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To pre-register, call (248) 348-5820. For more information, visit [www.twp.northville.com](http://www.twp.northville.com) and click on Rouge Rescue

Senior All-Night Party

The community is invited to attend a walk-through of the 2012 Northville High School Senior All-Night Party from 3-5 p.m., Sunday, June 3. This special tradition transforms the halls of the high school into a thrilling setting and provides the senior class a safe evening to celebrate after their graduation ceremony. Northville High School is located at 45700 6 Mile Road. Please enter the community walk-through at the west entrance, near the athletic fields.

Used Book Sale set

The Friends of the Northville District Library will offer bargains on thousands of items at their Spring Used Book Sale May 31-June 3 at the library (212 W. Cady Street).

A preview for Friends members only will take place 5-9 p.m. Thursday, May 31. Any member or anyone signing up for a Friends of the Northville Library membership that night will be allowed into the sale. The sale will be open to the general public 10 a.m.-5 p.m. that Friday. Hardback books will be \$1, and paperbacks will be 50 cents. Also offered will be videotapes, books on tape, DVDs and CDs. This year there will also be \$5 bag sales Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The sale will continue from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and conclude 1-3 p.m. Sunday.

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## Remembering



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David Myers pauses by the grave of his father, Cloyce C. Myers, a WWII veteran, after Northville's Memorial Day ceremony at Rural Hill Cemetery. "I grew up in the VFW, and I would never miss this day," said Myers. See more photos from Monday's parade inside on Page A10.

# Novi resident sees impact of cancer up close

## Combined Relay event to take place Saturday in Northville

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

Kat Georgas got a different look at how cancer takes its toll on a person when her brother-in-law died from jaw cancer last June.

She said a person battling terminal cancer usually is pretty skinny and doesn't look very healthy, but the cancer itself is hidden.

For her brother-in-law, that wasn't the case.

"I saw what it looks like because he had jaw cancer and there were large



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
James Gietzen and Natalie Tryciecky will chair and co-chair, respectively, the June 2-3 Relay for Life fundraiser at Northville's Ford Field. The 24-hour effort will feature teams from both Northville and Novi for the first time in several years.

# Planners debating downtown district guidelines

By Lonnie Huhman  
Correspondent

The conclusion from the public hearing on the proposed N. Center Street Overlay District centered on the question of building height.

Specifically, are three-story buildings too high for that part of downtown Northville?

It's looking like the proposed overlay restriction of 2½ stories or 30 feet may be altered while the other details may stay the same. However, no final decision has been made.

The city planning commission held a public hearing on May 15 regarding the proposed overlay text and zoning change that would have the N. Center area from Randolph to Walnut streets go from Central Business District/Professional and Business Office District to an overlay that would set new regulations for landscaping, sidewalk areas and architectural standards.

The planning commission was planning on either approving the language and then forwarding it to the city council or voting it down.

Neither happened and after listening to multiple property owners expressing their reservations regarding the height restriction the commission has decided to postpone their decision.

Commissioner Carol Maise had put forth a motion

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### GUEST COLUMN

## Science Olympiad: Meads Mill team finishes 7th in nation

By Denise Bondoni  
Correspondent

"In the event, Awesome Aquifers, in sixth place, from Michigan, Meads Mill Middle School!" the announcer proclaimed, as Yannis Bi and Eric Tao walked on stage to receive their medals.

It was a great start to an evening that led Meads Mill Middle School to take home seventh place out of 60 middle school teams in the National Science Olympiad competition May 19. Central Florida University in Orlando hosted 120 teams from both B and C Divisions, middle and high schools. Less than a month ago, Meads Mill's Science Olympiad team was declared state champions.

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Concert of Dance



Timberlane Dance!, a Northville-based ballet studio, presents its annual Concert of Dance at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 2 at Hillside Middle School, 775 N. Center Street, Northville. Come out for an enjoyable evening of dance featuring excerpts from the ballet Swan Lake with guest artists from Dayton Ballet, one of the oldest and finest professional dance companies in the United States. The program will also include Worship dance, Contemporary and Swing. Tickets are available at the door or can be purchased from any Timberlane Dance! dancer. Adult tickets are \$10; children ages 10 and under are \$5. Northville Civic Concern (NCC) is the concert partner and attendees are asked to bring donations of non-perishable non-expired food items. NCC is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization founded in 1983 whose purpose is to provide food to the needy in the Northville community. For additional information, please contact Timberlane Dance! Director Kathy Cooke at kjacooke@aol.com.

CORRECTION

Regarding last week's article on the mosaic at Our Lady of Victory, Lisa Howard of the Plymouth Community Arts Council came up with the design and implementation of it, from prepping the boards and drawing out the design to preserving the mosaic before it was installed.

Jen Barsons, a Northville art teacher, orga-

nized and selected the materials as well as guided the children in each grade through applying the materials and blending/transitioning the color scheme.

DOWNTOWN

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to send it on but rework the wording to leave the height the same as it is now under CBD and make reference to a graduated setback.

Commissioners Marc Russell and Dave Mielock both recused themselves from discussing the overlay because of a potential conflict of interest. Mielock said he owns property within the proposed area.

City manager Patrick Sullivan made a point that the planning commission, along with consultant Don Wortman, should review any new wording before sending it on to city council because it may be too vague at this point, which is what halted any decision.

There were a number of people who voiced their opinions during the hearing, both for and against.

Center Street property owner Dr. Joe Sinkwitz said he believes the overlay would be thwarting and curtailing the potential development of the downtown area to expand and lead to some positive development.

He thinks ultimately it would be a detriment to the community and property owners because it could lead to lower property values.

Grace Street homeowner Sheila York said it's the current character of Northville that has attracted many of its residents, and she thinks the overlay area is such a mix of residential and business that it would be disappointing to many people if the character was changed in that



neighborhood.

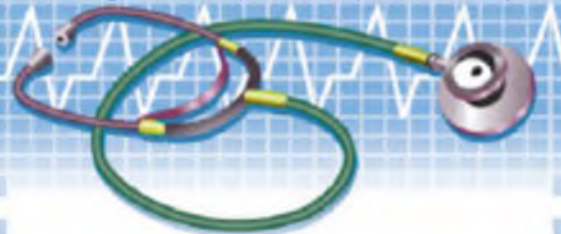
Council woman Nancy Darga, who was there as a Center Street homeowner, expressed a common opinion — that they need to be realistic when looking at this.

She's fine with the proposed setback and parking standards. She also said a buffer between residents and businesses should be a priority and homeowners' opinions should always be regarded. However, for the area

to be commercially viable the height standard may need to be looked at again, she said.

"Although I do, in a way, support the overlay district, I really think we should give strong considerations to what not only makes it an attractive street front, but also what makes it commercially viable," Darga said.

The planning commission will bring this proposal back to the table at its June meeting.



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# Many winners expected in Victory Run June 2

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Correspondent

The second annual OLV-Victory 5k Run and Walk hopes to build on last year's totals in order to help out a number of important organizations while also kicking off the summer for competitive runners and walkers.

In addition to donating funds to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and National Multiple Sclerosis Society, organizers of the Saturday, June 2 event will be setting out a "cash jar" to help give assistance to the Cipriano family of Farmington Hills, who were tragically impacted in April.

Event director Michelle Fras said the Victory Run gives participants, "the opportunity to accomplish something big in finishing the run or walk while also helping out some wonderful organizations."

Fras said there are some really good sponsors this year. Target is coming through big with nearly 30 volunteers helping out at the event, which is a big for organizers, Fras said.

Last year's overall winners of the 5k run were Carrie Oleszkowicz, 25, of Plymouth, finishing with a time of 22 minutes and 30 seconds, and Matt Sikora, 38, Harper Woods, with a time of 18 minutes and 40 seconds.

There are two new incentives this year for the overall male and female winners. Novi Sports Club is offering a gift and St. Johns will be giving away a "Get Away."

The race route will be the same but

*Awards will be given to the top three finishers in the following groups for male and female: Overall, 10 and under, 11-14, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 and 70 plus.*

the course may be a little different. With road work being done on Rogers Street, it may make the course have a bit more dirt to run or walk on, but Fras said it shouldn't be an issue.

Before the event the registration cost is \$30 and the day of it will be \$35. The Fun Run is going on again and can be registered for online or the day of as well.

Awards will be given to the top three finishers in the following groups for male and female: Overall, 10 and under, 11-14, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 and 70 plus.

The event location is at Our Lady of Victory School, which is located at 133 Orchard Street in Northville. Registration and package pickup begins at 7 a.m.; the 0.7 miles Fun Run starts at 8 a.m.; and the 5k run/walk begins at 8:30 a.m.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Fras at [frasmichelle@hotmail.com](mailto:frasmichelle@hotmail.com).

Sign up is going on and forms can be found at the web site: <http://www.olv-victoryrun.com/>.

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## RELAY

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tumors on the outside,” she said. “It really struck me in terms of being able to see what it really does to you emotionally, mentally and physically, and the impact it has on the family.”

“Seeing that and how mean and evil it is drove me to do something.”

Georgas, who is captaining the Saints and Singers team, is one of several people impacted by cancer who will be participating in the annual Novi/Northville Relay for Life, June 2-3 at Ford Field in Northville.

The event, which is being combined between the two communities for the first time in several years, is 24 hours long and features several ceremonies honoring both cancer survivors and those who have died from the disease. A

Survivor Lap celebrates the victory of area cancer survivors, while a Luminaria Ceremony remembers those lost to the disease.

There also is a Fight Back Ceremony that gives people a chance to take a stand against cancer.

The public also is invited to attend — even if not a part of a team — to show support.

“It’s such an important cause,” Georgas said. “I don’t know if a lot of people have really seen how impactful it is to lose somebody, and it’s just important to remember we are in it to fight against this so we don’t have to lose anybody else.”

For more information about the Novi/Northville event, visit [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org).

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FILE PHOTO BY JOHN HEIDER

Dozens of tents and many walkers will crowd Ford Field in Northville this weekend for the annual Relay for Life event. This photo was taken at the Novi Relay for Life event at Novi Middle School.

## OLYMPIAD

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Carolyn Wu and Sahil Tolia collected medals for their sixth place finish in Forestry while Yannis Bi partnered with Michael Zhang for fifth place in Keep the Heat. The Mousetrap Vehicle came in fifth thanks to Angela Li and Eric Tao. In the blink of an eye, the Optics event, with twin brothers Jonathan and Yannis Bi, finished fifth. And Storm the Castle tested at top performance this year, allowing Michael Zhang and Nick Remington to finish in fourth place.

Out of 23 events, Meads Mill took home six medals by finishing in the top six in these aforementioned categories.

Principal Dr. Susan Meyer, graciously accompanied the team to Florida, observing several events across campus, and sitting with the team in the fifth row in front of the stage at the awards ceremony. Here she is, again, proving what outstanding support from Northville’s educational staff we parents have here in our hometown.

“I am glad I had the opportunity to go with the students and their parents,” said Meyer. “The kids work very hard and find time to really explore



Pictured (l to r, kneeling) are Nicholas Remington, Rish Vasudevan, Angela Li, Sahil Tolia, Krithik Vallem, Himansu Vepamakula, Larry Zhao, Kailyn Bondoni, Carolyn Wu; (standing) Coach Diane Xu, Principal Dr. Susan Meyer, Allison Pierce, Michael Zhang, Chris Geng, Harnoor Singh, Eric Tao, Jonathan Bi, Yannis Bi, Austin Xie and Asst Coach Lori Schafer Pierce.

their passion in science. They also have time to play!”

When students were not studying, play they did. On the eve of the competition, after opening ceremonies with keynote speaker Dr. Jan Garavaglia (aka Dr. G Medical Examiner) from Discovery Health Channel, students from all participating states had the opportunity to swap amongst each other small mementos indigenous to their states. Dr. G’s

sentiments on how “curiosity” kept her on a forward path to expanding her knowledge and promoting further opportunities resonated with students while they grouped together and peaked their interest by visiting the Kennedy Space Center, Universal Studios, and Discovery Cove.

Teamwork was defined from the onset this season with Science Olympiad. The group began with 63 very bright stu-

dents whose participation throughout the trial events helped lead the 15 to Nationals. (Three additional team members joined in the trip for support as alternates.) Individual team members needed flexibility to partner with other teammates depending on the event schedule for that competition. Eventually, these students began to recognize each other’s value, to rely on each other and appreciate each oth-

er’s talents. The dedication from head coach Diane Xu and several parent coaches is what led the team to define their goal.

Leading to the big day, parent coach, Jeanne Bi willed, “I think the students will be happy to finish in the top 10.”

Amazing hard work and effort from the team of dedicated students, allowed them to do just that. The first time competing against the best of the best in the country was what the team hoped they would achieve. Watching it come true was a miracle.

As a parent, I recognize the most wonderful gift of this experience: morale building among classmates, a newfound camaraderie between grade levels, an appreciation for each other’s strengths, and a reaching out to overcome weaknesses.

Not only has this experience been intellectually challenging, but thanks to Science Olympiad, Coach Xu and devoted parents, I witness a strong character building among these students as well. A true team effort and a true measure of success!

**Denise Bondoni** is the mother of Kailyn Bondoni, a seventh-grader at Meads Mill Middle School.

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## Parents host party for Northville High seniors

Continuing a longtime Northville High School tradition, parents of the graduating Class of 2012 will host the Senior All-Night Party following the commencement ceremony on Sunday, June 3.

Teams of parents transform the halls of the high school into a thrilling setting, straight out of movie sets, to provide the senior class a fun and safe evening to celebrate their graduation. The party takes the involvement of over 300 parents and the generous donations of the community.

Northville parent Sue Laabs, mother of senior student Dawson, is the chair of this year's Senior All-Night Party. According to Laabs, an enthusiastic committee of parents met monthly for almost a year to share progress on the various parts of the party, including the senior breakfast skit where the theme is revealed, ticket sales, finances, decorations, food, casino, communications, security, entertainment, and prizes.

Many community businesses donate food and goods. This year, Poole's Tavern and Buffalo Wild Wings sponsored fundraisers where a portion of the night's proceeds were donated back to the party. Many individual families also donated cash and materials. Maryann Charara, a senior parent, also donated a portion of the pro-



SANP Chairperson Sue Laabs has a look of excitement and relief on her face that the plan is nearly complete.

ceeds of her graduation banner business.

Material storage and most of the building of the sets has been done in an unused retail space donated by the landlord of Northville Plaza. Decoration volunteers have worked nearly weekly since the fall.

The event takes not only senior parents, but as part of the tradition, the support of junior parents as well. Parents of the junior class host and provide security during the community walk-through, meet vendors during the graduation ceremony, and take down the decorations after the party so the school will be back to normal for the

underclassman on Monday morning.

"We are grateful to the Northville Public Schools administration for their support of this event, and allowing us to use the high school facility," Laabs said.

The community is invited to attend a walk-through of the 2012 Northville High School Senior All-Night Party from 3-5 p.m., Sunday, June 3. Please enter the community walk-through the west end entrance near the athletic fields.

"We are excited not only for the seniors to see how their school is transformed as they enter one last time, but also for the communi-

ty, as families, young and old, come to see what has been created," Laabs said. "With the last of our three sons graduating this year, we wanted to give it our all."

Laabs and her husband, Dave, one of this year's decorations area chairpersons, have been involved with senior all-night parties since their oldest son Weston's graduation.

"It's been amazing to see all the effort put into these events over the years. We enjoyed making a crashed airplane in a jungle in 2004 and an entire old west town in 2006. My husband Dave even helped build a '50s diner in 2009 when we



Dave Laabs and Michael Hatcher work on a major piece of the class of 2012's Senior All Night Party decorations.

even didn't have a graduate," she said. According to Sue, this year Dave has a special surprise for the kids, even getting help from his siblings and Weston. "I hope a lot of people in the community come out to see how it all looks," she said.

The all-night party marks the culmination of two weeks of final activities for the seniors with the honors convocation, prom, the last day of school, senior breakfast, and commencement ceremony.

"The community really gets behind our seniors to provide a safe and great event," said senior parent Barb Armstrong. High School Senior

Kayla Hagan said she has been looking forward to the all-night party literally for years. "I can remember being in elementary school when my parents began taking my siblings and me to the high school to see how the school looked for the all-night party. As I got older, I heard from my siblings and their friends about how much fun the night was, and I couldn't wait for my year. I can't believe it is already here," Hagan said.

For Hagan and many other students, it marks the end of 13 years of K-12 education in the Northville Public Schools District.

### NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

#### Drive for the Kids

Representatives from the Chrysler brand and Dick Scott Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram will join parents and teachers for a Drive for the Kids Fundraiser and bring new 2012 Chrysler brand Town & Country minivans to Moraine Elementary School 4:30-8 p.m. Friday, June 1. Parents and guests can earn \$10 from Chrysler for Park Avenue School's programs. Knowledgeable staff from Dick Scott Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram will be onsite to help answer questions about the vehicle and facilitate the fundraising test drives.

Anyone 18 or over with a valid driver's license can participate in a test drive to

earn a donation for the school.

#### Early Childhood Education and Extended Day Programs

Early Childhood Education and Extended Day Programs are now registering for fall for parent/child classes for 2- and 3-year-olds; half-day pre-kindergarten classes for 3- and 4-year-olds; and half-day pre-kindergarten and school-day pre-kindergarten plus classes for 4- and 5-year-olds.

Call (248) 344-8465 for more information or visit the Early Childhood office at 49775 6 Mile Rd. (located in Ridge Wood Elementary).

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### \$40k raised



Four hundred and seventy one Northville residents who came out in support of the "A Night for Northville" fundraiser held April 28. From ticket proceeds, silent auction sales, and donations made that evening, over \$40,000 was raised for turf and other significant improvements at 8 Mile Stadium. Attendees enjoyed live music from The Randy Brock Group, ample appetizer and dessert stations and the opportunity to bid at three silent auctions. Event Chair David Moore stated, "I am amazed at the participation and generosity of the Northville community. All of Northville should be proud." TURF CLUB, a volunteer group of 17 Northville community and business leaders, aimed to raise \$1million dollars by May 1st. As of May 15th, TURF CLUB has received funding commitments totaling \$875,669 with an additional \$300,000 in corporate sponsorships for the field and scoreboard in the works. In total, over \$1.1 million is expected to be raised from TURF CLUB as Phase I comes to a close. TURF CLUB and Phase I donations were managed by the Northville Educational Foundation (NEF). Another community organization will manage TURF CLUB and fundraising for Phase II of the stadium project.

### NORTHVILLE ON CAMPUS

#### The College of Wooster

Nathan Keck, a graduate of Greenhills School, and Northville High School graduates Laura Valencia and Jordan Nelson received bachelor of arts degrees during commencement exercises on May 14. Keck, a communication studies major, and Valencia, a global development studies major who graduated cum laude, are both residents of Northville. An English major who graduated cum laude, Nelson is a resident of Novi.

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Attorneys J.B. Bieske and Jennifer Alfonsi have 42 years combined experience representing only Social Security disability clients. And they personally meet with all clients and appear personally at all court hearings. Many large firms assign inexperienced attorneys to your case. And some of these firms are located thousands of miles away and only fly the attorney in the day of the court hearing. Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi have vast experience before local Michigan judges.

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the

subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be **no fee charged until after the case is won**. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Don’s Friend Fun Run/Walk

The Don Ausman Foundation presents the Fourth Annual Don’s Friend 5K Fun Run/Walk at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 2 at Waterford Bend in Northville. A donation of \$20 includes a Don’s Friend T-shirt, beverage and lunch (goodies will be given away, too).

Proceeds go to the Michigan State University program Alternative Spring Break.

For more information, visit [www.Dons-FRIEND.com](http://www.Dons-FRIEND.com) or call (904) 687-5951.

Electric vehicle show, rally at Schoolcraft

Schoolcraft College is hosting the Fourth Annual Electric Vehicle Show and Rally from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 9 on the college’s main campus in Livonia, Haggerty Road between 6 and 7 Mile roads.

The event, free and open to the public, is an opportunity for the public to see this new breed of cars up-close, talk to the owners, and go for a short ride in an EV with the owner driving.

The vehicles on display include Ford Motor Company’s Fusion, C-Max and Escape; Chevrolet Volt; Nissan’s Leaf; a Tesla Roadster; Fisker Karma Eco Sport and Eco Chic; Toyota Prius and Wayne State University’s EcoCAR 2 Team. Other vehicles on display will include Honda Civic Conversion, Chevy S10 PickUP Conversion, Escort Hybrid Conversion, Austin Healy Sprite and a wide variety of other gas-powered cars converted to electric, and those produced with EV kits.

Details on the Fourth Annual Electric Vehicle Show and Rally and the MFAA are available at [www.michiganevshow.org/](http://www.michiganevshow.org/).

Dancing Eye Gallery hosts local fabric artist for Northville’s Art Walk

Dancing Eye Gallery will be showcasing local fabric artist Melinda Curtis for Northville’s Art Walk on Friday, June 1.

Curtis will be presenting her latest designs. Curtis specializes in hand-dyed and hand-painted silk scarves and nuno felted materials. Her work primarily focuses on fabric design.

Having studied at Interlochen Arts Academy and the Cranbrook Schools, Curtis went on to study at the Art Institute of Chicago. Her traditional art classes and design instruction helped her appreciate the beauty of this new

art form, Curtis said.

The event is free and open to the public. Artist presentation begins at 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by open discussion. The Dancing Eye Gallery is located at 101 N. Center Street in downtown Northville.

Gold Awards for Scouts

Achievements worth their weight in gold were honored May 12 during a Girl Scout Gold Award ceremony at Eastern Michigan University. The following girls from the Northville area were among a total of 29 who received Gold Awards – the highest recognition given by Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan and its parent organization Girl Scouts USA: Emily Deng

Sierra Fish, Maria Gutowski, Kayla Hagen, Erica Halverson, Jennifer Jones, Megan McCrohan, Elisabeth Moore, Miranda Niemiec, Molly O’Sullivan, Sandra Pui and Kelly Wright. The award requires careful thought, dedication, and the ability to produce a successful outcome. The project is a culmination of what the girl has learned in Girl Scouts, and how she will apply that in future endeavors to make the world a better place. The award-worthy projects focused on everything from teaching senior citizens to become computer literate to creating a dog agility course for a local humane society.

Heise sponsoring town hall on local and state transportation issues

Area residents can learn more about a variety of transportation issues affecting western Wayne County at a special town hall meeting sponsored by Rep. Kurt Heise (R-Plymouth) on from 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, June 4 in Plymouth Township, 9955 N. Haggerty Road.

Topics will include the state budget involving transportation, Gov. Rick Snyder’s statewide transportation initiative and the governor’s proposal on mass transit for southeast Michigan. Heise has invited Rep. Paul Opsommer, chair of the House Transportation Committee, to attend the meeting as well as a Michigan Department of Transportation official.

“Our roads and infrastructure are so important to southeast Michigan residents, and the town hall will give people a chance to learn more about latest developments at the Capitol,” said Heise.

Contact Heise’s office at 1-855-REP-KURT with any questions. There is no need to RSVP to the event.



Steve Frazer and Peter Hubbard at Rural Hill Cemetery where Pete and his team located, cleaned and documented 469 VFW grave markers.

Troop 903’s small but prolific in building Eagle Scouts

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Correspondent

Northville’s Boy Scout Troop 903 might be smaller than the others, but that doesn’t mean it’s not as productive, especially when it comes to producing Eagle Scouts.

Since 1988, Troop 903 has produced over 30 Eagle Scouts. Parent and scout leader Paul Hubbard said the 903 has always been fine representatives for the community. The troop is sponsored by the VFW Post 4012.

“Able and capable,” is how Hubbard describes the troop.

One of the highlights for 903 was when brothers Eric, Michael and Kevin Pasquale all achieved the Eagle Scout rank together in 2008.

The most recent Eagle recognition for the troop went to Kyle Gutowski, 18, in January. Last year he painted two rooms at Our Lady of Victory as part of his leadership project.

However, it’s not just painting that earns one an Eagle -- it’s years of work and dedication. At least 21 merit badges must be earned, and then there’s the all important leadership project. This is where a scout gets to demonstrate his skills at directing, scheduling and completing an improvement assignment. For all of them, though, it started when they first joined the scouts.

“It was seven years of moving up in the ranks and staying committed,” Eric Pasquale said. “Because of the time put in it means a lot to achieve the Eagle Scout rank.”

Many of the final projects conducted by 903 scouts took up to 300 man hours to complete. Their work can be seen in places like Mill Race Village and Rural Hill cemetery.

“It’s a process that takes a lot of learning, planning and work,” said Gutowski, a student at Kettering University. “To become an Eagle Scout you have to set about working toward it earlier on, and really it’s an accumulation of all those years.”

Guidance from their leaders and parents has played a big part in 903 successes. Eagle Scout Randy Rosselle said their leaders were always encouraging and helpful, giving them a sense of what it means to reach the rank. Many political and military leaders were Eagle Scouts, and it certainly looks good on a college application.

However, most of all it’s the learning experience the scouts take from their time in working toward it.

“To be a good leader you need to sacrifice time and energy,” said Peter Hubbard, who achieved the rank in 2010. “But it’s all worth it when you achieve the goal that you set out to do.”



A few of the Old timers (l to r): Hal Wright, Dave Longridge and Bernie Bach.

Old Timers lunch set for June 11

By **Julie Brown**  
Staff Writer

This year’s Old Timers luncheon will be Monday, June 11, at Genitti’s on Main Street in Northville. The social time will be 11 a.m., lunch at 11:30 a.m.

“It’s a fun time,” said Dave Longridge of Northville Township, involved in the annual event six-seven years. “It gets the people to gather to renew old acquaintances. It goes back 13 years.”

Dick Ambler, who recently passed away, was a key organizer at the start.

“There’ll probably be some type of recognition” of him this year, Longridge

said. “He was the driving force behind it.”

You can call Genitti’s at (248) 349-0522 to let them know you’ll attend or show up that day.

“It’ll be some type of Italian fare,” said Longridge, noting lunch is \$15.

The attendees like to find out how everyone is, “just renew old acquaintances.” It’s mostly a social event for those who’ve called Northville home a long time. There’s no discrimination and women have attended, although it’s primarily a men’s event.

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**HOTTUM, JANET C.**  
Age 62, passed May 21, 2012. Memorial held at a later date. PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



**HUBBERT, GORDON FREDERICK SR.**  
Age 90, of Charlotte, formerly of Cedarville, MI (U.P.), died Thursday, May 24, 2012. Mr. Hubbert was born January 6, 1922, in Downers Grove, IL, the son of Foster George and Sadie Louise (Reideler) Hubbert. He loved the out-of-doors, including boating, hunting and camping. Mr. Hubbert served in the U.S. Navy and was aboard a destroyer in the Pacific during WWII. He enjoyed his naval reunions, and was a life member of VFW Post 7958 of Hessel, MI. He was also a life member of Les Cheneaux Lions Club where he was a recipient of the Melvin Jones Award. Upon his retirement from industrial business, they moved to their home in the Upper Peninsula. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Elizabeth; children, Gordon Hubbert, Jr., of Alabama, Susan Louise Bosak of Plymouth, and Robert W. (Dianne) Hubbert of Northville; 7 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; sister Carol Rowe and brother Wayne (Joanne) Hubbert. He was predeceased by his grandson James Gordon Bosak, brother Douglas Hubbert, and daughter-in-law Sally Hubbert. Cremation has already taken place and a private family memorial will be held at a later date in Northville, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Les Cheneaux Lions Club Scholarship in Cedarville, MI, or the St. Mary Building Fund in Charlotte. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

**KLENK, RONALD J.**  
Age 71, of South Lyon, passed away 05/21/12. Funeral Mass was held 5/25/12 at St. Joseph Catholic Church.  
[www.casterlinefuneralhome.com](http://www.casterlinefuneralhome.com)

**MCCOLLOUGH, ELSIE L.**  
Age 89, of Highland; passed away peacefully on May 21, 2012. Elsie was a long time and dedicated, faithful servant of the Lord in many different ways. She loved cooking for her family and friends and was an avid gardener. Devoted wife of 57 years to Lewis D. McCollough, preceding her in death on October 12, 1998; beloved mother of Dr. Dan (Victory) McCollough, Dennis (Jeanne) McCollough, Linda (Paul) Peterson, Dr. Kathy (Tom) Brittingham, Dorothy (Dale) Miller, Brenda (Dave) Adkins, and Janice (Keith) Davis; proud grandmother of 15 and great-grandmother of 20. Mrs. McCollough was preceded in death by two grandchildren Robert Lewis and Thomas. The funeral service was Wednesday, May 23, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. at the Elton Black & Son Funeral Home, Highland. Interment was at Highland Cemetery, Highland.

Please visit:  
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**MICALLEF, Patricia**  
Of Port Richey, FL., May 21, 2012, surrounded by her family. She was 71. For further info please call 248-684-6645 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)

**RODAK, FLORENCE L.**  
Age 85, passed away May 25, 2012. She was born on September 19, 1926 in Detroit, daughter of the late Martin and Frances Baldas. Florence was a dedicated member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and was known for her philanthropy with the Felician Sisters of Livonia. She will be remembered as being a loving wife, mother and grandmother and for her strong and abiding faith. She is survived by her beloved husband Melvin of 23 years, her loving children, Donna Carbajal and James (Karen) Mrowka, her grandchildren, Candice, Kelli, Kimberly, Eric, Michelle and Marissa. She is also survived by her great granddaughter, Alexis. Visitation was held Tuesday, May 29 with Rosary prayed at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, May 30 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. She will be laid to rest in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Felician Sisters, 36800 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150. Online Guestbook [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

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## NEWSMAKERS

## Robert Griffith awarded the Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver Award

Two adult leaders who are members of Troop 755 – Robert Griffith and William Phillips – received one of the highest awards in Scouting in recognition for their years of service to the Northville community. (Phillips' award was featured in last week's Northville Record.)

Griffith, an assistant scoutmaster of Troop 755, received the award for more than 25 years of service to Troop 755. His many efforts include participating in the 1985 and 1989 National Jamborees; helping lead five Canadian canoe trips; teaching and mentoring boys at 25 summer camps; and assisting on trips to Isle



Robert Griffith

Royale and the Porcupine Mountains. In addition, Griffith plays a key role with in the troop as the official liaison representative to First Presbyterian Church of Northville, the troop's sponsoring organization.

"Scouting builds good citizenship with traditional values based on the Scout Oath and Law," said Griffith, the father of an Eagle Scout. "It provides unique, healthy alternatives to young men today, and teaches skills they will utilize throughout their lives."

The Silver Beaver award was established in 1931 and is presented for distinguished service to young people within the local Boy Scouts of America Council. It is the highest award presented by a local council. A recipient must be a registered adult member of the Boy Scouts of America.

Phillips and Griffith received their awards at a special recognition dinner

held on May 17 at the Novi Sheraton. The nationally recognized Court of Honor was held by the Great Lakes Council of Boy Scouts of America.

## Botsford honors Amy Osterman

Amy Osterman, RN, a surgical nurse at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills, has been selected as a recipient of a Botsford Hospital 2012 Safety Excellence Award. The award recognizes employees' contributions to the hospital's safety initiatives. Safety is a pillar on which Botsford has built its clinical care.

Osterman, a resident of Chesterfield,



Amy Osterman

was recognized for improving safety for pediatric patients. While working in the Postoperative Recovery Unit, she observed that there were no specific admission and discharge processes to pair young pediatric patients with their parents or legal guardians. A child received an armband upon admission; however, the parent did not. Osterman developed an admission process that gives matching ID bands to both a pediatric patient and his or her parent or legal guardian. At discharge, the nurse compares the two armbands and releases the child to the proper adult.

She not only identified the potential risk of not having a clear process, but also took the initiative to develop the process.

Osterman collaborated with coworkers and management to create and implement this solution.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Hot town, summer in the city

Find out why downtown Northville's the place to be

Summer does not officially begin until June 21, but downtown Northville is already in full swing with an extensive schedule of activities that will make the hottest months very, very cool indeed.

The 'season' really kicked off with the opening of the Farmers' Market a few weeks ago. Sponsored by the Northville Chamber of Commerce, this is not your typical market. True, there is fresh produce to purchase every Thursday in the Northville Downs parking lot, but there are also "Chefs at the Market" sessions with local chefs demonstrating cooking techniques and providing recipes and samples; over 125 Michigan-grown and made products; food service; and numerous events that make this a very unique market.

Last Friday, Genitti's hole-in-the-wall hosted the preliminary round for the Fourth Annual Talent for the Title competition, but tomorrow night is the big show-down in Town Square. The local take on the American Idol concept is a huge draw – and a great opportunity to show off the exceptional talents of this community.

Tomorrow also happens to be the 'First Friday', which means participating galleries, shops and restaurants extend their hours, offering complimentary hors d'oeuvres and drinks to downtown browsers.

Each Friday now through August, the stage in Town Square features a wide variety of great musical acts from 7-9 p.m. on the gazebo stage. From blues to classic rock, Americana to Motown, these free concerts pack downtown, so get there early if you want a good seat. The kids get their own concerts there on June 19 and 26 with the popular Tunes on Tuesdays morning series.

Of course, what would summer be without a festival? Not many communities do them better than Northville, but you don't have to wait until September for the popular Victorian Festival. The annual Arts & Acts event is set for June 22-24, and it looks to be better than ever. A few years ago the Art in the Sun fest was expanded, and now includes the Sandbox Play Festival, Reel Michigan Film Festival, more great live music and the Short on Words writing contest in addition to over 75 juried artists displaying their work in the streets of downtown.

So come on! Put down the remote, turn off the video games and come downtown. Northville is a happening, hip and hot spot – be a part of it (and spread the word).

## Buckle up on roads

Whether driving through town or jumping on the expressway for your morning commute, cars are a way of life for Novi and Northville residents.

And if the daily grind isn't enough, summer vacations are right around the corner and plenty of families will be heading to other parts of our state and beyond.

We hope everyone who sits behind the wheel reaches their destination. A great first step to do that is to fasten your seat belt whenever you get in a vehicle.

Michigan State Police officials say seat belts are the most effective way to save your life in a traffic crash.

It's also the law. Getting caught without your seat belt could cost you a \$65 ticket.

Utilizing federal funds, about 160 law enforcement agencies across the state ramped up enforcement of seat belt violations, including the metro Detroit counties, during the Click It or Ticket campaign that runs through June 3.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### We asked Northville High School graduating seniors: What will you miss most about high school?



"I'm going to miss all my friends because I won't be able to see them as much as I do now."

**Mackenzie Powers**  
Northville



"I'm going to miss the people, having friends to say 'hi' to in the hallway."

**Taji Totonji**  
Northville



"Just all the people and my friends."

**Luke Dodge**  
Northville



"The memories, having a bunch of friends and those long summer nights."

**Jerry John**  
Northville

## LETTERS

### Danger at Eight Mile, Center

We have lived in the area for 12 years and have heard of at least four accidents at the intersection of Eight Mile and Center Street. Two of them involved neighbors of ours, and last week we saw a flipped over Jeep Cherokee that was hit by another car.

Something has to be done to eliminate this frequency of accidents at this site. First of all, the road conditions are a mess. With the amount of filled-in potholes, there is no way a braking car can grip the road at this point as it bounces around like a rubber ball. If the road cannot be fixed, at the very least, install signal warning signs as the ones at the intersection of Eight Mile and Taft so drivers can be aware of a changing light and not race to get through.

In addition, the speed limit should be reduced to 30 from Taft to Novi. With Amerman and Hillside being there, along with many residential streets emptying onto it, it makes sense to slow down the traffic that is just passing through. Something must be done before any more accidents, or fatalities, occur.

**Mike Beliasov**  
Northville

### All Night Party kudos

On behalf of the Novi High School Senior All Night Party, we would like to express our thanks for all of the generous donations provided by businesses and individuals. Without your support, this event would not be possible. Please join us for a community walk-through at the high school to see the exciting environment you are helping provide. The walk-through will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 2

**Novi High School Senior All Night Party Committee**  
Class of 2012

### End deficit spending

Mitt Romney's first day as president, like that of Barack Obama's, will see Romney facing an inherited deficit in excess of \$1 trillion that will require massive change in current law and policy to ever be significantly reduced.

To eliminate deficit spending as Romney has promised beginning on day one, he must address the current drivers of deficit and debt. Among those identified by economists are the Bush tax cuts, Medicare Part D, two wars of dubious necessity and reduced tax revenues due to unemployment and a stagnant economy, curiously all products of the Bush administration.

To complete the picture, add the increased costs of "automatic stabilizers" brought on by the Bush recession; programs like TANF, UI, SNAP and Medicare, none of which was passed by Obama. Each of these has many more recipients now because the ravages of the Bush recession have caused many more to fall into or very near to poverty by losing income or seeing an increase in family size.

Addressing Obama spending within the deficit, however, will be only a tiny part of the entire puzzle, since a recent article in the *Wall Street Journal-Market Watch* revealed President Obama has

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achieved the lowest increase in new spending over the last 60 years (1.4 percent over 3-plus years) for a presidential administration, laying to rest the Republican myth of an out-of-control "spending spree." To be clear, almost all of the deficit and much of the accrued corresponding debt have as their origin the legislation and policies of the Bush administration.

Romney's plans to deal with the deficits and the economy is increasing tax cuts for the wealthy by a whopping 20 percent and increasing already bloated defense spending. Neither has been shown to stimulate the economy, increase jobs or cut deficits as demonstrated during the Bush years.

Application of unspecified, nebulous cuts that Romney says he will make to offset costs won't be anywhere near enough to ward off a dramatic increase in the deficit and debt, many economists say. However, his proposed Draconian cuts in specific areas according to some experts may cost an additional two million jobs by further driving middle-class demand into the ditch.

For one who touts himself as an "expert" in business affairs, I certainly expected at least an upgrade in the quality of the debate but it appears, tragically, Mitt Romney thinks the solutions are the causes. Mitt's evaluation of the state of affairs and his proposed remedies demonstrate he is either incompetent and his Bain experiences did little to prepare him to run a national economy, or he is disingenuous, or both.

**Mitch Smith**  
Canton

### Help wanted

For the past two years, several military veteran organizations, dog clubs and area residents have come together to restore a forgotten War Dog Memorial/Pet Cemetery located at Milford and 11 Mile roads, two miles south of I-96. We will continue our efforts until we have brought this hallowed ground back to its original condition. I can't think of a more fitting way to honor these fallen K-9 soldiers that saved so many lives than to ensure their legacies and sacrifices by cleaning up

and maintaining their resting place.

On Saturday, May 19, 11 a.m. we will start this year's cleanup day. We need lawn mowers, weed whackers, racks, wheelbarrows and chain saws.

To enable us to continue our efforts, funding is needed. Your generous contribution would be greatly appreciated. To make a contribution send to: AMVETS-Post 2006, PO Box 48, Highland, MI 48357. Tag check for "War Dog Memorial Fund."

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Phil Weitlauf**

War Dog Memorial/Pet Cemetery  
Restoration Team project director

### Attacking religious freedom

President Obama has no respect for religious liberty nor for our U.S. Constitution. This November, the American people need to wake up and vote Obama out of office. Not only have his economic policies been an utter failure in not stimulating the economy, but his attack on religious liberty and in particular the Catholic church has been relentless.

There are important items that Americans need to know in regards to Obama's Health and Human Services Mandate on telling every religious institution that there must be mandatory coverage of contraceptives, sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs.

- The mandate does not exempt Catholic charities, schools, universities or hospitals

- The mandate forces these institutions and others, against their conscience, to pay for things they consider immoral

- The mandate forces coverage of sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs and devices as well as contraception

- People of all political persuasions are unified in their opposition to the mandate

- The federal mandate is much stricter than existing state mandates
- Many people, religious and secular groups, have spoken out in opposition to the mandate.

When the Bill of Rights was ratified, religious freedom had the distinction of being the First Amendment. It is part of our American heritage and our most cherished freedom. If we are not free in our conscience and our practice of religion, then all other freedoms can be taken away. We can no longer claim to be the land of the free if government takes our right to worship and practice our faith according to one's conscience.

Our religious freedom is under attack by the Obama administration, so I urge my fellow Americans to vote for the Republican nominee and get Obama out of the White House.

The First Amendment as stated in the Constitution:

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

**Jeff Schubert**  
Livonia

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## NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

### Breaking and Entering

**1** A rental property on Maxwell Road was broken into, but the time frame of its occurrence is unknown.

According to the police report, on May 6 the property owner reported to police that a mower and chainsaw were taken from the location in the 19000 block of Maxwell. There was no lock on the storage shed.

Police have no suspects.

### Animal complaint resolved

**2** A missing dog was most likely placed back into its owner's hands after a Northville man called police about a dog following him on a walk.

On May 12, police received a call about a white and tan Chihuahua. The caller, a 39-year-old Northville man, said the dog was following him and his wife as they were walking along on Woodhill Drive. The police picked up the dog at the man's home in the 20600 block of Lexington Boulevard and later took it to the Westland Humane Society.

Later on the police department received a call from the possible owner, a 12-year-old girl. She gave a description matching the dog and police told her father where they could find the dog.

### Larceny?

**3** A Northville man reported to police that some jewelry had been stolen from his residence, but police think it may have been misplaced.

On May 13, the 66-

year-old man reported to police of the missing items (a high school ring, plain gold wedding band and a pair of gold cuff links) from his home in the 46000 block of Elmsmere Drive. These items total out to be over \$1,000. The man had been packing for a move at the time of the report.

He thought they may have been stolen in early April by someone looking at the house when it was up for sale. The police asked if he thought the items may have been misplaced.

Later on the man told police he had found the wedding ring, but the others were still missing.

### OWI-second offense

**4** A Detroit woman was arrested for drunken driving after police spotted her vehicle swerving on 7 Mile Road.



On May 8, Northville Township Police spotted the 23-year-old woman driving erratically and pulled her over at the Haggerty Road intersection.

According to the report, the woman was slurring her speech while answering questions. Because of that she was asked to perform the field sobriety tests, which she had trouble doing.

The preliminary breathalyzer test registered .210 percent blood-alcohol content. After she was placed in handcuffs, police discovered an open bottle of cognac inside the vehicle that was over half empty.

**Larceny from auto**

**5** Northville Township police caught two thieves after a Northville woman called the department to report two suspects were inside her vehicle.

The 40-year-old Northville woman called police on May 10. Police responded to her residence in the 41300 block of Leidel Court and were able to track the suspects down and detain them. They were both 19-year-olds, one from South Lyon and the other from Northville. They had in their possession the stolen property as well as items connected to several other cases.

Items they had taken included a GPS, IPOD and knife. In addition, a search of the suspect vehicle had turned up a package of "K2" which is a synthetic drug.

Compiled by correspondent  
Lonnie Huhman

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The Northville High School marching band — and its color guard — marched in Monday's parade.

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# Northville loves a Memorial Day parade



Adam Farkas, 9, marches with the American Flag in Monday's Northville Memorial Day Parade.



Marlene Klutchko and her son Josh, 9, applaud as service members march past during Northville's May 28 Memorial Day Parade.



The color guard from Northville's VFW marches along Main Street in Northville during its May 28 Memorial Day Parade. A good-sized crowd turned out in the heat and humidity that morning to appreciate the service to America by its armed forces.



While waiting for Monday's parade, Avery Cipa, 4, leaps off a planter along Main Street.

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# Barnes acrylic art painting wins first in “Artistic Expressions” exhibit

Award-winning artist Martha Barnes, of Northville, took first place in the 2012 VAAL Spring Art Exhibit, “Artistic Expressions”. Juror Judy Wolfe, of Eastern Michigan, awarded first prize to Barnes for her acrylic art painting of a blazing home, “A Controlled Burn”.

Barnes stated that she photographed the image while on a recent trip to Oregon. A fire department there was conducting a training of firemen. The burning house was destroyed and replaced by a new one. After taking several photographs, she decided to paint the scene.

Barnes has been painting for about 50 years. Oils and watercolor are two other mediums she works in and she has taught classes in oil and acrylics in the past. Her favorite subjects are still life and landscape. She has studied with Maxine Masterfield and Nita Engle.

Barnes says, “her claim to fame”, occurred many years ago when the magazine “Modern Maturity” (now called AARP) held a contest in which 10,000



“A Controlled Burn” won Martha Barnes first place in the 2012 VAAL Spring Art Exhibit, “Artistic Expressions”.

art works were entered. She was one of the top winners.

Those receiving honorable mention included Northville’s Barbara Eko Murphy for “Music Man”, charcoal pastel, and Nancy Savage for “Yellow Crested Night Heron Chick”.

A special reception honoring the winners and artists will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 7 at the Fine Arts Gallery. The reception is open to the public.

The VAAL art exhibit will be shown at the Civic Center Library, 33000 Civic Center Drive, (on

5 Mile, east of Farmington Road). The show will be open from June 3-28. The Fine Arts Gallery is on the second floor and the exhibit can be viewed during regular library hours. For more information call (734) 838-1204 or check out the VAAL website at [www.vaalart.org](http://www.vaalart.org)

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**Bible study classes:** 10 a.m. for all ages  
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# Grandparents mentor Wayne County juveniles

When Clarese Studevant retired as a prosecutor from the 36th District Court in 2001, she knew her work with the community could not end there. So now, she spends a few days a week sharing her life experiences at the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility (JDF) in hopes of impacting a young person at a crossroads.

For Studevant, whose real age has evolved into a guessing game amongst young female detainees, volunteering is a good way to make a difference and stay connected to her youth.

“My two children are now grown but I still have a lot of love to give. And plus, these kids keep me young,” she said.

With over 200 senior volunteers, the Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) works directly with the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility to provide a sense of comfort, familiarity, and structure to troubled adolescents in an effort to reshape their future.

Currently about 12 grandparents are assigned exclusively to the Wayne County JDF -- two grandfathers and 10 grandmothers. Screened by Catholic Social Services of Wayne County



Foster grandparent Fredrick Lowery shares a laugh with young program participants and a guard at the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility.

in accordance with state guidelines for child-care institutions, FGP volunteers devote all of their service entire-

ly towards disadvantaged or disabled youth. The program provides an array of functions such as, educational tutoring, life support through mentoring and companionship through lunch and dinner sharing. Many foster grandparents even attend gym hour to encourage more physical exercise.

Detainees, who are 11 to 17 years old, typically spend about 10 days at the Wayne County JDF while pending completion of court proceedings. The Foster Grandparent Program, which has been around for about a decade, has helped thousands of troubled youth in the juvenile system tackle a number of topics ranging from anger and grief, to affection and self-worth.

For Fredrick Lowery, 70, from Detroit, the program is a “good way to show young men the right way to treat and respect women.”

### INTERESTED?

Seniors interested in volunteering with the Foster Grandparent Program can contact Catholic Social Services of Wayne County, a not for profit organization, directly at (313) 883-7762.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, a strong supporter of the program, knows firsthand from his days as Wayne County Sheriff of the positive affect mentors can have in a juvenile detention setting.

“With an influx of almost 4,000 detainees per year, programs such as the FGP provide essential and additional one-on-one services to both the general population, as well as our intensive mental health units, further assisting in the overall development and rehabilitation of many of our residents,” said Ficano.

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## Canton foundation receives grant to form college access network, more school participation sought

The Canton Community Foundation has been awarded a grant from the Michigan College Access Network to create an association of corporate, educational and nonprofit leaders to develop programming to increase college access for local students.

The Canton foundation is one of seven organizations or communities awarded an \$8,000 planning grant to get the new Western Wayne Local College Access Network (LCAN) up and running. It will create programming to prepare students for higher education and to increase the number of students who attend and complete college or other post-secondary educational institution.

The Lansing-based MCAN announced the grant awards at the end of March. MCAN has a goal of increasing postsecondary education in Michigan to 60 percent by 2025.

The Western Wayne LCAN will stretch from Northville to the Van Buren area. The foundation continues to build the leadership team and is seeking participation from the Northville, Livonia and Plymouth-Canton school districts. The team already includes representatives from the Van Buren, South Redford, Clarenceville and Garden City school districts.

The leadership team includes Schoolcraft College, the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and Dearborn and Madonna University, as well as Eastern Michigan University and Henry Ford Community College. The foundation is also contacting area businesses and corporations to join the effort.

“The real purpose is to create an educated and skilled workforce in Michigan to compete in the global economy,” said Joan Noricks, Canton Commu-

nity Foundation president. “Increasing the number of residents who are college-educated or are certified in skilled trades will only serve to give the state a competitive economic edge.”

The Western Wayne LCAN will focus its efforts on low-income students, students of color and first-generation students.

The LCAN will begin its planning process by assessing local gaps in preparing students for higher education. When these gaps are identified, the leadership team will develop programs and activities to help students and their parents prepare for and complete college or other educational institutions, such as trade schools.

“Local college access networks play a critical role in helping build and sustain a vibrant economy in Michigan,” said Brandy Johnson, MCAN director. “By developing a local network, the community works together in identifying current assets and gaps to ensure they are building a strong and highly successful college access strategy.”

MCAN awarded 15 communities a total of \$373,000 to support college access and success efforts. In addition to the seven planning grants, MCAN awarded another eight communities with startup grants ranging from \$30,000 to \$50,000 to begin implementation of a college access strategy.

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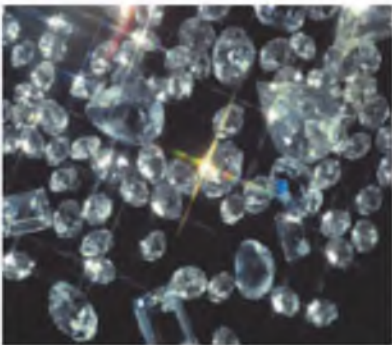
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Mustangs second baseman Scott Matthews, left, makes a tag against Spartans baserunner Cody Coleman during Northville's May 16 visit to Livonia Stevenson.

# Mustangs have high and low to end regular season

## Squad wins conference, bows to Brighton in KLAA tilt

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

It was a bit of a roller coaster ride for the Northville Mustangs baseball team to end the regular season.

The team first hit the highs as they ran away with a conference championship against the Plymouth Wildcats, 4-1, and then ended the week with a low as they fell to Brighton, 7-2, in the KLAA title game.

"It was not our best effort as we struggled on both the offensive and defensive ends," said Kostrzewa of the game against Brighton.

The Mustangs did take an early lead in the first inning, 1-0, as Matt Satterfield crossed home plate on a two-out single to right field by Matt Stojkov.

Brighton bounced back, however, scoring five in the third and adding another in the fourth for a 6-1 lead.

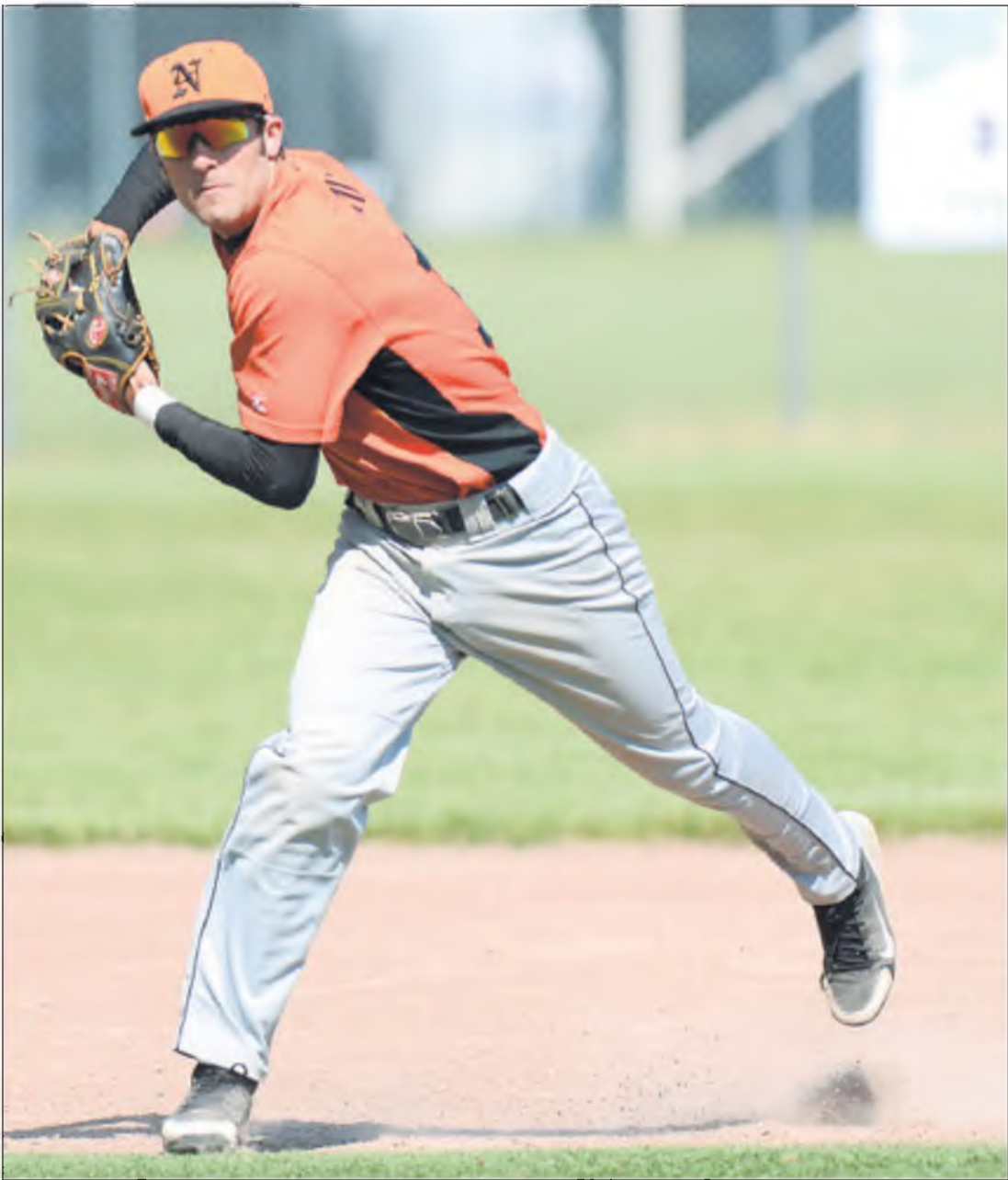
Northville started to show some momentum in the sixth inning with back-to-back singles by Stojkov and Jeff Gertly, followed by a RBI double by Trevor Maresh, but the rally stalled and the inning came to a close, 6-2. Brighton added a final run in the sixth to make it 7-2.

"Credit Brighton for having great at-bats during their third inning five-run rally," said Kostrzewa. "They put pressure on us all day offensively and we just didn't match their intensity on the offensive or defensive ends."

Northville finished the regular season with a 28-4 record and collected the Central Division and the Kensington Conference titles.

### Northville 4, Plymouth 1

In the Kensington Conference championship game, Northville scored two in the first inning and one each in the third and fifth innings to secure the crown. Plymouth's



Mustang Connor Smith winds up for a throw to first after scooping up a grounder during Northville's May 16 visit to Livonia Stevenson.

lone run came in the third inning after a leadoff triple and a passed ball.

Stojkov struck out nine and gave up three hits in the championship effort while the Northville bats collected nine hits on the day. Brandon Patrone led the way to the title with a pair of doubles and two runs batted in

while Stojkov had a RBI double and Maresh had a RBI single.

"Overall it was a great way to end conference and division play," reflected Kostrzewa. "We went undefeated in the conference and reached the team's second goal, which was winning the conference championship."

### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs baseball team was scheduled to be in the district tournament Tuesday after the sports section went to print. Look in next week's edition for results from that contest.

# Northville soccer team wins first KLAA title

## Squad shuts out Hartland for crown

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs girls soccer team has plenty to celebrate this year — and that's just from the results of the regular season.

The girls, coached by Eric Brucker, collected not only a division and a conference title this year and remained undefeated throughout the season, but they tacked on their first-ever KLAA championship last week.

That icing on the cake came in the form of a 2-0 shutout against a tough Hartland Eagles team.

"Hats off to Hartland," said

Brucker. "They are a well-coached team that showed that they deserved to represent the

### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs soccer team was slated to begin postseason play after the Northville Record went to print. Look in next week's edition for complete details.

Lakes conference. We put together another solid outing. The defense led by Kiki Hilmer limited the Eagles to only eight total shot; none of them on target in the second half. Our midfield did a great job of transitioning out of our defense third and getting the ball to our target players. Our offense did a great job in taking advantage of the scoring opportunities that we created."

With the sun beating down and the temperatures climbing above 80 degrees, the Mustangs went to work on the road against the Eagles and found themselves taking a 1-0 lead with just 12 minutes off the clock in the first half. Senior Jenni Borawski played a long, lofted ball deep into the Hartland zone where it was picked up by senior Mallorey Weber and promptly passed to sprinting sophomore Megan Buckingham. The sophomore cut inside the first defender and fired home a rocket past the outstretched hands of the Hartland goalie for a 1-0 advantage.

The score remained stagnant into halftime and until the 45th minute when Weber received a pass from Northville's back line, turned toward the Hartland defense and played the ball forward to junior Emily Bush. Weber trailed the pass through the center of the field and was rewarded with a give-and-go return pass from Bush, which she took inside the defensive zone and deposited the ball just inside the near post for the score and the 2-0 final.

Northville climbed to 16-0-4 on the season with the victory, which was preserved by junior Kiki Hilmer in goal for the Mustangs.

# Northville netters looks to state finals

## Squad has division, conference, association and regional crowns this year

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs girls tennis team has a big weekend ahead of them as they travel to Midland to play in the Division I state finals.

The squad, coached by Sandy Woolfall, will be looking to qualify as many netters for the second day of competition as possible as they face off against the toughest teams in the state.

### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs tennis team will play in the state finals this weekend in Midland.

"The state tournament is always about how well we do with the draw," said Woolfall after the regional tournament. "I'm hoping to get seeds in a few of the flights which would greatly help our chances in the tournament."

There will be plenty of talent for the girls to play against. Port Huron Northern, a team that beat Northville in a dual meet earlier this year, is the top-ranked team in Michigan this year. Clarkston is ranked second while Grosse Pointe South is third.

Northville is no slouch, however, having an eight-place ranking from the pundits as they enter the

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Mustang Daniel Romano scrimmages against Marion High on May 23.



Mustang Alex Jeannotte scrimmages on May 23 — getting ready for Northville’s run into the playoffs.

### TENNIS

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tournament. Rival Novi is ranked ninth right now. Northville’s final line-up of the year is chock full of talent. Erin Doud maintained her spot as the top singles player this season while Danielle Romano plays No. 2 singles and Paige ball and Alex Jeannotte are third and fourth, respectively. Mackenzie Powers and Claudia Ma are at No. 1 doubles while Elizabeth Sakorafis and Jordan Hermiz are at No. 2 doubles. Chloe Page and partner Nicole Khamis are the third-double duo while Val Trupiano and Shannon Williams are at fourth doubles and Rachel Crittenden and Ally Kozerski play at fifth doubles.

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## NORTHVILLE SPORTS BRIEFS

### Mustang girls basketball camp

The Northville girls basketball staff will hold a camp June 25-28 at the Northville High School Gym. The camp is open to all girls in Grades 2 to 8, as of the 2011-2012 school year. It will teach basketball fundamentals, including drills, games and contests. It runs from 9 a.m. to noon each day, and the cost is \$110. Registrations should be submitted by June 8.

### Mustangs boys basketball team outlines accolades

The Northville Mustangs boys varsity basketball team earned a slew of individual accolades for players this year and, as a team, finished ninth in the state for Class A schools for team GPA with a 3.55 cumulative grade-point average.

Individuals earning recognition were: Jeff Gertley (All-Conference, All-Area First Team, Detroit Free Press All-West Honorable Mention, Detroit News All-West Honorable Mention), Jeff Hewlett (All-Conference Honorable Mention, All-Area Honorable Mention, Detroit Free Press All-West Honorable Mention), Brett MacDonald (All-Conference, All-Area Second Team, Detroit Free Press All-West Second Team, Detroit News All-West Honorable Mention), Andrew Meacham (All-Area Second Team) and Andrew Poterala (All-Area Honorable Mention).

### Girls softball registration

Northville Parks and Recreation Softball (NBSA) registration has started for girls ages 5-17 years with a new format.

Northville Softball Association has teamed up with the Livonia Softball Association to create an exciting new experience for softball players — one league with two divisions offering inter-league play (beginning at age 10). In addition, there are exciting changes that will be made for all age groups, including new uniforms, improved fields, umpires for all age groups; championship games; and machine pitch beginning at age 6 (girls pitch begins at age 10).

### Northville bowling rounds off season

The Northville boys and girls bowl-

ing teams finished up their season with a seventh place finish at the state meet for the girls' varsity squad. The team and coach Jerry Harris also raised funds for Northville Civic Concern through their annual all night Bowl-a-Thon event. Captains Darren Meredith, Brittany Browers, Adam Zimmer, Esha Bedi, Ashley Schiffer and Sami Sugiyama, presented the charity with a check for \$1,500 at the final home match of the season.

### Mustang boys basketball camp

Boys entering Grades 4 to 9 in the fall semester of 2012 can attend the Northville High School Boys Summer Basketball Camp. It is planned from July 9-12 and will include fundamental skills of basketball, taught by the Northville High School coaching staff and players. The camp is from 9 a.m. to noon each day and costs \$110. Registration by June 22 is requested.

### CC alum gets scholar-athlete award

A Detroit Catholic Central graduate is making a name for himself on the collegiate golf scene. J.J. Szmazdzinski of Northville is a junior at Bucknell University in Pennsylvania, and has just been voted the 2012 Patriot League Men's Golf Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Szmazdzinski earned the honor by not only posting the Bucknell golf team's best scoring average last season — a 76.3 stroke average — but also carrying a 3.9 GPA in his academic program. He's pursuing a degree in management, and has been a member each semester on the university's dean's list and academic honor roll.

He's been regularly excelling on the team, shooting 79-75-74 to finish in a tie for 19th place at the recent Patriot League Championship. His two best rounds of the year have been an even-par 70 at the Bucknell Invitational and an even-par 72 at the Joe Agee William & Mary Invitational.

Besides the individual honor, Szmazdzinski also was chosen as one of the five-man Academic All-Patriot League Team for golf.

Bucknell is one of eight school members of the league; the others are Colgate, Holy Cross, Lehigh, Lafayette, Army, Navy and American University.

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# Mustangs drop two big games

## Softball team falls in conference title match, association crossover

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

It was a tough week for the Northville Mustangs softball team as they took a loss in the conference title against a young but powerful Plymouth squad before falling in their KLAAs crossover game against Hartland.

But, as any coach would say, it's better to lose at the end of the regular season than in the beginning of the playoffs when one loss means the season is over.

The Mustangs' bid for the Kensington Conference championship fell short, 5-1, against a tough Plymouth team.

Northville opened the scoring in the third inning off the impeccable running of senior Jennifer Buckingham, who reached first on an error; stole both second and third base and then crossed home plate off a base hit to left field by senior Carly Oosten.

The lead last just long

**ON TAP**

The Northville Mustangs softball team was scheduled to play in the district tournament Tuesday after the Northville Record went to print. Details will be available in next week's edition.

enough for Plymouth to get up to bat, however, and they tied it in the fourth inning, 1-1, before scoring four more runs in the fifth — including a three-run home run off the bad of Bri Giordano.

Northville picked up just three hits on the day with Laura Pond cranking out a double and Rachel Deacon and Oosten collecting a hit each.

Pond allowed five hits in the game and struck out three.

**Hartland 1, Northville 0**

It's always a tough day



Mustang #2 is out a third as Livonia Stevenson Spartan #8 gets the force-out throw during the teams' May 16 game.

when you end up on the wrong side of a single-run victory that came about as the result of a pitching duel.

The Mustangs found themselves in that situation last week when

they took on the Hartland Eagles in an association crossover game that matched the second-place teams from the Kensington and Lakes conferences against one another.

The game remained

tied, 0-0, throughout the first five innings as Pond and Hartland's Abbie Minsker threw shutout innings on their way to a true showcase of ball control and discipline. When all was said and done,



Mustang #15 winds up during a game at Livonia Stevenson on May 16.

however, it took just one run to seal the victory and that came in the six off of two Northville errors and a RBI single by Minsker to score the winning run.

Pond threw a one-hit game while whiffing 11 batters. Minsker allowed two hits and struck out nine.

Buckingham and Micaela Petrucci each collected hits in the game.

# Northville boys lacrosse wins playoff opener

## Squad cruises past University of Detroit-Jesuit High School

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

It was the kind of game any fan, coach and player should be proud of — and the Northville Mustangs are definitely proud.

The squad, coached by Greg Durham, earned a huge win in the first round of the MHSAA playoffs last week, toppling University of Detroit Jesuit High School, 15-5. It was the first time Northville has defeated the squad.

"The team really came to play for this game," said Durham. "We are on a four-game winning streak going into this Tuesday's game versus Catholic Central for the regional semifinal."

The Mustangs' record climbed to 7-8 on the year with the victory.

Leading the way for Northville was Jakob Kippola, who fired home seven goals and two assists in an inspired effort. Nick Melucci also played well, adding a goal and four assists. Alex Melucci had two goals while Jake Fuller added one goal and two assists in the victory.

"Kippola and Nick

**ON TAP**

The boys lacrosse team was slated to be in action against Detroit Catholic Central Tuesday after the sports section went to print. Look for results in next week's edition.

are playing well right now, as are Joe Chase and John Cooke," said Durham. "We have two freshmen that are making huge contributions — Alex Melucci at mid-field and Lee Moore at long-stick middle. Kyle Keech, Colin Bailey and Scott Zurawski have done a great job at defensive middle as well."

Joe Kim made 14 saves on 19 shots to help his team secure the victory.

Durham noted the entire defense has been playing well.

"Max and Marshall Williams, Garret Glowacki, Taylor Short, Greg Stewart and Adam Kwiecinski have all contributed at the defensive end," he said. "We have worked very hard on our defense the past week and it's starting to pay off."

# Rugby squad falls to eventual champions

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

Ron Cornell watched his team grow in leaps in bounds this season, struggling as the year opened up and maturing into a playoff-bound rugby football club.

The Northville Knights didn't take the easy path to the state playoffs, however. The squad had to earn one more point in order to make the cut and they did so in dramatic style.

Against Division I Birmingham, the Division II Knights found themselves in a tightly-contested match. The two teams were evenly paired from speed to size to scrum capabilities and that proved itself right to the bitter end as Northville pushed the ball down the pitch, trailing 10-7. A strong move by the Knights found Dan Rogers barreling into the try zone as a host of defenders piled on top of

him with no time left on the clock.

"The ref could not see that Dan grounded the ball for what should have been the winning try," said Cornell.

But despite the loss, the Knights' effort of taking a loss by fewer than seven points gave the team a bonus point and a trip the Division II state playoffs.

Unfortunately for Northville, their first match was against eventual state-champion Forest Hills that ended in a shutout loss before taking a loss in the consolation match against Sparta.

"Overall it was a good season and we had some outstanding leadership and play from our seniors," said Cornell, noting Dan Rogers, Andy Boyd, Hassan Ahmed, Nick Mencotti and John Hubbard, Dan Summers, Andrew Slatin, Brad Stegmeyer and Tyler Ulrich.

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# Mustang roller hockey nets a winning season

The 2012 Northville High School roller hockey team has taken the league by storm this year. After a close 11-10 loss to Plymouth Canton, the Mustangs have beaten every other opponent, and they currently lead the league.

In the second game of the season the Mustangs put together defensive pairings that would balance the already strong offensive team. Seniors Eric Johnson, AJ Bradley and Brent Atkinson, junior Max Mudar and goalie Anthony Rossi have provided a defensive core that has resulted in one of the lowest goals-against in the league. Northville beat Walled Lake Western 11-6 with three goals from Johnson, two from Cole Brown and Brendon Kearny, and single goals by Matt Sopha, Bradley, Atkinson, and Ryan Bloom.

In the third game, the Mustangs were able to avenge their only season loss with a 12-4 mercy win over Plymouth Canton. Joe Ascutto got Northville on the board early in the second, followed by goals from Stuart Saules and Kearny. The third period saw goals by Mudar, Johnson, and another by Stuart Saules, along with two



Northville High's varsity roller hockey team: (from left) Max Mudar, Cole Brown, Brent Atkinson, Peter Elieff, Stewart Saules, Eric Johnson, Brendan Kearney, Matt Sopha; (front) Anthony Rossi. Missing from photo are Ryan Bloom and AJ Bradley.

goals by Brown and four goals from Bloom. Howell was next, and the Stangs beat them 12-4. Single goals were scored by Peter Elieff, and Bradley but it was sophomore Bloom's game as he scored seven goals. His offensive partner and setup man, Kearny, scored three goals of his own.

Sunday the team met Walled Lake Central in a close game. Kearny started the match off with a goal, and Bradley and Brown chipped in one each to lead the game three to two after the first period. Things got away from the Mustangs in the second period after Bradley scored his second goal and WLC scored three unanswered

goals. Northville was behind by a goal starting the third. Thanks to a great effort by Northville's defense, the WLC offense was shut down, while Bloom scored two more goals and Bradley topped off the scoring for a 7-5 win.

May 10 brought a greatly anticipated match between Northville and an undefeated West Bloomfield squad. Bradley opened the scoring in the first on a feed from Johnson. Kearny followed suit a couple of minutes later on a pass from Bloom. The only goal in the second was Max Dublin's of West Bloomfield. With a one goal lead going into the third, Kearny and Bloom sealed the deal with a

goal apiece. Northville's defense was able to hold the undefeated West Bloomfield team to a single goal to win 4-1, putting Northville solidly in first place in the league.

The Mother's Day game was a disappointment as the CC Shamrock's goalie never showed and they were short several players. The Shamrocks had to forfeit the game and Northville put another game in the win column, giving the Mustangs a 6-1 record.

The last game of the regular season was a 15-2 blow out win over the struggling Brighton Bulldogs. Freshman Peter Elieff contributed 2, Brent Atkinson and Eric Johnson each scored 1, Stuart Saules and Ryan Bloom each put in 3, and Max Mudar netted 5.

Northville was missing some key players and struggled in the playoffs. The losses were close and came to teams they had beaten in the regular season. The team had 2 wins and 2 losses, with wins over Catholic Central and Brighton, and losses to Plymouth-Canton and West Bloomfield.

It was a great season. The team will miss their seven departing seniors, but look forward to continuing success next year.

## 10 Top 10



Ten roller skaters from Riverside Arena took 10 top placements at the recent Artistic Inter-Club skating competition in Roseville, Mich. Several skaters medaled in individual and team events. The Riverside RASCals Precision Team took first place in their competitive debut. Placing first in their categories were Stephanie Cueva, Ryan Heersink, Sofia Cueva, Jillian Heersink, all of Livonia and Valentyna Stadnik of Northville. Members of the winning Riverside RASCals Precision Team are Chloe LaMay of Plymouth, Hanna Denes of Garden City, Andrew Esser and Valentyna Stadnik of Northville, Amanda Smyser of Westland and Jade Ross, Ryan Heersink, Stephanie Cueva, and Sofia Cueva, all from Livonia. Also receiving bronze medals were Ryan Heersink and Valentyna Stadnik. Rounding out the club roster was Emma Chappell, also of Livonia. These skaters will be featured in the Riverside Arena Spring Spectacular skating show from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 20. Tickets are \$5 and are available in advance or at the door and children under 5 get in free. Proceeds from the skating show will benefit the Riverside Arena Skating Club, which will be travelling to Romeoville, Ill. and Lincoln, Neb. for the upcoming Regional and National Roller Skating Championships. Riverside Arena is located at 36635 Plymouth Road in Livonia. For additional information call (734) 421-3542 or go to [www.riversidearena.com](http://www.riversidearena.com). Pictured (from left, front) are Valentyna Stadnik, Amanda Smyser, Sofia Cueva, Chloe LaMay, Andrew Esser; (back) Ryan Heersink, Stephanie Cueva, Jade Ross and Hanna Denes.

## Northville girls lacrosse season comes to an end

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs girls lacrosse team ended their regular season schedule with a high note, defeating Walled Lake Northern. Unfortunately, the team's season ended in the next contest when they bowed out of the playoffs to a very powerful Canton squad, 12-11.

The Mustangs didn't hang their heads, however, instead reflecting on a season of close games, marked improvement and instrumental successes.

One such success was their 11-5 victory over the Knights of Walled Lake Northern.

The Mustangs played through rain and mud and gave up the first goal of the game before they finally found their tempo and went on to score six unanswered goals before the halftime buzzer sounded.

Erin Vogel had five points on the day with four goals and an assists while Charlotte Peterson added to her impressive season totals with three goals. Erica MacDonald added two goals and two assists in the winning effort while Alivia DuQuet and Riley Donovan had a goal each and Tenley Mustonen had an assist.

Kali Maisano had 18 saves in goal while Claire Beaudoin and DuQuet had three draw controls

each and Anne Dulzo had one.

Against Canton, the Mustangs' defense was constantly peppered with shots as Maisano had to make 17 saves in the contest. The squad's offense was led by Peterson's three goals while MacDonald had two goals and two assists and Vogel added two goals and an assist and Riley Donovan had two goals. Mustonen tallied a goal and an assist, as did DuQuet.

Kaitlyn Sabourin had four ground balls and two blocks on the defensive side of the game.

### Northville JV 8, W.L. Northern 4

The Northville junior varsity squad also collected their own victory in the final regular season game as they controlled the contest, 6-0, by halftime and went on to secure the win.

Seven different players found the back of the net in the winning effort as Dana Goheen notched two goals while Becky Chase and Alex Sheremeta had a goal and two assists each. Cami Bui, Nicole Evangelista, Raquelle Sands and Alyssa Alvarez each had a goal in the contest and Mina Plachta added an assist.

Earning the win in goal was Paige Chapman, who had five saves while Serena Sherry had eight ground balls to lead the defense.

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## Mod Fashion will help women discover trending clothing

By Lonnie Huhman  
Correspondent

A new clothing store called Mod Fashion is opening in Northville Square and it will bring with it styles that are not only up to date and fashionable, but also perfect for whatever the professional setting.

For owner Ashley Mizzi, a Plymouth resident, Mod Fashion will be an opportunity to help other women discover what's trending and what it means to wear transitional clothing. A variety of sizes will be available.

"Some career clothing can be boring, so Mod Fashion hopes to do away with that notion," Mizzi said. "I say we can look good while working."

And outside of it as well, the idea Mizzi said is that fashion and clothing can be versatile. You don't always have to go home and change clothes if you decide to go out for dinner or to another event, she said.

Formerly of Detroit, Mizzi is a business graduate of Siena Heights University, and from there she later went on to Madonna University to learn more about merchandising and earn a certificate. With Mod Fashion she is combining



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Mod Fashion owner Ashley Mizzi will be having a grand opening celebration of her boutique inside Northville Square on Sat. June 2.

her two loves and is basing her business style on serving the customer.

She said she breathes fashion and understands what women want in clothing. If requested, she can work by special appointment as a wardrobe consultant.

Located in Northville Square, Mod Fashion hopes to be a good fit for the Northville community and visitors interested in modern, chic fashion. The

hours are scheduled to be 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mondays-Fridays; 10-5 Saturdays; and noon-4 Sundays.

Mizzi feels she has a great location because of it being in downtown Northville and near so many other cool spots.

"It's different yet ideal," Mizzi said of what customers can expect.

The grand opening of Mod Fashion will be held at 5 p.m. June 2. Refreshments will be served.

## NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Retail sales slow, but outlook remains positive

Sales slowed across Michigan's retail industry in April, but retailers'

forecasts for summer remain strong, according to the latest Michigan Retail Index, a joint project of Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

The 100-point Index, which measures the overall performance of the state's retail industry, dipped five points in April to 52.6, the lowest since last June. Retailers' outlook for the first half of summer grew slightly, to 69.2.

"It appears the warm-weather boost in sales that retailers enjoyed in the First Quarter took away from April's sales," said MRA President and CEO James P. Hallan. "Retail sales remained positive in April, but did not grow as fast as they did the first three months of this year or most of the second half of last year."

"It's also noteworthy that retailers' level of optimism remains solid going into the first half of summer. They expected the slowdown to be short lived," Hallan added.

The Michigan Retail Index for April found that 45 percent of retailers increased sales over the same month last year, while 33 percent recorded declines and 22 percent saw no change. The results create a seasonally adjusted performance index of 52.6, down from 57.8 in March. A year ago April it was 53.1.

The Index gauges the performance of the state's overall retail industry, based on monthly surveys conducted by MRA and the Federal Reserve. Index values above 50 generally indicate positive activity; the higher the number, the stronger the activity.

Looking forward, 61 percent of retailers expect sales during May-July to increase over the same period last year, while 10 percent project a decrease and 29 percent no change.

That puts the seasonally adjusted outlook index at 69.2, up from 69.0 in March. A year ago April it was 60.9. National retail sales slowed in April, rising only 0.1 percent, according to the U.S. Commerce Department.

### Community Financial hosts free shredding events

Community Financial Credit Union is inviting local residents to protect confidential information and shred their documents at the credit union's free shredding events on Saturday, June 9. The

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"If you want a safe and convenient way to recycle papers that contain personal information, this is an ideal opportunity," said Sarah Cousineau, Community Financial's marketing manager. "We're extremely diligent about protecting our members' identity, and we strongly encourage everyone to take advantage of our free events." There will be a limit of two shopping bags or two banker's boxes or equivalent per car at either the Canton or Novi location.

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### SOCAP golf outing

SOCAP Great Lakes, a part of a 25-year-old international network of professionals devoted to consumer affairs and satisfaction issues, is taking registration for its 19th Annual Golf Outing and Early Birdie event, held at the Tanglewood Golf Club in South Lyon on June 7.

The event is open to members and non-members alike and provides an opportunity for members of local industry to network with specialists across a variety of platforms, learn about customer service opportunities and methods, and play 18 holes of golf.

The Early Birdie event, which begins at 8 a.m. and includes breakfast, offers a panel of experts in the field of industry and customer relationships discussing emerging technologies in customer experience management. Following the Early Birdie presentation, teams of four will take to the golf course for a scramble on 18 holes at the Tanglewood Golf Club.

The events take place at Tanglewood Golf Course located at 53503 W. 10 Mile Road in South Lyon. The Early Birdie event begins at 8 a.m. followed by golf at 11:30 a.m. and dinner/awards at 5 p.m. Cost for the Early Birdie event only is \$20; golf plus the Early Birdie event and dinner is \$100; a foursome is \$390. For more information, contact the chapter president at admin@socapgl.org or to register online go to [www.socap.org/great-lakes](http://www.socap.org/great-lakes). For more information, contact the chapter president at admin@socapgl.org.

## Dodge supports Turf Club



Northville High School students and families participated in a Dodge Booster Club Fundraiser on April 19 and raised \$1,540 for the school's Turf Club. "We love working with the parents and students in our community," said Nichole Scott, director of Dealership Operations, at Dick Scott Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram. "We were very happy with the community turn out at the Dodge Booster Club school fundraiser. We also enjoyed the community's enthusiastic response to our new 2012 Dodge Durango SUV, Dodge Journey crossover, and award-winning Dodge Grand Caravan minivan." The Dodge brand contributed \$20 for each test drive in these three new vehicles. The Dodge brand donated nearly \$467,000 to high school booster clubs last year.

## OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

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

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

### Team SBA Financing Roundtable

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### FUTURE WORKSHOPS

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

July 5: Business Research: Feasibility to Expansion (a.m.)

July 11: CEED Microloan Orientation

July 18: 5 Keys to Achieving Fiscal Fitness (a.m.)

July 19: Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan (a.m.)

July 31: Legal & Financial Basics (a.m.)

Aug. 1: Fundamentals of Marketing Your Business (PM)

recommend that you first attend a Financing Roundtable. The roundtables are a free loan orientation conducted by a business banker, a business consultant from the SBA's network of Small Business Development Centers, and an SBA representative. During the roundtable, we'll debunk the myths and demystify the process of small business financing. You'll learn how the lending process works and what is expected of you and you'll understand how the SBA can assist with our SBA Guaranteed Loan Pro-

gram. Because the SBA does not provide loan guarantees to real estate investment firms, including purchasing and rehabbing houses for sale, this type of financing is not discussed at the roundtables. Presented by: Small Business Administration (SBA) Representative, Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center (MI-SBTDC) Consultant, and Business Banker.

Thursday, May 31, 9 a.m.-noon  
This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.

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## Parade of Homes provides look at range of lifestyles in region



The Silverleaf in Lyon Township is from Healy Homes.

Parade of Homes 2012, the 23rd annual exhibition of new model homes located across southeastern Michigan, will open on June 1 and run through June 30. Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA), Bank of America Home Loans, DTE Energy and WindowPRO are the sponsors of this public event.

"Homebuyers have an excellent opportunity right now to take advantage of still low interest rates and competitive home prices that will certainly increase in the coming years," said Rich Kligman of Superb Custom Homes and president of BIA. "Today's buyers are in a unique position to take advantage of the buyer's market as we begin the climb into a better economy."

The Parade of Homes offers potential homebuyers a unique opportunity to visit the area's finest model and inventory homes, including condominiums and single-family homes, affordable housing and estate-sized homes. Visitors to the homes will have an opportunity to see first-hand the latest trends in energy efficiency and green building, architecture, interior design, amenities and materials. The 34 model, under construction and pre-construction homes and condominiums range in base price from \$171,000 to \$1,600,000.

Architects and industry experts will judge the homes and award blue ribbons in several categories. The judges will make their decisions based on the innovative use of space and design, aesthetic appeal of the home and value for the price. Judges for this year's program will be Lonny S. Zimmerman, AIA, NCARB of Siegal/Tuomaa-



The Cambridge V is in Northville Township, from Tremont Construction LLC by Cohen Homes.



The Torino II in Commerce Township is from Pinnacle Homes.

la Associates; Benedetto Tiseo, FAIA, NCARB of Tiseo Architects, Inc.; Michael J. Gordon, RA of Moiseev/Gordon Associates and Paul Salloum, Regional Sales manager, Bank of America Home Loans.

A Parade of Homes magazine containing renderings, features and location maps for all homes will be distributed with select home delivery of *The Detroit News* and *Detroit Free Press* on Sunday, June 3, available at Bank of America loca-

tions throughout southeastern Michigan, at select Kroger locations, at WindowPRO in Livonia and at all participating model homes beginning June 1.

For additional information on the Parade of Homes, visit [www.BIAParadeofHomes.com](http://www.BIAParadeofHomes.com) beginning June 1. Also check this website for information on "Open House Parties" being held at some of the Parade models on June 9 and 10 featuring refreshments and special events. This is the only Parade



The Ellington (pre-construction) in Novi is from Superb Custom Homes/Evergreen Development LLC.

of Homes event BIA will sponsor this year.

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and Apartment Association of Michigan are trade associations representing nearly 600 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multi-family residential construction industry. BIA is affiliated with the Michigan Association of Home Builders in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. Membership nationwide includes more than 175,000 individuals and companies.

## FHA nod big help with sales

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

**Q:** I am a new real estate agent and I am wondering what you think are the major complaints by Realtors regarding the association's failings in helping to sell condominium units.

**A:** Some agents say that associations contribute to the dysfunction with the real estate industry by restricting signs, charging hefty disclosure fees, failing to respond and



Robert Meisner

keeping sloppy records. However, one of the newest and biggest complaints that agents lodge is that the association doesn't get important approval from the Federal Housing Administration since the aftermath of the mortgage meltdown has not made FHA-insured loans a much more important source for buyers. The condominium buyers who want the cheaper FHA-backed loans are not limited to purchasing in an association that has been approved by the administration. Some associations do not want to bother getting that certification which, frankly, undermines the ability of people to readily liquidate their units.

**Q:** I have heard that some cities have passed no smoking laws which may affect condominiums and other community association common areas. Do you have any information?

**A:** I believe that the cities of Santa Monica and Pasadena, Calif., have passed no smoking laws which appear to affect common areas adjacent to the condominiums and at least Santa Monica's allows owners to designate theirs as a non-smoking unit for the future. It is possible to work with a multiple building condominium to pass rules wherein each building elects to go nonsmoking on an individual basis and that is something about which you should confer with a progressive community association lawyer.

**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 [brmeisner@meisner-law.com](mailto:brmeisner@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 Feb. 20-24, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

**CANTON**  
4278 Forest Bridge Dr \$208,000  
45929 Graystone Ln \$139,000  
45945 Graystone Ln \$129,000  
50117 Jackson Ln \$227,000  
1719 Orchard Dr \$25,000  
49732 Potomac Rd \$192,000

3996 Sherwood Cir \$187,000  
39686 Wales St \$125,000  
41299 Westfield Cir \$175,000  
**GARDEN CITY**  
6845 Helen St \$73,000  
29911 Leona Ct \$50,000  
38034 Sheridan St \$41,000  
**LIVONIA**  
20121 Antago St \$24,000  
11409 Blackburn St \$140,000  
38063 Donald St \$49,000  
35219 Lancashire Rd \$199,000  
32970 Martin St \$115,000  
19520 Parker St \$98,000  
20114 Saint Francis St \$25,000  
10031 Seltzer St \$43,000

**NORTHVILLE**  
46665 Seven Mile Rd \$520,000  
15762 Johnson Creek Dr \$135,000  
47801 Lake View Ct \$223,000  
17322 Stonebrook Dr \$523,000  
48856 Stoneridge Dr \$793,000  
**PLYMOUTH**  
356 Auburn St \$267,000  
1302 Maple St \$475,000  
498 N Evergreen St \$175,000  
45500 N Turtlehead Ct \$237,000  
40858 Newport Dr \$59,000  
10994 Pinehurst Rd \$225,000  
45227 Pinetree Dr \$296,000  
**REDFORD**  
14041 Breakfast Dr \$143,000

14163 Breakfast Dr \$110,000  
17673 Centralia \$36,000  
25533 Elba \$38,000  
9335 Louis \$30,000  
12038 Marion \$60,000  
12208 Nathaline \$58,000  
9217 Sarasota \$28,000  
15424 Woodbine \$20,000  
**WESTLAND**  
8198 August Ave \$55,000  
33540 Birchlawn \$140,000  
32787 Chapman Cir \$90,000  
29810 Lacy Dr \$78,000  
814 S Wildwood St \$62,000  
7333 Sycamore Ln \$60,000

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 6-10, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

**BEVERLY HILLS**  
30395 Leemoor St \$143,000  
**BINGHAM FARMS**  
23139 Old Orchard Trl \$160,000  
**BIRMINGHAM**  
852 Davis Ave \$458,000  
635 Lake Park Dr \$1,900,000  
1665 Mansfield Rd \$164,000  
593 N Old Woodward Ave \$166,000

662 Purdy St \$156,000  
573 Smith Ave \$518,000  
**BLOOMFIELD HILLS**  
4427 Barchester Dr \$295,000  
1283 Greenglen Ct \$197,000  
2290 Hunt Club Dr \$265,000  
**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP**  
6700 Oakhills Dr \$1,264,000  
2168 Somerset Rd \$82,000  
**COMMERCE TOWNSHIP**  
1772 Applebrook Dr \$50,000  
1704 Lyka \$110,000  
9549 Volga Dr \$210,000  
**FARMINGTON**  
21384 Birchwood St \$128,000  
22724 Power Rd \$162,000  
**FARMINGTON HILLS**  
21232 Gill Rd \$186,000  
35165 Glengary Cir \$195,000

30115 Mayfair Dr \$315,000  
21930 Sheffield Dr \$230,000  
29726 White Hall Dr \$185,000  
35181 White Pine Trl \$100,000  
Lathrup Village  
27320 Goldengate Dr W \$135,000  
**MILFORD**  
1599 Hunters Lake Ct \$406,000  
**NOVI**  
29341 Douglas Dr \$185,000  
21149 Dundee Dr \$375,000  
44149 Durson St \$120,000  
45437 Irvine Dr \$378,000  
25790 Lochmoor Ln \$325,000  
27101 Maxwell Ct \$45,000  
27122 Maxwell Ct \$45,000  
22177 Pondview \$119,000  
24945 Sarah Flynn \$210,000  
21580 Trent Ct \$425,000

24062 Willowbrook \$94,000  
**SOUTH LYON**  
815 Huntington Dr \$234,000  
425 Pettibone St # 427 \$200,000  
52815 Willowbrook Dr \$61,000  
**SOUTHFIELD**  
27585 Arlington Ct \$123,000  
29721 Fall River Rd \$59,000  
23407 Grayson Dr \$40,000  
23407 Grayson Dr \$18,000  
18820 Jeanette St \$117,000  
30565 Nadora St \$99,000  
18164 Onyx St \$96,000  
20771 Southome St \$10,000  
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### REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

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The multi-office Southeast Michigan real estate brokerage RE/MAX Classic welcomes aboard associate broker Betty Clark to the Novi location. The Certified Residential Specialist and Graduate Realtor-Institute member specializes in residential and condominium sales, waterfront properties and



Betty Clark

relocation assistance throughout Oakland County. Clark brings with her over 20 years of experience. Her extended education offers assistance to distressed

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"Betty's experience in the real estate industry is legendary. Her education and experience have her poised for success in every endeavor of our real estate market," said Carol Boji, broker/owner of RE/

MAX Classic.

#### Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Participants will discuss what they have learned. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update.

Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at the

Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate. Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. Any questions, call Wayne Koehler, (313) 277-4168.

#### Oakland Investors

Learn "Real Estate Basics for the Beginning Investor." A three-hour

class (9 a.m. to noon) in a series of 10 sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on Saturday, June 1, at the Royal Oak Senior Center, 3500 Marias, Royal Oak (north off 13 Mile, between Crooks and Main). Cost \$49, plus materials. [OREIAClass@AddedValueRealty.com](mailto:OREIAClass@AddedValueRealty.com); (248) 787-7325.

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These professionals work behind the scenes to install, inspect, maintain and repair medical equipment. From the large CT scanners and patient monitors to electric wheelchairs, every medical device must work properly. David Chappell, chair of the biomedical equipment technology department at Brown Mackie College - Fort Wayne offers insight into this not-so-apparent health care career option.

"Focusing on medical equipment is a way to help people without being in the OR," says Chappell. A career in biomedical equipment technology is about computers and circuit boards, hardware and specialized software, soldering irons and electronic tools. It is also about training doctors and nurses on the use of equipment. The Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI) reports an average national salary of \$43,000 for this profession.

Part computer technician, part electrician, part medical worker, the field comprises a

blend of medicine with science and technology.

"I find it exciting," Chappell adds. "Most patients take this work for granted; however, it carries huge responsibilities. Doctors, nurses and emergency medical technicians (EMT) workers depend on the equipment to work correctly, with sometimes life or death consequences." This aspect of the profession sends some people running for the doors, while others feel it adds prestige to the position.

A two-year degree program can open the door to the field of biomedical equipment technology. The curriculum is technology-based, with ample medical coursework. On-the-job proficiency involves knowledge of anatomy and physiology, as well as medical terminology.

"Students are sometimes put off by the medical classes," says Chappell. "But it is vital in this uniquely blended industry. Professionals in the field must understand both

sides. It is not just a matter of knowing which screw to turn. When working on a medical device, the technician must understand how it does what it does, and how it interacts with the patient."

Working on equipment comprises a large part of a biomedical equipment technician's job responsibilities, but not all. "Techs play different roles," says Chappell. "Primarily, they manage, maintain and repair every single piece of equipment you can imagine, from small to large. Additionally, they are involved in training facility staff on the proper and safe use of the equipment, especially if a particular piece of equipment is often in need of repair. Why is it happening? Are they using it wrong? This often leads to training sessions, where professional communication skills are a must."

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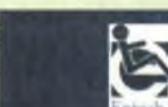


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