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Northville voters to decide \$21M school bond proposal

Funds would be used for technology upgrades

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Correspondent

Northville Public School voters will be presented this fall with a five-year, nearly \$21 million bond proposal, which if passed would help fund technology upgrades throughout the district.

The Northville Board of Education approved a technology bond resolution July 9 that gives the go-ahead to move forward on the process to have the proposal appear on the ballot for the Nov. 6 general election.

The estimated millage that would be levied for the proposed bonds in 2013 is 0.40 mills, which is 40 cents on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation.

According to the resolution, it is the opin-

ion of the school board that it's necessary and expedient to acquire and install instructional technology improvements, communication and building security systems and related equipment, infrastructure and remodeling, as well as purchase school buses.

Mike Zopf, assistant superintendent for finance and operations, presented the board with the proposal and said it emanates from the recent technology assessment. He said this would be a two-series bond issue that would have the district looking to reissue the bonds in 2017 for another round of upgrades.

He said if approved by voters, the bond would pay for upgrades mostly on the



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Chris Desmond, a worker with Complete Communications of Clinton Township, takes a look at one of the many servers installed at Thornton Creek to ready its building for a WiFi system.

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Northville Public Schools announced a generous \$250,000 donation from Tom Holzer Ford, inc., in Farmington Hills, that will support the completion of Phase 1 improvements to the school district's athletic stadium — including the installation of artificial turf — and give naming rights for the Eight Mile facility to the automotive dealer.

The other Ford Field

Holzer donates \$250,000 to Northville schools

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Correspondent

Through a hefty donation of \$250,000 to the Northville Public Schools, Tom Holzer Ford has acquired naming and signage rights for the next decade at the athletic stadium on Eight Mile Road and helped push the fundraising goal for Phase 1 over the top.

A ceremony was held Tuesday at the newly-named Tom Holzer Ford Field with members of the school board, Holzer Ford team, Northville Educational Foundation, TURF Club and other school district staff present to witness Northville Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher and Holzer



Connie Holzer

Ford President and CEO Connie Holzer sign the 10-year donor agreement.

"Our children are our future and our future is our children," Holzer said. "I want to do all I can to protect and educate these beautiful young minds. It is an honor to be involved with the wonderful city of Northville and the board of education. Let's put our helmets on for Turf Club."

The turf field has been completed and is ready for the first athletic contest, scheduled to be held Aug. 24 when

the Northville varsity football team takes on Lakeland High School.

"We deeply appreciate this amazing gift from Tom Holzer Ford," said Dottie Garrity, school board president. "This unique agreement is an example of how our community is choosing, through its generous support, to help on a local level to protect and grow the incredible educational and extracurricular programs that are the hallmark of Northville Public Schools."

The agreement states \$172,600 will be donated immediately and then \$8,600 annually over the next nine years.

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Fundraiser for Kidney Foundation at Poole's July 23

Staff from the Meadowbrook Country Club and Walnut Creek Country Club will go head to head as guest bartenders at Poole's Tavern, on Main in downtown Northville, Monday, July 23. The event, set for 5-11 p.m., is a benefit for the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan.

"We're going to have celebrity bartenders in," said John Casey, a Northville Township resident and owner of Poole's. The event is headlined "Who Is Your Country Club Kidney Clash?"

"It's pretty wild," Casey said. The two general managers from the country clubs will compete as guest bartenders, as will the head golf pros, starters and locker room attendants.

Each dollar raised by guest bartenders from each country club equals one vote, with more votes increasing chances of winning. The country club that raises the highest amount of money earns the title of "Best Country Club." A minimum donation of \$20 to the NKFM is requested.

All funds raised by the event support the NKFM's direct patient services and prevention programs offered to the more than 900,000 Michigan residents living with kidney disease.

To vote/donate for your favorite country club, or to learn more, visit donate.kidney.org/WhoIsYourCountryClub. Click on your favorite country club's logo to make an online donation, or make a donation the evening of the event.

For more information about the NKFM, visit www.nkfm.org or call (800) 482-1455.

— By Julie Brown



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Park paradise

New York family trip inspires township man about local possibilities

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Joe Vig of Northville Township is dad to three children, and was on the steering committee that led to the Twenty21 Green Ribbon Committee on development of 7 Mile property that houses the closed psychiatric hospital.

Vig, wife Kim and children Jake, 12, Ryan, 10, and Chloe, 7, were recently in New York City for a family graduation, and he got to thinking about the potential for the approximately 350 acres at Seven Mile and Haggerty in the township.

“My kids had never been to New York City. They thought it was fabulous,” Vig said. “We started doing all the typical tourist things.”

The family was quickly drawn to Central Park with its granite rock formations ideal for climbing. There are paths for jogging, running and walking, horse and carriage rides and a lot of amenities on the perimeter of the park.

“We’ve got this large tract of land and this project hanging out there,” he said, noting earlier this year the University of Michigan Health System announced plans for a significant outpatient facility at the township site. “We just spent \$100,000 designing this property.”

Vig, who owns a construction firm, is excited about preserving trees and paths locally. “We can’t replicate that entirely,” he said of Central Park. “We just found it to be a fabulous spot.”

He’s a hockey coach and has two children who are hockey players, so he’s excited about some use locally of sports fields. “We’ve got this unbelievable large piece of land. I just picture this incredible interest, not just Northville but the whole region.”

Sense of community

Social exchange in the park area will build a sense of community, he said.

He said of Detroit’s



The Vig children of Northville Township, Jake, 12, Chloe, 7, and Ryan, 10, enjoyed their time in New York City’s Central Park.



Some elements for Northville Township’s proposed 7 Mile park includes the Energy Park (bottom) with the conservatory just above it, the great park in the upper right and the community center and roundabout at the top.

Belle Isle, “It’s just kind of grossly underutilized,” and far from northwest Wayne County. He enjoys Hines Park for bike riding but finds it too linear for other recreational use.

Vig said retail development will bring services in. “This park is going to change a lot of things,” he said. His firm had a small office in Austin, Texas, and he recalled great use of trails there.

“You’re around all these other people. We don’t

have those kind of venues in Detroit.” He believes U-M and Schoolcraft College being stakeholders will help the project succeed.

“It’s just something I want to keep alive,” he said of the property close to their home. “U-M’s committed. It’s happening. You’re going to see pieces of this fall into place.”

He recalled earlier family trips to Washington, D.C., Boston and Chicago where his family was

also drawn to scenic outdoor public spaces. “This is going to become a talked about and very much utilized resource. I think it’s going to converge on that park.”

Takes some time

Jennifer Frey is the township’s director of community development. “We too are very excited about it,” she said. “For me, it’s more of a cautious excitement. It’s going to be awesome in the end. It just takes a little while to

get there.”

The township board wants vacant buildings taken down, starting with the outbuildings soon and the balance including the old hospital done in conjunction with the retail portion over the next few years. The retail portion includes U-M, Frey said.

The site isn’t safe right now, she said, noting brownfield issues. “Clearly, it’s going to be done in phases,” she said. It

needs to be developed safely and have amenities.

“I would love to be able to say we’d open a trail” soon, she said. Fencing, however, would be required and is expensive and temporary.

Frey said the U-M site plan came in recently, with township officials meeting on that June 29. It could be on the July 31 Planning Commission meeting agenda, she said.

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Thornton Creek students get bird's-eye view of bald eagles

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

With a nest of eagles taking up residence inside the school, this spring has been a very eventful one for Thornton Creek students and staff.

Eagles haven't literally set up a home at the Northville elementary school, but rather a video screen has been placed inside the lobby giving the students a bird's-eye view of a nest of bald eagles.

This project is part of a bigger one that is sponsored by the Raptor Resource Project, which is a non-profit organization that uses USTREAM to broadcast their live video webcams of wild life to promote a greater awareness, understanding and stewardship for the natural world. The eagle's nest is near a fish hatchery in Decorah, Iowa.

Seeing the great educational opportunities within the project, teachers Jennifer Eagle, Jenny Bates and Catherine Gibson worked hard to bring



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Thornton Creek Elementary students and their appropriately-named teacher Jennifer Eagle monitor a webcam trained on a nesting pair of Eagles in Decorah, Iowa, on April 17.

it to Thornton Creek. They set up an interactive, high-tech learning display and with a digital big screen TV and live feed that has allowed the student body to follow the nesting, hatching and

feeding of three eaglets. It has been a semester-long science learning module. According to Eagle, the display also features daily food-for-thought questions and video high-

lights. The questions are used in the classrooms as another learning tool. For second-grader Spencer Lent, this has been a fun experience. He loves birds of all kinds, especially owls



With her eagle-themed hat, Thornton Creek teacher Jennifer Eagle reads a story to her class on April 17.

and robins, but he was thrilled to see eagles so close up. "I really liked seeing the chicks hatched," he said. Eagle said it has turned into a school-wide experience for everyone. From the custodians to the youngest students, all have been talking about it on a daily basis. Many times one could find a group standing around the display discussing the latest news from the nest.

They have all learned much about the eagle, which was the entire point. And many at the school have become attached to the eagle family. With this success, Eagle hopes to do something like this every year. "Hands-on experience is best for learning about science, so this is the next best thing," she said. "We are really happy with how this has turned out and hope to have it each year."

Northville K-8 students can join virtual learning program

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

Northville Public Schools has entered into an interagency agreement for the 2012-13 school year that would allow K-8 students the opportunity to participate in the Wayne Coun-

ty version of the Virtual Learning Academy. The agreement, with Oakland Schools and Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA), will have Northville paying \$6,200 per participating student each school year. The Virtual Learning Acade-

my Consortium (VLAC) is open to students in Genesee, Lapeer, Livingston, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties. Northville superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said this is a specialized program primarily targeted at students who are being homeschooled. The

program will enable students to master course content and benchmark standards adopted by the Michigan Department of Education. The curriculum for the program comes from the Calvert School. Each student is required to work with a learn-

ing guide in his or her home, or other location selected by a parent or guardian, to oversee the daily activities of the student and provide ongoing support. The academy's total number

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Silver Springs festival bigger than ever

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Correspondent

This year's Multi-Cultural Festival at Silver Springs lived up to its name and became even bigger with more countries/cultures represented than ever before.

The festival's motto is "connecting families-connecting cultures" and it did that as the school was filled with kids and their parents enjoying the sights, smells and tastes from tables representing over 20 different countries.

In addition, for the first time students and staff from Amerman Elementary participated. Amerman principal Dr. Steve Anderson set up a table representing Sweden.

The festival had a variety of things for the attendees to interact with and also had a number of happenings to watch and listen to, like music and dance as well as an international fashion show.

Other new table displays included one representing the Cajun culture of Louisiana and another for Canada, which was set up by the Gaynor family.

For them, the festival was a great way to show what life was like back in their former home of Toronto. Scott Gaynor said it was very multicultural itself, so they were enthusiastic about participating in the festival at Silver Springs. He has two children at the school.

"This is just great," Gaynor said looking



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Attendees of the April 27 international Festival at Silver Springs Elementary check out the fare at the Italian table.

around at the filled gymnasium. "Life is always more interesting when there is a variety."

Student projects

Another different aspect this were some new projects being done by students.

One was the fundraising effort put on by David Wayne's fifth-grade class at Silver Springs. The students are working to collect money to help support local veterans as well as the Yankee Air Museum.

As part of this they set up three tables in the school's lobby with photos and other things given by family members who served in the military. They also put together the news release regarding their effort.

Fifth-grader Parker Dietrich said the project was a complete learning experience because it applied many of the 7 Habits they are learning as part of the school's

Leader in Me program. He said it was a "real" school lesson because it involved planning, writing and preparing together a project that would have an impact on those who need help.

"It's about raising money and helping veterans," he said of the goal.

Another interactive lesson students brought to the festival was the table set up by Amerman students from teacher Robin Long's class. Each student learned their own part as a character from American Colonial times. They each had a name and back story.

Fifth-grader David Haggitt said this was also great learning experience because it put them in the shoes of someone from that time. He was acting and dressed like a wealthy landowner.

"It was a lot of fun and interesting to learn about how it really was back then," David said.

Limited open enrollment in half-day kindergarten at Thornton Creek

Northville Public Schools is accepting Schools of Choice applications under Section 105 of the Michigan School Aid Act for the 2012-13 school year from students residing in other Wayne County school districts — within the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency — for two openings in the district's half-day kindergarten section at Thornton Creek Elementary School, 48180 9 Mile Road, in Novi.

"The opportunity for a limited number of students from outside the district to open enroll in our half-day kindergarten section helps to meet the threshold necessary to offer a half-day option for Northville school families who value the program," said Northville Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher.

"In order to support the district's goal of excellence and equity for all students, the granting of choice is balanced with the need to provide equitable and appropriate enrollment

at all of our schools. Final placement will be determined based on staff allocations, space availability and the number of applications received."

The Northville Public Schools Section 105 (Non-Resident) Schools of Choice Application is available on the district website at www.northville.k12.mi.us. Completed applications must be mailed or hand delivered to the Northville Public Schools Human Resources Department, 501 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, by 4 p.m. July 25. The district is unable to accept electronic applications.

Should the number of applications received exceed the two openings specified for Section 105 Schools of Choice students, the school district will use a random draw (lottery) to select the applicants who will be considered for enrollment. If necessary, the lottery will take place at 8:30 a.m.

Aug. 1 at the Northville Public Schools Board of Education offices, also located at 501 W. Main Street. Families applying for open enrollment are welcome to attend the lottery drawing. Selected students will be informed regarding placement no later than Aug. 8.

Details regarding the lottery procedures, the Schools of Choice application, and answers to frequently asked questions about the Section 105 Schools of Choice option are available on the district website at www.northville.k12.mi.us.

Once a student is accepted to open enroll under Section 105, he or she will continue at Northville Public Schools until graduation or until he or she withdraws from the program. Placement for subsequent years of any out-of-district students who enroll in the half-day kindergarten program for the 2012-13 school year will be determined by available space across the district — not necessarily at Thornton Creek.

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of students is expected to be at 240 in 2012-13 and grow to 1,000 in the next five years.

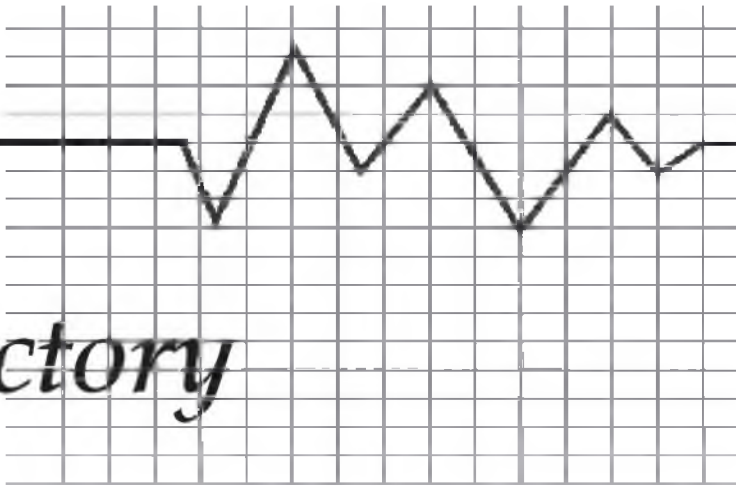
According to the VLAC web site, the academy offers a flexible program customized for any child

and has a self-paced curriculum that moves at their speed. The VLAC states it has outstanding support from Michigan-certified teachers, as well as experienced teachers from Calvert. The academy uses a blend of print and online materials with step-by-step lesson plans provided.

The agreement also

states the base tuition may also include reimbursement to Oakland Schools for a proportionate share of start-up costs, indirect costs and a reasonable carryover at year end, provided, however, that any such carryover shall not exceed 10 percent of the total program expenditures for the school year.

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Was sandwich encounter a teaching moment?

By **Lee Meadows**
Guest Columnist

Apparently, my reference to the world as a 'living classroom' came back to haunt me despite my best efforts to blame it on Socrates. The combination of academic scholarship and professional consulting has drawn me back into the world of air travel. As a result, I find that I am in airports waiting to complete the next leg of a journey.

On a recent flight back from Atlanta, I had the good sense to arrive early enough to endure the security check, the ride on the tram and the slow ascent on the escalator to my gate area where the sea of travelers were reminiscent of crowd rushing scene from a 1920's film. I had a 90-minute wait before boarding, realized I was hungry and availed myself of the long line of familiar, fast

food brands, watering holes and quaint but unknown food vendors. I decided to break from tradition and go with a lesser-known food vendor. I rationalized that it was my way of helping the economy.

My vendor of choice was a sandwich shop that specialized in homemade offerings at airport prices. I checked the menu and decided on a non-descript, peanut butter and jelly sandwich. I figured that a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, like microwave popcorn, is a difficult process to disrupt. As my turn to order approached, I told the young person taking the order that I wanted a peanut butter and jelly sandwich along with a medium ice tea. He passed the order onto the person responsible for building my sandwich. I eased down to the part of the counter where the completed item would be given to me.

As I was waiting, I could not help but be intrigued by what I heard. The young lady who was putting together my sandwich was ranting, 'I HATE THIS JOB! I

HATE THIS JOB! I HATE THIS JOB!' If the goal was to make sure that everyone in line heard her rant, then mission accomplished! We all heard her and my dilemma became apparent. To say something or to not say something; that is the question. As a professor of management for Walsh College, I am always in a teaching mode – but as a weary traveler, I just wanted to fly home.

So, if you freeze frame, here is what you would have seen: On my right shoulder was the visual conscious of me, dressed to do a formal presentation for a client, whispering in my right ear, "Leave it alone, Lee! She's a bad hire and this organization is responsible for the consequences of its hiring decisions." On my left shoulder, the other visual conscious of me, dressed to give a lecture to my Walsh students, leaned into my left ear and said, "You're a teacher and you have to help her realize the consequences of her actions. It's a teaching moment and you have to act!"

Unfreeze the frame and return to the moment when she brought me my sandwich. I knew what I had to do. As she handed me my sandwich, I said, "Young lady, I have a question I want you to think about." She gave me that student-caught-surfing-the-net-during-a-lecture look as I continued on. "Ask yourself, what did I do to put myself in a position where I am working a job that I hate?"

"Excuse me, sir" She replied, "But that's none of your business." "On the contrary, young lady. The moment you went public, it became my business and the business of everyone who came here to get a sandwich and depart for destinations unknown to share with everyone they meet about their encounter at this sandwich shop."

She gave me the sandwich, rolled her eyes and turned to fill the next order. By then, several customers had left and I went to my waiting area. I sat down, thought about the encounter and threw away the sandwich.

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Jim Gill of Northville pulls a tilapia out of the tank.

Aqua-based farm opens in Livonia warehouse

By **Ken Abramczyk**
Staff Writer

Jim Gill of Northville, Ken Chio of Brighton and Jamie Langan of Canton sought a more efficient way to grow vegetables and farm raise tilapia.

So they combined two technologies into one system to create Aqua Growers.

Aqua Growers takes the science and applications of aquaculture (the farming of fish) and hydroponics (the growing of plants in water) and creates an aquaponic system. Opened in November 2011, Aqua Growers is the largest aquaponics farm in the Detroit area, inside a 1,056-square-foot building at 12089 Merri-man in Livonia, the owners said. There is room to expand, too.

Tilapia swim in tanks. A few feet away, bok choy, basil varieties and lettuce varieties flourish.

The owners believe they have found a niche to help sustain the environment with an organic environment, free of pesticides and pollutants, and higher yields of crops grown in a weatherproof system.

Fish waste feeds plants

Fish are fed food pellets. Water containing the fish waste flows from the tanks into the hydroponic plant beds. Nutrients feed the root systems of the plants. The effluent-rich water would become toxic to fish if left alone, but instead it nourishes the plants.

"The water acts as a fertilizer for the plants, and when the plants consume that waste, it cleans the water," Chio said.

Chio said aquaponically-grown crops use 80 percent less water than soil-based crops. They can grow 200 different varieties of vegetables,

Chio said.

"You can grow about 5,000 plants in a 1,000-square-foot system," Chio said. "These grow beds have a 2 percent of an acre footprint, but can grow the equivalent of a quarter of an acre of leafy lettuce crops. We can harvest one-quarter of an acre 10 times in one month."

Crops that are planted in an aquaponics farm grow higher quantities per square foot, mature faster, have a longer shelf life and use significantly less energy than crops planted on a soil-based farm, the owners said.

"It's a healthy natural low-tech way to grow," Langan said.

"We can't use pesticides in it because you will kill the fish," Chio said. "It is nutritious, quality food and it's also local, all year round."

Chio said tilapia was chosen to farm because it is a healthy fish. "It sustains better than perch or walleye," Chio said.

One male breeds with six females. The fry are moved into a 100-gallon tank once they hit the one-pound range. Once they reach three pounds, they are moved into a 150-gallon tank, then relocated to a 300-gallon tank for five-pounders.

Water to feed the plants is piped into a gravity-based system run by a small pump. Oxygen levels and temperatures are checked to ensure the water keeps the fish healthy.

Several varieties of basil, such as cinnamon, lime and lemon, line the beds, along with spring lettuces. One jalapeno is just about as large as a banana pepper.

The system helps resolve many of the problems facing farmers. It eliminates the reliance on weather, the need for equipment and pesticide sprays, and the calories

used to produce output, the owners said.

Growing season never ends

The growing season lasts all year.

"In Michigan, you can't grow 365 (days)," Gill said. "We can grow it inside 365 days with less water, less heat and less electricity than outside."

They've already completed four cuttings of basil since January, Gill said.

The beds can be set up vertically, which allows growers to conserve space, Gill said.

The process holds a distinct advantage to restaurateurs. They plan menus out months in advance without worrying about farmers losing crops to weather, Gill said. The owners grow everything ranging from tomatoes, eggplant and squash to peppers, greens such as swiss chard, and herbs.

"Next month I may want celery and some cinnamon basil, and can plant it, and in one month I have what I want," Gill said.

That can change conventional thinking toward food availability, Gill said. "It won't be us telling them what we grow, but what they want us to grow," he said.

The company plans a training seminar Aug. 17-21 with an aquaponics research analyst, Charlie Shultz of the University of the Virgin Islands. Anyone interested can call (248) 921-6213.

Potential customers range from restaurant owners and farmers, to schools, businesses and homeowners, Chio said. Aquaponics can add an ambience to a workspace or educating children.

"It really is a lot of fun," Chio said.

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Michigan Retailers call on state treasurer to send sales tax bill to Amazon

The Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) today called on State Treasurer Andy Dillon to follow the law and his department's own guidelines by sending a bill to online giant Amazon for sales tax owed the State of Michigan.

"Because Amazon has a physical presence in Michigan it has sufficient nexus with the state and should be collecting sales tax for Michigan-based online purchases on its website," James

P. Hallan, MRA president and CEO, wrote in a letter to Dillon. "We urge Treasury ... to send a bill to Amazon for sales tax owed."

Amazon has established a physical presence in Michigan because, Hallan wrote:

- In 2007 Amazon acquired Brilliance Audio, a producer of audio books located in Grand Haven, as a wholly owned subsidiary;
- Amazon lists Brilliance Audio as one of its locations on the Amazon corporate website;

- A Dun & Bradstreet report on Brilliance Audio shows that it is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Amazon; and
- Amazon's corporate address in Seattle, Wash., is listed as the address for all of Brilliance Audio's officers and directors, according to Brilliance Audio's corporate filings in Michigan.

Hallan pointed out in the letter that a seller is subject to sales tax collection if it has nexus with the State of Michigan under the Due Process and Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution. Brilliance Audio provides Amazon with that physical presence.

Treasury's guidelines under Revenue Administrative Bulletin 1999-1 state that nexus is established for out-of-state sellers through their in-state wholly owned subsidiaries, he said.

"Amazon has avoided collecting taxes on its Michigan sales for years," Hallan commented. "That harms Michigan's economy, is unfair to Michigan-based job providers and must stop. Other states have compelled Amazon to start paying taxes, and Michigan must do the same."



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Jillian Templess, 5, tugs on her sunglasses to get a better look at the parade route during the Northville independence Day Parade. This year's theme was "let freedom ring."



Cub Scout troop 755 member Ryan Galdikas, 8, marches with the American Flag in the parade.



Parade volunteer Gerhard Obrikt downs a sip of water during the July 4 parade. Temperatures started out around 85 and got warmer as the parade continued.



Some smart parade-watchers took refuge from the sun where they could — like this tree's shadow along Dunlap.



An American Flag rounds Griswold onto Main during the parade.



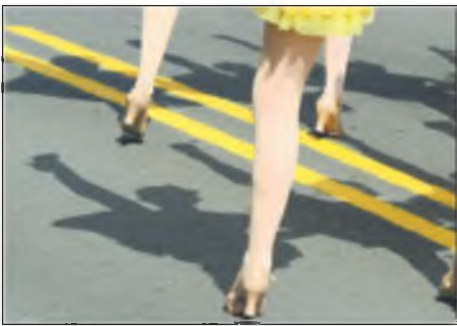
Michael Emley waves an American Flag from the rumble seat of a car during the Northville independence Day Parade on July 4th.



Jim Andiriars rolls down Main Street in a convertible with a few friends on July 4.



The Northville High School varsity pom-pom squad managed to keep their smiles in the heat as they performed in the parade.



Shadows of the members of Northville's Piazza Dance Studio high-kick their way down Main during the parade.



This year's parade began promptly at 10 a.m., perhaps in hopes of getting everyone home before it got too hot.



Thousands turned out in the sweltering heat on July 4th for the Northville independence Day Parade.



A few patriots wave their American Flags from atop at Northville City Fire Dept. truck.

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Rachel Guin and her patriotically-decorated bike make their way down Griswold for the Northville independence Day Parade on July 4.



Dressed as Miss Liberty, Diana Wallace rolls down Northville's Main Street during its Fourth of July parade.

Students to benefit from reverse transfer agreement between Schoolcraft, UM-Dearborn

Schoolcraft College and University of Michigan-Dearborn have forged a formal agreement to help students complete a reverse transfer associate degree while working on a bachelor's degree.

The new reverse transfer agreement creates a process that allows students who transfer from Schoolcraft College to UM-Dearborn to be awarded an associate degree that the student is most qualified for, with the help of credits earned at the university. Qualifying students must have already earned 40 credits at Schoolcraft College prior to transfer. Most associate degrees require 60 or more credits for completion. Current estimates suggest that approximately 180 former Schoolcraft students currently studying at UM-Dearborn will meet the initial selection criteria for participation

in this program.

“Essentially, if a student leaves Schoolcraft College with 40 or more credits and transfers to University of Michigan-Dearborn, UM-Dearborn will send the student a letter inviting them to participate in the reverse transfer program,” according to Laurie Kattuah-Snyder, assistant director of student services of Schoolcraft College. “Once the student signs off on the agreement, the UM-Dearborn transcript is mailed back to us and we will verify the credits can be applied and an associate of arts or general studies degree is awarded.”

The agreement marks a well-established partnership between Schoolcraft College and UM-Dearborn. “UM-Dearborn and Schoolcraft College have a shared commitment to the success of our students, which this agree-



Pictured are Dr. Jeffress, Schoolcraft president, and Dr. Little, UMD Chancellor.

ment further demonstrates,” said Daniel Little, chancellor, UM-Dearborn. “The signing of this reverse transfer agreement, the first signed by both entities, will continue to extend enriching opportunities to Schoolcraft students who choose to join the UM-Dearborn community. It is our hope that this partnership will facil-

itate students in adding to their academic credentials, thereby increasing their readiness for their future careers.”

Leaders from both institutions joined together to celebrate the agreement during a special signing ceremony, including Conway A. Jeffress, Ph.D., president; Richard Weinkauff, vice presi-

dent of instruction; Cheryl Hagen, dean of student services; Michelle Koss, assistant dean of student services; Nicole Wilson-Fennel, director of enrollment services/registrar; and Kattuah-Snyder from Schoolcraft College and Daniel Little, Ph.D., chancellor; Christopher Tremblay, assistant vice chancellor; Janice Lewis-Boyd, registrar; Nicate Ferrill, admissions counselor; Deb Pepper, director of admissions and orientation; Stanley Henderson, vice chancellor for enrollment management and student life; Malayappan Shridhar, associate provost; and Cathy Boatin, transfer specialist from University of Michigan-Dearborn.

As directed by the State of Michigan in Public Act 62, other Michigan community colleges and universities have recently signed similar agreements to provide a seamless transfer experi-

ence and increase student retention and degree completion at both levels. This reverse transfer agreement between Schoolcraft College and UM-Dearborn is the first of its kind in southeast Michigan.

“Students are generally aware that associate degree credits can be applied toward bachelor's degree requirements, but they are not always familiar with the concept of reverse transfer,” said Dr. Jeffress. “Affordability and portability are two major benefits community colleges provide to students. Ironically these are also often held against community colleges when graduation rates alone are considered. With reverse transfers, we can now count as success stories those students who received what they needed at Schoolcraft and then moved on to pursue their goals elsewhere.”

Taj gets local Democrats' nod; Roberts wants Obama impeached

By Ken Abramczyk
Staff Writer

The 11th Congressional District race for the Democratic Party nomination is between an Asian-born doctor and a longtime supporter of Lyndon LaRouche who wants to see President Barack Obama impeached.

Dr. Syed Taj, a Canton resident who recently retired as chief of medicine at Oakwood Hospital, has received support from the 11th Congressional Democrats and local Democratic clubs throughout the district.

Bill Roberts, 31, has worked for 11 years with Lyndon LaRouche on what Roberts said was restoring the “FDR legacy of policy making,” but he also worked recently to impeach Obama. Several LaRouche supporters, including Roberts, stood outside local post offices in the area and on street corners holding up photos of Obama with a Hitler-style mustache, asking residents to sign petitions.

Taj, 65, a Canton trustee since 2008, has decided not to seek re-election to the Canton board, and now is campaigning to win a seat in U.S. Congress. Taj came to the United States

in 1982 when he was 35 after practicing medicine in India and the United Kingdom. Taj is running because he believes the United States should provide quality health care for every individual.

Taj spoke with U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow about his support for a single billing system, instead of billing several insurance companies, when the health insurance issue was being discussed in Congress in 2009, but that amendment fell short of votes. “The single biller is a better system,” Taj said.

AHCA a ‘good foundation’

“It is a good foundation,” Taj said about the Affordable Health Care Act. “We have to do preventive care, with early diagnosis; it doesn’t cost that much.”

For example, prostate and colon cancers are treatable when caught early.

Taj wants to keep Medicare and Social Security intact. “It is difficult for seniors to understand the Medicare system,” Taj said. “Social Security is not a Ponzi scheme. It is something that really helped the people especially the senior population,” Taj said. “Seniors are doing OK. They aren’t rich, but

they survive. Otherwise 50 percent of them would be living in poverty.”

Education was important in his family, Taj said. “We have to improve our system and our schools,” Taj said. Federal government loans are important for students to obtain low interest, along with grants to hire more teachers.

“You can’t survive just by going to high school,” Taj said. He wants vocational training for those who don’t attend college so they can become more employable.

Roberts, who works as a full-time political organizer for the Lyndon LaRouche Political Action Committee, decided to run on a national slate for Congress. What prompted that is a number of Democrats didn’t stand up to what Roberts called the wrong policies of Obama. “Our motto has been principle over party,” Roberts said.

“This administration has continued the pro-dictatorship, Fascist policies of the Bush-Cheney administration and to even greater extremes,” Roberts said. “The illegal wiretapping under the Patriot’s Act has been massively expanded. The National Defense Act is a complete suspension of due process. Any citizen can be picked

up off the street and detained indefinitely by simply being labeled a terrorist and no court process has to occur.”

Wall Street bailout ‘almost treason’

Roberts also disagrees with the Wall Street bailout Obama continued, now to the tune of \$30 trillion. “It is a complete attack on the American population, to dump worthless obligations on the taxpayers to bail out Wall Street. It is almost treason in my mind,” Roberts said. The president had another option in the Glass-Steagall Act, which is the full separation of commercial banking from private investment banking, Roberts said.

“That is the only way to initiate real economic recovery and to begin to start a process to get people back to work,” Roberts said.

Roberts was asked about the appropriateness of comparing Obama to Hitler and working to obtain signatures on petitions with a photo of Obama with a Hitler-like mustache. “Yes, I’ve done that,” Roberts said about collecting the signatures.

“It’s a very honest assessment of the president’s personality,” Roberts said of the

photos of Obama with the Hitler mustache. “Fascism starts somewhere, in the commitment to saying that there are certain lives that are unworthy of life and that it’s more important to have a policy of austerity and propping up the banking cartel.

“Clearly no one is setting up gas chambers, but it is the idea that in this period you have the president who has this policy of approving millions of cuts in Medicare and Medicaid, and at the same time putting in trillions of dollars to bail out financial institutions.”

When elected, Obama said he would emulate FDR, Roberts said. “It was clear (Obama’s presidency) would be modeled after fascism,” Roberts said. “I don’t pull my punches, I say what I think is true.”

Glass-Steagall is supported by 70 Democrats in Congress, Roberts said, but opposed by Obama. Roberts was asked about Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney, who Roberts called “unacceptable.” Romney “would not be able to stand up to another Democrat” if Obama were ousted from the presidency.

Opponent an ‘imposter’

Taj recently called Roberts

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Bentivolio, Cassis seek to win 11th District GOP race

By Ken Abramczyk
Staff Writer

The race for the Republican candidates in the 11th Congressional District race isn’t one that either candidate envisioned just two months ago.

Both Kerry Bentivolio of Milford and Nancy Cassis of Novi assumed Thaddeus McCotter would be campaigning to win a sixth term in U.S. Congress. Bentivolio filed to run as a candidate against McCotter, believing that he would be challenging the five-term incumbent.

Cassis had stepped out of the public eye after her term in the state Senate ended in 2010, until she learned of McCotter’s signature issues and ultimate withdrawal from the race as a write-in candidate.

Today, Cassis is running as a write-in candidate against Bentivolio in the Republican primary, who will be listed as the lone Republican on the ballot. Drexel Morton of Canton recently filed as a write-in with the Secretary of State’s office in the Republican race.

The candidates are looking forward to the election on Aug. 7.

Bentivolio, 60, has resigned as a teacher in the Fowlerville school district to run for office.

Bentivolio tired of overspending

Bentivolio ran against Mike Kowall for state Senate two

years ago. Bentivolio, a veteran of the Vietnam and Iraqi wars and a reindeer farmer in Milford, is running because he is tired of the “overspending, overborrowing and overregulating” of the federal government, and will push for transparency and accountability. “I expect to put my votes online and my justification for voting the way I did,” Bentivolio said.

Bentivolio is concerned about the debt increase. “We’ve already spent our grandchildren’s tax money, \$15 trillion, which is unbelievable,” Bentivolio said.

Bentivolio believes some expenditures are wasteful, such as studies of cats (small ones, not large ones, he says) in Africa and Congressional gold medals, the latter of which is something the Congressional members could pay for themselves at \$70 for each member.

“We also have an epidemic of suicides of veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan and an epidemic of homelessness among veterans,” Bentivolio said. As of early June, approximately 900,000 applications for VA benefits remain unprocessed and are 300 days old, Bentivolio said.

“If you put your life on the line, we should do a little better for them,” Bentivolio said.

Cassis, 68, served in the state House and state Senate for 14 years until she left the Senate in 2010. She met with several GOP officials who interviewed

her and other prominent Republicans, then received their support to run as a write-in against Bentivolio. Cassis has received the endorsement of Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, while Bentivolio obtained the endorsement of U.S. Rep. Justin Amash, R-Grand Rapids, and State Rep. Dave Agema, Republican in the 74th District in western Michigan.

Patterson, who was on the interview committee, said last month that Bentivolio’s views “were too extreme,” citing examples that Bentivolio wants the U.S. out of Germany and South Korea.

Bentivolio believes the committee should have spoken with him. “They should have given me that courtesy,” Bentivolio said. “I don’t expect to get special treatment as a veteran, but if you fight for your country in two wars, they could have given me the courtesy of an interview.”

Cassis faces uphill battle

Despite winning the support and the nod from GOP leaders, Cassis knows she has an uphill battle with the write-in campaign. “We knew we had an educational situation,” Cassis said.

“You have to find the Congressional part of the ballot, find the write-in area, fill in the circle and write in the name, It

requires the effort.”

Cassis said she is running for families and future generations “for a more secure future.”

Cassis points to her track record in the state House and Senate as a “principled Constitutional conservative,” chairing tax policy in the House and Senate. She also worked for more transparency in the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and in tax credits granted in the film industry. Cassis said she created legislation to assist with the reconstruction and reconfiguration of the I-96 interchanges with Beck and Wixom roads in western Oakland County.

Higher taxes and more governmental spending hinder growth and add to what Cassis called “this horrible deficit,” Cassis said. “It keeps businesses and investors from getting out there and trying to grow their businesses.”

Cassis said she differs from her opponent because she has a track record as a lawmaker and also has different opinions on national issues.

Bentivolio wants to repeal the Patriot Act, a position Cassis disagrees with. “It is incumbent on a Congressman to protect our freedoms,” Cassis said. “I don’t believe repealing the Patriot’s Act is safe.”

“America has always been seen as a leader in freedom and with that, comes a responsibility,” Cassis said. She asked

what message would be sent to friends and enemies if troops were withdrawn from Germany or South Korea.

Bentivolio said Germany provides medical support for troops in Afghanistan, but said the troops in Germany “keep the economies going in local towns.”

“At 50,000 troops against the Russian army, I think those soldiers are nothing more than a speed bump, and I’d rather see those soldiers spend money in our towns, rather than in Germany,” Bentivolio said.

Bentivolio also described the South Korean occupation as a “speed bump,” as he quoted a general he said he has spoken with about the U.S. troop presence.

Auto bailouts

When he was asked about his thoughts on the GM and Chrysler bankruptcy and the U.S. government’s role in it, Bentivolio asked: “Why did the government get involved with the GM bankruptcy?” Bentivolio asked.

“They closed its Lorain Ohio plant, but it was the most efficient plant at GM. Why is that? Well they (workers) were not members of the UAW, according to the Wall Street Journal.”

“And who owns Chrysler? Italy. The government has no business picking winners and losers.

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an “imposter” running as a Democrat and told voters “not to be fooled by a fake Democrat.” Roberts responded: “The idea that you have to take a loyalty oath to a president no matter what happens and what heinous crimes he commits, it’s cultish,” Roberts said. He added: “The idea that you have to be an Obama supporter

to be a Democrat is ridiculous.” R. Karl Burnett, vice chair of the 11th District Democrats and president of the Livonia Democrat Club, called Taj a “remarkable, wonderful guy.” “He’s very approachable,” Burnett said. “His desire to serve in Congress is deeply seated, and he has a strong desire to work for others.” Burnett said Taj has shown his knowledge of

the health care issues in news articles and that his experience in India and England will assist him in improving health care in the United States. Burnett said Taj has been active with the 11th District Democrats for years. Burnett said the Obama characterization with a Hitler mustache was “an outrage” and that the supporters of LaRouche had extremist views. “You don’t have to be a

member of a political party to file as a candidate for either party,” Burnett said. “Dr. Taj is sincere, and he deserves support for being sincere and genuine in that endeavor.” The candidates highlight their platforms at their respective Web sites: Roberts’ Web site is billrobertsforcongress.com; Taj’s Web site is at tajforcongress.com.

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“Whether or not the government should have gotten involved, they don’t have a right to. Whether they should have or not is moot, because they don’t have

Congressional or Constitutional authority to do that.” Cassis said the recession hit the auto companies “so very hard.” “While in general I am not in favor of bail-outs or special favored breaks and picking winners and losers, there

is something to be said about coming from Michigan and your own home-grown industry. “The problem was that off the top much of that benefitted the unions, rather than taking care of the structural problems that the industry faced,” Cassis said. “But I have to

say I am proud that GM is coming back, Ford has done so well and Chrysler is doing well.”

Both candidates have Web sites spelling out their campaign platforms at www.bentivolioforcongress.com and www.nancycassis.com.



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“Deathtrap” by Ira Levin; Sept. 6-Oct. 7

Sidney, a successful writer of Broadway thrillers, is struggling to overcome a “dry spell”, which has resulted in a string of failures and a shortage of funds. A possible break in his misfortunes occurs when he receives a brilliant manuscript from a student in the seminar he conducted at a nearby college—a thriller, which Sidney recognizes immediately as a potential Broadway hit. Sidney’s plan, which he devises with his wife’s help, is to offer collaboration to the student, an idea the younger man quickly accepts. Suspense mounts steadily as the plot twists and turns with

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artist and “professional cat-sitter,” finds a notebook belonging to Deb, a stressed-out graduate student working frantically on her dissertation on Virginia Woolf. Jason and Claire are a couple navigating the rough terrain of their serious relationship and are wondering if moving in together is really pushing them apart. Although the two couples never meet, they alter each other’s lives in this bitersweet musical centered around the city that never sleeps. Adam Gwon’s score of vibrant music and crisp, fluid, and often funny lyrics, reflect the racing minds of the four characters as they try to appreciate the beauty found in an ordinary day.

“Looking” by Norm Foster; Jan. 24-March 3, 2013

What do a business owner, a nurse, a morning radio talk show host, and a police officer have in common? They’re all looking! Norm Foster, author of The Love List, brings another beautiful comedy about four middle-aged characters and their desperately hilarious search for true love. Val is idealistic, looking for “Mr. Right”. Her friend Nina is simply looking for “Mr. Right Now”. Andy is struggling with selling his business, and Matt is a quick-witted disc jockey with plenty of fears and insecurities of his own. Andy ignores Matt’s advice and

places a personal ad to find true love. Val answers his ad and agrees to meet with Andy. Nina and Matt are coaxed into joining them on their blind date for support. The foursome rendezvous at a local pub, but as fate would have it, Matt and Nina immediately click, leaving Andy and Val alone together to make a connection. So begins the dating game—a game that includes past loves, pre-tense, insecurity, and lots of laughter.

“Mrs. Mannerly” by Jeffrey Hatcher; April 4-May 5

Inspired by hilarious memories of a childhood etiquette class, this play introduces us to ten-year-old Jeffrey, who was not good at anything except being polite. Obsessed with good manners, he is determined to be the first student ever to achieve a perfect score on the challenging final exam. Mrs. Mannerly is a demanding teacher, and no student in her 36 years of etiquette classes has achieved that feat. After discovering a secret in Mrs. Mannerly’s past, Jeffrey faces off with his classmates (all played by one actor) as he maneuvers his way toward the top to try to take the grand prize! This witty comedy of manners shows the difference between how we present ourselves and who we really are.

“I Hate Hamlet” by Paul Rudnick; May 30-June 30

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BISHOP, MARCIA ELLEN

Of South Lyon, Mi, age 91, passed away on July 4, 2012 at Arbor Hospice in Ann Arbor, Mi. Marcia was born on December 18, 1920 in Detroit, MI to Harry and Mabel Rich. Her father was a lithographer and editor of the Detroit Saturday Night Newspaper. Her mother was an executive secretary and both had moved to Detroit from the Rochester, NY area. Marcia fondly remembered spending summers on the shores of Lake St. Clair with her father before he died during her early teen years. Marcia graduated from Detroit Cooley high School at age 16 and worked in the Detroit area until she married Norman Bishop in 1939. Together, they raised five children and were married for 57 years prior to Norman's death in 1996. Both were active members of the New Hudson Methodist Church during the later years of their marriage. Marcia also belonged to her local TOPS chapter for several years. Her interests included her family, following Michigan sports teams, especially the Detroit Tigers, playing cards with friends and reading. She had an uncommon intellect and enjoyed providing loving counsel and advice to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends. Marcia was a wonderful mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who lived a long productive life and will be dearly missed by all who knew her. She is survived by her sister, Marilyn Sedore, South Lyon, MI; daughters Joan (Lynn) Blunt, Ann Arbor, MI and Nancy (Wesley) Winn, Novi, MI; sons Norman (Margaret) Bishop, Chesapeake, VA and Philip (Sherri) Bishop, Austin, TX; thirteen grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by another daughter, Barbara (Jack) Owens. A memorial service and celebration of Marcia's life will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, August 18, 2012 at the Nie Funeral Home, 3767 West Liberty Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to her favorite charity, the Make-A-Wish Foundation.



FRESCURA, WEST EDWARD

Age 11, of Fenton, passed away Sunday, July 1, 2012. Services were held 11 AM Friday, July 6, 2012 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Entombment followed in Tyrone Memory Gardens. West was born September 5, 2000 in Pontiac, the son of Brian and Jennifer (Parkinson) Frescura. He had just completed 5th grade at Hyatt Elementary School in Linden. West loved Star Wars, basketball, swimming and his pet Turtle, Dribble. He had a huge heart and would do anything, for anyone. Surviving are: parents, Brian and Jennifer; brothers, Wyatt and Colt; grandparents, Bruce and Ruby Stewart, John and Lark Frescura, Harold and Carolyn Parkinson; great-grandparents, Shirley Palm, Nan and Mel Schulze, Margie Parkinson; aunts and uncles, Lynn, Mike, Tracy, Derek, Chris, Dusty, Rayna, Shane and Priscilla and many cousins. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com Those desiring may make contributions to the Friends of West Frescura c/o 5/3 Bank.



HOLMAN, ROBERT H. "BUD"

Age 87, passed away July 13th, 2012. He was born in Northville, Michigan; son of the late Joseph and Hattie Holman. Bud proudly served in the United States Army during WWII. He is survived by his loving children: Bob (Shelley), Randy (Bonnie), Marilyn (Jack) Pomeroy, Kathy Gollightly; 9 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, and his brother Charles. He was preceded in death by his wife Adele, 2 sisters and 4 brothers. Visitation was held on Sunday, July 15th and Monday, July 16th at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A Funeral service was held on Tuesday, July 17th at 11:00am at the funeral home. Memorial contributions in loving memory of Bud may be made to St. John's Hospice. On-line guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

DOANE, BARBARA

Age 79, passed away July 15, 2012. She was born on May 10, 1933, in Kirksville, MO, to the late Leslie and Bertha (McFarland) Darnel. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon for over 50 years. She enjoyed being involved and helping out at Active Faith. Barbara is survived by her son Matthew (Amanda) Doane. She was preceded in death by her husband Roy in 1991; her two sons: Mark in 2009 and Miles in 2008. A memorial service will be held on August 25th, Saturday, at 11:00 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon, 205 E. Lake Street, South Lyon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

JANETZKE, CLARA W.

Age 99, longtime resident of Northville, passed away peacefully July 15, 2012. She was born December 30, 1912 in Southfield, Michigan daughter of George and Ella (nee Keller) Schuchard. She graduated from New Hudson High School in 1930 and attended Cleary College. Clara was united in marriage to Arthur Janetke on June 29, 1935 and they spent 70 loving years together until his death in 2006. She was a lifelong member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church; and throughout the years she was very active in the church teaching Sunday School, playing the organ during Sunday School services, and as a member of Lutheran Ladies Auxilliary. Clara treasured her family, especially her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren; and always kept track of her extended family. She loved to cook and bake; she made wonderful meals and an amazing apple pie. She was never afraid to try a new recipe. She enjoyed traveling, and among the places she visited many were in Europe. Clara is survived by her children, Wayne (Carol) Janetke, David Janetke, and Carol (Gary) Bidwell; her grandchildren, Karen Janetke, Lorelei Bidwell, Ellen (Don) Heydens, James (Kristen) Janetke, Clay Bidwell, and John (Adele) Janetke; and her great grandchildren, AJ, Braeden, and Rosalyn. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, her brother and her sister. A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 21, 2012 at 11 a.m., with visitation beginning at 10 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 201 Elm Street, Northville, MI 48167. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church or St. Paul's Lutheran School. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville.

KONSAVAGE, E. VICTORIA

Age 93, passed away July 10, 2012. Visitation was on July 12. Funeral July 13 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

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NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Catalytic converter stolen

A crime becoming more common happened to a Northville woman and left her vehicle without a crucial part.

The 29-year-old woman, who lives on E. Northville Place Drive, went to use her car on July 5 only to find its catalytic converter had been removed by an unknown person. It was parked in front of her apartment building for three days before she went to use it and noticed it had been stolen.

Attempted vehicle theft

A Plymouth man was awakened by his car alarm on July 4 and later discovered that someone had been trying to steal it.

After being awakened, the 26-year-old man looked outside a residence on Swan Lake Drive

and did not see anyone. He checked his car, a Chevy Monte Carlo, and found the driver's side door had been damaged. The police report stated it appeared as if something had been placed in the door's lock in an attempt to open it.

The police believe it was the car thief was after and not anything inside because there wasn't anything visible to be stolen.

OWI arrests

Northville Township Police made four drunken driving arrests over a six-day period during the week of the Fourth of July.

One particular arrest occurred on July 3 at 7 Mile Road and Gerald Avenue around 3:30 a.m. The police spotted a vehicle without its headlights on and driving at a high rate of speed for that posted area. And after pulling up behind the driver, the Jeep

Wrangler was observed crossing the center line.

The driver, a 33-year-old Commerce Township woman, appeared to be sluggish and was slurring her speech upon contact. She was asked where she was and said she was on Haggerty Road near Union Lake. She was asked to perform field sobriety tests, which she had trouble doing.

During the sobriety tests she was asked to pick a number between 19 and 21, which she answered with "13". She was arrested after her preliminary Breathalyzer test registered .173 percent blood-alcohol content.

Flower pots stolen

A Northville couple returned home from vacation and found two of their flower pots missing.

The pots contained red begonias and had been stolen sometime during the time period of

June 28-July 8 from the home in the 200 block of High Street.

The 66-year-old Northville man said he had taken the pots down from the porch and set them in the front yard so they would be watered by the lawn sprinklers during their vacation. The pots are valued at \$200, and are 24 inches tall and over 12 inches in diameter.

Cell phone stolen

A 50-year-old woman had her cellular phone stolen outside of CVS, on Dunlap, east of Center, in downtown Northville, but later had it returned by a person who bought it for \$20.

On July 6, the Northville woman told police that she and her husband had been at a concert in downtown and afterward stopped at CVS. She went inside while he waited outside with her bag, which had the phone in it. After she came out they walked across the street to use the rest-

room and later realized they had left the bag behind.

They found it where they had left it with the only thing missing being the phone. They reported it to the police. Later on they had called the phone and it was answered by a Livonia man, who said he had purchased it for \$20 outside of Poole's Tavern from a man who said he needed money to get his broke down car towed. The suspect wanted to sell it for \$100, but the Livonia man would not buy it for that.

Police interviewed the 36-year-old man and believed his story to be truthful. He said he finally figured out it was stolen when he started receiving phone calls on it. He described the man who sold it to him as white, 5'9" or 5'10", 40-years-old with gray hair, glasses and a goatee.

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Excellence in education

Northville, Novi districts aim high and hit the mark

The Baseline rivalry between the Northville and Novi school districts is a friendly one, but there is one thing both districts are united and serious about: excelling in education.

The recently released 2012 (MME) results confirm that the Mustangs (Northville) and Wildcats (Novi) are some of the smartest students in the state.

It can be confusing trying to keep up with all of the education system's acronyms. The MME stands for Michigan Merit Exam, which also includes the ACT. The standardized test (created in 1959 as American College Testing and shortened to ACT in 1996) "was established as a way to impartially assess a student's potential for success in college, help students gauge their abilities in the core subjects taught in high school, and to assist colleges in admission by providing a standardized measurement of a student's ability from different schools across the world," according to the non-profit organization.

The MME replaced the MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) for high schoolers six years ago (although the MEAP is still given to elementary and middle school students). The MME assesses students in grade 11 and eligible students in grade 12 based on Michigan high school standards. It is administered each March, and consists of three components:

- ACT Plus Writing college entrance examination
- WorkKeys job skills assessments in reading, mathematics, and "locating information"
- Michigan-developed assessments in mathematics, science, and social studies

The combined assessments measure student learning under the Michigan high school standards, benchmarks and core content expectations used to evaluate whether or not high schools achieve AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) required by the federal NCLB (No Child Left Behind) Act.

Students in both districts have once again achieved levels that are much higher than the state averages in reading, writing, math, science and social studies, and among the top performing districts in Oakland and Wayne counties. Northville's percentages improved in the first four categories compared to 2011 results and were steady in social studies while Novi students have shown improvement in all five areas.

What makes this even more impressive is the fact that in September 2011, the Michigan Department of Education implemented higher proficiency cut scores for both the MME and the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP). This was done so rankings would show student performance aligned with college and career readiness as opposed to the work-readiness of the previous lower standards.

These remarkable percentages show that both Novi and Northville are graduating students who have handled a very challenging high school curriculum and are prepared for the next chapter of their lives.

And administrators in both districts know that the key to success is a unified vision that includes teachers, students, parents ... and the community as a whole. All four are on board with the same focus.

These latest results are impressive, but we have no doubt that both districts will use the data to improve. That's the way they've become the best, and that's way they'll continue to be two of the top performing districts in Michigan.

From the school boards and administrators of Northville and Novi (Northville Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher and Novi Superintendent Steve Matthews, respectively) to the classroom teachers and the pupils, congratulations on setting the bar high and hitting it.

MICHIGAN MERIT EXAM 2012 RESULTS

Percentage of students performing at the "Proficient" or "Advanced" levels:

Northville	Novi	Statewide	Subject
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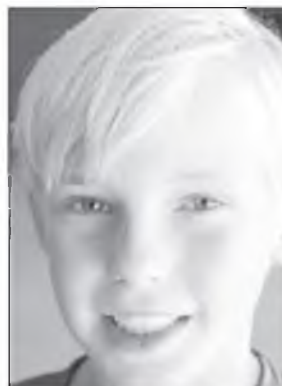
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Mark Waldman
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"We're going into to see 'Ice Age 3' right now, but we also thought that 'The Tooth Fairy' was really funny."

Pat Sopa
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Ben Willson, 10
Novi



"The Amazing Spider-Man'. It had good 3D, an easy-to-follow plot, lots of action and a good storyline."

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LETTERS

What flyovers?

What happened to the two announced 4th of July parade flyovers? As we watched the parade from our viewing spot opposite the judges' reviewing area, we heard multiple announcements of two flyovers: one from Selfridge and one from the Air National Guard. The flyovers always produce goose bumps and really set the parade's patriotic tone.

The only flyovers we saw were the planes towing advertising banners. I assume the presence of these slow-flying aircraft in the airspace over the parade route caused the jets we were anticipating to divert from their intended route.

Did the gain of a few advertising dollars cause this year's 4th of July parade to lose a traditional, exciting, stirring, crowd-pleasing moment or moments? If so, what a shame.

L.T. Syvestre
Northville

Attorney supports Nix

I have known Bob Nix, candidate for township supervisor, since we both attended Wayne State University Law School more than 40 years ago. He demonstrated his leadership abilities and outstanding scholastic achievements while in law school. Our paths crossed again in the mid-1970s, when we were both officers in the 309th Civil Affairs Group, United States Army Reserves. Bob attained the rank of captain — another indication of his leadership skills in this very unique reserve unit.

I have had the opportunity to draw upon Bob's skills and expertise in areas off real estate law and development. He has risen to leadership positions in all of the numerous public and private organizations of which he is a member, including election to the prestigious American College of Real Estate Lawyers and American College of Mortgage Attorneys, leadership positions with the State Bar of Michigan, Schoolcraft Development Authority and his long-term civic associations with Northville Township and the planning commission.

Bob Nix is uniquely qualified to be township supervisor in times of financial belt-tightening. He has a vision, based upon his values and expertise, for the future growth and development off the township's resources.

I strongly recommend his candidacy and endorse Bob Nix as the one who has the knowledge, skills, expertise and vision to lead Northville Township for the next four years.

Steven A. Siman
Law Offices of Steven A. Siman, PC, Troy

Roosen choice for supervisor

With the August primary vote for township supervisor just around the corner, it is critical voters realize that this primary

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. Letters should be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats.

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vote will essentially choose a supervisor for the township. With no Democratic nominee, a primary vote for Republican candidate Chris Roosen as the nominee representing the party is ultimately his selection to this office. This is a very important time for Northville Township, and so few voters will be in control of this decision as primary voting is never heavy. We need Chris and cannot take a step backward.

While I have known Chris Roosen for more than seven years in various roles serving this area, I have also read all about the backgrounds of the other candidates running for this position. It is simple logic to vote for Chris Roosen. We need to maintain the strong fiscal responsibilities of the township and keep continuity within the trustee body with a trusted member being promoted to lead the team he has served with for many years. Promoting from within is the right thing to do with Chris.

Chris Roosen is the only candidate that has been involved with the local government issues as a current trustee. He has been elected a trustee and served now for eight years. Certainly, he has shown he is ready, willing and able to take the next step in the local government responsibility. The only relevant experience that Bob Nix seems to have is as an attorney in real estate development and serving a role with the planning commission, a body which Roosen has also been a member. Bob seems like a nice enough man, but the issues of the township are much greater in scale and depth than those addressed by someone from the planning commission. We need a person with a much greater grasp of the various issues we face in Northville Township, such as the state handling of the woman's prison, the Northville psychiatric hospital land, the

police and fire issues as well as local expansion and growth. Do we want a person such as Mr. Nix, with little or no on the job experience with these topics all of a sudden leading the township?

Finally, I am also impressed by Roosen's experience in the private sector. His industrial engineering background gives him a perspective of making things work more efficient, and there are many examples of him doing just that for the township so far. We need these skills as we move forward.

Please vote in August and select Chris Roosen our next Northville Township supervisor.

Kerry Zieinski
Northville

Signs of disrespect

I sure would be nice if candidates for public office, especially those who already hold public office, had sufficient respect for law and ordinances that they ensured that their political signs were placed ONLY on private property. The intersections of Six Mile and Bradner, Six Mile and Winchester and Six Mile and Sheldon look pretty trashy.

Patrick A. Hogan
Northville

Banner for treasurer

Marjorie Banner stands bright and strong to be our Northville Township treasurer with seasoned knowledge, good judgment and honesty for which we have known her for 28 years as resident in our community and 12 years on our board of trustees and service on the zoning board of appeals before that.

She has clearly demonstrated her experience and capability to manage the responsibility of township treasurer by her successful leadership to avoid Livonia annexation of the Seven Mile property, by obtaining state funds for the site and as chair of the steering committee charged with developing a master plan for the property. She is serving as chair and treasurer of the Friends of Thayer's Corner Nature Area; member of Northville Township Economic Development Corp; and is self-employed with all financial responsibility for her business.

Marjorie works in many ways to maintain and improve the quality of our lives, such as being chair of our Northville Township Historic District Commission, which provides understanding of the historical values of our community by personal presentations at town hall meetings, Girl Scout area meetings and much more.

By her community service experience and life values, Marjorie Banner embodies the knowledge and personal qualifications essential to perform exceptionally well, the responsibility of our township treasurer.

George Fomin
Northville Township

See more letters to the editor on the next page

MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Nield wrong about Woodside

I recently received a campaign letter from a Jim Nield in which he maligns Karen Woodside (who is running for township treasurer). It appears Mr. Nield is long on venom and short on truth. The lawsuit, referred to in Nield’s letter, was not in opposition to the construction of the Northville High School, as alleged; it was, in fact, an effort to stop the school board from constructing 120-foot-high floodlights on the lot line of adjoining homeowners, and was supported by the township’s board of trustees, in violation of the township’s zoning laws. The township’s suit was joined by the Michigan Townships Association, the Michigan Municipal League and the adjoining homeowners.

It was Wayne County and the state fire marshal that stopped construction for a long period of time when the design-build safety standards were apparently not adhered to. A fact omitted by Mr. Nield.

Mrs. Woodside and the board, in my opinion, were correct in defending the township’s zoning laws. They appropriately supported and protected the residents from harm. The letter appears to be an outgrowth of a personal vendetta and has the earmarks of a Gary Peters/Mark Brewer school of political mudslinging. Nield has not offered any tangible proof to his allegation that the school project incurred additional costs as a result of the suit. A true citizen of the year would not have engaged in such mendacity as displayed in the letter.

Ned Hart
Northville

Re-elect Gans

Marv Gans is running for re-election to the Northville Township Board of Trustees. You will notice a scarcity of signs urging his re-election, and that is because he does not rely on others for funding and does not take financial donations from anyone.

Marv has an outstanding record of community

service since serving as a planning commissioner and trustee. He has a staggering number of accomplishments, which may be seen in their entirety by googling “Marv Gans Trifold Flyer” on your computer.

These are some that stand out:

- He organized and chairs Friends of Northville Parks and Recreation, which has made significant financial donations to improve Northville Community Parks.
- He worked with Toll Brothers builders to build and equip Millennium Park.
- He was responsible for saving a historic barn and having it moved to the Thayer’s Nature Park at Six Mile and Napier. He used considerable donated labor to restore the barn using dead trees on site and as a result won a state of Michigan award for Barn of the Year.
- As a result of Marv’s work, the The National Wildlife Federation has certified Thayer Nature Park as a Wildlife Habitat site.

The Thayer Nature Park is a work in progress because of Marv’s dedication. If you haven’t visited it, you should.

Please re-elect Marv Gans for Northville Township trustee.

Richard & Pat Allen
Northville

Nix for supervisor

When it comes to the future, there are three kinds of people: those who let it happen, those who make it happen and those who wonder what the heck happened.

The upcoming election Aug. 7 is the opportunity for our community residents to be the ones

who make it happen. The role of township supervisor is an important leadership position. After careful study of the skills of all three candidates, I believe you will agree, Bob Nix is the right choice.

Nix has legal expertise in all areas of commercial development, has been involved in the Northville community for 32 years, and has proven his leadership superiority on several important boards and commissions.

On Aug. 7, don’t be one of those people who say, “What the heck happened?” Vote for Bob Nix for Northville township supervisor.

Laurie Marrs
Northville Township

Vote for Roosen

This is one of the rare occasions when you will find my name attached to a letter to the editor. The reason for this is that I consider letters to the editor to be an extremely important platform and should only be stepped onto when the issues are serious. This is certainly one of those times.

There are important issues that should be carefully considered, first in regards to the primary election Aug. 7, this is the election for township supervisor. Due to the fact that there are only Republicans running for this one seat, and no Democratic opponents, whoever wins this primary is our new township supervisor.

I would like to make it clear that I am unable to vote in this election because I reside in the city of Northville and not the township. However, this election has huge potential impact on the “city” of Northville and its downtown businesses. This is the reason for my

involvement. Keeping a viable downtown is one of the critical factors that keep both the city of Northville and the township property values stable. City and township residents often overlook the value of our downtown. We need and rely on a township supervisor who recognizes this value and will support and protect this asset we all enjoy, both in the city and the township.

We all need the right person in the township supervisor’s position, someone with integrity, knowledge and experience, to lead this community in a positive direction. The person I believe possesses the integrity, knowledge and experience is unquestionably Chris Roosen.

Chris Roosen is not relying on past leadership for an endorsement, which indicates to me that Chris is not a follower, but rather a leader. Chris is thoughtful and a careful decision-maker.

Perhaps you have had a chance to meet with Chris in your home, as he is out knocking on doors and attempting to get his message to you. I have always found Chris to be accessible and willing to discuss issues. I encourage you to vote for Chris Roosen Aug. 7 — I really wish I could!

Bob Buckhave
city of Northville

Backing Nix

I am writing my first letter to an editor and my first letter in support of a political candidate. The person that inspires me to both of these debut accomplishments is Bob Nix, candidate for Northville Township supervisor. Bob is the

strongest and best candidate for this office, and I strongly endorse and support his candidacy.

I have known Bob and been his neighbor for 18 years. He has been the kind of neighbor we all want to have: He is there to help you when needed and he can be trusted look out for you and your interests if you are not able to do it yourself. I believe Bob will approach the office of township supervisor in the same way. He will help the citizens of the township protect and preserve the wonderful characteristics of Northville Township that make it such a great place to live. He will look after our financial and fiscal interests by making sure township spending is under control, cost-effective and results-oriented.

There are those in the township supervisor race who suggest that due to their current government office or their previous government experience they should be seen as the most qualified candidate. In this case, I think the citizens of Northville Township are better served by a someone who has lived in our neighborhoods for 25-plus years, who is committed to public service for the sole purpose of giving back to his community, and who comes to the job with a fresh approach, untainted by past associations or future ambitions. Bob Nix is that kind of man — a great Northville neighbor and the best candidate for township supervisor. Please join me in voting for Bob Nix Aug. 7.

Debra Marcon
Northville Township

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

VFW Junior Girls

The Northville Post 4012 Junior Girls is holding a car wash, bottle drive and ice cream social 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 22, at the post, 438 S. Main Street. Proceeds will go for boxes that will be sent to military K-9 dog units. For more information, call (734) 891-3921.

Heise invites residents to coffee hours

State Rep. Kurt Heise (R-Plymouth) is sponsoring coffee hours to give residents a convenient opportunity to meet with him locally.

Heise will talk with residents from 7:30-9 a.m. Friday, July 20 at Panera Bread, 400 S. Main, in Plymouth. No appointment is necessary.

Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office. Residents are invited to call toll free 1-855-REPKURT or e-mail kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

Metro Trail cleanup

Join the Friends of the I-275 Metro Trail for a trail work day from 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, July 26. Despite the hot, dry weather, the vegetation is growing out of control, so volunteers will be beating back the brush on the section of trail near 5 Mile Road. Meet on the trail or in the parking lot of Oasis Golf Center on the north side of 5 Mile east of Haggerty (39500 S Mile).

Bring clippers, pruners, loppers, scythes/sickles, rakes, brooms and anything else that would be helpful for trimming the brush. Make sure to wear protective eye wear, work gloves, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt; poison ivy is always a concern. Water and light snacks will be provided.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE OF ELECTION
TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2012

To the qualified Electors of the Township of Northville, County of Wayne, notice is hereby given that a Primary Election will be held in the Township of Northville on Tuesday, August 7, 2012 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing the candidates(s) to the following offices

United States Senator
Representative in Congress – 11th District
Representative in State Legislature – 20th District
Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney
Wayne County Sheriff
Wayne County Clerk,
Wayne County Treasurer
Wayne County Register of Deeds
Wayne County Commissioner – 9th District
Northville Township Supervisor
Northville Township Clerk
Northville Township Treasurer
Northville Township Trustees (4)
Delegates to County Convention
Judge of the Circuit Court – 3rd Circuit (non-incumbent position)

And to vote on the following Proposals:

Wayne County Art Institute Authority Millage – Shall a 0.2 mill on all of the taxable property located within the County be imposed for a period of ten (10) years? YES NO

Wayne County Proposition J – Jails Millage Renewal –To renew the millage authorized in 2002, shall Wayne County be authorized to continue to levy this millage at the 2011 rollback rate of .9381 mills for ten more years? YES NO

Statement as Required by Act 278 of Public Acts of 1965
Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

Wayne County

<u>Taxing Authorities</u>	<u>Date of Election</u>	<u>Voted Increases</u>	<u>Years Increase Effective</u>
County of Wayne	11/02/2010	1 mill	2015
Wayne County Jail	08/06/2002	1 mill	2011
Wayne County Parks	11/02/2010	0.25 mills	2015
Wayne County Comm. College	11/06/2009	1.25 mills	2020
Northville Public Schools	11/08/2011	18 mills	2021 non-homestead only
	Sept 2004	0.25 mills	2012 non-homestead only
	11/08/2005	3 mills	2012 non-homestead only
	05/03/2011	1 mill	2012
Northville Township	08/03/2010	5 mills	2013
	08/03/2010	.4575	2013
	08/03/2010	.1176 mills	2013
	08/04/2009	.90 mills	2029

The full text of the proposals and a “sample” of the Primary Election ballot are available at the Northville Township’s Clerk’s department and on the township’s website: www.twp.northville.mi.us.

TOWNSHIP POLLING LOCATIONS:

Precincts 1 & 15	Moraine Elementary	46811 Eight Mile Road
Precincts 2,8,9,13	Silver Springs Elementary	19801 Silver Springs Dr.
Precincts 3 & 4	Northville High	45700 Six Mile Rd.
Precincts 7 & 12	Meads Mill Middle School	16700 Franklin Rd.
Precincts 6 & 11	Winchester Elementary	16141 Winchester Dr.
Precinct 10 & 14	Ridge Wood Elementary	49775 Six Mile Rd.
Precinct 5	Kings Mill Clubhouse	18120 Jamestown Circle

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk
Charter Township of Northville

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2012 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville, the OWNER, will receive sealed Bids for the 2012 Capital Improvements Projects at the City of Northville, Office of the City Clerk, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167, until August 8, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. local time. No Bids will be received after that time. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time and place.

This project includes milling, resurfacing and improvements to Fairbrook Street, W. Dunlap Street, S. Wing Street, North Ely Street and Hillridge Drive.

Bidding Documents may be examined at the City Clerk’s Office, City of Northville, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167. Electronic and paper copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained by contacting the office of the Engineer, Zeimet Wozniak & Associates, 55800 Grand River, Suite 100, New Hudson, Michigan starting on July 18, 2012. A \$35 non-refundable deposit will be charged for paper copies. An additional, non-refundable charge of \$15 will be required for mailing Bidding Documents.

The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative Bids and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informalities or both; to reject any or all Bids; and in general to make the award of the Contract in any manner deemed by the City, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the City of Northville.

Bids may not be withdrawn for the period of 40 days after the actual date of opening thereof.

The City of Northville in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, SubTitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidding that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to the advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

All inquiries shall be directed to Andy Wozniak, (248) 437 - 5099 ext. 120, awozniak@zeimetwozniak.com.

James Gallogly, Director of Public Works

Dianne Massa, City Clerk

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Press preview highlights Concours d'Elegance

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Lee Barthel, who lives in Farmington Hills with a Northville address, was pleased to bring his 1932 Nash Victoria Coupe to the press day for the upcoming Concours d'Elegance. It's been restored mostly by professionals.

"I do very little work myself," said Barthel, 67, owner of Barthel Contracting, road contractors, and Eagle Mechanical, a heating and cooling business. Unlike some of the other classic car owners congregated Tuesday for the press preview, Barthel hires others to restore cars.

The one he brought is his oldest. He also owns a 1935 Auburn and a 1936

NEXT WEEK

Read about Northville's role in the event, as well as a feature on Howard E. Payne's 1937 Cord 812 Beverly, in next week's Record.

Pierce-Arrow which was driven coast to coast some nine years ago in a caravan. Barthel owns seven classic cars in all.

"I like the older ones more than the newer ones," he said, noting his newer cars have been modified to look different. In 1945, his dad was offered a Pierce-Arrow by his boss, but the father was worried about parts and the car being out of production.

"My dad knew a thing or two about cars as

well," Barthel said with a smile.

He's been coming to the Concours d'Elegance some 15 to 20 years, including at Meadowbrook. "I really like the people," Barthel said. "In the Classic Car Club, I know people from all over the country." He likes seeing so many at reunions whose company he likes.

Motor City fun

Tuesday was a big car day (and a motorcycle as well) with many classic cars on display at the Inn at St. John's to promote the Concours d'Elegance. The event will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 29, at the Inn at St. John's.

Jerry Szostak of Plymouth drove his 1910 Stanley Steamer the short

distance for the press event. He's owned the car since February and noted it was mostly restored when he bought it, with Szostak needing to do paint touchup and some other work.

That car is noteworthy for running on steam. Szostak owns 14 classic cars ranging from 1908 to 1966. "I was an engineer," he said. "I like mechanical things." His dad worked in a Pontiac dealership.

He's retired from his heating/cooling and electrical business: "Stay home now and play with cars," said Szostak, 64, adding a hotter day is actually better for the steam-powered car. "You get to meet other enthusiasts for the hobby." He's been in Concours, now in its 34th year, for a number of years.

Larry Miller of Plymouth Township brought his 1957 Ford Fairlane 500 with a retractable hardtop. He owns another 1957 Ford Fairlane, a '57 Pontiac two-door hardtop, and a '57 Olds two-door hardtop. He recalled colleagues joking he was stuck in 1957.

A year ago, Miller, 67, got a 1939 Ford roadster with a rumble seat. He also owns still his first car, a 1970 Plymouth Fury 123 convertible. Miller drives a 2011 Grand Marquis daily and is a Ford Motor Co. retiree.

Cars were front and center at St. John's, as was art. Tom Hale, who's been an artist 35 years, lives in Farmington Hills with a Northville post office. He did the poster for this year's Concours d'Elegance, which will be auctioned before the event.

Hale has done some 55

event posters, including several for the Concours d'Elegance. He studied at the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, Calif., in transportation design, then became a designer.

Hale had a 20-year career at GM, Chrysler and American Motors. "I loved what I was doing," he said. "I just didn't like corporate life too much."

For this event, his work tends to go international. "You don't know where it's going to go but you know it's going to go many places," said Hale, who encourages younger artists to think that way. "It's very prestigious to be asked to do the poster, particularly for this kind of event."

Businesses benefit

The July 29 event has significant economic impact, organizers and supporters agree. "This helps put Plymouth Township on the international map," said Richard Reaume, Plymouth Township supervisor.

Wes Graff, president of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, noted the area hotels that fill up. "They'll shop, they'll dine," said Graff, helped along by shuttle service to downtown Plymouth and Northville.

Reaume noted local schools, service clubs and the Michigan Philharmonic do fundraising during the event.

"The event creates a buzz," Reaume said. Overall charities for the event are the Center for Creative Studies, Hospice of Michigan and Leader Dogs for the Blind. A representative and dog in training spoke briefly during the press event (the man, not the dog), with the young dog well

behaved.

"It's a lot of people, people who are interested in history and automotive history," said Patrick Sullivan, Northville city manager. "It's a good event for Northville."

Sullivan agreed Northville events, shopping and dining will appeal to attendees. "That'll be a draw for exhibitors at the Concours who will have a great time in Northville," he said.

Paul Wegert of Brighton is general manager of the Inn at St. John's, on the job over 10 years. He agreed the economic impact is large.

"We've seen a lot more business because of the show," Wegert said.

Some visitors didn't know the Inn at St. John's, a former Catholic seminary, existed. Some are surprised to see ballrooms for weddings and conference rooms good for business meeting use.

"We're looking for a long-term relationship," said Wegert, who appreciates the good board of directors and car selection process. "Just changing it up each year has added a new flair."

The golf course closes Friday night and reopens that Monday for the event, Wegert said, and it's quickly set up and taken down. "There was little tweaks here and there," he said.

Keith Crain, president of Crain Communications and an event board member, said "thank you" for the Center for Creative Studies support. He's also a board member there.

"It is an exciting time for all of us who love cars," Crain said. "It is an exciting time for all of us."

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Governor answers questions at town hall

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Correspondent

Gov. Rick Snyder recently made an appearance ... sort of ... at Northville Township Hall to talk about roads and bridges.

An interactive town hall gave some Northville residents as well others from four different locations the chance to ask the governor questions on June 19. Through the online site Google+Hangout, Snyder spoke from Lansing to audiences in Northville, Grand Rapids, Adrian and Traverse City.

Each was hosted by a local representative; in Northville, Rep. Kurt Heise (R-Plymouth) welcomed over 30 people who attended.

The first question from Northville came from resident William Barry. He asked Snyder about the proposed new bridge to Canada and, specifically, why hasn't the Legislature looked at the issue?

Snyder said the Legislature has stayed away from the issue up to this point. He added since it doesn't use taxpayer money, his administration has taken the opportunity to move forward on it to create 10,000 jobs and further trade with Canada. He said the Michigan-Canada connection currently produces \$70 million in revenue annually and has more traffic than a more-connected location like Niagara-Buffalo.

Snyder said Canada is in complete support of

the second bridge and has pledged to help fund Michigan's portion.

The second question came from Northville Township Trustee Marjorie Banner and planning commissioner/supervisor candidate Robert Nix. They asked about fixing infrastructure, like roads, and how it will be funded?

Snyder said infrastructure is a big issue and he knows many drivers in the state are not happy with their condition. The solution is to invest more – up to \$1.4 billion.

"That's a lot of money," he said. Snyder said he knows this is a shocking request considering the economic challenges, but compared to car repair and upkeep, it's a good investment. He said

in 2013 this will become even more of an issue.

Afterward, Northville resident Caroline Norris said Snyder offered some good ideas, but she remains worried about solutions being sought because of the divisive nature of state politics.

"We need to remember we're in this together," Norris said.

Heise thought it went well and said this format is an exciting one.

"This was new for me, so it was exciting to hear the different questions along with Gov. Snyder's discussion," he said. "There were some great questions pertaining to things that are really important. Job creation and economic development is on everyone's mind."

ANNOUNCEMENT


Piwowar & Gelven

Northville's Kara Piwowar and Derek Gelven are engaged to be married August 2013 in Leelanau, Mich.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Daniel and Nancy Piwowar, of Northville, originally from Dearborn. She graduated in 2007 from Northville High School and earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from Michigan State University and is a registered nurse in the emergency room at Botsford Hospital.

The groom-elect is the son of Robert and Stacey Gelven, of Northville, originally from Belle, Mo. He also graduated in 2007 from Northville High School and earned his bachelor's degree in nursing from Michigan State University. He is currently a registered nurse in the emergency room at University of Michigan Hospital and has plans to continue his education to be a nurse anesthetist.





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B-Cubed

Blues, Brews and Brats envisioned as a signature South Lyon event

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

If you think it's been hot in South Lyon lately, just wait until Saturday, July 28 when the streets of downtown will be cookin' up with hot blues music and some grilled food during the very first Blues, Brews and Brats event. Add in some cool, locally-brewed suds, and you have a perfect recipe for a great evening of music and local cheer.

That's the whole goal of the Chamber of Commerce for the South Lyon Area, which is putting on the event — the first of what is hoped to be many more in the future, according to the Kim Thompson, director of the chamber. The event will take place right downtown on the closed off Lafayette Street.

"We're hoping this is the first of many of these types of events for downtown," said Thompson, who took over the chamber earlier this year. "We want to build on the 'B-Cubed' theme, and have one of these events every summer, so we can give the community a signature event. It's a perfect summertime event."

The musical line-up includes Barbara Payton

and the Instigators from 4-5:30 p.m., followed by jump blues from the little big band that can, Those Delta Rhythm Kings, from 6-7:30 p.m. The evening wraps up with Billy Davis, a 50-year music industry veteran and prolific songwriter who is known for his flamboyant theatrics.

Local restaurants will be providing the grilled brats. And then there is the beer tent. The South Lyon-based Witch's Hat Brewing Company will showcase their signature brews along with a special recipe called B-Cubed Pils created specifically for this event. The local business will be the only beer provider during the event.

Whitney Stone, president of 2 Stones Events which put the show together for the chamber, said musical acts are outstanding.

"This is just a killer music lineup, especially for a first-time event. I think anybody who digs blues is going to be floored by any of these three acts," she said.

Barbara Payton
Barbara Payton is a sultry, Detroit rock singer/songwriter with a soulful, bluesy voice. Recognized as one of Detroit's most powerful and engaging live per-

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Barbara Payton and the instigators will perform from 4-5:30 p.m.

formers, Barbara Payton has rocked stages, festivals, arenas and private listening rooms for more than 25 years. In addition to her solo career, Barbara has toured as a background singer for both Bob Seger and Kid Rock.

She has been an opening act for some of rock and roll royalty, including Joe Cocker, Pat Benatar, Lou Gramm, and Eddie Money. She is a background singer on Kid Rock's Grammy nominated song "All Summer Long."

With her band the Instigators, Stone said Payton will put on a fantastic show.

"We've had the pleasure of booking Barb Payton many times. She is one of Detroit's pre-



Those Delta Rhythm Kings perform jump blues from the 1940s and beyond. Members include Ray Aleshire on vocals, Rod Aleshire on bass, John Davidson on guitar, George Hirai, Chad Bement and Janell Christie on saxes, Andy Wilson on trumpet and harmonica and Jeff Shoup on drums.

miere vocalists, and her band is downright dangerous. Bobby Murray, who played for years for the late Etta James, and Kris Kurzawa are an amazing one-two punch on guitars. And rhythm sections don't come any better — Nolan Mendenhall on bass and Ron Pangborn on drums," Stone said.

Those Delta Rhythm Kings

Stone described Those Delta Rhythm Kings, who go on at 6 p.m., as a "groovy little band" that performs jump blues from the 1940s and beyond. They personify the party-time culture so popular in post-war America. Founded in 1988 and based in Lansing, they've played the length and breadth of Michigan, into Canada and as far south as Memphis. They've played a host of club gigs and festivals, backed the great James Harman and have opened shows for Roomful of Blues, Mark Hummel, Rod Piazza, Bobby Rush, Pat Benatar and many others. The band's three recordings have received radio play across the country and in Europe. Their brand of horn-driven blues appeals to music lovers of all ages. Members include Ray Aleshire on vocals, Rod Aleshire on bass, John David-

son on guitar, George Hirai, Chad Bement and Janell Christie on saxes, Andy Wilson on trumpet and harmonica and Jeff Shoup on drums.

"We always get a kick out of booking Those Delta Rhythm Kings because there just aren't that many bands this large playing blues anymore. This band swings hard, but they can really nail just about any blues style there is. They'll turn downtown South Lyon into a house party very quickly," Stone said.

Billy Davis

Despite the talent of the first two acts of the night, Stone said make no mistake about it, headliner Billy Davis will be the highlight of the night.

"Billy Davis is a legendary Detroit guitarist, and I don't use that term lightly. Google his name and you'll see what I mean. He's usually below radar on the performance scene, so this is really a special treat to be able to present him as the headliner of this inaugural blues festival. If you want to see a real-deal, old-school blues performance, Billy Davis will bring it," Stone said.

Davis is best known as a songwriter for a number of soul musicians, and as a writer/producer of commercial jin-

gles, mostly for Coca-Cola. With a career dating back to the 1950s, Davis has worked with many, many people in the industry, including Berry Gordy, who he co-wrote a number of hit songs for Jackie Wilson, including "Lonely Tears." He also worked with Etta James, James Brown, The Dells, and Jimi Hendrix.

Davis also wrote "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing (In Perfect Harmony)" for a 1971 Coca-Cola television advertisement, and "If You've Got the Time" for Miller Beer.

Although children are allowed at the Blues, Brews and Brats event earlier in the day, the chamber's Kim Thompson said the event is really adult-oriented, and should be a great night cap to activities in South Lyon that day. Earlier in the day, the South Lyon Area Recreation Authority holds its annual Rec Fest at McHattie Park. No one under 21 will be allowed at the event after 8 p.m.

"The family fun is at Rec Fest during the day, and then mom and dad can go home, get a sitter and come and have a good time," Thompson said.

For more information, visit www.southlyonchamber.com/1/123/blues_brews_and_brats.asp.



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Northville's Stojkov ace of All-Area

By Jeff Theisen
Sports Writer

Northville had a huge season with more than 30 wins this year and starting pitcher and No. 4 hitter Matt Stojkov was a main reason for the success.

The senior went 11-1 on the mound while allowing just five earned runs all year. He bested five top-10 ranked teams, including Plymouth three times.

Stojkov also proved potent at the plate with a .379 average and led the team in RBI.

Stojkov is the 2012 All-Area Baseball Player of the Year.

"He was absolutely dominant on the mound this season throwing multiple one-hitters and shutouts," said coach John Kostrzewa. "Also hit fourth in our lineup and did a great job at third when not pitching."

Along the way, Stojkov earned All-Conference, All-District, All-Regional and First Team All-State honors as well as being voted team MVP. Stojkov played in the MHSBCA Senior All-Star Game and will continue his playing days at Saginaw Valley State University.

First team

Jeff Gertley, Northville

The Mustang senior provided another strong arm on the mound with his lone loss coming to Brighton in March. Gertley was also a strong hitter, posting a .438 average.

Gertley will continue playing at Adrian College after earning All-Conference, All-Region, All-District and All-State Second Team honors.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville's Matt Stojkov is the 2012 All-Area Baseball Player of the Year.

"Incredibly athletic and did a fantastic job pitching this season," said Kostrzewa. "Played a great center field for us as well."

Connor Smith, Northville

The senior shortstop also earned All-State Second Team honors after leading the team in runs, hitting .379 and finishing second on the team in runs batted in. Smith also earned All-Conference, All-District and All-Region honors.

"After being hurt

for the majority of the past two seasons, Connor put together a fantastic senior season," said Kostrzewa. "Connor broke our single season record with 18 doubles this year. Connor also played a superb shortstop, committing only three errors the entire year. That is amazing giving the amount of work the shortstop gets."

"He was our leadoff hitter and really got our team jump started each game."

Brett Macdonald, Northville

The senior catcher provided plenty of pop at the plate with a .350 average, a team-high five HRs and 32 RBI for third on the team. He earned All-Conference and All-District honors and will play at Grand Valley State next year.

"Brett controlled the running game for us. Nobody ran with him behind the plate, and that is the greatest compliment for a catcher defensively," said Kostrzewa.

wa. "It allowed our pitchers to focus on the hitter. That did not prevent Brett from picking off baserunners."

Chris Orr, Milford

The senior third baseman led the Maverick with a .422 average. He also walked 19 times for an on base percentage of .547.

"The top leader on the team, tough player," said coach John Rogatski.

Jacob Lee, Milford

The junior pitcher and short stop finished with a .413 average with two

home runs, 25 RBI and nine walks for a .456 on base percentage.

"Extra coach on the field, great instincts for the game," said Rogatski.

Logan Regnier, Novi

The senior outfielder/pitcher made a strong candidate for Player of the Year. He belted out a team-high seven home runs to go with five triples and nine doubles for 88 total bases and a .485 batting average. Throw in 18

Please see BASEBALL, B2

Northville's Buckingham leads loaded field

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

One of the hardest teams to pick here for our All-Area selections has been, and mostly likely always will be, the softball team. Why? Well, first and foremost, there are a slew of talented players, but what's even more difficult is how closely matched nearly every top-tier player in the area is with their fellow standouts.

But, like with every All-Area team, tough decisions were made, statistics were scoured and coaches' opinions were sought.

Even the All-Area Player of the Year was a tough decision for 2012, but when all was said and done, the winner was Jennifer Buckingham of Northville.

Buckingham, a senior center fielder for the Mustangs, was one of only two first-team All-State selections out of the area this year — an accomplishment in its own right due to the immensely talent-

ed players selected to that coveted squad. She also earned All-Conference, All-District and All-Region honors while leading her team with a .489 batting average, 58 hits, 24 stolen bases and 46 runs scored and a near-flawless defensive fielding presence.

"Jen was our lead-off batter all season, and the team was better every time she got on base," said Northville coach Kary Couchman. "She was very hard to defend because of her unbelievable speed."

Buckingham will be playing at Hope College next year. Buckingham was a four-year varsity player for the Mustangs.

First team

Sydney Jones, South Lyon East So.

Pitcher

Jones compiled a 15-3 record this year as the starting pitcher for the Cougars. She had four shutouts in 2012 while picking up 119 strikeouts and a 2.48 ERA.

"Sydney Jones had a great season in the pitch-

ers' circle," said Steve Richvalsky. "She was the winning pitcher against some very tough competition, including this year's DII state champion, Livonia Ladywood, and DI powerhouse, Canton. Sydney is very competitive. She battles and never gives in to the competition."

What's more is that Jones had something only one other player had this year—a nomination for First-Team honors from an opposing coach.

Laura Pond, Northville Sr.

Pitcher

Pond is the kind of pitcher any coach would salivate to have as a starter. She was an All-KLAA, All-District, All-Region and honorable mention All-State selection while picking up 228 strikeouts and walking just 21 batters all year. Her ERA? A sickening 0.64. In the batters box she had a .434 batting average, a .522 on-base percentage and had 49 hits this year and 23 RBIs.

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Wilson resigns after seven months as Novi AD

Returns to former position in Gaylord with family

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

The head of the Wildcats' athletic program is in transition once again.

Novi Athletic Director Christian Wilson has resigned to return to Gaylord where his wife and two sons still live.

Wilson's wife, Beth, works at Otsego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord and his sons Mitchell and Matthew will be in seventh and sixth grade, respectively, this fall. He said the family expected their Gaylord house to sell by April after they put it

on the market in November, but that wasn't the case. Wilson had been living in the guest room of Beth's college roommate while he worked in Novi and commuted home to Gaylord on weekends.

"I thought it was the best with family and my wife's position at the hospital," Wilson said. "I wouldn't change the last six or seven months for anything. I'm sad to leave. I have mixed emotions because I really enjoyed my stay at Novi. At the same time, I'm looking forward to being able to be with my wife and kids full time."

Wilson took over the AD position Nov. 28, 2011, after Curt Ellis left the position Sept. 15 for a job with Saline Area Schools, the district he grew up in and currently resides in. Former 17-year Novi volleyball coach Julie Fisetle served as interim AD for two months while Wilson, the assistant principal/athletic director of Gaylord High School at the time, was interviewed and hired.

Conveniently, Wilson's successor in Gaylord was promoted to a principal position, so his old dual position is open, just with a larger emphasis on the

assistant principal aspect than the athletic director portion.

"As much as I personally loved the position at Novi and working with the coaches and kids, over the summer there was a change with Gaylord where an assistant principal moved up to principal and a spot opened up," Wilson said. "I'm grateful for Gaylord to welcome me back. A lot of places would just say you made your decision seven months ago and now you have to live with it."

Wilson's last day in his Novi AD position was June 29,

although he's been trying to help out during the transitional period. District officials said interested applicants have already been in touch.

"I'm trying to help out as much as I can with the transition," Wilson said. "I imagine they would try to get someone in by the start of the fall season."

Until a replacement is hired, Athletics Secretary Carol Sprys and Novi High School Principal Carol Diglio will share in the athletic director duties. The fall schedule is already complete, with contests set to begin Aug. 16.

BASEBALL

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walks and 10 hit by pitch and he carried an on base percentage of .598. Regnier also had speed to burn with 19 thefts while only being caught four times. He also led the team with 44 runs scored and was second in RBI with 27.

"Logan has a very high ceiling of talent that I have ever coached in terms of strength, athleticism and baseball instincts," said coach Rick Green. "Logan is a very fierce competitor and will attending CMU to further his academic

and baseball careers."

Tyler Schwanz, Novi
The senior assistant captain spent time at third and on the mound. Schwanz knocked out a .408 average while leading the team with 31 runs batted in. He struck out just seven times in 127 total plate appearances and gained 20 walks for an on base percentage of .504. On the mound, Schwanz went 2-3 with 32 strikeouts in 29 innings pitched.

"Tyler was a late bloomer and really excelled in his junior and senior years to earn him First Team All-Conference and All-District awards for third base," said Green.

"Tyler had a great arm and smooth swing."

Tyler will be furthering his education and baseball career at Saginaw Valley.

James Eloff, Novi
The senior captain spent all of his time up the middle, either pitching or playing short. He was a perfect 6-0 on the mound with a 2.88 ERA. Eloff also managed to bat .313 at the plate and was third in RBI with 23.

"Jimmy, like Logan was a fierce competitor," said Green. "He was the pitcher that I felt most comfortable with in terms of keeping us in a ball game no matter who the competition was. Jimmy came up with big

win after big win. James was a three year starting and was First Team All-Conf. and All-District."

Eloff will continue his career at Grand Rapids Community College.

Shane Taylor, East
The senior Cougar locked down the three hole for East and made a switch from short to third which helped the overall team defense improve. Taylor finished with a .367 average and a .500 on base percentage. He led the team with 14 RBI and was second in runs with 13.

"Shane Taylor is a senior and was our leader," said coach Ken Spratke. "He hit in the 3-hole all year long for us and produced. He showed up everyday for practice and absorbed everything we gave him."

Dan Jaklic, Milford
The senior center field and pitcher finished the year with a .302 average, including a home run.

Mike Zugaro, Novi
The senior second baseman finished the year with a .328 average and a .438 on base percentage. He swiped five bases without getting caught and scored 13 runs.

Ryan Davis, Novi
The junior pitcher started seven games and pitching in seven more, finishing the year 6-2 with a 2.98 ERA. He struck out 42 in 49.1 innings of work.

Jeremy Dinsmore, East
The junior took on a new role with the team as a left fielder and co-lead the team with 18 hits and was second with 11 walks for an on base percentage of .397.

Bobby Schumacher, Lakeland
The senior catcher brought a calming influence to a Lakeland staff. Eagle coach Todd Miller was out of the country and could not get stats in before printing.

ALL-AREA BASEBALL

Player of the Year
Matt Stojkov, Northville

First Team
Jeff Gertley, Northville
Connor Smith, Northville
Brett Macdonald, Northville
Chris Orr, Milford
Jacob Lee, Milford
Logan Regnier, Novi
Tyler Schwanz, Novi
James Eloff, Novi
Shane Taylor, East

Second Team
Alex Larson, Milford
Dan Jaklic, Milford
Mike Zugaro, Novi
Ryan Davis, Novi
Jeremy Dinsmore, East
Bobby Schumacher, Lakeland
Jack Flynn, Lakeland

Honorable Mention
East: Hunter O'Rourke (jr)
Novi: Mario Ferrini, Ryan Caputo
Lakeland: Ross Heiman

Jack Flynn, Lakeland
The junior outfielder will look to turn the ship as a senior for Lakeland after the Eagles struggled to a 9-19 record this season.

Editor's note: Catholic Central and South Lyon did not return several attempts for information.

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Wang ousts area netters on the court

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

The local girls tennis scene is competitively every year, especially among baseline rivals Novi and Northville, who are consistently ranked in Division I's top 10. This year wasn't any different, but it was Novi senior Abby Wang who cruised through the competition at one singles, earning an 18-4 record and All-State honors, earning her the All-Area Player of the Year honor.

As the KLAA, regional champion and No. 4 seed at the Division I state meet, Wang's four losses were once each to the Division I and Division IV state champions, and the top two seeds in the state tournament.

"Abby uses her quickness to play an all court game with powerful ground strokes featuring a good serve and volley," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "Abby has improved each year in our program, is a three-time MHSTeCA All-State player and one of the best ever to play for the Wildcats."

Wang finished her career at Novi with a 76-19 record, where she spent all four years in the highly competitive singles flights.

First team
Erin Doud (Northville Sr. 1S)

Northville's leader throughout the year was senior Erin Doud. With an All-State 18-9 record, Doud led from one singles, earning a victory at the state meet and advancing to the KLAA semifinals.

"Also won the Ann Arbor Tournament this year with wins against Ann Arbor Pioneer,

Grosse Pointe South and Rochester," Northville coach Sandy Woolfall said. "She received All-State honors and will play at Saginaw Valley this fall."

Mackenzie Powers & Claudia Ma (Northville Sr/Fr. 1D)

Seeded No. 6 in their flight of the Division I tournament Northville senior Mackenzie Powers and freshman Claudia Ma took a 17-4 record and earned All-State honors after an impressive run that included KLAA and regional titles, as well as an Okemos Invite title.

"They didn't start the season as partners. Due to an injury on the team they didn't play their first match together until the end of April," Northville coach Sandy Woolfall said. "Upset the No. 2 seeded team from Troy to advance to the semifinal round at States and then gave the state champs from Clarkston a real fight in the semis."

Elizabeth Sakorofas & Jordan Hermiz (Northville Jr/Fr. 2D)

The Mustang duo of junior Elizabeth Sakorofas and freshman Jordan Hermiz earned an All-State honorable mention at two doubles with a 28-3 record after winning KLAA and regional titles en route to a finish in the Division I semifinals.

"Elizabeth Sakorofas and Jordan Hermiz received Honorable Mention from the State," Northville coach Sandy Woolfall said. "Best record on the team (at) 28-3. Had only two losses during the regular season. They lost to Mercy, who made it to state finals, and Grosse Pointe South, the state champs."

Daniele Romano (Northville So. 2S)



Wildcat singles player Abby Wang is the 2012 All-Area Tennis Player of the Year.

Behind a 17-7 record at two singles, sophomore Danielle Romano advanced to the semifinals in both the KLAA and regional tournaments before an early exit in the Division I tournament to the No. 4 seed from Grosse Pointe South.

Erin Day (Novi Fr. 2S)

As just a freshman, Novi's Erin Day matched up against some of the best student-athletes in the state at two singles. She amassed an 11-10 record while bringing home a regional title in her first season as a Wildcat.

"Erin had the opportunity to play a lot of top players in Division I and always gave her opponent a hard fought, competitive match," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "Her 11-10 record is a reflection of the competition she played."

Emiliy Sheeran & Amy Zhou (Novi Sr/So. 1D)

The Wildcats' doubles squads were led by senior Emiliy Sheeran and sophomore Amy Zhou, who went 11-6 at one doubles while advancing to the state quarterfinals, regional finals and KLAA semifinals.

"They were second at the regional and had good wins against Saline,

Rochester, Lakeland, Brighton and Northville (Mackenzie Powers and Anika Mukherji) during the season," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "They had close losses to Grand Blanc, Ann Arbor Huron (three sets) and Northville (twice to Powers and Claudia Ma)."

Paige Baai (Northville Fr. 3S)

After winning KLAA and regional titles, Northville freshman Paige Baal met an early exit at the Division I meet to finish her season 14-6.

"Only a freshman. (Has) great potential," Northville coach Sandy Woolfall said. "Most improved player during season."

Rebecca Chen & Asawari Kanitkar (Novi Jr/So. 3D)

Junior Rebecca Chen and sophomore Asawari Kanitkar rolled to a 19-5 ledger while picking up KLAA and regional titles along the way before losing a Division I quarterfinal to Ann Arbor Huron, who they had beaten earlier in the season.

"A three-set loss to state champion Ann Arbor Pioneer and a close 7-5, 6-4 loss to state runner-up Grosse Pointe South illustrated just how good this doubles team played for

Novi this past season," Novi coach Jim Hanson said.

Second team
Alex Jeannotte (Northville So. 4S)

Behind a 26-4 record, Northville sophomore Alex Jeannotte won regional and KLAA titles at four singles for the Mustangs in her second season playing at the four singles flight.

Sydney Sinciair (Lakeand Sr. 3S)

Captaining the Eagles squad, White Lake Lakeland senior Sydney Sinclair capped a three-year varsity career with a 20-6 record at three singles after two years in the doubles ranks.

Caitiin O'Brien (Novi Jr. 4S)

The runner up in her flight at both the regional and KLAA level, junior Caitlin O'Brien finished the season with a 15-11 with a pair of three-set losses to Jeannotte during the final two local tournaments.

Emiliy Kwederis & Ori Nagasaka (Novi Srs. 2D)

Novi seniors Emily Kwederis and Ori Nagasaka finished as runners-up at both the KLAA and regional level, capping the season with a 16-8 record to culminate a pair of three-year varsity careers.

Vai Trupiano & Shannon Wiliams (Northville Jrs. 4D)

With a regional title and Division quarterfinal finish, juniors Val Trupiano and Shannon Williams racked up an 18-4 record at four doubles.

Rachei Bailey & Dina Fawaz (Novi So. 4D)

Behind a KLAA title and regional runner-up finish, sophomores Rachel Bailey and Dina Fawaz finished the four

ALL-AREA GIRLS TENNIS

PLAYER OF THE YEAR
FIRST TEAM

Erin Doud, Northville
Mackenzie Powers, Northville
Claudia Ma, Northville
Elizabeth Sakorofas, Northville
Jordan Hermiz, Northville
Danielle Romano, Northville
Erin Day, Novi
Emily Sheeran, Novi
Amy Zhou, Novi
Paige Baal, Northville
Rebecca Chen, Novi
Asawari Kanitkar, Novi

SECOND TEAM

Alex Jeannotte, Northville
Sydney Sinclair, Lakeland
Caitlin O'Brien, Novi
Emily Kwederis, Novi
Ori Nagasaka, Novi
Val Trupiano, Northville
Shannon Williams, Northville
Rachel Bailey, Novi
Dina Fawaz, Novi
Dhivya Sridar, Novi
Jenny Quang, South Lyon
HONORABLE MENTION
Novi – Angela Huang & Alice Jiang (Srs. 5D)
South Lyon East – Abbie Fielding & Samantha Raney (Jr/Sr. 1D)

doubles season with a 16-7 record.

Dhivya Sridar (Novi Fr. 3S)

As a young freshman, Novi's Dhivya Sridar was KLAA runner up and a regional semifinalist at three singles, where she accumulated a 12-11 record.

Jenny Quang (South Lyon Sr. 2S)

South Lyon senior Jenny Quang was the first-ever Lions tennis player to be seeded in KLAA post-season action. She was the fourth seed in the two singles bracket of the KLAA's "B" competition among teams that finished fourth through sixth in their respective divisions.

Editor's note: The Milford coach was out of the country and unable to contribute to the story.

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SOFTBALL

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“Laura dedicated herself to becoming a better player on the mound and in the batter’s box by working year round,” said Couchman. “She has an attitude when it comes to the game and is one of the most competitive players we had. She’s a team player, though, and is humble despite all of her accomplishments.”

Pond will be playing for Oakland University next season.

Sierra Burke, Lakeiand Sr. Catcher

A three-year starter for the Eagles, Burke proved herself invaluable in every facet of Lakeland’s success. She batted a .347 and was key offensively with some big hits in the state tournament to help the Eagles to the MHSAA Final Four.

“She hits for power and was an outstanding defensive catcher,” said Joe Aslup, Lakeland’s coach. “She was almost impossible to steal on.”

Burke will play for Oakland Community College next year.

Maddie Carr, Miiford Jr. Infield

When the Mavericks needed a leader, Carr was the first one to step up and showcase herself as a hard worker and a team player. That’s why she was the lone Milford representative on the All-KLAA squad this year and a sure-pick for the All-Area team.

“Maddie is a fantastic ball player and can always be counted on to get the hit and to make the play,” said her coach Meg Dyer.

Carr had a .367 batting average with 17 RBIs and a fielding percentage of .958.

Jessica Mehr, South Lyon So. Infield

Jessica Mehr didn’t take long to make a name for herself on the South Lyon Lions squad, earning All-District, All-Region and All-State honorable mention honors in just her second year in the high school ranks.

“Jessie Mehr has talent and strength beyond her years,” said her coach

ALL-AREA SOFTBALL
PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Jennifer Buckingham, Northville
FIRST TEAM
Sydney Jones, South Lyon East
Laura Pond, Northville
Sierra Burke, Lakeland
Maddie Carr, Milford
Jessica Mehr, South Lyon
Kelsey Hines, South Lyon East
Gabby Williams, South Lyon
Kelley Merkle, Lakeland
Olivia Richvalsky, South Lyon East
Ellie Asher, Northville
Madison Burgess, Lakeland
Karissa Gawronski, Lakeland
SECOND TEAM
Anika Wiesinger, Lakeland
Rachel Morrin, Milford
Allie Chapekis, Northville
Abby Robinson, Novi
Lindsay Smith, Milford
Samantha Dunnigan, Lakeland
Morgan Craft, Lakeland
Meredith Williams, Northville
Kasey Lowney, Novi
Nicole Wojcik, Milford
Micaela Petrucci, Northville
HONORABLE MENTION
Lakeland: Selena Hicks
Northville: Rachel Deacon
South Lyon East: Makenzie Nieto, Kailey Doty, Olivia Nelson
Milford: Becky Morrin, Lauren Batlemente, Aubrey Long
South Lyon: Jessie Brandon

Jaclyn O’Connell. “She had the best batting average and the second-best fielding percentage for the Lions this year. We look forward to her bringing her hard work and knowledge to the team next season as we continue to build the program.”

Keisey Hines, South Lyon East Sr. Infield

What we like most about Hines isn’t her .382 batting average or four home runs or even her 33 RBIs. Our favorite thing about Hines is that she had a .990 fielding percentage with just two errors out of 201 plays this year.

“Defensively, Kelsey played a near-flawless first base,” said Richvalsky. “She made the stretch look easy as a first baseman. If the ball was in the general area, Kelsey would come up with the catch.”

Hines will attend Grand Valley State University next year. She was an All-KLAA, All-District and All-Region selection.

Gabby Williams, South Lyon Sr. Infield

An All-District and All-

Region selection this year, Williams was a huge part of keeping the Lions in each of the games they played thanks to her defensive presence and outstanding offensive capabilities.

“Gabby is a wonderfully talented player who shows her leadership on and off the field,” said O’Connell. “She will play next year at Wayne State University and we look forward to seeing her accomplishments.”

Keiely Merkie, Lakeiand Jr. Infield

It’s almost staggering to see Merkle at the plate — she’s got an eye for the ball that is absolutely unmatched in the KLAA.

She’s a two-year starter for the Eagles at third base and picked up a .520 batting average and compiled a whopping .981 fielding percentage, all while leading her team with 15 doubles and four triples this season. She earned honorable mention All-State honors for her efforts, too, and was in the discussion for Player of the Year honors.

Oiivia Richvaisky, South Lyon East Sr. Outfield

It’s rare that the two players who were debated over for the Player of the Year honors are outfielders, but Richvalsky made the decision very difficult. Richvalsky had a .477 batting average this year, 33 RBIs and 35 runs scored while snagging 28 stolen bases this year out of 28 attempts. Defensively, she had zero errors this year for a perfect fielding percentage and threw three runners out at home from her center field position.

“Olivia had a tremendous season and great career at South Lyon East,” said Richvalsky. “I am extremely proud of Olivia because she always worked hard and gave every out ounce of energy she had, regardless if it was in a game, team practice or individual workout.”

She earned All-KLAA, All-District, All-Region and was one of only two area All-State selections in 2012. She will continue her career with the Uni-

versity of Michigan Wolverines.

Eiie Asher, Northviie Sr. Outfield

An All-District selection this season, Asher was a strong presence offensively and defensively for the Northville Mustangs in their very successful 2012 season. She had a .327 batting average, picking up 36 hits and 25 RBIs this season.

“Ellie moved to a new position before her sophomore year and worked year round to get better,” said Couchman. “She was constantly asking for extra work after practice to make sure that she wouldn’t let her teammates down. She was a leader and was always willing to sacrifice to help a teammate.”

Madison Burgess, Lakeiand So. Outfield

One of the younger members of this year’s All-Area team, Burgess was a force for the Eagles at her leadoff hitter position. She picked up a .474 batting average and led the team with 51 runs scored and an amazing 40 stolen bases this year.

Karissa Gawronski, Lakeiand So. Utility

Another one of the Eagles’ fantastic sophomore players, Gawronski was an All-State honorable mention selection who will no doubt be a force in 2013.

“She had great speed and could bunt or hit for power,” said Aslup.

Gawronski had a .505 batting average, 25 stolen bases and scored 38 runs for the Eagles.

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Northville H-League ends with Storm earning title

Youth baseball World Series has plenty of exciting moments

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The 2012 Northville H-League baseball season came to a close late last month with an exciting World Series Tournament that found the Northville Storm defeating the Northville Timber Rattlers for the championship title.

The season started with 12 teams and ended when the Storm put together an 8-1 run in the final, double-elimination tournament.

The Timber Rattlers, which had defeated the No. 1 and No. 4 seeded teams in the tournament, won the winner's bracket to advance to the finals and faced off against the Storm, which came out of the elimination bracket on June 28.

The Storm had finished their season with 12 wins in their last 15 regular-



The Northville Storm defeats the Northville Timber Rattlers for the championship title of the 2012 Northville H-League.

season and tournament games despite being a No. 8 seed in the bracket. They took a loss to the No. 1 seeded Volcanoes in the early rounds of the World Series but focused on coming back for the championship.

"In order to win the championship out of the losers bracket, we needed to defeat our opponent twice," said coach Jeff Helner. "We knew that the long road to the World Series Championship was going to be tough."

The Storm and the

Timber Rattlers faced off twice in two days to determine the champion. In the first game, the Storm earned a 9-6 victory following a three-run second-inning off hits from Ryan Velucci, Connor Halberg and Aaron Deschamps

before Nathan Heberholz and Matt Morrell tallied two more runs in the third and two more in the fourth by Anthony Dipiazza and Matt Guertin for a 7-0 lead.

The Rattlers scored three in the fourth and two in the fifth but couldn't make up the deficit before the game came to a close.

The Storm carried that momentum into the second game and earned an 10-5 victory behind a five-run first inning off hits by Carson Breen, Collin Breen, Herberholz, Brady Butcher, Anish Hora and Zack Helner. They added two more runs in the second and a run in the third, fourth and fifth innings.

The Rattlers added a run in the first and four more throughout the night to stay in the contest.

"It didn't end exact-

ly like we wanted, but I am so very proud of how my kids developed as ball players this year, and that's really the point of all this," said Rattlers coach Jeff Kane.

The Storm proved that perseverance and desire, mixed with having a good time, can lead to great things for any team — even those ranked eighth at the start of a tournament.

"The greatest part about our team's journey to the championship was that it was a true team effort," said Helner. "We were able to accomplish both of our team goals that were set at the beginning of the season. The first goal was to become better baseball players. The second goal was to have fun. And, what can be more fun than winning the NBSA H-League World Series Championship?"

SPORTS SHORTS

Baseball tryouts

The Northville Cubs U13 baseball team is holding tryouts July 29 (5-7 pm), July 30 (6-8 pm) and Aug. 1 (6-8 pm) at Maybury State Park off 8 Mile Road for the 2013 season.

The Cubs are a fourth-year team that competes in the KVBSA travel league's advanced division. The Cubs finished this season in second place with an 11-6-1 record. The Cubs also went 4-2 in pool play at Cooperstown Dreams Park.

The Cubs play between 50 and 60 games April through July, consisting of about 18 league games, eight week-

end tournaments and scrimmages. We also hold indoor winter training sessions beginning in January. More than 90 percent of the Cubs team has been together for three years. We are devoted to creating a fun and focused environment for kids to play baseball and prepare for high school ball if that is their desire.

The Cubs will consider players from Northville or any surrounding communities. Please contact Jim Marshall at jim@northvillebaseball.com if interested in attending a tryout session or if you have additional questions.

Panasonic dives into scoreboard fundraiser with \$10K donation

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

Northville High student Shilpi Sharma, who will be a senior this coming school year and is the girls swim team captain, started an initiative to solicit donations from corporations to raise money for a new swim scoreboard at the school.

As a result, Panasonic

presented Northville Public Schools a check for \$10,000 as part of its community outreach philosophy.

"This is a very generous donation," Sharma said of Panasonic's help.

According to Athletic Director Bryan Masi, the scoreboard is outdated and they do not make parts for it any longer.

Panasonic representative Paul Schultz pre-

sented the donation at a recent board of education meeting. Schultz said Panasonic has a tradition of contributing to the community and places great importance on helping school districts. He also issued a challenge to other corporations to step up and help out as well.

Masi said they have currently raised \$11,500 of the needed \$45,000.

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Rally planned to urge Congress to support homeownership

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, Michigan Association of Home Builders and the National Association of Homebuilders are joining forces to host a major mid-summer Rally for Homeownership where federal, state and local officials will join with Michigan citizens to highlight the need for pro-housing policies at the local, state and federal levels. This non-partisan event is one of seven major homeownership rallies currently planned by NAHB throughout the country in 2012.

"It is important that we revive the housing market, create jobs and spur growth for the entire U.S. economy," said Michael Stoskopf, CEO of BIA. "The home is central to American life, and homeownership is a cherished ideal for most families."

Legislative and regulatory proposals now under consideration by government policy makers would greatly harm homeowners, home buyers, the housing market and the nation's economy. "It is important that Michigan families know homeownership is under attack and have an opportunity to have their voices heard by our legislators," said Robert Filka, CEO of MAHB.

The event, which is open to everyone who is interested in protecting and enhancing the American dream of homeownership will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, July 20, at Gardenview Estates Development, located at Joy Road and the Southfield Freeway in Detroit. As many as 700 concerned citizens, legislators and policy makers are expected to attend.

NAHB has established a website at which people can register to attend the rally and sign a petition of support. The site can be found at www.ProtectHomeownership.com. The site describes how tax, legislative and regulatory policies currently under consideration would scale back or eliminate the mortgage interest deduction and make mortgages and small business loans unaffordable and difficult to obtain. It also features expert analysis and reports, data from homeownership surveys and polls, and the answers to many frequently asked questions about housing and homeownership.

"A strong housing market is not only important to help more Michigan citizens realize the dream of homeownership, but it is essential to revitalizing Michigan's economy," Fil-

ka said. "When builders are constructing homes that means jobs and investment, which provide a better quality of life and support for Michigan schools and municipalities."

"Housing means jobs," Stoskopf said. "NAHB estimates that for each new home that is built, three new jobs are created, not only for builders but in the industries where lumber, concrete, lighting fixtures, heating and cooling equipment and other products that go into a home are produced. More jobs are created when real estate agents, lawyers and brokers provide services to home builders and home buyers. Beyond that, every house that is built generates about \$90,000 in government revenue — \$67,000 in federal taxes and \$23,000 in state and local taxes."

Approach short sale with care

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: Our condominium lawyer has contacted us about a short sale of a unit owner where there are substantial assessments due and owing and wants us to make a substantial compromise of the back assessments. What has been your experience?

A: Obviously, each case depends upon its own facts and circumstances, but generally, I advise my community association clients to stand firm with respect to short sales

since it is the mortgage company that should bear the brunt of any loss given the fact



Robert Meisner

that they permitted the loan to be made in the first instance, perhaps, based upon unjustifiable reasons or basis as has been shown throughout the country. Perhaps you should get a second opinion from another attorney who is experienced in community association law and who may be best able to negotiate with the mortgagee and/or the seller of the unit on behalf of the association.

Q: We are talking about converting our voluntary association into a mandatory one. Is that difficult?

A: Generally, it is difficult to get all of the members of the subdivision involved in the mandatory association unless you are providing substantial benefits to membership in that association. Another way in which a voluntary association can become a mandatory one, is through governmental action creating a water, tax, utility or similar district including, perhaps, a special assessment district; or as previously discussed, creating a new association where each member would have to choose to join. Also, if this is a homeowner's association, membership of individual owners would have to be evidenced by recording a declaration including covenants running with the land in order to bind present and future owners. You are best advised, however, depending upon your jurisdiction, to consult with a knowledgeable real estate and/or community association attorney.

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This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

Realtor associations urge responsible appraisal process

Developing and reporting property values more accurately is critical to improving market performance, reducing risk and strengthening the housing finance system, according to the National Association of Realtors.

That message was delivered recently by Frank Gregoire, immediate past chair of NAR's Real Property Valuation Committee, in testimony before the House Financial Services Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Involvement regarding appraisal oversight.

"As the leading advocate for housing issues, Realtors know that an accurate appraisal is an important part of the home buying process and that a strong and independent appraisal industry is critical to restoring faith in the mortgage origination process," said Gregoire, a state-certified residential appraiser and president of Gregoire & Gregoire Inc. in St. Petersburg, Fla. "There are many challenges currently facing the appraisal industry, and we see appraisals as one of the most crucial and overlooked aspects of the recovery of the real estate market."

Bob Taylor, a Realtor, heads up the appraisal management company for the Michigan Association of Realtors. He handles marketing and development, and was MAR president in 2010. He's with Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel in Birmingham and has been a Realtor 38 years. "I was very pleased with Frank's testimony," said Taylor, who knows Gregoire professionally.

Taylor chairs the Research Committee for NAR this year, and is on the Real Property Valuation Committee with Gregoire for NAR.

"Let's say quality, I think that might be a better way to put it," Taylor said of appraisal issues. "There's a lot of misinformation, which has made it difficult."

Fee erosion

"There has been some erosion of fees." Some more experienced appraisers have retired or don't do mortgage work. "There are also many that do an excellent job," Taylor emphasized.

The appraisal is done for the lender. "They need to make sure the collateral is sufficient," Taylor said. He had four transactions in 2010



where the house didn't appraise sufficiently for the mortgage, but the deals went through by other means.

"They found other ways to make it work. It's strictly designed to evaluate the collateral of the house," Taylor said.

Appraisers evaluate history, and look at a certain period of days. "It took a little bit of time for them to accumulate the empirical data" that the metro Detroit market is improving. Agents could assist with real-time information to demonstrate market improvement, he said.

"The appraiser can't just decide on a whim that this is what's going on," Taylor said.

He sees the bigger problem is agents and purchasers need to understand lenders are less concerned about process than perhaps they should be. Agents need to identify those lenders that care.

MAR has developed some questions for agents to ask their lenders, such as "How do they operate when there is a reconsideration of value?" Buyers should receive prior to closing a copy of the appraisal done on the house, Taylor said.

"We want real estate agents to be prepared for the questions" coming from that report. All appraisals must be ordered on a random basis, but there should be a panel of appraisers close to the market who can appraise it on a given day.

Those pros must understand the mean-

ing of being north or south of Five Mile in Livonia, Taylor said. If appraisers come from Troy or Saline, "you can end up with somebody who doesn't understand those nuances in the marketplace."

The buyer can meet the appraiser, but should understand it's not a client-type situation like a home inspection. "The appraiser's really working for the lender. It's really not something I would see the buyer attending," Taylor said.

Nothing prohibits the agent from talking to the appraiser, he stressed.

His observation is that MAR "is working very diligently to better inform its members about the appraisal process."

House testimony

In his House testimony, Gregoire said that a number of issues are impacting the credible valuation of real property, including appraiser competency and local market knowledge, challenges in accurately estimating market value in stabilizing markets, and the lack of oversight and regulation of Appraisal Management Companies (AMCs).

While many AMCs provide legitimate services for legitimate fees, a large number of AMCs are contributing to problems in the appraisal business and the overall housing market, said Gregoire. There is evidence that AMCs are often compromising appraiser independence by insisting appraisers include

specific transactions as comparable sales, complete appraisals in unreasonably short turnaround times and comply with a broad scope of work not commensurate with the fee paid.

Many AMCs also require appraisers to accept any and all liability if a loan defaults if there is any claim related to the value of the property. All of this puts pressure on the appraiser, compromises their independence and negatively impacts the quality of the appraisal report, said Gregoire.

"Appraisers are facing undue pressure by AMCs to complete appraisals using distressed transactions as comparable sales, to deliver completed appraisal reports faster, and do a greater scope of work for a lower fee than a competing vendor," said Gregoire. "The end result is that lenders and consumers are being underserved, and all of this is contributing to the failure to recognize positive movement in prices and values in many markets, creating an additional obstacle to the housing market recovery."

NAR strongly supports the independence of appraisers and the appraisal process, and believes that all AMCs should be required to register with the state appraisal regulatory agencies where they are providing appraisal management services. Currently, AMCs that are subsidiaries of lenders are regulated at the federal level and not sub-

ject to state AMC registration requirements, which exacerbates problems because it leads to different standards and creates confusion. Lenders should also be prohibited from retaining an AMC's services if that lender maintains any level of ownership in the AMC.

Other appraisal challenges include limitations of the current reporting format, lagging market information, discrepancies in market definitions, the funding structure of appraisal programs, and a declining number of appraisers. NAR represents about 30,000 state-licensed and certified appraisers throughout the country, who report that their colleagues are leaving the industry for many reasons, but among the most cited is that experienced appraisers refuse to work under the current AMC-imposed climate.

Gregoire said that while appraisals are the gold standard for mortgage origination, there is also an important role for broker price opinions, comparative market analyses and automated valuation models. While some organizations focus only on appraisals, NAR is the only real estate trade association that can speak with authority on appraisals and alternative valuation products.

NAR has long been seeking to ensure credible valuation of real property for the industry and since 1993 has encouraged appraiser members to demonstrate their professional competence by earning one or both of NAR's appraisal designations. The Residential Accredited Appraiser (RAA) and General Accredited Appraiser (GAA) are awarded to certified appraisers with education and experience in excess of the minimum state qualifications.

Earlier this year, NAR also adopted the Responsible Valuation Policy, which serves as a guide for members and staff in advocacy efforts for federal legislation and regulatory policy. Through its subsidiary, the Realtors Property Resource (RPR), and its Real Property Valuation Committee, NAR is able to provide one of the most comprehensive sets of data and tools for determining credible home values.

O&E staff writer Julie Brown and the National Association of Realtors website contributed to this report.

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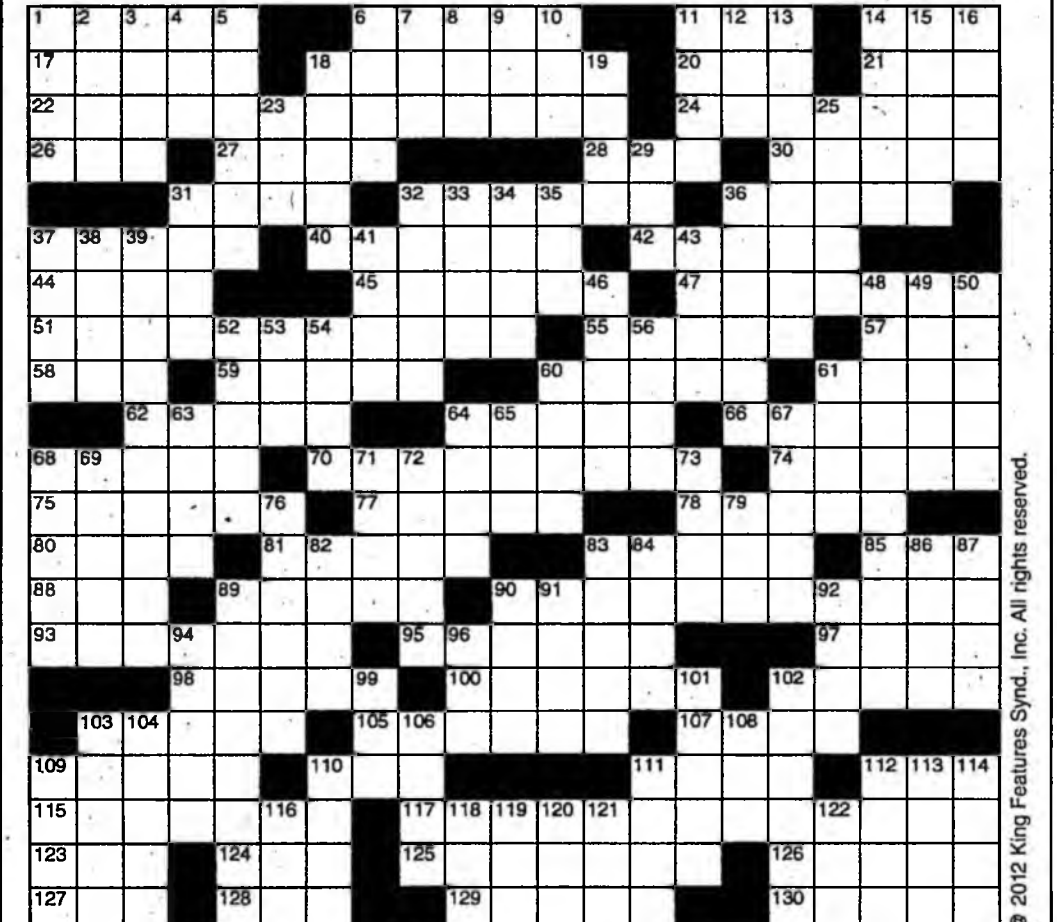
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| ACROSS | 1 Ladd or Lane | 6 Host a roast | 11 Kipling novel | 14 Social worker? | 17 Conductor Dorati | 18 In a perfect world | 20 Slangy suffix | 21 Norm | 22 Start of a remark by 117 Across | 24 Northwest-ern capital | 26 Day Now? | 27 Stallion's son | 28 Pom's perch | 30 laugh | 31 Hound's handle | 32 Torah, e.g. | 36 '92 US Open champ | 37 What you've gotta have | 40 Acquire | 42 Harden | 44 Romeo | 45 Spring holiday | 47 Side by side | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 51 Part 2 of remark | 55 Lamb product | 57 Vane dir. | 58 -tzu | 59 Boiling | 60 West | 61 African port | 62 Austerly | 64 Austen hero | 66 German mark? | 68 Sierra, CA | 70 All wet | 74 Terra firma | 75 Is useful | 77 Author | 78 Column style | 80 Claim | 81 Problem for Pauline | 83 Fernando or | 85 Lorenzo | 88 Herriot title | 89 "Odyssey" anticler | 90 End of remark | 93 17 Across' title | 95 "The Kid" ('84 film) | 97 Orthodox image | 98 Pants measurement | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 100 Study | 102 Stick one's neck out | 103 Sports-caster | 105 Classical | 107 Shopper's delight | 109 in (tipped off) | 110 Shuffle-board stick | 111 TV's "Living" | 112 Hum bug? | 115 More | 117 Speaker of remark | 123 Hosp. area | 124 Erwin or Gilliam | 125 She handed | 126 Break off | 127 Endorses | 128 Cast a spell | 129 Trepidation | 130 Neighbor of Oman | DOWN | 1 Comic | 2 Privy to | 3 Part of DA | 4 Uh-uh | 5 Draw forth | 6 Touch up the text | 7 Big boys | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 Baseball's Ripken | 9 Ransom — Olds | 10 Brownie, for one | 11 Former surgeon | 12 Unwell | 13 Andy's area | 14 Tell's target | 15 They get hit on their heads | 16 Hors d'oeuvre holder | 18 Northern hemisphere? | 19 Scream | 23 Start to snooze | 25 Free-for-all | 29 "The Greatest" | 31 Munich Mrs. | 32 Iowa, e.g. | 33 "The Man in Black" | 34 Formal ceremony | 35 Like-minded | 36 Forester or Outback | 37 Rain hard? | 38 Lohengrin's love | 39 Priced right | 41 Leonine | 43 Highlighting agcy. | 46 Show one's feelings | 48 Penguins' place | 49 Newfoundland's nose | 50 Fractional amount | 52 Actor Bruce | 53 To and — | 54 Galley features | 56 — terrier | 60 Pharmacy measure | 61 Jai — | 63 Spring flower | 64 Twofold | 65 Paul's role | 67 The Brainy Bunch? | 68 Lady of the house | 69 Spanish city | 71 Farm measure | 72 Use one's noodle | 73 Tiny coin | 76 Elan | 79 Lummo | 82 Desire | 83 defied | 84 Yoga position | 86 North Carolina campus | 87 Unit of force | 89 Plymouth leader | 90 Small songbird | 91 Mala — | 92 Swampland | 94 Like | 96 Mil. address | 99 Sweater letter | 101 Cosmetician | 102 "Patriot Games" author | 103 Thwart a blitz | 104 Sewell of "A Knight's Tale" | 106 — vu | 108 "Do — say, not —" | 109 Commercial award | 110 Pivotal point | 111 Ain't right? | 112 Put | 113 on a happy face | 114 In addition | 116 When the French fry | 118 Significant years | 119 "Tin Tin" | 120 "Doll" ('64 hit) | 121 Fabric amts. | 122 Charge |



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20 Best-paying jobs of the 21st century

Justin Thompson, CareerBuilder Writer

More employers today are offering training to fill open positions, so job seekers can look for retraining opportunities to help them get jobs in growing fields. Many of those fast-growing jobs can be found in the book "Best Jobs for the 21st Century," by Laurence Shatkin. The list shows the potential for those looking to pursue a career in the medical, information technology or legal professions. It's no surprise that many of the top jobs on the list require advanced education or training.

Shatkin compiled the list based on annual median earnings, ranked from highest to lowest. This means that for each position, half of all workers earn more than the salary listed and half earn less. Earnings may vary drastically based on level and years of experience, location and other factors.

Following is a list of the 20 best-paying jobs of the 21st century*:

- 1. Oral and maxillofacial surgeons** perform surgery and related procedures on the hard and soft tissues of the oral and maxillofacial regions to treat diseases, injuries or defects. Annual median earnings: \$166,400-plus
- 2. Orthodontists** examine, diagnose and treat dental malocclusions and oral cavity anomalies. The design and fabricate appliances to realign teeth and jaws to produce and maintain normal function and to improve appearance. Annual median earnings: \$166,400-plus
- 3. Physicians and surgeons** work in a number of medical and surgical specialties. They include allergists, cardiologists, dermatologists, emergency physicians, gastroenterologists, ophthalmologists, pathologists and radiologists. Annual median earnings: \$165,279
- 4. Chief executives** determine and formulate policies and provide overall direction of companies or private- and public-sector organizations within guidelines set up by a board of directors or similar governing body. They plan, direct or coordinate

operations with the help of subordinate executives and staff managers. Annual median earnings: \$165,080

5. Dentists diagnose and treat problems with teeth and tissues in the mouth, and give advice and care to help prevent problems. They provide instruction on diet, brushing, flossing, the use of fluoride and other aspects of dental care. They remove tooth decay, fill cavities, examine X-rays, place protective plastic sealants on children's teeth, straighten teeth and repair fractured teeth. Annual median earnings: \$141,040

6. Architectural and engineering managers plan, direct or coordinate activities in such fields as architecture and engineering or research and development in these fields. Annual median earnings: \$119,260

7. Prosthodontists construct oral prostheses to replace missing teeth and other oral structures to correct natural and acquired deformation of mouth and jaws, to restore and maintain oral function, such as chewing and speaking, and to improve appearance. Annual median earnings: \$118,400

8. Podiatrists diagnose and treat disorders, diseases and injuries of the foot and lower leg. Annual median earnings: \$118,030

9. Natural sciences managers plan, coordinate and direct research, design and production activities. They may supervise engineers, scientists and technicians, along with support personnel. These managers use their knowledge of engineering and natural sciences to oversee a variety of activities. Annual median earnings: \$116,020

10. Computer and information systems managers plan, direct or coordinate activities in such fields as electronic data processing, information systems, systems analysis and computer programming. Annual median earnings: \$115,780

11. Petroleum engineers devise methods to improve oil and gas extraction and production and determine the need for new or modified tool designs, and they oversee drilling and offer technical advice. Annual median earnings: \$114,080



12. Marketing managers plan, direct or coordinate marketing policies and programs, such as determining the demand for products and services offered by a company and its competitors and identifying potential customers. They develop pricing strategies with the goal of maximizing the company's profits or share of the market while ensuring that its customers are satisfied. Marketing managers oversee product development or monitor trends that indicate the need for new products and services. Annual median earnings: \$112,800

13. Lawyers represent clients in criminal and civil litigation and other legal proceedings, draw up legal documents, or manage or advise clients on legal transactions. They may specialize in a single area or may practice broadly in many areas of law. Annual median earnings: \$112,760

14. Pharmacists distribute prescription drugs to individuals. They also advise their patients, physicians and other health practitioners on the selection, dosages, interactions and side effects of medications, as well as monitor the health and progress of patients to ensure that they are using their medications safely and effectively. Annual median earnings: \$111,570

15. Air traffic controllers control air traffic at airports and the movement of air traffic between

altitude sectors and control centers according to established procedures and policies. They also authorize, regulate and control commercial airline flights according to government or company regulations to expedite and ensure flight safety. Annual median earnings: \$108,040

16. Political scientists the origin, development and operation of political systems and may study topics such as public opinion, political decision-making and ideology. They may also analyze the structure and operation of governments and other political entities. Political scientists may conduct public opinion surveys, analyze election results or analyze public documents. Annual median earnings: \$107,420

17. Physicists conduct research into physical phenomena, develop theories on the basis of observation and experiments and devise methods to apply physical laws and theories. Annual median earnings: \$106,370

18. Financial managers plan, direct or coordinate accounting, investing, banking, insurance, securities and other financial activities of an organization. Annual median earnings: \$103,910

19. Airline pilots, co-pilots and flight engineers pilot and navigate fixed-wing, multiengine aircraft, usually on scheduled air carrier routes, for the transport of passengers

and cargo. They require Federal Air Transport certification and rating for the specific aircraft type used. They include regional, national and international airline pilots and flight instructors. Annual median earnings: \$103,210

20. Computer and information research scientists conduct research into fundamental computer and information science as theorists, designers or inventors. They also develop solutions to problems in the field of computer hardware and software. Annual median earnings: \$100,660

*Salary data based on figures from "Best Jobs for the 21st Century," which used figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Job descriptions were pulled from the BLS.

**The top two jobs in dentistry are marked as \$166,400-plus because the BLS doesn't report on salaries higher than that. According to Shatkin, the American Dental Association reported in 2009 that the median earnings of dental specialists were more than \$342,000.

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