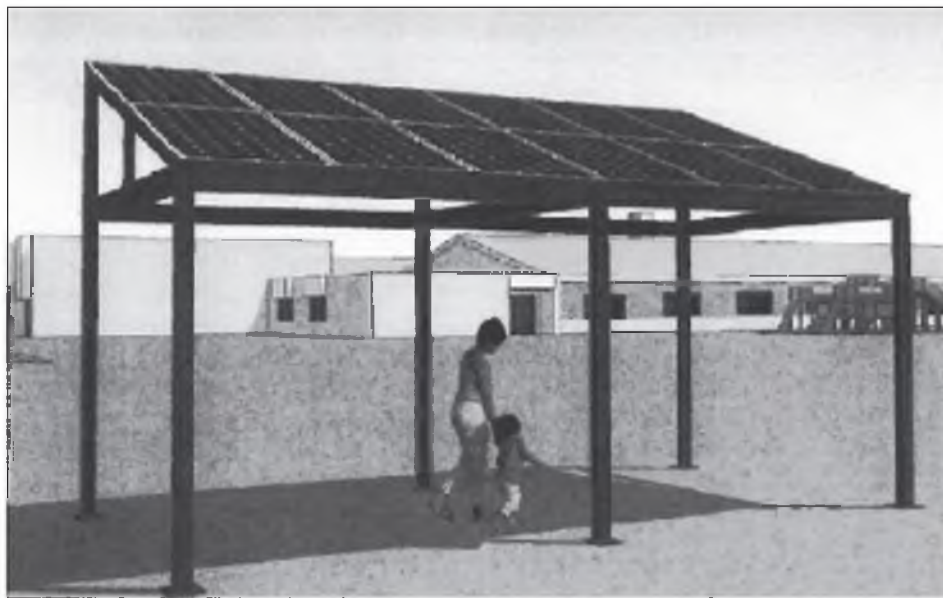
helpful with the project, Northville Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said.

"He has worked with Amerman to help make this learning activity possible," Gallagher said.

At their March 13 meeting, the Northville School Board voted to authorize the school district to contract with Nova, using the funds raised, for an amount not to exceed \$12,000 in order to get the project done. Anderson said it should be up and working before summer.

It should generate around three kilowatts of energy for the building's power system, which, hopefully, will lower utility costs.

For the students, it will become a great educational demonstration that could be expanded in the years to come. And for Amerman, it's just another example of the school striving to be the best it can be.



Nova Consultants, based in Ohio and Novi, came up with this design for the solar awnings to be built at Amerman Elementary School in Northville.

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## BREVIK, MERTON S.

Age 95. March 20, 2012. Born on the 21st of July 1916 in Calumet, Merton is survived by his loving children Joan Ward, John (Jeanette) Brevik and his sister Annette Waters. Merton attended Calumet Schools and was part of the class of 1933. He was a favorite fan of both baseball and hockey. Merton was part of the Laurium Red Wings hockey team that won the championship in 1932-1933 and was part of the American League baseball team in the early '30s. In 1935 he moved to Detroit where he would later meet his wife Cecelia Hiltunen. In 1943 he joined the Navy and was a Torpedoman's Mate 3rd class. Merton is also survived by his cherished grandchildren, Christina Kennedy, Erica Brevik, and Eric Brevik. He was also blessed with 3 great-grandchildren, Meagan Kennedy, Nicholas Kennedy, and Maia Brevik. Funeral Saturday 11:00 a.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Farmington Hills. Visitation Friday 3-8 p.m. (VFW Service at 7 p.m.) at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington. Memorials suggested to the VFW Post 4012 at vfw4012.org. www.Thayer-Rock.com

## BURGER, MARGARET

February 7, 1952- March 18, 2012. Online condolences: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

## CONN, HAROLD

Age 79, passed away March 24, 2012. A private family service was held. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. www.phillipsfuneral.com

## COPEMAN, APRIL MARYA

Age 28, of New Hudson, died March 20, 2012. Services were held Monday, March 26, 2012 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. April was born April 23, 1983 in Flint. Surviving are: husband, Ted; children, Christian and Cameron; mother, Sabrina Spencer; sister, Carrie McArdle; nephew, John Austin Traverse; several aunts, uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by her father, John Spencer; grandparents, Wayne and Isolde Ferris. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharppfuneralhomes.com

## DURBIN, AGNES C.

Age 89, of South Lyon, passed away March 25th, 2012. She was born on February 3rd, 1923, in Detroit, daughter of the late Richard and Annie Hamilton. Agnes enjoyed hearing about the active lives of her family members over a good family meal. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, friend and was happiest when she was in the presence of her family and her circle of friends in South Lyon. She is survived by her loving daughter Linda K. Poirier; her grandson Terry (Kelly) Poirier; and her great grandchildren: Kendall and Leo. She is also survived by her sister-in-law Hazel Hamilton and her nephew Rick Hamilton. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, March 28th from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. In memory of Agnes, contributions may be made to the Humane Society, P.O. Box 7026, Liberty Station, Ann Arbor, MI 48107. Online Guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

## FILIPEK, ROBERT

Age 61, of South Lyon, passed away March 23, 2012. Memorial service 3/29/2012 at 11a.m. at Casterline Funeral Home. www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

## GERWIN, PAIGE FRANCES

March 20, 2012- March 21, 2012. Online condolences: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

## ISAACSON, JULAINE "Julie"

Age 63, longtime resident of Northville, MI, passed away peacefully March 20, 2012. She was born September 29, 1948 in Watertown, SD to Earl and Virgild (Saaranen) Isaacson. She was a 1966 graduate of Lake Norden High School in Lake Norden, SD. She worked at Starting Gate in Northville for many years. She is survived by her loving siblings, Stephen (Terri) Isaacson, Earleen (Tom) Walter, and Pam (Larry) Hein; and her sister-in-law Cindy Isaacson. She was also loved by many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Randy Isaacson. Private family services were held and at Julaine's request her body was donated to the University of Michigan Medical School. Contributions to Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170 or charity of the givers choice would be appreciated. Arrangements by: www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

## MILLER, MARY LOUISE

December 13, 1920- March 13, 2012. Online condolences: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

## RICE, BETTY J.

3/20/2012. Wife of the late Wes. Interment Greenwood Cemetery. Memorials to Heifer International or Community Sharing. www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

## SCHIMECK, LAWRENCE J.

December 18, 1916- March 13, 2012. Online condolences: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

## WELCH, GERTRUDE ANN

April 14, 1933- March 18, 2012. Online condolences: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

## ZAPE, RUTH B.

Age 98, passed away March 19, 2012. She was born on December 31, 1913, in Detroit, to the late Frederick and Johanna (Stienke) Brauer. Ruth is survived by her sisters: Leona (James) Bey, Annamae Seccombe; brother Lorne (Erlene) Brauer; 20 nieces, nephews and many great-nieces and nephews, and loving friends. Visitation was held on March 22, and a funeral service was held on March 23, Friday, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church, 330 E. Liberty St., South Lyon, MI 48178 or Grace Hospice. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

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technical assistance.

The other two businesses that were approved for assistance are the Tuscan Cafe and Starring the Gallery.

Tuscan wants to replace its windows in the front and rear of the upper level of the building with a total cost of \$4,815. And Starring wants to put up a new projecting sign with a total cost of \$2,467.

## Denied applications

The application from Lee Holland and Associates was denied. Holland made a request for a grant match to help with his project to have a mural placed on a wall of the building at 115 E. Dunlap St. The DDA board debated whether or not art, planned to be placed at a privately-owned business, should be publicly funded.

Holland was requesting \$1,900 to help fund the \$3,800 project. Ward presented the board with a visual of the project's plan, which would have a silhouette mural depicting a family and business man along with a tribute stating, "Northville, A wonderful balance for all our lives."

The board was conflicted about this, wondering if artwork placed in the downtown had an official approval process, and if it would really improve the facade.

Greg Presley, DDA board chairman, summed up the opinions: "What I am hearing is that, as a public body, for us to give public funds to something there needs to be some process where the art is vetted before we are willing to give funds to it."

Board member John Casey said public funds should not be used if a project does not improve the building structurally. He said it's not a question of taste.

All were in agreement that it didn't fall under the intentions of program. It was pointed out that private funds could get this done, and Ward said Holland would probably do that. Presley said if that happened, they would laud him for his efforts to do something nice for the downtown.

The other questioned application came in from Bob Kehoe, who owns the building at 138 N. Center. He was asking for assistance with replacing a balcony in the rear of the location, which had been damaged during a storm. This approval was put on hold, pending the outcome of the insurance claim.

The board also approved a \$5,000 contract to continue its sponsorship of the Buy Michigan Now Festival, which will be held on August 3-5. It was stipulated, however, the DDA would like to know how the money is spent.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Beyond the presidency

## Filing deadline approaching for variety of other races

While the Michigan primary is over, there are still many months left before voters throughout the country decide who will serve as U.S. president for the next four years.

But the decisions made at the ballot box won't be limited to the person who will sit in the Oval Office. Positions for U.S. Congress and various courts as well as candidates for the state House of Representatives and Wayne and Oakland county commissions have terms expiring at the end of the year.

There are always strong turnouts at the polls for presidential elections, but the local races have a far greater impact on families and businesses. It is state lawmakers who passed sweeping changes last year, cutting business taxes and taxing pensions. State elected officials decide how much money goes toward schools, prisons, recreation and more. Local government manages such things as the library, police and fire services, senior center and land use.

As the region works its way out of its economic slump, these next few years will be key in setting the communities up for the future. Who we elect to make the decisions is important.

Our hope is that strong, serious, community-minded folks willing to take a more active role in their community will get involved and seek office.

For those interested in any of these full-time elected positions, we urge them to start the process now. The filing deadline for partisan and nonpartisan candidates in state races is May 15 for the Aug. 7 primary. Candidates without party affiliation must file by July 19 for the November 6 general election. Public office is a big commitment, and one we don't want to see people make on the eve of the filing deadline. Take the time to do your research and then decide. The last thing we need is people who are candidates in name only.

## Must read

March is reading month, and school children in Northville, as well as around the country, have been busy flipping pages, feeding their brains so they can grow. March has been selected as Reading Month in part because of the birthday of author Theodor Geisel, an American writer, poet, and cartoonist most widely known for his children's books written under the pen name of Dr. Seuss. Many a youngster has grown up with his *Cat in the Hat*, *Green Eggs and Ham* and *The Foot Book*. Many of his stories have become movies like *Horton Hears a Who* and *The Lorax*.

In today's world, doing well depends on being able to read. It is the backbone of life. Without it, the ability to speak and write is tremendously limited.

Reading is important because it develops the mind. It also is important because it is how we discover new things. Through reading, we develop our imagination and a good self-image.

Reading also is important because words — spoken and written — are the building blocks of life.

Reading is lifelong. It's a skill we must have, a skill we must make certain everyone has. We as adults need to join school children in pledging to read. Whether it's a book, a magazine or a newspaper, or an electronic book, we need for children to see that we, too, feed our brains.

It's not just a case of need. It's case of we must make every month Reading Month. So while reading month wraps up this weekend, we hope you — and your children — decide not to put that book down.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### What do you like most about Robotics?

Asked of Northville High's Robostang team at Friday's competition.



"The atmosphere of 'competition' — trying to perform against your enemies at their best by lending a hand to rookie teams or ones that need help."

**Brendan Jenkins**  
Northville High senior



"The excitement, especially when our robot works good. Tournaments — it's fun when you're in that atmosphere."

**Jay Pinnamaneni**  
Northville High junior



"The people. Everybody is nice; willing to lend a hand; show you whatever you need to get the job done."

**Mike Matejewski**  
Northville High sophomore



"It teaches you so much — hands-on, real-world. These kids will know so much more than other kids going into college."

**Mason Falk**  
Northville mentor

## LETTERS

### Observing downtown business

I went for a walk through downtown Northville last Thursday. I was surprised at how few people were on the streets. It was almost like a ghost town except for The Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro. Immediately, I was concerned about the businesses.

As Mr. Riffle pointed out in your article, vehicle traffic is low and, also, Northville is a destination. The events, festivals and activities are the best way to bring people here. I enjoy the Friday nights music event; the streets are full of people. However, I have noticed that most of the businesses are closed on these Friday nights. So, people can only window shop and not buy.

If you go to downtown Plymouth on Friday nights in the summer for their music event, almost every business is open. Just an observation.

**Carol Maynard**  
Northville

### Are cyber schools good for Michigan?

The Michigan Legislature is poised to pass SB-619, which will allow virtually unlimited expansion of cyber schools in the state. Before we hand over \$7,000+ of our taxpayers' hard-earned money for every student who signs up for a cyber school, shouldn't we examine the success and failure of cyber schools?

We can learn from the experiences of other states. Investigative reports from Colorado, Florida and Pennsylvania and elsewhere raise serious concerns about the effectiveness of private for-profit companies, like K 12 Inc that are running cyber schools in Michigan. These findings are detailed in Education Week (Oct. 5, 2011 — Test Scores Raise Questions About Colorado Virtual Schools) and in the New York Times (Dec. 12, 2011 — Profits and Questions About Online School).

- Half of online students end up leaving within a year. When they do leave, they're often further behind academically than when they started. Online schools produce three times as many dropouts as they do graduates. One of every eight online students drops out of school permanently — a rate four times the state average.

- Millions of dollars are going to virtual schools for students who no longer attend online classes.

- The churn of students in and out of online schools is putting pressure on brick-and-mortar public schools. Virtual school dropouts often try returning to local schools, which must try to educate them despite not receiving the foundation grant from the state.

- Online virtual schools maintain high student-teacher ratio, ranging from 70 for elementary

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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students to 270 for high school classes. Most students have little or no contact with their teacher. Typically, they may speak by phone once every other week.

- The CEO of the for-profit K-12 Inc was paid \$5 million of taxpayer monies last year, while teacher pay and benefits have been substantially reduced in our local public schools.

In light of these facts it would be irresponsible to allow a massive expansion of cyber schools in Michigan. This learning approach may have a place in a blended approach of the future 21st century, but the proper role and use of these virtual schools is far from worthy of a massive investment of precious education dollars at this time.

Urge our elected representatives to investigate more closely before handing over millions to private for-profit virtual schools.

**Scott Craig**

Northville school board member

### Republican control tactic

Thank you for another editorial condemning the power grab by the Republicans of Oakland County with the help of Republican state legislators and Gov. Snyder (Who's in charge? 3/22/12). I could not agree more that this was done for no other reason than to maintain Republican control of the county.

The Apportionment Commission that the Republicans are trying to nullify came under Democrat majority because they were placed in office when Oakland County voted Democrat in the 2008 election.

Brooks Patterson has often said that Oakland County is voting more Democrat because of people moving in from Wayne County and other Democrat-leaning areas. While that may be true for me personally, my wife and both our sons were born in this county and all vote

Democrat. And it just might be that voters are switching to Democrats as they see Republicans more concerned with party control than following the voters' wishes.

If the Michigan Supreme Court proves to also be politically partisan, let's hope voters and the press remember in November.

For those who think this is just politics and the Democrats got out-foxed, I suggest reading comments made by some of those in on the Power Grab on the Democrat club county website, www.OCDP.org.

**Chuck Tindall**  
Novi

### Health care law vital

Many myths exist regarding one of President Obama's signature accomplishments — the 2010 health reform act. In 2011, several lawsuits questioned the constitutionality of the ACA, especially the key provision called the individual mandate. Those legal challenges were thrown out. Most law experts and judges, including conservative judges, agree the mandate is constitutional.

The individual mandate places responsibility on all adults to obtain health insurance either through their employers or buying it themselves. There will be subsidies for those who cannot afford insurance. All people need health care during their lifetime, whether they buy it or not. Otherwise taxpayers pay the bill.

Basics of the ACA are: 32 million more Americans will be insured. The quality of health care will improve. Costs for all will be controlled. The act does not harm seniors. Medicare is more sustainable and more affordable for seniors. A national movement titled Doctors for America supports the ACA.

The Supreme Court was to devote three days (March 26-28) to hearing testimonies for and against the ACA. Rarely has this much time been given for an issue. Recently, two new conservative Republican judges replaced two moderate judges on the highest court in the land. Since then, this Supreme Court has revised its precedents on such issues as race, abortion and campaign finance reform. Recall the Citizens' United Ruling which said corporations are people and could donate unlimited amounts of money to candidates.

Being aware of how the Supreme Court rules on the health care reform, a Republican president would likely nominate another conservative judge. President Obama must be re-elected so that he and his administration can perfect the ACA by making needed changes, additions and corrections.

To know the real truth about this landmark act, go to www.healthcare.gov

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Novelists workshop

The Northville District Library (212 W. Cady Street) will host a free workshop for novelists, from 1-2 p.m. Saturday, March 31 in Meeting Room A.

The workshop presenter is award-winning writer Jessica Hatchigan, author of "How to Be Your Own Publicist" and two children's books.

Email [workshop@myfastmail.com](mailto:workshop@myfastmail.com).

The workshop, "Techniques Bestselling Authors Use to Create Pageturners - Focus: Characterization", is one of a series of writing workshops created by Hatchigan. She is also the producer and narrator of the video tutorial, "Techniques Bestselling Authors Use to Create Pageturners via Plot & Scene Building Techniques," which became available for viewing on Amazon.com this month (March 2012). The video tutorial drew from material Hatchigan developed for a workshop she presented in the Northville Art House in October of last year.

Bunny Brunch

The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps will be hosting a Bunny Brunch on Saturday, March 31. This event will help provide additional awareness to the community about our ministry programs such as: Men's and Women's Ministry, Summer Day Camp, Tiny Tots Pre-School, Youth Programming, Emergency Disaster Services, and Tae Kwon Do. The Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary will also be on hand with their residents.

As parents learn about our programs, youth will be able to participate in crafts and various activities at each booth. Youth will receive an Easter basket they can fill with some treats and their completed crafts.

There will also be a photographer available to take a family picture that can be taken home as an additional memory of the Easter holiday.

Families wishing to attend our Bunny Brunch open house on March 31 are asked to call (734) 453-5464 and reserve a spot no later than March 26.

If you would like to assist with our Bunny Brunch, The Salvation Army Plymouth is accepting monetary donations for the crafts and food; as well as donations of Easter baskets and candy.

Volunteers will also be needed to assist with set-up, cooking, serving food, craft stations, and clean-up. If you would like volunteer for the bunny brunch please contact Sandy Kollinger, Volunteer & Special Events coordinator, at (734) 453-5464 ext. 24.

Heise bill on nursing moms heads to governor

Michigan nursing mothers would be exempt from jury duty under legislation now on its way to the governor for consideration as a new state law.

House Bill 4691, introduced by State Rep. Kurt Heise (R-Plymouth), allows nursing mothers to request an exemption from jury service for the period during which she is nursing her child. Heise introduced the bill after a Plymouth mother of two called him with the idea.

"This is how responsive government should work; a concerned resident contacts their local lawmaker and before you

know it, a common-sense idea is about to become Michigan law," said Heise. "It's entirely reasonable to allow mothers who are nursing to be exempt from jury service, which as we know can be a long, extended, process."

Nursing mothers would need a note from a physician or certified nurse midwives in order to receive the exemption. The legislation has received near unanimous support in the Michigan Legislature. The House last week approved the legislation by a 103-5 vote and sent it to the governor.

"Jury duty is an essential component in our country's remarkable judicial process," said Heise, an attorney. "But it's common sense that new mothers receive an exemption while nursing their babies. We'll always need people for jury duty, and new mothers could certainly serve at a later time."

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State Senate approves Heise bill to allow sale of former Scott prison

The Michigan Senate last week approved legislation by State Rep. Kurt Heise (R-Plymouth) to allow for the sale of Scott Correctional Facility in Northville Township, paving the way for a new advanced energy technology park that will help create jobs and promote long-term economic growth in the area.

House Bill 4689 authorizes the State Administrative Board to sell all or portions of state-owned property at the former Scott prison site. Heise has been working with State Sen. Patrick Colbeck (R-Canton) and leaders from Wayne County and Northville and Plymouth townships on the project.

"Allowing for the sale of Scott prison is a blockbuster decision that will help transform our region and improve our economy," said Heise. "The sale is critical to the success of the 5 Mile corridor initiative. I applaud Sen. Colbeck for his leadership and outstanding efforts to get this bill through the state Senate. He's worked extremely hard for our communities."

The Scott property is located at the center of the Five Mile corridor that is being marketed to major players in the battery and advanced energy industries.

Colbeck sponsored a companion measure in the Senate, and said that with the sale of the prison, local developers will find a new use for the property.

"The authorization to sell the Scott Correctional Facility presents a monumental opportunity for our community to revitalize an unused eyesore, and brings with it the potential to stimulate the economy with new business and needed jobs," Colbeck said. "It will herald a new era of economic development in Northville and surrounding communities and I thank my colleagues and Governor Snyder for recognizing its importance with their support."

The technology park is ready to accommodate more investment by high-tech companies, and already has more than 20 parcels of 10- to 60-acres ready for development, with established technology-related companies nearby.

HB 4689 now goes to the governor for his consideration.

Artisan market



Handcrafters 33rd Annual Spring Fling Artisan Market will welcome Lolo Doll, an Indiana doll clothes artisan, to the upcoming show to be held in downtown Northville, March 30-April 1. After successfully completing her BFA in fashion design and designing bridal couture in the Gold Coast neighborhood in Chicago, Lolo set her sights on a new creating a place for fun and trendy boutique shopping for your dolls. Lolo Doll, which is located in northwest Indiana, is making their first visit to the Spring Fling Artisan Market and bringing their cutting edge and trendy doll fashions, including shoes, purses, and hats to match with them. Artists from glass design, gourmet foods, jewelry, original fashions, home décor, personal care and many more will all be exhibiting at the event located in the Northville Community Senior Center. Show hours are 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$3 per person per day; free for children 12 and under; strollers welcome. For more information, e-mail Stephanie Jones at: [hshows@yahoo.com](mailto:hshows@yahoo.com).

'Autism Heroes, Ambassadors' to be lauded on April 28

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Val McFarland decided to form a foundation when her son, Callahan, was diagnosed as autistic and did well with early treatment.

"Fortunately, he was diagnosed at 2" and received excellent treatment, she said of Callahan, now 8 and enrolled at Autism Center of Michigan in Novi. "We've been very lucky."

Celebrities Against Autism will present "Honoring Autism Heroes and Autism Ambassadors: Children Making a Difference" Saturday, April 28. The event will feature actor Gary Cole and other honorees to be announced, and will be held at the Northville historic home building of Dr. William Demray, D.D.S., at Main and Griswold.

"All of the money we raise in Michigan stays in Michigan," McFarland said of the first-time event, at which organizers expect 400-500 from throughout southeast Michigan to attend. The Commerce Township and former Northville resident is a co-chair with Melissa Sapey and Kimberly Petros.

The deadline is March 31 to nominate an "Autism Hero or Autism Ambassador." That can be done by visiting [www.celebritiesagainstaautism.org](http://www.celebritiesagainstaautism.org).

April 28 will feature strolling gourmet appetizers, desserts, martinis and wine. There will be a silent auction and art for autism.

VIP tickets at \$75 include a champagne reception and meet and greet. General admission tickets are \$50.

You can buy tickets online at <http://www.neptix.com/events/3552/>.

"We're having an amazing response" in nominations, McFarland said. Organizers wanted to recognize as ambassadors siblings and other students who help with autistic children.

McFarland said son Patrick, 9, is a great help to his brother. "The family tends to focus immediately on the child in need," she said, but siblings are also important.

Actor Cole's daughter has autism, so he was quickly on board. "Let's make this a true celebration of people making a difference," McFarland said. "That's why it was so important."

Even dogs that help those with autism will attend the April 28 event.

McFarland said nominating someone as a "Hero" or "Ambassador" for autism is quick and easy online. She can be reached at (248) 515-7423 for additional information.

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# Catalyst ministry sparks faith of twentysomethings

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

James Loruss, 21, of Novi is a senior at Madonna University, studying film music scoring. He's a regular with Catalyst Young Adult Ministries of Northville Christian Assembly.

"The Holy Spirit," Loruss said of his attendance at the 7:30-9 p.m. each Thursday sessions at evangelist Art Thomas' home in Plymouth Township. "It's just good communion and good fellowship."

At parties, he's offered drugs and alcohol, and finds attending Catalyst helpful with handling that. "It's where I connect mostly with my church friends. It makes it easy to say no," Loruss, who is single, said.

Thomas is an evangelist with the church on Six Mile as his home church. He earned an associate's degree in early childhood development from Schoolcraft College.

"That's why I work with young adults," joked Thomas, 27, who has ministerial credentials through Assembly of God. He's married to Robin, who's active in the ministry, and the couple has a 1-year-old son Josiah and another child due in late September.

#### Reaching out

Catalyst has met about two and a half years at



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Meeting in Thomas' home (counter clockwise from lower right) are Jeff Holloway, Alex O'Connor, Michael Kimling, Art Thomas, Annisa McElhenny, Robin Thomas, Rebecca Hunt, Ian Isley, Kristin Savitski and James Loruss.

their home, as well as other homes, the church and restaurants. It's aimed at those post-high school through their 20s, with the oldest an early 30s.

"The high schoolers all have youth groups," Thomas said. "The young adults tend to drift off."

A recent Thursday session included a time of prayer and Scripture reading from Isaiah. "It's kind of structured and kind of free-flowing," Thomas said.

He likes to begin by asking, "What's God been doing in your life?"

They've had music but don't usually.

"We've got people in

all stages," Thomas said. "It's a very volatile time for people," he said of that stage of life, when career, relationships and faith questions often dominate.

Rebecca Hunt, 27, of South Lyon is single and works as a secretary at the church, which about three-quarters of the group attends. "We've known Rebecca since we were all in youth group together as teenagers," Thomas said.

She agreed it's a great experience. "It really just encourages me to stay committed in my walk with Christ. It helps me grow in my walk with Christ."

She learns more about the Bible, adding "There's always more to learn." She's interested in creden-

tials for writing spiritual books.

"I just really like the diversity of our group, the age differences," said Hunt, who also appreciates the openness.

#### 'Grown so much'

Marie Quaranto, 30, of Canton is single and works as a nanny. She's a longtimer like Hunt.

"I love this group," Quaranto said. "I feel like I've grown so much since I started coming here." She finds she's grown in knowledge, boldness and more.

"The way I perceive events has changed," said Quaranto, who sees "more of God's hand in my life."



As Pastor Art Thomas (left) speaks while Michael Kimling, Jr. gives a friendly pat on the head to Thomas' wandering tyke, Josiah, during a March 8 meeting in Plymouth Township of the Northville Christian Assembly Catalyst Young Adult Ministries. The group was meeting in Thomas' home off Ridge Road.



Alex O'Connor, lower right, and others pray together at Art Thomas' home on March 8 during an evening meeting of the Northville Christian Assembly Catalyst Young Adult Ministries.

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# Leader in Me

## Moraine students benefitting from philosophy

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Correspondent

The Leader in Me philosophy is still in its early stages at Moraine Elementary, but its self-motivating techniques have caught on quickly with students and staff while improving the learning and confidence among many.

This philosophy has been adopted by some Northville public schools as a way to help students realize their full potential through things like self-empowerment. The ideas are taken from the Stephen Covey's book, "7 Habits of Highly Effective People".

Principal Denise Bryan described it not as much a curriculum overhaul, but rather taking the values that have been taught at Moraine for years to another level where the students become more proactive through understanding what a good leader is and how goal-setting can help improve learning. It also means they have some responsibility over their learning environment.

Moraine's hallways reflect the enthusiasm in the school. Each is named after one of the habits and near the gymnasium there is a 7 Habits Learning Tree mural. On this are the names of families who through their fundraising have helped support teacher training and the program's entry into the school.

Bryan also said when visitors come to Moraine, pairs of ambassadors or student leaders show them around the school and talk about its significance.

Fifth-grader Jake Veri is a great example of a student using the habits. He has learned to "put first things first" while also thinking about "beginning with the

end in mind". From last year on, Jake has used goal- and priority-setting, along with action plans, to help improve his scores.

He started with working on improving his reading skills by looking at his scores and then setting higher marks he hoped to achieve. It worked so well that it carried over outside of the classroom. In addition to his school work, he reads at least 15 minutes a day at home and then follows that up with a summary.

"If we didn't have this, some of us wouldn't have achieved so well," Jake said of the Leader in Me lessons.

He's even using the goal-setting in hockey and gym class where he has set a year-end personal mark to be able to do 200 push-ups in a row. Physical education teacher Kurt Bartel said Jake's goal is very specific to him, but it's an example how the kids are seeing results and this is motivating them to use the habits in other areas of their lives.

Jake learned to use the goal-setting in fourth-grade teacher Kim Dean's class. Dean is part of the school's lighthouse team -- along with Bartel, second-grade teacher Kim Richardson-Hippler, third-grade teacher Holly Piantedosi and learning consultant Amy Devlin - which has helped introduce the Leader in Me ideas into the daily learning environment.

Dean is excited to see the students coming together to support each other and teachers synergizing ideas. Many times a classroom will break out into clapping when a student achieves his or her goal.

"The kids are excited to see their scores go up," she said of the results.



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Thornton Creek Elementary teacher Holly Piantedosi works with student Abbey Pheiffer on March 9 with her "Leader in Me" journal. As part of the program, the students are encouraged to keep journals to track goals they set for themselves. The goals can be academic, athletic or with personal relationships.



Some of the staff and students at Moraine who have been involved in the Seven Habits/Leader in Me program. Front row, from left: Lily Ruble, Kaiya Lawing, Elizabeth Whitcomb, Lauren Yakima, Adam Silberg, Jake Veri and Ava Ruggirello. Teacher, back row: Kim Richardson-Hippler, Holly Piantedosi, Kurt Bartel, and Kim Dean.



Moraine Elementary School student Michael Christenson explains how he incorporates some of the "Leader in Me" principles into his academic life with other pupils. Christenson is in teacher Kim Richardson-Hippler's class.



Moraine teacher Kim Richardson-Hippler goes over some of the "Leader in Me" principles with her classroom on March 9.



Students at Moraine have made motivational posters — that adorn the walls — which demonstrate the way they're embracing the school's leadership program.



# TURF

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numerous seasons, much like the Northville football field. From freshman to varsity football, community sports, lacrosse and sometimes club rugby matches, the field gets more than its fair share of punishment.

Grounds crews have to work diligently to make sure the field is safe and usable for each contest, patching up divots, repainting lines and making sure the entire stadium doesn't turn into a giant mud pit.

The answer to those woes? Artificial turf.

The Northville High School Turf Club is looking to raise enough money through donations and fund-raising efforts to install a new artificial turf field.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

This — real grass — will be history at Northville High's Eight Mile Rd. stadium after this summer's project to install artificial turf is complete.

The cost? Approximately \$1 million — of which about \$800,000 has been raised already. That cost includes all of the earth work, the foundation, the drainage, the turf itself and the inlays such as

lines, logos and more.

"The benefits to the athletic department is that it will give us a surface that we will be able to have unlimited practice and game capability (such as increased field usage),"

Northville Athletic Director Bryan Masi said. "We will not have to cancel games because the field is not playable. We will be able to have more sports hosted at the stadium."

With the addition of turf, the school would be able to host more football games, lacrosse, rugby, soccer and more.

What's more, the turf is actually a safer surface than natural field. There are no uneven spots, there are no divots or loose dirt.

The current stadium, located at Hillside Middle School, was built in the 1960s and has not been renovated since the late 1980s. Masi said renovations are "long overdue."

It is estimated, though the district didn't have numbers available, that a turf field would save on field maintenance costs such as grass cutting,

watering and painting lines. Life spans of artificial fields range between 12 and 14 years.

With so much of the funds raised already, the construction of the new turf is slated to begin May 1, which means it will be ready for the district's first home football game Aug. 24.

"We truly believe we will reach our goal with the following things we are doing," Masi said.

If the funds aren't raised by the time full payments need to be remitted — around September 2012 — Masi said the Northville Board of Education will lend the money from the \$1.3 million sinking fund that has been allocated to the stadium.

"Of course, we want to make sure we raise the money so other future projects to the stadium

will not have to be cut," Masi said, referring to team rooms, storage, concessions, a new entrance and more that are planned for the field.

To help raise funds, Northville is also looking to other potential sources outside of its two scheduled fundraisers.

"There are also corporate opportunities for support to advertise at our event, on the new stadium scoreboard and more," said Jennifer Pearson, the Northville Educational Foundation manager.

Masi said there is potential for stadium naming rights for corporations with a \$25,000 per year price tag over 10 years.

Anyone unable to make an event who would like to donate can do so via the Turf Club's website at [www.nhturfclub.org](http://www.nhturfclub.org).

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Novi Wildcat Kerri McMahan makes a pass in front of Warrior Brooke Schwandt during the teams' Nov. 29 game at Novi.

## Novi's McMahan drives to the front of the pack

By Chrs Jackett  
Correspondent

Few local girls basketball players did as much for their team as Novi sophomore guard Kerri McMahan. With more speed than most players in the KLAA, McMahan had a mid-range game reminiscent of former Detroit Piston Richard Hamilton, and it led her to average 13.7 points per game.

"(She) not only lead us in most offensive statistics, but made everyone around her better," Novi coach Bill Kelp said.

An All-Conference selection in the KLAA's Kensington Conference, McMahan also averaged 2.5 steals, 2.5 assists and 3.7 rebounds per game while shooting 47 percent from the field.

### First team Gabrielle Williams (South Lyon Sr. G)

A senior guard, Gabrielle Williams was the nucleus to South Lyon's program for the past few years. Averaging 11.4 points, 6.2 rebounds, 3.3 steals, two blocks and 1.8 assists per game, Williams did a little bit of everything for the Lions while hitting 70.5 percent from the free throw line and 31.2 percent from beyond the three-point arch. She was an All-Conference selection and Team MVP after being named her team's Offensive MVP as a junior.

"No one in the area has done more for their team than Gabby, and she has been doing it for four years," South Lyon coach

### GIRLS BASKETBALL ALL AREA

#### Player of the Year Kerri McMahan, Novi

**First Team**  
Gabrielle Williams, South Lyon  
Alex Moynes, Northville  
Jade Anteloc, Novi  
Jessica Mehr, South Lyon  
Meredith Williams, Northville

**Second Team**  
Ally D'Annibale, Novi  
Claire Slaughter, Milford  
Willow Cohn, South Lyon  
East  
Sam Paviika, Novi  
Gabi Bird, South Lyon  
East

**Honorable Mention**  
Lakeland – Jessie Clink (Sr. G), Marlayna Malvich (Sr. F), Caitlin Wojichowski (Sr. G), Dominique Zigo (So. G)  
Milford – Paige Smith (Jr. PG), Lane Andrews (Jr. F), Elise Gustafson (Fr. C)  
Northville – Kendra Brenner (Jr. G/F), Aly Bates (Sr. F)  
South Lyon – Emily Slavik (Sr. G), Maddy Rosochacki (Jr. G)  
South Lyon East – Sydney Jones (So. PG), Taylor Jones (Sr. G)

Erica Thomas said. "She plays with passion, grace, athleticism and power, and is the first player willing to sacrifice her body to save a play for her team. You don't find players who can impact the game in as many ways as Gabby does; she is extremely versatile – our best ballhandler, shooter, rebounder,

defender and our toughest player."

She finishes in her program's top 10 for career points, rebounds, steals, blocks, threes and both free throw and three-point percentages.

#### Alex Moynes (Northville Sr. C)

Northville senior Alex Moynes played her way into the record books as the top Mustang center in school history. She averaged 12.1 points, 6.6 rebounds and three blocks per game this season, leading her squad in all three categories and earning All-Conference honors. The future Hillsdale College player finished fourth in career scoring, first in both rebounds and blocks among Northville's all-time leaders.

"Alex was a force to reckon with inside," Northville coach Todd Gudith said. "Most nights she was double-teamed, yet managed to still produce. Her size was a big advantage for her and our team. Defensively, she can alter an opponent's shot when they try to go inside. Offensively, she can finish around the rim well."

#### Jade Anteloc (Novi Jr. PF)

No matter what side of the ball she was playing on, Novi junior Jade Anteloc was a force in the paint. Averaging seven points per game on 40 percent shooting and 7.5 rebounds per game while executing post-up defense on the top post players in the KLAA, Anteloc was a key force behind the Wildcats' divi-

sion title this season.

"One of hardest working girls, always guarded (opponents') best post player (and was) more vocal (this season)," Novi coach Bill Kelp said.

#### Jessica Mehr (South Lyon So. F)

As a sophomore forward, Jessica Mehr provided an inside threat to compliment Gabby Williams' guard play. Mehr averaged nine points, 5.5 rebounds, two steals and 1.4 assists per game for a resurgent Lions squad.

"Jessica has a unique ability to attack the basket aggressively off the dribble," said coach Thomas. "Her physical size and quickness present match-up problems for opponents, and at the same time, she can hit a big outside shot. She's only going to get better as she develops more at her natural position on the wing next year."

#### Meredith Williams (Northville Sr. PG)

The Mustangs' offense rolled through senior point guard Meredith Williams. The All-Conference standout distributed the ball while averaging 6.2 points, 2.9 assists, 2.8 steals and 4.4 rebounds per game. She was scouted by colleges, but is still undecided.

"Meredith was our quarterback on the floor," Northville coach Todd Gudith said. "She's a pass first point guard but and score when needed. She was our second leading rebounder. One of the hardest workers I've been around."

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## Mustangs dominate year's first invitational

### Squad wins every flight to capture Canton tourney

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

As a coach, you really can't ask for anything better than near-perfection — and that's exactly what Brady Crosby got from his girls tennis team.

The Northville squad won every flight of the Canton Invitational, defeating teams like the Canton Chiefs, the Grosse Ile Red Devils and the Walled Lake Central Vikings on their way to the title.

"I was very happy with how the girls competed in every position at our first event of the year," said Crosby. "We have a lot of new players on the team this year so it was nice to get to see them with their first wins as a varsity player. The weather also cooperated which was really nice to get in so many matches this early in the season. It gave me a good opportunity to see what our players could do in real match situation and I think will really help us moving forward as a team."

In the No. 1 singles flight, Erin Doud made short work of all of her opponents, beating Grosse Ile, 6-2, 6-3, before topping Canton and Walled Lake Central with perfect 6-0 scores. At No. 2 singles, it was Danielle

### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls tennis team will be back on the court when they play Monday at Salem at 4 p.m. before playing again next Wednesday at home against Stevenson at 4 p.m.

Romano topping all three opponents. She defeated Vikings, 6-2, 6-2, before beating the Chiefs, 6-0, 6-1, and Grosse Ile, 6-1, 6-0.

At No. 3, Paige Baal earned a 6-1, 6-2 win against the Red Devils, a 6-0, 6-2 victory over Walled Lake and a 6-1, 6-1 win over the Chiefs. Alex Jeannotte had the same success at No. 4 singles, beating Walled Lake, 6-0, 6-0, before beating Grosse Ile, 6-4, 6-3, and Canton, 6-0, 6-2.

In the doubles flights, Mackenzie Powers and Anika Mukher had a powerful performance at No. 1, defeating the Red Devils, 6-2, 6-3, before earning a 6-0, 6-1 decision over Canton and a perfect 6-0, 6-0 win over the Vikings. At No. 2 doubles, Elizabeth Sakorafis and Jordan Hermiz defeated Walled Lake, 6-0, 6-0, the Chiefs, 6-2, 6-0, and the Grosse Ile Red Devils, 6-0, 6-4.

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Northville High varsity tennis player Val Trupiano practices on the courts March 19.

## Hall of Fame coach for Northville dies

### Dick Norton memorial services to be held April 14

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

Whether it be as a coach, a teacher or a neighbor, Dick Norton had an impact on nearly every person he ever met. The Michigan High School Tennis Coaches' Association Hall of Fame coach died Feb. 21 at age 77 in Las Vegas. His wife, Lane, died three weeks prior.

Norton's career as a Northville Mustangs tennis coach was indeed one for the record books. He first became head coach in 1965 and went on to compile a 212-72 dual meet

record. He retired as a teacher in 1990 and as a coach in 1999.

"I think anyone who plays organized sports will have memories of the coaches they played for, some memories not so good, other memories that you carry on with you," said Jim Long, owner of Northville-based Long Mechanical who played for four years for Norton in the 1960s and went on to play at Eastern Michigan University. Long also played for Norton in freshman basketball. "Dick Norton was coach whom I have never forgotten, in my opinion he was the best.

I at the time had issues with keeping focused, a little temper issue at times, some might say wound a little tight. Coach Norton was the coach that got my act in line. Granted, I ran some laps, one memorable time in the rain, but the discipline paid off."

Norton's squads collected a slew of important accomplishments during his time there. During the 1967 season, his team took second in the Cranbrook regional — widely considered the toughest Class B regional in the state — and went on to take third in the

### ON TAP

Memorial services for Dick Norton and his wife, Lane, will be held at 1 p.m. April 14 at the First United Methodist Church in Northville. It is located at 777 Eight Mile Road.

state tournament. Long was a member of that team.

After a stretch in the 1970s away from coaching due to his position as a junior high assistant principal, Norton returned in 1980. His teams went on to collect nine conference titles, two regional championships and qualified for the state tournament seven times.

"Everyone I knew wanted

to play hard and do well for Coach Norton," said Long. "He was a guy you just liked being around."

The highlight of Norton's stretch as head coach for the Mustangs tennis team was a 64-match winning streak that began in the last four games of 1991 and into undefeated seasons in 1992-96. He won five consecutive conference titles in that stretch and coached such notables as Mark Schwagle, who was second in the state three times and a Prince All-American. Schwagle went on to play for Michigan State University.

In 1999, Norton was named

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# ALL-AREA

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## Second team

**Ally D'Annibale (Novi Sr. F)**

In her time to shine, Novi senior forward Ally D'Annibale had a string of bad luck. She played through the first half of the season with a partially torn ACL while averaging seven points and four rebounds per game, as well as shooting 70 percent from the free throw line. Then she tore her other ACL, ending her high school basketball career.

**Claire Slaughter (Milford Sr. G)**

The Mavericks struggled to pick up victories this season, but senior captain Claire Slaughter was a consistent contributor who pushed them closer and closer throughout the season. The guard averaged

11 points, five rebounds, three assists and two steals per game while holding down the Milford defense.

**Willow Cohn (South Lyon East Sr. G/F)**

Although division play was a struggle for South Lyon East, the Cougars finished the season above .500 largely in part to a consistent effort from All-Conference senior Willow Cohn. Averaging 10 points, six rebounds, 2.5 steals and 1.1 assists per game to go with 34 percent shooting from distance and 69 percent shooting from the charity stripe, the scholar athlete with a 3.7 GPA capped her four-year varsity career as the young program's all-time leading rebounder.

**Sam Pavlika (Novi Sr. G)**

The Temperance Bedford transfer made an immediate impact on the Wildcats' lineup after

missing the first month of the season. Novi senior guard Sam Pavlika's court vision made those around her better while she averaged 5.1 points, 3.5 rebounds, two steals and 1.5 assists per game.

**Gabi Bird (South Lyon East Fr. F)**

South Lyon East freshman forward was an immediate impact maker on the court for the Cougars alongside Cohn. Averaging nine points, seven rebounds and two steals per game while shooting 68 percent from the free throw line and earning a 3.5 GPA while adjusting to the high school setting, Bird flew through the final five games of the season, averaging 15 points and 10 rebounds per game in a preview of what could be expected during the next three years since increased touches on the ball since Cohn and Taylor Jones are graduating.

# NORTHVILLE SPORTS ROUNDUP



LINDA LEEDY

Edward Clifton, Trevor Smith, Dan Sims and Brandon Love ran in the Northville boys distance medley relay event at the EMU Huron Relay invitational last week.

## Mustangs compete in EMU Huron Relays

The Northville Mustangs girls and boys track and field teams competed in the EMU Huron relays last week to start their season.

The squads, coached by Gordie McIntosh and Vince Tyle, had a strong performance on the day, especially in two of the running events.

In the 4x800 relay, the boys team of Dan Sims, Ed Clifton, Trevor Smith and Jason Farrante turned in a time of 8:30 for fifth place while the girls team of Nicole Mosteller, Erin Zimmer, Gina McNamara and Rachel Coleman took sixth in 9:51.

In the distance medley relay, the boys team of Clifton, Brandon Love, Smith and Sims ran 10:54.2 for second while the girls team of Coleman, Alexa Abbot, McNamara and Zimmer ran a 12:58.

Other competitors for the Northville boys squad were Justin Hsieh, Andrew Schanne, Eric Tang, Joe Chou, Nick Noles and Jason Lerner. For the girls, competitors were Bridget Watza, Erin Dunne, Nadia Affes, Lea Bedrosian, Molly DeDona, Julia Hopkins and Chloe Smither.

## Northville pom clinic dates set

The Northville High School pom pon program will be hosting a spring clinic for girls from April 2 to April 4 from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. daily.

Participants in the camp, which costs \$40 per athlete, will receive instruction from coaches and senior members of the Northville varsity pom team. Instruction will focus on proper form and placement, along with the specific

skills required for the sport. Pom pons will be available for use each day.

In addition, the team will be hosting an informational event on April 19 at 7 p.m. for those interested in trying out for the high school team. Tryouts are slated for April 24-27.

For more information or to register, contact Karlyn Jones at karlynjones@comcast.net or at (248) 912-5645.

## Hillside Middle School girls go undefeated

The Hillside Middle School girls basketball team, coached by Roy Hall, earned itself quite the record in the 2012 season.

The squad went 10-0 on the year, outscoring their opponents by a whopping 279-168 margin. The team averaged 27.9 points per contest on their way to a perfect record.

The season started off with a 25-15 win over Livonia Holmes before collecting a 21-12 victory over Livonia Frost just two days later. Hillside went on to get a 22-4 victory over Livonia Emerson before beating cross-town rival Novi Green, 27-10.

Hillside's success continued with a win over fellow Northville middle school Meads Mill, 31-21, on Feb. 29 before the team went to Westland Stevenson and collected a 38-25 victory. Hillside finished the season with a win over Novi White, 26-23, before topping Livonia Holmes 37-27. Their final game was the closes of the year, topping Meads Mill at Northville High School, 19-17.

The Hillside team was helped along by team manager Erin Gross.

— By Sam Eggleston

# NORTON

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the Michigan High School Tennis Coach's Association Coach of the Year, and in 2002, he was elected to the Michigan High School Tennis Coach's Association Hall of Fame for his accomplishments at Northville.

What was more important to Northville's players than the record he amassed was Norton's way of teaching intangibles for not only tennis, but life in general.

"Coach Norton also had

a way about him that he, as the saying goes, 'step on our shoes and leave the shine,'" said Long. "In other words, tell us what we were doing wrong, why we had to do better, and yet keeping our attitude headed in the right direction. Life lessons indeed.

"How very fortunate Northville High School was to have Dick Norton as a coach. How very fortunate we as players were to have him as a coach."

Norton was no stranger to the sport even as a high school student. He starred in the sport at Monroe High School in

the 1950s under the tutelage of fellow Hall of Fame coach Tim Tambling. During his time as a player, Norton nearly made it to the state championship game, falling to eventual University of Michigan player Dick Potter of Hamtramck in the semifinals. Norton then went on to play in the collegiate ranks himself, earning a position on the Western Michigan University squad under coach Hap Sorenson.

Norton had five children go through and graduate from the Northville School District.

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# Mustangs dominate first game of season

## Soccer team puts on offensive clinic against Churchill

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

Northville girls soccer coach Eric Brucker said he expected his team had loads of talent this year and now the Churchill Chargers likely agree.

The Northville Mustangs made short work of their foes, 7-0, in the opening game of the season. The offensive clinic for the Mustangs started just five minutes into the game and was merciless throughout the remainder of the contest.

"I like what I saw for the first game of the season," said Brucker. "We had a lot of possession but also found ways to get the ball in the back of the net. We still have a lot work to do with our communication and defensive responsibilities but it def-

### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs will be back in action when they take on Walled Lake Western in their home opener at 7 p.m. today.

initely a good start to the season."

Mallory Weber started things off with a goal at the five minute mark of the first half. She took a beautiful slotted ball on the ground from sophomore Megan Buckingham, turned and shot the ball into the back of the net past the diving Chargers' goalie for a 1-0 advantage. Just three minutes later, she lit up the scoreboard again, this time taking a give-and-go pass inside the 18-yard box from sophomore

Jamie Cheslik and finding the back of the net.

Senior Jenni Borawski wasn't about to let Weber get all the glory, however, and made a statement of her own with six minutes left in the first half of play. She took a cross from Weber on the right-hand side of the Chargers' backline and shot it home for a 3-0 game.

In the second half, the Livonia Churchill squad came out with a more offensive-focused mindset, but the Mustangs defense proved to be up to the challenge and showed the Chargers that their new formation made them extremely vulnerable to counterattacks.

Seven minutes into the half, Northville junior Emily Bush added her

name to the final score sheet as she took a slotted back from junior defenseman Cassidy Ebach and fired it past the goalie for the 4-0 lead. Seven minutes later, it was Cheslik scoring as she took the ball down the left side of the field, through the Churchill defense and into the goal for the score and the 5-0 advantage.

The Mustangs didn't let up despite the commanding lead and with 15 minutes remaining in the game senior Noelle Kuphal scored on an unassisted play as she stole the ball from a Chargers' midfielder and blasting home a shot from a remarkable 25 yards away for the score.

Northville's final tally came with five minutes remaining as Weber



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A Northville Mustang varsity soccer player boots a shot toward the goal during a March 20 practice.

played a low line drive pass on a corner kick across the goal mouth to the feet of Megan Buckingham, who quickly passed the ball into the backside of the net for the 7-0 final.

Northville's goal was protected by Kiki Hilmer, who earned a shutout in the contest.

The Mustangs are now 1-0 on the season and Churchill dropped to 0-1.

### 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.

#### Help rebuild 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).



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Northville High's No. 1 singles player Erin Doud practices on March 19 along with her teammates.

### TENNIS

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Northville's success continued with the No. 3 team of Valerie Trupiano and Claudia Ma, who defeated the Red Devils, 6-2, 6-0, the Vikings, 6-0, 6-1, and the Chiefs, 6-0, 6-0. Shannon Williams and Chloe Page had two perfect matches at No. 4 doubles, defeating Walled Lake and Canton, 6-0, 6-0, and the Red Devils, 6-2, 6-2. At No. 5

doubles, it was Rachel Crittenden and Nicole Khamis allowed just one game to slip away as they defeated Grosse Ile, 6-1, 6-0, and dominated both the Chiefs and the Vikings, 6-0, 6-0.

Rounding out the tournament was the duo of Alison Korzerski and Libby Queen who played at No. 6 doubles. The team doubled Canton, 6-1, 6-2, defeated the Red Devils, 6-0, 6-0, and topped the Vikings, 6-0, 6-0.

### INVITATION TO BID

#### PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT & SURFACING

#### NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Northville Public Schools is soliciting sealed bids for the following:

- Design, supply and installation of playground equipment and surfacing at Cooke School located at 21200 Taft Road, Northville, MI 48167. Bids should be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Cooke School Playground Phase II" no later than 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 11, 2012, to the Operations Office at 501 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan. A public bid opening will take place on Wednesday, April 11, 2012, at 10:05 a.m., 501 West Main Street, Northville, Lower Level, Operations Department.

Specifications and proposal form(s) can be obtained from the Operations Department, Northville Public Schools. The office is located at the Board Office Building, Room 101, 501 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167. Bid documents may also be accessed on-line at <http://www.northville.k12.mi.us/district/bids/default.asp>

A mandatory pre-bid walk through will be held Tuesday, April 3, 2012, @ 10:00 a.m. at Cooke School, 21200 Taft Road, Northville, MI 48167. Please contact Chris Kearns at (248) 344-8445 if you have any questions.

All bidders must provide familial disclosure in compliance with MCL 380.1267 and attach this information to the bid proposal. The bid proposal will be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Northville Public Schools, Board of Education or the Northville Public Schools, Superintendent. The District will not accept a bid proposal that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

All bids must be submitted on the form provided in the bid packet.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part; to award contract to other than the low bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the owner.

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# Sports Club of Novi provides year-round location for tennis players to hone skills

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

Year in and year out, the tennis programs at Novi and Northville high schools are ranked among the top in the state, regularly placing in the top 10 at the Division I meet. For the student-athletes, it's not just a recurring three-month streak of luck each year, but a year-round effort local Wildcats and Mustangs are putting in. When the leaves fall, the temperatures drop and snow covers their courts, there is one place members of the local high school teams can be found honing their games: The Sports Club of Novi.

"I'd say a majority of the girls play year-round," said Brady Crosby, a club pro at The Sports Club of Novi who is starting his first season as Northville's girls coach. "It's a real asset to have the club there. Not just the club, but the coaching. Whether I'm in contact or not, I know they're getting that good coaching."

"The Novi/Northville area almost seems like just one area because they play together in the offseason. As a coach, you can only do so much in the off-season, so it really falls on the girls."

Crosby has helped coach some of the area's highest ranked players during the past three years. He was one of the offseason coaches for



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
New Northville High School varsity tennis team coach Brady Crosby instructs his team during a March 19 practice.

Novi alum and one singles state champion Amanda Border in 2010 and also helped coach both current Novi one singles Abby Wang and Novi three singles Sara Carlson.

"Having a place to play during the winter and take lessons and work in the juniors program over at Sports Club, it's a nice perk to have," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "The kids worked hard on their game over the winter in the past year."

Club owner Mark Pinchoff said many of the local tennis student-athletes from Novi, Northville, Detroit Catholic Central and Farmington Hills Mercy's programs have come through The Sports Club of Novi at one point or another,

whether it was as an introductory 3-year-old juniors player or high school underclassmen. "I believe over 160 girls attended tryouts for the three area schools, which is pretty impressive and speaks to the advantages of introducing tennis to hundreds of young kids each and every year since we built The Sports Club of Novi in 1998," said Pinchoff, a former professional tennis player, 1983 All-American and one singles state champion out of West Bloomfield in 1978. "I owe a lot to tennis."

Pinchoff said the club is continuing to groom tomorrow's high school tennis stars on the club's 12 courts.

"What might be even more exciting is that this year we built two new official USTA tennis courts for kids under 8," Pinchoff said. "Since September alone, we have introduced tennis to 377 kids under the age of 8 on these new courts with slower bouncing balls and smaller racquets. The results have been great. Kids are having more fun and picking up the skills required for tennis faster than ever."

"Tennis is alive and well and my guess is that Northville, Novi and Catholic Central can look forward to many years of high quality teams. It sure is fun watching these kids have a smile and improve."

With nearly 60 girls trying out for Novi's girls team last week and 45, 20 which

were freshmen, trying out for the Northville program, both schools expect to have high-caliber teams ready for this season thanks to their indoor efforts in the offseason.

"A lot of them worked out during the winter months. Some of the senior girls got some of them together for lessons," said Hanson, who noted some Wildcats also practiced at the 10-court Farmington Tennis Club or five-court Livonia YMCA during the winter. "It's a different game inside and out. With the weather we've gotten, we've been able to go outside some. Some kids you would never want to play inside because they've done tons of that."

Northville's Erin Doud and Mercy's Margaux Kabodian are also products of the 20 or so club pros at The Sports Club of Novi.

"There's a lot of players who are even on private schools," Crosby said, noting players from Novi and Northville, like Kabodian, also attend private schools. "If the private schools weren't there, imagine how good the public schools would be."

Crosby gained interest in the Northville coaching job after working with many of the same girls as a club pro, where he teaches two bi-weekly group sessions and about 15 one-on-one sessions primarily within the 11-18 age group of high-level juniors.

"Part of the reason I wanted to take the job was because I was already working with a lot of the girls," Crosby said. "It just made sense."

That familiar connection should benefit the Mustangs this spring since Doud and Mackenzie Powers are Northville's only two seniors.

"A lot of the girls we had to cut still play year-round," said Crosby, whose lineup graduated seven players and had one transfer to Mercy since last season.

Crosby also credited the work fellow Sports Club of Novi pro put in running local country club programs as creating such a high level of tennis student-athlete in the area. For example, club pro Jayson Torres is the tennis director and head pro at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon during the summer.

"All the kids are playing country club and tournament tennis," Crosby said with a nod to USTA competitions. "Its up to the kids and the parents. It's a good combination of both (practicing and exhibition matches)."

For more information on programs at The Sports Club of Novi, visit [www.tscnovi.com](http://www.tscnovi.com) or call (248) 735-8850.

The Northville girls tennis team kicks off their season Saturday with an invitational at Canton, while Novi begins 4 p.m. March 29 against Rochester at Novi Middle School.

# Northville sends quartet of youth wrestlers to state tourney

By Debra Eichhoitz  
Correspondent

Five months, 12 tournaments, 20 weeks on the mat, 100 miles to the Kellogg Arena, 150 days in a season and 160 hours of practice — that's how you measure the meaning of a season for four Northville youth wrestlers who earned the right to set foot on the mat at the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association's State Championship in Battle Creek.

First-grade Silver Springs classmates Boden Dietrich and Mason Jennings joined Thorn-

## NEXT

The Northville Youth wrestling team will continue to host an open room throughout the off-season and attend area camps. Their season will begin again next November. For more information, e-mail [nvyouthwrestling@mail.com](mailto:nvyouthwrestling@mail.com).

ton Creek's first-grader Mason Stewart and third-grader Andrew Hayek. The four traveled, with their families, to wrestle at the MYWAY season-ending premier event.

"We thought this was

such an awesome experience!" said Janet Dietrich, a parent of two wrestlers in the Mustang lineup. Her older son, Parker, a fifth-grader at Silver Springs, missed qualifying for the state tournament by an opponent's one-point escape. "This not only gave our wrestlers an idea of what a state meet was like, but what they want to accomplish in the years to come! They will be tougher, stronger, and ready to win in the future."

Andrew, Boden and Mason Stewart each won one of three matches. Mason Stewart won

an additional match by forfeit. Mason Jennings looked outstanding against tough competitors in two close matches, including a questionable referee's call of a pin that was premature.

Northville High School Assistant Wrestling Coach Adam Coe was one of the early founders of the youth program, along with NHS Football Coach Ed Maresh, during the 2005-06 season.

"Over the past six years Northville has had a number of young wrestlers compete in the Michigan youth wrestling programs, both MMWA (Mid-Michigan Wrestling Association) and MYWAY," said Coe. "The experience and knowledge that these young wrestlers gained competing to both the wrestler and the Northville program. Quite a few of them have come to the high school level and have been able

to contribute at the varsity level much earlier than normal."

Coe said that over the last 6 years or so, Northville has had four youth wrestling placers at the MYWAY or MMWA state tournament.

"We have seen many more freshman and sophomores, not only earning a varsity letter, but also having success as an individual, placing in varsity tournaments and even reaching the MHSAA regional tournament," he said. "Out of our last 15 MHSAA regional and state qualifiers, 13 competed for the Northville youth program in either MYWAY or MMWA. It is common knowledge that those high schools with quality youth programs see a major benefit. Northville, like many other schools in our state, is really starting to reap the benefits of the youth program and the skills earned by these young wrestlers."



JANET DIETRICH  
Boden Dietrich (pictured on top) and fellow Northville wrestlers Mason Stewart, Mason Jennings and Andrew Hayek competed in the state tourney in Battle Creek.

Coach Kevin Eichhoitz believes that Northville's wrestlers found the vast size of the competition and the crowds somewhat intimidating.

"It threw them off their game," he said. "Next year, we'll begin competing earlier and attend the Spartan Country Tournament, which is similar in size and features competitors from neighboring states throughout the Midwest."

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Western Townships Utilities Authority in Canton, Michigan is requesting proposals for lawn maintenance and snow removal services for its Middle Rouge and Lower Rouge facilities. This work includes maintenance of grassed areas, flower beds, bushes, trees and plants along with the clearing of snow and ice from both facilities' roads and parking lots. This Contract could possibly be awarded in separate segments for summer maintenance and winter maintenance.

Companies or individuals who desire a copy of the proposal documents should contact:  
Ms. Sandy Forrest  
Western Townships Utilities Authority  
40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187  
(734) 453-2793

All submittals must be received by April 19, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. A public opening of the proposals will immediately follow the closing at the Middle Rouge offices located at 40905 Joy Road.

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SYNOPSIS  
MARCH 15, 2012 – REGULAR MEETING  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, March 15, 2012  
TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.  
ROLL CALL: Present: Mark Abbo, Supervisor, Sue Hillebrand, Clerk, Richard Henningsen, Treasurer, Marjorie Banner, Trustee, Marv Gans, Trustee, Mindy Herrmann, Trustee, Christopher Roosen, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. Agendas: Approved
2. Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:
  - A. Robert Lipmyer re-appoint to Senior Advisory Council - approved
  - B. Parkinson Awareness Resolution – design April - approved
  - C. Lora Cash appointment to the Beautification Commission - approved
3. Public Hearing: None
4. Brief Public Comments: Rep. Heise, Lisa Nocerini, Scott Spielman, Susan Greenlee commented.
5. New Business:
  - A. Northville Youth Assistance proposed By-Law Amendment - approved
  - B. Liquor License – Cantoro Cafe - approved
  - C. Elizabeth Lake Property Conveyance - approved
  - D. Alliance of Rouge Assessment - approved
  - E. Dept. of Public Services – Equipment Purchase - approved
  - F. Dept. of Public Services – Vehicle for Building Dept. - approved
  - G. Pathway Sub-Committee – Herrmann, Gans, Henningsen - approved
6. Unfinished Business: None
7. Ordinances:
  - A. Zoning Ordinance Amendments Articles 14-21 and Repeal Article 25 - approved
8. Bills Payable: in the amount of \$1,208,345.01 - approved
9. Board Communication & Reports from the following:
  - A. Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Mindy Herrmann, Christopher Roosen, Chip Snider
10. Any other business or public comment for the Board of Trustees: Bob Lipmyer and Richard Henningsen.
11. ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

This is a synopsis of the meeting. A draft of the unapproved minutes will be available after March 27, 2012.

Respectfully submitted:  
SUE A. HILLEBRAND, M.M.C.

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## Northville optometric facility sees personalized service as key to success

Tell us about your business, including types of services and/or products you feature.

Northville Vision Clinic is a full-service optometric facility. We offer examinations to adults and children, along with all types of contact lenses. We treat disease as well as doing Lasik pre and post follow-up. We have a full-service on-site lab.

How did you first decide to open your business?

When I graduated from optometry school, I was looking for an area that had been established, but was beginning to grow.

Why did you choose this area?

Northville was a pleasant community which was in the midst of a huge population explosion.

What makes your business unique?

Our practice is a throwback to a more personalized time. Many optical clinics are large and impersonal. We pride ourselves on providing personal attention to all our patients, including knowing their names when they come in. There is only one doctor so that I am aware of all my patients' needs.

How has it changed since you opened?

We have the latest and most innovative lens ever. It is called EMPOWER. It is an electronic lens with liquid crystals that change to give people reading power when they need it. Unlike traditional progressive lenses, the reading portion only comes into play when you need to read. It provides a much wider portion for computer use than traditional lenses. It is truly the wave of the future



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Northville Vision Clinic owner Dr. Martin Levin is excited to offer his customers the EmPower line of electronically-adjusted bifocal lenses. His business is located at 43041 Seven Mile Rd. in Northville Township.

for progressive lenses.

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

My original associate's father was an optometrist who began practicing in Detroit in 1937. We have a patient who has followed us wherever we have moved and is still a patient today, 75 years later.

How has the recent economy affected your business?

By being aware of our patients' needs, we have

### DETAILS

**Business Name:** Northville Vision Clinic

**Address:** 43041 7 Mile Road, Northville

**Name:** Dr. Martin Levin

**Hometown:** West Bloomfield

**Business Opened When:** 1974

**Number of Employees:** six

**Hours of Operation:** 9:30 a.m.-6

p.m. Monday and Thursday; 9:30

a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday

and Friday; 8 a.m.-noon Saturday

**Business Specialty:** examinations, contact lenses, frames and lenses, treatment of disease

**Phone:** (248) 348-1330

**Website:** www.northvillevision.net

**Chamber membership:** yes

continued to thrive in this poorer economic climate.

Any advice for business owners?

Pay attention to all the details.

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

We continue grow to and expand by keeping up with all the new medical advances.

### NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Planet Fitness to donate to Breast Cancer Research

For the third straight year, Planet Fitness will hold a special springtime promotion to raise money for The Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

For every new member who signs up at a Planet Fitness gym, including Northville and Novi locations, through Wednesday, April 4, a \$10 donation will be made to the foundation.

More than 320 Planet Fitness gyms across the country will participate in the nine-day sale. Memberships will cost just \$10 down, and then \$10 a month.

In the past two years, Planet Fitness gyms nationwide have donated \$583,200 to The Breast Cancer Research Foundation through the springtime promotion.

#### Give a Thumbs Up For Charity

When a job is well done, a common sign of approval is a thumbs up. Now, Community Financial Credit Union is offering the community a chance to give a collective thumbs up and \$25,000 to its favorite charities.

Through March 30, Community Financial will be accepting nominations from individuals sharing which charitable organization deserve a "Thumbs Up" and a donation in recognition of the good work it does in the community.

Nominations can be made at [www.cfcu.org/ThumbsUpForCharity](http://www.cfcu.org/ThumbsUpForCharity)

The nominations will result in five finalists being chosen and put to a vote on the website for a chance to win the \$10,000 grand prize.

## Play the 'What if' game to inspire creativity

By Lee Meadows  
Guest Columnist

In spite of the volatile nature of conducting business in today's global environment, there is an inherent consistency that earmarks the start of a growth cycle. Business strives for a certain predictability that allows it to become efficient and effective at the use of its resources. The downside of such an achievement is the unintentional lack of support for new ideas. This is an ongoing irony since the very lifeblood of business is found in the support and pursuit of ideas.



Lee Meadows

All businesses go through a fractured, frenzied, chaotic, shoot-from-the-hip, try-anything, start cycle. If it actually survives that phase and moves to actual market penetration, customer response and profit, a funny thing happens. The business runs the risk of becoming victimized by its own success.

As the story is often told, back in the 1950's a CEO of an airplane propeller manufacturing company was asked his opinion of jet engines. His response was, "The engines are too noisy, they burn too much fuel and, besides, we're in the airplane propeller business."

So, the fate of his company was sealed the moment he locked onto the one idea that had determined his success. It is a predictable pattern that has sedated many businesses into a comfortable coma. The ultimate awakening is the recognition that your business has been out of it for a while and there is no recovery (remember Ollie Fretter and Highland Appliance?).

While the understandable need for internal predictability is essential to driving the engine of any successful business, the real challenge lies in not allowing that predictability to blind the business to new ideas. Rather than rest on the supposed laurels that comes with being the best dry-cleaning business in the area or the largest software developer, business must commit itself to fostering an ongoing 'workplace of ideas' in order to reap the full benefits

of talented employees.

Businesses such as 3M and the W.L. Gore Company have integrated the 'workplace of ideas' concept into their culture in ways that allow them to maintain their competitive edge. Sometimes the real secret lies in playing the 'What if' game to inspire creativity.

What if a department sponsored a once-a-month 'lunch, munch and hunch' session where the department springs for soup and sandwiches for its employees and during that hour, employees are asked to engage in an ideas free-for-all about any aspect of the business that can be improved?

What if company-sponsored sports teams (baseball, basketball, track, golf) were actually composed of employees from different departments so as to increase the likelihood that a cross fertilization of ideas will materialize?

What if 'passive productivity' Fridays were replaced with dedicated time to engage in an 'informal walk and talk about ideas' with employees beyond your cubed culture?

What if we designed our work environments so the flow of ideas is primarily inward to organizational resources instead of outward to rarely being fulfilled?

Keep in mind that an innovative idea just builds on existing ideas. The iPod/MP3 unit is just several iterations removed from the first portable AM/FM radio, as unlikely as that might sound.

As much as the demands of building a business can divert the use of limited resources, ideas are a resource that organizations have in abundance.

During the latter half of the 19th century, the director of the U.S. Patent Office, in what some would describe as a moment of organizational clarity, sent a memo to the president of the United States, directing him to shut down the patent office because, "All that can be invented, has been invented." In 2011, over 480,000 patent and new trademark ideas were filed. His memo was a little premature.

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## Veteran policeman: Guard your home against vacation season break-ins

By Julie Brown  
O&E Staff Writer



Sgt. Pat Sullivan hasn't seen a huge number of vacation break-ins during his some 21 years with the Canton Police Department. "It happens occasionally, like any community," said Sullivan, taking a break from recent duties at the Canton Home Expo. "It hasn't been a big problem." The veteran policeman agreed holding mail through the post office, or having it picked up by a relative, is vital when vacationing. That's true for your newspaper as well.

Sullivan said inexpensive timers for lights should be used throughout the house "so it looks like somebody's moving around the house." Those timers are available at hardware stores.

Good neighbors come in handy during vacations. "It's always a good idea to let your neighbors know," he said. A friend or relative can stop by to check on the house, including for pipes that have burst, a water leak or a hose on the washing machine flooding the basement.

Neighbors shouldn't hesitate to call if they see something unusual, Sullivan said.

"Most people when they see something suspicious they'll call us. It's always best if you're not sure to call. We would much rather be bothered on the front end than have somebody's house broken into."

Sullivan also recommends motion lights for a home's exterior. "It gives the impression that somebody's in the house," he said, a good idea even if you're just away at work or on errands.

Door locks should be checked to make sure they're effective, and windows and doors locked

for safety. Sullivan noted sliding doors in the back of a home are easy targets for thieves, especially in older homes. He recommends putting a sturdy stick or dowel in the track.

"It makes it very difficult to get in," said Sullivan, who also recommends keeping shrubs and trees

trimmed so there's no easy opportunity for a thief to break in undetected.

Sullivan's public safety table was among some 135 at the 11th annual Canton Home Expo at the Summit on the Park. The event is sponsored by Canton Township, the Canton Chamber of

Commerce and the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

It draws some 5,000-6,000 people each March, said John Weyer, Canton building official. "It's more family oriented," Weyer said. "We do a lot of activities," including children's workshops courtesy of The Home Depot.

## Consult lawyer on mentally ill resident

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

Q: We have a schizophrenic resident in our unit who was put in by her daughter and sort of "warehoused" in our condominium project. She is dangerous in our opinion and may set the place on fire. What can we do?

A: When the family, police and/or social service agencies are unwilling or unable to resolve the problem, injunctive relief from the court looks like the only remedy. Once a lawsuit



Robert Meisner

has been filed against the owners of the unit and/or the daughter and the matter is before the court, the court can bring the social service agency into the case to possibly create an effective solution, whether it be mandatory in-home assistance or caretaking or removal of a resident from the unit. You are best to consult with your attorney in that regard.

Q: We do not have a management company for our homeowner association and I am concerned about whether or not our deed restrictions will continue indefinitely. Do you have any comments on that?

A: Although most newer generation recorded restrictions in the declaration contain automatic rollover provisions regarding the enforceability of the declaration, many of the older ones have a clause that say they would expire on a certain date, usually 30 or 40 years after recordation, unless certain action is taken to extend them. Recently, we have seen several situations in which the board or the managing agent did not pay attention and allowed that expiration period to come and go. That is obviously something that each association should monitor and seek legal counsel if they have, in the sense, legally expired.

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](mailto:bmeisner@meisner-associates.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 12-16, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
47290 Bayview Ct	\$160,000
6657 Brookshire Dr	\$130,000
7860 Capri Dr	\$161,000
6634 Edgewood Rd	\$150,000
245 Edington Cir	\$140,000
39890 Edmuntson St	\$130,000
47178 Glenhurst Dr	\$229,000
45599 Graystone Ln	\$75,000
48266 Greenwich Ln	\$240,000
2448 Hogan Way	\$167,000
48997 Ivybridge Way	\$60,000
49503 Jackson Ln	\$308,000
46416 Killarney Cir	\$170,000
6437 Kings Mill Ct	\$380,000
45672 Larchmont Dr	\$242,000
42583 Lilly Pointe Dr	\$53,000
7287 Memorial Dr	\$145,000
1406 N Sheldon Rd	\$62,000
45599 N Stonewood Rd	\$120,000
3914 Raddiff Dr	\$75,000
41912 Riverwood Ct	\$130,000
45101 Seabrook Dr	\$278,000
1540 Stafford Dr	\$105,000

2071 Vine Way Dr	\$60,000
41016 Westfield Cir	\$144,000
44411 Westminister Way	\$132,000
44119 Yorkshire Dr	\$126,000
GARDEN CITY	
33680 Bock St	\$80,000
31944 Brown St	\$50,000
31507 Chester St	\$40,000
31562 Chester St	\$43,000
30906 Dover St	\$69,000
6928 Gilman St	\$44,000
985 Helen St	\$35,000
30230 Rush St	\$79,000
6540 Whitby St	\$65,000
LIVONIA	
32284 Allen St	\$148,000
30107 Bentley St	\$135,000
19997 Brentwood St	\$65,000
32172 Camborne Ln	\$278,000
36959 Clarita St	\$282,000
29943 Curtis Rd	\$175,000
28546 Elmira St	\$41,000
33895 Gable Dr	\$137,000
31642 Haldane St	\$127,000
32458 Hees St	\$95,000
18872 Hillcrest St	\$96,000
11260 Karen St	\$50,000
19026 Laurel Dr	\$305,000
30840 Lyndon St	\$135,000
31844 Maine St	\$89,000
20224 Melvin St	\$185,000
33050 Myrna Dr	\$190,000
15623 Nola Cir	\$2,000

8914 Parkside Dr	\$205,000
19505 Rensellor St	\$52,000
16232 Riverside St	\$165,000
16261 Southampton St	\$190,000
18018 University Park Dr	\$67,000
33439 Vargo Dr	\$164,000
NORTHVILLE	
39707 Dun Rovin Dr	\$230,000
19818 Irongate Ct	\$93,000
41515 Ladywood Ct	\$210,000
42512 Lake Success Dr	\$60,000
15943 Merion Ct	\$455,000
15986 Morningside	\$117,000
18213 Parkshore Dr	\$513,000
41837 Rayburn Dr	\$206,000
19720 Scenic Harbour Dr	\$206,000
39639 Springwater Dr	\$125,000
132 Walnut St	\$168,000
PLYMOUTH	
41243 Greenbriar Ln	\$188,000
41683 Greenbriar Ln	\$175,000
13080 Havenhill Dr	\$350,000
1641 Lexington St	\$15,000
40805 Newport Dr	\$36,000
343 Red Ryder Dr	\$111,000
13900 Ridgewood Ct	\$272,000
9385 Saddlebrook Dr	\$320,000
345 W Ann Arbor Trl	\$310,000
REDFORD	
9347 Beech Daly Rd	\$45,000
14233 Breakfast Dr	\$143,000
9150 Centralia	\$47,000
25666 Deborah	\$53,000

24937 Dover	\$40,000
17619 Fox	\$45,000
14116 Inkster Rd	\$14,000
26770 Joy Rd	\$13,000
8911 Leverage	\$53,000
11310 Lerverne	\$65,000
12880 Lerverne	\$30,000
19710 Macarthur	\$50,000
19392 Negaumee	\$16,000
14217 Sarasota	\$40,000
19350 Wakenen	\$15,000
WESTLAND	
36070 Abbey Dr	\$125,000
36088 Abbey Dr	\$110,000
39244 Armstrong Ln	\$92,000
33131 Avondale St	\$61,000
32754 Benson Dr	\$90,000
31176 Coodley Blvd	\$108,000
7430 Donna St	\$104,000
36625 Fairchild St	\$76,000
5640 Farnum St	\$14,000
8513 Haller St	\$80,000
8513 Haller St	\$26,000
7715 Lear Ct	\$96,000
8154 Milburn St	\$53,000
8224 Ravine Dr	\$155,000
37120 Riviera Dr	\$30,000
34369 Rosslyn St	\$79,000
2442 Stieber St	\$12,000
2259 Wilshire St	\$75,000
1232 Windham St	\$75,000

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

BEVERLY HILLS	
31804 Allerton Dr	\$270,000
32351 Arlington Dr	\$230,000
32071 Auburn Dr	\$231,000
16313 Birchwood Ave	\$220,000
20038 Carriage Ln	\$273,000
31259 E Rutland St	\$120,000
BINGHAM FARMS	
30545 Oakview Way	\$166,000
BIRMINGHAM	
364 Chesterfield Ave	\$905,000
2735 Dorchester Rd	\$178,000
247 E Southlawn Blvd	\$475,000
540 Graten St	\$220,000
857 Redding Rd	\$415,000
510 Westchester Way	\$260,000
1756 Yorkshire Rd	\$275,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
1169 Banbury Cir	\$426,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
1962 Bent Tree Trl	\$250,000

2760 Broadway Blvd	\$495,000
5275 Brookdale Rd	\$935,000
2426 Sanders Pl	\$158,000
3542 W Bradford Dr	\$240,000
4314 W Orchard Hill Dr	\$233,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
8425 Arlis St	\$388,000
4575 Commerce Woods Dr	\$199,000
3231 Creekview Ln	\$330,000
2265 Fairgrove Ct	\$228,000
2969 Gabriel Dr	\$110,000
5355 Inverrary Ln	\$153,000
6103 Lochmore Dr	\$178,000
3518 Moberly Rd	\$280,000
2254 Palmetto	\$183,000
5635 Plantation Dr	\$329,000
5060 White Tail Ct	\$198,000
FARMINGTON	
35424 Heritage Ln	\$100,000
23025 Lilac St	\$51,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
30034 Briarton St	\$167,000
34901 Bunker Hill Dr	\$147,000
22082 Cape Cod Way	\$53,000
22715 Colgate St	\$110,000
31190 Country Way	\$60,000
29542 Eastfield St	\$110,000
35280 Edythe Dr	\$120,000
29242 Glen Oaks Blvd W	\$90,000
39242 Heatherbrook Dr	\$282,000

25989 Kilreigh Dr	\$133,000
37630 Lancaster Dr	\$139,000
29163 Oak Point Dr	\$265,000
29164 Oak Point Dr	\$267,000
23060 Purdue Ave	\$103,000
21402 Riverwalk Ct	\$244,000
21414 Riverwalk Ct	\$250,000
31971 Rocky Crst	\$100,000
21274 Sycamore Ct	\$115,000
28072 Thorny Brae Ct	\$140,000
21650 Waldron St	\$50,000
29199 Wilton Dr	\$208,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
18760 Hampshire St	\$155,000
18180 Lincoln Dr	\$135,000
18641 Rainbow Dr	\$130,000
18130 Rosmgate Dr	\$87,000
17371 Roseland Blvd	\$116,000
MILFORD	
359 N Main St	\$65,000
1835 Wixom Trl	\$170,000
NOVI	
43831 Algonquin Dr	\$171,000
45920 Ashford Cir	\$475,000
27331 Benjamins Way	\$45,000
22511 Brookforest	\$132,000
22883 Cranbrooke Dr	\$81,000
43136 Emerson Way	\$245,000
29601 English Way	\$245,000
41701 Oakliffworth Ln	\$120,000

24509 Olde Orchard St	\$39,000
24870 Reeds Pointe Dr	\$312,000
41811 Sycamore Dr	\$158,000
20888 Veranda Dr	\$253,000
SOUTH LYON	
58358 11 Mile Rd	\$145,000
61523 Brookway Dr	\$255,000
229 Brookwood Dr	\$31,000
118 N Reese St	\$65,000
501 N Reese St	\$107,000
61120 Palamino Ct	\$270,000
27210 Pontiac Trl	\$48,000
23851 Prescott Ct	\$61,000
26438 Shumans Way	\$229,000
52798 Thrillwood Dr	\$2,000
SOUTHFIELD	
21691 Hidden Rivers Dr N	\$22,000
28800 Inkster Rd	\$100,000
27835 Larkmoor St	\$81,000
29399 McDonnell Ct	\$71,000
19621 Melrose Ave	\$36,000
27035 Nantucket Ct	\$110,000
16051 Pennsylvania St	\$65,000
29730 Pierce St	\$67,000
23664 Rutland Ave	\$120,000
16120 Sherfield Pl	\$55,000
25660 Southfield Rd # A201	\$37,000
White Lake	
5470 Cuthbert Rd	\$163,000
9155 Sandison St	\$45,000

### REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

**R.E.I.A. of Wayne County**  
Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne County will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, at the Southgate Red Lobster, Eureka Road and Trenton, next to the 7-Eleven.

Matt Bezanson of Sherlock Homes Inspection Ltd. will present facets of mold in buildings. Bezanson's mold education goes back to 2001, and he has done mold inspection and testing all over southeast Michigan.

**Oakland Investors**  
"How To Buy Homes at Auction" featuring Andy Meisner (Oakland County Treasurer's office), Pamela Rose (generic auctions) and Darrell Sanders (buying HUD properties) presented at

the regular meeting of the Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on Thursday, April 12, 5:30-9:30 p.m. at Club Venetian, 29310 John R. Rd, north of 12 Mile, Madison Heights. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. [www.REIAofOAKLAND.com](http://www.REIAofOAKLAND.com); (800) 747-6742.

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1991 GEO Tracker - Pole Barn  
Guns - Furniture - Tools - Gazebo  
Household - Guitars - Lots More

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Auctioneer's item  
6 Column style  
11 Tiff  
15 Wallace or Ayres  
18 Revenue  
19 Ann —, MI  
20 Well-ventilated  
21 Have bills  
22 Irish mobster?  
24 Irish singer?  
26 Fluffy female  
27 — contact  
28 Frighten  
30 Curdury ridge  
31 Sean of "Colors"  
33 Covered thickly  
36 In any way  
38 Furnish  
41 "The Dating Game" producer  
42 Young follower?  
43 "Rigoletto" composer  
44 Adams' apparatus  
45 Home wreckers?  
49 "Make — double!"  
50 Last name in fashion
- 52 Diva Leontyne  
53 "— been had!"  
54 Baseball's Buckle  
56 Evangelist Roberts  
57 Sag  
59 Bottled spirits?  
61 Box  
63 Kind of carpet  
64 Fit for a king  
65 Easy stride  
66 Irish explorer?  
70 "East of Eden" character  
71 Dancer Gregory  
72 They may be wild  
73 Porthos' pal  
75 Turn inside out  
76 Cremona craftsman  
78 Clarinetist Arlie  
79 School founded in 1440  
82 Always, to Auden  
83 Less available  
85 Bartlett bits  
87 Space —  
88 Ally Walker series
- 90 Country gentleman  
92 — cotta  
94 Bruins' sch.  
95 Compare  
96 Castie feature  
97 Greek island  
99 Celtic cultists  
100 Sociable  
101 starling  
102 Bluenose  
102 Actress Davis  
104 Rainbow Scholastic  
105 Scholastic abbr.  
108 Irish composer?  
110 Irish boxer?  
116 Infamous Amin  
117 Chip off Wood's block  
118 Carve a canyon  
119 Ill-tempered  
120 Rock's — Zeppelin  
121 AMEX rival  
122 Impressionist painter
- 123 Elbow  
**DOWN**  
1 Tackle a bone  
2 Lot size  
3 Cubic meas.  
4 Philips of "UH"  
5 Saga  
6 Knight's wife  
7 Planet, for one  
8 McGwire stat  
9 Noun suffix  
10 Balkan area  
11 Bar food?  
12 Wharf  
13 Like  
14 Rainbow  
14 Cobb and Hardin  
15 True-blue  
16 Tom of "Adam's Rib"  
17 "You — on My Mind" (65 hit)  
18 Complete the cake  
23 Writer Rand  
25 Oscar or Tony  
29 Meyerbeer's  
31 Seal school  
32 Author Ambler  
33 Sahara slight  
34 Turgenev's birthplace  
35 O'Hare info  
37 Wire  
38 Fired up
- 39 Jubilee  
40 Irish actor?  
41 Bite for Bonzo  
42 Freighter or ferry  
44 Pool shot  
45 —Magnon  
46 Irish musician?  
47 European health resort  
48 — Patrick Harris  
51 Torrid  
52 Kelly's possum  
55 Candle  
57 Delhi wrap  
58 Shoots the breeze  
60 A la King?  
62 Curb  
63 "Git, Garfield!"  
65 Bile producer  
67 Circus sound  
6



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**Estate Sales**

**Another Bernard Davis Estate Sale 313-837-1993**  
North Rosedale Park 16055 Warwick, Detroit March 29-31, 8:45am-4pm go to [estatesales.net](http://estatesales.net) for more info. SEE YOU THERE!

**ESTATE SALE:**  
Fri-Sun, 10-5pm.  
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Antiques, furniture, appliances, etc.

**HIGHLAND:** Living Estate Sale. 1305 Plover Dr. March 29-31, 9-4. Entry \$s at 8:30. Antiques, Lexington, Bernhard

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**Garage/Moving Sales**

**WESTLAND GARAGE SALE:**  
Sat. March 31, 9am-4pm.  
32564 Hazelwood, 48186.  
Stamping up items.

**★ Mom to Mom Sale**

w/ Home Based Businesses  
March 31st - 8am-2pm  
BECC building next to Sloan Field. \$1 entry fee Over 50 booths of vendors!  
Call 810-299-4130

**SOUTH LYON MOVING SALE**

9152 Salem Farms Dr. Fri, 3/30, 10am-4pm, Sat, 3/31, 10am-2pm.

**CANTON MOVING SALE**

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Sat. 3/31, 9-1, Adm \$1 (8:30 a.m.-9). \$2 Our Savior Lutheran School 13667 W. Highland, E of Fenton Rd. 517-540-0533

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Friday, Saturday, Sunday. March 30, 31 and April 1st. 9am-5pm 15162 Inbrook Plymouth 48170

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**CANTON - Wed-Fri, March 29-**

30, 8-4. Home goods, children's clothing & toys, greeting cards. 2811 Doncaster Dr., E of Beck, off Newton.

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**Musical Instruments**

**PIANO - CABLE SPINET UPRIGHT:** Good cond, \$475. Plymouth Twp, 734-904-9712

**Sporting Goods**

**GOLF CARTS** [www.greengolfcarts.com](http://www.greengolfcarts.com) 248-437-8461

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**Help Wanted-General**

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# How students can meet the challenge of the evolving health care industry

Health care reform has expanded access to health care insurance coverage to more than 30 million new patients beginning in 2014, stretching the resources of health care facilities nationwide. Meanwhile, the introduction of new regulations and technological innovations, as well as the rapid adoption of electronic health records (EHRs), have added new layers to an already complex industry.

Health care administration professionals navigate this complicated system from the business side, ensuring that health care delivery processes run smoothly and patients continue to receive quality care. They balance the influx of new patients while maintaining resources.

With the health care industry showing no signs of slowing down, these professionals are in high demand. Health care is the fastest growing sector of the economy, with its professional positions predicted to account for 26 percent of all new jobs created in the United States between 2008 and 2018, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Employment of health care administration professionals, specifically, is expected to increase much faster than the average for all occupations.



Graduates with education in health care policy, information systems, accounting, budgeting and analysis in diverse provider settings will be poised for greater probability of career success.

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