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McCotter resigns seat, cites ‘nightmarish month and a half’

By Ken Abramczyk
Staff Writer

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter has resigned. The five-term Congressman from Livonia has ended his term six months early after what he called a “nightmarish month and a half” in apparent reference to his duplicated signatures on petitions turned into the Secretary of State that resulted in an investigation by state Attorney General Bill Schuette. The duplicate signatures were invalidated, so he fell short of the minimum signatures required to run.

On Thursday, *The Detroit News* reported that McCotter also wrote a TV pilot, described by *The News* as a “crude variations required to run.

Please see **MCCOTTER, A13**

Thaddeus McCotter resigned from Congress on Friday, leaving Michigan’s 11th District without representation for the rest of the year.

Governor calls for special election to fill vacancy

In accordance with state law and the U.S. Constitution, Lt. Gov. Brian Calley on Tuesday called a special election on Wednesday, Sept. 5 in the 11th Congressional District to fill the vacancy created by last week’s sudden resignation of U.S. Rep. Thad McCotter.

State election officials estimate the cost of the special election to total \$650,000 for the impacted local and county governments.

The lieutenant governor’s strong preference is to save local tax dollars and spare election officials a significant burden by conducting the special primary election in conjunction with the regularly scheduled Aug. 7 primary. However, the timing of McCotter’s resignation makes that impossible. Primary ballots already were printed and absentee ballots were mailed

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Art smart

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Art instructor Julie Woodard checks on the progress of siblings irmgard, 7, left, and Georgina Pallas, 8, during their Monday, July 9, morning class at the Northville Art House.

Kids find ‘have fun’ main rule in this art class

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Julie Woodard doesn’t set a bunch of rules for her art classes at the Northville Art House. “You can design your own pointy ears,” she told eight students ages 7-13 during a recent class in which they drew fairies and trolls. “They do not have to look exactly like mine.”

Some students added wings to their woodland fairy. Some came to the front of the room to the

Please see **ART, A3**

A student in Julie Woodard’s July 9 kids’ art class works on a drawing.

City preps for sidewalk repairs

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

A nearly \$29,000 contract was awarded to an Oak Park cement contractor to undertake spot sidewalk repairs throughout the city of Northville. Work is expected to begin this month and end in August.

Hartwell Cement Company will be working this summer on the annual project, which is part of the city’s capital improvement projects. According to Public Works Director Jim Gallogly, the selected locations have been chosen based on concerns raised by residents throughout the past year and from inspections made by city staff.

He said the purpose of this annual program is to improve the “walkability” of the city’s sidewalk system and reduce the likelihood of trip and fall incidents.

Gallogly said Hartwell has done this program for the city in the past and is a quality concrete contractor. Hartwell bid just over \$17,000 for the repairs throughout the city and \$11,500 on the repairs in the immediate downtown area. The second bidder was the

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Spot repairs will occur on Shari Lane, Bradburn Court, Grace Street, Dorisa Court, Rayson Street, High Street, West Street, S. Wing Street, W. Dunlap Street, Beal Avenue, Dubuar Street, E. Baseline Street, Mill Race Village and at the Rotary Well Site. The sidewalk on Dunlap Street just east of N. Center Street and on N. Center Street adjacent to the Simkins Building is being proposed for replacement.

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‘Grub Crawl’ highlights Northville’s best cuisine

The eighth annual Grub Crawl of the Northville Chamber of Commerce returns 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 24. Participating restaurants will provide free samples of appetizers and signature items along with cash bar specials for “Crawlers.” Ticket holders will receive a flier and event map highlighting participating restaurants. Free shuttle transportation operates on a 15-minute schedule to take “Crawlers” from one restaurant to the next. Participants are also welcome to travel on their own. “This is an event to help showcase the Northville community restaurants,” said Traci Sincock, chamber associate director. “It always sells out.” Transportation is sponsored by Huron Valley Ambulance and Millennium Limousine, Patti Mullen & Associates/Remerica Home-

PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS

Restaurants include Aubree’s of Northville, Brann’s Sizzlin’ Steaks and Sports Grille, Bricks of Northville, Buckminster Public House, Edward’s Cafe and Caterers, Five (Inn at St. John’s), Northville Sports Den, Gaucho Brazilian Steakhouse, Poole’s Tavern, Qdoba Mexican Grill, and Rusty Bucket Tavern. Qdoba and Bricks are the new additions this year, with Qdoba just having opened.

others “familiar with all the great treats our restaurants have to offer.” She noted organizers sell 35 tickets per restaurant. “If you haven’t gotten your tickets, better get them now.” Tickets are available at the purple house chamber office, Gardenviews store downtown or Good Time Party Store on Seven Mile. “It’s unique, it’s exciting. It’s got all the elements of a lot of fun,” Sincock said, noting Northville’s many good restaurants. “And it’s a beautiful summer event.” Organizers also reach out into township, including Five, a chamber member just into Plymouth Township. For more information, call the chamber at (248) 349-7640 or visit www.northville.org. Tickets are \$30 and you must be age 21 or up. *By Julie Brown*

town One and The Home Depot are the two event sponsors. There will be a grand prize drawing for a barbecue gas grill, courtesy of Home Depot. Sincock said the Grub Crawl gets residents and

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Julle Woodard, center, leads a July 9 drawing class at the Northville Art House for kids. She's assisted by college student Ellen Gessert, standing at left.

ART

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easel to make eye designs under Woodard's tutelage.

"Nice coloring job," the instructor told one youngster. "I like that."

Woodard lives in Northville Township and earned a master's degree as a clinical psychologist. She's also a "self-taught artist."

She got some capable help in the Monday-Wednesday-Friday class from Ellen Gessert of Northville, a 2009 Northville High School graduate. Gessert's a senior majoring in art education at Michigan State University.

"I'm creating my own curriculum and making my own projects," said Gessert, who likes the class age range. "I'm very excited."

Gessert also teaches some kids' classes on her own at the Art House, and works with students up to age 15. "So it's a big range," she said.

This class included drawing on Monday, with Wednesday sculpting. The students gave the class high marks.

"It's fun," said Emmy Buckman, 13, a Hillside Middle School eighth grader. She was learning "different ways to draw fairies and trolls."

Evey Oegema, 7, is a second grader at Deerfield Elementary in Novi. "I've never done sculpting," she said. "I'm looking forward to it. And I love paint-

ing."

Woodard said students paint on the Friday session, creating fairy doors often seen around downtown Northville businesses. "They're going to create their own," she said. "These are their own to keep."

The art classes have a different theme each week, and will continue through August. You can find registration information online (www.northvillearts.org) or by calling (248) 344-0497. There are also many adult classes open to those age 13 and up.

The troll drawing was popular with the kids. "You have a troll brother?" joked Woodard with a child who wanted to put up a "Keep Out" sign. "I had three of those."

She encourages creativity: "Design your own. Have fun," Woodard told the class.

"Oooh, I love the eyebrows. Good job, guys. You're awesome," she added.

"We have all sorts of really neat classes here for kids," said Woodard during a break in which the kids went outside to enjoy the sunshine. She's been teaching at the Art House about four years.

"Very, very helpful," she said of Gessert, the MSU senior. "It gets to be pretty busy."

The Art House is at 215 W. Cady, near the Northville post office and across from the Northville District Library.

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SIDEWALKS

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Goretleski Construction Company at \$46,875.

For fiscal year 2013, the city has approved \$35,000 for sidewalk replacement in the local street program. Gallogly said this funding comes from a dedicated millage for streets, drainage, and sidewalks that was approved by voters in 1997.

In addition, because some of the work will occur within the Downtown Development Authority's boundaries, the DDA board has approved \$24,000 in funding for the sidewalk replacement at and near the intersection of N. Center and Dunlap streets.

The city council also approved a contract with the Nagle Paving Company of Novi in the amount of \$13,390 to do the permanent utility cut repairs for 2012.

Gallogly said the city experiences watermain breaks throughout the year. He said after each watermain break is repaired, temporary repairs are made to the road surface using gravel or a "cold patch" material. In addition to these emergency cuts into the roadways there are cuts made into streets, which are necessary to bring water and sewer leads to new homes constructed in the community.

In an effort to properly repair these roadway cuts, the city annually bids out a Permanent Utility Cut Repair Program whereby an asphalt contractor is retained to remove the cold patch or damaged asphalt material and properly place new hot mix asphalt.

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Journey through time

Winchester Elementary kindergartner Delaney Barnett, 6, pans for "gold" during the school's May 29 "Journey Through Time." A travel exhibition show that featured many pioneer-era work, crafts and games visited the school giving the kids multiple opportunities (including panning for gold-colored rocks in a tub).



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Northville High Class of 2013 continues strong performance on Michigan Merit Exam

The Northville High School (NHS) Class of 2013 performed well in all subject areas on the Michigan Merit Exam (MME) compared to state averages, according to results released today by the Michigan Department of Education.

Overall, the percentage of students in the NHS Class of 2013 scoring at the "proficient" and "advanced" levels increased in the subject areas of reading, writing, math and science, while scores in social studies remained steady, when compared to scores released in the spring of 2011 for the NHS Class of 2012.

This is particularly noteworthy given that the Class of 2013 scores reflect new, higher proficiency cut scores set for the MME and Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test by the Michigan Department of Education in September 2011. The new proficiency rankings are meant to better align student performance with "college and career" readiness as compared to the earlier, lower standard of "work readiness."

"Our high school curriculum is rigorous and our students meet the challenge," said NHS Principal Rob Watson. "The performance by our students on the MME is the direct result of the strong partnership between our students, teachers and parents that focuses on success for all students."

"As we do each year, administrators and educators across the school district will use this data — along with other assessments of student learning — to improve our curriculum and instructional practices, and enhance student intervention and support programs."

This is the sixth year that high school juniors across Michigan took the MME, including the ACT, which has replaced the MEAP test for high school students. As with the MEAP (which is still administered to elementary and middle school students), MME scores are one component used by the state to determine if individual high schools achieve Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as required under the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act.

In March 2012, 530 NHS students participated in the MME, which is com-

MME COMPARISON

The chart below highlights the Northville Class of 2013 MME score comparisons with state averages by subject area. Visit www.northville.k12.mi.us and click on the MI School Data Link for more specific information or to compare to surrounding districts.
* Indicates percentage of students performing at the "Proficient" or "Advanced" levels

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The groom-elect is a 2004 graduate of Northville High School and earned his bachelor's degree in marketing management from Hillsdale College. He is currently pursuing his MBA from Wayne State University and is employed at Cummins Bridgeway.

The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Troy High School and earned her bachelor's degree in industrial engineering and MBA from Wayne State University.

She recently earned a master's degree in systems engineering from Pennsylvania State University, is currently pursuing her Ph.D. from Michigan Technological University, and is employed in the defense industry.

The couple set their engagement in Dec. 2011 and a Sept. 2012 wedding is planned in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.



William B. Riegner and Kayla L. Hahka

Northville Legionnaire receives 2012 State Legionnaire of the Year Award

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Northville Township Board of Trustees Q&A

The Aug. 7 primary election includes 11 candidates for the Northville Township Board of Trustees.

There are three Republicans vying for the supervisor position: Edward Kriewall, Robert Nix and Christopher Roosen. Two Republicans, Marjorie Banner and Karen Woodside, are running for the position of treasurer. In both races, the top vote-getter will move on to the general election in November.

There are four trustee seats opening. Democrat Michael Nolta automatically moves on to the November election. Five Republicans will be on the primary ballot -- Marvin Gans, Symantha Heath, Mindy Herrmann, Michael Kheibari and Frederick Shadko -- and the top four will advance to the general election.

Incumbent clerk Sue Hillebrand, a Republican, is running unopposed. Roosen, Banner, Gans and Herrmann are currently trustees on the board.

Candidates were asked to participate in a brief Q&A for Record readers. In addition to background information, they provided answers (limited to 150 words for each question) to the following questions:

1: Why are you seeking this position?

2: What three items should be at the top of the township's priorities list?

3: Describe your vision for the township, and what makes it distinct from Plymouth, Canton, Novi, etc.?

4: Do you view more development as a threat or an opportunity?

5: What should be done with the former Scott Correctional facility?

SUPERVISOR CANDIDATES

EDWARD F. KRIE WALL

Age: 71
Years a Northviiiie Township resident: 8 months
Reiated experience: Novi City manager
Profession: retired
Education: bachelor's, political science; master's, public administration
Famiiy: two daughters; two grandchildren
1: I am retired and I have the time to devote to this position.
2: roads and traffic; fiscal stability; harmonious planning
3: My vision is one of continued high standard residential development. Novi has evolved into a community that offers regional attractions such as the shopping districts, Suburban Collection Showplace and high level developments. Plymouth and Northville have their own residential signature along with viable downtowns. Canton has its own residential tone with corridors of significant commercial. Northville Township has a residential base that drives the core community character. Commercial has been peripheral and community service oriented.
4: More development can be a threat or opportunity. The impact of future development is the key. Traffic corridors are already threatened, and some of the strip developments have significant vacancy. The build-out of the community will have to be sensitive to the impacts on the existing



Kriewall

infrastructure and residential neighborhoods. There is a tendency in many communities to enable excessive commercial zoning.

5: The Scott Correctional facility should probably be a mixed use with emphasis on a significant community or recreational feature that can be contained within the mix.

ROBERT R. NIX II

Age: 65
Years a Northviiiie Township resident: 26
Community involvement (be brief): Northville Township Planning Commission member, 2001 present, current chair; member of Green Ribbon Committee; First United Methodist Church of Northville member, 1978-present, chair of Finance Committee
Reiated experience: Schoolcraft College Development Authority member, 2001 present, current vice president; State Bar of Michigan, Real Property Law Section member, 1987 present, past chair; WSU Law School, adjunct professor teaching real estate development; arbitrator; facilitator
Profession: Commercial lawyer specializing for more than 20 years in business transactions, commercial real estate development and finance.
Education: bachelor's, Eastern Michigan University (1968); juris doctor, Wayne State University Law School (1971)
Famiiy: wife, Sue Nix; children, Christian Nix and Heather Korth; grandchildren, Ashley, Adam and Andrew
1: I seek the supervisor position to ensure that the next phase of development preserves and enhances the character and core values of the township. The township supervisor is a leadership position requiring the ability to build consensus among the trustees and create cooperative partnerships with community leaders and governmental representatives. My professional background and previous leadership roles make me uniquely qualified to serve as the supervisor to meet the real estate and financial challenges confronting the township in the next four years. I will use my professional leadership to make sure that the 7 Mile and prison properties, 5 Mile corridor and new developments benefit the township. I will implement fiscally conservative policies to protect our financial condition during this uncertain economic environment. I am committed to serving the needs of the residents by promoting responsible development, fiscal responsibility and resident involvement in the decision making process.
2: First, maintaining and enhancing township services, including police and fire protection, utilities, and recreational programs. Repairing and improving roads serving the township should be our primary focus. Second, ensuring that real estate development is compatible and harmonious with township character and provides services and amenities needed by the residents. "Cleaning up" the state hospital property is our first priority. Development of the 5 Mile corridor should be sought for the creation of new businesses and additional tax revenues to minimize tax increases to the residents. Third, maintaining and improving the township financial condition, including careful spending and budgeting, increasing reserves, and reducing costs. Implement-



Nix

ing budget controls and reducing debt will increase the township bond rating and save money by reducing borrowing costs.

3: My vision is to ensure that future development provides the services and amenities needed for new residents, increases the tax base and is compatible with the unique residential and rural character of the township. It is this blended character and the core values of the residents that distinguishes the township from Plymouth, Canton, and Novi. My goals are to provide real transparency in fiscal matters, including open bidding of services, an electronic checkbook and online budget reporting. This transparency should be proactive and extend to resident participation in decision-making process. I will periodically meet with homeowners associations and provide notices to residents that will be affected by board decisions. I will promote consensus building and decisions will be made on the basis of "what is in the best interest of the township" and not special interest groups, political motivation or other considerations.
4: Controlled and compatible development presents an opportunity, not a threat. The 5 Mile corridor, west of Beck Road, offers an opportunity for the development of businesses, research and development facilities, and light industrial buildings which will be located at the perimeter of the township and will not adversely impact our residential communities. Development, job creation and a diverse tax base will be our formula for success.
5: The facility creates the southern gateway to the township and presents an opportunity for a change in use which would benefit the township. However, the Township should not be in the real estate development business. Property acquisition should only be considered when it meets a township purpose and does not create a financial risk. Residents are concerned that the prison property will remain vacant creating blight in the township or reopened as a prison by government or private enterprise. The board should perform its due diligence of the site to determine whether it can satisfy these concerns without creating a financial burden before proceeding. The board of the future will not plan by accident.

CHRISTOPHER (CHRIS) ROOSEN

Age: 45
Years a Northviiiie Township resident: 12
Community involvement (be brief): volunteer at Challenge Day, Kids Against Hunger Soup Supper, Thayer's Corner Nature Area and for Northville High School football program; Woodlands North Homeowners Association Board
Reiated experience: township trustee since 2004; planning commissioner; Youth Assistance commissioner; former member of Economic Development Corporation and Brownfield Redevelopment Authority; consultant to Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) on local government efficiency, collaboration and shared services
Profession: Over 20 years experience in the automotive industry at Ford, Visteon, and MAHLE Industries. Various experience in supplier and product development, program manage-



Roosen

ment and sales.

Education: bachelor's, electrical engineering and engineering mathematics, University of Michigan-Dearborn; master's, manufacturing systems engineering, Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan
Famiiy: married 19 years to Karen Roosen
1: I am running for supervisor to keep Northville a great place to live, work, and play. I will continue our tradition of fiscal responsibility and partnerships with our neighbors, in order to provide the best services for the least cost. With over twenty years of real-world problem solving experience in the auto industry, I believe I have the best mix of private sector and public sector experience of any candidate for supervisor, and I am the only candidate with experience on the Board of Trustees. I will hit the ground running on day one. I would appreciate your vote on election day.
2: 1) The township has come through the recession remarkably well due to the early and ongoing budget actions we took over the past four years. We must continue to hold the line on spending and continue to focus on long term financial forecasts. 2) The township needs to embrace more transparency and competitive bids in order to assure the taxpayers that we are wise stewards over their money. This can be done with more use of the township website and social media platforms at little to no cost. 3) The township needs to embrace the opportunity to increase collaboration and shared services with our neighbors and partner communities. We can continue our historic leadership position in this area, while finding new ways to provide high quality service to our neighbors as a source of new revenue. Dispatch, police, fire and recreation are prime examples.
3: Northville is a unique community that people aspire to move to rather than move from. Our great location, natural beauty and historic downtown make us special. The strong partnership between the city and township, and the outstanding school district that binds us together has allowed us to enjoy a brand identity that is different from all others. Many people don't even know where the physical boundaries between the city and township are because they are just invisible lines on a map. As supervisor, I will rededicate and recommit us to this full partnership in all aspects of service delivery. This will ensure that property values will continue to recover faster in Northville than in any other part of Wayne County, while we continue to enjoy high service levels at low cost.
4: In the post-financial bubble economy, there is no longer the threat that large tracts of land will be gobbled up for rapid development, forcing the township to play defense. In fact, there are no large tracts of open development land available in the township, except those owned by the township. Development going forward will be an opportunity, but will be tougher to achieve and focused on redevelopment sites such as the Scott prison, or sites with no water and sewer infrastructure, such as 5 Mile Road west of the Scott prison. The township is well positioned because we have planned for this, and are known for professional, business friendly service. Investment will always seek out high quality opportunities, and Northville is known as a high quality community. This is certain to create unique opportunities for Northville.

5: No one in the community wants the prison to re-open in any way under private or public ownership. The township has clearly communicated that we want to see it demolished and redeveloped for private, taxable, job-creating use. The question is whether the township needs to ensure this outcome by purchasing the site ourselves, and then reselling the land for a use deemed acceptable to the community. I am undecided as to whether the township government is the entity best equipped to handle this, despite our good intentions and our obvious public interest. I support the due diligence that we are presently conducting in this matter, as we presently have no idea what the site is worth, what it will cost to demolish the prison, what new use may emerge, or how long it will take until an ultimate buyer comes along.

TREASURER CANDIDATES

MARJORIE F. BANNER

Age: 61
Years a Northviiiie Township resident: 28
Community involvement: Northville Township trustee, 2000-present; Zoning Board of Appeals, 1996-present; 7 Mile Property Steering Committee, chair; Historic District Commission, chair, 2006-present; Economic Development/Brownfield Commission, 2008-present; Northville Youth Assistance, 2000-2004; Friends of Thayer's Corner Nature Area, chair/treasurer, 2009-present.
Reiated experience: 26 years as owner/operator of my own business with full financial responsibility; owner/operator of Banner Concessions, 2005-2011; Lakes of Northville Homeowners' Association, vice chair, 1992-present; Michigan High School Figure Skating (65 high schools participating/500 student athletes), co-chair; volunteer Northville Public Schools -- volunteer/coach Northville girls softball, figure skating test chair, 1990-2009.
Profession: Legal writer/journalist/paralegal -- contract with ALM, an integrated media company providing specialized business news, primarily legal and commercial real estate.
Education: bachelor's, Iowa State University; post-graduate certification, Long Island University
Famiiy: married; three daughters
1: Northville Township has provided my family with a wonderful place to live and grow for the past 28 years, and I feel an obligation to give back to my community. Northville is a municipal gem in southeast Michigan, and I want it to remain that way, aesthetically and financially. The township has managed a stable financial course over several rocky economic years, and I believe my continuing role in the capacity as treasurer will provide continuity on the board, a necessary factor to stay on course. The township needs to continue responsible financial projections, provide our residents with the best in services, and seek growth opportunities -- primarily technology or light industrial -- to provide a broader tax base for this energetic community. I believe I am right the right person to fulfill these goals.
2: 1) Fiscal management



Banner

/ responsibility. Our dedicated millage expires in 2013 -- we'll need to determine the best course going forward for public safety, shared services, and general operating funds. Financial projections need to continue 5, 10, 20 years out, a successful practice over the last challenging years. The board needs to keep appropriate fund balances so we're not caught flat-footed in an economic downturn. 2) Carefully thought-out planning for the 7 Mile property, starting with the brownfield clean-up, and carefully phasing any development with the least financial impact on the township. A hard look at Scott Correctional facility with the financial ramifications of its potential purchase and re-use to create a significant tax-providing site. Economic development of the 5 Mile corridor, partnering with Plymouth Township and Wayne County, is a must. 3) Continued shared services with an eye for more collaboration with neighboring communities which could incorporate public safety, recreation and administrative obligations. 3: My future vision for the township includes the long-term development of our 7 Mile property. If done properly, with planning and communication, it will be the jewel of Northville Township, and something no neighboring community will have to offer. It has the potential to attract business and residents who will provide an increased tax base for our community. Through our planning efforts, the township has acquired appropriate green space for build-out to a population of 35,000. That ensures our future residents will have open space for their homes, parks and recreation for children and adults, and maintain the pastoral nature of our community, which is distinct from our neighboring communities.
4: Development, if correctly done, is an opportunity for Northville Township. We have an excellent staff, including our planning and financial departments, our planning and zoning commissions, as well as the potential for an excellent board. As a team, we can craft development compatible with our community and provide an increased tax base for our future. The township has available land for investment by technological and light industrial concerns, which is an advantage, but has challenges going forward that require collaboration with Plymouth Township and Wayne County along the 5 Mile Road corridor.
5: Northville Township is currently performing its due diligence regarding the prison facility. It is the last of the institutions in our community which have dominated our landscape and compromised our tax base. It is irresponsible to say that the township should buy the site before we know the ramifications for doing so -- whether it can be renovated, torn down, what the salvage opportunities are, or what the land is worth. If the financial figures are favorable, the township should buy the site, rather than allow Wayne County that opportunity, or the state to sell/auction it off as it did the 7 Mile property. If the township purchases the former prison, it will retain control over zoning and what will eventually be placed on the property. Whatever goes there should be a taxable entity, compatible with Community Park to the west and north, and our technology park and residences to the east.

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KAREN WOODSIDE

Age: 58
Years a Northville Township resident: 34
Community involvement: Northville Township supervisor, 1996-2000; planning commissioner and chair; ZBA secretary; started “Celebrate Northville” to continue July 4th parade and festivities dating back to 1877, 1995-1999 (parade, Mill Race program, concert and fireworks); Lakes of Northville Board member and president; schools PTO, DARE; girls softball coach - Northville Rec.
Related experience: Michigan Supreme Court appointed me to Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission, 2005-2011; State Bar of Michigan Criminal Law chair, 2001-2002; State Bar of Michigan Character and Fitness Committee, three terms; Wayne County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney (trials, Appellate Dept., Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office FOIA officer, extraditions, parole appeals, head of Drug House Forfeiture Unit, and Special Operations); State of Michigan Tax Tribunal (extensive assessment and tax experience); senior law clerk, two years
Profession: attorney, Woodside Legal, PLLC; retired Wayne County assistant prosecutor
Education: bachelor’s, psychobiology, U of D-Mercy; juris doctor, Detroit College of Law
Family: married; two adult children
1: As a fiscal conservative, I bring innovative solutions. Many people encouraged me to run again for the board. My diverse background brings an independent perspective to the township for establishing future stability. You can count on me to be ethical, trustworthy and honest. My tax, public safety, municipal, legal expertise, planning and development, mediation and proven leadership experience will mutually benefit the township and the treasurer’s office. As township supervisor, I accomplished all 10 campaign promises that I made to voters. My priorities are: protection of residents, customer service, carefully managing the budget, setting good policy, and the ability to get things done working together and with other partners effectively. We must always be good stewards of taxpayers’ money. The abandoned township finance building could be leased out to generate income; it is in a state of disrepair. Tax bills must be accurate the first time when they are mailed.
2: Low taxes, quality services, lean budget -- Being fiscally conservative in these tough economic times while proactively planning for customer service, public safety, future development and service delivery. Combine services to save money and maintain the excellent quality of life that we all enjoy. Rapid response times for public safety, managing water rates, and transparency of finances at all levels while increasing the fund-balance/upgrading bond-rating. Plan with county for roads, maintenance, traffic flow improvement, while maintaining township character and scheme. Water bills have increased significantly from DWSD wholesale water rates, and we need to watch DWSD and the county. Once, the township was over 1/2 public land with all unwanted institutions placed here and generated little tax revenue. Despite obstacles, Northville Township carefully planned back in 1990-2000 anticipating all current development with ordinances and master plan revisions that are in place to accommodate all new development of abandoned institutional properties.
3: Preservation of the exquisite natural features that make this township unique while encouraging high quality developments that will maintain architectural excellence. The Northville Hills Golf Course development was approved under my administration; large trees were preserved including (historic Climax forest planted by MSU (now Veteran’s Park); state-of-the-art Rouge Watershed stormwater management plan; land for Millennium Park. We improved the new park lands using the equipment and donations from nearby developers. Proactive zoning ordinances preserved the township’s rural character. Commercial, office, R & D buildings were encouraged to use earth tones stone/brick. Sign ordinances were revised, in any approved township site plan, we have no



Woodside

flashing/scrolling signs (mostly reasonable standards preserve character and scheme of township). Stone entrance signs were added. Other communities contacted us to copy our exemplary zoning standards/signs. Cross the border into other communities, and numerous signs and building architectural features are inconsistent with ordinance standards found here.
4: It is an opportunity to work together with property owners for a common goal to welcome quality development into our township. The costs of development may be slightly higher in Northville Township, but the returns are substantially higher to residents, developers and property and business owners. Property owners have a legal right to develop their property, and reasonable zoning ordinances that make our township desirable assure quality development. Northville Township welcomes businesses and other research and development facilities that provide a good tax base, but may require fewer services than other users. Planning and development requires achieving a balance of maintaining low taxes along with providing high quality services to all property owners. Continually updating ordinances and our Master Plan for development minimizes costly lawsuits.
5: The property currently belongs to the State of Michigan. The township has optioned the property pending a feasibility study of the property. Northville Township has always master planned the land for future use. Feasibility studies include: Phase I/Phase II environmental studies, remediation plans, information gathering, cost estimates, recommendations, then public hearings need to be held. The township board makes the final decision after careful evaluation of the final report, due diligence and public hearings. Only then can the board of trustees make a decision that is in the best interests of our township and its residents. The possibility exists that Wayne County could come in to assume the property and could use it as a jail facility. The township can look into pre-zoning the property to potentially enable a future development with zoning and site plan in place to expedite a development the township approves and will benefit the residents.

TRUSTEE CANDIDATES

MARV GANS

Age: 80
Years a Northville Township resident: 45 years
Community involvement: 16 years Northville Township trustee; 30 years Northville Township Planning Commission; 10 years Economic Development Corporation; 15 years Senior Adult Advisory Committee; 20 years chairperson of Friends of Northville Parks and Recreation
Related Experience: Through Friends of Northville Parks and Recreation, facilitated contributions totaling approximately \$1 million for physical recreation facilities for the enjoyment and use of the Northville community. Most recently, Friends of Northville Parks and Recreation donated \$100,000 to the Northville Education Foundation for school and community athletic turf at the high school stadium.
Profession: retired Schoolcraft College administrator and recreational facility consultant
Education: bachelor’s, education, Hunter College, New York City, NY; master’s, educational administration and educational specialist, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; Ph.D., health, physical education, recreation and athletic administration, with a specialty in physical education facility planning, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah
Family: wife, Rikki; children, Derek, Russ and Jenny
1: My experience, dedication and service to the community I love, and commitment to keeping Northville Township a great place to live, work and play, inspire me to seek reelection.
2: Our priority must be to keep Northville Township a sustainable community by 1) continuing to provide quality services, particularly police, fire and public works, in a fiscally responsible manner; 2) keeping taxes low; and 3) keeping property values high.



Gans

3: My vision is to continue to do the right things for the community in a fiscally responsible manner, to leave a proud legacy for our future residents. We are distinct from surrounding communities because of the great collaborative spirit within our community between the schools, city and township. However, we did not stop there! Northville Township has lead the way in partnering with developers, utilities and the county for mutual benefit to provide Northville Township with additional amenities, such as parks, development, land acquisition, and pathways for easy access to community properties.
4: Development provides a distinct opportunity for Northville Township to transition from a community where one third of its land was prisons and institutions that did not pay taxes to properties that increase our tax base. For example, during my tenure, the township has increased its land ownership from 69 acres to over 800 acres, which allows the township to better control its development, ensuring and increasing its tax base which, in turn, helps to keep property taxes to a reasonable level.
5: We need to investigate all aspects and do our due diligence to establish a favorable agreement with the State of Michigan regarding this property. We should determine the feasibility of acquiring all or part of the 35-acre property so the township can control what goes in at the entrance to the township at the corner of Beck and Five Mile roads. Since the township already owns 210 acres of land between the prison and Napier Road, this will allow for effective planning of the Five Mile corridor.

SYMANTHA HEATH

Age: 44
Years as a Northville Township resident: 8
Community involvement: I’m currently serving my second term on the Northville Senior Advisory Commission, where I have served as both vice chair and secretary. I also participated as a member of the township’s Green Ribbon Committee, and I have been involved in several local community and charitable organizations including the Northville Girl Scouts as a co-leader, Parent Teacher Association, Northville soccer and lacrosse associations, and the Arbor Hospice Organization. As a former member of Northville Mothers Club, I helped raise thousands of dollars for Northville’s school children.
Related Experience: I’ve been a business owner for 18 years. During that time I’ve experienced the same financial challenges as a majority of township residents. While other firms in our area were laying off employees we were able to leverage the use of technology and smart business practices to maintain both our employees’ jobs and a high level of service for our clients. As a result I have the experience necessary to reduce our unnecessary expenditures. I am a member of the Northville Chamber of Commerce and remain committed to being involved in the development decisions that affect our community.
Profession: I have been a practicing attorney since 1994: I am a founding partner of the law firm of Elkouri Heath PLC. I am currently serving my second term as president of the Wayne County Family Law Bar Association where I have served on the executive board for five years and where it has been my goal to make the legal system more accessible to Wayne County families. In addition I volunteer my time to assist military service members and their families with their legal issues.
Education: bachelor’s, Western Michigan University; juris doctorate, University of Detroit Mercy
Family: married 19 years; three children, ages 13, 8 and 8
1: I’m running for Northville Township trustee because I am a concerned citizen. As a resident of Northville Township I think it is important that our trustees and other township board members work hard to lower our taxes while prioritizing our quality of life, funding for our police & fire departments as well as protecting our property values. I will take every opportunity to improve the township’s efficiency by the use of technology and common sense to eliminate unnecessary expenses. I believe that my success as a business owner will serve as a guiding principle to keep Northville taxes



Heath

low and provide premium services to our residents.
2: The former Northville Psychiatric Hospital Property: The cleanup of this property must be expedited and made usable while minimizing the cost to do so. We should sell building material on the site, pursue grants and investigate obtaining commercial contributions towards the property’s optimization.
Protecting Vitai Services: Our tax revenue must be preserved to fund top priority items such as our fire and police departments. The Township’s expenditures should be carefully scrutinized to determine how to deliver services more efficiently and for less. The cost savings realized from these efforts can then be utilized to fund the police, fire and other essential services.
The condition of our roads: We already pay a significant amount of our taxes to the County, State and Federal governments. I will make it my priority to get more of the tax dollars we currently pay back to us to repair and maintain our Township roads.
3: Having a safe, thriving and strong community is important to me and all residents in Northville. Northville provides a unique combination of great schools, solid community, recreational opportunities and community mindedness, while maintaining a small town appeal.
4: Development is an opportunity for the township. However, any opportunity for development must be analyzed to determine whether the development benefits township residents by providing a needed service or an opportunity to realize additional tax revenue.
5: If by purchasing this property, tax revenue can be realized and we can rid ourselves of the current eyesore, purchase should be considered. Prior to making any decision there needs to be an analysis of the appraised value of the property and the “real” value to the township. This must take into account the considerations below.
* What additional costs are incurred if we acquire the property (i.e., landscape maintenance, security, expenses to demolish/dispose of the building materials, environmental hazards the township instead of the state would be responsible for clean-up of upon purchase)? Can these costs be passed on to a new purchaser?
* What is the estimated time to sell the property, and can we sell it and make a profit?
* Intangibles: What is the value to township residents in controlling the use of this property? Would township residents prefer township over county control?

MINDY HERRMANN

Age: 46
Years a Northville Township resident: 11
Community involvement: township trustee, four years; Parks and Recreation commissioner; Senior Advisory commissioner; founding member of Pathways and Connection Subcommittee; member of Trash Vendor Subcommittee; leader of Natural Beauty Road effort for Main Street
Related experience: supply/fiscal officer and planning officer, United States Marine Corps
Profession: career military officer (lieutenant colonel, United States Marine Corps)
Education: bachelor’s, United States Naval Academy; master’s level planning course, USMC
Family: married 24 years to Fred Herrmann; two daughters
1: Northville Township is a place people aspire to move to, not from. My husband and I were thrilled to move here with our young daughters 11 years ago, and even still, we often pause and reflect on how happy we are to be living here. As a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and as a career officer in the Marine Corps, I bring the skills and qualities one acquires in serving nearly 30 years in the military. Leadership coupled with my training as a supply and fiscal officer and as a trained planner are attributes which have great applicability at the municipal level. As a lifelong public servant, it is my privilege to give back to my community, and do my part in helping to negotiate our way forward. The challenges ahead demand ethical, capable and tireless leaders and I’m able and eager to serve in this capacity.
2: 1) Providing excellent public services to residents at the lowest possible cost. Also, despite Wayne County owning our roads, we need to look for innovative ways in which to improve the quality of more of our roads. 2) Ensuring that future



Herrmann

township development is consistent with our community’s values. 3) Full transparency in government and improved communication with residents.
3: Despite our fairly substantial population, I like how our community still feels like a small town. This didn’t happen accidentally, and we need to work to preserve this “feeling” while still capitalizing on the benefits associated with a township of our size and ideal location. Northville Township residents will benefit financially from diversifying our tax base, so that more revenue comes from businesses who locate here, and I’d like to see us attract the kinds of businesses who would be good corporate neighbors. These businesses minimally drain public safety and school resources, and their tax dollars could help afford residents opportunities and amenities that would benefit our “small town” -- such as improving our pathways in the township so that all residents can safely walk or ride to the major attractions within our community (our schools, downtown, Maybury State Park and other parks, and eventually, the 7 Mile Property).
4: The importance of developing responsibly can’t be overstated, because we only have one chance to get it right. Poor development can detract from residents’ quality of life and good development can enhance it. The township can control development on property that we own or sell, but like it or not, private development happens. Residents will be well-served by trustees such as me who understand the process, importance, obstacles and strategies needed to ensure the best possible outcome of future development. Unfortunately, some developers are more interested in turning a profit rather than turning a profit while at the same time enhancing the surrounding community. Within the constraints of township zoning ordinances, it’s our job to work with developers in order to secure the nicest possible development for our residents and the community at large.
5: We are still conducting our due diligence to determine whether we should buy the SCF for \$1: However, if there are no surprises and the township does end up purchasing it so that we can best control the development of the former SCF, we should not bear the expense of tearing down the buildings. Rather, we should sell the property “as is.” Both courses of action have risk (buying or not buying). However, if the township passes on this opportunity, another municipality could potentially buy it, and could decide to make it a jail (either private or public). I think that would be very disappointing to most Northville Township residents. Ultimately, I would like to see us get the property on our tax rolls, be developed in accordance with township values, and ultimately, have whatever development that occurs there enhance, rather than detract from, the surrounding residents’ quality of life.

MICHAEL KHEIBARI

Age: 62
Years a Northville Township resident: since 2000
Community involvement: “I have years of experiences in management and community activities.”
Related experience: Major in IIAF/CENTO (USA, UK, Iran, Turkey, Pakistan (1970-80); candidate for Michigan State Senate (2010)
Profession: manager, Rite Aid; former computer programmer (Compuware)
Education: master’s degree, aeronautical engineering, THR University
Family: wife, Parvin; children Rosita, Asadeh and Athena
1: I have been in military and civil organization. I have worked domestic and international. I have passion to solve people problems. I am educated, devoted and experienced person. I am master in planning and achieving goals. I can help my community a lot -- that’s why I am running.
2: Working on 7 Mile property; better roads and lighting; and supporting education and safety.
3: Our township is the best place to live and what makes it distinct from Plymouth, Canton and Novi is better school districts, closer to great highways and nicer subdivisions. Our problem is property values are depreciating sharply and we need a plan to turn this around.
4: More development in a professional manner is an opportunity not a threat.
5: We need a better plan for Scott facility not to harm township budget, and I am still working on it. I have a better plan.



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MICHAEL NOLTA

Age: 49 Years a Northville Township resident: 11 Community involvement: former Northville Youth Assis-



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tance, Hospice and Junior Achievement volunteer; former Hills of Crestwood Board member
Related experience: Chair consensus meetings at Ford Motor Company; regularly attend Northville Township Board of Trustee meetings; worked with Wayne County to repair subdivision roads; formerly employed as Congressional staff assistant in Washington, D.C.
Profession: capacity planning supervisor
Education: bachelor's,

applied engineering sciences, Michigan State University
Family: wife, Judy
1: I am running for the board of trustees to restore fiscal conservatism to Northville Township, especially as the State of Michigan divests itself from its township assets. Fiscal conservatism is something I feel the township has gotten away from since the last election four years ago, especially with regard to the former state psychiat-

ric hospital property on 7 Mile. Also, whether we're talking about the 7 Mile property, 5 Mile property or any other parcel the township owns or has jurisdiction over, the township only has one chance to get it right – whatever ends up on these parcels, we will all live with, most likely for the rest of our lives or however long we each choose to remain in Northville. I can think of no greater responsibility at the local level than to plan our com-

munity appropriately and this is why I am running for the board of trustees.
2: 1) An affordable plan for the former State psychiatric hospital on 7 Mile. 2) An affordable plan for the demolition and cleanup of the Scott Correctional facility on 5 Mile. 3) A renewed emphasis on working with Wayne County and the State of Michigan to improve residential road maintenance and replacement. This would include new walk/bike paths alongside dangerous stretches of roadways, such as Beck Road between 7 Mile and 8 Mile, 8 Mile east of Beck, and 7 Mile between Northville Road and Haggerty.
3: I believe this is best captured in the township's slogan – "Looking toward tomorrow without forgetting yesterday". Northville Township has always had a unique sense of its own history and a certain pride in it. More important, it has always been careful to grow at a measured pace in order to maintain its quality of life. While the three priorities above and others need attention, I hope to continue steering the township in this general direction for years to come.
4: Both. Having grown up within a couple of miles of the Big Beaver corridor in Troy, I have seen firsthand the negative impact of over-development on traffic and overall quality of life – this is why I applaud the board and planning commission for standing firm when developers wanted a residential density on the 7 Mile property that would have stressed our infrastructure and school system and adversely impacted our overall quality of life. Furthermore, I am concerned at projections that the township's population will grow to over 35,000 by 2020. However, we still have open land zoned "Office, Research and Technology" and "General Business" that we need to take advantage of. I look forward to working with the Economic Development Corporation to do just that.
5: At time of writing, the cost of demolition and cleanup was still undetermined. If the township can find funding for this expense, it should buy the Scott property from the state for \$1: It could then zone the parcel consistent with the 5 Mile corridor and sell it to the highest bidder. We simply cannot allow this property to fall into Wayne County's hands. We will have no jurisdiction over it (as long as it is used entirely for county purposes. Also, it will never be on the township's tax rolls and will likely remain a jail and an eyesore. This is a prime piece of property – I am confident we can realize a profit even after giving the state 40 percent of the proceeds when we sell it. More importantly, we have the opportunity to create something of value to Northville Township at this location.

39 years experience as manager and executive in the automobile industry, successfully leading multi-million dollar projects with large teams and tight budgets and deadlines.
Profession: manager and executive in information technology
Education: bachelor's, engineering, and master's, business administration, University of Michigan
Family: widowed; one son
1: During my 16 years in Northville Township, I have often been the beneficiary of this community's great heart and I have enjoyed its welcoming environment. I have served in leadership roles on numerous ad hoc committees and worked for many causes and initiatives. Now that I am an early retiree, I have the time to give back to this community in more of a "full-time" manner. Northville Township has been transitioning from a semi-rural and institutional landscape to a bedroom community wrapped around the City of Northville. The township can grow by another 10,000 before it is completely built out. At this critical point in its development, I believe the board of trustees should be made up of people with proven leadership talent who have the time and the drive to move Northville Township forward.
2: 1) Living within the Township's budget – even as revenues continue to contract. Diversifying the tax base by adding commercial and even light industrial facilities can help bring in additional revenues. 2) Maintaining our level of service – especially in public safety and water and sewage. This includes the plans to clean up the state hospital property. 3) Ensuring that new development is consistent with adjoining neighborhoods and the township's ordinances and values. This includes the Seven Mile Road property and the Five Mile Road corridor.
3: I will work to keep Northville Township a safe, welcoming, fiscally sound place to live and work. Surrounding communities all have areas that seem overcrowded and too overdeveloped. Driving into Northville Township one sees neighborhoods with "elbow room" and common areas that are inviting. Our commercial areas are mostly top drawer. I want to see the others upgraded and new ones designed to be top notch. The natural beauty of our hills, streams and woods sets the stage, and we want the works of man to be complementary.
4: I consider real estate development to be an opportunity, both esthetically and financially. A good development can offer services and facilities to existing residents and can help attract new people and businesses to Northville Township. Good developments pay taxes and give their owners the opportunity to make a profit. They blend into the community and conform to our ordinances and values. The Township must work with neighboring communities plus Wayne County and the state to ensure that suitable (and appropriate) transportation and utility infrastructure is in place.
5: My priority is to make sure it does not continue as a prison facility. Northville Township has "served its time" as host to thousands of acres of hospital, prison and other institutional facilities. However, it is essential that we see a thorough financial analysis of the township's costs and probable returns before committing to a purchase. If the existing board does purchase the property, the next board will be responsible for turning it into a township asset.

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CHARLICK, NORMAN D.
Age 93, passed away June 23, 2012, at MidMichigan Gladwin Pines Nursing Home. He was born on May 13, 1919, in West Highland, Michigan, a graduate of Milford High School. Norman was a veteran of the United States Army Air Force in World War II as an Air Force Mechanic in Italy for one and a half years. He is survived by his beloved wife, Beatrice, of 72 years; his sister, Mary Lou Applebee of Highland; his brothers, Lloyd of Delta, Colorado, and Howard of Milford; and many nieces and nephews; as well as a very special friend, Jenny Bergman. In accordance with his wishes, cremation will take place and he will be interred at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi. There will be no memorial service. Memorials may be made to MidMichigan Gladwin Pines.

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GARRETT, JEWEL "JUDY" M.
Age 91, passed away July 5, 2012. She was born on August 18, 1920, in Exodus, McCreary County, KY, to the late Isaac and Mollie (King) Richardson. In 1941, she moved to South Lyon with her husband Blackie, who was employed at Michigan Seamless Tube. She was a charter member Of the First Baptist Church of South Lyon. Jewel was very active with her children and all her grandchildren. She enjoyed being in their lives. Jewel is survived by her children: Virginia (Chris) Howard, Hollis (June) Garrett, Judy Cain; eight grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband Orval "Blackie" Garrett in 2000, her son Richard, two brothers and three sisters. Visitation was held on July 9, Monday, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. with a funeral service at 12:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of South Lyon, 60820 Marjorie Ann St., South Lyon. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

GILDERS, BEATRICE JOAN
Age 80, passed away July 5, 2012. She was born on July 21, 1931, in Detroit, to the late Robert and Beatrice (Oldford) Scrivens. She was formerly of Northville, prior to moving to South Lyon in 1988. Joan enjoyed gardening and was a member of the Sunshine Girls. She was a Real Estate agent for many years with Century 21 and was proud to be a member of the Million Dollar Sales Club. She also worked for Ruby Office Supply formerly located in Brighton and Northville. Joan is survived by her children: David Gilders, Cynthia Damon, and Timothy Gilders; eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; her brother Jack Scrivens, sisters Barbara Scrivens and Mary Hobgood. She was preceded in death by her husband Elmer, sons Gary and Craig, grandson Gary and brother Harold Scrivens. Visitation will be held July 9, Monday, from 4:00 – 9:00 p.m. PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon. A funeral service will be held July 10, Tuesday, at 10:00 a.m. with final visitation at 9:15 a.m. at Brighton Church of the Nazarene, 7679 Brighton Rd., Brighton. Memorial contributions may be made to Forgotten Man Ministries Livingston County, 3940 Fruit Ridge Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544

HERALD, STEVEN D.
Former South Lyon resident, Steven D. Herald, 61, of Millington, died July 2, 2012 at Select Specialty Hospital/St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. Born December 10, 1950, he was the son of Marilyn Herald Smith and the late David W. Herald. He was a 1969 graduate of South Lyon High School and later earned an Associate Degree from Schoolcraft College, Livonia. Mr. Herald was a field engineer at the General Motors Proving Grounds in Milford, retiring in 2009 after 31 years. He was a member of the United States Army Reserves during the 1970's. He and Nancy Ann Patterson were married in May, 1972. She survives, as do two sons, David P. Herald of Ottisville, and Patrick S. Herald (Jeanette) of Lexington, Kentucky. Other survivors include: his mother and stepfather, Marilyn and Warren Smith of Moran, Michigan and St. Cloud, Florida; one sister, Andra Ziemke (Wayne) of Las Vegas, Nevada; one brother, Scott Herald (Judy) of Gregory, Michigan; one stepbrother Ronald Smith (Marie) of Nokesville, Virginia; two stepsisters, Kelly Duling of Findlay, Ohio and Sandy Heinz of Whitmore Lake, Michigan; one aunt, Barbara Heichel of Waterford, Michigan; one uncle, Roy Herald of Charlevoix, Michigan, and several nephews, nieces and cousins. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service celebrating Mr. Herald's life will be held on July 29 at his home. Martin Funeral Home in Ottisville assisted the family with arrangements.

McNEELY, JACK (Edward J. McNeely),
Age 89, of Northville, passed away on June 30, 2012. Loving husband of 60 years to Marie (O'Connor). Devoted father of Kathleen (Robert Gold) McNeely, Dennis (partner Sandra Koenig) McNeely, Sharon McNeely, Maureen (Robert) Turner, Edward J. McNeely III, Brigid McNeely, Kevin McNeely and Colleen Porter. Foster parent to Kevin Michael and Mary Catherine. Proud grandfather of 20 and great-grandfather of 11. Dear brother-in-law of Mary McNeely Taylor and Shirley McNeely. Many loving cousins, nieces and nephews also survive. Preceded in death by his siblings or their spouses: Pat McNeely, Mary Helen (Nick) Rine, Jim (Marialyce) McNeely, Eilleen (Ed) King, and Bill McNeely. Jack grew up in Detroit, and proudly served our country in the United States Navy during World War II. He was a Professional Engineer, receiving his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Detroit. In 1961, he founded McNeely & Lincoln Associates, serving as City Engineer for both the City of Garden City and the City of Northville, in addition to other clientele, until his retirement in 1989. Jack loved people, considering everyone family or friend. He was active in promoting literacy, and loved kids, travel, camping, swimming, nature, history, trivia, and tinkering on projects. His wit and sense of humor were second to none. Funeral service Friday, July 13, 2012 from the Church of the Holy Family 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, Jack will lie in state beginning at 10:30am until time of mass at 11:00am. Friends many visit the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main St., Plymouth, on Thursday, July 12, 2012 from 2-4 and 6-8pm. Interment Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville.

MOWAT, FRANCES J.
Age 87, passed away July 3, 2012. She was born on June 6, 1925, in Bay City, to the late William and Louise (Knapp) Allen. She enjoyed watching baseball. Frances loved Bingo and being with her friends. She had a great sense of humor and loved to make people laugh. Frances is survived by her son Robert Mowat; daughter Sharon Mowat; five grandchildren: Frances Tallent, Valerie Banks, Tina Rooker, Donna Slyfield, Matthew Helm; eight great-grandchildren: John Banks, Kevin Mosley, Josh Banks, Tyler Epps, Brandon Epps, Natasha Tallent, Nathan Tallent, and Jack Banks. She was preceded in death by her husband Harold Mowat in 1990 and by four brothers and one sister. Visitation was held on Monday, July 9, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. followed by a funeral service at 12:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

POWELL, CLIFFORD WAYNE
Age 86 of Las Vegas, Nevada, formerly of Highland died April 25. He leaves his wife Janice of 61 years. Son Scott (Ressa) Powell. Grandchildren Christopher Powell, Jeanette (Tyler) Schmeling; great-granddaughter, Marissa, all of Las Vegas. A son, Roger Clay Powell deceased. He leaves three brothers, Dallas (Rose), Gerald and Richard (Connie) Powell. Three sisters, Barbara Wardlow, Connie (Bill) Ignace and Jeannette (Bob) Faught, all of Michigan. Brothers Herbert and Carrol Powell and sister, Minerva Wyckoff deceased. He attended The Shrine of the Most Holy Redeemer in Las Vegas. He was retired from G.M. Proving Grounds, Milford. Born to Clifford E. and Myrtle M. Rummell Powell in Linden, Michigan August 17, 1925. He was a Navy veteran of WWII, serving in the South Pacific. Interment later in Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Boulder City, Nevada.

QUINN, ALMA M.
Age 98, passed away July 2, 2012. She was born on December 13, 1913, in Ontario, to the late Joseph and Minnie (Fallu) Fortin. Alma was a very active and spirited lady. She could often be found square dancing, sewing or donating her time at church. She was very proud to be able to live on her own until just recently. Alma is survived by her children: Donald (Katherine) Quinn, Pamela (Arthur) Schwartz; four grandchildren: Michael, Brian, Andrew, Laura; five great-grandchildren: Katelyn, Isabella, Allyson, Jack, Michael; brothers: Errol Fortin and Norman Fortin. She was preceded in death by her husband David in 2007 and her daughter Diane in 1940. Visitation was held on July 5, from 4:30 – 8:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A funeral mass was celebrated on July 6 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

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SILLS, THOMAS M.
Age 71, of Las Vegas, formally of Sterling Hts, died June 25, 2012. A memorial mass will be held at 10am on July 25th at St. Ephrem Catholic Church, 38900 Dodge Park Rd, Sterling Hts.

VILLEROT, RICHARD M.
Age 37, of Adrian passed away unexpectedly on July 6, 2012. He was born on August 4, 1974 in Ypsilanti to Richard K. and Sandra (nee Noble) Villerot. Rick graduated from South Lyon High School in 1992 then started a career in law enforcement. For the past 14 years he was a Conservation Officer with the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Law Enforcement Division. Rick married the love of his life Michelle Balko on May 17, 1996; he was a loving and devoted husband. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed camping and hunting. Through his love of outdoors and camping he became a member of the Sauk Trail Long Rifle Club. He was a great storyteller; always had a story for everything. Rick loved music and had a very eclectic taste. He was an amazing and loving father who divided his attention equally between his son and daughter; he could be seen wrestling with Logan or dancing with Keegan. Rick is survived by his wife Michelle; his children, Logan and Keegan; his parents, Richard and Sandy; his brother Brad (Crystal); his grandparents, Gordon and Anna Mae Noble and Russ Villerot; his mother-in-law Delora Balko; his brother-in-laws, Chad (Laura) Balko and Jay (Jess Gallop) Balko; his niece Bailey; and his nephews, Andre, David, Kyle, and Fred. He was also loved by many friends and family. He was preceded in death by his grandmother Donna Jean Villerot. A funeral service was held Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at the First Baptist Church of South Lyon. He was laid to rest at South Lyon Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the family of Richard M. Villerot, C/O Casterline Funeral Home, 59255 Ten Mile Road, South Lyon, MI 48178.

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Home invasion attempt

1 On June 28, a 44-year-old Northville woman reported to the police of an attempted break-in after she discovered that two of her windows at her home in the 8000 block of Napier were cut, as if someone was trying to gain entry. The woman was alone at home when the security alarm went off, but she did not see any sign of anyone when she checked the rest of the home and outside. The police report stated it appeared someone had moved a chair and bench that were in front of the window that was cut. Another window was cut as well.

Suspended license arrest

2 A 22-year-old Livonia woman was arrested after making a right hand turn at a traffic light that states no right hand turn on red. The Northville Township Police spotted the woman at 7 Mile and Haggerty roads making the illegal turn before stopping her near Danielle Drive. She was arrested after a background check revealed she was driving while her license was suspended. **Larceny at Brick's** 3 Four hundred and fifty dollars was stolen from a safe located inside an office at Brick's of Northville.

On July 1, employees at the bar/restaurant located at 133 W. Main Street in downtown Northville arrived in the morning and discovered the safe open with the contents missing. The police were unable to lift any fingerprints from the scene because it had been tainted by multiple people. The safe is used by wait staff to "drop" their money into after a shift is over. There was nothing else taken and no damage to the safe was reported. Northville city police did respond to a burglar alarm at Brick's early on July 1, but found everything secure and no one there. The case remains open pending a further

look into surveillance video. **Coyote attack** 4 A Northville woman reported to the police that her dog had been attacked by a coyote on July 1 in her backyard in the 900 block of Coldspring Drive. The police went to the scene, but could not find any signs of the coyote. The 52-year-old woman said she took the dog to the veterinarian and it was declared OK. She said she would be keeping an eye out for the animal. **Handgun stolen** 5 A Northville man had his handgun stolen by an unknown person at his home in the



800 block of Yorktown Court. Sometime between June 1 and July 2 the silver Beretta 92FS 9mm was taken from the 51-year-old man. He said the only people who had access to his condo are his brother and a cleaning crew. There were no signs of a forced entry. There are no suspects at this time. The case remains open. Compiled by correspondent Lonnie Huhman

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OUR VIEWS

11th Congressional District Cassis, Taj best choices for primary election

Voters in the 11th Congressional District will nominate a Republican and a Democrat in the Aug. 7 primary election.

After careful consideration and interviews with all of the candidates, we recommend

Nancy Cassis as the Republican nominee and **Syed Taj** as the Democratic nominee.

Cassis has a proven track record as a state senator, state representative and Novi City Council member. During her 12 years in state government, she helped to bring transparency and accountability to the Michigan Economic Growth Authority and the film credits program, among other accomplishments.



Cassis



Taj

Taj, a medical doctor and a member of the Canton Township Board of Trustees, is a good listener who would be able to compromise and work across the aisle. He is well-versed on health care and would work to improve the Affordable Care Act. He believes education will help the United States compete globally. Taj supports increased border patrols to stop illegal immigration, but wants to improve the immigration process so that foreigners who want to work professionally in this country can get here, just like he did.

Cassis' name won't be on the ballot. Voters will have to write her name in and fill in the circle next to it. She came out of retirement to become a write-in candidate after longtime Republican Congressman Thaddeus McCotter failed to turn in enough valid signatures by the deadline to get his name on the ballot and then decided against running as a write-in himself.

Cassis' opponent, Kerry Bentivolio, is the only name that will appear under the Republican Party Section of the ballot for the 11th Congressional District.

Party leaders interviewed Cassis and other potential write-ins, but not Bentivolio. They consider him to be an extremist based on his web site. We believe Bentivolio deserved an interview from party leaders.

However, going forward, it's now up to voters to decide whom they think will best represent them in Congress. It's likely other write-in candidates will emerge before the July 27 deadline to declare a write-in candidacy.

But Cassis is a committed candidate running a serious campaign, saying she wants to help ensure a more secure future for the next generations.

Besides her extensive experience and reputation as a hard worker, Cassis is knowledgeable about the issues and holds the same conservative values as most mainstream Republicans in the district. She would work to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act and bring fiscal restraint back to the federal government. She has experience serving on tax committees in the state House and Senate so she knows Michigan's tax structure and what she believes needs to be fixed.

We think she would best represent Republicans in the 11th District, which covers her hometown of Novi, and communities of her former district of Highland, Milford, White Lake, South Lyon and others, and extends eastward to Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Troy, and south into the city of Farmington and the western Wayne County communities of Canton Township, Livonia, Northville and Northville Township, Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

Taj is the lone Democrat on the Canton board. His ability to work well with his Republican colleagues has earned him their respect. His priorities would be aiding the economic recovery, supporting growing industries in Michigan, improving the health care system and the ACA, supporting veterans, and reducing hyperpartisanship in Washington.

His opponent, Bill Roberts, is a political organizer who supports Lyndon LaRouche and advocates the impeachment of President Barack Obama.

We think Taj's moderate views would best represent the Democrats in the 11th Congressional District.

Democrats and Republicans in the 11th District have a clear choice in their respective primary on Aug. 7. We recommend Taj and Cassis. They will provide voters with a spirited debate leading up to the November general election.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What is your ideal summer day?



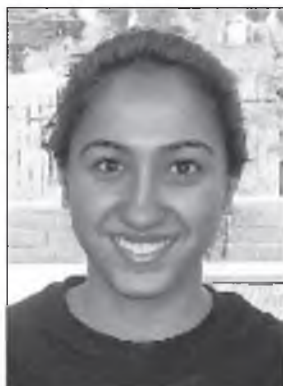
"Wake up, go workout at Lifetime, hang with friends and play Xbox for three hours and just have a non-educational day."

Larry Rubel
Novi



"Play outside with friends, eat a bunch of food and relax."

Nithin Adapa



"Sleeping in, watching TV, going on Facebook and being with friends."

Palvi Bhardwaj

Novi



"Waking up late, watching cartoons and hanging out with friends outside."

Neena Bazaz
Novi

LETTERS

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Friday evening (June 22) I had the privilege of hosting the author reception for the first Short on Words competition at the Northville Art House. The Art House has been kind to host two exhibits of my photographic work. I am proud of our partnership for the sake of the art of photo journalism. I congratulate each of the authors and ask them to please continue to keep creative writing a craft worthy of life. I will continue to take photos and sponsor the annual contest as part of the Arts & Acts festival.

Saturday (June 23), Northville's Ford Field was alive with music, dance, face-painting, magic, footlong hot dogs and hand-dipped ice cream cones — a true slice of Americana. It was especially nice to see so many having fun.

My heartfelt thanks to the Northville Chamber of Commerce for the Citizen of the Year recognition, to my neighbors in the community, including the Northville Record — together we have seen and embraced a significant amount of change; to my family, my friends and my staff for their unconditional acceptance of my ideas — good and bad; most importantly, to my patients. I look forward to celebrating many more milestones with each and every one of you. For what has been, thank you. For what will be ... yes!

Wiiiam S. Demray D.D.S.
Northville

Vote for Roosen

I have looked at the qualifications of the candidates running for township supervisor and have concluded that Chris Roosen has the best mix of experience to serve us. Chris Roosen is the only candidate with experience on the township board, and is the only candidate who has served as a consultant to SEMCOG (Southeast Michigan Council on Government). His association with SEMCOG has provided him with background and perspective on the challenges presented to local governments by current economic reality. Chris has also been employed in the auto industry for 20 years and has functioned well in this ever-changing, ever-challenging environment. We need more common sense problem-solving and business experience in local government, so I am supporting Chris Roosen to be the next Northville Township supervisor on Aug. 7.

Coine Coieman
Northville Township

Backing Banner

Working with Marjorie Banner on the Historic District Commission, 7 Mile Property Steering Committee and our homeowners association board, I have witnessed her ability to work with people, lead and motivate, as well as her unmatched commitment and work ethic. Her 12 year tenure on the Board of Trustees has made her acutely aware of the

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challenges facing municipalities in this economy. More importantly, she has firsthand knowledge of the strategies our township has used to maintain financial health, while so many other communities are floundering. Moreover, Marjorie has the vision to help guide Northville Township to be the community of choice for new businesses as well as residents. The township needs Marjorie Banner as its next treasurer.

Bill Sivy
Northville Township

Trust in Roosen

I have been receiving color glossy mailers from Bob Nix calling for more transparency in government. His mailers indicate that he supports Northville Township's police and firemen. Doesn't everyone support strong public safety? It appears that he is trying to mislead the voters by using a stock photo of a generic fireman and fire truck that are obviously not in Northville Township. Is he implying that he has their endorsement? If Mr. Nix wants transparency, he should refrain from trying to mislead the voters with stock photos and implied endorsement on his mailers.

As a township trustee, Chris Roosen has shown his commitment to strong public safety, protecting Northville citizens with advanced life support paramedics and preserving full staffing at the Northville Township police and fire departments during the recent recession. I'm voting for a proven candidate that I know I can trust, Chris Roosen, for township supervisor.

Don Meiotik
Northville Township

Super supports Nix, Banner

I'm sure many of you have noted in your work careers that the ways a person exercises judgment, decision-making and objective thinking are not always evident during the job interview process. Those attributes are best observed when they are actually performing "on the job." I've worked very close politically with two of the three candidates for Northville Township supervisor, as well as both of the candidates for Northville Town-

ship treasurer.

Based on my observations, the candidates I see as the most forward thinkers, objective decision-makers, and consensus-builders are Bob Nix and Margie Banner. Mr. Nix has spent 10 years with the township planning commission and was recently listed in Detroit's Best Lawyers for 2012. He has also been listed in the Best Lawyers in America since 1990. Ms. Banner has spent 12 years as a township trustee, 16 years on the zoning board of appeals, and was the first chair of Northville Township Historical District Commission. Both have been advocates for Northville in many many other ways.

On August 7, I will be voting for Bob Nix for supervisor and Margie Banner for treasurer, and encourage the voters of Northville Township to do so as well.

Mark J. Abbo
Northville Township supervisor

Does Catholic Church support Obamacare?

In her byline story "Catholic leaders react to Supreme Court ruling," Aileen Wingblad quoted Pastor Ron Anderson of St. Mary Our Lady of the Snow Roman Catholic Church as being pleased with the U.S. Supreme Court Ruling upholding the federal Affordable Care Act's (Obamacare) individual mandate as constitutional. This gave the impression that the Catholic Church leaders were indeed happy to see the ruling. Nothing could be further from the truth. All one has to do is go to <http://www.aod.org/our-archdiocese/newsroom/statements/2012/june/fornight-for-freedom-homily> and witness Archbishop Allen Vigneron's homily to see and hear why the Catholic Church in the U.S. is opposed to the healthcare bill.

The recently concluded Fortnight for Religious Freedom was a two-week period of prayer, fasting and witness which the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops requested to protest the law's threat to religious liberty. Furthermore, while the HHS mandate to provide insurance that includes contraception, sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs is the most talked about, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is concerned about other aspects of the law that require Catholic social service agencies in some states to withdraw from adoption or counseling services over same-sex issues and proposals that would make it illegal for church agencies to provide assistance.

Moreover, on June 21, the Rev. Matthew Harrison, president of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, issued a letter "Free Exercise of Religion: Putting Beliefs into Practice" (www.lcms.org/president) that was co-signed by Catholic leaders, Orthodox Church, Evangelical Lutheran Synod, National Association of Evangelicals, Hispanic Evangelical Association, Presbyterian Church in America, General Council of the Assemblies of God, Islamic Society of the Washington area in opposition to the bill. None of these events that demonstrated opposition and displeasure with the law have really been prominently and widely covered by the mainstream media.

Ray Ferrer
Northville Township

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Taste of Mexico

Qdoba eatery arrives to complement restaurant scene

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

A new Qdoba restaurant, featuring fresh Mexican fare, is coming to 8 Mile and Haggerty roads in Northville Township.

Jessica Waugh, regional marketing specialist for Qdoba, said the grand opening Tuesday, July 10, with doors opening at 10:30 a.m. allowed the first 50 guests to enjoy a free entree. WYCD 99.5 radio was on site.

Qdoba has another restaurant at Six Mile and Newburgh in Livonia.

"We think there's a big enough distance between Livonia and the Northville area," Waugh said. "We are very excited to be in the Northville community."

Getting involved

They're already involved in such events as the Northville High School all-night party for graduating seniors, as well as the Jingle Bell Run at Northville Downs, for which they've provided tortilla soup for four years.

The local Qdoba, which has hired 20 people, is also involved in the Taste of Novi event, as well



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville Township Qdoba invited local merchants to stop by on July 9 for a free lunch so they could test their kitchen. The restaurant was slated to open to the public on July 10.

as the Northville Chamber of Commerce Grub Crawl.

"It just depends on what the needs are," said Waugh, who's been with Qdoba about five and a half years. She's pleased so many locals could be hired, with a few staffers coming from nearby restaurants for training.

On Saturday and Sunday, July 14-15, the first 15 guests each day at the Northville Township Qdoba will receive a free entree.

Waugh noted theirs isn't fast food, with chips, guacamole and other products often made locally

using fresh ingredients. "We take a lot of pride in the food we serve," she said, adding the average entree runs \$7-9.

Room for 72

The restaurant seats 72, said Lauren Preston, who handles Nontraditional Marketing and PR for Qdoba Restaurant Corp. Qdoba doesn't serve alcohol.

The Northville location will be the 23rd Qdoba in greater Detroit, including Ann Arbor, according to Preston. There is a nearby On the Border but Qdoba officials aren't concerned about competing.

The two competing restaurants are different, Preston said. At Qdoba, guests walk through the line and watch while entrees are crafted to fit their taste, preference and dietary needs.

They choose from such options as tacos, burritos, taco salads, quesadillas, nachos and others. Guests then select their toppings such as vegetarian black or pinto beans, meats or veggies, five salsas, guacamole smashed by hand, and signature sauces such as 3-Cheese Queso.

The marketing/PR representatives describe



Northville Township Qdoba employee Jennifer Hathorne smiles as she wraps up a burrito order for a customer during the restaurant's trial-run day on July 9. The Mexican restaurant, located at the southwest corner of Eight Mile and Haggerty, was to open to the public the next day, July 10.

their model as fast-casual dining. Qdoba has takeout (as does On the Border).

"We feel there's plenty of room in the market for both of us and we both offer a different experience for our guests," Preston said in an e-mail.

She added culinary team representatives for Qdoba visit the U.S. and Mexico to research new flavors and offerings.

The restaurant is in the southwest corner of 8 Mile and Haggerty, in the new strip plaza in the Meijer parking lot.

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Northville Township's Qdoba restaurant at Eight Mile and Haggerty.

Make the most of your Social Security benefits

By Paul Housey
Guest Columnist

While politicians debate over the future of Social Security, many workers rely on this benefit as a significant portion of their retirement income. For more than 10 years, the Social Security Administration (SSA) mailed statements each year to all workers summarizing their earnings history and projected benefits. While a select few groups of workers still receive paper copies, the SSA has transitioned this information from paper form to Internet based for the majority of Americans.

Accessing this information annually is important for two reasons. First, workers should verify the accuracy of the earnings history. With more than 100 million workers, mistakes do get made. Make sure your record is accurate. Secondly, proper retirement planning requires an accurate projection of your benefit amount.

As you get closer to your retirement age, you should also familiarize yourself completely with the pros and cons of taking the benefit as early as age 62 or as late as age 70. Taking benefits early is the popular choice but not always the best choice. Some examples of people who may want to wait beyond age 62 to begin their benefits include those who:

- are still working,
- have other retirement assets such as an IRA, Roth or 401(k),
- are married with a significant difference in lifetime earnings between spouses, or

- are married with a significant age difference between spouses

The SSA website is www.ssa.gov. This site is packed with great information but don't expect everything to be easy to find. A great benefit of this site is the ability to create your own account and access your personal information, but again, expect some delays during this process.

Whether Social Security is your only source of retirement income or you have a million dollar portfolio, proper planning can greatly increase the value of your Social Security benefits.

Beyond the Basics

- The portion of your benefits subject to Federal income tax is 0, 50 or 85 percent, depending on your overall income. Proper planning may allow you to keep this percentage as low as possible.

- Each worker has a Full Retirement Age (FRA) between 65 and 67 based on their year of birth. If you are working between age 62 and your FRA, you may not be allowed to receive and keep your Social Security benefits, depending on your overall earned income.

- For married couples, each spouse is entitled to receive the benefit they earned on their own or one-half of their spouses benefit, whichever is greater. Many advanced strategies exist such as the husband claiming his benefit and the wife claiming the spousal benefit until the wife turns 70 when she gives up the spousal benefit at starts her own.

- At the death of the first spouse, the surviving spouse continues the larger of the two payments and gives up the smaller check.

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when McCotter made his announcement. In addition, ballots must be sent to Michigan voters who are overseas or serving in the military at least 45 days before an election, which means the special primary election must be held on a different date than Aug. 7.

"It is extremely disappointing that the district is forced to have a special election that is neither cost-effective nor efficient," Calley said. "Taxpayers deserve better. But the requirement for the governor to call a special election in this situation is clear and we must do so in a way that establishes fair, realistic deadlines for candidates and election officials. We will move forward so that district residents have full representation in Congress for the remainder of the term. I have every confidence that the outstanding election officials throughout the district will get the job done in spite of this challenging timeline."

The special primary date

still allows for the special general election to fill the vacancy to be held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled Nov. 6 general election.

Calley cited Michigan election law, which states that the governor "shall" call a special election in this circumstance, as well as Article I, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution, which contains similar language requiring a special election as the reason for his decision. Article V, Section 26 of the Michigan Constitution gives authority to the lieutenant governor when the governor is outside the state.

By issuing the call Tuesday for a special election, the governor's action allows candidates adequate time to collect the required 1,000 petition signatures for ballot access by Friday, July 20. This in turn allows local officials to print special ballots to send to military and overseas voters 45 days before the Sept. 5 special election.

The 11th Congressional District is comprised of portions of Wayne and Oakland counties.

MCCOTTER

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ety show," last year as it appeared his presidential campaign was failing.

Late Friday afternoon, McCotter issued the following statement:

"Today I have resigned from the office of United States Representative for Michigan's 11th Congressional District. After nearly 26 years in elected office, this past nightmarish month and a half have, for the first time, severed the necessary harmony between the needs of my constituency and of my family. As this harmony is required to serve, its absence requires I leave.

"The recent event's totality of calumnies, indignities and deceptions have weighed most heavily upon my family. Thus, acutely aware one cannot rebuild their hearth of home amongst the ruins of their U.S. House office, for the sake of my loved

ones I must 'strike another match, go start anew' by embracing the promotion back from public servant to sovereign citizen.

"I do not leave for an existing job and face diminishing prospects (and am both unwilling and ill-suited to lobby), my priorities are twofold: find gainful employment to help provide for my family; and continue to assist, in any way they see fit, the Michigan Attorney General's earnest and thorough investigation, which I requested, into the 2012 petition filing.

"While our family takes this step into the rest of our lives, we do so with the ultimate confidence in our country's future. True, as at other times in the life of our nation, we live in an Age of Extremes that prizes intensity over sanity; rhetoric over reality; and destruction over creation. But this too shall pass, thanks to the infinite, inspired wisdom of the sovereign people

who, with God's continued blessings, will again affirm for the generations American Exceptionalism. Truly, it is a challenging and fortunate time to live in our blessed sanctuary of liberty.

"In closing, to the people of Michigan's 11th Congressional District, I can but say this: Thank you for the privilege of having worked for you."

In the statement, McCotter's press spokesperson Randall Thompson indicated that the Washington, D.C., Milford and Livonia offices will continue to operate under the direction of the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives. "Staff will still be available to serve the needs of the citizens of the 11th Congressional District for any constituent needs," the statement reads.

McCotter also reaffirmed that he will not conduct any interviews until the findings of the Michigan Attorney Gen-

eral's investigation have been made public. "As a private citizen, Mr. McCotter will reserve comments until this time," the statement reads.

Contacted late Friday, Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey said he was shocked and surprised by McCotter's resignation.

"I thought he'd at least finish out his term, but at the same time I realize the importance of keeping your family foremost in your thoughts," Kirksey said. "I hope his future will work out well for him."

Michigan Republican Party Chairman Bobby Schostak issued the following statement: "We wish Congressman McCotter and his family the best and thank him for his time serving our state. The Michigan Republican Party remains concentrated and focused on ensuring the 11th Congressional District receives common-sense Republican representation this fall."

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REIS gearing up for 7 Mile/Haggerty development

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

Things will soon be looking a lot different at the southwest corner of 7 Mile and Haggerty roads now that REIS has been given the green light to begin clearing and grading 50 acres of its property in preparation of further development.

The development planned to be constructed there includes a University of Michigan Hospital location for ambulatory care as well as unspecified retail and restaurants.

The Northville Township Planning Commission on June 26 approved the site plan for land balancing and infrastructure improvements. Planning commission chair Robert Nix said they have resolved 80 to 90 percent of the issues with REIS and the remaining conditions will be approved by township staff. Work is expected to begin later this month.

Nix said this is the first step and it will involve losing trees and a lot of heavy equipment grading the area in order to properly develop the site. Other work includes removing old utility lines and installing new water and sewer lines.

Chris Roosen, township board trustee and planning commission liaison, said REIS expects to get done with the clearing by December, but will not begin landscaping until next spring. "We are hopeful that a high quality development will result, but we fear it will be an ugly construction site in the meantime."

Nix said there were two areas of concerns voiced by some residents at the meeting and both involve the area directly on 7 Mile Road, which is 24 acres set aside for retail and restaurants.

Part of the proposed plan for water management also involves constructing (along 7 Mile from Haggerty to Meadowbrook Road) three large detention ponds. It was emphasized by the planning commission that a landscaping buffer of at least 50 feet, set out in the agreement, should be adhered to when it comes to this part of the work.

Another aspect, which will also involve Wayne County's permission, is the proposed road planned to run off of 7 Mile, across from Meadowbrook through the site to Haggerty, directly across from Chippewa Drive at Schoolcraft College. It's possible a traffic signal could go in at the opening across from Meadowbrook. Residents in this area are concerned their street could see an increase in traffic.

Sidewalks are also expected to be placed along 7 Mile and Haggerty.

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Court? How should immigration be addressed in the United States?

We need a coherent federal immigration policy that ends disjointed state action on this issue. This includes retaining highly skilled immigrants, creating a path to citizenship by passing the DREAM Act, securing our borders and better funding our border agents, and preserving the family unit in the immigration process. Streamlining our immigration policies is both an economic and moral imperative and cutting the red tape at the level where the process begins.

What are your thoughts on the Affordable Health Care Act?

As a physician with 40 years in the medical field, I am very passionate about health care reform. I support the individual mandate, treatment of pre-existing conditions, state exchanges and how it lowers overhead costs. The ACA is not without flaws and in Congress I will advocate a patient-outcome model based on patient outcomes and quality care to improve the law.

Do you favor the bridge to Canada? If so, is there anything you would do to ensure its construction?

I support the construction of the New International Trade Crossing proposed by Governor Snyder. Nearly 25 percent of all merchandise trade between the U.S. and Canada crosses the Ambassador Bridge, making it the busiest crossing by trade volume. I oppose private ownership and development of this project and applaud the Governor's partnership with Canada without

costing taxpayers a dime.

Do you favor greater federal expenditures to create jobs here and nationally?

While federal expenditures play an important role during recessions – keeping local teachers, firefighters and safety workers employed – we should be aiding the current recovery with an eye on our growing public deficit. Infrastructure projects, the Small Business Tax Credit Initiative, lowering college costs, incentives to hire new workers, and tax reform will have important impacts on Michigan's economy and the nation.

Congress seems to be sharply divided between the two political parties. How do you propose to reach across the aisle to work together on issues benefiting all residents and businesses?

Congress' fundamental duty is compromise. Leadership is not about receiving credit for sponsoring legislation but bringing people together to move things forward. My objective is to engage in a healthy discussion of public policy and values, not persuade others to one viewpoint. This is the standard our constituents should hold us to and that both parties have neglected for years.

What are your thoughts on the war on terrorism?

Preserving our national security means protecting our interests at home and overseas without inflaming hatred toward America or the West. I highly support a comprehensive approach involving counterintelligence, international diplomacy, securing our borders, and utilizing smart power. This means coordinating with regional sources in Yemen, Somalia, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan to thwart plots on our soil and against our allies.

ROBERTS

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breakdown, it will be because a handful of people fought like patriots to bring the hyper-inflationary bailout of Wall Street and London to an end, by restoring Glass Steagall. The legislation for doing so exists and could be passed immediately if Barack Obama were impeached now.

What are your thoughts on the recent immigration ruling made by the Supreme Court? How should immigration be addressed in the United States?

Most of the public concern about immigration policy is about illegal immigration across the Mexico border. This has been largely caused by a collapse in Mexico's economy after the implementation of pro-globalization policies like NAFTA, especially a collapse in agricultural output. The implementation of a program called NAWAPA XXI, as detailed on my website, would address this problem.

What are your thoughts on the Affordable Health Care Act?

The Act should be repealed. It explicitly calls for cutting the cost of medical care by denying services or penalizing over-utilization of certain services, and establishes an independent payment advisory board to do so, especially targeting the elderly and poor who are enrolled in Medicare and Medicaid.

Do you favor the bridge to Canada? If so, is there anything you would do to ensure its construction?

Better yet, the United States should cooperate with Russia to build a bridge across the Bering Strait to connect North America with

Asia by rail, expanding cooperation with the rapidly developing nations of the Asia and the Pacific region. We need to move way beyond a localist idea of our economic self-interest and consider the potential, for example, of cooperation around Arctic development.

Do you favor greater federal expenditures to create jobs here and nationally?

I support the creation of a Credit Fund, similar to Franklin Roosevelt's Reconstruction Finance Corporation, to finance very large scale infrastructure projects, with credit backed by the sovereign powers of the federal government. The point is to increase productivity long-term, not just to create temporary "jobs" that later disappear.

Congress seems to be sharply divided between the two political parties. How do you propose to reach across the aisle to work together on issues benefiting all residents and businesses?

If Americans were presented real solutions to the collapse of the economy, which included the creation of millions of good paying jobs, and the end of bailouts for too-big-to-fail banks, most would unify around those proposals. The program for doing so has been presented on the policy page of my website.

What are your thoughts on the war on terrorism?


I agree with both Lyndon LaRouche and current Russian "anti-drug czar" Viktor Ivanov that wiping out the financing of the international drug trade would go a long way toward wiping out terrorism internationally and an international coalition to stop narcotics production and trafficking should be formed. Terrorism is generally financed by drug money.

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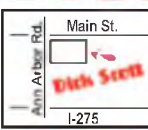
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courts. I have taken the oath to uphold the Constitution five times as a state legislator and have taken that oath very seriously every time.

What would you bring to U.S. Congress? In two years, what would you look at as success? What legislation would you like to introduce or what action would you like to take as a member of Congress?

I would bring to Congress my core conservative principles and a strong record of fiscal responsibility on budgetary and tax policy. My first action would be to Repeal and Replace ObamaCare; next I would work on a Balanced Budget Amendment to bring fiscal restraint back to the out-of-control spending of the federal government.

What are your thoughts on the recent immigration ruling made by the Supreme Court? How should immigration be addressed in the United States?

I support Arizona's attempts to do all that is in their power to halt the flood of people crossing the border illegally. America was built by legal immigrants. I will work to make sure that our system granting citizenship is simple, thorough, and doesn't reward those who break our laws, but instead rewards those who seek to come here legally.

What are your thoughts on the Affordable Health Care Act?

It is an unacceptable law that should be Repealed and Replaced. It contains an enormous tax increase that will most directly hurt the middle class. Congress should replace this act with smaller pieces where there is common ground,

such as pre-existing condition coverage. Individual savings accounts and allowing the purchase of insurance across state lines are also priorities.

Do you favor the bridge to Canada? If so, is there anything you would do to ensure its construction?

I am a firm believer that the private sector can always do it better, cheaper and faster than government.

Do you favor greater federal expenditures to create jobs here and nationally?

No. The failure of the stimulus program should be a lesson that the government doesn't create jobs, the private sector does. Congress should foster a business climate that reduces burdensome restrictions, reduces government intrusion and lets the free market work. Government shouldn't create winners and losers. Reducing obstacles to the private sector is the role of government in job creation.

Congress seems to be sharply divided between the two political parties. How do you propose to reach across the aisle to work together on issues benefiting all residents and businesses?

I will stand up for principled conservative positions and try to convince my colleagues of the merit of those core values.

What are your thoughts on the war on terrorism?

We must have strong boarder controls. We must also stand firmly with our allies who are engaged in stopping terrorism around the world. To that end I also support the Patriot Act that has kept us safe since 9/11, but would always be vigilant to ensure that the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights are upheld.

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though, I want to promote a culture of transparency and accountability. I will post each of my votes, post the reason for my vote, and invite voters to learn about my office by working in it on a rotating basis.

What are your thoughts on the recent immigration ruling made by the Supreme Court? How should immigration be addressed in the United States?

We need to secure our borders now. I never want to keep Americans in who want to visit other countries, but we must keep track of foreigners who enter our country and regulate immigration. Once the borders are secure, then we can determine whether more or less legal guest workers are needed in our economy.

What are your thoughts on the Affordable Health Care Act?

ObamaCare must be repealed now. It has caused and will cause health care costs to rise and services to decline. ObamaCare is a massive expansion of government control over our lives. Moreover, as the Supreme Court decided that the penalty provision is actually a "tax," this is one of the largest tax hikes in our history.

Do you favor the bridge to Canada? If so, is there anything you would do to ensure its construction?

This is primarily a state issue and it is best left to the people of the State of

Michigan to decide. The voters will vote this fall to elect legislators who will be the primary decision makers or will otherwise voice their opinion at the ballot box.

Do you favor greater federal expenditures to create jobs here and nationally?

I favor creating jobs with lower taxes and streamlined regulation. Every dollar spent to create a job is taken as a tax from someone else who would have created a job with it anyway; it is a mere transfer. The best way to create jobs is to foster innovation by cutting the red tape that discourages businesses from starting up or expanding.

Congress seems to be sharply divided between the two political parties. How do you propose to reach across the aisle to work together on issues benefiting all residents and businesses?

Career politicians from both parties are to blame for our economy and our debt crisis. I will work with anyone who is willing to roll up their sleeves to fix Washington. In particular, when it comes to my commitment to transparency and accountability, I will seek any allies who will change the way that Congress interacts with the public.

What are your thoughts on the war on terrorism?

Keeping Americans safe is paramount. We cannot forget, however, that our commitment to personal liberty is what makes our nation great. The terrorists point to our liberties like freedom of speech and religion, due process under the law, and equal rights for women as their reason for hating us. If we give up our liberties, then the terrorists win.

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Northville's Jakob Kippola fires a shot during a game against Catholic Central.

Northville's Kippola earns top honors

All-Area squad chock full of state's best lacrosse players

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Picking an All-Area team in out of our coverage schools is a lot like throwing rocks at the side of a barn — you're not likely ever going to miss.

In this area, we're packed full of amazing lacrosse talent. That's showcased by the fact that 94-percent of the players who made First Team were also All-State honorees on the first, second, third or honorable mention list. Just under half of our second team, an impressive 46-percent, was also All-State.

The cream of that outstanding crop is none other than Northville's Jakob Kippola.

"He was one of our most improved players this season and one of the best young men that I have coached," said Northville coach Greg Durham. "He scored the biggest goal probably in our team's history, beating Catholic Central in overtime in the regional semifinals."

Kippola's impressive season — which included 85 goals and 28 assists — landed him the only All-American honors in our area this year. He was also a unanimous All-State First-Team selection and co-captain of the team for Northville. Kippola will play at Grand Valley State University next year.

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Jakob Kippola, Northville

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Nathan DiRado, South Lyon
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Novi's varsity, junior varsity and senior groups all won their respective Mid-American Pompon competitions in Grand Rapids.

Wildcat pompons sweep Mid-American high kick championships

By Chrls Jackett
Correspondent

Novi's pompon squad has had a lot of success in recent years and that success continued last month as the varsity, junior varsity and senior groups all won their respective Mid-American Pompon competitions in Grand Rapids.

The Wildcat girls took to the mats June 21-24 at Davenport University, where all three teams built on past success. The varsity squad won their fifth high-kick title, the seniors won their second title and the JV girls won their 10th high-kick title.

The varsity squad's title was their second in the past three years, won from a camp of more than 270 girls

from 17 teams from across the state. Captained by Delaney Ulle and Kailley Oppat, the grand champion squad consists of Gillian Auttersson, Mackenzie Betts, Yianna Bordeau, Bailey Borycki, Amy Cao, Madison Cojei, Lauren Dipaola, Kelly Dubay, Olivia Ghannam, Marisa Giampa, Lexie Giragosian, Bailee Kiel, Angela Lazara, Jessica Leone, Amy Liang, Morgan Shepherd, Drew Thomasson, Emma Weil and Renee Weil. Erin Bartos and Elyse Bartos coach the team.

Varsity team members had the chance to try out for the Mid-American Pompon All-Star Team, which performs at national and international events each year. Eleven Novi girls

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Zuk caps tremendous senior season

By Jeff Thelsen
Sports Writer

It was quite easy to find Lakeland distance runner Garret Zuk all year. He would be the one in front, churning out wins and making difficult long-distance events look easy.

Zuk would wish other racers luck as runner-up finisher Even Chiplock (Saginaw Heritage) said the Lakeland senior did to his amazement at the State Finals. Zuk would also be the first to congratulate others as they finished. He is a true ambassador of the sport - probably the biggest endorsement possible.

The obvious highlight for Zuk was the State Title in the 3,200. He ran a season best 9:00.9 to win regionals. He was also part of the All-State 3,200 relay team which placed third. Zuk also was the county champ in the 1,600.

"It's tough to come up with something more insightful than what has already been said or written about Garret," said coach David Browne. "He is the team leader in every aspect of the word. His work ethic is beyond contagious. Guys on the team now work hard because they saw Garret do it and what it did for him."

"He demonstrated the type of sportsmanship that every coach would dream of from their kids, and that has left a mark on our team too. Garret has also started a tradition of



Lakeland's Garret Zuk leads the 3,200 at the Division 1 State Finals. Zuk is the 2012 All-Area Track and Field Athlete of the Year.

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SLU's Glenn scores top honor

By Jeff Thelsen
Sports writer

South Lyon United girls lacrosse had another successful season, winning the Kensington Conference title and finishing runner-up in the KLAA title game.

Attacker Alyssa Glenn was a huge reason for the success with 73 goals and 21 assists to lead the offense.

The junior also filled the stat sheet in several other ways, picking up 45 ground balls, winning 54 draw controls, causing 18 turnovers and snagging three interceptions.

"Alyssa has a great stick skills and does a great job leading the offense," said coach Deanna Radcliffe. "She is constantly working on her shot and it really paid off for her this season."

FIRST TEAM
Caitlin Wojichowski, Huron Valley

Wojo, as he is known, played all over the field for Huron Valley. The three-sport athlete will continue her career in the sport at the next level at Grand Valley State. She tallied 42 goals with 16 assists for 58 points. Wojo also scooped up 92 ground balls, had 10 blocks, 10 interceptions and 31 caused turnovers.

"Wojo is the voice of the team. Yet her actions speak more than her words," said coach Tara Johnson. "She is the glue that really holds the team together, both defensively and offensively."

The Lakeland senior was the only defenseman selected the All-State First Team for Division 1. She also earned Academic All-State and KLAA First Team All-League.

Nichole Laflamme, Huron Valley

The Lakeland senior set all sorts of new records for the school and state, both single year and career as an attacker. Laflamme tallied seven goals in a game five times and finished the year with state records of 93 goals and 107 total points. Her 191 career goals



South Lyon's Alyssa Glenn fights for the ball against Brighton. Glenn is the 2012 All-Area Girls Lacrosse Player of the Year.

are also a record as are the 215 points.

"Laflamme is a gifted athlete complete with speed, hard shots and a competitive drive to constantly find the back of the net with her shots," said Johnson. "She sets high goals and then sets out to pass them leading the

team to many victories against strong opponents."

She earned Division 1 Second Team honors and KLAA First Team All-Conference and will continue her career at Adrian.

Maddy Rosochacki, South Lyon

The junior attacker tallied 90

GIRLS LACROSSE ALL-AREA

PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Alyssa Glenn, South Lyon

FIRST TEAM
Caitlin Wojichowski, Huron Valley
Nichole Laflamme, Huron Valley
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Gretchen Gorman, South Lyon
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Megan Paul, Novi
Kali Maisano, Northville
Charlotte Peterson, Northville

HONORABLE MENTION
Novi: Lindsey Kulie (sr)
South Lyon: Mia Fragale (sr), Melanie Fredericks (sr), Megan Viecelli (sr), Morgan Radners (jr)
Northville: Erica MacDonald (jr)

points with 68 goals to provide a solid 1-2 punch up front with Glenn. She also accounted for 49 ground balls, 11 draw controls, nine caused turnovers and three interceptions. Rosochacki earned All-KLAA honors and All-State Honorable Mention.

"Maddy's enthusiasm and constant high level of intensity during both practices and games helped her to reach the levels that she did this year," said Radcliffe.

Carrie Stevens, South Lyon

The junior defender was key to the defense for South Lyon. She snagged 65 ground balls, caused 32 turnovers, had 47 draw controls and three interceptions. She also pitched in 16 points on offense.

Stevens earned All-KLAA honors and All-State Honorable Mention.

"Carrie is always a leader on defense and takes a lot of pride in her defense," said Radcliffe. "She has great field awareness. She is very aggressive and it helps her to be successful all over the field."

Gretchen Gorman, South Lyon

The midfielder and captain earned All-KLAA honors with 17 goals and four assists, 52 ground balls, 23 draw controls and 14 caused turnovers.

"Gretchen's biggest asset is her speed and hustle on the field," said Radcliffe. "Her speed helps her to get by defenders, clear the ball out, get to ground balls, get draw controls, etc."

Emily Wenson, South Lyon

The senior defender was another reason South Lyon won the KLAA Conference title and finished runner-up in the KLAA finals. She earned All-KLAA honors.

Megan Paul, Novi

The sophomore attacker led an extremely young team with 29 goals.

"For being a new team and not knowing much of the game at all, (she) really picked up the pace and played very well throughout our season scoring 29 goals," said coach Catilin Warda. "I know it doesn't seem like a lot, but for a first-year program she was the highest scorer on our team and helped out tremendously in our wins."

Kah Maisano, Northville

The junior goalie stopped an amazing 58 percent of the shots she faced (291 saves, 204 goals) for the Mustangs.

"If Kali didn't win games for us with phenomenal goaltending she put us in a position to win every single game," said coach Stacey Tardich. "Her 58 percent save average is incredible in the sport of lacrosse."

Charlotte Peterson, Northville

The senior center-middie led the Mustangs in goals with 52 and was voted team MVP.

"Charlotte put her team before individual stats this year and still led our team in goals," said Tardish. "She made her team better for years to come by her discipline and play."

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LACROSSE

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FIRST TEAM ATTACK Danny Meyers Senior Catholic Central

Meyers was a key member of the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks squad this year, picking up 31 goals and 15 assists while earning himself honors as a member of the Second-Team All-State squad.

“He’s an absolute wizard in the crease,” said Catholic Central helmsman Dave Wilson.

Nick Melucci Senior Northville

A First-Team All-State selection and team co-captain, Melucci was a game-changer in every contest he played in for the Mustangs, who had their best season in the program’s history in 2012.

“Nick was our best overall player on the team,” said Durham. “He could play any position. We made sure he was on the field as much as possible.”

Melucci had 85 points this season and led his team in assists. He is also the first-ever Division I recruit from Northville and will play at University of Detroit Mercy next fall.

Kent Burnett Senior Novi

Burnett was Novi’s big gun this year, collecting 96 points this year with 74 goals and 22 assists. A strong player with good speed and a great aim, Burnett earned himself All-State Second Team honors this year as one of the leaders for the Wildcats squad.

Pat McKay Junior South Lyon Unified

“He can dodge, feed and finish with both hands,” said coach Jeremy Napier. “He is going to have a monster senior year.”

McKay set the team record this year with 59 goals in a single season despite not being able to play his final three games due to a broken bone in his hand. He collected 19 assists, 24 ground balls and 22 forced turnovers and was hit with only two penalties this year.

He earned All-State honorable mention honors this year and was his team Offensive MVP in 2012 and 2011.

MIDFIELD Nick Gingell Senior Catholic Central

Top-notch midfielders are a big part of a winning effort for any squad, and Gingell proved to be a huge part of Catholic Central’s strategies this year.

“He’s a great midfielder with a lot of focus and determination,” said Wilson.

Gingell earned Second-Team All-State this year and will play at Albion next year.

Adam Haynes Senior Novi

Haynes was a force this season from the midfield position

as he collected 33 goals and 14 assists this while snagging 12 ground balls and forcing 27 turnovers. He earned All-State Third-Team honors for his play this year.

Alex Hudgens Junior South Lyon Unified

Hudgens earned honorable mention honors this year during All-State selection and it was easy to see why. With 31 goals, 16 assists, 61 ground balls and 30 caused turnovers, he was a statistician’s dream come true.

“Alex was (one of our) ‘do-it-all’ midfielders this year,” said Napier. “He scored goals, ran transition, can shoot 85-plus, passed well, took face-offs when needed, played on the man-up team and was one of the best shortstick defenders on the team. He is one of the most competitive guys in the league, if not the most competitive guy in the league.”

Connor Smith Senior Northville

Smith is one of those players that you just love to have on the field. Not only does he play midfield well, he’s also an All-State First-Team selection as a face-off specialist, winning over 60 percent of them this year.

“Connor was instrumental in our success throughout the season, especially the last six games when the team went 5-1,” said Durham.

Smith will play his freshman year at Hope College in the school’s inaugural season at the Division II level.

DEFENSE Jordan Yono Senior Catholic Central

What can be said about Yono that he hasn’t showcased with his play? As a defender he’s the best on the All-Area team and one of the best in Michigan. He was a selection for First Team All-State in 2012.

“He’s an excellent defenseman and was key to our success this year,” said Wilson.

Yono will take his skills to the next level in as he will play at University of Detroit Mercy next season.

Travis Sparling Sophomore Novi

A Second-Team All-State selection, Sparling was the kind of player this year that you knew could stick with anybody and keep them from being an effective offensive producer in any game. He snagged 34 ground balls this season and forced 21 turnovers.

Nathan DiRado Junior South Lyon Unified

DiRado made a of noise this year, picking up 60 ground balls, causing a whopping 63 turnovers and earning just 12 penalties despite being one of the most physical players in the area.

Coaches took note this year, voting him onto the All-State honorable mention team in his second year as a varsity starter.

“He has mastered cradling and can scoop and escape better than most long poles,” said Napier. “He plays good on-ball defense and great off-ball defense. He knows the slides and times well and creates turnover. He’s a fierce checker who doesn’t over commit and waits for his attacker to make a mistake rather than take himself out of position.”

DiRado also earned Defensive MVP honors from his team this year.

Max Williams Senior Northville

Northville’s top defensemen earned himself honorable mention All-State honors this year. The reason? Well, he continued to get better and better and was key in the Mustangs’ best season on record.

“Max is a very aggressive player and our number one defenseman,” said Durham.

He had three goals and an assist from his defensive position and will play on the Michigan State University club team next year.

GOALIES Joe Kim Senior Goalie

Northville wouldn’t have been able to make their run into the playoffs this year if it hadn’t been for the outstanding play of Kim, who earned All-State honorable mention this season.

In the biggest game of the school’s history, Kim made 18 saves against Detroit Catholic Central to help secure Northville’s first ever win over the Shamrocks and propel them the deepest into the playoffs they have ever been.

“He really kept us in the big games,” said Durham. “Joe really had an outstanding season and we were very happy for his success.”

Teddy Jones Senior Huron Valley

Jones was an All-KLAA first-team selection and the Player of the Year for the Huron Valley squad this year.

In 2012, he made 222 saves, averaging 13 a game in one of the toughest conferences in the state.

“Teddy stated 17 out of 18 games for our team this season and was instrumental in this year’s success,” said Huron Valley coach Greg Ristau. “His hard work in goal won many games for us, or kept us in it until the end.”

SPECIAL TEAMS Spencer Hilden Junior South Lyon United

Any coach would love to have a player like Hilden on their team. He’s versatile, collecting nine goals, 11 assists, snagging 92 ground balls and 10 forced turnovers this year and he’s one of the top special teams players in the area. This year he won 175 of 240 face-offs and spent time on both offense and defense for the South Lyon United squad.

“Spencer never won less than 50-percent of face-offs in any

game,” said Napier. “He’s the real deal. This season, nobody ever got the best of Spencer.”

Hilden earned All-State Second-Team honors this season as a face-off specialist.

Tommy McMasters Freshman Novi

An impressive player as a freshman, McMasters will no doubt be key in all of Novi’s plans for the next three seasons. He snagged 50 ground balls this year, caused 31 turnovers and was the team’s leading long stickman this year. He played in all of Novi’s contests and scored a goal and had an assist while earning All-State Second-Team honors in his first season.

SECOND TEAM ATTACK Eric West Senior South Lyon Unified

An All-State honorable mention honoree, West collected 47 goals and 19 assists while scooping up 46 ground balls and causing 20 turnovers this year. West was a dangerous crease player who knew how to find the back of the net, especially against top-ranked teams.

Alec Gilhooly Junior Catholic Central

Gilhooly had a strong presence on the offense in his junior season and will be a key cog in the Catholic Central machine next season. He earned All-State Second-Team honors this year.

Joe Chase Junior Northville

Chase would have been a first-team selection almost any year but this one — which is one of the hardest things about having such talented players in the area. Chase was an All-State Third Team selection this year, earning 85 points as the second-best player on the Northville squad in the goals and assists categories.

Corey Roberto Senior Huron Valley

A first-team All-KLAA selection this year, Roberto was a three-year letter winner on the Huron Valley lacrosse team. He scored 19 goals and had an impressive 32 assists as the team’s top attack.

MIDFIELD Mitch Leist Senior Huron Valley

A co-captain of the Huron Valley squad and the best player from Lakeland this year, Leist earned himself All-KLAA first-team honors while picking up 32 goals and seven assists on the season. His play truly elevated the other players on the field and was key in the Huron Valley special teams efforts.

Jake Taiariol Senior South Lyon Unified

Taiariol earned himself the midfielder of the year award on South Lyon’s squad this year, quite the statement considering the talent the KLAA

champs had in 2012. He earned 17 goals, 21 assists, 23 ground balls and caused 28 turnovers as a utility player who wasn’t afraid to do anything the team needed.

Kyle Keech Senior Northville

An unsung hero of Northville’s team this year, Keech was a strong defender and likely on the field more than any other player on the Mustangs’ roster. He was a key element in the strong defensive performance Northville showcased in the second-half of the season. What is most incredible about Keech’s performance in 2012 was that it was the first year he had ever picked up a lacrosse stick.

DEFENSE Gerald Perreault Senior Catholic Central

Perreault is a strong player and team leader and a hound for ground balls. He was an All-State honorable mention selection and will play at Wittenberg next year.

Steve Jarzynski Junior Catholic Central

Jarzynski was a big-time player this year on a team full of outstanding lacrosse talent. He had a strong presence on the defensive side of the ball and was key in Catholic Central’s successes. Expect to see a larger role from this All-State honorable mention player next season.

Scott Schramm Junior Novi

A Third-Team All-State selection at defense, Schramm is proving himself to be a force to reckon with when offenses are planning for the Wildcats. Look for him to continue to improve over his 62 ground balls and 22 forced turnovers this year.

GOALIE Mitch Adams Junior Novi

Expect to see a lot from Adams next year when he returns as Novi’s defensive wall in between the posts. The junior went 14-4 this year in goal, allowing 114 goals but making 212 saves against some of the state’s top talent.

SPECIAL TEAMS Mike Brzezinski Senior Catholic Central

A season-ending shoulder injury cut Brzezinski’s season short just prior to playoffs, but he still held his own this season with 70-percent of his face-offs ending in his favor.

Garrett MacDonald Senior South Lyon Unified

It’s hard to believe that a player who was on the field for most of the season can only earn one penalty all year long — but MacDonald did.

South Lyon Unified’s best long stickman was third on his KLAA championship team in ground balls with 55 and second in forced turnovers with 47. He’s aggressive, strong and has great burst and agility.

POMPON

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made the team, including Betts, Ghanam, Giampa, Leone, Liang, Oppat, Shepherd, Thomasson, Ulle, Emma Weil and Renee Weil.

The seniors also brought home a sec-

ond-consecutive high-kick championship.

Captained by Karla De La Cruz and Rachel Estfan, the JV squad brought home their third grand championship in the last four years, repeating on last year’s success. Their teammates included Erica Borst, Lauren Chapman, Skylar Courtney, Emily Dann, Alicia

Desormeau, Kaitlyn Kotcher, Chandler Link, Lauren Miller and Ivy Oma. Kayla Koch coaches the JV squad.

The varsity squad has also won the Division I title two of the past three years, while the JV squad has won their title the past three years. Varsity now has six state titles and JV has eight.

The Wildcat pompon squad is hosting

a clinic for girls in grades one through eight Aug. 18. Those who sign up for the \$40 clinic by Aug. 9 will receive a Novi Pompon Clinic T-shirt. For more information and to register, visit www.novi.k12.mi.us.

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the upperclassmen helping to develop our younger guys. That's something that didn't exist before. Our guys look out for each other and that is in no small part thanks to Garrett."

Zuk will continue running at Michigan State University.

FIRST TEAM

Brandon Wallace, Milford
In any other season, a two-title State Title holder would be a shoe-in for the Athlete of the Year—but it just goes to show the incredible depth and talent from the area.

The Maverick senior ran to an individual title in the 800 and was also part of the winning 4x800 relay team as Milford scored the most points ever at the State Finals to finish fourth.

"It bears noting that he only ran the open 800 meters three times prior to his State Championship run," said coach Brian Salyers. "Brandon also anchored our State Champion 3200 meter Relay team and our State Record Setting 3,200 meter Relay at Nationals.

"Brandon represents what all coaches desire in terms of integrity, work ethic and competitiveness. He knows only one way to do things — the right way. He is an exemplary student-athlete that succeeded in three sports and serves as an ambassador of Milford High School."

Wallace will also run at Michigan State next year.

Brian Kettle, Milford
The Milford sophomore finished an incredible year that started with a runner-up finish at the cross country finals with a State Title in the 1,600 meters. His winning time of 4:16.5 at regionals was a new school sophomore

ALL-AREA BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR
GARRET ZUK, LAKELAND

FIRST TEAM

Brandon Wallace, Milford
Brian Kettle, Milford
Shawn Welch, Milford
Paul Ausum, Milford
Kyle Monagle, Milford
Cody Snavelly, Milford
Scott Neff, Lakeland
Craig Dudley, Lakeland
James Probstfled, Lakeland
Brandon Love, Northville
Trevor VanAsselt, South Lyon

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Milford: Dominic Haddad (sr), Jon Schwartz (jr), Hunter Moore (jr)
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record. He also qualified for state in the 3,200 meters.

"Brian matured into a elite distance runner this year," said Salyers. "His competitiveness and willingness to do the necessary work to succeed make him tough to beat. Brian worked well with his teammates in training and in races to help us maximize our true potential. He has achieved so much, it is often tough to remember he is only a sophomore."

Shawn Welch, Milford
The senior distance runner went out with a huge bang, grabbing a State Title with the 4x800 team and finishing runner-up to Kettle in the 1,600 meters.

"Shawn put together one heck of a season, putting together race after race of elite performances," said Salyers. "He was a triple state qualifier in the 3,200 relay, 1,600 and 1,600 relay. He was the lead-off runner on our State Champion 3,200 relay, our State Record 3,200 relay, and our All-American distance medley relay.

"We often looked to Shawn to set the tone for our races with his lead-off legs, and that is exactly what he did each and every time he laced up the spikes."

Welch will continue run-

ning at Central Michigan University next year.

Paul Ausum, Milford
The Maverick senior capped off his final season with a first-place finish as part of the 4x800 and a sixth-place finish in the 1,600 at the Division 1 State Finals. Ausum also ran a leg on the 4x400 team at state.

"Paul ran the team's fastest 800 meter splits in the 3,200 meters at the State Finals and the Nationals," said Salyers. "Paul was a horse for our team from the 400 to the 3,200 all season long. Paul is the benchmark for unselfishness and enthusiasm. He would do anything for his team and he serves as an inspiration to all involved with our program."

Ausum will be running at Hillsdale next year.

Kyle Monagle, Milford
The junior helped the 4x800 team win a State Title. He also finished third in the 800 at the conference meet and earned Second Team All-Conference in the 1,600 relay.

"While the other guys grab the headlines, we could not have been as dominant in the distance races without the contributions of Kyle Monagle," said Salyers. "Kyle works hard, competes hard and deserves every accolade

bestowed upon him. He is a great student-athlete and first-class gentleman."

Cody Snavelly, Milford
The junior distance runner came up strong all year, but a virus cut into his abilities late in the season. He was a state qualifier in the 3,200 with a 9:27 at regionals.

"Throughout the season Cody was called upon to deliver in the 3,200 relay, 1,600 and 3,200 distances," said Salyers. "Unfortunately a virus negatively impacted his racing down the stretch. Cody is a warrior who gives his team all that he has each and every time he toes the line. We will look forward to him making his mark next year as a senior."

Scott Neff, Lakeland
The senior finished off his high school career with an All-State run for third place with the 4x800 team. He also qualified for state in the 800.

"While he worked hard to improve his 800 time to get himself into the state meet in an open event, he is also capable of breaking 4:30 in the mile," said coach David Browne. "As an anchor on our 4x400 team I would put him up against almost anyone in a tight race. He just hates to lose."

Craig Dudley, Lakeland
The senior ran on the

All-State 4x800 relay team the past two years, finishing third this season.

"Craig is a quiet leader and fierce competitor," said Browne. "He battled a quad injury all season to make it back to the state meet on the 4x800 team."

James Probstfled, Lakeland

The Eagle senior also ran on the 3,200 relay for a second consecutive year, earning All-State in both.

"James is a vocal leader and one of the guys who makes up the heart and soul of our team," said Browne. "He is able to pick guys up and make them laugh when things get tough. He is also the most improved member on the 4x800 team. He made a remarkable transformation between last year and this season."

Brandon Love, Northville

The senior returned to the track after missing his junior season due to injury. He won the 200 at the KLAA Conference meet and at regionals. He was second in the 100 at the KLAA meet and fourth at regionals. His 22.1 in the 200 missed the school record by two-tenths of a second.

"Brandon showed he was a true competitor as he healed up from that injury, came back to the track team and helped lead the team to an above .500 win percentage in dual meets," said coach Gordon McIntosh. "Brandon is a true leader and he will be missed by the Northville Mustangs track and field team."

Trevor VanAsselt, South Lyon

The junior found the podium at state with an eighth-place finish in the discus. His season-best throw of 163-11 is just inches away from the school record. He also had a season-best throw of 50-1.5 in the shot put.

"Trevor's hard work year around in the throws

is an inspiration for all of the members of his team, thrower, jumper or runner," said coach Scott Smith.

SECOND TEAM

Kyle Coggins, Milford
The senior discus thrower launched the discus 161-4 this year to rank second all-time at Milford. He qualified for the State Finals on his last throw at regionals and placed 12th.

Grayson Thomas, Lakeland

The junior distance runner qualified for the State Finals in the 3,200.

Dan Sims, Northville
The sophomore qualified for the State Finals in both the 1,600 meters and the 3,200. He ran a season-best 4:23.2 in the 1,600 and 9:38.9 in the 3,200.

Collin Berenguer, Novi

The Wildcat sophomore cleared 11-10 to win the regional title and advance to states. He earned All-Conference and All-Region honors.

Ali Taha, Novi
The sophomore qualified for the State Finals by winning the regional with a leap of 21-4 in the long jump. He led the Wildcats in points scored as both a long jumper and sprinter.

Quinn Schelske, South Lyon East

The Cougar sophomore placed second at the KLAA Conference meet and just missed qualifying for state with a third-place finish at regionals in the 300 hurdles.

Kyle Schopa, South Lyon

The sprinter set a new sophomore record for the Lions with a finish of 22.5 in the 200 meters. The time also tied the school's all-time record and earned him a spot in the State Finals.

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Northville's Stadnik takes silver medal

Thirteen roller skaters from the Riverside Arena in Livonia took top placements at the recent Great Lakes Regional Roller Skating Championships in Romeoville, Ill., qualifying them to compete at the upcoming National Roller Skating Championships in Lincoln, Neb. At right, Northville residents Andrew Esser and Valentyna Stadnik are both going on to the National Skating Championships at the end of this month. Placing first in their categories were Livonia residents Pirro Marko and Ryan Heersink in figures, and Heersink with partner Sofia Cueva in team dance. Silver medalists were Stadnik of Northville in figures and the Riverside RASCals Junior Precision Team. Members of the Riverside RASCals Precision Team are Chloe LaMay of Plymouth, Hanna Denes of Garden City, Esser and Stadnik of Northville, Amanda Smyser of Westland and Jade Ross, Heersink, Stephanie Cueva, and Sofia Cueva, all from Livonia. Receiving the bronze medal were Marko and Emma Chappell, also of Livonia. Also qualifying to compete at the National Championships are Ian Heersink and Jillian Heersink in figures and loops, Ian Heersink with partner Amanda Smyser in team dance and Sofia Cueva in figures and solo dance.



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Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.

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.



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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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Southfield woman with MS stays in her home thanks to kind volunteers

Ron Jedwab, president of Lincorp Construction, and longstanding member of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, recently led a group of over a dozen tradespeople who donated their time, expertise, labor and materials to help a Southfield woman live barrier-free in her home.

Jackie Weiss, a mother of four, was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis several years ago. By last year, the disease had progressed to the point that she was confined to a wheelchair. This made normal daily living activities more difficult. She could no longer cook in her kitchen, as the counters were too high. Both of her bathrooms became hard to navigate.

Like many families in Southeastern Michigan, the Weiss family was hard hit by the depressed economy and could not afford to pay for home renovations to make the home barrier-free. The family is grateful for help from Project Build!, a partnership between the BIA and Jewish Family Service of Metropolitan Detroit.

Jedwab, a Project Build! Steering Committee member, volunteered to serve as general contractor for the renovation and went on to plan and complete the work, that would have cost \$20,000, with almost entirely donated labor and materials. After several weeks of extensive work, Weiss



The Weiss family of Southfield is grateful for the modifications to their home, making it usable by Jackie Weiss, who had multiple sclerosis.

now finds herself in a brand new barrier-free kitchen and with access to two new barrier-free bathrooms that make her daily living much easier.

"Volunteering through Project Build! has been incredibly rewarding,"

said Jedwab. "Coordinating this extensive project to help a lovely woman to live fully in her home was one of the greatest experiences in my professional career. It was a great opportunity to give back and help others."

On June 27, there was a reveal for the home renovation.

The mission of Project Build! is to provide home repairs for older adults, people with disabilities, and low-income individuals and families to allow them

to live in safe, functional and barrier-free homes. At this time, Project Build! services are available only to clients of Jewish Family Service.

<http://www.jfsdetroit.org/volunteers/project-build>

Heed fair housing laws

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: What common fair housing problems arise from community restrictions or rules?

A: In general, community restrictions or rules trigger fair housing problems in one of two ways, either the rules are enforced unfairly or the rules themselves are unfair. For example, a condominium association faces potential liability if members of a protected class are singled out for strict enforcement of rules while enforcement against others is lax. An example is that it would be unlawful



Robert Meisner

to come down hard on African American residents for breaking the rules while ignoring similar infractions by white residents.

The second relates to the fairness of the rules. For example, communities have legitimate reasons to govern resident behavior in common areas, such as hallways, parking lots and outside spaces, but rules that unreasonably target children or limit their behavior in common areas could lead to a complaint of discrimination based on familial status. Of course, rules that have no reasonable relationship to the operation of the condominium would similarly be suspect. The Federal Housing Act bans discrimination in housing because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status or disability. Check with your attorney regarding the nature and extent of your rules.

Q: We live in a planned unit development and the zoning restrictions do not prohibit running a day care business in their home. However, a restrictive covenant in our declaration does. Do we have an out to allow us to run the home?

A: Probably not. Based upon a recent decision where an appellate court indicated that the PUD ordinance had no effect on the association's authority to enforce its private restrictive covenants. The court reasoned that the creation of a Planned Unit Development is a legislative act and PUD provision or zoning ordinances. However, the restrictive covenants and zoning ordinances, including PUD ordinances, are tools to use to restrict the use of property. It clarified that a restrictive covenant is an agreement between a grantor, such as the association and a grantee such as the members in which the grantee agrees to refrain from using his property in a particular manner. In fact, the court was saying that the restrictive covenant existed independent of the PUD ordinance that established the community and could be enforced by the association pursuant to the terms of the Declaration.

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

This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 2-6, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

1844 Aberdeen St \$165,000
40268 Chatsworth Ct \$139,000
50438 Coolidge St \$150,000
2457 Cranbrook Rd \$140,000
7266 Haverhill Ct S \$450,000

42685 Keystone Ln \$161,000
45224 Lemont Rd \$185,000
44750 Leslie Ln \$153,000
2570 Liberty St S \$305,000
44283 Nowland Dr \$226,000
7802 Oxford Dr \$40,000

GARDEN CITY

28431 Block St \$11,000
6530 Fairfield St \$79,000
6742 Harrison St \$49,000
28445 Kathryn St \$65,000

LIVONIA

37333 Curtis Rd \$297,000
18758 Filmore St \$118,000
33421 Hathaway St \$80,000

8914 Hillcrest St \$106,000
20076 Laurel Dr \$258,000
15585 Parklane St \$157,000
30955 Richland St \$84,000
18298 University Park Dr \$49,000
19001 Westmore St \$95,000

NORTHVILLE

41801 Ladywood Dr \$224,000
39562 Village Run Dr \$220,000
20359 Woodcreek Blvd \$435,000

PLYMOUTH

1410 Junction St \$72,000
40407 Newport Dr \$73,000
1199 S Sheldon Rd \$27,000
385 Windmill Dr \$170,000

REDFORD

19488 Beech Daly Rd \$25,000
9088 Dale \$36,000
11423 Nathaline \$49,000
9075 Seminole \$55,000
26924 W Seven Mile Rd \$78,000
12963 Wormer \$25,000

WESTLAND

38158 Carolon Blvd \$23,000
7400 Cochise St \$73,000
8336 Ingram St \$64,000
1152 Michael Dr \$116,000
208 N Hawthorne St \$38,000
107 Shotka St \$17,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 12-16, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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17194 Birwood Ave \$163,000
31436 Fairfax Ave \$123,000

BIRMINGHAM

1555 Chapin Ave \$109,000
1604 Mansfield Rd \$195,000
475 S Adams Rd \$63,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

7261 Kingswood Dr \$152,000
3954 W Orchard Hill Dr \$142,000
3954 W Orchard Hill Dr \$140,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

3072 Heron Pointe Dr \$1,350,000
3650 Larkwood Ct \$292,000
2564 Norwood Rd \$424,000
1169 Park Place Ct \$350,000
3610 South Blvd \$210,000
3141 Woodcreek Way \$540,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

2740 Ivy Hill Dr \$230,000
2563 Watonga Dr \$99,000

FARMINGTON

23900 Pickett Ave \$265,000
33244 Slocum Dr \$152,000
33246 Slocum Dr \$145,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

35604 Bradford Ct \$290,000
30384 Castleford Ct \$172,000
23198 Colgate St \$54,000
26860 Drake Rd \$29,000
30145 Fink Ave \$50,000

29423 Glen Oaks Blvd E \$88,000
39321 Lilly Ct \$252,000
21654 Middlebelt Rd \$54,000
20831 Orchard Lake Rd \$85,000
20965 Sunnydale St \$155,000
27435 W 12 Mile Rd \$130,000

LATHRUP VILLAGE

28691 Somerset Pl \$128,000

MILFORD

805 Bishop St \$85,000
1315 Maryland \$510,000
2368 Tanbark \$320,000

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22635 Chestnut Tree \$112,000
23579 Dunston Rd \$341,000
26247 Fieldstone Dr \$211,000
211 Henning St \$31,000
40621 Lenox Park Dr \$251,000
30117 Sterling Dr \$293,000

SOUTH LYON

1329 Coach House Ln

\$310,000
237 Cuyahoga Ct \$298,000
53763 Edgewood Dr \$25,000
54897 Grenelefe Cir W \$60,000
59729 Mallory Ln \$343,000
205 Maplewood Ct Unit 8 \$55,000
23579 Spy Glass HI N \$305,000
52581 Trailwood Dr \$2,000

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21180 Glenmorra St \$121,000
16381 Harden Cir \$92,000
22131 Ivanhoe Ln \$105,000
23758 Plumbrooke Dr \$39,000
25398 Saint James \$66,000
28095 Selkirk St \$18,000
29320 Willowick Ct \$127,000

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Investors

Michael Jeffreys will speak Thursday, July 12. Sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland 5:30 p.m./9:30 p.m. at Club Venetian, John R just north of 12 Mile, Madison Heights. Seminar free to members; \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742 (www.REIAofOakland.com)

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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 or concerns, call Wayne Koehler, (313) 277-4168.

Free Foreclosure Tours

Free Foreclosure Tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. E-mail Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

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What makes you different from the other job seekers?

Anthony Balderrama,
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When writing the résumé

Q. What about my education sets me apart?

A. Although degrees are more common than they once were, not each one is created equal. Most programs have enough freedom built in to them to allow students to customize their courses. The combination of your major and minor or your courses can give you a background that no one else has.

Q. Do I care about all of this?

A. This résumé is about you, so you probably have more interest in it than the average employer, but if you're bored, everyone else will be, too. If your attempt to show how unique you are results in a dense list of your jobs and

skills that make the page look like one huge block of text, you're probably not focusing enough. Keep details short, informative and, above all else, relevant. Your paper route in junior high doesn't matter if you're 25 and have a college degree. Your GPA, awards and recognition are good examples of items that do set you apart. They won't land you the job by themselves, but they are additional assets that can differentiate you from the next résumé in the stack. When writing your cover letter

Q. What's implied on the résumé but not explicitly stated?

A. Have someone else read your résumé and explain your strong points to you. If you don't hear something you were expecting, figure out why. You might think your extensive work history painted a clear picture for readers, but it might not. The cover letter is your chance to connect the dots and (eloquently) tell the hiring manager, "Hey, look what I have to offer!"

Maybe your internship with an employer was more involved and relevant to the position you're seeking than the résumé suggests. Go into details and prove why that experience matters to this job.

Q. Does this sound like me or like Janet Q. Jobseeker?

A. Professionalism is key in a cover letter, but so is your personality. Now is not the time to be a comedian, but if your cover letter could have been written by any other applicant and been about any other applicant, then it's not special. As a result, the employer won't think you're special. If you have extensive knowledge



of the industry, have a contact at the company or possess strong communication skills, don't be afraid to let it shine through. When interviewing

Q. Would I hire me?

A. An interview is basically an extended, interactive form of this question. If you get an interview the employer thinks you fit the job requirements, but whether or not you're the perfect candidate is still in question. In addition to elaborating on your skills, only one thing can make or break you at this point: your personality. Your personality is unique to you, so don't be scared to let it show. As with the cover letter, don't be so casual that you come off as unprofessional, but now is the time to show your sense of humor and your interpersonal communication skills. Fading into the background will only help you be forgotten.

Q. What is the one thing I want the hiring manager know about?

A. Hiring managers don't know you, so they're probably asking you the same questions they asked other candidates. If you want to prove that you're a three-dimensional person who exists beyond undergrad business courses, have an actual dialogue. A hiring manager doesn't need you to echo everything he or she already read about you. The time you helped your group tackle a problem during a brainstorming session? The interesting marketing book you just read that has given you some new ideas? Let these facts out if they're relevant to the conversation.

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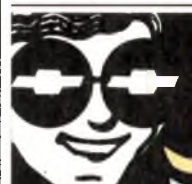
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