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South Pole adventurer

Steve Jochmans, a Northville hiker and mountain climber, will present on his adventures to the South Pole at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 15 at the Northville District Library. This presentation is free and is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. However, reservations are urged in that seating is limited. Seats can be reserved by calling the Northville District Library at (248) 349-3020.

Jochmans is an avid outdoorsman, marathoner and triathlete. He is a retired Navy and commercial pilot. He previously presented at the library on his trip to Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Democratic caucus set for Saturday

The Democratic National Caucus is coming to Northville, and caucusing can be fun, according to Lisa DiRado, vice-president of the Northville Democratic Club, which is sponsoring this caucus.

The caucus for the City of Northville and Northville Township will be held Saturday, May 5 at the Northville Senior Center, 303 W. Main Street, next to the library in downtown Northville.

The caucus location, one of some 200 in the state, begins with check-in at 9 a.m. and concludes with voting at 11 a.m.

Residents of the city and township will have separate voting areas at the caucus. Residents only need to attest that they are or will be age 18 or older and registered to vote by the Nov. 6 election.

For further information contact barbm-browne@gmail.com.

Cigar Lounge liquor license put on hold

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Correspondent

The liquor license transfer for the Northville Cigar Lounge has been put on hold.

After listening to concerns expressed in the public hearing, the Liquor License Review Committee directed the property owners to revisit their site/business plan which includes an outdoor area that has some neighbors worried.

The LLRC – consisting of mayor pro-tem Jim Allen, councilman Ryan McKindles and John Buckland – met to consider the request made by Cigar Lounge owner Gary Klein to have a Class C license transferred to the location at 331 N. Center Road.

Northville Police Chief Gary Goss said there were no issues with the transfer application and gave his recommendation to approve the transfer, in addition to resolutions for outdoor service and a new SDM license, which allows for carryout sales.

The lounge has an exemption from the state that allows it to be a smoking establishment.

Buckland said they must consider the input of the neighbors as well as the businesses potential impact and benefit. McKindles said the outdoor patio area needs to be further addressed because of the overwhelming sentiment expressed during the hearing. Allen said the main

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New Hope



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Cathy Clough will soon be retiring from New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville as its director. Here she stands by a "memory wall" of some of the clients and their families who have used the center's support system.

Grief support woman's life work, passion

By **Julle Brown**
Staff Writer

Cathy Clough was only 33 when her first husband died. At that time, she had a stepson, 16, and two younger sons, 5 and 9.

Clough was asked by the hospice nurse to start a support group. She was a stay-at-home mom and didn't have formal training, but worked 15 years at a local hospice as director of bereavement services.

In early 2000, she and co-founders John and Betty Baird of Northville began New Hope

Center for Grief Support. It was on Dunlap in Northville nine years and now at 315 Griswold, near Mill Race Village in Northville.

Clough, a Plymouth resident and New Hope executive director, is looking ahead to retire in the not-too-distant future. She knows that New Hope, a Christian-based grief support facility, will continue as strong as ever.

New Hope serves those of all faiths and nonworshippers and offers age- and loss-specific support, such as for the death

of a child. There are three groups for the loss of a spouse, depending on age.

"We really like to break people out into groups with others they can relate to," she said of New Hope (www.newhopecenter.net). An eight-week workshop, "From Grief to New Hope," meets at numerous churches in southeast Michigan.

There are also ongoing support groups at the Northville facility, including sepa-

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Realtor doubts proposed overlay district

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Correspondent

When Rick Birdsall stands at the corner of Rayson and Center streets and looks out over the vacant lot, he sees potential – something that could add a new dimension to downtown.

But the commercial property realtor and Northville resident also thinks of the overlay district being proposed by the city's planning commission, which he believes would inhibit future development and prevent downtown from naturally growing up N. Center Street.

The overlay would restrict new building construction to a height of 2 ½ stories or 30 feet with a setback in the front that is at least 10 feet and 20 feet in the rear. In addition, parking would not be allowed at the front of the building and some landscaping would be required.

This is different than the three-story buildings right along Main Street and different than Hiller's Supermarket, which has parking in the front.

"This would reduce the potential of this area," Birdsall said of the proposal to set special zoning regulations on the area of N. Center from Randolph to Walnut streets. "You want a vibrant downtown with more retail traffic, which in turn would



Rick Birdsall

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Mother's Day makeovers

Elle Studio in Novi spoils moms for a day

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Mother's Day came early for a group of local women thanks to Elle Studio in Novi. In keeping with the salon's family atmosphere — it is owned by a brother and sister and employs several family members — and looking to recognize mothers for all they do, the women were treated to free full makeovers including everything from hair coloring and styling to facials, makeup and clothes from Moda Repeat in Commerce.

Lisa DeMeo, a Farmington Hills mother, said her son initiated the whole process, and it was a "big surprise" when she was selected and her daughter told her to call the salon. "It's really exciting," she said. "You see this happen on television and say 'I wish this would happen to me,' and today it is happening."

Elle Studio clients nominated mothers for the makeovers, with the winners being selected randomly.

Kristen Melzak, front desk manager at the salon, said they wanted to do this for mothers who didn't have time for a make over or

couldn't afford one, and because they wanted to give back.

"It makes us feel great that we can help people," she said.

Mary Eghigian, of Novi, couldn't even sit still after getting her facial Wednesday afternoon, looking around for her stylist to continue the pampering process.

Eghigian initially came to the salon for a shampoo and blow dry, but was taken aback when she found out her grand-daughter had nominated her for a makeover.

"I'm nervous and excited," she said. "When I walked in I wasn't expecting this."

The Meadowbrook Commons resident also couldn't wait to show off her new look to her friends.

"They are going to be jealous," she said.

For co-owner Mayco Bojaj, husband of Marina Bojaj, seeing the excitement on the women's faces is why they do it.

"As owners we want to always continue to give back to the community that has welcomed us," he said.

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Novi's Elle Studio gives a Mothers' Day makeover to Lisa DeMeo on April 25. DeMeo and Novi resident Mary Eghigian were given the full treatment, including facials, nails and hair styling by the salon located on Novi Road.

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Principal Snyder's contract renewal questioned

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

The Northville Public Schools Board of Education came out of a long, closed session meeting on Tuesday to issue a decision to not automatically extend Silver Springs Elementary Principal Scott Snyder's contract when it expires on June 30, 2013.

After the 6-1 vote, board president Dottie Garrity said, "It is our hope and expectation that all parties are able to progress beyond this and continue a mutually-beneficial relationship."

General board discussion on the matter is protected by the executive closed session clause of the Open Meetings Act.

The particular agenda item for this matter stated the board would be convening in closed session to consider the dismissal, suspension, or disciplining of, or hear complaints or charges

brought against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual when the person requests a closed hearing.

The reason given for going into closed session was to consider an administrator's contract.

The lone dissenting vote was given by board trustee Scott Craig. He directed his post-vote comments to Snyder, who was present, by saying he is impressed with his work at Silver Springs and it's his hope that this can be worked out so he can stay with the district.

Board treasurer Joe Hige also said afterward that there was nothing here that can't be resolved.

The motion put forth during the regular board meeting was based on Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher's recommendations given in a memorandum. The next step is the district giving Snyder a written notice of the board's action.

Farmers' Market returns



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Tuberculosis testing updated

The Wayne County Health Department conducted tuberculosis skin tests at Northville High School. Although the majority of identified at-risk students were tested April 23 and 24, testing continued up until April 30 to accommodate student absences.

Each test takes 48-72 hours before it can be read, and the health department was reading tests last Wednesday through Friday.

A follow-up written communication as well as a phone call from the health department was to be provided to parents of students who test positive.

A positive skin test is not a confirmatory test for tuberculosis, but rather indicates the need for further evaluation. A positive skin test can be the result of tuberculosis exposure, previous BCG vaccination, or exposure to another type of tuberculosis which is

not spread from person to person.

As much as 5 percent of the U.S. population has latent tuberculosis, which would result in a positive skin test. Latent infection is not contagious. Any skin tests determined to be positive are referred for proper follow-up and monitoring by the Wayne County Department of Public Health staff.

It is necessary to repeat the skin tests in early June for any student who tested negative during this first phase of testing.

The Wayne County Department of Public Health TB staff will be at Northville High School Monday, June 4 and Tuesday, June 5 to re-administer TB skin tests. Results will be read by the Wayne County Health Department on June 6 and June 7. Consent forms will be provided to the students that need testing in June.

50th Michigan Youth Arts Festival features local talent

Several Northville High School students have earned All-State honors in music, having been selected for various factions of the 50th Annual Michigan Youth Arts Festival May 10-12 in Kalamazoo. Individual talents Hitomi Katsumi and Annelie Herrmann were selected for instrumental and vocal music, respectively, and the men's vocal a cappella group, BackBeat was also selected.

The Michigan Youth Arts Festival is the culmination of a nine-month search for the finest artistic talent in Michigan high schools. More than 250,000 students statewide participate in the adjudication process that results in nearly 1,000 being invited to participate in the annual three-day arts spectacular held in May. At the Michigan Youth Arts Festival, Michigan's exceptional student artists gather to explore, celebrate, expand and showcase their talent in multiple disciplines. These students were selected based solely on their artistic merit, through a succession of auditions. Invitation to the Festival represents one of the most prestigious honors in the arts education community.

Hitomi Katsumi

A senior, Katsumi has been making music for over 10 years. She plays piccolo, flute and piano. This year, she will play the piccolo with the All-State Orchestra at the festival, and last year, she sang in the All-State Choir. Katsumi serves as one of four drum majors in the NHS band, under the direction of Mike Rumbell. She also sings in Chorale and Chamber Choir.

Katsumi is the president of the German Club and is a member of German and National Honors Society. Hitomi has been accept-

ed to the Honors College at the University of Michigan and next year she will study chemistry there. Katsumi is the daughter of Yasushi and Hiroko Katsumi.

Annelie Herrmann

A sophomore, Herrmann sings in Chamber Choir under the direction of Mark Krempski. She has been involved with music since starting piano lessons at age 3. This is her second invitation to the festival. She has won several state and national level awards for music composition and recently earned national honors as one of 44 students nationwide selected for an expenses-paid study trip to Germany.

Herrmann also runs on the cross country and track teams and is a member of the German Honor Society. She is the daughter of Fred and Mindy Herrmann.

BackBeat is a select men's cappella group under the direction of Mary Kay Pryce. Its members are seniors Forrest Ickes, Matthew Trumbore and Tyler Hastedt, juniors Michael Dause, Andrew Donnelly, David Dunlap and Hunter Wright, and sophomores Ryan Duda and Jonathan Oh. The group performs classical and contemporary music around Northville and neighboring communities. This year, only the top 14 ensemble groups from Michigan were invited to the festival. Backbeat's last festival appearance was in 2008.

Hear Katsumi and Herrmann perform at the Honors Concert from 2:30-5 p.m. Saturday, May 12 at Miller Auditorium. Backbeat will perform at the Vocal Solo and Ensemble Recital, 1-3:30 p.m. Friday, May 11 at the Dalton Center Recital Hall. Tickets are free.



Annelie Herrmann



Hitomi Katsumi



The Chamber Choir was one of several Northville High School music ensembles participating in the Solo & Ensemble Festival.

Nine NHS choirs perform at Michigan School Vocal Music Association State Festivals

Several Northville High School music ensembles -- Chamber Choir, Treble-Makers, BackBeat, and Freshmen Select -- received Excellent or Superior ratings at the Michigan School Vocal Music Association (MSVMA) State Solo & Ensemble Festival in March in Walled Lake.

Six curricular choirs -- Chamber Choir, Bel Canto, Chorale, Concert Choir, and Girls' Ensemble -- received Excellent ratings at the MSVMA State Choral Festival in April in Holt.

The Michigan School Vocal Music Association is a non-profit professional organization of vocal music educators whose purpose is to improve, promote

and assist vocal music education in the middle, junior high, and senior high schools of the state through a program of clinics, festivals, workshops, and conferences.

Its mission is to educate and inspire all people to understand and value the art of vocal music and its lifelong impact on the human spirit.

The NHS Choir Department will present their Spring Concerts on May 16 and 17 and will feature selections from Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana" at the NHS Theater at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7 and may be purchased on the night of the concert or in advance by calling (248)344-8420 extension 50711.

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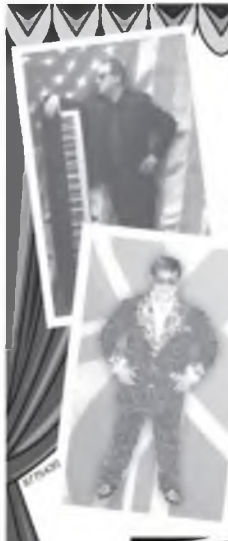


Christina Chapekis

Christina Chapekis, a 2011 alumnus from Northville High School, has been named to Michigan State University's prestigious Tower Guard, its 78th class so honored since its inception in 1934.

During the early morning ceremony at MSU's Beaumont Tower, Chapekis was named along with the top 60 freshman of her class whose grade-point average must be in the top five percent to be considered.

In addition to academic excellence, members are then selected based on leadership, outstanding character, and commitment to service. A sophomore class honor society, members will serve the needs of persons with disabilities during the next academic year at MSU. In addition, Tower Guard sponsors an annual 'Shamrock 5k Run/Walk/Roll', Homecoming tours of Beaumont Tower, and various scholarship opportunities for its members. Tower Guard is the only student organization entrusted with a key to Beaumont Tower. Majoring in business administration, Chapekis also serves as vice president for MSU's Chapter of the United Way.



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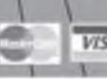
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help all businesses. But this would limit that, and I don't think that's what we need in downtown Northville right now."

The planning commission has discussed the proposal twice, but no decision has been made yet. It would only effect new development.

In addition to the vacant corner lot, Birdsall also represents a home that could be renovated. However, he also sees other buildings along the road that may be changed in the next 20 years.

The vacant lot at Rayson and Center is really the center piece. It has a recent history of failed plans and zoning changes. The last came in August 2011 when it was rezoned Central Business District (Conditional Zoning) from the previously Planned Unit Development (PUD).

Birdsall said the plan prior to the zoning change was a development he thinks would have added to the vibrancy of downtown. Because of the economic downturn, however, things fell apart.

Four years ago the lot was planned to be a mixed-use commercial/residential complex called Center Street Square. It would have included 2,400 square feet of



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Realtor Rick Birdsall represents many properties around town including this one at the corner of Center and Rayson that is scheduled to be purchased by Pizza Cutter owner Jim Delano for the new home of his Center Street shop.

first floor retail and 17,443 square feet of second- and third-story residential, which included 15 condominium units.

But because there was no progress, city council decided the plan was no longer feasible. With the expiration of the PUD Agreement and its extension, other options would be explored.

In June of last year, the planning commission held a public hearing

on the proposed rezoning. A rezoning application submitted by Raycen Group LLC, which includes Jim DeLano of Pizza Cutter, requested that the PUD be changed to Central Business District / Conditional Zoning.

The requirements of the zoning change are basically the same as those in the overlay proposal.

A public hearing will be held on the overlay in the coming months.



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Robostangs compete in FIRST World Championship semi-finals

Thirty-thousand participants and fans gathered to watch students' engineering and robotics prowess at the 2012 FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Championship, held at the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis, Mo. last week-end.

The Northville High School Robotics Team 548, The Robostangs, competed with 400 high schools from all 50 states, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Israel, Mexico and Taiwan in the FIRST Robotics Challenge, Rebound Rumble, where matches are played between two Alliances of three teams each. Each Alliance competes by trying to score as many of the basketballs in the hoops as possible during the two-minute and 15-second match, plus score bonus points by balancing on bridges at the end of the match. The 400 teams are split into divisions whose names honor some of history's greatest scientists and mathematicians, Archimedes, Galileo, Newton and Curie. The winning alliance from each division advances to the final matches on the Einstein Field to compete to be the coveted FIRST Robotics Competition Championship Winning Alliance.

The Robostangs competed aggressively in the Newton Division to earn the #1 seed out of 100 robots. Team 548 selected Team 118, the Robonauts from Houston, Texas, and Team 2194, the Fondy Fire



Robonauts, Fondy Fire and Robostangs triple balance.



Robostangs celebrate a victory in the Edward Jones Dome.

from Fond du Lac, Wisc., to form an Alliance to compete in the finals on the Newton field. The alliance went 6-0 to become the 2012 Newton Division Champions and advance to compete in the World Championship Finals on the Einstein Field.

The Alliance was prepared to walk onto the world robotics stage and compete in their most important matches ever, but technical difficulties on the field turned out to be the greatest obstacle of the competition. Theories include the severe electrical storms in St.

Louis, an overload of wireless activity in the building or even hackers infiltrating the system, but technical issues may have caused robots to lose communication on the playing field.

The FIRST Field Technicians worked furiously to try to discover the cause, but during the eight matches played in the finals (two semi-final matches were replayed), eight robots sat still either entirely or partially during their match. The Robostangs' Alliance could not score enough points to advance to the final matches while the NASA sponsored Robonauts sat dead on the field.

FIRST President Jon Dudas released a statement apologizing for the technical problems that affected the final match-



The Robostangs Drive Team celebrates winning the Newton Division.



Team 548 competes on Newton.



Robostangs Robot flies across the Newton Field.

es at the Championship. Regardless of the outcome, the Northville High School Robostangs achieved the goal of over 2,300 robots in the world to compete on the Einstein Field and have com-

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Entries should be no longer than 1,500 words and must be postmarked no later than May 4.

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

Meet The Bucket Lady author

Carol McCloud, the author known as The Bucket Lady, will be appearing at Barnes & Noble Booksellers on from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, May 22 to sign copies of all of her books following a brief talk and storytime. There will also be a fun bucket-filling craft for all children who attend, as well as handouts

for parents, educators, and administrators about McCloud's simple and compelling bucket-filling philosophy.

McCloud has captivated all ages and encouraged them to become daily bucket fillers since her first book, *Have You Filled a Bucket Today? A Guide to Daily Happiness for Kids*, was published in 2006. Since then, she has also published several other books including *Fill a Bucket*, *Growing Up with a Bucket Full of Happiness*, *My Bucketfilling Journal*, and most recently Spanish and French editions of *Have you Filled a Bucket Today*.

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AUSTIN, SESSIONS JULIA

Milford, MI. "Julie" Austin born August 19, 1955 to Rex and the late Elizabeth (Betsy) Sessions in Rutland, Vermont, died April 27, 2012. Julie was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church and a choir member for many years. She was a 1973 graduate of J. W. Sexton High School, and earned her B.A. Degree from Stephens College in Columbia, MO. She was employed by Channel 50 in Detroit for 20 years, and later was the banquet manager for the Country Club of Lansing. Julie loved theater, cooking, gardening, and her family—particularly family gatherings. She is survived by her son Patrick Austin of Milford; her daughter Jordan (Tom) Brushfield of Melbourne, Australia; her father Rex E. Sessions; siblings, sister Elizabeth (Lisa) Lang and husband David of Columbia, MO, brother Rex L. Sessions and wife Barbara of Chicago, IL; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. A Memorial Service will be held at Plymouth Congregational Church, 2001 E. Grand River, Lansing, at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 5, 2012 with The Rev. Joy A. Baumgartner and The Rev. David T. Banfield officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Julie's name to Plymouth Congregational Church. Arrangements by Estes-Leadley Greater Lansing Chapel.

BARRETT, EDWARD "Jerry"

Age 78, April 25, 2012. Memorials: American Diabetes Assoc. Lynch & Sons, Brighton 810.229.2905
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BAUER, JOHANNA S.


Passed away April 25, 2012. A private family service was held. Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

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GOLPHIN, THELMA L.

Of Novi; age 72; passed away on April 27, 2012. Thelma was born March 3, 1940, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, the daughter of Walter and Norah Pelly. She was a generous and kind-hearted friend to many and was the loving mother of six children: John, Steven, Kathleen, Dawn, Sueanne and Michael, as well as many grandchildren. She is survived by her children and her sisters: Joyce and Sheila. A private, family memorial service celebrating Thelma's life will be held, in Canada, at a later date.

HOPP MCKINLEY, DOROTHY MAE


Age 88, of South Lyon, formerly of Livonia. April 22, 2012. Dorothy was born February 12, 1924 in Detroit, to James and Alma (nee Evans) Brocklehurst. Beloved wife of the late Gerald H. Hopp I and Wm. B. McKinley. Loving mother of Gerald H. Hopp II (Susan), Jamie Hopp Gindele (Gary), Janette Hopp (Wayne Poe), Jean Hopp Jones (Gary) and Jane Hopp Rathbun (Bob). Loving grandmother of Patrick Jones, Brian Jones, Allison Gindele Ashcraft, Corey Hopp, Christopher Gindele, Alex Rathbun, Emily Rathbun, 17 additional grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren. Also survived by step-children Wm. M. McKinley, Pam McKinley Letzring (Kurt), T.C. McKinley (Kris), and Cheryl McKinley Drucktennis (John). Also mourning her loss are two brothers, a sister, three sisters-in-law, several cousins, nieces, nephews and many, many friends. Visitation was held at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia. Funeral services were at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, Livonia. Interment Redford Cemetery. Charitable donations may be made to the Redford Cemetery Association or the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation-Cincinnati Chapter. Dorothy led a full and productive life for 88 years. She lived for many years with her family in Livonia and then in South Lyon. She was an active member at Rosedale Gardens Church where she served in a number of capacities, Livonia Arts & Letters and many other Civic and Women's groups. Dorothy succumbed to complications from a heart condition. She believed the best things in life were her Family, Faith, Friends, and the Future. She was a friendly, caring neighbor who was always ready to share a batch of cookies, a wonderful pie or her special banana bread. Service to others was central to her life and she represented the best of each of the communities where she resided for over 60 years. She was loving and well loved and will be greatly missed.




HREBEN, GEORGE F.

Age 70, passed away April 23, 2012. He was born on Nov. 11, 1941 to the late George A. and Cecila (Karpenski) Hreben. He served in the U.S. Army as an MP Captain. He retired from Ford Motor Company after 28 years of service in finance. George loved his family and spending time with his grandchildren. He also enjoyed playing golf and going on vacation. George is survived by his wife of 48 years, Judith; George Jr. (Dawn) Hreben, Terri (Robert) Janik; 4 grandchildren: Zoe, Jack, Malcolm, and Vinnie; his brother Joseph (Alice) Hreben. Visitation was held on April 26, Thursday, from 2:00 – 9:00 p.m. with a Scripture Service at 7:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A funeral mass was celebrated April 27, Friday, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, PO Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

LYKE, LAWRENCE "BUD"

 Lawrence James (Bud) Lyke, age 93, of New Hudson, Michigan, passed away on April 27, 2012 at Caretel Inns, Brighton, Michigan. Bud was born on July 21, 1918, in Salem Township to James and Margaret (Whitmire) Lyke. He was a lifelong resident of the South Lyon area. Bud proudly served in the Army Air Corp during World War II. He was stationed in the Pacific and attained the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was a carpenter and farmer for many years and also worked at United Memorial Gardens. Bud enjoyed growing vegetables & flowers, exercising and observing the world. He was known for his mischievous sense of humor that spared no one. Most importantly, he cared for his family. Bud was preceded in death by his parents; and siblings Orville Lyke, Phyllis Odgers, Eleanor Carter, Leonard Lyke, and James Lyke. He is survived by his siblings Lulu Witt and Richard Lyke; and many nieces, nephews and friends. A Graveside Service will be held on May 4, Friday, at 11:00 a.m. at Thayer Cemetery, 6 Mile and Napier Roads, Northville, Michigan. Arrangements made by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon, MI. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Residential Hospice, 30755 Barrington, Madison Heights, MI 48071, in memory of Lawrence (Bud) Lyke. A special thank you to the wonderful and caring staff of Caretel Inns, Brighton, and Residential Hospice.



MCDONALD, MARY WILLIAMS

Age 102, formerly of Detroit and Novi, passed from this earthly life into eternal life in Grand Rapids, MI on April 25, 2012. Beloved wife of the late George McDonald. She is survived by cousins Janis Burhop, Henry Clark, Kathy English, Ralph Townsend, Leslie, Mike and Helene Glaza and numerous other cousins and friends. Preceded in death by her parents Homer and Clara Craigmile and her brothers Bob and Jack. Volunteered and supported several charitable organizations throughout her lifetime. She was a member of Metropolitan United Methodist Church and she was on the board of Methodist Children's Village. She loved the Detroit Tigers. Funeral Service at 1pm, Thursday May 3rd at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi, (248) 348-1800. The family would prefer donations to P.E.O. Sisterhood, 41331 Lagoon Ct., Northville, MI 48167 or Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48202. Online condolences: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

13th Annual Student Art Show



"Tea Pot" by Jack Pritchard, Grade 12

May is student art month in Northville. The Northville Art House will feature its 13th annual juried Student Fine Art Exhibit, featuring the work of middle and high school students. This exhibit will open Friday, May 4, at the Northville Art House and is a collaboration with Northville's art educators to promote art appreciation among the community's youth. This annual exhibit features an array of exceptional two and three-dimensional work from Northville's most talented students. The public is invited to celebrate the work of many talented young artists from 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 4, at the Northville Art House. This show will continue through May 12 during regular gallery hours of Wednesday through Saturday, 1-5 p.m. For further information, please call (248) 344-0497. The Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the City of Northville.

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OUR VIEWS

Downtown dilemmas

City grappling with development north of Randolph

From a cigar lounge to the height of new buildings, Northville city leaders are hearing from residents, businesses and even church leaders about the portion of downtown that extends north of Randolph on Center Street. And not all that they're hearing is positive.

Let's start with the yet-to-open Northville Cigar Lounge, owned by Gary Klein. Last week, the three-member Liquor License Review Committee delayed a liquor license transfer — even after Gary Goss, the chief of police, said there were no problems with Klein's transfer application and recommended its approval — and also asked Klein to take another look at his outdoor seating proposal.

Why? Because during a public hearing, the committee heard the public — specifically, three individuals who are opposed to the cigar lounge. They are worried about second-hand smoke and noise. Fair enough, but this is a business proposal that meets the city's zoning requirements and has already earned site plan approval.

One of the complaints came from a business (health care provider) owner who was worried about how her customers might react. Tell them it's a legitimate business, like a smoke shop or a restaurant with outdoor seating.

Committee member Jim Allen reiterated that the main concern is alcohol sales combined with smoking in the outdoor area. Then why was the site plan approved? Without the outdoor aspect, Klein's chances for success are greatly hindered.

Here's a businessman who has already invested much in this venture, and the building has sat vacant for three years, only to now be told that it might not be feasible.

Is it the smoking or alcohol drinking that is disturbing to the nearby church leaders? There's outdoor seating and alcohol at Poole's Tavern on Main Street that's kitty-corner from the First Presbyterian Church.

We're not condoning, or condemning, either activity. Rather, we're suggesting that the city follow its zoning and plans for businesses in the downtown area and stick to it. (The committee's recommendation will be passed on to the City Council, whose decision is then given to the state for a final determination.)

We're also curious as to what others think about the city's proposed overlay district (see story in this edition) for the portion of Center Street from Randolph north to Walnut. It would restrict new building construction to a height of 2 ½ stories or 30 feet with a setback in the front that is at least 10 feet and 20 feet in the rear. In addition, parking would not be allowed at the front of the building and some landscaping would be required.

Is this fair, considering businesses like Hiller's Market which has parking in front or buildings on Main Street that are higher?

Let us know what you think. E-mail editor Cal Stone at cstone@hometownlife.com to express your opinion.

Turning to prayer

Today is the National Day of Prayer, created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the U.S. Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. It has been observed on the first Thursday in May since 1988.

There are group prayer events in and around the Novi/Northville area, but if you're unable to attend, you can still participate just by praying for our nation, as well as our state and townships.

Throughout history, Americans and our leaders have prayed for strength and guidance during many definitive moments.

Our townships, state and nation have plenty of people in need including those struggling to find work and/or keep their homes, those struggling with the aftermath of natural disasters, those struggling with grief, those struggling with family relationships — and the list goes on and on.

And, praying for our county, state and townships can be done any time, any day, not just one day a year.

Thank God for the freedom and liberty in this country to pray not just privately but publicly for the good of all.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What is the best item you've picked up at a garage sale?



"I found a hammock."
Carol Morrissey
Novi



"I bought a Boston KS multi-size pencil sharpener, like the ones you had in school."
Katy Michaiski
Brighton



"I picked up a \$300 sofa and chair."
Ann Ray
Novi



"I got a beautiful picture of a barn with fall scenery in the background."
Louise Holbel
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LETTERS

There are angels in Northville

Have you ever walked or drove by a charming white Victorian home at 520 Main St.? You can't miss it, the big front porch with a very grand American flag. This is better known as The Star Manor of Northville, which provides 24-hour nursing care.

Our mother, Gloria Koons, became a resident at the Star Manor March 2009 and passed March 2012.

It was a true blessing for her family the day we visited the Star Manor in March 2009. After searching and searching for the right place to care for our mother, we finally found it. It had to feel right in our hearts, it had to smell good, which it did (and many times you could smell the coffee). It felt warm and cozy with lots of natural light coming in the windows. The Star Manor had all the feelings of home.

When we would come for a visit, there would be activities going on in one area and a movie showing in another room. Often someone would be playing the piano and singing tunes from wartime to today's musical. All the ladies and their families enjoyed the Star Manor's beautiful gardens in the back yard where you could sit by the gazebo enjoying the water fountain flowing in this wonderful pond filled with these huge pond fish. Our mom enjoyed all this beauty in her earlier days here.

Everyone enjoys the beautiful gardens along the front of this Victorian home and around the lovely front porch where they come out to enjoy it spring through fall. They can watch the town's people walking their dogs and strolling the children and enjoy many parades from the front porch with their hats on and flags in hand. Some of the ladies participated in passing out Halloween treats.

At Christmas time, the Star Manor is decorated so beautifully inside and out. This is a perfect opportunity to let Chris Lee, the activity director, know how much all her hard work is appreciated. The celebration of life right till the end is so very important.

It's important to us that all of you know how much we appreciate all the love and care that you gave to our mother. We look at the caregivers as angels on earth. God put all of you here on earth for a reason. It takes a special soul to do what all of you do. It's true — not everyone could be a caregiver; not everyone has that gift that God gave to you.

We would like to thank all of you for the times when our family wasn't with our mom and you were holding her hand, fixing her bed, making her smile, showing her love, making her comfortable, helping to feed her, for your patience you showed and keeping her company when our mom was sad, sometimes lonely and frighten.

The Star Manor became our extended family and we care

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about all of you very much. We have expressed how we feel to many of you. What a great job you do and how we appreciate all that you have done for our mother Gloria Koon's Room 15.

A special thank you to the administrator, Diana Gabriel, for providing a caring home for our mother and all the moms that come to live at the Star Manor. Happy Mother's Day!

Sharon Mieie
Brighton

Debbie Shaw
Livonia

Kudos for Corner cleanup

On Saturday, April 28, we had a very successful workday at Thayer's Corner Nature Area to clear trails of fallen tree limbs, to wood chip new trail extensions, to lay out community garden plots, and some other general needed work. This is all due to the generous and hardworking efforts of 75 participants, including Northville High School Honor Society, Northville Interact Rotary, Schoolcraft College Honor Society, and Friends of Thayer's Corner Nature Area. There was also a Scout troop working on an Eagle project to revitalize the "critter trail."

The Northville community thanks them all for helping to maintain and improve this local gem of a park, complete with a historic barn, new picnic shelter, pond fountain, 74 community rental gardens, and several trails, all in an "Up North" atmosphere. We also thank Genitti's for generously providing subs for the volunteers.

The Thayer's Corner Nature Area website is: www.thayer-scorner.org.

Marv Gans

Workday coordinator and Northville Township trustee

Keep Six Mile two lanes

I live near Ward Church, and my house backs up to Six Mile Road, so I am very concerned about the widening of Six Mile Road.

People need to be reminded that it is not a freeway. Actually, from Ward west to Northville Road and beyond, it is a residential area. There are walking trails along Six Mile frequented by dog walkers, joggers, and bicyclists.

I agree with Mark Abbo — three lanes would be sufficient to handle the traffic and might discourage M-14 traffic from using Six Mile.

Widening it to five lanes will only encourage high rates of speed and an increase in traffic. We have to think about the safety of the residents, children, and pets living along Six Mile. I would like to see the road rezoned as residential from Ward Church west, because that's what it is!

Carol Maynard
Northville

Planned Parenthood particulars

Ms. Farber-Bramson is sadly misinformed regarding both the operations of Congress and those of Planned Parenthood. In fact, Congress has never attempted to "shut down Planned Parenthood" and lacks the authority to do so. The actions to which I believe Ms. Farber-Bramson refers were votes to relieve the taxpayers of the burden of paying for procedures which may violate their consciences, which are protected by the free exercise of religion clause of the Bill of Rights.

The taxpayers currently provide \$487 million (fiscal 2009-10), nearly half of the organization's operating budget. By the way, in that same fiscal year Planned Parenthood earned a profit of \$18.5 million.

Congress' actions were never any threat to women's current right to abortion — only to their current practice of having the taxpayers fund it. And please remember, no rights stated in the Constitution (of which abortion is not one) come with the privilege of exercising that right at someone else's expense. That may only be done legislatively, and in accord with the Constitution. Whether or not contraception and abortion fall within constitutional parameters and the free exercise of religion clause is currently before the Supreme Court.

Second, Ms. Farber-Bramson laments the possibility that needy women may be deprived of other health care, including mammograms. In fact, Planned Parenthood does not provide mammograms. Anyone desiring one is referred elsewhere. Furthermore, of all pregnant women going to Planned Parenthood for any services, 97 percent of them receive abortions at that organization. In 1997, Planned Parenthood made 9,381 adoption referrals. In 2010, that number was 841. Planned Parenthood's primary mission is clear, and it is not to provide general female health care.

Karen Bartha
Northville Township

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NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Larceny from auto

1A car was broken into while parked at a downtown Northville parking lot. On April 21, a 35-year-old Northville woman told police she had parked her vehicle in city lot #2 and then she and her husband walked around town for 30 minutes. When they got back to it they found the front window smashed in and her purse was missing. She immediately canceled her cards, but found out one had been used in

Romulus at a gas station. The police found no evidence to how the window was broken.

Identity theft

2A Northville woman went to police to file a complaint after finding out her sister had been using her identity with police. On April 17, the 24-year-old woman went to the city department to inform them of what her sister had been doing. The sister is 23-years-old and lives in Roseville. Things

came to the Northville woman's attention after she received a notification from the 43rd District Court about a charge of no valid operator's license. The sister did admit to her what she did and said she did it to stay out of trouble. At this point the Northville woman does not want to press charges.

Larceny from auto

3A Northville man had his wallet stolen from his car while it was parked in his driveway on Cog Hill Drive. The theft occurred sometime on April 16 or

17. The 47-year-old man told police he had left the wallet inside the car with \$200 and three credit cards in it. He said the car was unlocked.

Marijuana possession

4Two Dearborn teenagers were arrested for marijuana possession while parked in the 17000 block of Orchard Ridge Road. Northville Township police were dispatched to the area on a report of a suspicious vehicle. Upon arrival they found a Pontiac Grand Prix parked with four men in it. The report stated the car smelled of marijuana. The police asked the men if anyone had marijuana and initially they denied it. However, a search of the car revealed that a baggie and joint were inside. The driver, a 19-year-old man, said the bag was his and an 18-year-old passenger claimed responsibility for the rolled cigarette.


Seven Mile Road trespassing

5Four men were cited for trespassing onto the Northville Township-owned property on Seven Mile Road after police found their vehicle parked at Ward Church. Police check the parking lot at the church because it's a known spot for trespassers to park while they walk around the former psychiatric hospital property. The police also did a check of the Seven Mile property to flush them out and back to their parked vehicle, which worked. The men, ranging in age from 25-26, admitted to being on the property and said they found out about it online.

Compiled by correspondent
Lonnie Huhman.



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Dave and Melissa Pettijohn, of Northville, announce the engagement of their son, Joshua Pettijohn, to Heather Gough, daughter of Vincent and Be Gough, of Wayne, NJ. The groom-elect graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in construction management and is employed by Clark Construction. The bride-to-be is employed at Skanska USA Building in New York, N.Y. A June 2, 2012, wedding in Interlaken, N.Y. is planned.

Northville volunteers honored

Father Teodor Petrutiu and the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland hosted a dinner on April 16 for a crowd of 170 people for Angela Hospice's annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Each year during National Volunteer Week the Livonia-based hospice celebrates its volunteer base of 400 dedicated individuals, who together contribute an amazing 35,000 hours a year to help Angela Hospice patients and families. "It is a joy and privilege to work with this group," said Angela Hospice Volunteer Manager Syndie Best. "They are some of the most caring, dedicated, hard-working people I have ever met. They so generously give of their

time and skills to care for our patients and families, as well as supporting our staff here in the office." At the dinner, volunteers received a heartfelt thank you from the hospice staff. Those volunteers reaching milestones of five years or 500 service hours were also given special pins to commemorate their gift of service. This year for the first time ever, a 25-year pin was awarded; it went to Northville resident Toni Bufe. "Toni Bufe has worked with Angela Hospice almost from its very beginning!" said Best. "During the years she has worked in many areas of



Toni Bufe

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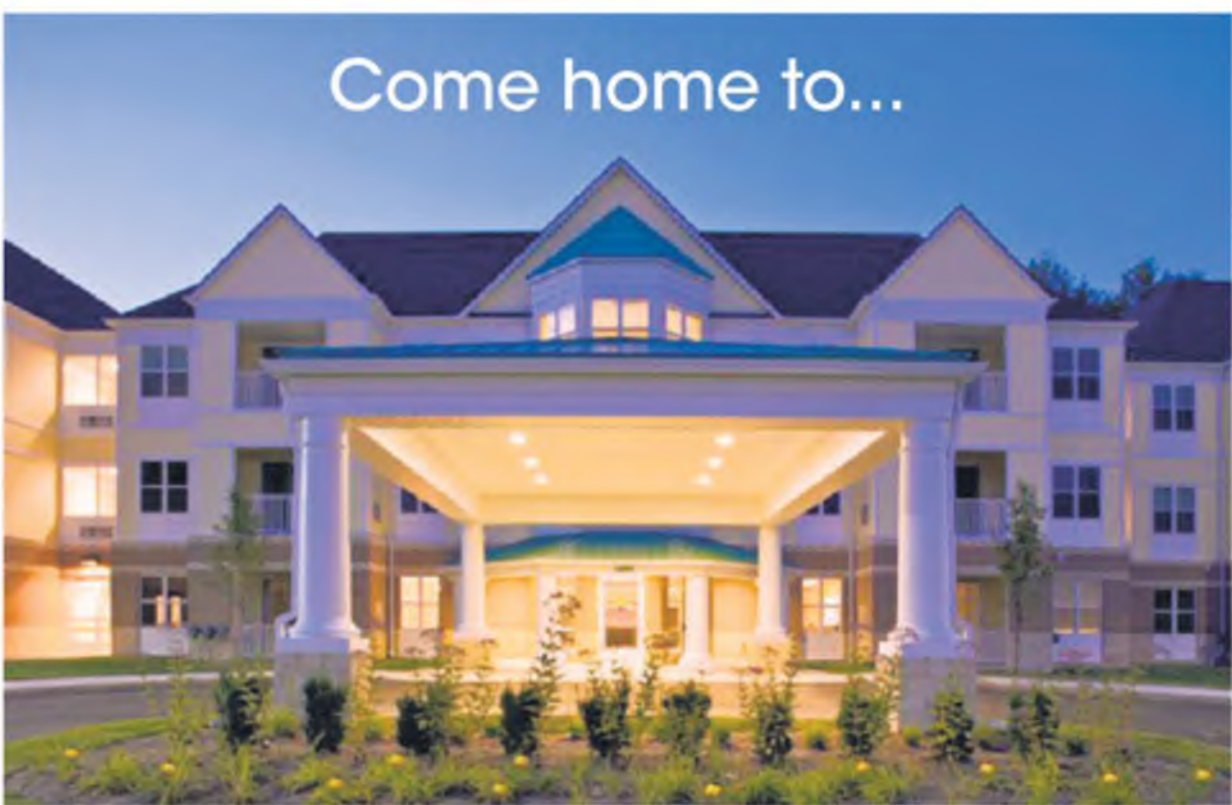
our agency. Her beautiful smile is a gift that warms the heart of all who meet her, and she is always ready to help whenever she is called on. Angela Hospice is blessed to have had such a wonderful volunteer for all these years!" In addition, six other Northville residents were honored: Norma Hardenburgh and Donna Kolodnick for 15 years of service; Margaret Levine for 2,500 service hours; Donna Nowak and Jeanette Stoudt for five years of service; and Sharon Turner for 500 service hours. "Our volunteers do what they do because they want to make a difference, to make life a little better for someone who is suffering, someone who needs help," said Best. "Truly, our volunteers are angels!" For more about Angela Hospice, or to apply to

become a volunteer, visit www.AskForAngela.com or call (734) 464-7810. **Bing selects Pierce for advisory board** Mayor Dave Bing selected two suburban executives with backgrounds in accounting and banking to be his appointees to the joint state-city advisory board that will have significant control over Detroit's financial future, his office said Friday. Bing said he named Eddie Munson, a certified public accountant and former partner at the auditing, tax and advisory company KPMG who lives in Rochester Hills, and Sandra Pierce, president and CEO of Charter One Bank of Michigan and a Northville resident, to sit on the board as Detroit and the state work to pull the city back from the fiscal brink.



Sandra Pierce

Munson was managing partner of KPMG's Detroit office in 1993-2003. He's a retired director of Caraco Pharmaceutical Laboratories, a Detroit manufacturer of generic drugs, and serves on the board of the Skillman Foundation. The Mississippi native received a bachelor's degree from Jackson State University, Bing's office said. Pierce is a Detroit native who received a bachelor's degree and master's degree in business administration from Wayne State University. She was named in 2010 to the Detroit Public Schools Bond Advisory and Fiscal Responsibility Committee, helping oversee the district's \$500-million facilities program, the city said. "Consistent with the appointments made last week, these individuals exceed the qualifications established by the financial stability agreement," a deal reached April 4 by the state and the city to avoid appointment of an emergency manager, Bing said. "I sincerely thank both Eddie and Sandy for their sacrifice and commitment to the future of the city of Detroit."



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Northville captures two more wins

Baseball team undefeated in conference play

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Three games and three wins. That's just the latest good news in the Northville Mustangs baseball team's march toward their goals.

The squad, coached by John Kostrzewa, made no secret that they had intentions to win the Central Division and the Kensington Conference when the season began. Now, a few weeks in, they've made it clear that those intentions are backed up by pure determination and talent.

Northville earned a win over Canton, 4-1, and two against Novi, 13-2 and 10-1, last week in conference play.

"Our defense and pitching has been consisted and for the first time all year we showed a lot of consistency at the plate as well," said Kostrzewa after the Novi doubleheader. "The boys really came ready to play and it showed from the start. We played with passion and intensity the whole day."

In the opening game against Novi, the Mustangs pounded out a 13-2 victory over five innings. Jake Hansen was on the mount to pick up the win as he gave up two runs and three hits while striking out four.

Leading Northville's offense was Matt Stojkov, who went 3-for-4 with a double and two RBI, while Jeff Gertley went 3-for-3, took a walk and pound-

ed out two doubles and scored twice. Connor Smith went 2-for-4 with two doubles, two RBIs and two runs scored and Billy Mitchell was 2-for-3 with two RBIs. Brandon Patrone went 1-for-2, walked twice and scored two runs while Brett MacDonald went 1-for-2 with a RBI double and two runs scored.

In the nightcap, the Mustangs earned a 10-1 victory with Gertley throwing a no hitter while walking three and hitting a batter.

"The game belonged to Jeff, though we had some fantastic plays behind him," said Kostrzewa. "Matt Satterfield, for the second time this season, made a good play in center and doubled off a runner at first to

ON TAP

Northville's baseball team will be back on the diamond when they host Franklin tomorrow at 4 p.m. before playing at home again at 10 a.m. Saturday when Southgate Anderson comes to town. The squad will then visit Livonia Churchill Monday before hosting South Lyon next Wednesday. Both games are at 4 p.m.

over the course of the doubleheader. They are now 10-2 overall and 6-0 in conference play.

Northville 4, Canton 1

The Mustangs followed the lead of Stojkov on the mount as they earned a conference win over the Chiefs. The hurler whiffed nine batters, walked three and gave up just two hits in the victory.

"He pitched fantastic," said Kostrzewa.

Bobby Sable came in and finished up the seventh inning in relief of Stojkov and worked his way out of jam with runners at first and third and just one out.

Matthews and Stojkov each had two hits a piece in the game. Stojkov collected a two-run homer over the right-field fence to put Northville up for good in the contest.

Track teams compete in Phoenix Invitational

Girls get seven first-place finishes, boys get one

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Phoenix Invitational, hosted by Ypsilanti High School, was very kind to the Northville Mustangs track teams last week despite weather that felt more suited for fall sports than spring. Temperatures only reached as high as 44 degrees with on-again, off-again rain showers.

The squads didn't seem to mind, however, as the girls team picked up seven first-place finishes out of 15 events and the boys earned a first-place finish in one. Many of the Mustangs had season-best performances as well.

"I'm very pleased with the outcome from the meet," said girls coach Vincent Tyle. "This year we are competing with many young and fresh athletes and these athletes are doing more then carrying their own weight. We are showing improvement in each and every event."

Placing first for the girls was the team of Erin Zimmer, Nicole Mosteller, Rachel Coleman and Gina McNamara with a season-best time of 9:51.30 in the two-mile relay. Freshman Lauren Rodriguez also took a first as she ran a season-best 49.8 seconds in the 300 hurdles.

The 1,600-meter spring relay, consisting of

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs track teams will compete again when they run in the Observerland Relays on Saturday before playing host to Salem Tuesday at 3:45 p.m.

sprints of 400 meters, 200 meters, 200 meters and 800 meters, was won by a team of Kara Ernst, Gracie Goble, Vanessa Cousino and Alisson Robinson with a time of 4:30.4. Nadia Affes also had a win, taking the 400 dash in 1:03.9 and then joined the team of Alexa Abbot, Leah Bedrosian and Goble to win the 400 relay in 54.1 seconds.

McNamara also took an individual first-place finish in the 800 run as she ran a 2:20.8 — just shy by less than half a second of the meet record currently held by former teammate Beth Roach.

Alex Moynes took first in the high jump for Northville, clearing 5-foot-3-inches for the win. She also had a personal-best throw in the shot for sixth place with a throw of 32-6.

Taking second-place finishes for Northville were the 800 relay team of Abbot, Affes, Goble and Cousino while Abbott took an individual second in the 400 dash. The mile relay team of Ernst,



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Mustang Julia Hopkins competes April 17.

Rodriguez, Affes and Abbot also finished in second place.

Other notable finishes included Coleman's fourth in the mile, Cousino's fourth in the 300 hurdles, Ernst's fifth in the 400, the shuttle relay team of Laura Hung, Erica Halverson, Chloe Smither and Rodriguez as they took fifth, Robinson's seventh in the 800 run, Zimmer's eighth in the mile and Mosteller's 10th in the mile. In the pole vault Megan O'Brien

and Victoria Clay finished tied for fifth and Goble took sixth in the long jump.

Boys team results

The Northville boys had one first-place finish in the invitational last week as Dan Sims, a sophomore, turned in a 4:33.9 in the mile — a personal best time for the talented runner.

The team had other notable finishes, including a second-place by the spring medley relay team of Ryan Flanagan, Jack

Henderson, Brandon Love and Jason Ferrante that came down to a video review as they crossed the line against Brighton, which was awarded first by 1/100th of a second. Northville also took second in the 4-by-400 relay with a team of Flanagan, Ferrante, Sims and Love.

Senior Sean Wagner took fourth in the pole vault for Northville and fifth in the high jump while the shuttle hurdle relay team of Joni Shaska, Aaron Lenair, Char-

lie May and Justin Hsieh took fifth, the same place earned by the 4-by-800 relay team.

Hsieh rounded out the medals with a sixth-place finish in the 300 hurdles.

Bad news has struck the Mustangs boys team twice in two weeks. After losing all-state runner Edward Clifton to an injury last week the squad found out that all-state freshman cross country runner Nick Noles will be out for the season with a leg injury.



Mustang Danielle Romano serves to Novi's Erin Day as the two match up on April 25.

Northville stops Novi in girls tennis rivalry

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It was the closes dual match so far this season for the Northville Mustangs tennis team, but that doesn't mean it wasn't one-sided still.

The squad, coached by Brady Crosby, earned a 7-2 victory over their cross-town rivals last week.

"I was very happy with how the girls played against a tough Novi team," said Crosby. "We had some very close matches and it was nice to see our girls rise to the occasion and win the match. Winning that match allows us to play the other first place teams in our conference. Those first place match-ups will really help continue to prepare us for success later in the year."

Leading the way was Danielle Romano, who earned a tough three-game match against Novi's Erin Day, 2-6, 7-6(4) and 6-

1, at No. 2 singles. Claudia Ma, at No. 3 singles, had less trouble as she beat Dhivya Sridar, 6-0, 6-2. Alex Jeannotte, the three singles player for Northville, went 6-2, 6-2 in her win over Caitlin O'Brien.

At No. 2 doubles, Elizabeth Sakorafis and Jordan Hermiz beat Emily Kwederis and Ori Nagasaka, 6-4, 6-0, while Chloe Page and Paige Baal, at No. 3 doubles, had to go three against Rebecca Chen and Asawari Kanitkar, 6-3, 2-6, 7-6(4), to earn the victory.

At No. 4 doubles, the team of Shannon Williams and Val Trupiano beat Rachel Bailey and Dina Fawaz, 6-2, 6-4, while the No. 5 doubles team of Rachel Crittenden and Nicole Khamis earned a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Angela Huang and Alice Jiang.

Erin Doud, at No. 1 singles, took a 6-2, 6-2 loss to Abby Wang while the duo of Mackenzie Powers and Anika Mukherji, at No. 1 doubles, fell in three, 6-2, 1-6 and 7-6 (5) to Novi's Emily Sheeran and Amy Zhou.



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Mustang tennis player Erin Doud begins her serve motion on April 25 as she plays Novi's No. 1-ranked Abby Wang.

NORTHVILLE SPORTS ROUNDUP

Northville rowing team has strong showing

The Northville Rowing Club, celebrating its first anniversary this spring, had a strong showing in the Hebda Cup Regatta last Saturday to kick off their spring season.

The squad, made up of 42 rowers, including 27 returning from last season, may be young and still learning the ropes of the sport, but they showed they have what it takes to compete.

In the first regatta of the season the Northville club raced nine other schools and came away with two second place finishes.

“We have a large group of kids with great enthusiasm,” said rowing director Van Papoulis. “There was a lot of excitement and we had a very good showing.”

Taking second was the boys lightweight eight, which missed first by just 0.08 seconds, and the girls novice eight team. The girls varsity eight squad took third place overall and the boys junior eight took first in their heat and fourth in the finals.

The team will compete again Saturday at Orchard Lake St. Mary’s.



The Northville rowing club’s boys junior eight team pulls hard to take the lead in a recent competition.

Junior varsity girls lacrosse gets another win

The Northville Mustangs junior varsity girls lacrosse team secured another win last week as they beat Dexter, 8-6.

The squad, coached by Jackie Warner, followed the lead of Grace Guiboard and Alyssa Alvarez as they scored three goals each to help their team to victory. Dana Goheen, Mary Dalrymple each tal-

lied a goal with Dalrymple earning two assists on the day.

The defense was anchored by goalie Isobel Bush, who made five saves, while Goheen, Maria Jones, Ashten Tucker, Serena Sherry, Shayla Croteau, Olivia Young, Alexandra Kazewych and Madeline Cooper held Dexter to just 11 shots on goal with a strong defensive pressure.

Two golfers head to Las Vegas

Brandon Cameron, a Northville High School graduate, and Blake Tschirhart, from Detroit Catholic Central, earned a win at the regional qualifier tournament at Michigan State’s Forest Akers for the National Collegiate Golf championship recently.

The duo shot 66 (-6) and won by a single stroke to earn the trip to the championship, which will be held in November in North Las Vegas.

Both golfers are sophomores at Michigan State University and they beat 15 other two-person teams for the title.

— By Sam Eggleston

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Novi Athletic Boosters Club seeking nominations

Parents and guardians interested in becoming involved in supporting Novi student athletic programs have an opportunity to take that step by seeking a position on the Novi Athletic Boosters board for the 2012-13 school year. Nominations are being accepted for all seven board positions for the election, which will take place during the regular Boosters meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, in Novi High School Room 160.

“The Novi Athletic Boosters want new faces. We encourage advocates to volunteer, develop skills with the Boosters and be directly involved in many wonderful accomplishments for our students and student athletes,” said NAB President Jay Dooley, who will be completing his second and final term after the May election.

Novi Athletic Boosters is a nonprofit organization, which benefits all Novi high school and middle school athletic teams and student athletes. Membership is open to the parents and supporters of these students and student athletes. The club’s board consists of four elected officers – president, vice president, secretary and treasurer – and three elected trustees. Board members serve one-year terms with term-limits varying by office, so all positions are determined by election each year.

A Nomination Committee will present a ballot of candidates to the membership at the May 9 meeting. Ray Notarantonio, the

Nomination Committee chair, commented on this year’s election: “We hope to extend our fund-raising activities and look forward to interested volunteers stepping forward and joining us on May 9, either as a potential board member, a chairperson or a committee member.”

As with all Boosters club business, all of those in attendance have a vote on this and other action items.

In addition to the board positions, the Boosters club offers several chairmanships in the areas of Publicity, Spirit Wear, Sports Passes, Fund-raising, Millionaire Party, Student Directory and Concessions. More information may be obtained by e-mailing Notarantonio at rnotarant@yahoo.com.

Rough opener greets Mustangs golf team

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It was one of those weeks where nothing really went exactly as planned for the Northville Mustangs boys golf team. The good news is, as coach Jeff Balagna pointed out, the year is still young.

The Mustangs started their season off with the East Lansing Invitational last Monday and finished seventh out of a field of 20 teams. The conditions, said Balagna, were not to be envied by golfers.

“It was some of the hardest conditions we have ever been apart of,” he said. “Not only was it cold, the wind was blowing extremely hard. It was a tough day for a competitor. Only seven of the 100 players in the field shot in the 70s.

“It was nearly impossible to judge distances because of the win. On one hole you would be hitting something long, and the next that same club would come up 20 yards short.”

The mustangs were led by Trevor Page, who shot an 85 on the day. Not far behind was the trio of 86s by Alec Latta, Matt Evasic and Andrew Sarokin

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys golf team will be back on the links when they play in the Seaholm Invitational Monday at noon before visiting South Lyon next Tuesday and hosting Novi next Wednesday with both matches starting at 3:30 p.m.

while Matt Trumbore shot an 89 on the day.

Northville 159, South Lyon 162

The Mustangs’ home course of Tanglewood treated them well last week when they earned a tightly-contested match over division rival South Lyon. The squad was led by Todd Goebel, who took the medalist position with a 37.

“Todd struggled a little at the beginning of the year, but he has really stated to turn things around and earned the number one spot on this team” said Balagna.

Also scoring for Northville was Kevin Collareno, who shot a 40, while Sarokin and Evasic both carded 41s on the day.

Novi 152, Northville 159

Things did not go as planned when the Mustangs took on Novi last week and felt the sting of their first loss of the season.

“The match against our rivals did not go as well as we would have liked,” admitted Balagna. “Novi played outstanding. They had a sophomore turn in a round of even par and a junior a round of 37. It is hard to beat a team when they have scores like that.”

Northville, however, didn’t play their best games either. The squad was led by a trio of 39s from Goebel, Sarokin and Trumbore while Evasic and Page shot 42s and Collareno recorded a 44.

“I told the guys after the Novi match that we are very close to be a really great team, but we are also close to being just average, and I think right now we are just average,” Balagna said. “Every player on this team can find two or three shots during the round that they could take back. Those are the difference between great teams and good teams. The good thing is the season is still young and we have a lot of golf left to be played.”

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE Chapter 170

An Introduction and First Reading of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance will be held at the Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday, May 17, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167. The proposed amendments to Articles 22 (Nonconforming Uses, Buildings and Structures), 23 (Tree and Woodland Replacement) and 24 (Landscape Standards) primarily include organizational and streamlining current text so that it is more concise, less redundant and easier to read.

The public is invited to attend and express their comments and questions. Written comments regarding the proposed changes will be received by the Township Clerk’s Office, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167. A complete copy of the proposed changes are available at Township Hall during regular business hours, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Sue A. Hillebrand
Clerk

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Sealed proposals shall be received until **2:00 P.M. on May 10, 2012** at ATTN: Michael Zopf, Administration Building, Northville Public Schools, 501 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167 at which time all bids will be opened and read out loud.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

On Thursday, May 17, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. a Public Hearing will be held at the Township Civic Center located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48167 on the reallocation of the 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 Community Development Block Grant Funds.

Northville Township is proposing to reallocate \$26,077.13 of the CDBG FY 2010/2011 Housing Rehab funds with \$9,330 for Planning and \$16,747.13 to be used for the Demolition of the buildings at the former site of the State of MI Regional Psychiatric Hospital.

Northville Township is proposing to reallocate CDBG FY 2011/2012 funds. Allen Terrace funds of \$4,576 and Administration funds of \$9,152, totaling \$13,728 to be used for the Demolition of the buildings at the former site of the State of MI Regional Psychiatric Hospital.

All interested citizens are invited to attend and provide views concerning the reallocation of funds between projects of the Community Development Block Grant Program. For additional information on the program or the proposed reallocations, please contact Ms. Delores Bowden, CDBG Coordinator, at 248-348-5800 ext. 10500.

SUE A. HILLEBRAND, Clerk

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Girls lacrosse earns season’s first win

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs girls lacrosse team came onto the field last Tuesday with one goal in mind — defeat Dexter. The squad did just that, upending their foes on way to an 11-8 victory. Northville allowed some early back-and-forth goals to begin the game but then went on a five-goal tear to end the first half with a 7-3 advantage, a lead that proved to be enough to help the team hold on for the win as the persistent Dexter squad could not overcome it. Northville started the game off with the first goal of the contest as junior captain Tenley Mustonen found the back of the net with not even a full minute off the clock to give the Mustangs a 1-0 lead. That advantage lasted just three minutes before Dexter was able to capitalize on some offensive pressure to tie the contest. The Mustangs didn’t even flinch, however, and came back to take the lead once again and then

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls lacrosse team is slated to be back on the field when they host South Lyon tomorrow at 6:15 p.m. before visiting Ladywood Saturday. The team will then host Saline and Plymouth on Monday and Wednesday, respectively, with both games starting at 6:15 p.m.

not bother to look back. Sophomore Hope Miller tallied her first goal of the season to break the tie with sophomore Claire Boudoin assisting on the play before goals by senior Charlotte Peterson (3) and Alivia DuQuet (2) gave the Mustangs a 7-3 lead heading into the half-time break. As the second half of play opened up, the Mustangs appeared to be in complete control. Erica MacDonald tallied a score, followed by DuQuet’s third goal of the game, for a 9-3 advantage. Dexter proved more than tenacious, however, and refused to sim-

ply go away and leave the Mustangs to their victory. They cut into Northville’s lead over the remainder of the second half only to be silenced by two late goals by junior Erin Vogel to secure the victory. Northville’s defense was paced by junior goalie Kali Maisano’s stellar net play as she made 20 saves on the day. Backing her up were defenders Kaitlyn Sabourin, Maria Siddiqui, Meredith Brady, Lauren Syverson, Christina Hui and Logan Van Riper. The team registered 18 ground balls and 16 defensive clears total.

Plymouth 10, Northville 6

Not all games can end in victory, however, and the Northville Mustangs were on the wrong end of a tough loss against the Wildcats last week. Plymouth scored five unanswered goals and held the ball for the majority of the first half to help themselves to victory. The Mustangs first goal came off the stick of Riley Donovan with less than five minutes

remaining in the first half of play. Minutes later she scored again, with an assist from MacDonald, to keep it a 6-2 game heading into halftime. Northville found a spark in the second half as Peterson tallied two goals and MacDonald and Vogel earned one each. The effort, however, wasn’t enough as Plym-

outh added four goals of their own over the half to guarantee the win. Maisano made 16 saves in goal for the Mustangs. The Mustangs suffered three tough losses in the Rockford Invitational last week as well.

They took a 13-5 loss to Forest Hills Unified, the fourth-ranked team in the state, before bowing, 10-5, to Caledonia, the 10th-ranked team in the state. The Mustangs also suffered a 20-3 loss against East Grand Rapids in the tournament. East Grand Rapids is currently the No. 1 ranked team in Michigan.



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5/8 7 p.m. @ Novi
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5/3 @Association Crossover West
5/5 TBA @Okemos
5/8 @Association XO South
Track & Field
All events at 3:45 p.m. unless noted
5/4 Noon @Saline
5/4 @Harrison
5/5 9 a.m. @Livonia Stevenson
5/5 TBA @Livonia Churchill
5/8 Salem
Boys Golf
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
Softball
All games at 4 p.m. unless noted
5/3 Franklin
5/5-6 TBA @Michigan Stars
Invitational
5/7 @Livonia Churchill
5/9 South Lyon
Boys Lacrosse
5/4 7 p.m. @Salem
5/7 6 p.m. Plymouth
Girls Lacrosse
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
Baseball
All games at 4 p.m. unless noted
5/4 Franklin
5/5 10 a.m. Southgate Anderson
5/7 @Livonia Churchill
5/9 South Lyon

Catholic Central Baseball
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5/5 2 p.m. @Brother Rice
5/7 @University Liggett
5/9 DeLaSalle
Lacrosse
All games at 7 p.m. unless noted
5/5 3 p.m. @Ann Arbor Pioneer
Track & Field
5/4 3 p.m. @Harrison Relays
5/5 3 p.m. @Observerland Relays
5/7 4 p.m. DeLaSalle
Golf
5/3 3:30 p.m. Cranbrook
5/4 3:30 p.m. University of Detroit
5/7 TBA @Oakland Hills Tournament
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Estate planning and your digital assets; part two

By Dan Hoops
Guest Columnist

In my last column, I briefly discussed the importance of estate planning if you are a user of a free email service, such as Gmail, Ymail, Hotmail or AOL. Because Internet users are, more or less, bound by the terms of service they eSign during their lives, this column discusses what to consider in planning a digital legacy.

The first question a person needs to answer is whether or not they want someone to access their digital accounts; Facebook, LinkedIn, Gmail, Twitter, etc. For now, the only real option available to users of the most service providers is to give a list of all of their



Dan Hoops

accounts and passwords to someone they trust.

The problem with this option, however, is that accessing the account of another user is a prohibited action under most of the terms of service. Violating the terms of service can result in a complete termination of the account and all of the contents stored. This is true if you have an account with a photo sharing site (e.g. Flickr), email, blog (e.g. blogger.com), or social network (Facebook, Twitter or LinkedIn).

So, going with this option places the user at risk of having his or her account terminated by the service provider. If you are willing to take the risk of violating the terms of service, therein lies the planning: give someone your account passwords. Otherwise, a person is leaving their many years of stored communications in the hands of the service provider; the account can linger for

years, the content published and out-of-the-control of the creator.

Now before you grant someone carte blanche access to your accounts, you really need to consider this carefully. Are their private communications in your email or social network account that you do not want this trusted person to see? Would this person impersonate you or maybe reply (as you) to email sent to your account? Could this person take all of your content and share it with all of your friends and family? Absolutely.

If you are comfortable with the person you designate as your "digital administrator," then prepare the list of passwords and leave it with your last will and testament. While there is nothing under Michigan law that allows you to make any direction to this "digital administrator," you should still provide a list of instructions so

this person knows your wishes. For example, let this person know that they should download or print all of your data, or that you want them to share the data with certain people, or that their authority is limited to terminating all of your accounts.

Some service providers allow a deceased person's account to be memorialized. In other words, the account becomes permanently fixed and only the service provider has the ability to maintain or remove content posted to the page. Whether or not you want your account memorialized, for example, with your Facebook or LinkedIn account, is something to consider when planning your digital legacy.

If you do make a set of instructions for your digital administrator, be very clear that you want your account terminated, removed or memorialized. This is your decision, not a decision the service provid-

er should be making by default. Service providers place a tremendous amount of value on the number of users of their sites, this is part of their business model (and why we can use their sites for free). There are some things that the user needs to be proactive about and not leave their legacy lost in the ever-changing terms of service.

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A demolition contractor works on tearing down the former McDonald Ford building at 550 Seven Mile Road on April 25. The business has been closed since 2004.

NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

Allstate opens new insurance office in Northville

Allstate Insurance Company announced the opening of a new office. Owned and operated by Allstate Exclusive Agent Joel Schembri, Northville Insurance & Financial Agency LLC is located at 15432 Sheldon Road.

Office hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday and by appointment on Saturday and Sunday. Agency staff can be reached by calling (734) 927-9500 or on the web at www.allstateagencies.com/JOELSCHEMBRI1.

"My staff and I are excited about the opening of our new office," said Schembri "This is a full-service insurance agency, offering a complete line of insurance products and service for our custom-

ers to help them protect the things that are important to them, whether it's their car or home, or investment planning for the future."

Retail sales, outlook remain positive

Michigan retailers' confidence in sales over the next three months is up slightly following March sales that remained positive, according to the latest Michigan Retail Index, a joint project of Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

The Michigan Retail Index for March found that 49 percent of retailers increased sales over the same month last year, while 26 percent recorded declines and 25 percent saw no change.

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Angie's list

Exterior upgrades go a long way in boosting home values

By Julie Brown
O&E Staff Writer

Tony Schippa, Coldwell Banker Preferred of Plymouth Realtor, agrees with a recent National Association of Realtors report.

Schippa is president of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors and has 12 years in the business. The NAR report found in remodeling, exterior replacement projects have routinely rewarded homeowners with more bang for their buck.

"I believe they do pay off," Schippa said. He tells his clients to look at numbers, with the highest, the kitchen, at 76 percent.

"It does help," he said, noting even landscaping makes a difference in curb appeal.

"You get a good company that comes in, they'll take what you have and dress it up." He took down an evergreen at his family home.

"It just opened up the look of the house" in downtown Plymouth.

With warm weather this spring, his neighbors have been out sprucing up their yards. "I think a lot of people just like being outside. When one starts, it just spreads like wildfire."

Friendly feel

That's the draw of towns like Plymouth, Schippa said, with people who like to know their neighbors.

For a remodeling project, do your homework, he recommended. "They don't really go into the full depth of what it takes," on HGTV. You should shop for all materials and factor in costs.

"You always want to over-budget. I think that's a lot of stuff people don't really think of. Always best to overbudget instead of underbudget. And pick out what you're going to like."

Some people don't care for granite in a kitchen, as it's hard to maintain whereas some older traditional styles don't have those issues. Concrete can be good and durable for countertops, he said. "Make sure you pick out what you like."

Big ticket items help in resale value. "The kitchen is always the highest return," he said. "Any agent has access to that information to assist their client."



According to the NAR report, Realtors recently rated many exterior improvements as among the most valuable home investment projects as part of the 2011-12 Remodeling Cost vs. Value Report.

"This year's Remodeling Cost vs. Value Report shows the value of putting your home's best façade forward, so to speak," said National Association of Realtors President Moe Veissi in a statement. "Inexpensive exterior replacement projects are not only crucial to a home's regular upkeep, but are also expected to recoup close to 70 percent of costs. Specific exterior projects such as siding, window and door replacements are part of regular home maintenance, so many homeowners are already undertaking them. These projects also do not require expensive materials and they have the added bonus of instantly adding curb appeal."

HouseLogic.com, NAR's consumer website, includes dozens of remodeling projects, from kitchens and baths to siding replacements, which indicate the recouped value of the project based on a national average.

According to the Cost vs. Value, seven of the top 10 most cost-effective projects nationally in terms of value recouped are exterior replacement projects. Realtors judged an upscale fiber-cement siding replacement as the project expected to return the most money, with an estimated 78 percent of costs recouped upon resale.

More winners

Two additional siding replacement projects were in the top 10, including foam-backed vinyl siding, expected to return 69.6 percent of costs, and upscale vinyl siding, expected to recoup 69.5 percent of costs. Three door replacements were also among the top exterior replacement projects. The steel entry door replacement is the least expensive project in the report, costing little more than \$1,200 on average and expected to recoup 73 percent of costs.

The upscale garage door replacement jumped seven spots to No. 6 this year, primarily due to the average cost of the project declining more than 15 percent nationally. The upscale and midrange garage door replacement projects

are expected to return more than 71 percent of costs. One window replacement project — upscale vinyl — rounded out the last exterior replacement project in the top 10, expected to recoup 69.1 percent of costs.

The 2011-12 Remodeling Cost vs. Value Report compares construction costs with resale values for 35 midrange and upscale remodeling projects comprising additions, remodels and replacements in 80 markets across the country. Data are grouped in nine U.S. regions, following the divisions established by the U.S. Census Bureau. This is the 14th consecutive year that the report, which is produced by Remodeling magazine publisher Hanley Wood, LLC, was completed in cooperation with NAR.

Realtors provided their insight

into local markets and buyer home preferences within those markets. Overall, Realtors estimated that homeowners would recoup an average of 57.7 percent of their investment in 35 different improvement projects, down from an average of 60 percent last year. Due to a weak economy, high unemployment in the construction industry and the increasing cost of materials, the price of remodeling projects has risen, leaving many homeowners hesitant to tackle projects or encouraging them to scale back on their plans.

Three interior remodeling projects are also considered worthwhile investments. A mid-range attic bedroom is expected to return 72.5 percent of costs upon resale; of all the projects in the report, it is the least expensive way to add

a bedroom and bathroom within a home's existing footprint.

A minor kitchen remodel, expected to return 72.1 percent of costs, is fourth overall, ranking two places higher than last year. Nationally, the average cost for the project is just under \$20,000 and is the least expensive way to give an existing kitchen a complete facelift. A wood deck addition, landing at number seven overall, is expected to recoup 70.1 percent of costs. Improvement projects that are expected to return the least are a sunroom addition and a home office remodel, both estimated to recoup less than 46 percent of costs.

'Good time to buy'

Plymouth's Schippa sees the local market turning around. "It's a good time to buy. We've got a shortage of inventory, especially in the Plymouth-Canton-Northville area. Interest rates are at a historic low." If you're renting for \$1,000 or more a month, it pays to buy. "You're investing in yourself rather than your landlord," Schippa said.

Results of the report are summarized on HouseLogic.com. The website includes a wide variety of ideas and projects

to help homeowners maintain, enhance and improve the value of their homes. To read the full project descriptions and access national and regional project data, visit www.costvsvalue.com. "Cost vs. Value" is a registered trademark of Hanley Wood, LLC.

The NAR website contributed to this report.

Review contracts, heed attorney's advice

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: We had a condominium management company that we think inflated the bills that we received from a contractor who turned out to be unlicensed. When we confronted the management company about the bills and the unlicensed contractor, the management company quit. What do you recommend?

A: I recommend that you consult an attorney about suing the management company and the contractor. It would appear that the management company may well have gotten kickbacks, or, at the very least, was not operating in the best

interests of the association. I would also ensure in the future that any contract be reviewed by the Board of

Directors in detail with competitive bids and that the association's attorney be completely independent of the management company.

Q: The condominium management company has told our board that they have a lawyer that we can use to handle our association affairs. Their lawyer, we now find out, happens to be the lawyer that they always push on condominium associations and we have no fee agreement with him. He merely bills us, apparently, whenever we need legal advice. He also reviewed the management contract that we have with the management company. Some of the board members are concerned about this arrangement. What do you think?

A: There is a practice among certain management companies to push attorneys on associations with whom they have a "special relationship." They tell the somewhat naïve board that they have an attorney that can assist their association, presumably, at less of a cost. In reality, the association itself should retain an attorney who is totally independent of the management company and is not financially beholden to it. The association should have a written fee agreement with the attorney and should be in a position to be assured that if there is a dispute between the association and the management company, the attorney will assist the association in any dispute including litigation. My recommendation would be to fire the management company and the attorney that, apparently, are in bed with each other.

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-law.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 Jan. 16-20, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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2459 Barkhill Rd	\$135,000
6866 Bunkerhill Ln	\$145,000
1283 E Crystal Cir	\$205,000
7492 Embassy Dr	\$215,000
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48672 Greenwich Cir	\$290,000
41474 Greenwood Dr	\$168,000
45169 Horseshoe Cir	\$113,000
43597 Lancelot Dr	\$175,000
45720 Larchmont Dr	\$235,000
42279 Metaline Dr	\$180,000
43446 Proctor Rd	\$137,000
5986 Runnymede Dr	\$168,000
388 Sheffield Ct	\$139,000
41090 Southwind Dr	\$50,000
8182 Trafford Ct	\$83,000
44021 Vassar St	\$160,000

47550 Vistas Circle Dr N	\$263,000
GARDEN CITY	
33532 Alvin St	\$74,000
28430 Beechwood St	\$36,000
401 E Rose Ave	\$75,000
29487 Florence St	\$25,000
529 Helen St	\$57,000
5710 Helen St	\$62,000
31330 Hennepin St	\$50,000
32672 James St	\$43,000
32135 Leona St	\$137,000
32907 Pardo St	\$60,000
32919 Pardo St	\$22,000
LIVONIA	
20160 Angling St	\$47,000
36022 Ann Arbor Trl	\$50,000
11012 Arden St	\$149,000
14130 Arden St	\$140,000
9941 Bassett St	\$108,000
14029 Brentwood St	\$97,000
31720 Bretton St	\$100,000
30956 Greenland St	\$90,000
16648 Harrison St	\$185,000
36033 Leon St	\$189,000
17920 Loveland St	\$230,000
38126 N Vista Dr	\$160,000
39110 Orangelawn St	\$132,000
28951 Pickford St	\$129,000

16774 Ronnie Ln	\$210,000
28185 S Clements Cir	\$80,000
36309 St Andrews Dr	\$30,000
9605 Westmore St	\$66,000
NORTHVILLE	
17639 Cranbrook Dr	\$550,000
19578 Crystal Lake Dr	\$61,000
512 Eaton Dr	\$125,000
17156 Fairfield Ct	\$370,000
15714 Merion Ct	\$675,000
18833 Oak Leaf Ln	\$795,000
413 Randolph St	\$639,000
42261 Scenic Ln	\$108,000
39466 Springwater Dr	\$120,000
18036 Winchester Dr	\$319,000
16562 Yellowstone Dr	\$299,000
16574 Yellowstone Dr	\$338,000
PLYMOUTH	
399 Ann St	\$300,000
48559 Beaver Creek Dr	\$240,000
46771 Danbridge St	\$250,000
9033 Elmhurst Ave	\$128,000
879 Forest Ave	\$111,000
14593 Huntington Dr	\$115,000
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40819 Newport Dr	\$70,000
11789 Sycamore Dr	\$58,000
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26242 W Chicago	\$39,000
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8626 Beatrice	\$90,000
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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

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871 N Glenhurst Dr	\$510,000
515 Oakland Ave	\$230,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	

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4315 Sawgrass Dr	\$145,000
43 Boulder Ln	\$420,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
3672 Bloomfield Club Dr	\$245,000
856 Foxhall Rd	\$265,000
2852 S Woodward Ave #s1-2	\$61,000
663 Sedgefield Dr	\$159,000
115 Vorn Ln	\$520,000
130 Waddington Ln	\$281,000
5166 Woodlands Ln	\$138,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
2901 Colt Ct	\$315,000
717 Farr St	\$37,000
2235 Palmetto	\$40,000
5953 Strawberry Cir	\$307,000
5979 Strawberry Cir	\$278,000
FARMINGTON	
23040 Gill Rd	\$188,000
34024 Oakland St	\$375,000
23578 Wesley Dr	\$105,000

FARMINGTON HILLS	
22378 Diamond Ct	\$78,000
30194 Kimberly Ct	\$30,000
33849 Longwood Dr	\$150,000
21526 Middlebelt Rd	\$63,000
32475 W 11 Mile Rd	\$175,000
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27260 Evergreen Rd	\$28,000
18414 Roseland Blvd	\$86,000
MILFORD	
316 E Liberty St	\$190,000
1053 Rowe Rd	\$290,000
401 W Washington St	\$96,000
NOVI	
22640 Arden Glen Ct	\$425,000
41915 Canterbury Dr	\$115,000
41925 Cherry Hill Rd	\$185,000
23615 Dunston Rd	\$341,000
40597 Lenox Park Dr	\$237,000
40601 Lenox Park Dr	\$256,000
45270 Sedra Ct	\$368,000

31058 Seneca Ln	\$200,000
46040 White Pines Dr	\$490,000
SOUTH LYON	
213 Columbia Dr	\$235,000
883 Norchester St	\$110,000
52636 Trailwood Dr	\$2,000
59600 Woodfarm	\$230,000
SOUTHFIELD	
30601 Balewood St	\$110,000
18646 Greenwald Dr	\$75,000
24662 Lafayette Cir	\$81,000
26575 Senator Blvd	\$178,000
29429 Somerset Dr	\$70,000
29284 Wellington Rd W	\$71,000
17389 Winora Ave	\$75,000
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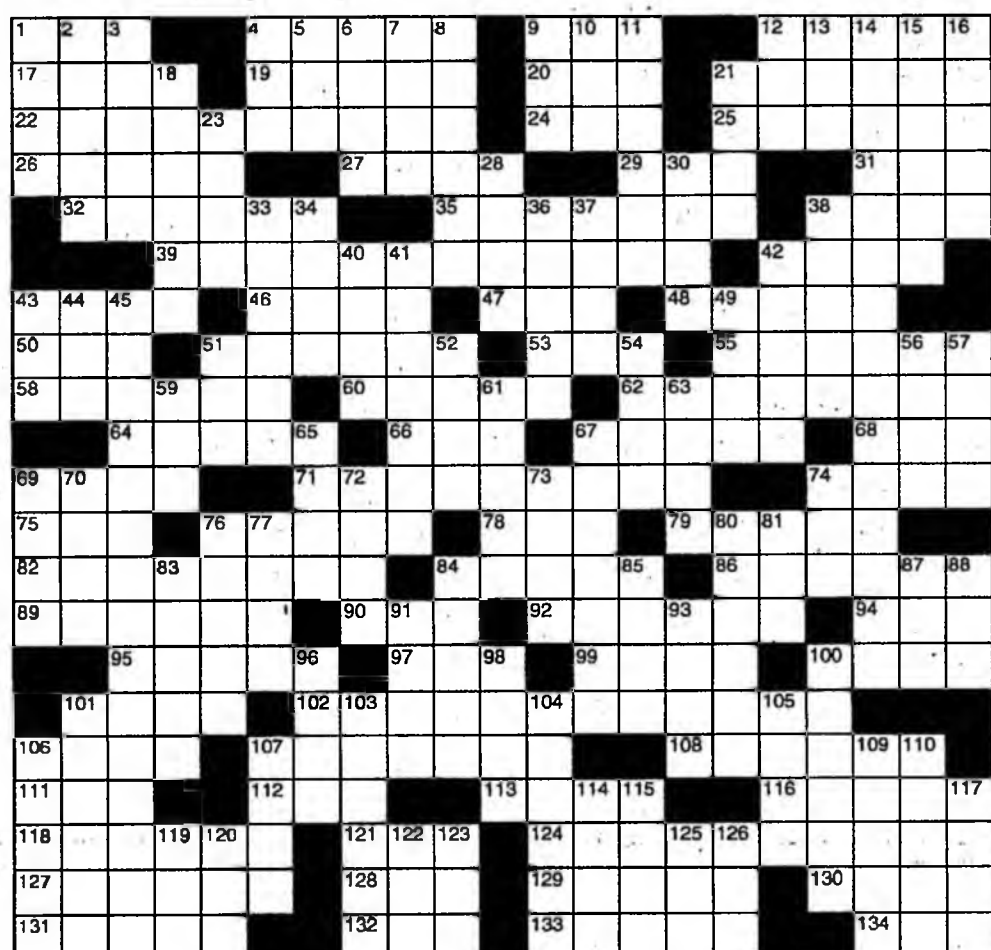
1 Collectibles, collectively
4 "Crocodile Dundee" star
9 "The Hurt" (59 hit)
12 Word form for "large"
17 Composer Janacek
19 Persian, presently
20 Zsa Zsa's sister
21 Mead subject
22 MISTY
24 Perfect score
25 Statistical foci
26 Vessel part
27 Utah city
29 SHAEF commander
31 Fasten a brogue
32 Lacking principles
35 Kid heaven
38 Unisex garment
39 SNOW
42 Pageant prop
43 Word with farm or frog
46 "Casa-blanca" character

47 "Stroker" — ("83 film)
48 Prepared to propose
50 Actress Hagen
51 Muslim title
53 Medical grp.
55 Left out
58 "Cabaret" setting
60 Feast
62 Sudden decline
64 Rover's restraint
66 Barcelona bravo
67 Turns soft
68 Compete
69 — Mawr
71 FAIR
74 Like May
75 W. Hemisphere grp.
76 Torrid and Frigid
78 Napa Valley vessel
79 Porthos' pal
82 Neighbor of Ethiopia
84 Park feature
86 Half the diameter
89 Diner patrons
90 Shaq's pack
92 Israeli coin
94 — Locka, FL
95 Magna —
97 Terrier's tidbit

99 Part of UCLA
100 Cut a cuticle
101 Extinct bird
102 RAIN
106 Actress Schneider
107 Heebie-jeebies
108 Folklore figures
111 Burro
112 Gray matter?
113 Annie
115 Soul, to Sartre
116 Impressive tales
118 Big name in temperance
121 Sprite
124 HURRICANE
127 Kampala's country
128 Scand. country
129 Once more
130 Faxed
131 Intrinsically
132 — milk
133 "The Haystacks" artist
134 Stephen of "The Crying Game"

DOWN

1 Charity
2 Range rope
3 Symbol
4 — nibs
5 Hosp. areas
6 Sheffield slammer
7 Frank or Francis
8 "One of These —" ('75 hit)
9 Wager
10 "— had it!"
11 '82 Attention-borough film
12 Damage
13 Soul, to Sartre
14 HEAT
15 Salad veggie
16 Attack
18 — Tuesday
21 Footfall
23 Calvary inscription
28 Bit
30 Hook up with Mir
33 Indians and Indonesians
34 Soothe boss
36 Marina sight
37 Watch part
38 Sound
40 Sale stipulation
41 Some computers
42 '92 US Open champ
43 Bathroom fixture
44 Hwy.
45 STORM
49 TV's "Empty —"
51 Security grp.
52 A shake in the grass?
54 Draft status
56 Malicious
57 Legal document
59 Actor Cariou
61 Novocaine target
63 — podrida
65 Suggestion
67 Robert of "Ryan's Daughter"
69 Augur
70 Punjabi prince
72 Chow —
73 Gets what one basks for
74 '60s chic
76 Bernardo's boss
77 Force out
80 Claire of "Key Largo"
81 "2001" computer
83 Like some eyes
84 Freighter
85 Coop crowd
87 News org.
88 Weaken
91 Match
93 Singer Eartha
96 "Lucky Jim" author
98 "Comin' — the Rye"
100 Successful dieters
101 Medical measure
103 Pericles' home
104 Guru's grounds
105 Director Nicolas
106 "... the mouse — the clock"
107 Novotna of tennis
109 Metric measure
110 Tantrum
114 Othello's ensign
115 In the twinkling — eye
117 Mile., farther south
119 Office-holders
120 Lyric poem
122 London lavatory
123 Fish babies
125 "Pshaw!"
126 Bankbook abbr.



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(ARA) - What do pediatrics, geriatrics and cardiology have in common? Patients in these three very different branches of medicine can benefit from occupational therapy. An occupational therapist (OT) helps people with disabling conditions to recover or develop daily living skills, such as dressing, cooking and eating. An OT's right-hand man, or woman, is the occupational therapy assistant (OTA).

This versatile occupation is proving to be a rewarding career choice for many who are returning to school to heighten employment prospects. An OTA works under the direction of an OT to provide the rehabilitative exercises and activities prescribed in the therapist's treatment plan. "It's very interesting work. You learn something new every day," says Joan Welch, MHA COTA/L, and OTA Site Coordinator at Brown Mackie College - Merrillville.

The necessary education toward becoming an OTA includes earning a two-year associates degree instead of the master's degree necessary for an OT position. Employment opportunities are expected to grow much faster than average, or 30 percent through 2018, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The BLS credits this high projected growth to the increased elderly population that is more susceptible to debilitating and chronic conditions, plus the rising number of

therapists who use assistants. **Helping the elderly remain independent**

Elderly patients suffering from a variety of conditions benefit from occupational therapy. "Arthritis kicks in, hips get fractured, and knee replacement surgery is becoming more common," says Welch. In fact, MedPage Today, a medical news website, reported a 157 percent increase in knee replacement surgery among middle-aged women between 1997 and 2009. In middle-aged men, the procedure increased by 144 percent.

The American Heart Association reports heart disease and strokes as two of the top three leading causes of death among adults. Many of these patients also benefit from occupational therapy. "For cardiac patients, we determine if they can stand long enough to prepare a meal, or do laundry," Welch says. This often involves organizing the living space or making a chair available for breaks.

"We work on energy conservation techniques, and set the patients up with adaptive equipment," she says. "The work is never boring. The challenge is to help the patient become as independent as possible. The beauty is you often see the patient going home because of your hard work."

Helping children develop

Ann Fouts is an OTA instructor at Brown Mackie College - Merrillville, who has extensive experience in



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"Developing from a single cell to a functioning human being is an incredibly complex process. We look at gross motor skills, fine motor skills, language development and social interaction," says Fouts. "We work by engaging the child in normal play activity. For an infant, we work with positioning and use various facilitation techniques to help improve development." An OTA also teaches parents how to be

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