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The Northville District Library is celebrating National Library Week with a program for those in the market for a new job: Job Searching Success at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 10. Kids can attend two youth programs: an entertaining juggling program at 4:15 p.m. Thursday, April 12 and Movies & Munchies for kids at noon Friday, April 13.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

"We try to provide a wide range of collections and services for people with different interests, language abilities and technological skills," said Library Director Julie Herrin.

For more information, visit the library's website: www.northvillelibrary.org or call (248) 349-3020. Library hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. The Library will be closed for Easter Sunday, April 8.

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Northville's budget to decrease by 15 percent

City looking at \$15 million for 2012-13 fiscal year

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Correspondent

Short-term success with long-term challenges is how Manager Patrick Sullivan described the city of Northville's proposed budget for the 2012-13 fiscal year and five-year plan.

Sullivan said the short-term success is due to the hard work of city staff and the previous budget committee, as well as

NEXT

The city of Northville has now begun its budget process, and upcoming review meetings will be held at 7 p.m. April 23 and 26 in city hall in preparation of its approval.

from the patience demonstrated by residents.

"A couple years ago we were

trying to figure out how we were going to survive the next few fiscal years, and I think we have successfully done that," Sullivan said.

For the 2012-13 fiscal year, the budget is projected to be more than \$15 million. This represents a decrease of more than 15 percent from the current budget that will be wrapped up in July.

The decrease primarily

comes from the Downtown Development Authority's budget, which is decreasing by 7 percent because of lower commercial property values.

Sullivan said long-term challenges include covering increasing legacy (retirement) costs. He added the solutions for these issues are still up in the air, but things should

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Hooray for Legos



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Racha Wakim, 8, works on a Lego zoo during a March 28 craft session at the Northville District Library. The "Hooray for Legos" effort was part of the library's occasional afternoon creative get-togethers for kids.

School district is preparing for another deficit budget

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Correspondent

"We're not out of the woods yet."

That's the message coming from the Northville Public Schools Board of Education after its last study session in preparation for

the upcoming decision to adopt a budget for the 2012-13 fiscal year.

Final approval is still months away, but the process has started on a budget that is projected to have \$67 million in costs, but only \$64 million in

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Teacher to run Boston Marathon in colleague's memory

By **Julie Brown**
Staff Writer

Greg Lanzi of Brighton, a music teacher at Hillside Middle School in Northville, is preparing for April's Boston Marathon.

Lanzi's among many who'll aspire to cross the finish line in Beantown, but his quest goes beyond personal achieve-



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Hillside Middle School music teacher Greg Lanzi.

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One hundred years after the sinking of Titanic, Starring "The Gallery" will host a photography exhibit commemorating the famously doomed luxury liner. Through the month of April, Starring will exhibit "Titanic: A Century To Remember" by Philip Dattilo.

The show opens with an artist's reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 6, during Northville's First Friday Experience. "Titanic: A Century To Remember" revolves around present-day photographs that depict scenes related to R.M.S. Titanic's inception, construction and the epilogue of its short life.

Philip Dattilo, of Plymouth, Mich., has worked as a professional photographer for more than 30 years. His fine art photographs are on permanent display at the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills; the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor; and the Charles H. Wright Museum of Afri-



PHILIP DATTILO

One of several bollards that held R.M.S. Titanic at Ocean Dock, Southampton, England until her maiden voyage departure on April 10, 1912.

can American History in Detroit. His work also has appeared in publications

like the Wall Street Journal, Fortune, Business Week and U.S. News and World Report.

Dattilo became fascinated with the Titanic when a fourth grade classroom les-

son evolved into a lifetime of interest and research. Dattilo's photographs reflect his travels to sites and monuments associated with the ocean liner. The display also includes historic photographs of the ship. Dattilo is a longtime member of the Titanic Historical Society.

Titanic was the largest and most luxurious ocean liner at the time of her sailing in April, 1912. Five days out of Southampton, England, the ship hit an iceberg and sunk to the bottom of the Atlantic, taking 1,523 lives with her.

"I'm excited to have Philip Dattilo again this year, as our First Friday artist," said Mary Starring, owner of Starring "The Gallery." "This exhibit is near and dear to Philip and it's exciting to listen to him talk about the Titanic and all its history."

Starring "The Gallery" is located at 118 W. Main St. in Northville. Call (248) 347-1642 or visit www.starringthegallery.com.

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Shadko running for Northville Township trustee position

Fred Shadko announced his candidacy for a seat on the Northville Township Board of Trustees.

Shadko has a bachelor's degree in engineering and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan, and is a registered professional engineer in Michigan.

Shadko has held leadership positions in many community activities, including co-leading the successful 2008 Stop Annexation drive and the subsequent campaign to purchase the majority of the state hospital property. He is co-founder of Citizens for Northville. He is presently a member of the Township's Green Ribbon Seven Mile Road Committee, which worked with community members and park planners to create a long term Seven Mile Road park plan.

He serves as secretary of the Northville Township Historic District Commission and is the creative director for the commission's annual presentations. The HDC has created the township's first historic district at Thayer's Corners and is working to inventory the township's historic assets as part



Shadko

of the certified government process. Shadko is also an active member of the Northville Historical Society, creating multi-media presentations and videos and supporting numerous Mill Race Village activities including the annual Cemetery Walk.

He is a charter member of the Northville Dog Parks and joined the downtown park when it first opened. Seeking to build on that park's instant success, he campaigned for a dog park in the township. That park was built at Community Park and is presently used by 350 households, with 135 households using both parks. The Northville Dog Parks are financially self-sufficient. Shadko moved to the township in 1996 with his wife, Mariellen, their son Mike, and their Dalmatian, Sinatra. Shadko resides in the original Northville Hills subdivision just east of Maybury State Park. He is one of the area residents who worked to obtain the Natural Beauty Road designation for Main Street between Clement and Beck in 2011.

Residents are invited to visit his website, www.shadko4trustee.com or contact him via email: fshadko@gmail.com

The primary election will be held on Aug. 7, followed by the general election on Nov. 6.

Banner seeks township treasurer's position

Northville Township resident and Board of Trustee member Marjorie Banner announced her candidacy for Northville Township Treasurer. Banner was appointed to the Board of Trustees in 2000, and thereafter won re-elections in 2004 and 2008. Banner, and her husband, Mark, have lived in the township for 27 years, after moving here from New York. A native of Iowa, Banner graduated from Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa.

Banner was appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) in 1994, and currently serves as the township board liaison to the ZBA, the Economic Development Commission/Brownfield Authority, and the Historic District Commission. She chaired the Seven Mile Property Committee after the 2009 millage which provided funds to purchase the site.

Banner has also served as liaison to the Northville Youth Assistance. Her extensive experience serving on most of the township's commissions, as well as her service on the board, has provided her with broad insight as to the workings of township government. Banner has been a director and past president of the Lakes of Northville Homeowner's Association since the early 1990s, and currently co-chairs Michigan High School Figure Skating, which includes 65 schools across the state and 425 high school athletes.



Banner

"My public service to the township has been a privilege and honor," she said. "I have met the most dedicated of volunteers in my efforts, and am in awe of the unique abilities of my fellow commissioners. It has been a pleasure to serve with them. My experiences have kept me engaged, excited, and an active participant in our community."

Banner said she feels the economic path the township has taken during Mark Abbo's tenure has been the right one.

Banner's experiences have included serving on the committee which chose the master planner for the Seven Mile Property site. She also chairs the Friends of Thayer's Corner Nature Area and handles its finances. She has been a part of the Historic District Commission (HDC) since its creation in 2006, and assisted with the four historic seminars presented by that commission, as well as creation of its first historic district.

Banner and her husband, Mark, have three daughters all of whom graduated both from Northville Public Schools and Michigan universities. Banner is self-employed as a legal writer. She has operated her business since 1986, as its chief journalist, bookkeeper and tax preparer.

She and her husband coincidentally ran their own concession business for six years, for which she served as the business manager, purchasing agent, and tax preparer, and she provides similar services for Mark's new business.

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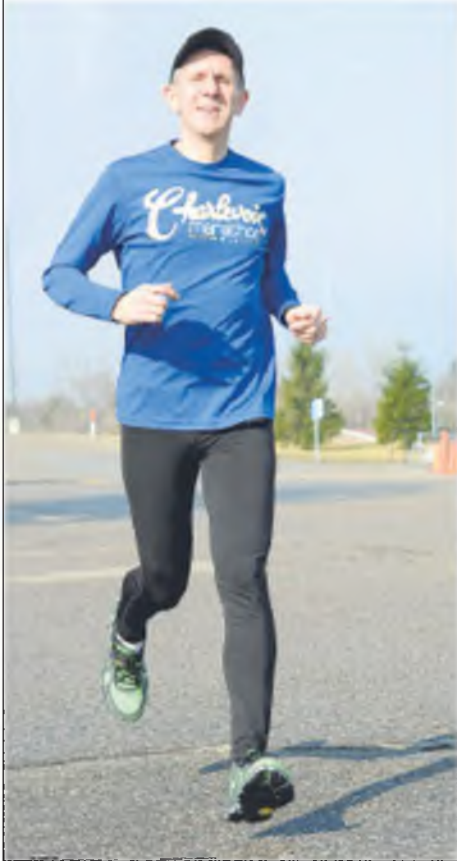
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Northville Hillside Middle School teacher Greg Lanzi will be running the April 16 Boston Marathon in memory of his former colleague (and the school's assistant principal) Heidi Capraro who passed away last November. Lanzi, who has run the Boston once already, will be raising money for the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge.



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RUN

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ment. He's running to raise money for cancer research in honor of Heidi Capraro, a Hillside assistant principal who lost her battle with cancer.

Capraro of Howell died in November of clear cell cervical cancer. Lanzi will run his second Boston Marathon and plans to raise \$4,000 for cancer research in memory of Capraro as a member of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge.

In training

"I'm running about five days a week, six to seven miles a day," said Lanzi, 47, of his training regimen. "On the weekends, I'll do a long run, anywhere from 10 to 16 miles."

He's been able to train

outdoors more this year due to mild weather. Hillside students and colleagues are cheering him on.

"The kids seem to be pretty excited about it. They were surprised to hear I was doing the Boston Marathon. A lot of the teachers appreciate that I'm doing it in memory of Heidi."

Capraro was a sixth grade science teacher at Hillside. In 2004-05, she was selected as Michigan Teacher of the year. After fulfilling her duties in Lansing, she was appointed assistant principal at Hillside where she continued her work with students and educators before becoming ill.

'Really special'

"She was really special. She had a special rapport with the kids, she really did. She was a spectacular science teacher. She



Lanzi's shadow as he runs outside Hillside Middle School on March 13.

always had a great understanding of the kids and a great understanding of her subject material," Lanzi said.

"She was a great assistant principal and great mentor for the young teachers."

The Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge, in collaboration with the Boston Athletic Association, enables people to run the Boston Marathon while raising funds to benefit the Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research

at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. It helps scientists to achieve better cure rates and to enhance patients' quality of life. In 2012, the DFMC team aims to celebrate its 23rd year by raising \$4.8 million. To date, DFMC has raised more than \$52 million, all of which is directed to the Barr Program.

Lanzi has run the Detroit Free Press Marathon three times. In 2009, his time of 3 hours, 27 minutes was good enough to earn him a spot at the Boston Marathon.

You can support Lanzi's run by visiting runDFMC.org. Go on the website and click on "Support a runner."

Lanzi and wife Michelle have been married almost 20 years. They have two daughters, Gabriella, 16, and Sophia, 10.

"It is kind of overwhelming," he said of the Monday, April 16, Boston Marathon. "It's pretty exciting. It's a holiday there. The entire route is just lined with people. It's a pretty amazing sight."

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By Juilie Brown
Staff Writer

Henry Ford would have been proud. The automotive pioneer's spirit was very much alive March 2, at downtown Northville offices of the HKS architecture firm.

The firm has been in Northville around three years, housed in the building used by Ford for his farm village industries. That week, the firm hosted five Fellows who met to collaborate on ideas for the Northville farmers market.

“Since we are part of the Northville community, we feel very strongly about working with the community,” said architect Camilla Moretti, event co-chair with colleague David Taylor. “We’re trying to get a little conversation going.”

The firm has for several years hosted a forum focused on community design. This is the fourth year of the “charrette,” named for the French word for an intense design workshop.

Last year’s effort kicked off a project in Hamtramck for a collaborative artist group. “We came up with a plan and design for their building,” said Novi resident Moretti, who earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in architecture from the University of Michigan.



HKS Northville employee Camilla Moretti (left) introduces some of the architects who submitted designs on March 2 for a potential renovation of the Northville Farmer's Market. Students Razieh Ghorban (center) and Keith Marks and others submitted designs (some shown behind them) to judges that day at HKS headquarters in Northville.



‘Gateway’ to Northville

She sees the seasonal Northville farmers market, by Northville Downs, as a prime spot.

One of the many plans submitted by the teams of Detroit Design Fellowship students for the renovation of the Northville Farmer's Market.

Baldwin of Ann Arbor, U-M; Lisa Tillman of HKS Chicago; Keith Marks of Southfield, Lawrence Technological University; and Jessie Peksa of Ann Arbor, HKS Detroit.

The firm’s Carol Kartje, a Saline resident, was adviser for the project. She’s director of interior architecture, and both an architect and interior designer.

“This is near and dear to me,” said Kartje. “You never know where new ideas are going to come from.”

The firm has 22 offices worldwide, and Kartje’s pleased to see Henry Ford’s workspace reused. “Now it’s for creative workers,” she said. “It’s a lifestyle thing and an inspiration.”

The five Fellows visited the Northville market site and returned to school and work. That Thursday night, they began the charrette. “We’re letting their leadership and their vision kind of percolate,” Kartje said.

The presentation included many visuals, such as a model. They discussed expanding the popular chef’s program and adding a permanent shell to make the site used more than just Thursdays in warmer weather.

They discussed access and safety concerns, not just parking but also bicycle and pedestrian access. Their plan called for a children’s playscape space as well as room for food trucks. “Emerging chefs” could offer food as a way to get established, the Fellows said. Feedback from the professionals was mostly positive, especially with the limited time to work on the project.

“I believe this could be an easy sell to the city and even Northville Downs,” Moretti said.

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Northville Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
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Time: 7:30 p.m.
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Board approves \$200,000 for Eight Mile Stadium project

Money would be used if Turf Club’s fundraising effort falls short

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

The decision to move full steam ahead on the \$1.5 million Eight Mile Stadium project was made by the Northville Board of Education on March 27 when it voted to approve the individual bid awards for the artificial turf and stadium improvement project.

Funding for the project has been raised through a community-wide effort led by the Turf Club and Northville Educational Foundation. They have raised over \$800,000 and expect a big turnout for an April 28 fund-raiser event to help reach its goal of over \$1 million. The group plans on covering 66 percent of the total project costs, which includes over \$600,000 specifically for the synthetic field.

The remainder of the overall project will be covered by sinking fund revenue, which is generated from the community’s tax dollars. Last year, a five-year bond was approved by voters to have a sinking fund established for facility improvements within the school district.

Knowing there is a present funding gap; the board went ahead anyway and stated that, if required, the \$200,000 needed to make things up would be covered by sinking fund money. They

did this thinking it would not be needed because the Turf Club and NEF would be able to achieve their fund-raising goals in the coming months.

Board President Dottie Garrity said the Turf Club is gaining even more momentum lately through corporate support and sponsorship opportunities. She said she has faith their efforts will be successful.

Ken Roth, board vice president, said he had some trepidation in going forward, but he also said the overall goal and what the project could do for the district was too important to delay any decision.

“In my view, it’s worth taking a moderate amount of risk in order to move forward with the project, under the assumption the district will be made whole by the Turf Club,” Roth said.

At a board study session, the risk of covering the short-term gap between the project costs and needed fundraising amount was extensively discussed. At the time Roth said the board should acknowledge that the fundraising goal might not happen.

He said when the sinking fund proposal was put before the community it was also stated by the district that the funds would not be used for a turf field, but rather for upgrades to the stadium’s press box and electrical/lighting systems.

Fitness wise



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Winchester Elementary School student Alex Moyski performs some jumping jacks for a Feb. 28 “Fitness Wise and Pound Foolish” health assembly. The gathering, hosted by Wayne County Outreach employee Mike Boynton, right, tried to teach kids how eating excessive and bad foods would add pounds — making exercise harder. Boynton demonstrated the added pounds by placing small weights in the vest worn by Moyski.



Winchester Elementary School students listen in on a fitness and diet assembly on Feb. 28 given by the Wayne County Outreach office.

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Robostangs compete in Troy; now ranked fifth in state

Erin Dunne
Correspondent

This past weekend the Northville High School Robostangs competed at the Troy FIRST Robotics District Competition. Even before the Robot was on the field at one of the most competitive FIRST district events in Michigan, the entire team stood on the bleachers shouting cheers, waving pompoms and waiting for the master of ceremonies to announce that team 548, the Robostangs, were competing in this match. Before the words had a chance to come over the microphone, the sea of Mustang orange began shooting and cheering. As loud as any football game and with as many participants on the team, the atmosphere in the gymnasium at Troy Athens High School was full of energy and enthusiasm.

As each match begins, the team's eyes lock on the robot, the arm raises and takes aim at the top basket and begins to fire. Spectators let out a breath as the basketballs make a perfect arc into the net, only to hold another as the arm lowered to retrieve more balls. With six robots in two teams on the field, there was never a dull moment.

The seconds on the clock seemed to tick by faster than they should and the crowd grew tense as the six robots approached the ramps in the middle of the field. Each team watched with apprehension as the robots gained access to the ramps attempting to balance with each other. The ramps tipped back and forth and the robots maneuvered to find equilibrium, even as the countdown showed only a few seconds remained. At times a robot tumbled off the ramp and landed with a dull thud and the viewers let out a collective gasp. Knowing how hard a team has

worked to build and bring their robot to the competition, it is impossible to not to hope that the robot survived.

After 80 such qualification matches, alliances for the finals were picked. The Robostangs served as Alliance Captain for the second seeded alliance. Team member Catlin Feltner was on the field to ask the assistance of team 217, the ThunderChickens from Sterling Heights, who graciously accepted our offer. Together, our Alliance asked the assistance of team 2604, Metal and Soul from Capac, who also graciously accepted. Together these three teams competed in the finals, winning 2-0 in both quarterfinals and semifinals. In the last round, the number one seeded alliance of HOT, Guerrillas and Robodawgs 3D powered through to win both matches and the district title.

Throughout the day the Robostangs performed exceptionally. In this highly competitive district, with eight teams out of the 42 participating having been on previous world championship winning alliances, the Robostangs relied on a strong robot design, strategy and team support to become regional finalists.

The Robostangs were also awarded the Industrial Design Award for their robot design. This award celebrates form and function in an efficiently designed machine that effectively addresses the game challenge. With the highest combined scores in both the hybrid and tele-operated stages of the game this award was well deserved. This is an important benchmark for the Robostangs who have now proved that they will be strong competitors at the FIRST Michigan State Championships and are currently ranked #5 out of 190 Michigan teams.

Erin Dunne is a junior at Northville High School.

NHS junior excited about pilot's license

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

It's not every Northville High School student who's flown to Saginaw solo, but Kevin Collareno, 17, a junior, can make that boast.

Collareno received his private pilot license on his 17th birthday, March 4, after three years of training at the minimum age for a private pilot license from the Federal Aviation Administration.

His first flight lesson at age 14 was in London, England, where he lived for eight years.

"I was really excited about it," he said of receiving his pilot's license. In the last year, he got serious about that

goal. He said most of his friends don't have much interest in flying.

His career goal is to be a physician, and his 4.0 grade point average at NHS will help. "Possibly, but I think right now just for fun," he said of an aviation career. He trained at the flight school of Solo Aviation at the Ann Arbor Municipal Airport.

Collareno said student pilots must have 10 solo hours to qualify, so he's flown to Saginaw and back. A plane's too expensive to buy, so he rents at the airport.

"My parents said I'm on my own to buy my own," he said with a chuckle. He plays varsity golf and is an officer

of the Interact club, the high school arm of Rotary, organizing student volunteer activities in the community. He plans to use his pilot's license to support charity work.

"It's great," said mom Sarah Collareno, wife of Kevin's dad, Philip. "He worked really hard. He's loved planes since he was probably 4. He loves it. It's his passion."

Philip Collareno's an engineer with Ford Motor Co. which took the family to England for eight years. Their son started with a trial flight there.

"Ever since then, he's been bugging us to fly all the time," she said.

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Kevin Collareno, 17, is excited to have earned his pilot's license. The Northville High School junior flew solo to Saginaw as part of his license requirements.

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Dance enriches lives at local studio

Performer's Edge is 'like family, fun'

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

A longtime Northville dance studio is under new ownership but still going strong. Co-owner Nicole Cicala, a Northville resident, took some time from teaching dance to talk about Performer's Edge Dance Company, also owned by Julie Bonanno of Northville. Bonanno handles the business side.

"I just really enjoy working with kids and seeing their growth and development," said Cicala, by day an electrical engineer with TRW in Farmington Hills. She's danced all her life and taught there when it was Miss Harriet's Dance Studio. "The easiest transition for the kids is to have two famil-



Dancers Rachael Curtis and Sam Brown are happy after winning scholarships for Kids Artistic Revue Convention.

iar faces," Cicala said of the change. The dance studio earlier was under the ownership of Terri Irrer and open over 60 years, with Cicala coming on board August

2011. They offer dance classes for ages 2½ or 3 on up through adults. They're known for tap but others are also strong.

"It provides a good family atmosphere for the kids," Cicala said of dance. The students learn time management, especially in the highly structured ballet classes.

At a recent competition, the Northville-based dancers did interviews for judges as well as performing. "It's preparing kids essentially to have a career in dance and also to succeed in life," she said.

Two instructors were Radio City Rockettes, and some students have danced at Disney World.

"They come here because they love to dance," Cicala said. Their annual recital

will be June 15-16 at Father's Day, a change from Miss Harriet's recital every other year.

"I pretty much grew up with this dance studio," said Katelyn Bonanno, 15, a Northville High School sophomore and township resident. "Everyone here is like family. It's fun. It's a good stress reliever."

Performer's Edge Dance Company is at 133 W. Main, Suite 190, in Northville Square in downtown Northville.

Performer's Edge offers classes in tap, ballet, jazz, lyrical, acro, pointe, Cecchetti, musical theater, adult classes and Zumba.

The dance studio's website is under construction. They're on Facebook or call (248) 349-1111 for more information.

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Katelyn Bonanno and Nick Farris smile after winning Dance Masters Titles.

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BUDGET

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become clearer once state legislation is approved and city labor negotiations are settled later this year.

In the coming years, however, retirement and health care costs are expected to go up. In 2016, the annual contribu-

tion to the pension system will reach its peak at approximately \$1.15 million, according to Sandi Wiktorowski, the city's finance director/treasurer.

Northville received a 20-percent increase in its health care costs early in 2011 and another 26-percent increase occurred in January. Sullivan said options for a lower level of health care benefit costs

are being explored.

Sullivan said in the short term there will be budget surpluses, but in 2016 a short-fall is expected that could be more than \$200,000. He said this is concerning and it's telling the city that if it doesn't change, there will be a short-fall.

"But this is what we do," Sullivan said of working to

balance future budgets. "We identify our challenges in the future and make those changes to meet that target."

In the next year, the rates for water and sewer are also projected to go up. Residents will see an increase of 8 percent due to the increases passed on to Northville from Detroit and Wayne County for water supply and sewer costs.

Both have raised their costs by at least 8 percent.

A positive development is the slight increase in taxable value for the city of Northville, which went up 1.9 percent in the last year. The last time the city had an increase was in 2007. The 2012 taxable value, confirmed by the March Board of Review, is \$299,669,778.

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AZURE, MARK P.

Age 41, of South Lyon, passed away March 31, 2012. A funeral mass was held April 4, 2012 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. www.casterlinefuneralhome.com



BAKHAUS, ROY K.

Age 86, passed away March 28, 2012. He was born on December 4, 1925, in Plymouth, to the late John & Elizabeth (Scheunemann) Bakhaus. He was a life-long dedicated member of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Roy started on his family farm at 5 Mile Rd and Earhart as a dairy farmer. After farming, he was a Manufacturing Rep. for Enger-Kress Leather Manufacturing for over 40 years. He was a competitive game player and enjoyed playing cards with his weekly card club that was approaching its 50th anniversary. He was also an avid hunter and enjoyed being outdoors. Roy led an active life, but nothing was more important to him than his family and his church. His children have fond memories of water skiing on Fonda Lake. Roy and Velma were very proud of receiving the rank and high honor of Bridge Life Master. He will always be remembered for his quick wit, his warm smile and his strong faith in the Lutheran Church. Roy is survived by his wife of 65 years, Velma Bakhaus; his loving children: Janna Heskett, Lonna (Robert) Hummel, Mark Bakhaus, Konna (David) Gallagher; his sister Frances (Raymond) Manzel; 10 grandchildren: Stacey, Julie, Kenneth, Stephen, Lauren, Adam, John Roy, Erika, Mark Jr., Jessica; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his siblings: Edward, John, and Margaret Wiseman. Visitation was held on March 30, Friday at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A funeral service was held on March 31, Saturday, at 11:00 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com



REV. DARLING, JUDI

Unexpectedly passed away, March 24, 2012. It's been said her life long relationship and marriage with husband, Tom, both of Novi, was "one made in heaven." Surviving with Tom are two children, Tom Jr. of Traverse City and grandson Ryan and Terry Marie of Milford with her husband Matt Slaughter and grandson Brendan. Judi also leaves behind her mother Alice Ritter of Novi, brother Richard and wife Jan with three children, brother Tom and wife Joan with two children, sister Kathy Balland and husband Sam and two children. Preceding her in death is her father Richard Ritter Sr. and brother Wayne, survived by his wife Judy and four children. A funeral service was held at the Novi United Methodist Church with Rev. June Smith officiating. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to: Deep Vein Thromboses www.stophtheclog 1-877-4-noclot On line sympathy message at: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

DURANDETTI, QUINTA

Age 97, passed away on March 30, 2012, in South Lyon. She was born on November 7, 1914; daughter of the late Franchesco and Antionette Farina in Indiana, Pennsylvania. She is survived by her loving daughter Elvera (Richard) Trapp, 3 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren and her sister Janet Zenone. She was preceded in death by her husband Aldo in 1985, 3 brothers and 1 sister. Visitation was held on April 2nd and a Funeral service was held on April 3rd at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon with Reverend Terry Nelson of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice. On-line guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com



EDWARDS, DUANE L.

71, passed away at his home in Sun City Center, FL on April 1, 2012. He was born in Detroit on November 20, 1940 to the late Arthur B. and Leona Edwards. He married Linda G. Hamilton in 1961, and they were married for 39 years until her death in 2000. He married Carole L. Wilson in 2001. A proud veteran of the US Air Force, Duane, along with his wife Linda, returned to South Lyon where they owned and operated Danice Manufacturing Company for nearly four decades. He served on the board of the State Savings Bank of South Lyon, and was an active member of the South Lyon Kiwanis and Plymouth Elks. He and Carole retired in 2007 to Seymour, TN and Sun City Center, FL. He enjoyed travelling, playing golf, and spending time with his family. Duane is survived by his wife of 10 years, Carole; two loving daughters, Danice (Lewis) Turpin of Harriman, TN and Colleen Pepin of Marysville, MI; three grandchildren, Zachary and Katey Pepin of Marysville, MI and Jake Turpin of Harriman, TN; four stepchildren; numerous step-grandchildren; and a brother, Arthur B (Janet) Edwards, Jr. of Biloxi, MS. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Linda; a sister and a brother. Visitation will be held on April 7, Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. A funeral service will be held on April 7, Saturday, at 12:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Baker House, c/o West Pasco Historical Society, 6431 Circle Boulevard, New Port Richey, Florida 34652. The Baker House is the family home of Duane's great-grandparents, and is now a historical landmark and museum. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

GABRYS, CLARENCE

Age 86, passed away April 2, 2012. Visitation was April 3 & funeral was April 4 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. www.phillipsfuneral.com

HARTMAN, DAVID A.

Age 55, of Brighton, passed away March 29, 2012 at his home, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on August 20, 1956 in Ann Arbor, son of the late Gerald and Ruth (Lorenz) Hartman. David was an educator and coach with the Novi Community Schools for 32 years. He was a loving and devoted family man and had a passion for fly fishing. He is survived by his beloved wife Karen of 22 years, his son Lucas and his daughter Lauren. He is also survived by his sisters, Susan (Darrel) Rice and Patricia (Kenrick) Johnson, many nieces and nephews and his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Virginia and Robert Bennett. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, April 15 at 3:00pm at Novi Middle School, 49000 11 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48374. Memorial contributions may be made to: Hartman Children's Education Fund at LOC Federal Credit Union, 22981 Farmington Rd., Farmington, MI 48336 or to Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

HOLMES, BARBARA

7/10/1938-3/26/2012. Gathering 4-8pm Friday, April 6, 2012. obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

LAFAYETTE, LILA

Passed away April 3, 2012. Please call Phillips Funeral Home at 248-437-1616 for date and time for services. www.phillipsfuneral.com

MORGAN, Patricia A.

Age 73, passed away March 28, 2012. Private family service was held. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com



NORTON, LANE

Age 76, formally of Northville and South Lyon; died January 30, 2012 in Las Vegas, Nevada. A Memorial Service will be held at one o'clock on Saturday, April 14th at The First United Methodist Church in Northville, 777 Eight Mile Road.



NORTON, RICHARD "DICK"

Age 77, formally of Northville and South Lyon; died February 21, 2012 in Las Vegas, Nevada. A Memorial Service will be held at one o'clock on Saturday, April 14th at The First United Methodist Church in Northville, 777 Eight Mile Road.

PRATT, GERALD LELAND

Passed away in Lake Havasu AZ. on Thursday, March 29th. Born in 1943, Jerry was preceded in death by his father Leland Pratt, a former Walled Lake Chief of Police in the 1960's. Jerry was a revered Novi police officer in the 1970's for almost a decade. Jerry is survived by his wife Linda Pratt, his mother Margaret (Pratt) Demmers, his children Leland Pratt, & Tina Caiger and his three sisters Linda Kowalske, Diane Robenson, & Janice Schuller.

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May 28, 1942- April 5, 2011. It does not seem possible, but a year has passed since you left us to be with the Lord. We will always miss you, but take comfort knowing you are now in His loving care till we meet again. Love you forever Opa, Your wife & family.

WEED, MILDRED E.

Feb. 2, 1923-March 30, 2012. Online condolences: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



WELDON, PAULA

March 30, 2012. Loving wife of Winfred. Mother of Michael (Kate) Rogula and Michelle (Mark) Waranoski and Win's children, Stephen Weldon, Gregory (Anita) Weldon, Thomas J. Weldon, Mark (Jill) Weldon, Victoria Weldon and Lisa (Dave) Mobus. Also survived by 8 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Funeral Mass was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 16101 Rotunda Dr. Monday, April 2nd at 11:00 am. Visitation was Sunday at the Dearborn Chapel of the Howe-Peterson Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Oakwood Center for Exceptional Families or Charity of your choice. www.howepeterson.com

SCHOOLS

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revenue. Supt. Mary Kay Gallagher said some of the major factors in play will be the change in kindergarten, and an adjustment for health care and retirement costs.

Gallagher said the meeting was just a step in the process and there is still a lot left to be decided at the state level in regard to school funding.

According to Mike Zopf, assistant superintendent for finance and operations, the district's anticipated target for budget reductions is \$676,496. At this point, there are some assumptions being made to prepare for a difficult scenario.

The district is assuming that there will be at least five classes being half-day kindergarten, which will cost the district money because half of the state's student foundation allowance is being cut for students in half-day programs. This cost will depend on how many families want to participate in this option.

According to Bob Behnke, assistant superintendent for instruction, there have been 62 early registrations for kindergarten and only five have signed up for half-day. He said this will change because the official roundup has not yet begun.

It's projected there will be a budget loss of \$1.55 to \$1.68 million for Northville in moving to a full-day kindergarten.

Other assumptions include no significant change in overall enrollment, which is at 7,003 for 2011-12. In addition, Northville may lose \$25 out of the \$100 given per student from last year's best practices incentive, which now states districts must meet five out of six best practices to qualify.


The state foundation allowance for Northville is at \$8,019 per student. The current budget year's foundation allowance cut of \$470 per student will remain in place for the 2012-13 school year, Gallagher said. Last year the district grappled with this cut and held public forums to better inform the community of its budget challenges.

The Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System has become a big area of cost for Northville. Zopf said this cost is projected to increase because the mandatory district retirement contribution will go from 24 percent to 27 percent. This would be a loss of \$170 per pupil.


He said the rate is forecasted to increase to 31 percent in 2013-14.

There was a MPSERS cost offset paid to districts this year and that is slated to continue. However, this payment offsets only about \$15 per student of the \$170 per pupil increase noted above, Zopf said.

Since 2010, Northville has made cost reductions totaling nearly \$10 million. Changes have ranged from privatizing its custodial and transportation services to cutting 26 teaching positions last year through retirement and layoffs.



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Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment

Priests: Father Bob LaCroix, pastor and Father Michael Zuelch, associate pastor

Lenten events

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Details: stations of the cross

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Contact: DestinyW3C@Gmail.com

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Contact: (248) 442-8822

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Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Book of Revelation Study

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Location: 217 N. Wing

Contact: (248) 348-1020

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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays

Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

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Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org

Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.

Family Worship: 11 a.m.

Bible Study: 6 p.m.

Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

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Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of 8 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org

Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band,

children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service

Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$5 per person, \$15 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast

Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group

Have a New Kid by Friday!

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays, April 18-May 23

Details: A new parenting series by Dr. Kevin Leman. Join for dinner between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. (\$5 per person), followed by the series at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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OUR VIEWS

Scott Prison Township should consider purchase

Major kudos to state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, and state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, for their efforts with House Bill 4689 that will allow the sale of all or portions of the Scott Correctional Facility in Northville Township by the state of Michigan.

But before everyone gets too set into thinking this will lead to a new advanced energy technology park, let us point out that within the bill, which is going to Gov. Rick Snyder for consideration, is a provision that allows Northville Township to purchase the property – for just \$1.

That’s about as cheap as it gets for about 50 acres of prime land in the center of the Five Mile corridor.

Northville could buy it, zone it the way it sees fit, and then sell it and would keep 60 percent of the proceeds (giving the other 40 to the state) if it is sold within 10 years of purchasing the property. If sold after 10 years, the township would keep all the proceeds. The township could control the process and make it consistent with what it sees fit for the property.

The downside? If the property requires demolition, what are those costs, as well as the costs for insurance, maintenance and security? If those costs are greater than the eventual sale price, it’s a poor move.

But the township at least has a fiduciary obligation to explore those costs and the potential profit before it allows the state to control the sale.

There are other parties involved -- Plymouth Township, Wayne County and the state -- but Northville’s obligation is to its residents (who currently bear 83 percent of the township’s tax burden) to figure out the best method of diversifying the tax base.

Be safe, responsible on spring break

Scores of young people in Novi and Northville are either down south or heading there for spring break. What began as the quintessential part of the college experience has become a similar part of the senior year for high schoolers. It’s their chance to get away and spend a week hanging out with friends without mom and dad.

Spring break can be a rite of passage, a time when teens are on their own and in charge of their health, safety and well-being, or turn into a nightmare because of one bad decision. As parents, we send teens off with admonitions to be safe and make good choices, but in the backs of our minds there are those visions of college students gone wild courtesy of MTV. We can only hope - and pray - they do the right thing and come home safe and sound.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, spring breakers should consider if what they do is the worth the risk.

- Skip the tattoo or piercing to prevent infections like HIV and hepatitis B. If you have to have one, consider a temporary tattoo.

- Check to see what the legal drinking age is at your vacation destination and then, if you imbibe, drink responsibly. If you’re a female, watch your drink. Don’t let someone else hold it for you. Someone could try to slip a “date rape” drug in it. Never accept a drink from a stranger.

- Practice the buddy system. Always stay close to at least one friend, preferably two or three. Don’t leave with someone other than your buddies. Don’t leave with strangers, even if it seems like a good idea at the time.

- Never, ever go to an isolated place with a stranger or someone you do not fully trust.

Teens, make this year’s spring break memorable by having fun and helping yourself, your friends, and others stay safe and healthy. Act responsibly and make spring break a time to remember.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What would you do if you won the Mega Millions lottery?



“I would buy a house in Charleston and be with my family - a place that my kids in college would have to come to.”

Patti Mohrenweiser
Brighton



“I would donate a huge amount to help charities like Jude’s Hospital. It would be cool to build houses, like Habitat for Humanity, and auction them off and keep doing that.”

Sue Sellen
City of Northville



“I would start a charity with part of it, and with the other part, two houses - one here in Michigan and one in France. And I’d take my family on a trip around the world and put a good chunk in the bank.”

Michelle Caider
Northville Township



“I’d take one chunk and I’d tithe. I would pay off my federal taxes. I’d buy a vehicle. I would pay off Dr. Michelle’s and Rob’s offices (Urban Optiques). I would do some traveling. But I’d be more into giving back, respectfully - an organization I could stand behind - and I’d take care of people who have helped me through tough times.”

Trisha Formin
City of Northville

LETTERS

Simple sidewalk solution

I’m enthused at the recent interest in extending sidewalks westward toward Maybury State Park. When I moved to Northville Township 23 years ago, the proximity to the park was a major consideration in my decision to move here. Sadly, for all those 23 years, I’ve driven from my home off Main Street east of Beck Road to the park. The section of Beck Road from Main Street north to the park’s east entrance is simply too dangerous to walk or bike. There is no shoulder and the roadside is sharply banked on both sides with grass, which can be slippery. As time has gone by, the traffic on Beck has increased enormously, making the effort to traverse this small stretch even more deadly.

Recently, the section of Main Street between Clement and Beck has been designated as a Natural Beauty Road, in recognition of its special tree-lined tranquility. With the city of Northville on one end and the jewel of Maybury State Park on the other, completing this pathway is a natural fit.

I hope the township will consider making this small extension a part of future budgets. We don’t need a million-dollar solution, just a concrete or asphalt sidewalk next to Beck Road north from Main Street and a crosswalk at the park’s Beck Road entrance.

Thomas Griebe
Northville

Politics in Supreme Court

What an outrageous turn of events!

For nearly a year now we have been hearing about the Republican power-grab legislation for Oakland County Commission Districts by our County Executive, L. Brooks Patterson — just because he did not approve of the new county commission map drawn up by the designated team that has been the process all over the state of Michigan for years.

If he wanted to change the process, he should have done so in a timely and fair manner so that the same rules could apply statewide. It was never a problem until the five team members were not predominately of his political persuasion.

This Supreme Court decision is an insult to all of us and to our court system. I was hopeful that the courts would be able to put politics aside when they made their decision. Unfortunately, I was wrong and the residents of

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Karen B. Zyczynski
Novi

Similar to health care mandate

Not being a lawyer makes understanding of judicial arguments and decisions quite difficult. It would help immensely if the justices applied Occam’s Razor, stripped the extraneous, forgot their political obligations, and asked one essential question: Would the United States be a better place to live if everyone were guaranteed decent health care?

Not all over-simplification is necessarily wrong.

Regardless of my biases, I fail to see the difference between Social Security, a form of retirement insurance which certainly is not voluntary, and compulsory participation in a medical insurance program. One is not prevented from investing in a better retirement plan, nor is anybody denied the right to purchase more extensive health insurance.

How does one make a distinction between compulsory wearing of seat belts, a form of insurance against serious, costly injury, and compulsory medical insurance?

Why can the federal government compel some people to face danger during war time (the draft) in order to ensure the safety of the rest of us? If necessary, the power to induct any of us for the benefit of all of us does exist.

The power of our federal government has been proven to be boundless when it meant making decisions beneficial to the greatest number of Americans. Mistakes have been made, but look at the overall results. So be it.

One can easily assume that

in the event that Republicans decide on the health care issue, a wise decision would be to invest your money in private health insurance companies, pharmaceuticals, hospitals and cemeteries.

Patrick Downey
Novi

Hope for those with autism

This is an historic time in Michigan. The deep despair of darkness has been overcome by a new light of hope. This hope shines for the 15,000-plus children in Michigan and their families who suffer under the financial burden of autism. It is in the form of Bills 414, 415 and 981 that passed in the Michigan Senate on March 13 and now go to the House of Representatives. If these bills are passed in the House, families of children with autism will finally get the assistance they so desperately need. Currently, an autism diagnosis excludes coverage for all therapies and diagnostic evaluations.

For years, I’ve traveled back and forth to Lansing and listened to pleas for help from people directly or indirectly affected by this catastrophic disability. For years I’ve watched my own son and his wife try to cope with all the problems autism brings to a family. It’s not uncommon for parents to spend all they have and even go bankrupt to give their child a chance for a better life. Sometimes with help, these children become taxpaying citizens. Yet even a family of means has a hard time finding help for their child. This is because almost all Michigan graduates who have degrees allowing them to work with children who have autism usually leave our state and go elsewhere to find a job.

Out of 50 states, 29 have already passed legislation benefiting children with autism. They found that early intervention costs are comparatively low. In fact those upfront costs make even more sense when looking at the millions of dollars they would have to spend if the child eventually became financially dependent on government assistance.

Bills 414, 415 and 981 will be voted on soon. However, many members in our House of Representatives need to be educated before they vote on this important issue. We citizens need to give them a call. They need to hear our voices speak out for those who can’t speak for themselves. The time is now!

Lee M. Dougias
Livonia

Police treat call as legitimate threat

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

A threatening telephone call received at Winchester Elementary the morning of March 29 put the entire Northville Public School District on a day-long alert that had all schools being monitored by the Northville Township and City police departments.

The school district sent out an email alert about the call, which occurred at 9:30 a.m., around mid-morning. It was reported that an unknown male caller made a general threat.

According to John Werth, Northville Township Public Safety director, the police were contacted immediately and responded swiftly to prevent any threats.

He said the call was probably not credible and may have been done as a chaos-inducing tactic as neighboring school districts Livonia and Redford received similar threatening calls.

However, the public safety department does not take threats lightly, and responded with the emergency plans put in place for such situations. Winchester went into lockdown

while the other schools were on heightened alert.

Werth said officers were around each school during student dismissal on Thursday to ensure their safety.

“The students were never in jeopardy,” Werth said. “Things worked perfectly with the plans we have in place. We were in communication with the school district the entire day.”

Northville City Police Chief Gary Goss said his department did the same at Hillside, Amerman, Old Village and Cooke. He also said he doesn’t know how

credible the call was, but in any event, all precautions were taken to protect the schools.

The district stated that during the heightened state of alert school officials worked with police as they investigated the situation. As the day progressed, no unusual or suspicious activity was reported or observed by police, teachers or students. As a precautionary measure, students were kept in for lunch and recess.

Werth said the department is actively working to investigate the call. Police from multiple jurisdictions are now focusing

on a cooperative investigation into the matter.

“Moving forward, students and staff will continue to exercise a sense of awareness of unusual or suspicious activity/persons along with the standard daily safety protocols at each building,” the district indicated in a statement. “Staff, students, parents, community, and police are to be commended for the cooperation that took place today to ensure that all students were safe and that teaching and learning took place in all classrooms.”

NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Larceny

1 Two men were arrested after Northville Township Police found them coming back from the 7 Mile Road property with stolen items.

On March 25, police were patrolling in the 18800 block of Innsbrook Drive in the Northville Woods Apartment complex when a suspicious vehicle was discovered parked in the overflow lot and was backed up to the trail that leads to the former Psychiatric Hospital property. The police waited to see if anyone would come back to the vehicle.

Two men, one a 27-year-old Dearborn Heights man and the other a 29-year-old Farmington Hills man, eventually came down the trail with backpacks. Items they were attempting to get away with included 23 electrical plug outlets, 25 light switches and a sign. They told police they took them from a building on the property and knew they were trespassing.

Burglary

2 A home on 7 Mile Road was burglarized by

unknown suspects of several items including a 60-70 pound fire safe.

On March 23, a 68-year-old Northville man reported to police of the incident that occurred at his home, located in the 48400 block of 7 Mile. He believed he may have left the rear door unlocked. Other items stolen included medication and a bottle of liquor.

There were no witnesses or fingerprints.

Vandalized Sign

3 A 30-year-old Plymouth man was arrested for vandalizing a sign at Cass Benton Park.

Police responded to a report of a person spray painting garbage cans at the park. Upon arrival they received a description from a witness and found a sign that had been spray painted silver with the letters ATWA on it, which stands for air, trees, water and animals.

They suspect was found in his car after a search of the parking lot. He admitted to doing it and said it was better than the other graffiti at the park.

Vehicle Theft

4 On March 21, Northville city police responded to a report of a vehicle theft from a residence on Center Street, only to later find out a neighbor had taken it without permission.

The story began when a 55-year-old Northville woman told police she found her friend’s blue Subaru wagon missing when she went to feed the cat while the friend was on vacation. The vehicle owner is a 67-year-old Northville woman who lives in the 700 block on Center.

A neighbor woman was suspected and later admitted to the car owner, who called her, she did take it. Police caught up with the woman and found the car.

The suspect, a 43-year-old Northville woman, said she took the keys by going through an unlocked door and did it as a selfish act. The car owner was not sure at the time if she wanted to pursue charges, but police told the suspect that she could be charged with home invasion and theft.



Attempted Extortion

5 A Northville woman was the victim of a possible Internet scam after receiving an email from an unknown person claiming to have been hired to kill her.

The 41-year-old woman, who lives in the 20900 block of Taft

Road, told Northville city police on March 22 that she received an email from a person named NIKITA. In the email, the writer claims to be a person hired by someone the victim knows and if she wanted to be safe she needed to pay \$5,000 for a tape as well as an additional

\$7,000 in order to remain safe.

Police followed up and found examples of similar scams. However, they told the woman to contact them if any further contact was made by NIKITA.

Compiled by correspondent Lonnie Huhman

Multiple people at local boarding facility charged with animal cruelty

By Diane Gaie Andreassi
Staff Writer

Six people have been charged with various levels of animal cruelty in connection with sick and dying horses at the Double Diamond boarding facility in Salem Township.

Two dead and 18 malnourished horses were removed from Double

Diamond in Salem Township last December after a tip was called in to the Humane Society of Huron Valley investigation team. The HSHV discovered that some of the 60 horses at the facility looked malnourished and unkept.

Anthony Crummie, 32, and Joe LeFlore, 58, both of Detroit were charged with animal cruelty of one animal, which carries a 93 day misdemeanor. Sarah Hundley, 43, of Detroit, Durrell Montgomery, 27 of Westland, Isaac Brown, 46 of Southfield, and Dietrich Brown, 45 of Northville, were charged with animal cruelty of two to three animals, which is a one year misdemeanor charge.

LeFlore and Hundley pleaded guilty and have been sentenced to probation, according to Jonathan Emmons, Washtenaw County assistant prosecuting attorney. The other cases are still pending.

South Lyon resident Janine Asher, who drives by the facility daily, said the case has led to nightmares for her, when she remembers seeing the emaciated animals “on the verge of death.” She was one of the people to call in a tip to the Humane Society. She first called last summer, and said she was discouraged when investigators took until December to remove horses.

“I was among a lot of people who made phone calls to them,” Asher said.

She said she could see the horses from the road

and they looked deathly malnourished. Asher also said she has mixed emotions about the criminal action taken against the six people.

“After the horses died, their bodies laid out there on the ground,” Asher said. “I wish this story could make a difference in the judicial system. If they had gone in there and looked, those horses wouldn’t have died.”

After the horses were taken from Double Diamond they were taken to Starry Skies Equine and Sanctuary in Scio Township. She said she believed many of those horses were returned to Double Diamond.

“There’s no words that can express the disappointment,” Asher said. “I went through night after night of not being able to sleep.”

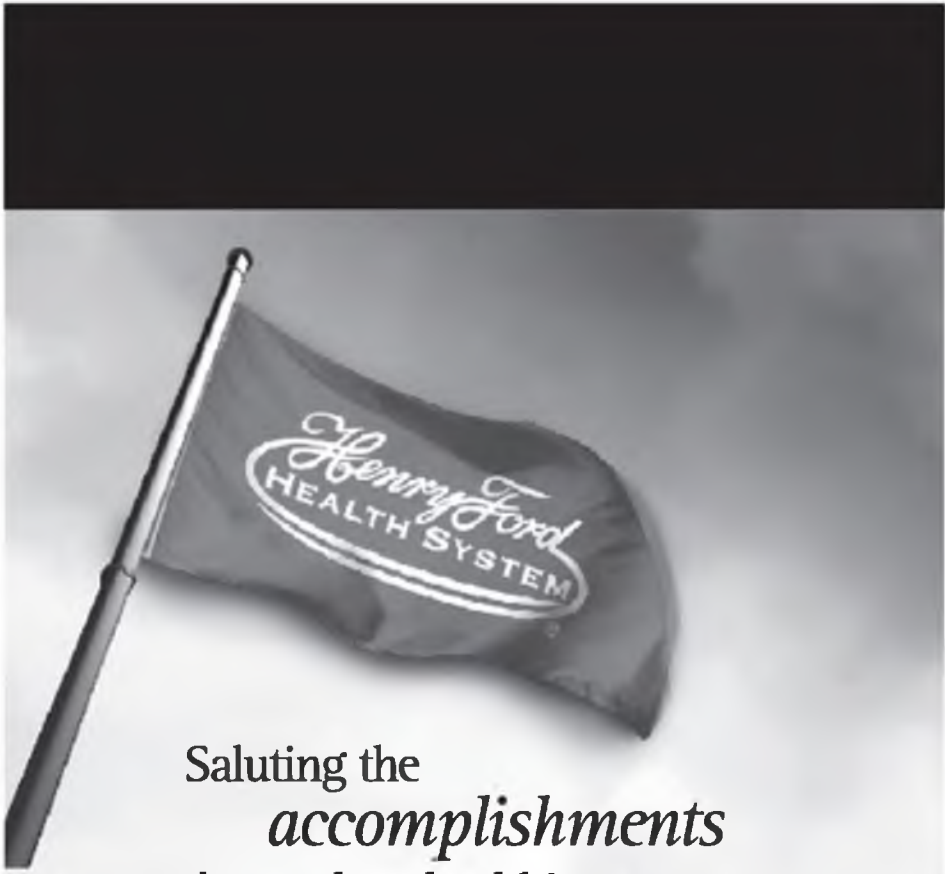
The investigation is ongoing, Emmons said.

“There’s a lot of different forms of animal cruelty,” he said. “It comes in the form of failure to provide adequate care and that can take on any multiple forms such as not providing sufficient food, water, shelter or veterinary care.”

Double Diamond and the Humane Society were unavailable for comment.

Anyone interested in making a donation to Starry Skies can call (734) 904-5090 for more information.

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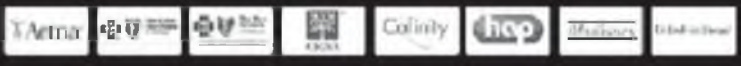


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Quilters share life’s ups and downs, for 30 years



Juliet Culp gives her mom Carole Jean Stockhausen some advice on finishing her quilt’s borders during a March 5 meeting of the Northville group “Hands All Around” quilters.

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The women of the Hands All Around quilt group have been through a lot together. There have been good times of weddings, births and graduations, as well as the sorrow of illnesses and deaths. “They just come out of the walls when something’s needed,” said Ina Hacker of Northville, an 18-year member. Two women have had home fires during the group’s 30 years, and quilters came together to replace quilts lost in the fires.

On a recent sunny Monday morning, founder Carole Jean Stockhausen of Northville was joined by daughter Juliet Culp of Northville in setting up for a “sit and stitch” at Mill Race Historic Village. Culp’s not a member but often involved, and was working on recipe files that day. “I loved the concept,” Stockhausen said. There are 24 members of the Northville group. A monthly square is passed out to be cut and sewn at home. “Then you receive 24 quilt squares ready to put in a quilt,” Stockhausen said. She likes the discipline that demands as well as it alleviating monotony.

‘Good sounding board’

“It’s inspirational to see what others have done. At our meetings, we always have a show and tell of what others have done,” Stockhausen said. “We’re a good sounding board for each other.” They meet monthly at Mill Race for bigger work needing more space, as well as the third Thursday of the month at members’ homes in rotation. There’s a waiting list with women invited in by members. The women have a winter retreat at a member’s cottage in Dexter and have gone on other quilting retreats. Some quilts they do for their own families, but others for charity. They do 30-40 baby quilts every other year for the Corner Health Center in Ypsilanti, a facility for young unwed mothers. The quilters did a quilt for Gilda’s Club, for cancer patient support, as well as one for the Northville District Library as part of a successful fundraiser. They’ve also done a couple for Mill Race. This June, they’ll observe the 30th anniversary with a picnic at a member’s cottage with spouses. Stockhausen said women were young mothers when the group started. “Now perhaps someone brings a grandchild,” she said.



The hands of quilter ina Hacker are seen sewing in panels of an antique pattern that she’s working into a new blanket.



Carole Jean Stockhausen measures and prepares to finish a border on one her quilt creations.



Carole Jean Stockhausen works on a quilt at Mill Race Village during a March 5 gathering of the “Hands All Around” group. That day’s meeting saw only Stockhausen and ina Hacker working on projects, but Thursday meetings see upwards of 20 quilters gathered to create blankets for area charities. Stockhausen has been working on this quilt in particular for off and on a year now.

ina Hacker works on her quilt with its antique panels on March 5 at Mill Race Village. Carole Jean Stockhausen is seen at the sewing machine to the left.





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Top dancers



Elizabeth Clancey and her partner/teacher, Jay Johnson, earned The Most Theatrical Dance Performance award at the Arthur Murray showcase held at the Inn at St. John's March 11. The couple, dressed in vintage clothing depicting the 1930's era, performed an Argentine tango, which included lifts, jumps and drops. The intricate dance was choreographed by Johnson who has been with Arthur Murray for 14 years. The couple dance at the Arthur Murray Dance Studio in Northville. Judy Pietrowski-Wisne, also a student from the Northville Arthur Murray dance studio, earned Rising Star Award for her outstanding tango, cha cha and Viennese waltz, performed with her partner/teacher, Dwight Davis. Pat Kovach was also honored and earned her award for Most Animated Dance while performing a rumba with her partner/teacher, Dwight Davis.

WEDDING

Scheich & Sebastian

Amy Scheich, of Northville, and Dr. Matthew Sebastian, of Novi, were married June 3, 2011 with Deacon Bill Thomas officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Sue and Don Scheich, of Northville. She attended Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and works at Digitas.

The groom is the son of Carol and Charles Sebastian, of Novi. He attended Michigan State University and is a medical resident at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.

The bride attendants were Katie Scheich, Lisa Scheich, Bethany Sprader, Sarah Ries, Lauren White and Ashlie Casbar.

The groom's attendants were Aaron Sebastian, Rob Harmer, Chris Sciamanna, Joe Santieu, Cody Hedquist and Scott Scheich.

A reception was held at The Inn at St. John's. The couple honeymooned in Playa del Carmen and now reside in Plymouth.



Dr. Matthew Sebastian and Amy Scheich

ENGAGEMENT

Greeniee & Korr

Allison Greenlee, of Northville, and George Korr, of Kalamazoo, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Susan and Art Greenlee, and Arlene Greenlee, of Northville. She attended University of Detroit Mercy and is an attorney with Hettiger & Hettiger.

The groom-elect is the son of Mary Korr and the late George Korr. He attended Central Michigan University and is a computer systems engineer at Lakeland Health of St. Joseph, Mich.

A Sept. 2012 wedding in Northville is planned.



Allison Greenlee and George Korr

NEWSMAKERS

New CFO at St. Mary Mercy Hospital

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia welcomes Michael Samyn as its new chief financial officer, effective April 2.


Samyn has more than 25 years of experience in healthcare.

"Mike's leadership and financial management skills will contribute to the ongoing success of St. Mary Mercy moving forward," said David Spivey, president and CEO, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. "We are looking forward to his addition to the senior management team."

Samyn has served as the chief financial officer at Trinity Home Health Services since 2000 and as its chief operating officer since 2008. During his tenure, he promoted several business development initiatives that contributed to the growth and success of the home care service.

Samyn has a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Central Michigan and a master's in business administration from Wayne State University.

Samyn and his family reside in Farmington Hills.



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Varsity baseball player Brad VanHulle rounds third base during a March 20 Mustang practice.

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Mustangs have nearly entire pitching staff back

Squad returns slew of key players for 2012 season

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Talk about a dream come true — the Northville Mustangs baseball roster is so full of talented athletes that a coach couldn't throw a hardball without hitting at least one.

John Kostrzewa, who is in his eighth season at the head of the Mustangs program, returns 11 seniors this season and many of them have been starters since their sophomore year.

"We return, basically, all nine position players and all of our top pitchers from last year," said Kostrzewa, who led the team to a 16-10 record before falling in the district tournament, 4-3, to a very tough Detroit Catholic Central squad.

Northville looks to improve on their clutch hitting — a sore spot last year after losing several one-run games and a couple in extra innings in 2011.

"We have the individual talent," said Kostrzewa. "We just have to develop the team cohesion necessary to be a great team. Our goal is to always maximize the talent we have, win a conference championship and be playing our best baseball come state tournament time."

No matter how talent-



Varsity baseball players take a knee and listen to a coach during a March 20 practice.

ed the team is, Kostrzewa isn't going to shy on working on one aspect of the game that he has always insisted his team be strong with: Fundamentals. Wins can be decided, as can losses, by knowing which base to throw to, how to correctly run the bases, limiting walks as pitchers and focusing on quality at-bats.

Northville's top returning players this year are junior pitcher Jake Hansen, senior infielder/pitcher Matt Stojkov, senior outfielder Jeff Gertley, senior

catcher Brett MacDonald, senior infielder Scott Matthews, senior outfielder/pitcher Matt Satterfield, senior shortstop Connor Smith and outfielder/pitcher Bobby Sable, senior outfielder Billy Mitchell and junior outfielder Brandon Patrone. All of them with the exception of Hansen, Patrone and Mitchell have been starters since their sophomore years and Hansen was the team's top pitcher last season.

Other members of this year's team are: Eric Fox,

Jack Gessert, Nick Grosz, Thomas Huber, Trevor Maresh, Ronald Rounsifer, Evan Schriener, Ben Smith and Brad VanHulle.

"Overall we have a lot of experience and depth and can do a lot of right and left combinations, depending on who we face on the mound," said Kostrzewa. "I believe it comes down to pitching and defense and returning basically all of our pitching staff from last season and all nine starters. I think the outlook for 2012 is very good."

Softball looks to teamwork for success

Squad has plenty of experience and talent

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Kary Couchman has spent the past four years at the helm of the Northville Mustangs softball program and she's learned a very valuable lesson during that time — no amount of experience or talent will have much impact unless there's a team element behind it all.

That's why, for 2012, Couchman and the Mustangs are trying a new tactic: There are no captains on the squad and individuals aren't being singled out.

"We focus on the team as a whole and do not have individual captains," said Couchman.

The Mustangs are hoping that by tightening their focus to that degree that they are able to bond as a unit, taking on their very tough division and conference foes and moving into what has typically been one of the strongest post-season pools in Metro Detroit. Last season, the squad won the KLAA Central Division and the Kensington Conference only to bow out in the district tournament.

That experience is one still in the minds of the Mustangs, who return eight seniors this year from that squad. Two of those seniors have been on varsity for all four years of their high school careers.

"We have talented players to fill all positions and the competitions for spots will be a great challenge for the girls throughout the season," said Couchman.

The Mustangs will be looking to stay healthy and endure the trying schedule they've assembled for themselves this year, all with the goal of improving as a team and moving farther into the state tournament than they have previously been able to.

Northville's varsity roster for 2012 includes: Ellie Asher, Jen Buckingham, Allie Chapekis, Rachel Deacon, Grace DeRidder, Suzanne Hasse, Jessica Jones, Carly Oosten, Micaela Petrucci, Laura Pond, Ashley Schiffer, Maggie Stewart, Nicolette Thibodeau and Meredith Williams.

Ruggers look to make run in post-season

Squad back for 15th year as 15s rugby squad

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

When the Northville Knights first came together as a high school rugby football club, no one really knew what the future might hold.

That first team in 1997 was nothing more than a 7s squad playing a short season and getting a taste of the game. Now 15 years later, the squad has been playing 15s rugby ever since and has played in five championship matches (three in Division 1 and two in Division 2) — but the titles have always been elusive.

"We're still looking for our first championship, and this year's club should be a solid contender," said Northville Knights long-time head coach Ron Cornell. "We have several experienced players who are solid leaders."

Those names are easy to pick out for anyone who has followed the club: Emiljan Vukaj, Zack Harthun, Leo LaCivita and Andrew Boyd. All four of them have shown desire to make Northville an even more competitive team in 2012, which is why they all played with the Detroit Tradesmen Colts program over the summer and fall along with players from Howell, Dearborn, Birmingham, Livonia and St. Clair Shores Lakeview. This week for spring break, Boyd and LaCivita are traveling with the Colts to Ireland to play rugby and tour the country.

Northville's club has been, in the past, made up of players from all over the region, including Novi, Canton, Farmington, Troy, Birmingham and Milford. Not this year, however.

"This year's team is almost 100-percent Northville," said Cornell. The squad, he noted, has 27 players this season.

The Knights will begin their season April 18 in Ohio before playing Berkley at 11 a.m. at Levey Middle School in Southfield (home of the Detroit Tradesmen RFC) come April 21.

Northville track teams geared up for 2012

Squads under dual leadership of Vince Tyle and Gordie McIntosh

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Something strange is afoot at Northville High School.

The track teams, which have traditionally run two completely separate programs, have decided to become a singular program. The purpose? Leveraging all of the great coaching to benefit each and every member of both the boys and girls squads.

“The goal is to make the Northville track and field programs one of the best in the state,” said Gordie McIntosh, one of the two head coaches along with Vince Tyle. McIntosh will head up the boys program for meet purposes and Tyle will helm the girls. “The coaching staff represents over 25 years of competition in track and field at the college level. We have coaches that specialize in long jump, high jump, sprints, mid distance, distance and other field events. By combining the programs, we can best use the knowledge of these coaches to teach both genders.”

Northville will no doubt use that to benefit their quality athletes and help them push themselves to the next level. For the girls, those athletes



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Mustang Peter Hubbard works on the pole vault during a March 20 practice at Northville.

include Alex Moynes, Alexia Abbott, Gina McNamara, Erin Zimmer, Erin Dunn, Tahleen Sharigan, Nicole Mosteller and Kara Ernst. For the boys, the top athletes include Edward Clifton, Andrew Schanne, Trevor Smith, Dan Sims and Brandon Love. Jason Farranto, Nick Noles, Eric Tang, Justin Hseih, David Hornshaw, Ryan Glanagan, Griffel Gobel, Jason Lerner and Peter Hubbard are all expected to compete as well.

“We have a lot going for us. Such as a large group of kids that like to compete and win,” said Tyle. “With the will to succeed and over all knowledge of track and field, the Northville program hopes to begin a tradition of being championship person on and off the field. We have a lot of depth in our program and it is our goal to strengthen the each and every part of the program from freshmen to seniors.”

Both Tyle and McIntosh

are in their second year as head track and field coaches at Northville and both indicated that they are looking forward to the combined team. Of course, that doesn't mean there won't be challenges, especially with more than 160 participants between the girls and boys.

Captains for the girls



Mustang varsity track team member Meghan O'Brien works on the pole vault during a March 20 practice at the school.

are Alexia Abbott, Moynes and Taylor Papp. Captains for the boys are Clifton, Schanne and Smith.

Northville is slated to have its first outdoor meet when they visit cross-town rival Novi April 17.

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New coach ready for 2012 season

Tennis team has to pick up early experience to make up for 2011 losses

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It's going to be a strange year to be reading about Northville girls tennis this year. It's not because the team has less talent than normal, or that it is suffering in any way. It's mostly because for the first time in a long time, there's a new coach patrolling the sidelines. Following the retirement of Sandy Woolfall, Brady Crosby took over the helm of the program and has already found himself navigating the team to an early-season win with a perfect match record in the Canton Invitational two weeks ago. As he looks ahead to the remainder of the 2012 season, Crosby knows there are a lot of unknowns. "The biggest challenge is" replacing the experience of losing eight seniors and a transfer from last year's team," said Crosby. That's a big task, especially since the team goals this year are to repeat as an undefeated team in the Kensington Conference, repeat as regional champions and advance as many flights into the second day of MHSAA state finals play



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Mustangs' Alex Jeannotte follows through on her backhand as she takes on Salem's Narges Pourmandi on April 2.

as possible. Last year, Northville tied for sixth in the state tournament. The team isn't without its strengths, however. "Everyone on our team is a year-round player," said Crosby. "This is very helpful because it doesn't take time for the girls to find their game. This makes it very easy for a coach to start working on the things that are important, like strategy and chemistry with their partners. This year the Mustangs



Mustang Mackenzie Powers in action at Salem High.

have several key returning players, including first singles player Erin Doud and first doubles stand-



Singles player Danielle Romano competes at Salem High on April 2.

out Mackenzie Powers — both are captains this year. Also returning this year in key positions are No. 2 singles player Danielle Romano, No. 4 singles player Alex Jeannotte and No. 2 doubles player Elizabeth Sakorafis. Also on this year's team are juniors Shannon Williams, Valerie Trupiano, Alison Kozerski and Nicole Khamis and sophomores Rachel Crittenden, Chloe Page and Libby Quinn. Freshmen on this year's varsity team are Paige Baal, Claudia Ma, Jordan Hermiz and Anika Mukherji. "We have a lot of new members to the team, so they need to adjust to the level of competition quickly," said Crosby when asked of the top thing his team needed to work on in the start of the season.

Boys golf team has plenty of depth

No clear scoring leaders have emerged since team's last campaign

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Jeff Balagna is a coach with one heck of a great problem to have — he has far too many talented golfers on his squad in Northville this year. No doubt many coaches in the area aren't feeling sorry for him, either, but Balagna doesn't mind. Instead, he's focusing on how to make sure all of those players get a shot of helping the Northville golf team reach its goals

in 2012. "Our goals this year are the same they are every year: Finish the regular season undefeated, win the division and conference titles, qualify for regional, and play in the state finals," said Balagna, who is in his third year with the golf program and second as head coach. "I think we have a very good chance of achieving all of our goals this year." In 2011, Northville finished with a 9-1 record,

won the Central Division crown and was second in the Kensington Conference. "We have at least 10 kids who have the ability to go very low on any given day," said Balagna. "Unlike years past in which I knew who my number 1 and 2 players were, this year it could be someone different every match or tournament. I think that our depth will be the key once we start our league competitions. It is always

good to know that our 5th and 6th players have the ability to be low every time out." The squad has three outstanding captains to help lead all that depth, too: senior Alec Latta and juniors Todd Goebel and Matt Evasic. "Our biggest focus for the early part of the season is just gaining more tournament experience," Balagna said. "We only return three players with extended varsity experience.

That means that at any given time we could have three or four players with little to no varsity experience in the line-up. There is a big different playing in a JV tournament as oppose to a varsity tournament. My biggest struggle is going to be finding the right mix of players before we get to the state tournaments at the end of the year."

This year's team includes seniors: Latta, Matt Trumbore, Trevor Page and Eric Karian; juniors Alec Lasley, Alec Clevenger, Goebel, Evasic, Andrew Jelso and Kevin Collareno; sophomores Andrew Sarokin, Andrew Stevens, Brad Minniear and Matt Robinet; and freshmen Akhil Alluri, Kyle Abraham, Jacob Pierce and Jon Stott.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The ZBA will consider a variance request for Home Depot, located at 39500 7 Mile Road, **to Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance, Article 37, Temporary Uses, Events, Structures and Buildings.** Written comments regarding this request will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M.

Paul Slatin
Zoning Board of Appeals

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ON PROPOSED 2012-13 BUDGET

In compliance with "Act No. 43," State of Michigan Public Act of 1963, and "Act No. 2," State of Michigan Public Acts of 1968 ("Section 16" of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act). Schoolcraft College publishes this notification of a public hearing on the proposed 2012-13 College budget. This hearing is to take place at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at the Grote Administration Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the above address during normal business hours.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Glenn Cerny
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Northville Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at 7:30 P.M. to consider amendments to Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance, Article 22, Nonconforming Uses, Buildings and Structures; Article 23, Tree and Woodland Replacement; and Article 24, Landscaping Standards. The meeting will take place at the Northville Township municipal offices, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI. A full set of the articles with the proposed amendments can be viewed at the Northville Township municipal office building during regular business hours 8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., Monday-Friday.

The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments or ask questions. Written comments will be received by the Northville Township Planning Commission at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. A full set of the articles with the proposed amendments can be viewed at the Northville Township municipal office building during regular business hours 8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., Monday-Friday.

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Boys lacrosse team looks strong on attack

Defense needs some quick experience

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Greg Durham has a decade of experience as the head coach of the Northville Mustangs varsity lacrosse team. This year, his 10th, he and his team have developed three distinct goals for the season.

“Win the KLAA, make it to the regional finals in our region and beat Novi,” said Durham.

All three are very understandable, especially since the 2011 season ended in the semi-regional contest with the Wildcats pounding home the final nail of the coffin.

Northville comes into the season with plenty of attack capabilities. Senior captain Nick Melucci had 64 points last year while Jakob Kippola, also a senior captain, returns with 60 from last season. Also back on the attack is junior Joe Chase, who logged plenty of miles in last season’s 10-8 run. The team also has midfielders Andrew Bumbaugh and Jake Fuller back this year.

Defense, however, is an area that is in need of gaining some experience. Three players do return to the defense, including seniors Kevin Piwowar, Garrett Glowacki and Max Williams — but outside of their presence it begins to get a little light in the

experience department.

“Our goalie and defense are all new starters, for the most part,” said Durham. “We graduated or lost all of our starters from last season.”

The offense is well rounded this year, despite the loss of All-American Dylan Gelven to graduation. Instead of looking to a handful of players to make big moves, the Mustangs will have a large variety of sticks that will be able to find the back of the net.

But, as with every team, Northville’s boys lacrosse team has some work that needs to be done.

“We need to get our mental toughness in order and learn our defensive system,” said Durham. “Once we can play great defense, we will be able to weather the storms that many of our opponents will bring each game. It may sound cliché, but a great offense starts with a great defense.”

Also on this year’s team are: seniors Joseph Kim, Marshall Williams, Max Grezlik, Matt Sopha and Kyle Keech; juniors Tyler Gozdor, Colin Bailey, Andrew Rosati, Jimmy McGlynn, Max Eitelman, Dwight Hansell, Adam Kwiecinski, Taylor Short and Scott Zurawski; sophomores John Cooke, Gregory Stewart, David Blough and Nathan Ray.



Tess Bradley in action on March 29.

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Northville collects another shutout

Emily Bush scores three in victory

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Somebody should pat Emily Maresh on the back. As a freshman goaltender on one of the best teams in the state facing one of the toughest schedules for any high school in Michigan, she’s already collected her very first shutout of her varsity career.

Maresh did have some help, admittedly, like an outstanding defense in front of her and an offense that put on a show as they outscored Walled Lake Western, 7-0, in the 2012 home opener.

“Tonight we got to try a lot of little things and do some experimentation,” said Northville coach Eric Brucker. “I’m pleased with our patience in the offensive end — we are finding the best option for quality scoring opportunities.”

Of course, if we’re handing out accolades for great games, both Emily Bush and Jamie Cheslik deserve one, too. Bush’s comes for scoring three goals on the night while Cheslik’s is for being a tenacious player with a driving desire to help her team earn a victory.

The Mustangs started the night off at the seven minute mark of the first half as junior Gabbie Guibord placed a hard, low pass across the 18-yard box to sophomore Megan



Mustang Emily Bush, left, works her way into the corner near Walled Lake Central’s net while keeping a defender from the ball on March 29.

Buckingham. Buckingham made a quick move and fired the shot passed a diving goalie for the 1-0 lead that would prove to be the game winner. Just 40 seconds later, Cheslik fired a shot on net, only to have it deflect away. Senior Mallory Weber was there to snag the rebound, however, and fire it home for the 2-0 advantage.

The Mustangs made it a 3-0 game at the 19 minute mark when sophomore Rachel Yaggi rolled a beautiful pass to Bush, who was wide open, on the back post on a left-to-right cross — an opportu-

nity Bush didn’t waste as she found the back of the net with the ensuing shot.

Bush ended the first half with another score, making it 4-0, as Cheslik fired a shot on goal that was deflected right to the feet of the awaiting junior.

The second half of competition was much like the first as Weber advanced the advantage to 5-0 on a short pass from Bush about 15 yards away from the goal. She turned and fired the shot toward the net and watched as it hit the bottom of the crossbar and ricocheted over the line

behind the goalkeeper.

Northville didn’t let up on the pressure, which helped Bush get a hat trick on the night. At the 68 minute mark, Cheslik once again found a shot of hers bouncing off the goal and back into the field of play. Bush, again, was the recipient of the rebound and she fired it home for the score.

Northville’s final tally came from senior Sam Jarrett, who took a left-to-right cross from senior Jenni Borwaski and buried it past the goalie for the 7-0 final.

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Catholic Central’s Halash skates to top

By **Chris Jackett**
Correspondent

With 12 goals and 24 assists (for 36 points) to his credit, Detroit Catholic Central senior forward Peter Halash was the area’s best hockey player this winter, earning the All-Area Player of the Year honor. He also earned the second-most votes among all first-team All-State forwards in Division I.

“He was our leading scorer, a team captain and an inspiring leader,” CC coach Todd Johnson said. “The combination of skill and consistency was key to our Catholic (League) and MIHL championships.”

First team
Curtis Herzog (Novi Sr. F)
Novi senior Curtis Herzog was a consistent force in the Wildcats’ offense all season, repeatedly lighting the lamp and causing opponents distress. He was also named first-team All-State, earning the third most votes of any Division I forward.

Kent Burnett (Novi Sr. D)
With a rotating goal-keeper rotation, Novi’s defense started and ended with senior Kent Burnett on many nights. His work on the back ice allowed the Wildcats’ trio of netminders to regularly post shutouts and earned Burnett the most All-State votes among a Division I defender.

Nolan Gluchowski (CC Sr. D)

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Novi – Wes Guenther (Jr. D), Jon Mencer (Jr. F)
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While chipping in five goals and 10 assists, Detroit Catholic Central senior Nolan Gluchowski’s defensive efforts kept the Shamrocks ranked as the top team in Division I the majority of the season. He was a first-team All-State student-athlete who earned the second most votes among Division I defenders.

“He was our top offensive (defenseman) and a very physical presence as well,” CC coach Todd Johnson said. “He was a team captain that was our leader in preparation, commitment and passion.”

Charlie Green (CC Jr. F)
The speed and stick work of Detroit Catholic Central forward Charlie Green helped the junior

rack of eight goals and 14 assists while earning first-team All-State honors in Division I.

“His offensive skill was critical to our team success,” CC coach Todd Johnson said. “He played in many different roles on our power play that was pivotal to key wins.”

Nick Ferrara (Milford Sr. C)
Behind 28 goals and 15 assists, Milford senior center Nick Ferrara broke onto the scene as an offensive force this season, earning first-team All-State honors in Division II.

“Nick worked hard during the offseason lifting weights and conditioning,” Milford coach Gary Hamilton said. “As a result of his off-ice commitment, Nick improved greatly from last year.

Nick was our ‘go to’ player in tight situations. Nick was our team leader in points and scored back-to-back overtime goals mid-season. Nick has deceptive speed and excellent hands. Nick was our most valuable player.”

Michael Babcock (CC Jr. F)
The high-speed play of Detroit Catholic Central junior forward Michael Babcock helped the Shamrocks boast yet another first-team All-State forward. Babcock racked up three goals and 10 assists this season.

“His mix of high-end speed and relentless energy led to our team having the puck a significant amount of time when Michael was on the ice,” CC coach Todd Johnson said. “He is a true leader and very passionate about CC hockey.”

Second team
Carson Gatt (CC So. D)
Holding down the Detroit Catholic Central defense along with Gluchowski was sophomore Carson Gatt, who tallied two goals, seven assists and second-team All-State honors while cutting off offensive passing lanes.

“He is a shutdown style defenseman,” CC coach Todd Johnson said. “He’s very strong on his skates, very intelligent and makes consistently strong breakout passes.”

Travis Trainor (Novi

Sr. F)
An All-State honorable mention in Division I, Novi senior Travis Trainor was a speedy threat who found the right spots on the Wildcat offense. He was a key part of Novi’s playoff run, tallying three goals in the first two playoff games, including the regional semifinal’s overtime winner to knock Detroit Catholic Central out of the playoffs.

Jared Vincek (South Lyon Sr. F)
The South Lyon Unified offense flowed through senior forward Jared Vincek, as he led his team in most offensive categories while tallying nearly two points per game.

“Led our team in points, averaging almost two per game; assists, hits, shots on goal and the intangibles of heart, character, sportsmanship and leadership,” South Lyon Unified coach Bill McCreary said. “An elite varsity high school hockey player and person.”

Mitch Leist (Lakeland Sr. GK)
Despite a 2.88 goals against average and 46 goals allowed, White Lake Lakeland senior netminder Mitch Leist tallied 416 saves and had a .900 save percentage through 16 games while earning second-team All-State honors in Division II. Although his team struggled to score during the regular season, the Eagles were able to come together and win a regional title.

“Mitch had an outstanding regional playoff performance and he backstopped our team to its first regional championship in 32 years,” Lakeland coach Tim Ronayne said.

AJ Bradley (Northville Sr. F)
As the Mustangs’ offensive leader, Northville senior forward AJ Bradley tallied 15 goals, 11 assists and 30 penalty minutes in 25 games this season.

“AJ Bradley was a leader for our team on and off the ice,” Northville coach Clint Robert said. “As a leader on the team, AJ’s work ethic was great at games and practice. He led by example.”

Mike Pobur (Milford Sr. D)
With six goals and 15 assists, Milford senior defender Mike Pobur was a threat on both ends of the ice, taking opponents off their game while helping the Mavericks to light the lamp.

“Mike was our top defenseman and was able to contribute both offensively and defensively,” Milford coach Gary Hamilton said. “Mike played a key role on both our power plays and penalty kills. Mike often quarterbacked our power play on the blue line, setting up scoring opportunities for our power play unit. Mike’s biggest asset is his ability to play defense. His talent to clear our zone, move the puck up quickly and win the small battles is second to none.”

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CC's Beazley finishes with pair of titles

By Jeff Thelsen
Sports Writer

Catholic Central senior captain Kevin Beazley went out on top with a State Title at 189 pounds, finishing the year 48-1. He is the All-Area Wrestler of the Year after earned a team and individual State Title.

Beazley took out Bedford's Brandon Sunday 6-0 in the finals to finish off the year with an individual and team title. Of the 48 wins, he finished with 36 wins by pin. Beazley also helped the Shamrocks capture a team title with a dominating 47-9 victory against Oxford. At the team finals, Beazley spent just 1:42 on the mat in collecting three wins.

"He's just dedicated. I've never coached an athlete who loved the sport as much as Kevin does, and I think it shoes through his work habits and through his demeanor on the mat," said CC coach Mitch Hancock. "The kid is an animal. He's a pinner."

Beazley will continue his career at Old Dominion.

First team Ken Bade, Catholic Central

The junior hammered his opponents at the individual State Finals at 130 pounds. He won 18-3 in the quarterfinals, 20-5 in the semifinals and 6-1 in the finals. Bade finishes the year with an incredible 50 wins with just one defeat. Bade also had a huge weekend at the team finals with two wins by pin and another

by tech fall to help secure the title.

"He's just electric," said Hancock. "He puts on a show. You don't get up and go to the concession stands, you want to see him wrestle. He's consistently attacking and aggressive and moving forward. He's the epitome of the style that we want to portray."

Drew Garcia, Catholic Central

The third title winner came from an underclassman for the Shamrocks. Garcia finished runner-up last year and did one better this year, finishing off the year with a 5-2 win in the finals at 171 pounds. He finishes the year with a 46-3 record as well as a team title the weekend before.

"He's just talented, a very humble young man," said Hancock. "He was Beazley's workout partner all year, so he had one of the best workout partners in the country. As a sophomore it's impressive for him to make back to back finals appearances at 160 and 171. For him to do that shows a lot of composure, a lot of guts and a will to win."

Alec Mooradian, Catholic Central

Mooradian was going for the ultra-rare shot at a fourth state title. He came up one match and one point shy with a 3-2 loss to Brighton's Aaron Calderon in the 152-pound title match. He finishes his career with three individual State Championships and two Team Titles sandwiched around a runner-up team finish. He also finished his senior season 47-3

WRESTLING ALL-AREA

WRESTLER OF THE YEAR Kevin Beazley, Catholic Central FIRST TEAM Ken Bade, Catholic Central Drew Garcia, Catholic Central Alec Mooradian, Catholic Central Malik Amine, Catholic Cental TJ Fagan, Catholic Central Trevor Zdebski, Catholic Central Nick Mason, Catholic Central Bob Coe, Catholic Central Jimi Keller, Novi Trevor Maresh, Northville SECOND TEAM Myles Amine, Catholic Central Travis Compo, Northville	Logan Crandall, South Lyon Nathan Winter, South Lyon Jake Dobras, Novi Steve Shay, Milford Brandon Calma, Lakeland Luke Patterson, South Lyon East HONORABLE MENTION Catholic Central: Riley Hanson (Jr), Evan Toth (So), Andrew Thompson (Sr), Zack Colone (Sr), Nick Geise (Fr), Casey Hagan (Sr), Alex Goings (Sr), Jay Peterson (Jr), Parker O'Brien South Lyon: Luke Shepherd (Sr), Jared Aubin (Jr) Novi: Justin Michael (Sr) Milford: Luke Rea (Jr), Noah Hosking (Jr)
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and a career record with more than 200 wins in his four years with the Shamrocks. He will be going to Columbia University next year.

"The odds were against him. The kid (a day before the start of the finals) was sicker than a dog," said Hancock. "Alec basically has changed the culture here at CC. He came in as a freshman when I was first starting off as the head coach and basically got this program where it is today in regards to training year around. Catholic Central would not be where it is today without Alec Mooradian."

Malik Amine, Catholic Central

The Shamrock sophomore made a run to the finals at 135 pounds. He won his first three matches of the finals by a com-

bined 16-4 before falling 9-6 in the finals. He finishes the year 43-7.

"He has an incredible competitive attitude," said Hancock. "The kid loves winning and hates losing. The kid took fifth last year at 112, to bump up almost four weight classes and make the final at 135 is impressive to me."

TJ Fagan, Catholic Central

The Shamrock senior finished off his high school career with a third-place finish at 125 pounds. His final match was especially special for Hancock with Fagan winning 6-4 in overtime to finish with a 26-5 record. In his career he collected four State Titles, two with cross country and two with wrestling to go with two individual All-State honors.

"Here's a kid ho carries a 4.6 GPA," said Hancock. "He started wrestling as a freshman and never any experience beforehand. For him to accomplish what he has in the sport is simply story-book so to speak. What a great way to see a senior go out."

Trevor Zdebski, Catholic Central

The lone freshman to place for the Shamrocks, Zdebski finished third at 103 pounds. After falling in the semifinals, he finished out the final two matches with a 9-1 win and a 6-0 shutout to claim third and finish the year 38-6.

"Here's a freshman who I think might be talented and technique-wise might be the best freshman I've coached here at CC," said Hancock. "He lost in the semis and just absolutely dominated his way back into the consolation bracket. He's a very, very talented young man."

Nick Mason, Catholic Central

The senior had to battle all the way back from a first-round defeat at the individual State Finals. He did so in fashion with three consecutive wins, including a 3-1 overtime victory in the blood round at 160 pounds. Mason suffered a loss before avenging his first-round loss to earn fifth place with an 11-2 win. Mason finished the year 45-11 and will continue his career at Ashland University.

"Nick is one tough, tough kid," said Hancock. "He won a big, big match at the team State Finals. For him to leave winning two team titles and being

a three-time state placer is pretty impressive."

Bob Coe, Catholic Central

The most impressive thing for Coe placing seventh at heavy-weight is the fact he's still a sophomore wrestling in weight class dominated by seniors and juniors. He just missed knocking off eventual State Champ Nick Gadzikik with a 5-4 loss in the quarterfinals. He finished off the season with a 5-2 win to claim seventh and end the year with a 40-9 record.

"He was 17-11 last year," said Hancock. "He was 40-9 last year and was the most improved wrestler on our team. He's only had about 12-14 months of wrestling experience. I thought that was pretty cool."

Jimi Keller, Novi

The Wildcat senior made a run to eighth in the state at heavyweight to earn All-State honors. Keller also finished third at the KLAA meet and ended with a 4-15 record.

"He is a hard worker that overcame many obstacles to be top eight as an individual, including being one of the lightest wrestlers at 222 pounds," said coach Brad Huss.

Trevor Maresh, Northville

The Mustang senior made a return trip to the State Finals at 171 pounds. He collected a Wayne County title and is only the third Mustang to do so. He finished the year 43-8.

"Trevor's leadership and wrestling experience and skills will be hard to replace," said Mustang coach Robert Boshoven.

SPRING 2012 HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY SPORTS SCHEDULES

Northville Mustangs



GIRLS SOCCER

4/17 7 p.m. @ Salem
4/19 7 p.m. Novi
4/24 6 p.m. @ South Lyon
4/26 7 p.m. South Lyon East
4/28 @ Saginaw Heritage Invitational
5/1 7 p.m. Livonia Stevenson
5/3 7 p.m. Salem
5/8 7 p.m. @ Novi
5/10 7 p.m. South Lyon
5/12 noon Ann Arbor Pioneer
5/15 6 p.m. @ South Lyon East
5/17 5 p.m. @ Livonia Stevenson

GIRLS TENNIS

All games at 4 p.m. unless noted
4/17 @South Lyon
4/19 South Lyon East
4/21 TBA @North Farmington
4/24 Novi
4/28 8 a.m. @Ann Arbor Pioneer
4/30 Ann Arbor Huron
5/1 Association XO North
5/3 @Association Crossover West
5/5 TBA @Okemos
5/8 @Association XO South
5/12 TBA @Association Tournament
5/14 Port Huron Northern
5/18 TBA @MHSAA Regionals
5/23 Marian High School Scrimmage

TRACK & FIELD

All events at 3:45 p.m. unless noted
4/17 @Novi
4/19 @South Lyon
4/21 9:30 a.m. @Walled Lake Western
4/24 South Lyon East
4/28 10 a.m. @Ypsilanti
5/1 @Livonia Stevenson
5/4 Noon @Saline
5/4 @Harrison
5/5 9 a.m. @Livonia Stevenson
5/5 TBA @Livonia Churchill
5/8 Salem
5/11 Noon @Conference Meet
5/18 TBA @MHSAA Regionals
5/22 TBA @Association Championships
5/23 3:30 p.m.@Canton

BOYS GOLF

4/17 TBA @Hartland
4/19 TBA @Farmington
4/23 10 a.m. @East Lansing
4/24 3:30 p.m. @Novi
4/25 3 p.m. South Lyon
4/30 3:30 p.m. @Livonia Stevenson
5/2 3:30 p.m. Salem
5/3 9 a.m. @Novi
5/7 Noon @Seaholm
5/8 3:30 p.m. @South Lyon East
5/9 3:30 p.m. Novi
5/12 TBA @Bedford
5/15 3:30 p.m. @South Lyon
5/16 3:30 p.m. Livonia Stevenson
5/18 3:30 p.m. @Salem
5/21 1 p.m. @University of Detroit
5/22 8:30 p.m. @Lakeland
5/23 3:30 p.m. South Lyon East

5/29 9 a.m. @Conference Tournament

SOFTBALL

All games at 4 p.m. unless noted
4/18 @Wayne Memorial
4/20 Salem
4/21 TBA@Farmington Hills Mercy
4/23 Canton
4/25 @Novi
4/28 8 a.m. @Saline
4/30 @Plymouth
5/2 @South Lyon East
5/3 Franklin
5/5-6 TBA @Michigan Stars Invitational
5/7 @Livonia Churchill
5/9 South Lyon
5/14 John Glenn
5/16 @Livonia Stevenson
5/21 @Conference XO
5/23 @Association XO

BOYS LACROSSE

4/16 6:30 p.m. Howell
4/18 7 p.m. @Walled Lake Northern
4/19 7 p.m. @Walled Lake Western
4/23 6:30 p.m. @Novi
4/27 6 p.m. Holt
4/28 2 p.m. Rockford
4/30 6:30 p.m. South Lyon
5/2 6:30 p.m. Canton
5/4 7 p.m. @Salem
5/7 6 p.m. Plymouth
5/12 1 p.m. Forest Hills Eastern
5/14 TBA @Association XO
5/16 6:30 p.m. Notre Dame Prep
5/19 TBA @DeLaSalle
5/21 TBA @MHSAA Regionals

GIRLS LACROSSE

4/18 6:15 p.m. Canton
4/20 7 p.m. @South Lyon
4/23 6:30 p.m. @Dexter
4/25 7:30 p.m. @Plymouth
4/28 TBA @Rockford
5/2 7:30 p.m. @Canton
5/4 6:15 p.m. South Lyon
5/5 TBA @Ladywood
5/7 6:15 p.m. Saline
5/9 6:15 p.m. Plymouth
5/11 6:15 p.m. Farmington
5/14 7 p.m. @Harrison
5/16 8 p.m. @Salem
5/18 6:15 p.m. Association XO
5/21 TBA @MHSAA Regionals

BASEBALL

All games at 4 p.m. unless noted
4/18 @Wayne Memorial
4/20 Salem
4/23 Canton
4/25 @Novi
4/28 11 a.m. Allen Park
4/30 @Plymouth
5/2 @South Lyon East
5/4 Franklin
5/5 10 a.m. Southgate Anderson
5/7 @Livonia Churchill
5/9 South Lyon
5/12 10 a.m. @Saline
5/14 John Glenn
5/16 @Livonia Stevenson
5/19 11 a.m. Lakeland
5/19 2 p.m. Roosevelt
5/21 @Conference XO
5/23 @Association XO

Catholic Central Shamrocks



BASEBALL

All games at 4 p.m. unless noted
4/11 2 p.m. Bishop Foley
4/14 2 p.m. @University of Detroit
4/16 @Taylor Kennedy
4/18 Brother Rice
4/21 11 a.m. @DeLaSalle
4/25 Divine Child
4/26 @Detroit Western
4/28 11 a.m. @Orchard Lake St. Mary's
4/30 4:30 p.m. @Harper Woods
5/2 University of Detroit
5/5 2 p.m. @Brother Rice
5/7 @University Liggett
5/9 DeLaSalle
5/11 @Divine Child

LACROSSE

All games at 7 p.m. unless noted
4/10 5 p.m. @DeLaSalle
4/12 Cranbrook
4/14 6 p.m. St. Michael (Toronto)
4/17 @University of Detroit
4/24 Brother Rice
4/27 7:30 p.m. @Culver Military Academy
4/28 2 p.m. @Western Reserve
5/5 3 p.m. @Ann Arbor Pioneer

TRACK & FIELD

4/16 4 p.m. University of Detroit
4/21 9 a.m. @Ypsilanti Relays
4/23 4 p.m. @Orchard Lake St. Mary's
4/27 3 p.m. @Jackson
4/30 4 p.m. Divine Child
5/4 3 p.m. @ Harrison Relays
5/5 3 p.m. @Observerland Relays
5/7 4 p.m. DeLaSalle
5/12 10 a.m. @ AA Huron Invitational
5/14 4 p.m. @Brother Rice
5/18 2 p.m. @State Regional Championship
5/20 10 a.m. Shamrock Freshmen Invitational
5/22 2 p.m. @CHSL Championship
5/25 3 p.m. @Oakland County Championship
5/26 10 a.m. @Oakland County Freshmen Championship
5/29 4:30 p.m. @Kermit Ambrose Relays

GOLF

4/16 3:30 p.m. @Brother Rice/Divine Child
4/20 3:30 p.m. Lutheran North/Orchard Lake St. Mary's
4/21 TBA @Pinckney Tournament
4/22-23 Noon @Indianwood Tournament
4/26 3:30 p.m. @DeLaSalle
4/30 TBA @Seaholm Tournament
5/3 3:30 p.m. Cranbrook
5/4 3:30 p.m. University of Detroit
5/7 TBA @Oakland Hills Tournament
5/10 10 a.m. @Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational
5/14 8 a.m. @Dearborn Invitational

5/14 11 a.m. @HVS Invite/Milford
5/16 TBA @Oakland County Tournament
5/21 1 p.m. @University of Detroit

Novi

Wildcats



GIRLS SOCCER

All games 7 p.m. unless noted
3/26 Plymouth
3/28 5:30 p.m. Ann Arbor Pioneer
3/29 @Canton
4/12 @Ann Arbor Skyline
4/14 3 p.m. @Saline
4/17 South Lyon East
4/19 @Northville
4/24 Plymouth Salem
4/25 @Livonia Stevenson
5/1 6 p.m. South Lyon
5/3 6 p.m. @South Lyon East
5/8 Northville
5/10 @Plymouth Salem
5/15 Livonia Stevenson
5/17 @South Lyon

BASEBALL

All games 4 p.m. unless noted
4/10 3:30 p.m. Walled Lake Western (DH)
4/11 North Farmington
4/14 @Walled Lake Central (DH)
4/16 4:30 p.m. Hartland
4/18 @Canton
4/20 @South Lyon East (DH)
4/21 10 a.m. Livonia Stevenson (DH)
4/23 Plymouth
4/25 Northville (DH)
4/28 11 a.m. @Grosse Pointe North (DH)
4/30 @Livonia Franklin
5/4 Livonia Churchill
5/7 @Westland John Glenn
5/9 @Plymouth Salem (DH)
5/12 11 a.m. Milford (DH)
5/14 Wayne Memorial
5/16 South Lyon (DH)
5/19 11 a.m. White Lake Lakeland
5/19 2 p.m. Wyandotte Roosevelt
5/21 KLAA Conference Crossover
5/23 KLAA Association Crossover
5/26 10 a.m. Ferndale
5/26 3 p.m. Marysville

SOFTBALL

All games 4 p.m. unless noted
4/18 @Canton
4/20 @South Lyon East (DH)
4/23 Plymouth
4/25 Northville (DH)
4/30 @Livonia Franklin
5/4 Livonia Churchill
5/7 @Westland John Glenn
5/9 @Plymouth Salem (DH)
5/12 TBA @Fred Pieper Tournament
5/14 Wayne Memorial
5/16 South Lyon (DH)

GIRLS TENNIS

All meets 4 p.m. unless noted
3/29 Rochester
4/10 South Lyon East
4/12 @South Lyon
4/14 8 a.m. @Saline Hornet Invite
4/16 Ann Arbor Greenhills
4/17 @Plymouth Salem

4/19 @Livonia Stevenson
4/21 8 a.m. @Ann Arbor Pioneer Invite
4/24 @Northville
4/26 Saline
4/28 9 a.m. @Bloomfield Hills Lahser Invite
5/1 KLAA North Crossover
5/2 West Bloomfield
5/3 @KLAA West Crossover
5/8 @KLAA South Crossover
5/9 @Grosse Pointe South
5/12 9 a.m. Westland John Glenn
5/14 @Ann Arbor Huron
5/18 9 a.m. Regionals @Novi
6/1-2 @States, Midland

TRACK & FIELD

4/17 3:45 p.m. Northville
4/21 9 a.m. @Balawajder Classic (Boys Only)
4/24 3:30 p.m. Plymouth Salem
5/8 4 p.m. Livonia Stevenson
5/11 11 a.m. @Conference Meet in Plymouth
5/25 3 p.m. @Oakland County Championships in Rochester

BOYS GOLF

4/21 9 a.m. @Dick's Sporting Goods Invite
4/21 9 a.m. @Pinckney Invite
4/24 3:30 p.m. Northville
4/25 3 p.m. Livonia Stevenson
4/30 3 p.m. @Plymouth Salem
5/2 3 p.m. @South Lyon East
5/3 9 a.m. Milford
5/7 9 a.m. @Brighton Invite
5/8 3 p.m. South Lyon
5/9 3:30 p.m. @Northville
5/14 9 a.m. @Huron Valley Schools Invite (Prestwick GC, Highland)
5/21 3 p.m. South Lyon East
5/23 3 p.m. Plymouth Salem
5/23 3 p.m. @South Lyon

BOYS LACROSSE

3/21 3:45 p.m. @Flint Powers
3/23 7 p.m. @Walled Lake Central
3/26 6:30 p.m. Hartland
4/11 6:30 p.m. Farmington
4/13 7 p.m. @North Farmington/Harrison
4/16 6:30 p.m. Huron Valley
4/18 7:30 p.m. @Brighton
4/20 6:30 p.m. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard
4/23 6:30 p.m. Northville
4/27 7:30 p.m. @Notre Dame Prep
4/30 8 p.m. @Plymouth
5/2 7 p.m. @South Lyon Unified
5/4 6:30 p.m. Walled Lake Western
5/7 8 p.m. @Plymouth Salem
5/9 6:30 p.m. Canton
5/11 6:30 p.m. Rochester Adams
5/14 TBA @KLAA Championship/Crossover
5/17 6:30 p.m. Holt

GIRLS LACROSSE

All games 7 p.m. unless noted
4/10 Farmington Hills Harrison
4/14 12 p.m. Midland Dow
4/18 Grosse Pointe South
4/23 7:30 p.m. @Grosse Pointe South
4/27 @Saline
4/30 @Farmington Hills Harrison
5/2 Walled Lake Northern
5/12 12 p.m. @Midland Dow
5/21 Canton



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Water Wheel tenant Spider9 plans on installing solar panels on the roof of the building at East Main and Griswold to help it go “off the grid.”

‘Going off the grid’ goal for Northville-based firm Spider9 committed to community

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Spider9 Inc. is a relative newcomer to the Northville business scene, but committed to staying.

The University of Michigan was the incubator for the firm which does advanced control systems for grid scale batteries and solar fields.

“We are a startup company and the technology is new,” said Bre’Elle Biondo, business team leader for Spider9, housed in the historic water wheel building on the edge of downtown Northville on Main Street at Griswold. They started in Northville

last October.

There are nine employees with backgrounds ranging from engineering to marketing at the Northville site, and plans are to grow and hire locally. Four engineers are based here. They’ll create their first 85kw solar field on the roof of the water wheel building, which will take a couple months to complete and start soon.

“The plan is to take the whole building off the grid,” Biondo said. “All of the other tenants we’ve spoken to are very excited about it.” The building also houses an architecture firm and fitness facility, among others.

The location

When auto pioneer Henry Ford used the building, now on the National Register of Historic Places, it was powered by the water wheel.

Two top leaders of Spider9 have Northville ties, which helped with the location decision. “Also the architecture and history of the building was cool,” Biondo said. “It’s a good, wholesome atmosphere.”

She and colleagues like to walk to lunch or to Starbucks down the street. Biondo came on board in November, and noted Spider9 has already grown into 7,000 square feet.

“We’ve built it out,” she said.

Glynn Townsend is CEO, coming from A123 Systems, and Dave Park COO.

The firm has received support through the Michigan Economic Development Corp. and private investors.

She agreed batteries are up and coming technology in Michigan for automotive and other uses. “If there wasn’t a big market for it, we wouldn’t be going into it.” They’re committed to Michigan and Northville, she said, and will develop further applications for technology.

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NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

Community Financial Credit Union issues inaugural Community Matters report

Community Financial Credit Union released its first Community Matters report highlighting its support of each of the communities it serves, including banking and philanthropic efforts.

Community Matters looks back at 2011 and combines both the traditional financial report typically seen in an annual report, with a deeper look into the credit union’s support of nonprofits, education and other community-based organizations and events.

“As a community-focused credit union, the work we do goes beyond just helping our members’ with their finances,” said Bill Lawton, Community Financial president/CEO. “We wanted to share things we are doing with the residents in the communities we serve to let people know that we are here to support them, and their community, now and well into the future.”

Community Financial serves the communities of Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Novi; as well as Otsego, Montmorency and Alpena counties.

The Community Report is available at all Community Financial branches as well as online at www.CommunityMattersReport.org.

Retailers wary of rising gasoline prices

Michigan retailers are growing more concerned about the price of gas-

oline, although retail sales held up in February despite rising prices at the pump, according to the latest Michigan Retail Index, a joint project of Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

Concern was evident as retailers’ three-month sales projections dropped to their lowest level since October. “Gas prices” were the most frequently voiced concern.

February’s retail sales, however, were stronger than a year ago and didn’t fall off much from January’s strong performance.

“Rising gas prices are always a concern for retailers, because they take a larger share of consumers’ income,” said MRA President and CEO James P. Hallan. “But February sales remained solid despite gas prices pushing close to \$4 a gallon in some areas. It’s a situation we’re watching with great interest.”

The Michigan Retail Index for February found that 48 percent of retailers increased sales over the same month last year, while 28 percent recorded declines and 24 percent saw no change.

The results create a seasonally adjusted performance index of 59.3, down from 63.8 in January and up from 59.1 in December.

The Index gauges the performance of the state’s overall retail industry, based on monthly surveys conducted by MRA and the Federal Reserve.

Index values above 50 generally indicate positive activity; the higher the number, the stronger the activity.

OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

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

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

Small Business Loan Workshop

Getting a small business loan can be a challenging process. Learn the “5 C’s of Credit,” how to develop a winning loan proposal and what you need to know to position your business to be “bankable” before you meet with a lender. Presented by The Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Oakland County Business Center.

Thursday, April 5, 9 a.m.-noon.

The fee is \$20 per person (make checks payable to SCORE). Includes: Handouts and SBA Source Book. No refunds.

Facebook for Business: Introduction to Social Media Marketing and using Facebook for Business

Millions of people are using Facebook and social media for fun, but it is also a powerful business tool that can connect you with your customers, potential customers and the world. Social media is a two-way

FUTURE WORKSHOPS

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

(p.m.) Evening Class 6-9/9:30 p.m.

April 17: Facebook for Business (Intermediate) (p.m.)

April 18: Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan (p.m.)

April 24: Legal & Financial Basics for Small Business

April 24: Facebook for Business (Advanced) (p.m.)

May 3: Pre Business Research (a.m.)

May 9: CEED Microloan Orientation

May 10: Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan (a.m.)

May 23: Women’s Business Enterprise (WBE) Certification Orientation

May 31: Team SBA Financing Roundtable

June 5: FastTrac NewVenture Series

June 6: Fundamentals of Marketing Your Business (PM)

June 7: Small Business Loan Workshop

June 7: Business Research: Feasibility to Expansion (PM)

June 13: CEED Microloan Orientation

June 13: LinkedIn for Business (Beginner) (PM)

June 14: Fundamentals of Starting a Business (PM)

June 20: LinkedIn for Business (Intermediate) (PM)

June 21: Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan (AM)

June 27: LinkedIn for Business (Advanced) (PM)

June 28: QuickBooks Essentials Part 1 and Part 2

marketing channel — a conversation with your customers. With social media marketing and Facebook you can leverage these conversations and relationships to: increase brand visibility and reach, be established as a thought leader and expert in your field, give real time customer service, stay on top of industry trends and conduct competitive research, build brand advocates, and yes - you can see a measurable ROI — even sales. But before you jump in and start using social media, learn how to get these results with an introduction to social media marketing and Facebook for business.

Tuesday, April 10, 6-9 p.m.

The fee is \$40 per person.

Fundamentals of Starting a Business

This seminar is for anyone thinking about going into business. Participants examine their entrepreneurial skills, learn how to implement their ideas and

receive a list of pitfalls to avoid when starting a business.

Wednesday, April 11, 6-9 p.m.

The fee is \$30 person. No refunds.

Oakland County Venture Forward

This intensive, 11-week program is designed for owners, CEOs and top management team members of businesses with at least two years of operating experience. Focused on issues most important to business health and growth, attendees gain knowledge to make critical decisions about their business and strategy, investigate next-stage growth and opportunity, plan for strategic growth, build and maintain a competitive advantage and maximize cash flow for profitability.

The class is Fridays, April 13-June 15, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

The fee is \$299 per person. Admission is not automatic - all applicants need to be pre-qualified.

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BBB: Beware of timeshare scams

It is a common scenario. Someone receives a mailer or e-mail offering a free trip or other fantastic prize and all he or she has to do is sit through a half-day seminar. Once the victim is there, the company turns on the high-pressure tactics in an attempt to sell a timeshare.

Often, the offer is legitimate, if unwanted. Other times, the offer is a scam meant to bilk honest people of thousands of dollars. Such scams have prevailed for decades, and most savvy consumers are wise to them.

So, the con artists have changed their game, prompting new warnings from the Federal Bureau of Investigations, and enforcement efforts from the Federal Trade Commission.

The Better Business Bureau received more than 2,600 complaints nationally about timeshare resell companies last year, and almost 200 more in January 2012. Some complain about available dates or other management issues, but many allege that companies collected money for fees or other charges and then disappeared.

Corpus Christi resident Thurman Huddleston complained to BBB after wiring more than \$10,000 to a Dallas company promising to sell him a timeshare in Mexico.

"The people were good," he said. "I really beat myself up, because I should have known better. It just sounded like a viable thing."

Huddleston said when he first got the call, he researched the company online and did not find any red flags. When the company asked him for a payment to cover the closing costs, he did not hesitate. He wired the money, leaving no trace for law enforcement to follow later.

Then they came back and asked for more money to cover the annual property taxes.

"So that sounded a little fishy, but I figured they probably won't (let me buy a unit without paying taxes)," he said. "That should have been the last red flag, but once you've got that much money in it, it's hard to walk away."

Soon after, the company he was dealing with became impossible to contact. Huddleston suspects the timeshare never existed to begin with.

Now that people are more



aware of scams like the one Huddleston fell for, scammers have started targeting victims that might not be as diligent: current timeshare owners.

The FTC cracked down on telemarketers claiming to have buyers lined up, then disappearing with the thousands of dollars owners paid to cover fake closing costs or as a deposit that would be later refunded.

The FBI reported a similar scam, with a con artist contacting the victim by phone or e-mail and promising to sell the victim's timeshare in a short time, often between 60 and 90 days. The scammers asked for hundreds to thousands of dollars to cover anything from closing costs to listing fees.

Sometimes, according to the FBI's warning, the victims are then contacted a second time — this time by someone claiming to be from a recovery company. The scammer, who may be connected with the original resale company, tells the victim that he can recover the lost money for a fee.

Once again, the scammers disappear after the victim pays.

Huddleston said that though he lost thousands to the con artists who contacted him, and he feels like a dupe for falling for the scam, he is just happy to have learned his lesson.

"I didn't get too angry over it. I hated to lose the money, but I learned a lot," he said. "The next time somebody calls, I've graduated from that class."

When buying or selling a timeshare, BBB offers the following tips:

- Beware of upfront fees. Though there may be closing costs or other fees associated with purchasing a timeshare, be wary of any company that pressures you to pay any such fees upfront or before reviewing any contracts.
- Read the fine print. Especially when selling a timeshare, make sure to read the contract carefully. Find out if the company is actually selling your timeshare or simply charging you to advertise the listing.
- Start with trust. Visit www.bbb.org to check out the BBB Business Review for a company before paying any money.
- Never wire cash. Credit

cards offer a certain amount of fraud protection that you cannot get if you use a wire service. Walk away from any deal that requires you to pay cash or wire money, especially to locations in other countries.

- Get it in writing. Ask the salesman for all information in writing, including all fees, timing and ways the seller plans to advertise the unit.

- Check the license. Ask for licensing information for the seller's agents, and check that information with the Real Estate Commission. Only deal with licensed brokers and ask for references.

- If it sounds too good to be true, it is. Be wary of any seller who promises a big selling price or quick turnaround. High-pressure tactics are always a red flag.

- Know where to turn. Before selling your timeshare, read the FTC's advice on selling a timeshare and report any scams to BBB or the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center.

To check the reliability of a company and find trustworthy businesses, visit bbb.org.

Irate plaintiff may have case

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

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

A: In the past, I would have said you were out of luck, but in a recent 9th Circuit federal decision, the court held that the purchaser's decreased economic value and desirability were cognizable injuries which could be pursued against

the developer, and if they can establish a sufficient causal connection between any decreased value and desirability and the developer's actions, they should be able to pursue the matter. This is certainly, now something to consider and developers should be clearly put on notice of their potential exposure for selling units to people who have no business buying these units because of economic limitations.

Q: Can you give me any ideas with respect to what it is like to purchase property in Lima, Peru, and the Galapagos Islands, which I hear are extremely beautiful?

A: Lima is a big city where there are a number of high rise apartments that are newly constructed which, like in most South American cities, are highly expensive. The Galapagos Islands are restricted to residents who are born in the Galapagos Islands, so your opportunity to live there and/or possibly develop parts of it is extremely limited because it is a National Park with many restrictions to preserve the habitat.

Peru has a better exchange rate than Brazil and Argentina, as it relates to the American dollar, so your opportunities for investment are greater in terms of getting the benefit of your dollars' worth.

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. 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. 19-22, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON
7320 Admiralty Dr \$150,000
2376 Arcadia Dr \$66,000
41697 Bedford Dr \$45,000
4111 Berkeley Ave \$82,000
6322 Clarendon Dr \$176,000
41978 Coventry Way \$130,000
6062 Fairborn Dr \$335,000
7120 Foxridge Dr \$198,000
50156 Grant St \$241,000

48298 Greenwich Ln \$228,000
49918 Hancock St \$315,000
50140 Jackson Ln \$190,000
44223 Richmond Ct \$197,000
626 Sandalwood Ct \$317,000
2839 Siever Dr \$201,000
GARDEN CITY
31255 Marquette St \$40,000
LIVONIA
11307 Brookfield St \$126,000
17300 Brookview Dr \$180,000
12020 Cavell St \$30,000
19513 Gary Ln \$270,000
9402 Gillman St \$88,000
18230 Gillman St \$42,000
9930 Harrison St \$125,000
33920 La Moine St \$150,000
17500 Lathers St \$33,000
36062 Lyndon St \$175,000

29726 Mason St \$105,000
18525 Millburn St \$125,000
10040 Seltzer St \$65,000
36329 St Andrews Dr \$30,000
32131 Wyoming St \$90,000
NORTHVILLE
19644 Aqueduct Ct \$65,000
17681 Crestbrook Dr \$575,000
101 Hampton Ct \$198,000
18938 Heather Ridge Dr \$535,000
16049 Pine Valley Dr \$466,000
42549 Ravina Ln \$227,000
PLYMOUTH
42023 Brentwood Dr \$127,000
12420 Concord Ct \$215,000
40609 Newport Dr \$72,000
1075 Sutherland St \$81,000
REDFORD
9921 Arnold \$40,000

15127 Aubrey \$18,000
15102 Fox \$92,000
26550 Kendall Ct \$49,000
9282 Louis \$69,000
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14301 Mercedes \$49,000
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9147 Sioux \$52,000
19397 Woodworth \$20,000
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1700 Ackley Ave \$28,000
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32228 Melton St \$57,000
8132 Perrin Ave \$85,000
6649 Quail Run Cir \$71,000
7812 Rivergate Dr \$67,000
1565 S Marie St \$67,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

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

BEVERLY HILLS
18625 Devonshire St \$310,000
32471 Madison St \$130,000
31699 Southview St \$232,000
BIRMINGHAM
1116 Buckingham Ave \$299,000
1085 Chapin Ave \$477,000
1028 Chester St \$315,000
232 Pilgrim Ave \$513,000
1792 Pine St \$444,000
400 Southfield Rd Unit 9 \$175,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS

1687 S Hill Blvd \$115,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP
1665 Dell Rose Dr \$280,000
1736 Hamilton Dr \$200,000
2905 W Hickory Grove Rd \$98,000
984 Waddington St \$790,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP
4646 Benstein Rd \$81,000
3826 Ranya Dr \$228,000
3613 Sleeth Ct \$158,000
5988 Strawberry Cir \$342,000
FARMINGTON
23941 Whitaker Dr \$178,000
FARMINGTON HILLS
21413 Archwood Cir \$120,000
28226 Bellcrest St \$160,000
37280 Chelsea Ct \$241,000
28415 Inkster Rd \$125,000
30024 W 12 Mile Rd \$29,000
32311 W Wayburn St \$102,000

MILFORD
2347 Carriage Way \$211,000
1758 Hilltop Dr \$390,000
NOVI
30732 Ardmore Ct \$63,000
30736 Ardmore Ct \$75,000
22539 Cranbrooke Dr \$68,000
26250 Fieldstone Dr \$255,000
22480 Haverdale St \$329,000
27887 Hopkins Dr \$122,000
24775 Reeds Pointe Dr \$311,000
22756 Renford St \$50,000
25810 Shoreline Dr \$800,000
27531 Sloan St \$218,000
25350 Sutton Ct \$50,000
25428 Sutton Ct \$50,000
26991 Victoria Rd \$250,000
50577 W 10 Mile Rd \$120,000
SOUTH LYON
51959 Copperwood Dr N \$50,000

27911 Woodstream Dr \$425,000
28050 Brentwood St \$25,000
SOUTHFIELD
28631 Castlegate Dr \$152,000
19394 Coral Gables St \$22,000
20018 Covington Pkwy \$75,000
28066 Glasgow St \$45,000
20955 Harvard Rd \$80,000
28482 Marshall St \$8,000
28482 Marshall St \$7,000
28995 San Carlos St \$135,000
28468 Selkirk St \$67,000
22940 Shevington Dr \$146,000
30228 Southfield Rd # A166 \$25,000
WHITE LAKE
8847 Arlington St \$74,000
9245 Little Farm St \$94,000
8045 Wildwood Ln \$233,000
8100 Wildwood Ln \$211,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

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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. Road, north of 12 Mile, Madison Heights. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. www.REIAofOAKLAND.com; (800) 747-6742.

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5 Ways to get the job you want – in any economy

With all the bleak economic news and reports of massive layoffs, it's easy to lose sight of an exciting fact of work: There have never been more opportunities and possibilities for talented people than exist today. The rate of new business formation in the United States has passed more than 1 million new companies per year. Employers everywhere are looking for bright, resourceful and committed people to help their businesses grow. The best way to help the best companies find you is to become a self-directed job searcher. Regardless of your employment experience, your target industry or the economic climate, you can get a job – a great job – if you are willing to work hard and know how to work smart. Here are some of the very best ideas, strategies and methods for putting your career back on the fast track.

1. Take control of your career

The average person starting work today will have 11 full-time jobs and as many as five different careers over the course of his or her lifetime. To weather the storms of lifelong career change, you must be proactive, not reactive. Begin by seeing yourself as self-employed. See yourself as the president of a company with one employee: you. See yourself as having one product to sell in a competitive marketplace: your personal services. You are completely responsible for research and



development. No matter who signs your paycheck, you are always on your own payroll. This attitude is the starting point for getting the job you want for the rest of your career.

2. Take stock of yourself

Before you go out and look for a job, do some self-reflection. Make a list of all the things you can do for which someone would be willing to pay. What have you done especially well at your previous jobs? What sort of activities in your work and your personal life do you most enjoy? The good news is that you will always do the very best at something that makes you the happiest. To help yourself follow the right career track, describe your

ideal job. The greater clarity you have about exactly what it is you want to do and how much you want to earn, the easier it is for someone to hire you.

3. Understand the job market

All labor, including your own, is subject to the economic law of supply and demand. The only way to ensure you get a rewarding job is by doing something important for which there is a demand in the marketplace and in which you are difficult to replace. A change in technology, consumer preferences or the economy can make a particular talent or specialty obsolete almost overnight. You must continually upgrade your knowledge and skills and adjust your efforts so that they

conform to the needs of the current job market. In a free society such as ours, everybody works on commission.

4. Don't mistake unemployment for a vacation

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