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## Victorian Fest accepting vendor applications

Northville's Victorian Festival returns the weekend of Sept. 21-23. Registration is now open for non-profit groups and crafters to apply to be a part of the festival, celebrating its 24th year. Founded in the early 1800's, Northville came of age during the Victorian era of history. The festival, sponsored by the Northville Chamber of Commerce, celebrates Northville special heritage with a fall festival that includes a parade, entertainment, food, history and crafter market.



Non-profit groups, including school clubs, scouts, churches, service organizations and others, are invited to fundraise by selling food and/or Victorian-themed games. Booth fee is \$100 for the entire weekend. Festival hours for the nonprofit booths are:

Friday, Sept. 21, 5-8 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 22, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Sunday, Sept. 23, noon 4 p.m.

Crafters may join the Victorian Festival as well by participating in the Craft Market on Saturday and Sunday of the festival.

Craft Market booth fee is \$130, along with a \$10 jury fee for new crafters.

Application forms for both non-profit and craft vendors are available on the chamber's website at [www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org).

For further information regarding the Victorian Festival, contact the chamber at (248) 349-7640 or [chamber@northville.org](mailto:chamber@northville.org)



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Natalie Lindenmeyer, 6, waters a vegetable plot at Northville Township Thayer's Corner community garden on July 11. There are more than 3 dozen plots at the Ridge Road park that are being tended by local small-time farmers. Natalie was helping mom Lise that day.

## Rummage sale on tap at Thayer's Corner

### Plentiful gardens feed the hungry

A Rummage Sale is set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Aug. 3-4, to support Thayer's Corner Nature Area in Northville Township. The park is on Napier north of 6 Mile Road, on the east side.

"We're a little short of funds to finish the year," said Marv Gans, a township trustee among the active volunteers at Thayer's Corner.

Supporters are being asked to donate no-longer needed items, such as tools, small furniture, unwanted gifts, toys, children's items, knickknacks, gently used clothing, hob-



Thayer's Corner gardener Anna Marie Sliman points out some of her cucumber vines at one of three plots she tends at the Northville Township park. Sliman said that like last year, she'll be donating most of her harvest from these gardens to Civic Concern to be distributed to needy local families.

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## Candidates don't like costs of special election

### Scheduling election is the law, they say

By Ken Abramczyk  
Observer Staff Writer

Most of the five Republican candidates are angry about the cost of the special election to fill Thaddeus McCotter's vacated seat, but they are also adamant that the old 11th Congressional District deserves representation over the last few weeks of the year.

Five Republicans and one Democrat have filed to run in the special election Sept. 5.

McCotter resigned July 6, ending his term six months early after what he called a "nightmarish month and a half" in apparent reference to his duplicated signatures on petitions turned into the Secretary of State that resulted in an investigation by state Attorney General Bill Schuette. The duplicate signatures were invalidated so he fell short of the minimum signatures required to run.

On July 13, Lt. Gov. Brian Calley, acting in Gov.

### PRIMARY INFORMATION

Be sure to see the Opinion page inside for our endorsements in the Aug. 7 primary and voting poll locations.

Please see ELECTION, A4

## Haggerty road work to begin Aug. 13

By Ken Abramczyk  
Staff Writer

Motorists already maneuvering orange barrels on Plymouth and Newburgh roads will have Haggerty Road added to the list.

Beginning Aug. 13, Haggerty Road from Six Mile to Seven Mile will be resurfaced in a \$1.2 million project. Wayne County and city officials will conduct a meeting to discuss that project with business owners and residents at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8 at the Vista Tech building at Schoolcraft College.

Cadillac Asphalt, the lead contractor, will be placing changeable message boards about one week prior to construction to warn motorists of the impending construction, said Todd Zilincik, Livonia city engineer.

"The project is anticipated to be completed by the end of October," Zilincik said.

The contractor will be working on the outside lanes to begin the project, consisting of concrete preparation and repairs, and resurfacing. School-

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# Buy Michigan

## Fest puts focus on our state's products

**By Julie Brown**  
Staff Writer

The Buy Michigan Now Festival returns for its fourth consecutive year Aug. 3-5. Hosted by Buy Michigan Now and downtown Northville, the festival showcases Michigan entertainers, businesses, products, and educational opportunities with the goal of revitalizing the local economy. Vendor and sponsorship opportunities are available.

Lisa Diggs of Livonia founded Buy Michigan Now in 2007 to promote Michigan-based products and services.

"It's also the fourth year of Buy Michigan Week," she said of the event proclaimed by Govs. Rick Snyder and Jennifer Granholm. "The festival is a celebration of that." It introduces Michigan products and services to people.

Northville has been welcoming to organizers, Diggs said.

"It's a great community. The people are lovely. There's a great emphasis on art. The vast majority of businesses are locally owned which is what we're all about."

Vendors bring in products ranging from Michigan-made cabinetry, salsas, jewelry and mittens, "a pretty wide variety," for



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Lisa Diggs takes a look at some Michigan-produced art at Northville's "State of Mind" gallery on July 26. Diggs is in charge of the upcoming Buy Michigan Now Festival that will be held on Aug. 3-5 in downtown Northville. The event will feature about 100 merchants on the street and all of downtown's regulars with lots of specials and made-in-Michigan goods.

the event, she said.

The free weekend celebration focuses attention on Michigan-based businesses and locally produced merchandise to help stimulate the economy. Main and Center streets in central Northville will be closed for pedestrian traffic.

Many consumers are trying to be a part of revitalizing the economy, she

said. If every Michigan household shifted \$10 a week of its spending to Michigan products and services, that would put about \$38 million into our economy.

**Bargains found**

Local Northville merchants will host a sidewalk sale, while Michigan vendors set up shop under tents in the streets

for the festival. In addition to teaming up with downtown Northville, other major sponsors are: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Hiller's Markets, Tom Holzer Ford, OKE Financial and Internet Automotive. Fans of Xbox 360 games will have free indoor and outdoor access to the unit, to challenge each other to a variety of games for all ages.

The main stage, Town Square/Main Street, will offer music from local artists throughout the weekend, including Friday Night Concert Series headliners, The Shawn Riley Band, and Saturday headliners, Mainstreet



A ceramic plate at Northville's "State of Mind" gallery with a good message.

**HOURS**

The Buy Michigan Now Festival is scheduled to run from noon to 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 5.

and wines. The tent will be open 5:30-10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Aug. 3-4.

Also new this year is the Video Gaming Unit, located on West Center Street, presented by Internet Automotive. Fans of Xbox 360 games will have free indoor and outdoor access to the unit, to challenge each other to a variety of games for all ages.

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Soul. There will be a Kids' Zone at Church Square/Center Street including art demonstrations from the Detroit Institute of Arts artist program, along with entertainment.

The third annual "We're Cookin' in Michigan" recipe contest finals will be presented by Hiller's Markets and held at Epiphany Kitchens on Center Street. It focuses on cooking with Michigan ingredients. Finalists will present their recipes and dishes to culinary experts to compete for a \$250 Hiller's card and chance to have their product sold at Hiller's to benefit charity.

"I love it. It's exciting. It's always exciting to see new products every year," organizer Diggs said. "It's a fun, family event and manages to help us revitalize our economy."

For more information visit [www.BuyMichigan-NowFest.com](http://www.BuyMichigan-NowFest.com).

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## HAGGERTY

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craft College will be adding a right turn lane and coordinating that activity with Wayne County, Zilincik said.

In addition, the southwest corner of Haggerty and Seven Mile is anticipated to be cleared of trees and a portion of the hill removed and an entrance added off Haggerty Road for development purposes.

Schoolcraft College has requested that work be suspended on Aug. 29 and Aug. 30 for the start of the school year at the college. Work is expect-

ed to be suspended after 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31, through Labor Day weekend until Sept. 4.

Northville Township Public Services Director Tom Casari said this is a partial road closure project and residents can expect to see two-way traffic maintained on Haggerty throughout the scheduled work, which will occur Monday through Saturdays from 7 a.m.-9 p.m. He added the intersection of Six and Seven Mile roads will have traffic occasionally being directed by flag and detours.

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## Food for Concern

The Northville Farmers' Market is now receiving donations of fresh food (and canned food) to benefit the families who depend on Civic Concern for nutrition assistance.

Donations from home gardens or items purchased at the Farmers' Market (or canned goods) will be accepted at the white block build-

ing (northwest corner of Sheldon and 7 Mile roads) every Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Oct. 1.

Garden Gatherers is helping to alleviate hunger by collecting fresh produce for Northville Civic Concern in the dirt parking lot behind First Presbyterian Church (200 E. Main Street, Northville)

from 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday through Oct. 1.

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**– Sane F., Novi**

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## ELECTION

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Rick Snyder's absence, called for a special election in the 11th District to fill the vacancy created by McCotter's resignation.

Former state Sen. Nancy Cassis, former Livonia school board member Steve King, Carolyn Kavanagh of Livonia and Kenneth Crider of Livonia filed last week to run on the Republican ballot in the 11th Congressional District. David Curson of Belleville filed as a Democrat.

The candidates had until 4 p.m. July 23 to withdraw, but none of them did.

Residents in the current 11th District will be voting in a special election Wednesday, Sept. 5, and again Nov. 6 to fill the unexpired term. All of Livonia is included in both the former 11th District and the redistricted 11th District.

### 'Thad ought to pay'

Robert Dindoffer, campaign manager for Kerry Bentivolio, said Thaddeus McCotter is to blame for the \$650,000 estimated cost of the special election to local communities. Livonia's cost is estimated at \$50,000.

"It's no one's fault but Thad McCotter's, and he ought to pay," Dindoffer said. McCotter could not be reached for comment.

Since Bentivolio filed first, he asked others not to file, Dindoffer said. If only one candidate had filed in each party, the governor would have canceled the special primary election.

Dindoffer also said another candidate had run as a Democrat in a previous state election. Steve King ran as a Democrat in the race against John Walsh in 2008. "It appears that someone is trying to manipulate the system," Dindoffer said.

Dindoffer believes residents in the 11th District should have representation, especially in a lame-duck session he expects toward the end of the year. "There is all kinds of absurd legislation that is proposed in a lame duck session," Dindoffer said.

Should Bentivolio win the special primary and special general election in the old 11th District and win the general election in the new 11th District, it will help Bentivolio better represent the district, Dindoffer said. "He will get a couple of months seniority, which will help him get better committees," Dindoffer said.

### Cost a 'travesty'

Nancy Cassis, former state senator from Novi, said the cost of the special election was a travesty. She said she "sincerely regrets the cost and confusion" created by the special election.

"We have to explain to people why the special election is necessary and that is

because Congressman McCotter resigned and created this vacancy," Cassis said.

"The real key here, though, is the prevention of about six weeks that the people of the 11th District would not have representation during a lame duck session, when they will be dealing with important pieces of legislation."

"It brings about confusion and costs, but it is still is a democracy and an all-important six-week session."

Crider is a steel metal worker in the heating and air conditioning field. Crider has never sought elective office before.

When McCotter didn't qualify and then quit his write-in campaign, Crider didn't like Bentivolio's views. "The only choice I had didn't represent my views," Crider said. "I haven't voted for anyone but a Republican."

Crider believes residents also deserve the right to vote, even at the \$650,000 cost. "Government wastes a lot of money, but it's never a waste of money for people to have a vote," Crider said. "It's what democracy is all about."

### 'Law of the land'

The U.S. Constitution also requires the representation, Crider said. "It's the law. It's the law of the land."

Crider said he was contacted by some Republicans, whom he didn't identify, who wanted him to withdraw his candidacy. "I don't agree with that," Crider said. "People need to have a choice. Besides, it's the law."

Crider calls himself a "common man who can bring common sense to government."

"People are fed up with the status quo, and the professional politicians in government," Crider said.

Kavanagh, the daughter of 16th District Judge Sean Kavanagh, could not be reached for comment.

King said the election was part of the process in selecting the Republican candidates. "If they didn't like the process, the governor, state Senate and state House, where there is a Republican majority, could have changed it," King said. "They could have changed the process."

King said Bentivolio and Cassis had already filed, so for King to withdraw at that point would not make sense for King since the election would already be scheduled.

King said "nobody said anything" about the \$10 million the state spent on Michigan's presidential primary, when the primary date was moved up to Feb. 28. "Nobody cared about that (election cost)," King said.

King also reiterated his stance on the Livonia school board that he opposed scheduling special elections in August and May, but rather scheduling them along with city or state elections to cut the costs to the district.

## Be sure to vote in Tuesday's primary

Here's what Northville voters will see on the ballot in the Tuesday, Aug. 7 primary election.

### NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP AND CITY OF NORTHVILLE (PRECINCT 1 - WAYNE COUNTY)

**Congressional:** United States Senator and Representative in Congress 11th District.

**Legislative:** Representative in State Legislature 20th District

**Judicial:** Judge of Circuit Court – 3rd Circuit – Non-Incumbent Position

**Wayne County:** Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk, Treasurer, Commissioner 9th District and Register of Deeds

**Delegates:** To the county conventions of the Republican and Democratic parties

**Wayne County Art Institute Authority Miliage:** The Wayne County Art Institute Authority was established pursuant to Public Act 296 of 2010 and formed to allow for continuing support of art institute services for the students, residents and visitors of Wayne County. The law allows the Authority to seek authorization from the electors to levy a tax of not more than 0.2 mill (20 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value) on real and personal property to provide revenue to an art institute services provider for this purpose. Accordingly, to continue providing art institute services to benefit the residents of the County, shall a 0.2 mill on all of the taxable property located within the County be imposed for a period of ten (10) years, being years 2012 through 2021? It is estimated that if approved and levied, this new millage would generate approximately \$8,284,722 in 2012.

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In addition to the above, Northville Township voters will also see the following on the ballot.

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**Legislative:** Representative in State Legislature 38th District

**Oakland County:** Executive, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk/Register of Deeds, Treasurer, Water Resources Commissioner and County Commissioner

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# Wayne County Circuit Court candidates face primary race



Eleven candidates are vying for three open positions on the Wayne County Circuit Court bench. Six candidates will advance to the November election. The term is six years. Judges are paid \$139,919 annually. Candidates Rohn Mitchell and David Whitaker did not respond to the Observer/Record questionnaire. Readers seeking more information leading up to Tuesday’s primary can also read questionnaires and resumes submitted to the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association. Go to [www.detroitlawyer.org/judicialcandidateevaluationcommittee.html](http://www.detroitlawyer.org/judicialcandidateevaluationcommittee.html).

**Karen Braxton**  
Karen Braxton of Canton Township holds a bachelor’s in economics and political science from the University of Rochester and a juris doctor from Case Western Reserve University Law School. Her professional affiliations include Board of Trustees ReTOOL, Wayne County Criminal Defense Bar Association, Black Women Lawyers Association and the NAACP ReTOOL is a program that serves the needs of young people that are in the juvenile justice system or homeless. Braxton works directly with female youth in the program offering tutoring, mentoring and professional and personal guidance.



Braxton

She is married to Thomas Braxton. The couple has two children, Aaron and Maya, who attend Plymouth-Canton Schools. The family attends El Bethel Baptist Church in Redford.

**State the nature of your current practice (member of a firm, independent, etc.).**  
I am currently a trial attorney in a solo practice. I handle a wide variety of cases, including cases in criminal, probate, juvenile, landlord-tenant and family law. I am dedicated to providing excellent legal representation to each client, including those who may not otherwise be able to afford quality legal counsel. I practice primarily in the Wayne County Circuit Court, giving me extensive knowledge of the court system in which I seek to serve.

**Why are you running for circuit court? What are your particular qualifications for this job?**  
I want to be judge of the Wayne County Circuit Court because I am confident that I can bring equality, efficiency and effectiveness to the Court. Equality by ensuring that everyone is treated equally regardless of their race, sex or socioeconomic status; efficiency by taking the bench on time and expediently yet thoroughly handling each case before me; and effectiveness by using established programs in Wayne County (like ReTOOL) to help underprivileged youth.

**Describe your trial experience.**  
I have tried over 100 cases in my solo practice, including criminal (felonies, misdemeanors, capital and non-capital) and juvenile cases (delinquency and neglect). Of those, approximately 50 percent have been jury trials.

**How can you make a difference on the court?**  
I intend to use my role as a judge to help others, specifically underprivileged youths, in the county. While I am appreciative of every opportunity that I have been afforded, I wish to share my knowledge and experiences with others that may not have had the same opportunities. In addition, by focusing on the youth in Wayne County, I am able to target an impressionable group and possibly give them an alternative to a life of crime.

**What expertise – in business or law – gives you an edge over your opponents?**  
Over the years, I have practiced in each division of the circuit court where I could be assigned. In my private practice, I interact with judges, court staff and the thousands of people

who visit the courts each day. It is important to have practiced in each area because judges are randomly assigned to their divisions and you must be prepared to serve. I am ready and eager to serve.

**Kevin Cox**  
Cox, 52, lives in Livonia. He holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Michigan and a juris doctor from Wayne State University Law School. He is married to Elizabeth Cox. The couple has four children: Kiefer, 23; Kasey, 20; Jack, 17 and Brian, 14. His community activities include St. Edith Parent Association, St. Edith CYO Athletics Board of Directors and coach, Catholic Central Dad's Club, fundraiser for the Salvation Army, Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries and the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.



Cox

**State the nature of your current practice.**  
Assistant attorney general in the labor division of the Office of Attorney General. I represent the State of Michigan in state courts and administrative hearings. I prosecute businesses and individuals who have defrauded the state in tax matters.

**Why are you running for circuit court? What are your particular qualifications for this job?**  
My decision to seek judicial office is due in large part to the way in which I was raised by my parents. My parents were blue-collar immigrants. We did not have lawyers and judges in our neighborhood. My parents taught my brothers and I that judges were the glue that held together all that was just and fair in our society and that there was no higher calling than to serve the public as a judge.

I am highly qualified to serve. I have extensive experience as a trial attorney for over 27 years and have had the benefit of watching and learning the qualities that make judges effective and efficient. Prior to practicing as an AAG, I was in private practice for 25 years. My practice was comprised of complex injury litigation throughout the state. I owned and managed a law firm of 12 attorneys and over 20 employees for several years. Although 75 percent of my cases were in Wayne County, I have litigated cases in over 40 counties in Michigan resulting in several successful jury verdicts and hundreds of settlements. In addition, I have handled several cases that have been heard in the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court.

**Describe your trial experience.**  
I have had extensive experience trying cases in front of juries for over 25 years. I have tried over 30 complex civil jury trials for my clients and have tried cases to verdict in eight different counties in Michigan. Many of my trials have been reported in professional journals, trial reporting services and in the news media. Virtually all my trial experience has required the use of sophisticated technical, medical and scientific expert witnesses in addition to extensive legal research and brief writing. I have also litigated hundreds

of other cases that have settled on the eve of trial.

**How can you make a difference on the court?**  
I know I will make a difference on the court because I worked and studied very hard to become a successful trial attorney and my work ethic will not change as a judge. I know that to become a great judge, I must work and study hard and be prepared for all cases on my docket. I also have a great respect for our system of justice, which is obligated to protect all citizens who participate in the legal process.

**What expertise – in business or law – gives you an edge over your opponents?**  
I believe that I am the candidate with the most courtroom and trial experience and thus most capable of running an effective and efficient court. Because I have appeared in front of hundreds of judges over the past 27 years, I feel quite confident that I have learned the qualities necessary to preserve the integrity of our legal system, protect our rights and uphold our laws.

**Jane Ellen Gillis**  
Jane Ellen Gillis, 49, holds a bachelor's of science from Western Michigan University and a juris doctor from the Detroit College of Law/Michigan State University. She is a member of The Incorporated Society of Irish American Lawyers, and State Bar of Michigan, Criminal Law Section. A life-long resident of Wayne County, she is married and the mother of two children. In 1993 she received the Spirit of Detroit Award for her work at the Dominican Literacy Center where she taught reading to high school dropouts, “many of whom were left behind by the system as a result of learning disabilities.”



Gillis

**State the nature of your current practice (member of a firm, independent, etc.).**  
For the past seven years I have worked as a Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor and I have been assigned to the trial division for over four years. Previously I worked as a solo practitioner for 13 years specializing in probate, criminal, collection, family and juvenile law. In 1995, I was appointed to be a Special Assistant to the Attorney General Frank Kelley to handle collection cases in Wayne County in addition to my regular practice.

**Why are you running for circuit court? What are your particular qualifications for this job?**  
I have always been dedicated to my community, becoming a judge would allow me to further that commitment and to continue working as a public servant.

In addition having worked as a prosecutor for the past seven years and a solo practitioner for over 13 years has given me a wide variety of experiences. I have represented defendants, juvenile delinquents and families on both sides of the law, which makes me a well rounded candidate.

**Describe your trial experience.**  
For over 20 years I have handled hundreds of jury and bench trials. I am currently assigned to the Auto Theft Unit which is part of the Trials Division at the Wayne County Prosecutors Office.

**How can you make a difference on the court?**  
My experience and commitment to our community makes me an excellent candidate for circuit court. As a judge I will be able to have positive effect on people in our community.

**What expertise – in business or law – gives you an edge over your opponents?**  
There are several factors that give me an edge over my opponents: I have been a trial attorney longer than most of my opponents I believe my legal background is more diverse than most of my opponents. Traditionally new judges are put in the criminal, juvenile or family divisions. I have many years experience working in each of these divisions

Also, having managed my own practice for 13 years I obtained excellent management and organizational skills. Therefore, I will be good at keeping my docket within time standards outlined by the Supreme Court.

**Adel Harb**  
Adel Harb, 47, is a Dearborn resident. He received his juris doctor from Thomas M. Cool-ey Law School. He is a member of the Michigan State Bar, Wolverine Bar, and Texas Bar. Harb is married and the father of three daughters. He is the a member of the executive board member of the Great Lakes Counsel for Boy Scouts of America.



Harb

**State the nature of your current practice (member of a firm, independent, etc.).**  
I have been in private practice for over 20 years with emphasis on family law and criminal. I have been a licensed family law mediator and facilitator for 12 years.

**Why are you running for circuit court? What are your particular qualifications for this job?**  
I believe I can make a difference. I have extensive trial court experience in both District and Circuit Courts for over 20 years.

**How can you make a difference on the court?**  
I would bring a diverse personal history to the bench, professionally and culturally.

**What expertise – in business or law – gives you an edge over your opponents?**  
Being an attorney, magistrate, and a mediator has given me the appropriate temperament.

**Dana Margaret Hathaway**  
Dana Margaret Hathaway lives in Grosse Pointe Farms. She holds a degree in chemistry from the College of Charleston, and juris doctor from the University of Detroit Law School where she was associate editor of the Law Review. She is a member of State Bar of Michigan, Women Lawyers Association of Michigan, Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association, Incorporated Society of Irish American Lawyers, Illinois State Bar Association



Hathaway

Hathaway is married and the mother of two daughters, Riley and Mackenzie. She is a member of

St. Paul Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. She has been active and served on the general citizen's committee in youth assistance organizations devoted to the prevention and reduction of juvenile delinquency, child abuse and child neglect, by providing positive alternatives to children and families.

**State the nature of your current practice (member of a firm, independent, etc.).**  
As a Wayne County prosecutor, I handle felonies and misdemeanors that are charged in Wayne County. I work hard daily to ensure that justice is done on behalf of crime victims. I know how to efficiently move a court's docket because that is what I do everyday. Before joining the prosecutor's office, I worked for a national trial law firm where I specialized in high-stakes litigation for seven years. Primarily, I defended product liability and personal injury actions and litigated commercial actions across the country. I represented Ford, General Motors, and many other international clients.

**Why are you running for circuit court? What are your particular qualifications for this job?**  
A judge is a public servant and I am running for circuit court judge because it is critically important that we elect competent judges who have shown an unquestionable commitment to public service. I've been awarded by Legal Aid and Defender Association for providing quality pro bono legal services to people who otherwise could not afford competent legal representation.

Judges also analyze and apply the law. I've won the Excellence for the Future Award in legal reasoning and analysis and I was named a Michigan Super Lawyers - Rising Star for my litigation experience.

**Describe your trial experience.**  
I've handled close to 100 trials and evidentiary motions during my career in both civil and criminal law. As a prosecutor, I've also handled countless felony preliminary examinations. Preliminary exams are essentially “mini-trials” where the state has to put forth sufficient evidence at an early stage in the proceeding. I handle preliminary examinations in Wayne County courts on a daily basis, in addition to jury and bench trials.

**How can you make a difference on the court?**  
The Third Circuit Court is one of the busiest courts in the state. However, the court is currently operating with limited judicial and financial resources. I'd like to improve the delivery of court services to the public by implementing specialty courts. I'd seek to expand the scope of the mental health court and implement a veterans court. Specialty courts reduce criminal recidivism rates while effectively using taxpayer dollars and ultimately save taxpayer money. Also, while I will always follow the law, I won't hesitate to advocate for improvement in the law where it is necessary, pursuant to the judicial canons.

**What expertise – in business or law – gives you an edge over your opponents?**  
I have an unusual background for an attorney. While I was in

law school, I worked full-time as a forensic chemist at the Wayne County Medical Examiner's office. The Medical Examiner's office ranks among the top five in the country and handles a significant case load. As such, the laboratory analysis requires extreme attention to detail. My analysis of biological specimens aided in criminal investigations and thousands of cause of death determinations. The non-incumbent judges elected this year will likely preside over criminal matters. My scientific background and criminal law experience make me uniquely qualified for a position Wayne Circuit bench.

**Brian L. Morrow**  
Brian L. Morrow, 55, lives in Northville. He holds a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and a juris doctor from Wayne State University Law School. He is a member of the State Bar of Michigan and Prosecut-ing Attorneys Association of Michigan. Morrow is married and the father of two adult children. In 2010 Morrow and his wife, Mary, established the Brian and Mary Morrow Community Service Scholarship to reward the initiative of graduating Detroit Public Schools students who have been actively involved in community service projects, and who desire to continue their education at the college or university level.



Morrow

Since 2007, he has annually organized volunteers from the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office to participate as a group in Habitat for Humanity-Detroit workdays, and since 2004, has volunteered to participate in numerous construction projects in Appalachia and rural areas of Mexico.

**State the nature of your current practice (member of a firm, independent, etc.).**  
I am currently the Deputy Chief of the Juvenile Division of the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, where my job involves prosecuting juvenile delinquency cases within the county. These cases range anywhere on the spectrum of offenses from home and school truancy on the low end, to the most serious offenses, such as armed robbery, criminal sexual conduct, carjacking and homicide, at the high end of the spectrum.

**Why are you running for circuit court? What are your particular qualifications for this job?**  
I have almost 26 years of experience as an attorney, with approximately 11 of those years being spent as the supervisor of other lawyers. As deputy chief, I work with the Juvenile Court's administration to maximize efficient use of the Court's limited resources. In addition to my other duties, I developed an award-winning juvenile diversion program called “Teen Court” that is having a positive effect on reducing recidivism among first-time juvenile offenders. I am running for circuit court because I have demonstrated to myself that I have the judicial temperament, compassion and reasonableness to be a highly effective jurist.

**Describe your trial experience.**  
For the first 14 years of my legal career, in which I practiced as an



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environmental attorney, I was heavily involved in the civil litigation aspects of trial work, including the taking of depositions, answering interrogatories and requests for production and participating in settlement negotiations. Since 1999, I have spent much of that time litigating criminal and juvenile delinquency cases on a nearly daily basis. As a result, I have tried hundreds of bench and jury trials at the district court and circuit court level, including homicide jury trials.

**How can you make a difference on the court?**

If elected, I would seek to maximize the court's limited resources by working to develop specialty courts, such as Veterans Court. Veterans Courts recognize that our veterans frequently return home from war profoundly, and negatively, changed by their experience and may commit crimes as a result. Rather than criminalize and incarcerate these veterans, the Court mandates a hybrid of drug and/or mental health treatment services, all of which is funded by the U.S. Veteran's Administration. Aside from being cost-effective, I believe that our veterans deserve the special consideration Veterans Courts offer them as a result of their sacrifice and service.

**What expertise – in business or law – gives you an edge over your opponents?**

My breadth of experience sets me apart from the other candidates in my race. I have nearly 26 years of experience as an attorney, with approximately 12 of those years being spent as the supervisor of other lawyers. I have personally handled hundreds of criminal and juvenile matters. As Deputy Chief, I have experience working with the court's administration to maximize efficient use of the court's limited resources. I also have experience developing specialty courts.

### Kelly Ann Ramsey

Kelly Ann Ramsey, 56, of Livonia holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan -Dearborn and a juris doctor from Wayne State University Law School. A Detroit native, Ramsey is the daughter of a Detroit Police Officer and department of social services caseworker. She is mother to Alexis Delphine



Ramsey

of Wayne County, Ramsey serves on the boards of Vista Maria, Child's Hope, Save Our Children Coalition and Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association Foundation. She supports the Innocence Lost National Initiative and is a visionary of the "For The Seventh Generation" program.

**State the nature of your current practice (member of a firm, independent, etc.).**

For over 20 years, I have served as a referee in the Family Division - Juvenile Section - of the Circuit Court for Wayne County, Michigan. This court has jurisdiction over delinquency, abuse/neglect and adoption cases. During my tenure, I have handled all three such matters. I have adjudicated thousands of cases.

**Why are you running for circuit court? What are your particular qualifications for this job?**

So that I may continue to serve our community and address a broader range of issues that face us all. I have more than 20 years of judicial experience as a referee, and more than five years as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Wayne County.

**Describe your trial experience.**

For almost six years, I served as an assistant prosecuting attorney in Wayne County. I routinely handled felony jury trials and bench trials. For approximately three of those years, I was a special assignment prosecutor in the child abuse unit. I performed vertical prosecutions of major offenses against children. I was routinely involved in the investigation of violent acts where children were victims of neglect, physical/sexual abuse, or murder. While in this position, I handled numerous high profile cases involving novel questions of law and unusual facts.

**How can you make a difference on the court?**

As demonstrated for over 25 years, I understand and respect the responsibility I have to the people who appear before me and to the community that I serve. I care deeply about - and have the best interest of - the community foremost on my mind. Being elected would allow me to continue this

work, but on a larger scale. I will continue to put in a full day on the bench and do the homework and legwork needed to get the job done.

**What expertise – in business or law – gives you an edge over your opponents?**

Between my job as a prosecutor and my time on the bench, I have seen it all. I know the issues that plague our community. I have been a tireless advocate for children and understand that the decisions we make today will have an impact far beyond the current generation. I am deeply concerned, and I operate from that compassion even when making the very hardest decisions and rendering the most difficult judgments.

### Mark Somers

Mark Somers, 54, of Dearborn holds a bachelor's degree in international relations



Somers

and Asian studies from Michigan State University and a juris doctor from Wayne State University Law School. He was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan in 1983. His professional affiliations include Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals, Wayne County District Court Judge's Association – Treasurer 2008-09; Secretary 2009-10; Sec-ond Vice President 2010-11; First Vice President 2011-2012. He is a member (by appointment of Michigan Supreme Court) of the Limited English Proficiency Steering Committee which is charged with developing proposed standards and court rules governing the provision and qualifications of interpreters and translators for participants in the state court system.

Somers is married and the father of two adult children.

His community activities include: American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee - Advisory Board member

BRIDGES participant (Building Respect in Diverse Groups to Enhance Sensitivity), First United Methodist Church of Dearborn – Board of Trustees, Friends of the Dearborn Symphony and Kiwanis Club of Dearborn Outer Drive among others.

**State the nature of your current practice (member of a firm, independent, etc.).**

I am and have been a District Court Judge for over 9 ½ years. Elected to the 19th District Court, Dearborn in 2002

for the six-year term Jan. 1, 2003; re-elected in 2008 and currently serving the six-year term commencing Jan. 1, 2009.

Appointed Chief Judge of the 19th District Court by the Michigan Supreme Court for three consecutive two-year terms – 2006-2007, 2008-2009 and 2010-2011.

As judge of the 19th District Court, I preside over an annual case-load averaging over 2,500 criminal misdemeanor cases and over 150 criminal felony preliminary examinations together with juvenile misdemeanors and thousands of civil cases.

Presiding judge for the 19th District Court Drug Treatment Court from 2005 to the present.

**Why are you running for circuit court? What are your particular qualifications for this job?**

I would like to take my years of experience to the next level in order to serve a broader constituency. My particular qualifications are 19 years of private practice and 9 ½ years of judicial experience. Before taking the bench in 2003 I had over 19 years of general private practice handling criminal, family and civil cases in over 40 state and federal courts and administrative tribunals.

**Describe your trial experience.**

As a practicing attorney I tried both civil and criminal cases in the District and Circuit courts. As a judge, I have presided over hundreds of bench and jury trials in both the criminal and civil law.

**How can you make a difference on the court?**

I can make a difference on the Circuit Court bench by bringing my 29 years of legal experience and the same determination, hard work and judicial philosophy that I have exercised as a District Court Judge.

**What expertise – in business or law – gives you an edge over your opponents?**

I have a lot to offer in experience and service to the bench and community and will leave the comparisons for the voters.

### John Joseph Sullivan

John J. Sullivan, 42, lives in Northville. He holds a bachelor's degree and a



Sullivan

juris doctor from the University of Michigan. His is a member of the Michigan Bar Association, Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association, Michigan Association for Justice and Wayne County Probate Bar Association. Sullivan is married and the father of three children (college, high school and middle school). He has practiced law for 16 years and has been running his own law practice in Wayne County for the past 14 years.

**State the nature of your current practice (member of a firm, independent, etc.).**

I currently run my own private law practice in Wayne County in which I provide a wide range of services to people. I do a great deal of work through appointments from current Wayne County Judges. My current practice includes probate work including guardianships, Guardian Ad Litem assignments and mental docket work. I have experience in personal injury, contracts, family law, criminal law, real estate and general consumer law.

**Why are you running for circuit court? What are your particular qualifications for this job?**

I have a deep desire to help serve and protect my community and to help people. I have spent a great deal of time serving Wayne County in many capacities and I have served on numerous boards and agencies including both the Michigan Association

of Counties and Wayne County's Judiciary and Public Safety Committees. I have run my own small business and I have experience as an elected law maker in Wayne County and serving as an Administrative Law Judge for the State of Michigan.

**Describe your trial experience.**

I have a great deal of trial experience and work regularly in the Wayne County courts. I also have experience as an Administrative Law Judge where I have conducted approximately 1,000 arraignments and 100 trials.

**How can you make a difference on the court?**

I am a hard worker that will put in the hours to move my court docket timely. I have a reputation for being very patient and having a great judicial temperament. I will make smart decisions that will be beneficial to the parties in court and to our community.

As a judge I will have the opportunity to not only serve our community but to protect our community from criminals and to help people turn their lives around. I will fully utilize all opportunities to help those that need drug and/or mental health treatment to get the assistance that they need so that they do not end up back in our judicial system over and over again.

**What expertise – in business or law – gives you an edge over your opponents?**

I have been a small business owner for over 14 years. I was elected to four terms as a Wayne County legislator. I have served as a member of the Michigan Parole Board and as an Administrative Law Judge. I have very strong moral and ethical values and have always made being a good husband and father my top priority. I have worked very hard for many years to make myself the best and most well prepared candidate for this job.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, August 15, 2012 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The ZBA will consider a request from a resident at 19664 Fry Road (Article 41, Zoning Board of Appeals) to appeal the decision of the Building Department to deny a building permit for a new residence. Written comments regarding these requests will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M.

Paul Slatin, Chair  
Zoning Board of Appeals

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**HAAS, JULIA H.**  
Age 95, passed away July 24, 2012. She was born on June 11, 1917, in Detroit, to the late Daniel and Nostofa (Mihalka) Andreica. She enjoyed dancing to big band music with her husband. They made a beautiful couple when they were on the dance floor together. On August 2, Julia and her late husband would have celebrated their 70th anniversary. She is survived by her children: Daniel & Cindy Haas, Carolyn Kay Haas, Michael & Debbie Haas, Thomas & Jackie Haas; 12 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Lawrence on January 26, 2012, her parents, her 3 sisters: Helen, Irene and Mary. A Funeral mass was celebrated on Friday, July 27, at Old St. Patrick Catholic Church. Memorial contributions may be made to Old St. Patrick Catholic Church, 5671 Whitmore Lake Rd., Ann Arbor, MI. Arrangements entrusted to: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online Guestbook at: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

**NELSON, BURT H.**  
Age 52, passed away July 23, 2012, at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born on May 1, 1960, in Wayne, son of Carl and Ruby Nelson. Burt was a 1978 graduate of South Lyon High School. He was a master plumber and owned his own plumbing business. He had a passion for hunting, fishing and coaching softball. Burt was the founder of Fighters Fast-pitch. He will always be remembered as a man who loved life. He had a courageous, 10 year battle with cancer- never giving up. He is survived by his beloved wife Shelly of 24 years; daughters: Crystal & Olivia; parents: Carl & Ruby Nelson; granddaughter Lily and his four legged best friend, Patches; sisters: Nannette & Joe Fiers, Carla & Robert Nester, Andrea & Nash Saucedo; mother-in-law Shirlene Scouten, father-in-law Kent Scouten & sisters-in-law: Sandy Scouten & Sue Danyluk; nieces and nephews: Renee, Jeremy, Nathan, Carl(Amy), Dominique, Nicki, Jared, softball daughters, many aunts, uncles and cousins; two sons Burt & Russell. Visitation was on July 25, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A memorial service Thursday, July 26, at 11a.m. at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2945 E. Northfield Church Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48105. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family of Burt Nelson. Online Guestbook [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

**THOMPSON, MAXINE**  
Age 87, South Lyon, passed 7/23/12. Cherished mother, grandmother, loving great-grandmother & great-great-grandmother  
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Age 73, passed July 28, 2012. A private family service was held. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home. Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

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NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Larcenies

**1** Northville Township Police dealt with a series of larcenies from vehicles over a recent four-day period.

One incident occurred on July 25 or 26 and happened to a 34-year-old Northville woman while her car was parked at home in the 46000 block of W. Main Street. She had a DVD player stolen from her unlocked vehicle.

Another happened during the same time period and had a catalytic converter cut and removed from a vehicle. The victim was a 40-year-old Northville man, whose vehicle was parked in the 19600 block of Neptune Court. The theft was found after the vehicle was towed to Davis Auto.

The third incident hap-

pened in the 19200 block of Silver Spring Drive on July 26 or 27. This time a laptop and GPS were stolen.

Stolen keg and bottles, cans

**2** A Livonia man was arrested for stealing an empty keg from the Applebee's on Haggerty Road.

The 42-year-old man was observed by the restaurant manager taking an empty keg. The man later admitted to Northville Township police that he took a keg and some returnables because "times are tough".

Applebee's stated there has been a history of kegs going missing from its outdoor storage area. The suspect told police he

took the items to Detroit and exchanged them for money.

Drunken driving

**3** A 57-year-old Burton woman was arrested for drunken driving after being pulled over for erratic driving.

On July 29, Northville Township police officers responded to a call of a possible drunken driver on Six Mile Road. The police observed the suspected driver weaving and when pulling over to stop near Winchester Drive, she hopped the curb a bit.

It was reported the officer had thought the woman may drive away as he approached her car and attempted to talk with her. However, she finally came to a full stop.

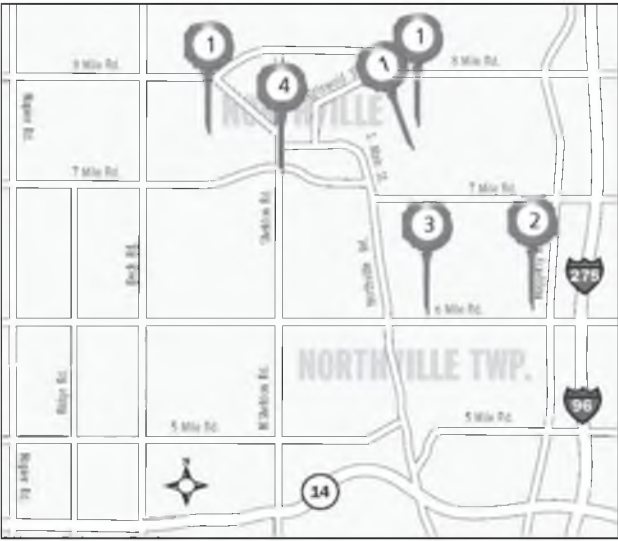
The woman said she

was on her way home to "Genesee" and did not know how she ended up in Northville. Reportedly, her speech was slurred and the interior of the vehicle smelled of intoxicants. After having trouble understanding the field sobriety instructions the woman was given a preliminary Breathalyzer test and registered a .183 percent blood-alcohol content.

Concealed weapons

**4** Two people were arrested for carrying concealed pistols while being intoxicated.

On July 28, Northville City Police stopped a vehicle for speeding along S. Center Street near Seven Mile Road and Edward Hines Drive. The driver,



a 25-year-old Wayne man, said he has a CPL license for his gun in the vehicle. He did admit to having a few shots at a club in Novi.

His PBT registered a blood-alcohol content of .12 percent, so he was arrested on OWI and for carrying a concealed weapon while intoxicated.

His passenger, a 22-year-

old Southfield woman, was also arrested for the concealed while intoxicated charge after police gave her a Breathalyzer to see if she could drive home. She too was over the limit and was in possession of a 9 mm pistol.

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GARDEN

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by items and sports items. Pricing of such items by supporters is appreciated.

Organizers of the sale will also accept scrap metal such as steel, aluminum and copper. Donation checks payable to "Friends of Northville Parks and Recreation" are also welcome, with a note of "Thayer's Corner Nature Area" in the memo. The address for the 501(c)3 organization is: Friends of Northville Parks and Recreation, 40138 Bexley Way, Northville, MI 48168.

Donated items will be accepted at the barn at Thayer's Corner: 3-5 p.m. Mondays, July 23 or 30; 3-5 p.m. Wednesdays, July 25 or Aug. 1; 9-11 a.m. Thursdays, July 26 or Aug. 2; 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays,



John Assenmacher waters some of his large collection of heirloom squash on July 11 that he's growing at Thayer's Corner. Assenmacher, who lives in the city of Northville, would like to grow squash at home but doesn't have room for the plant that really likes to spread out.

July 24 or 31; 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 28. The property is run by volunteers, Gans said,

and includes 74 gardens and several nature trails. One trail is just a quarter-mile, and is the "Critter Trail" youngsters can walk with a laminated card and identify animals.

There's also a historic barn circa 1850 that's been restored.

The site, which won a state Historic Preservation Network award in 2007, this year welcomed a picnic shelter incorporating old gazebo wood from downtown Northville. That was recently dedicated at Thayer's Corner.

Some of the volunteer gardeners have more than one garden. A woman gardens three, Gans said, giving extra produce to Northville Civic Concern and others for needy people.

"It's a lot of work," Gans said of the gardening.

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A honey bee busies itself in the petals of a giant sunflower at Thayer's Corner on July 11.

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# Thayer’s Schoolhouse donated to township

## Veolia/Arbor Hills Landfill agreed to give land for \$1

**By Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

With the donation and real estate agreement agreed upon, Thayer’s Corner Schoolhouse is now officially part of the Northville Township Community.

The Northville Township Board of Trustees approved a resolution on July 19 to accept the donation by Veolia ES Arbor Hills Landfill for the property in the amount of \$1. The schoolhouse and surrounding land is less than one acre in size and situated at Six Mile and Napier roads.

“The generous offer saves for posterity one of the last one-room schoolhouses in Michigan,” said Trustee Marjorie Banner, who also serves on the township’s Historic District Commission.

Banner said the HDC first approached Veolia and its Michigan Area Manager, Angelo Caramagno, about the idea several years ago. They were receptive and had legal counsel worked out the details. She said they are very grateful.

Trustee Marv Gans said both parties have been cooperating for some time and it’s appreciated. The location is in



The sign above Thayer Schoolhouse at Napier and Six Mile Road.

disrepair and Gans said the roof has been covered with a blue tarp.

According to Banner, the HDC will soon begin the process of cleaning and restoring the site.

For longtime Northville resident Jean Bemish, this is a great development. She attended the one-room school, which was for students in kindergarten through middle school, from 1947-1951.

“It will be good to see it fixed up and preserved for future generations,” Bemish said. “It will be a great learning



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Members of the Northville Township Historic Commission take a look at the Salem Fractional School District #1 building at the corner of Napier and Six Mile Road on July 26. The group is hoping to restore the building, which was constructed in 1877, to its original condition and have already begun to stabilize its exterior. Shown (l to r) are chairman Joe Oldenburg; Bill Sivy; Marjorie Banner; John Palmer; John Colling; and Fred Shadko.

tool for kids to see what life was like in a one-room school.”

She went to Thayer’s after moving out to Northville from Detroit in the late 1940’s and went there for 6th, 7th and 8th grades. It was a new experience for

her, but it’s one she would not trade for anything.

“We were a close knit community,” she recalled.

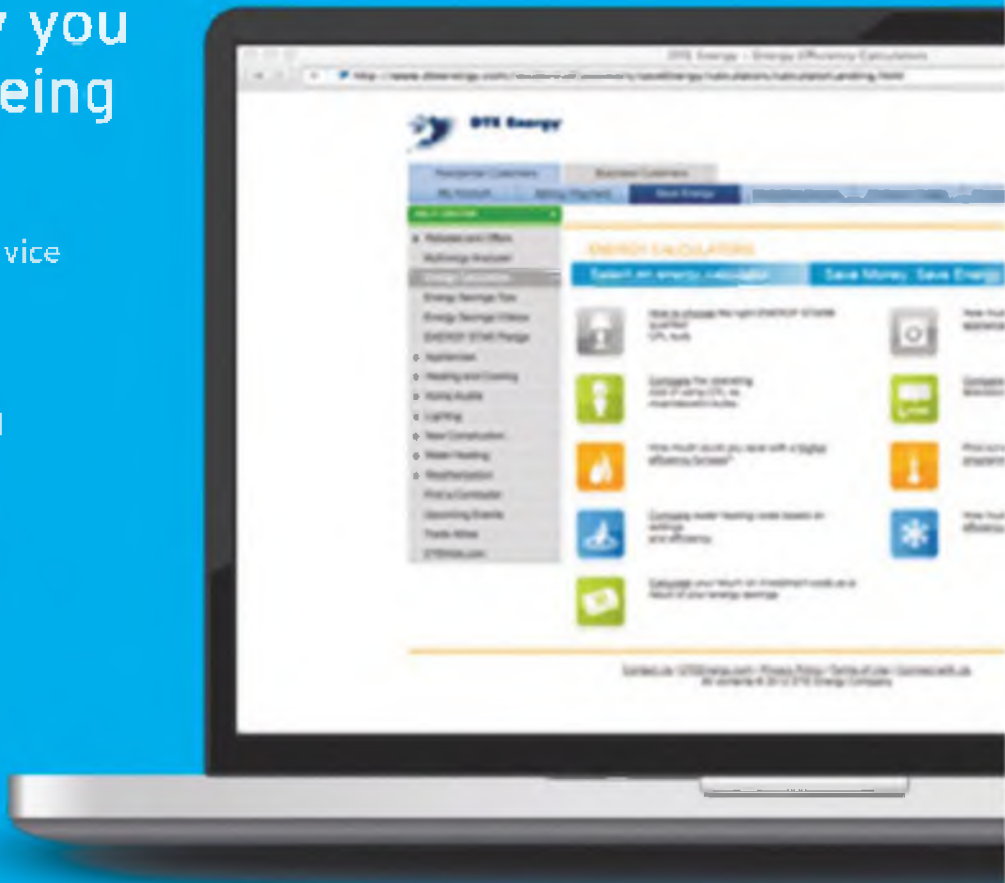
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## OUR VIEWS

# Nix, Banner, Gans, Herrmann, Heath and Shadko: Best choices for township board

### SUPERVISOR

There are no Democrats running for Northville Township supervisor against three Republican candidates -- Ed Kriewall, Bob Nix and Chris Roosen -- in the Aug. 7 primary.

**Bob Nix** has earned our endorsement with credentials, background, temperament and experience that will be invaluable to Northville Township in the future. An attorney, Nix has over 20 years in commercial business and real estate transactions, giving him the negotiation and facilitation skills critical for what this position will demand. As chair of the township planning commission, he has also built consensus, made good decisions and been a leader.

### TREASURER

Current trustee Marjorie Banner and former supervisor Karen Woodside are vying for the Republican nomination for Northville Township treasurer. With no Democrats on the ballot, the Aug. 7 primary is tantamount to election.

**Banner** gets our endorsement with a solid resume of township involvement which includes the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Seven Mile Property Steering Committee, the Historic District Commission, the Economic Development/Brownfield Commission, Northville Youth Assistance and Friends of Thayer's Corner Nature Area. She is well-suited for the role and would be an ideal replacement for Richard Henningsen, who decided not to run again.

### TRUSTEES

Four of the five Republicans in the Aug. 7 primary race for Northville Township trustee will face Democrat Michael Nolta in the November election.

Incumbent Marv Gans has served for 16 years. He has been instrumental in all aspects of the township's fine facilities for many years. He is relentlessly devoted and committed to Northville Township and brings a vast amount of experience that no other candidate can offer.

Mindy Herrmann, a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps, was elected to the board four years ago and has served on the parks and recreation and senior advisory commissions.

Fred Shadko helped lead the anti-annexation effort against Livonia a few years ago, and he's been involved in the dog park, the historic district commission, the historical society and served on the Green Ribbon Steering Committee to determine the future of the vast Seven Mile property.

Symantha Heath also served on the Green Ribbon Committee and has been involved in a wide variety of local organizations -- from Girl Scouts and PTA to sports associations. She's also seen her own law business survive and thrive in a tough economy, and will make sure the township operates as efficiently as possible. **Marvin Gans, Mindy Herrmann, Fred Shadko and Symantha Heath** are solid choices for election in the GOP primary Aug. 7.

# Take time to cast your vote in Tuesday's primary election

Next Tuesday is primary election day in Michigan.

That's the day registered voters will go to the polls to decide the makeup of political races at the national, state, county and local levels for the November general election. They'll decide the fate of a number of county and local tax requests and narrow the field of candidates in non-partisan judicial races.

A lot of decisions will be made. Unfortunately, very few people will take the time to get involved in them.

Those who won't vote are content to sit on the sidelines and let someone else make the decisions for them. They have a myriad of reasons why they can't - or won't - participate in the electoral process. They all ring hollow when you look at the availability of absentee ballot and polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day, not to mention the sacrifices that have been made to protect our right to vote.

Even claiming to not know the candidates or the issues is flawed argument. Information can be found from a variety of sources in print and on the web. Most candidates have websites, they mail out infor-

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**2, 8, 9, 13:** Silver Springs Elementary; 19801 Silver Springs Drive  
**3 & 4:** Northville High School; 45700 Six Mile Road  
**6 & 11:** Winchester Elementary; 16141 Winchester Drive  
**7 & 12:** Meads Mill Middle School; 16700 Franklin  
**10 & 14:** Ridge Wood Elementary; 49775 Six Mile Road  
**5:** Kings Mill Clubhouse; 18120 Jamestown Circle

### City of Northville

**1:** City Hall; 215 W. Main Street (Wayne County residents)  
**2:** Amerman School; 847 N. Center Street (Oakland County residents)

All polling locations open at 7 a.m. and close promptly at 8 p.m.

mational pieces and even go door to door to engage potential constituents.

The League of Women Voters has its vote411.org website that lets people read and compare responses side-by-side on relevant issues of candidates for the U.S. Senate, their U.S. Congressional district, and their State Representative district and even create a

## 11TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

# Cassis, Taj best choices for primary election

Voters in the 11th Congressional District will nominate a Republican and a Democrat in the Aug. 7 primary election to move on to the general election in November for the position's



Cassis



Taj

full term. A special election will be held Sept. 5 to fill the remainder of the term of Thad McCotter, who stepped down July 6.

We recommend Nancy Cassis, of Novi, as the Republican nominee. Her name won't be on the ballot - voters will have to write her name in and fill in the circle next to it. Opponent Kerry Bentivolio is the only name that will appear under the Republican Party Section of the ballot for the 11th Congressional District.

Cassis has a proven track

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

Besides her extensive experience and reputation as a hard worker, Cassis is knowledgeable about the issues and holds the same conservative values as most mainstream Republicans in the district. She has experience serving on tax committees in the state House and Senate so she knows Michigan's tax structure and what she believes needs to be fixed.

Syed Taj gets our nod as the Democratic nominee. A medical doctor and a member of the Canton Township Board of Trustees, Taj is a good listener who would be able to compromise and work across the aisle. He is well-versed on health care

and would work to improve the Affordable Care Act. He believes education will help the United States compete globally. Taj supports increased border patrols to stop illegal immigration, but wants to improve the immigration process so that foreigners who want to work professionally in this country can get here, just like he did.

Taj is the lone Democrat on the Canton board. His ability to work well with his Republican colleagues has earned him their respect.

Democrats and Republicans in the 11th District (Novi, Highland, Milford, White Lake, South Lyon, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Troy, Farmington, Canton Township, Livonia, Northville and Northville Township, Plymouth and Plymouth Township) have a clear choice in their respective primary on Aug. 7. We recommend Cassis and Taj to provide voters with a spirited debate leading up to the November general election.

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### DIA tax benefits taxpayers and region

The Detroit Institute of Arts is one of the top six comprehensive fine arts museums in the United States and attracts visitors and potential future residents from around the world.

Residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties will vote Aug. 7 on a proposed property tax of 0.2 mills for 10 years to help fund the DIA.

The proposal would cost the owner of a \$150,000 home about \$15 annually over the next decade.

Without the tax, the DIA may be forced to close select galleries on weekdays, and eliminate school tours and community outreach programs. The DIA receives no state, county or city funding. It has been relying on the private sector to make up the shortfall in its \$25 million operating budget, something it can't do long term.

Residents in the coun-

ties that approve the tax would receive free general admission to the museum. Admission is \$24 for two adults and two children so the tax would be a savings for families that visit the DIA just once a year.

Voters in at least two of the three counties must approve the ballot proposal or the DIA will have to start severely cutting programs and services.

The benefits to taxpayers and the metropolitan area far outweigh the cost -- Vote yes on the DIA ballot proposal Aug. 7.

### Yes on jail millage

Voters will be asked to renew 0.9381 mills to support the Wayne County Jail system on Tuesday, Aug. 7.

The millage is a 10-year renewal and money is used to operate the jail and fund other programs such as juvenile detention programs and facilities, work release programs, home detention and youth drug counseling.

While there is a lot of grumbling about how Wayne County manages tax dollars, most suburban leaders (of both parties) and all law enforcement officials, admit that this is a necessary renewal. The issue is how to make sure suburban communities are receiving their fair share of services.

This is not a new millage, it is a renewal (0.9381 mills or 94 cents per thousand dollars of taxable value). Retaining the millage means keeping more than 2,000 accused felons off the streets.

The jail millage renewal is estimated to generate approximately \$39 million in property tax revenue in 2012.

Michigan statute requires counties to provide jail facilities to house pre-trial felons and certain criminals sentenced to one year or less of incarceration.

Vote **yes** on Proposal J to continue funding the Wayne County Jail System.

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Carina Nelson is framed by a few products from the Northville Winery.

# Wine time

## Community welcomes new Northville Winery by Parmenter's

**By Julie Brown**  
Staff Writer

If you're looking for something fun to do this summer in Northville, the Northville Winery is available.

The winery is open for the summer 3-9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, located next to Parmenter's cider mill, in operation in Northville since 1873.

"We're going for something that is family-friendly," said co-owner Carina Nelson. She and husband Robert bought the winery from her in-laws, Robert's parents, as well as an aunt and uncle of his.

Robert and Carina Nelson got City Council approval in January to move the winery to the building west of the cider mill. Cheryl Nelson, Robert's mom, owns Parmenter's cider mill with her husband and family.

They'd like to be open all year this winter for the winery, said Carina Nelson, noting January and February are traditionally slow after the holidays and just events may be done then. The winery offers more room for hanging out than does the cider mill.

### Proud history

The winery opened originally in 1982. "It was always inside the cider mill. This'll be its 30th year," said Cheryl Nelson, explaining the move to the building just west required city approval.

The outdoor seating took the longest to get approved, she said. "But they were very helpful in trying to help us move it along," she said of the city.

There's music at the winery, generally 7-9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The Northville Brewing Company operates

there, making all the wines and hard cider.

"We use all Michigan products," Cheryl Nelson said. A humorous sign hangs by the bar, "Wine a Little, You'll Feel Better."

Hours will expand come Labor Day when the cider mill opens, Carina Nelson said, and Sunday music is possible then.

The winery opened June 1 with a soft opening, to make sure all is running smoothly. A Milford resident made the wooden tables, benches and barstools; the family's cousin from Farmington contributed by making the matching bar.

Robert and Carina live in South Lyon, his parents in Northville Township. The family's owned the business 21 years.

### 'Great products'

"They just make some great products," Cheryl Nelson said. Robert has won gold and other medals in international competition.

Her son's a classical guitarist with an Eastern Michigan University master's degree in music performance.

"We love our business," she said. "We try to work hard at it and so do they."

They've had good comments from Northville residents living nearby. "Hopefully the word is getting out," she said. "The community has been very welcoming to us."

Her daughter-in-law agreed. "It seems like the people in the neighborhood, the immediate neighborhood, have been extremely welcoming," Carina said. "They've been extremely gracious and welcoming that we're there."

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## NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Retail sales and forecasts slip but remain positive

Michigan retail sales and forecasts stalled in June but continued to show improvement over last year, according to the Michigan Retail Index, a joint project of Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

"The performance of Michigan's retail industry slipped from May to June, catching up to a national trend that began two months earlier," said MRA President and CEO James P. Hallan. "However, we are still seeing year-to-year growth, a broader picture of where we are."

Michigan's unemployment rate rose in May and June, contributing to the fall-off in retail sales performance in June, Hallan said.

The June Michigan Retail Index found that 50 percent of retailers increased sales over the same month last year, while 33 percent recorded declines and 17 percent saw no change. The results create a seasonally adjusted performance index of 58.6, down from 61.9 in May. A year ago June it was 52.1.

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

Looking forward, 58 percent of retailers expect sales during July-September to increase over the same period last year, while 17 percent project a decrease and 25 percent no change.

That puts the seasonally adjusted outlook index at 71.9, down from 77.5 in June. A year ago June it was 63.7.

For the important back-to-school sales period, 53 percent of retailers said they expect flat sales compared to last year, while 31 percent expect improved sales.

Northern Michigan retailers led the state in June with 65 percent of the regional group reporting sales increases over June 2011. Gifts stores and apparel stores throughout the state rang up the best numbers among the various trade lines.

### Rocky's of Northville completes remodel

Rocky's Restaurant in Northville has remained one of the locals' favorite dining spots, with a long list of awards and kudos for their 19 years of providing incomparable food and service. They boast of having been voted Northville's #1 Best Restaurant by the readers of The Northville Record for three years in a row. Rocky's was also listed in Nation's Restaurant News as "One of Detroit's Hot Spots".

So why would a restaurant that has enjoyed a long history of success decide to undergo a remodel and menu change?

To better ensure that they can continue as a local favorite for other many more years to come.

"It gets tougher and tougher each day to compete with the national chains that have larger budgets than I ever will," Chef Chuck "Rocky" Rachwitz said. "We wanted to keep our dining room décor and menu as is in that the public has been very supportive and we want to keep them happy. The lounge however, has been underutilized for some time now. We felt it was time to give it a facelift and take another look at our menu offerings in an effort to appeal to a younger crowd who enjoys a bit more casual dining."

Some of the changes include fresh paint, new logo and signage, modern interior lighting, interesting artwork; Amish-made tables, autographed sports memorabilia and numerous large screen TV's that will feature all-sports-all-the-time

Chefs Rocky and his team of chefs, some dating back 18 years, spent several weeks developing new offerings that would appeal to the younger, more casual diner.

"I was careful to keep the traditional Rocky's favorites on the menu, many of which I brought with me from my days as executive chef for the Chuck Muer Corporation, including Frutti di Mare and Red or White Clam Sauce Linguine," he said.



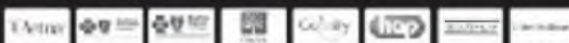
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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Voting for Nix**

I am a relatively new resident of the community and one of the

reasons we chose to live in Northville Township is the evidence of controlled and planned development. I have evaluated the candidates for supervisor and clearly Bob Nix is the

most qualified candidate to continue that history. I am especially impressed with his leadership of the Planning Commission and real estate legal skills that will benefit the town-

ship in the future. I look forward to having Bob Nix as our new supervisor and encourage all residents to vote Aug. 7.

**Kristin Timpner Eiseman, DDS**  
Northville Township

**Support the DIA millage**

On Aug. 7, the voters of Macomb, Wayne and Oakland counties will vote on a millage that would fund a portion of operations at the DIA for 10 years. During

that 10-year period, the DIA will encourage its private donors to direct gifts to the DIA endowment to a point where income from the endowment can replace the millage when it automatically expires.

If the millage fails, there is a high likelihood that the DIA will have to sharply curtail its operations, drastically limit hours and exhibits and lose key personnel who are critical to the institution's future. Eating into the endowment on an emergency basis, as some have suggested, would only briefly delay the day of reckoning and would actually assure the DIA's complete demise. We think this would be a terrible thing for our community. It would be grist for the mill of those who see only the negatives in our region and who ignore all the signs of progress.

Taxes are a real concern to people at this time, but we believe that the DIA millage is something different and unique. First, the millage will pass or fail based on a direct vote of the people to be taxed. Next, the proceeds will go straight from the taxpayers to the applicable County Arts Commission and then directly to the DIA. Each county will audit all transfers and expenditures of these millage proceeds. No tax monies will be put into the hands of any other government entity. The DIA has an exemplary

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Leann Meixner wraps some knitted creations into a tree outside the Northville Art House during her group's July 25 "yarn bombing" of the building.



"School of Thought" by Jan Waller is among works in the exhibit.



Some of the yarn-bombing group's creations line the sidewalk outside the Northville Art House — ready to be displayed among its trees.

# Thoughts With Thread

## Art House features fiber art

With a nod to tradition and an eye to the future, the Northville Art House presents "Thoughts With Thread," a fiber art show of work using both age-old and contemporary techniques. The juried exhibit features art quilts, woven tapestries, embroidery, paper, baskets, felted wool and figurative work.

The exhibit showcases work from the following artists: Jill Ault; Cynthia Trevino Bodene; Kat Campau; Mary York Gentry; Andrea Irwin; Gretchen Jackson; Urban Japena; Debra Kolar; Susie Krage; Lynn Krawczyk; Jacqueline Lams; Linda Larsen; Leann Meixner; Loretta Oliver; Sybil Phelps; Judith Pyko; Patrice A. Smith; Patricia Smith; Rebecca Pittman Stockbridge; Jan Waller; Lenore Orlowska-Warren; and Sharon Weltner.

The show will open in the upper gallery, 215 W. Cady St., with an artist reception Aug. 3 and will continue through Aug. 25 during the Art House Gallery hours (Wednesday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m.). For additional information, call (248) 344-0497 or visit [www.northvillearts.org](http://www.northvillearts.org). The Art House is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Admission to Art House shows is always free and open to the public.

The facility is also open First Fridays only, 1-9 p.m.

Related to the show, the Art House underwent a "yarn bombing," a type of graffiti or street art employing colorful displays of knitted or crocheted yarn. Donations of yarn and knitted pieces have been collected for several months and are working with what they've received.

Joan Potter Thomas, manager of the Art House, said, "We are continually surprised how many people don't know about the Northville Art House. We have free exhibits every month, classes and a gift store and are considered one of the small gems in the Detroit area gallery world, yet many people are unaware of what we are all about. Anything we can do to attract attention to our building is another way we can invite the Northville community to stop by and visit."

The local "yarn bombing" doesn't include enough for the entire building, she said, as has been done for other events.



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Joan Potter Thomas and some Friends of the Northville Art House "yarn bombed" the building on July 25. The group spent the morning hanging their colorful works in its surrounding trees and columns. Thomas said that the group hoped to draw attention to the art resource building that too often escapes locals' interest. The yarn creations will stay up until September — or until they get too soggy and begin to unwind.



A "yarn bomber" adds a colorful knitted touch to a sign outside the Northville Art House during the group's July 25 visit.



"Remnants Collage 18" by Lynn Krawczyk is among featured works.



Took Gallagher, seated at rear, created this yarn-snake combination at the Northville Art House's July 25 "yarn bombing."



LETTERS

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cut in half by what seems to be a listing of the two representatives in this All-Star game? Well, at least the quote is finished later on in the article, right?

No, this is no ordinary spelling error that the Grammar Police can overlook.

This article shows the complete ignorance of any editing effort from this significant paper.

Maybe the authors think that the pictures and captions are enough for this small-town paper. However, I do not agree.

This town deserves more in a representation of itself. It deserves an effort from the writers, editors, and anyone in the process of publishing this paper to display the level of education of this town to all readers.



Politicians try to sway voters with yard signs like these at Winchester and Six Mile in Northville Township.

**Scott Zwierzchowski**  
Northville

The error occurred on the production end, and was not due to lack of editing. Yes, the first five paragraphs were erroneously repeated. The sixth paragraph that Mr. Zwierzchowski refers to as a quote was actually the story's drophead (a secondary headline

that follows the main headline). What turned out to be the seventh paragraph should have actually been the beginning of the story. — Editor

**Nix for supervisor**

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Broncos' Zach Wilds launched this pitch for a run-scoring double in Northville's big seventh inning against the Youngstown Kuboff's July 27.

# NABF tourney success from start to finish

31st year of World Series in Northville could have been best yet

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

Scott Baldwin is likely napping right now. The director of the NABF World Series tournament in Northville had his hands full last week with the biggest-ever turnout of 12 teams. The tournament started last Wednesday with a skills competition and opening ceremonies. Northville won three of the four skills events and then made a run at the championship before bowing to Creekside Fitness of Youngstown, Ohio, 3-0, in the semi-final game. Creekside Fitness then went on to play the Sayo Grays in the title game last Sunday. "After a seesaw battled

marred by injuries and ambulance visits, Sayo broke a 6-6 tie in the top of the seventh inning and it looked like they would get out with the win," said Baldwin. "However, with two outs in the bottom of the inning and things looking bleak, (tournament) MVP Zack Miller hit a screaming line drive down the right field line for a two-run double to win the game and National Championship in walk-off style." Miller earned Most Valuable Player honors in the NABF World Series while Carmen Caruso of the Schenectady Indians was named as the tournament Batting Champion. The final records for each team were: Creekside Fitness:

5-1; Sayo Grays: 5-1; Toronto Mets: 3-2; Top Tier Nationals: 3-1; Northville Broncos: 2-3; Team Cincinnati: 2-2; B45 Marucci Titans: 2-2, Schenectady Indians: 1-2; La Plata Juniors: 1-2; Ohio Glaciers: 1-3; Allen Baseball Academy: 0-3; and Kuboff: 0-3. The tournament was only slowed down slightly due to some inclement weather that struck the area on Thursday and Friday. That, said Baldwin, was due to the outstanding Northville Public Schools ground crew that was quick to keep the weather from being a factor on the field. "(They were) unbelievable in their support," said Baldwin. "They were out mowing before dawn every day to make sure the tournament

went well." Baldwin said the tournament could never be possible without all of the support given by the Northville community. "Our volunteers worked tirelessly to organize, keep score, announce, and officiate the games," he said. "Our banquet, chaired by Carrie Słominski, at the Sheraton was our largest (400) and most successful ever." Even the teams that played noticed how much work the volunteers put in. "I'd like to thank the tournament staff for an awesome tournament and wish the Broncos organization well in the future NABF World Series," said Northville Broncos coach Ken Cheslik.

# Broncos make run to NABF quarterfinals

Team does community proud against top-rated teams

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

There's no doubt that the NABF World Series is chock full of some of the best U16 teams in the country, so it's always a question at the beginning of the tournament of how well the local Northville Broncos are going to stack up. This year the Broncos proved they could play with the best of them, going 2-3 overall while making a run to the semi-finals before bowing out against a very strong Creekside Fitness squad, 3-0. Creekside went on to win the NABF championships over the Sayo Grays. The run toward the finals was the far-

thest any Northville squad has ever made it in over 30 years of NABF tournaments. "In our semi-final game, we faced a very good pitcher who was able to throw a one-hitter against us," said Northville coach Ken Cheslik. "And though we did very well holding them to only four hits, we just couldn't make anything happen. "Our guys played great and if a couple of breaks went our way, the ending would have been different." The Mustangs did earn a 3-2 victory over the Top Tier Nationals in the quarter finals to earn a berth to the semifinal game.

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Northville Broncos Nolan Waldeck, left, is congratulated at home by a teammate after scoring on an error by the Youngstown Kuboff's.

# Ferrante earns All-America status

Northville sophomore takes second in Junior Olympics

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

If you want to be the best, then you train with the best and compete with the best — that's the typical law of athletics. Jason Ferrante, who will be a sophomore this fall at Northville High School, has been doing just that. When he's not wearing the orange and black of the Mustangs, he's found training with the Michigan Accelerator track and field team. There he has run, with success, in the 4-by-800 relay as well as the individual 800-meter race. That training and his desire to run against the best athletes paid off earlier this year with a state championship title in the club track scene and last week turned Ferrante and his three relay teammates into All-Americans. The Accelerator team turned in a second-place performance in the Junior Olympics in Baltimore, Maryland last week. The finish gave each athlete a silver medal and All-America honors. His teammates in the race were Marvin Franklin, Keegan Biegalski and Ben Hayes. "Placing high in such an elite field of athletes means so much to me and my track season," said Ferrante. "It shows all of the hard work I have put in over the years and how my training is really paying off. It also helps give me confidence and momentum towards my upcoming high school cross country season." Ferrante will likely be a key element in the Northville cross country season as he looks to step into a role vacated by the graduation of Edward Clifton. He'll be running with standout harrier Dan Sims. "All of my training is definitely going to pay off this year in cross country," said Ferrante. "I feel like the foot speed I have developed over this track season is going to translate into my cross season and give me an edge over other athletes. I'm hoping to do some big things this year for Northville." Ferrante's ultimate goal is a Division I scholarship to run in the collegiate ranks as well as an All-State finish in high school track and the boys 800-meter school record. In cross country, he said he hopes to earn All-State status, get on the all-time record board and help Northville make a run at a state championship.



MARYBETH FERRANTE

Jason Ferrante, who will be a sophomore this fall at Northville High School, recently ran in the Junior Olympics and placed second with his 4x800 team to take a silver medal and earn All-America status.

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The Broncos dugout.

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The Broncos played hard on July 27 — as the muddied and torn up uniform of this player can attest.



Broncos' Nolan Waldeck reaches first after a Youngstown throwing error during Northville's July 27 game. Waldeck eventually scored a run in this, the 7th inning that saw two throwing errors and three wild pitches by the Youngstown, Ohio, Kuboff's.

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Broncos shortstop Jake Cheslik fires a shot to first after making a play in Northville's July 27 game.

## BRONCOS

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In pool play, the Broncos took a 9-1 loss to Creekside Fitness to begin the tournament, bounced back with a 7-3 victory over Kuboff last Friday and bowed to the Sayo Grays, 5-2, on Saturday.

"We have a great group of kids that I'm sure will find success in the future with whatever they choose to do," said Cheslik.

Northville also did well in the opening ceremonies of the tournament last Wednesday. Out of four events held, Northville won four with Zach Wilds earning the top honors in the home-run derby with six homers out of 10 pitches in the opening round and four-out-of-five in the championship round. Wilds is no stranger to the derby, having made the finals last year before being edged out for the title.

Jake Cheslik won the Golden Arm competition for the Broncos and the speed team of Eric Fox, Nolan Waldeck, Evan Wieland and Daniel Baldwin won the Road Runner Relay. It was the best any Northville team has ever done in the skills competitions.

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## Motor City Madness prevails



Novi-based Motor City Madness 13U Red won the USSSA 13U Eastern World Series in Maumee, Ohio (July 18-22). They played nine games in a tournament with 25 teams from nine states and finished with a record of 8-1. Pictured: (Front, from left) Isabella Buttazzoni, Aziza Afzal, Genny Soltesz, Nicole Ireland, Madysen Ampe. Middle: Lauren Holdsworth, Nicole Rinkel, Kaitlyn Wolschlager, Sydney Jascoe, Shirley Hao, Sydney San Juan, Coach Adam San Juan. Back: Coach Chris Soltesz, coach Brian Wolschlager, head coach Scott Ampe.

# Fall practices begin Aug. 6 with football

The 2012-13 Fall sports season officially begins next week, when approximately 110,000 student-athletes begin practice in eight sports in which Michigan High School Athletic Association sponsors post-season tournaments.

Practice sessions begins on Monday in football, followed by all other sports on Wednesday. Practice in football must begin on Aug. 6 for all schools wishing to begin regular season games the weekend of Aug. 23-26. Schools must have 12 days of preseason practice at all levels before their first game, which may not occur before 16 calendar days. All football schools must also conduct at least three days of practice before beginning contact, and those sessions may not include any pads.

In golf and tennis, competition may commence no earlier than after three separate days of team practice, and not before seven calendar days. The first day competition may

FALL DATES TO REMEMBER

**Cross Country:**  
Regionals – Oct. 26 or 27  
Finals – Nov. 3

**Football:**  
Selection Sunday – Oct. 21  
Pre-Districts – Oct. 26 or 27  
District Finals – Nov. 2 or 3  
Regional Finals – Nov. 9 or 10  
Semifinals – Nov. 17  
Finals – Nov. 23-24

**Girls Golf:**  
Regionals – Oct. 10 -11 or 12-13  
Finals – Oct. 19-20

**Soccer:**  
Districts – Oct. 15-20

Regionals – Oct. 23-27  
Semifinals – Oct. 31  
Finals – Nov. 3

**Girls Swimming & Diving:**  
Diving Quals – Nov. 13  
Finals – Nov. 16-17

**Boys Tennis:**  
Regionals – Oct. 11 or 12 or 13  
Finals – Oct. 19-20

**Volleyball:**  
Districts – Oct 29-Nov. 3  
Regionals – Nov. 6 & 8  
Quarterfinals – Nov. 13  
Semifinals – Nov. 15-16  
Finals – Nov. 17

take place in golf and tennis is August 15. In all other fall sports, contests can take place after seven days of practice for the team and not before 9 calendar days. The first day competition may take place in cross country, soccer, swimming and diving, and volleyball in the fall is Aug. 17.

This year, two football dates precede Labor Day, and Thursday varsity games will take place both weeks. Subvarsity competition may begin on Aug. 22. In Week 1, 81 games will be played on Thursday, 222 contests will be played on Friday, and 23 games will be played on Saturday. The following weekend, 239 games will be played on Thursday, 67 games will be played on Friday, and 5 games

will be played on Saturday.

There are several significant rules changes on football for 2012:

- On passing plays, a receiver must first contact and establish control of the ball while inbounds – regardless of the opponent's action. In other words, a catch cannot be ruled on plays where the receiver may have come down in bounds if not for the action of the defender.
- If a player's helmet comes off during a play, and did not occur as a result of a foul by the opponent, that player must leave the game for one play, unless it happens on the final play of a half or an overtime.
- Hand contact by a blocker below the waist of a defender is now considered blocking below the waist.
- The kicking team may not contact a member of receiving team on a kickoff until the ball has traveled 10 yards, or unless a member of the receiving team initiates the contact.

- Jerseys of the visiting team must be white in color, and home jerseys are restricted in the use of white for varsity competition. This was a rule change made in 2007 for implementation this season.

In soccer, Michigan will not participate in a National Federation rules change this year involving the disqualification from a game when a player receives a second yellow card and the subsequent red card. In Michigan, the player will still be ejected from the contest, but that team will not continue the game a player down. The penalty for a hand ball by a player other than the goalkeeper to prevent a score has been changed. If the goal is prevented, the penalty remains a disqualification of the player; however, if the goal is scored, the penalty will now be a caution to the player who deliberately handled the ball.

There are no substantial rules change in other fall sports.

## 2011-12 athletics participation drop slower than enrollment decline

For the first time in eight years, participation in high school sports in which post-season tournaments are sponsored by the Michigan High School Athletic Association dropped below the 300,000 mark during the 2011-12 school year, but the decrease was still slower than the drop in the general student population at member schools.

A total of 297,317 participants took part in the 28 tournament sports offered by the Association in the past year – a 1.5 percent decrease from the 2010-11 school year figure of 301,921.

Student enrollments at MHSAA member schools were down by 3.7 percent for the past school year. Girls participation was down 1.2 percent from a year ago with 124,724; and the boys total of 172,593 was down 1.7 percent. Since 2006-07, the student population at MHSAA member schools is down from 531,903 to 487,651 – a drop of 8.2 percent. Participation in that time span has dropped from 313,093, a decrease of 5.0 percent.

Records for participation in 2011-12 were set in four sports – two for boys and two for girls. Once again, cross country and lacrosse numbers hit all-time highs in both genders.

Also of note in this year's survey:

- Only two sports exhibited a drop in participation that was well beyond that of the drop in student enrollment. Boys golf was down 6.6 percent, and boys swimming



Mustang QB Evan Gertley tries to keep Wildcat Derek Cingel at arm's length during their 2011 Baseline rivalry game.

and diving was down 4.7 percent.

- Boys tennis continues a downward slide, with this year's participation of 6,815 the lowest point since the Association began tracking the numbers in 1991-92. Its losses since 2006-07 are the highest in terms of percentage of any sport at 21.5 percent (1,868 participants). By comparison, girls tennis participation is stable – up 0.6 percent in the same time period.
- Girls cross country set another record at 8,135, and participation in the sport is up 15.0 percent since 2006-07. In that same time period, boys cross country participation is up 6.1 percent.
- Basketball figures dropped 1.9 percent for boys and girls in 2011-12; also continuing a decline faster than the drop in student enrollments, and participation in both sports are at their lowest points since the Association began tracking the numbers in 1991-92. Since the 2006-07 survey, girls participation is down 10.9 percent and the boys number is down 8.8 percent – the second highest drops in raw numbers of all sports – girls are down 2,100 participants, boys 2,131.
- In terms of raw numbers, football has seen the biggest drop since 2006-

07, down 3,203 participants – a drop of 6.9 percent

- A total of nine sports have participating dropping at a faster rate since 2006-07 than enrollment numbers would suggest – boys tennis, girls swimming & diving, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls skiing, girls gymnastics, softball, and girls track & field.
- Seven sports have seen significant increases in participation since 2006-07 – boys & girls cross country, boys and girls bowling, boys swimming & diving, and boys and girls lacrosse. In percentages, girls lacrosse is up 30.3 percent – and boys lacrosse is up 26.2 percent.
- Ten sports had increases in participation in 2011-12 (7 girls-3 boys) and 18 sports had drops (7 girls-11 boys).

The participation figures are gathered annually from MHSAA member schools to submit to the National Federation of State High School Associations for compiling its national participation survey. Results of Michigan survey from the 2000-01 school year to the present may be viewed on the MHSAA Website – mhsaa.com – and clicking on Schools > Administrators > Sports Participation.



## Improve your curb appeal with a few outdoor painting projects

Summer is finally here, and with warmer temperatures and longer days, it's the perfect time to brighten up your home with a few outdoor painting projects. You can add the right amount of color and increase your curb appeal in just one weekend, leaving you the rest of the season to enjoy the finished product.

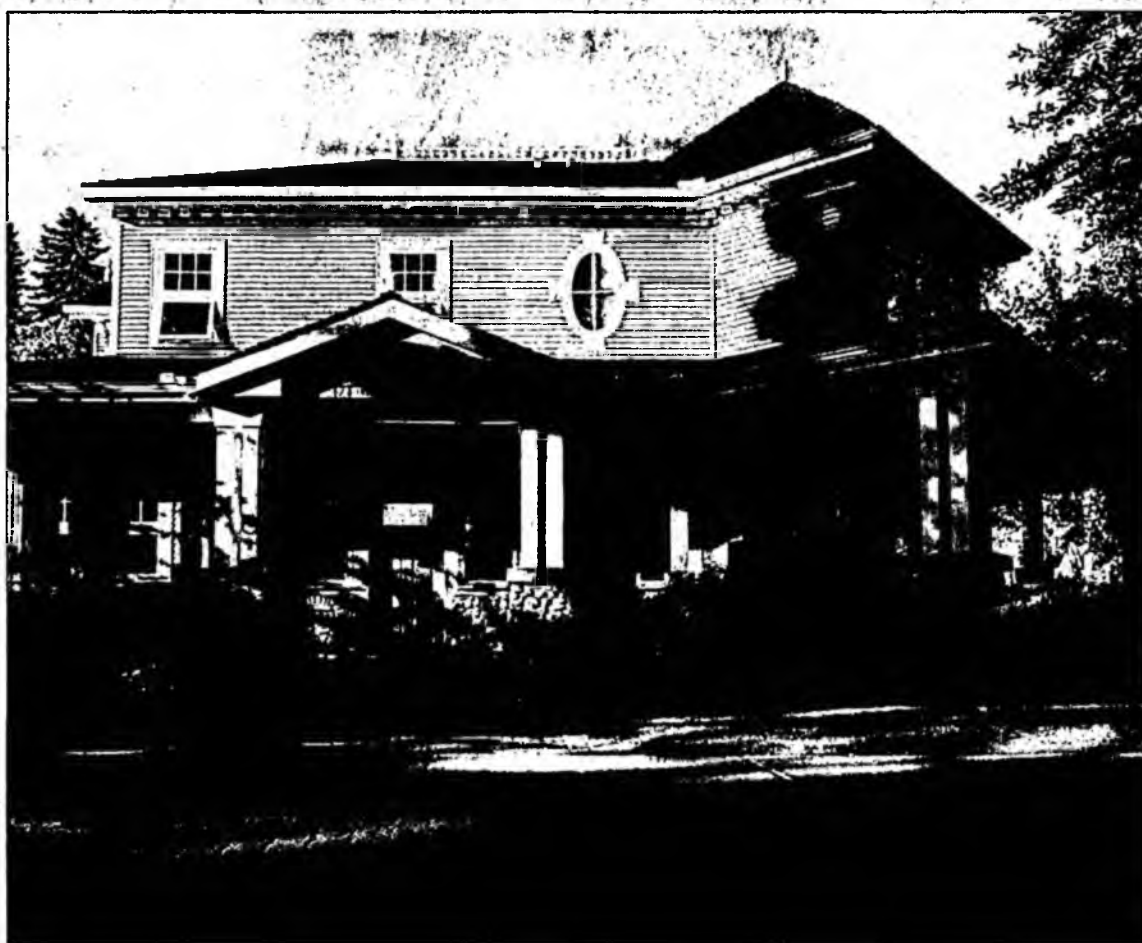
### Your home, your style

Before rushing to pick out a new paint color or even accessories, first determine what will complement your home's existing exterior features. By keeping in mind your house's style factors — like its design, size and age — you'll be able to make updates that add value to your home. Next, look for inspiration by browsing through home catalogs, online or even by driving through a few nearby neighborhoods. Make note of the color combinations you like on homes that are similar to yours.

Once you have your new palette in mind, you're ready to get to work. The fastest way to make an impact? Apply a fresh coat of paint or stain to outdoor areas like doors, shutters, trim and fencing.

To achieve professional-looking results, be sure to use a high-quality painting tool. If you're looking for a brush that can get nearly every job done, try the new XL Elite brushes from Purdy. These are great for interior and exterior projects because they provide ultimate performance with any paint or stain by delivering the perfect finish on any surface. Plus, they work great in all environments, but best with heavy-bodied and fast-drying coatings. Also, when properly cleaned and cared for, Purdy brushes will last for a number of years.

Doors, shutters and trim do more than just accessorize your



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home; they also make a big impact on its overall impression. Unfortunately, they take a beating from exposure to the elements, causing them to become faded and dingy. By repainting them, you can quickly make your house look more polished and refined. As with any painting project, surface preparation is the first important step. Make sure the surface is clean, dull and dry before starting to paint or stain. It is also important to remove loose or peeling paint so that you are starting with a smooth and uniform surface.

Now that the house looks refreshed, don't neglect wood fencing and latticework.

Update these surfaces with a new coat of paint or stain. Not only will it keep your entire property looking impeccable, it will help protect and extend the life of your fence or latticework. Surface preparation is also key for these projects. After cleaning the surface, remember to replace any broken or failed wood and replace any nails or screws that have failed before you start applying the paint or stain.

Be sure to add a few finishing touches to your lawn to really make it look pulled together. Planter boxes can add color and interest to your curb appeal, and can be re-

ranged whenever you're looking for a change. Freshen up yours with a new coat of paint to add additional color and fun to your space; consider using a bold shade to brighten things up. When picking out plants and flowers for the boxes, include a variance in size, color and texture for optimal results.

With these new summer projects, it's easy to increase your curb appeal, especially with the right painting tools and tips. Adding fresh colors to the outside of your home will make it more inviting for anyone who visits.

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## Investing options in Asia

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

**Q:** I travel to Asia and spend several months out of the year there. I am wondering if housing costs and/or the cost of living is less expensive in Cambodia than say Hanoi or other parts of Vietnam.

**A:** Generally speaking, upscale housing is generally more expensive in Cambodia. Every house usually has what is referred to as a "spirit house" separately attached which is designed to keep out the bad spirits and protect the family. The American dollar and English is widely accepted and there is a new high rise condominium under construction now in Phnom Penh. The units will range from \$150k U.S. to close to \$800k for a penthouse unit on the 20th floor or above. Condos in Hanoi generally are much more expensive per square foot in the city but as always, it depends on the location and the amenities.

**Q:** I hear Thailand offers a great climate for residential investment and/or living. What briefly can you tell me?

**A:** Bangkok has many condominium high-rises that foreigners can invest in. Of course, the closer to the river, where many of the five star hotels are located, the more expensive in this capital city. Indeed, condominiums are literally twice as expensive here than in Thailand's second largest city, Chiang Mai, which has no public transportation, unlike Bangkok, which has subways and buses. The economy is growing, but real estate is much cheaper than, for example, in Singapore, although the cost of living and currency is favorable to the U.S. dollar. It is best to consult with several different real estate agencies before making a purchase.

**Q:** I am interested in the residential opportunities for purchase in Seoul, Korea, because our company is planning on building a factory in the area. What do you know about Seoul?

**A:** Like most major cities in Southeast Asia, Seoul has a number of high rise apartments which they utilize as condominiums in the center or around the center of the City. Again, the cost of land in the center of the City is at a premium and is very expensive. However, Seoul has the opportunity to develop certain underutilized areas with respect to high rises, and new condominium apartments are being built at relatively modest prices. Transportation in Seoul is much better than, by way of example, Vietnam, as there are many more cars, with fewer restrictions in terms purchasing, as well as the fact that there are at least two major auto manufacturers in South Korea. I would contact an Americanized broker to assist you in the purchase of an apartment near the core of the City.



Robert Meisner

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS/WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 16-20, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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26262 Dundalk St \$180,000  
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28499 Orchard Lake Rd \$200,000  
28807 W King William Dr \$275,000  
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The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Participants will discuss what they have learned. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update.

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Call (800) 747-6742 or visit online at www.REIAofOakland.com.

#### Shopping for Investment Property

This is Class No. 3 in a series of 10 classes sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland. The 3 1/2 hour class will take place from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Aug. 4, at the Royal Oak Senior Center, 3500 Marias, Royal Oak, (north off 13 Mile, between Crooks and Main). The class teaches "What & Where" to buy investment property. Cost is \$49, plus materials.

For more information, email to ORE-IAClass@AddedValueRealty.com or call (248) 787-7325.

**Robert M. Meisner** is a lawyer and author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition, available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping/handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping/handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.



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## 9 health-care jobs for people who don't want to be a doctor

### Debra Auerbach, CareerBuilder Writer

When you ask children what they want to be when they grow up, a common answer is "doctor." When those children do eventually grow up, their job dreams may have shifted, but for those who still aspire to work in health care, doctor is just one of the many career paths to take. The population of elderly people in the U.S. is growing, and the health-care field is growing along with it. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the health-care and social assistance sector is projected to gain more jobs than any other sector between 2010 and 2020.

If you're interested in health care and medicine, but becoming a doctor just isn't for you, consider one of these nine health-care occupation alternatives:

#### 1. Cardiovascular technologists and technicians

What they do: Cardiovascular technologists perform tests via imaging technology on the heart and vascular system to help physicians detect and diagnose heart and blood-vessel conditions in patients. Most workers who enter this field receive an associate degree. Some technologists and technicians get on-the-job training, but many employers also require professional certification. Projected job growth between 2010-20: 29 percent (much faster than average) Median annual pay: \$49,410

#### 2. Clinical/medical lab technicians & technologists

What they do: These technicians

and technologists perform various tasks in a clinical lab, such as collecting samples and performing tests to analyze body fluids, tissue and other substances. In 2010, 52 percent of medical laboratory technologists and technicians worked in hospitals. Projected job growth between 2010-20: 13 percent (about as fast as average) Median annual pay: \$46,680

#### 3. Dental assistants

What they do: Dental assistants help dentists with patients in a variety of ways. Tasks include making patients comfortable before procedures, sterilizing equipment, teaching patients about proper dental hygiene and scheduling appointments. Almost all dental assistants work in dental offices. Projected job growth between 2010-20: 31 percent (much faster than average) Median annual pay: \$33,470

#### 4. Dietitians & nutritionists

What they do: As food and nutrition experts, dietitians and nutritionists advise patients on what to eat in order to lead a healthy lifestyle or reach certain weight goals. Most workers in this field have a bachelor's degree and have participated in supervised on-the-job training. Many states require dietitians and nutritionists to be licensed. Projected job growth between 2010-20: 20 percent (faster than average) Median annual pay: \$53,250

#### 5. Dispensing opticians

What they do: Dispensing opticians fit patients with eyeglasses and contact lenses. Opticians typically have a high-school diploma or

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#### 6. Health information and medical records technicians

What they do: The responsibilities of health information and medical records technicians include collecting and organizing health data, updating national cancer registries and coding medical bills for insurance reimbursement. The job outlook for this occupation is strong, given that more hospitals are transitioning to electronic health records. Projected job growth between 2010-20: 21 percent (faster than average) Median annual pay: \$32,350

#### 7. Home health and personal care aides

What they do: As the elderly population grows, the need for home health and personal care aides increases. These workers specifically help elderly, disabled or ill patients who aren't able to care for themselves independently. They help with everything from bathing and dressing to light housekeeping to dispensing medication. While most aides work in a client's home, others may work in group homes or care communities. Projected job growth between 2010-20: 70 percent (much faster

than average) Median annual pay: \$20,170

#### 8. Pharmacy technicians

What they do: Pharmacy technicians help licensed pharmacists dispense prescription medication. They also perform administrative tasks in pharmacies. While most technicians hold a high-school diploma or equivalent, some states require that they complete a formal training program and pass an exam. These technicians may work either full or part time in grocery or drugstore pharmacies or in hospitals. Projected job growth between 2010-20: 32 percent (much faster than average) Median annual pay: \$28,400

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#### 9. Speech-language pathologists

What they do: Speech-language pathologists, also known as speech therapists, help people with communication and swallowing disorders caused by anything from stroke to hearing loss to emotional problems. In this role, workers assess, diagnose and treat patients. Some pathologists choose to work with specific age groups, or they may focus on treatments for specific communication or swallowing problems. The standard level of education for speech-language pathologists is a master's degree. Projected job growth between 2010-20: 23 percent (faster than average) Median annual pay: \$66,920 \*Job descriptions, projected growth and median annual pay from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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