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Unofficial: Nix and Banner edge out opponents in Northville Township

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Turnout was about 30 percent for the city of Northville and Northville Township for the primary election Tuesday, which decided who will be the next Northville

For more election coverage please see page A6.

ended up being closer than anticipated, with close calls for supervisor and treasurer. According to

for two big proposals.

Township supervisor and funding

The Northville Township races

the unofficial results, Bob Nix edged Chris Roosen for supervisor by 2,035 votes to 1,533, while the race for

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Some of Northville **Township trustees** and supervisor hopefuls gathered at George's Senate Coney island on Tuesday night to await the results. From left are Samantha Heath, Bob Nix, Marv Gans, Fred Shadko, Marjorie Banner, and Mindy Herrmann. All six won their respective races.

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All smiles



Parks and Rec gets new director

Former Northville intern picked to fill important role

> **By Lonnie Huhman** Staff Writer

After whittling it down to three candidates, the Northville Parks and Recreation Commission has selected Jason Spiller to be the next director of the Parks and Recreation Department. The commission took a tally and ranked the candidates in order, with Spiller, who has accepted the job, garnering the most favor. This along with the recommendation for Spiller from the search committee, Spille which included Northville Township Manager Chip Snider and

Emergency food

The next distribution of emergency food by Plymouth Community United Way is scheduled Thursday, Aug. 16. The Emergency Food Assistance Program provides low-income Plymouth and Northville residents with canned and non-perishable items.

For information and to register, call Pat at Plymouth Community United Way at (734) 453-6879, ext. 2, or send an email to pat. vandusen@pcuw.org.

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Madison Boswell, 6, likes what she sees as she checks herself out in a mirror after getting her face painted Aug. 3 in downtown Northville during the Buy Michigan Now Festival. The 4th annual festival, which ran Aug. 3-5, showcased Michigan entertainers, businesses, products, and educational opportunities with the goal of revitalizing the local economy.



City Manager Pat Sullivan, was put into a motion and approved.

Spiller is the recreation facility supervisor

Piease see REC DIRECTOR, A8

Silver Springs Elementary principal resigns

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Silver Springs Elementary Principal Scott Snyder has resigned his position and informed the school district he will be pursuing other opportunities.

According to Northville Public School Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher, Snyder elected to resign effective Aug. 6. The district made the announcement by letter through its

In the letter Gallagher stated, "On behalf of the Board and the District, I extend my thanks to Prin-

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cipal Snyder for his years of service to our District and in particular for his commitment of service to Silver Springs Elementary School. I apprelater. ciate the devotion of his time, talents and energies to the Silver Springs' stu-

dents and families." Snyder could not be reached for comment.

This comes in the wake of the Board of Education's decision to not automatically extend Snyder's contract this past spring and the show of support for Snyder by a group of Silver Springs parents during a board of education meeting two months

The board's decision on his contract came after a long closed session meeting and afterward it stat-

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Silver Springs Elementary Principal Scott Snyder (right) has resigned.



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Officials approve plan for Northville U of M health center

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

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The site plan for the University of Michigan/ Northville Health Center has been approved by the Northville Township Planning Commission. Building work will most likely to begin at the start of 2013 and could take 12 months to complete, according to Schostak spokesperson David Johns.

On behalf of U of M, property owner REIS/ Schostak Brothers and Company went before the planning commission on July 31 to present the overall site plan for the health center that will be built on nearly 11 acres near the corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads. It was approved with the conditions that planners meet with Northville Township officials to sort out details primarily regarding landscape and elevation.

In June, REIS/Schostak



An artist's rendering of the main, or north, entrance of the University of Michigan/Northville Health Center near Seven Mile and Haggerty roads.

received approval for its land balancing plan to clear and ready 50 acres of the property for the eventual construction work. The clearing work has not yet begun, but Johns expects it to start soon.

Johns, Schostak's vice president of development, said the Northville Health Center will be two levels, both 50,000 square feet, and home to eight different medical departments. It is planned to act as a "hub" for U of M's ambulatory activities. There is another 10 acres of land

next to the planned site that may serve as a future expansion area for the health center.

On the first floor there will be a musculoskeletal clinic, procedure center and imaging suite, and on the second general clinic areas for adults and children along with call and education centers. The main entrance, along with a separate discharge area, will be on the north side with another smaller entry on the rear or south side. Hours of operation are expected to be 7 a.m. to 5



Artist rendering of the east side of University of Michigan/ Northville Health Center

p.m. with potentially longer hours for special situations.

The landscaping plan, which involves more than 200 trees and 400 shrubs, was a sticking point for the planning commission because in the plan the front/north area has a landscaping gap so as to make the building more visible from the road that will run through the property from Seven Mile to Haggerty.

Commissioner George McCarthy said the plan

must find a way to adhere to the set out township requirements, meaning more trees (at least 50) and shrubs (30) should be added to the area. Commission Chairperson Robert Nix said one goal is to rebuild the forest, especially along Seven Mile, so maybe the trees could be added along it.

The elevation issue deals with the exterior appearance of the building, specifically the south side of it. Basically, the plan calls for a brick building that will have

different details along the north side, but the other side there will be what some on the commission see as a long, monotonous design.

Traffic flow and pedestrian connections are also issues of concern. The commission wondered how this will work with the rest of the property set aside for retail/commercial.

Commissioner Chris Roosen, board of trustee liaison, asked if the entrance would change if the site was expanded. Planners said it probably wouldn't but rather the parking lot would be extended. A sidewalk will run along most of the site and there is the potential to connect to the future township park planned next door at the former State Psychiatric Hospital property.

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Genitti's and others look for help with renovations

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Genitti's Restaurant and Little Theater have been mainstays in downtown Northville for decades and the facades have become the centerpieces for many picturesque scenes. However, the facade is getting old and needs work.

To help get this done, the Genitti family is looking to the City of Northville's Business Assistance Program.

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four other business/property owners in downtown submitted six applications for matching funds through the latest Downtown Development Authority's BAP cycle for improvement projects. This funding covers up to half the costs for front exterior work and some technological upgrades.

It was set to come to an end this past spring, but with left over funds in the BAP account the DDA could approve nearly \$14,000 in match funds for

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According to Laura Genitti, they want to do some renovation by putting up new paint, wood and a sign out front on Main Street. They have submitted an application for each location at 108, 112 and 132 E. Main Street, which includes Rock on Main. The total work will amount to more than \$15,000 and they are requesting matching funds of \$7,700.

The other applicants were Ernie Zack, building owner at 120 N. Center, Janice Johns, who owns the **Craig David Butler Studios** building, Edward's Cafe and Simply Wine. Johns and Simply Wine were denied because they have received past funding for similar projects. However, the Genitti projects have been put on hold.

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hopefully the increase foot traffic."



The owners of Genitti's Restaurant in downtown Northville are hoping to get DDA assistance to upgrade the facade of their building.

The DDA wants to approve Genitti's request, but delayed it in order to get some more details about the work. The biggest concern for the DDA was the potential removal/replacement of the glass windows, which make the facades so identifiable. A meeting was held between the two parties

to explore the option of retaining the leaded glass

itti's and visit of the three buildings, a DDA subcommittee found the following: there is no transom glass behind the wooden sign panel at 108 E. Main, the glass that exists at 132 E. Main is not leaded transom glass, but rather large individual sheets of glass that are currently covered by the awning. The earlier leaded glass had been previously removed.

Ward said the Genittis are open to exploring the retention of the leaded transom glass at 112 East Main. DDA board chairman and architect Greg Presley has offered to work with the Genitti's to explore the amount of time, method and cost of restoring the existing leaded transom glass at 112 E. Main.

The DDA is expected to make a decision on this on Aug. 14.



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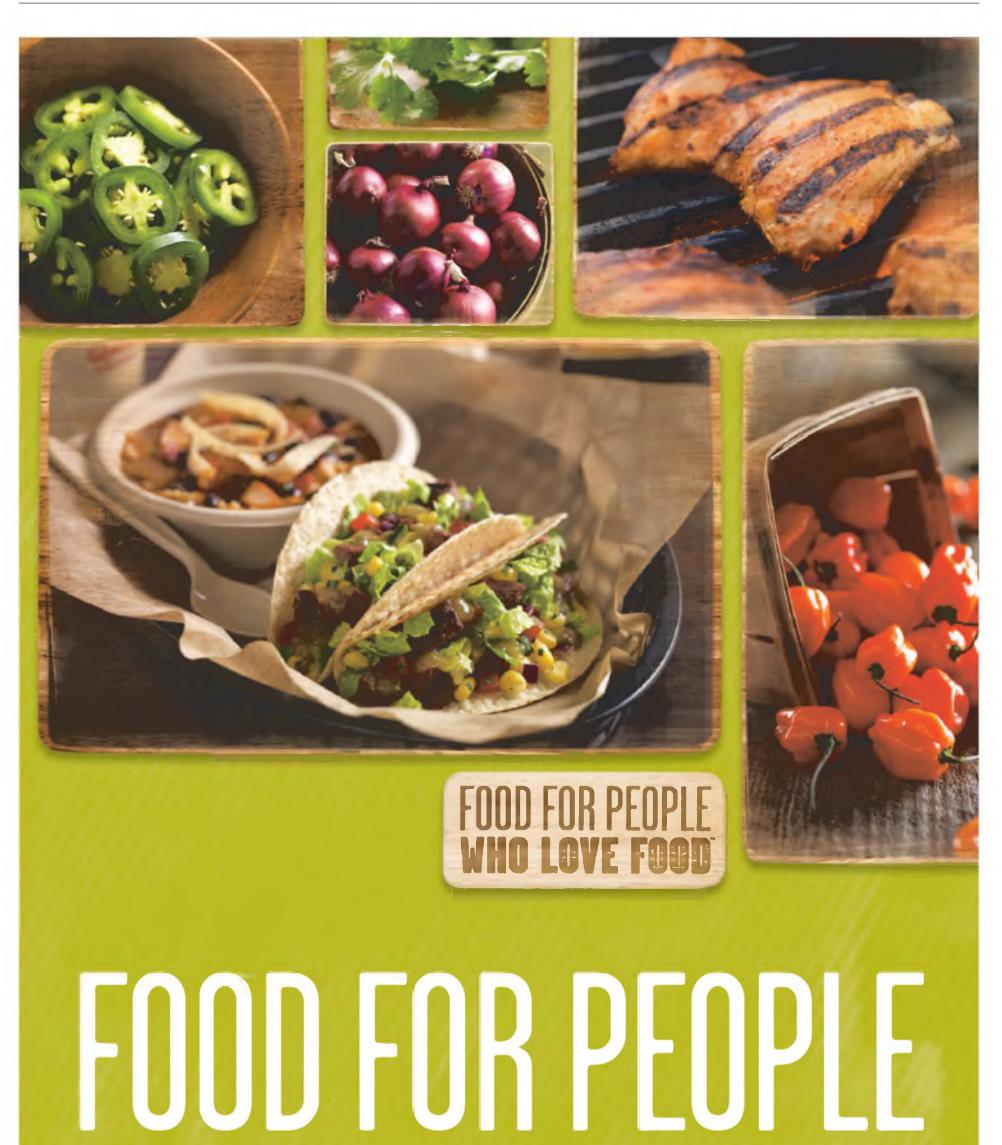
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All A's and B's for Northville Public Schools

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The Northville Public School District received "A's" and "B's" on the annual Michigan's Education Yes! School Report Card, and also ranks in the 88-98th percentile on the state's "Top to Bottom" List.

All nine district schools have met the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) standards.

However, the new method for calculating state achievement tests or cut scores did impact a few Northville schools leading them to get a "B".

The Michigan Department of Education released the results for both on Aug. 2.

Northville School officials said the ranking and lists of schools identified as "Priority," "Focus," or "Reward" Schools are based on different measures of data and comparisons of the top 30 percent of student achievement and the bottom 30 percent of student achievement on a school by school basis.

In response to the news, Northville Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher is pleased the district is classified as high performing, but emphasized they must continue to focus their school improvement efforts.

She said the ultimate goal is, "to increase the achievement of all students to improve career and college readiness without losing sight of the value of our comprehensive programming and a balanced curriculum."

In regard to the impact of the cut scores, she said "like school districts across the state, Northville's MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) and MME (Michigan Merit Exam) proficiency results released earlier this year were impacted by the higher cut scores that were instituted for the 2011-12 school year, which in turn has had an impact on the Michigan School Report Card grades earned by some of our schools."

The state's report cards classify districts into three categories: Reward Schools (high achievers or overachievers), Focus Schools (the largest achievement gaps) and Priority Schools (persistently low-achieving).

All six of Northville's elementary schools ranked in the top 94-98th percentile of schools across Michigan with five of them — Moraine, Ridge Wood, Silver Springs, Thornton Creek, and Winchester — designated as Reward Schools. Amerman Elementary School, which is home to the district's elementary gifted program known as the Alternative Learning Program for Students (ALPS) and in spite of it's Top to Bottom ranking in the 98th percentile, appeared on the Focus School List as a result of having a higher achievement gap between the highest and lowest performing students.

The district's press release noted that the achievement gap at Amerman is inherently likely to be greater when compared with other elementary schools because students from across all six elementary schools who qualify for ALPS (based on their higher performance on assessments) attend Amerman. In addition, a magnet gifted program, such as ALPS, also reduces the achievement gap at the schools who send some of their highest performing students to the magnet school.

According to the Northville K-12 press release, the district's two middle schools, Hillside and Meads Mill, along with Northville High School, ranked in the top 88 to 90th percentile on the Top to Bottom list.

But both Hillside and Meads Mill appear on the Focus School list as a result of having a gap between the highest and lowest achieving students equal to or greater than the 10 percent of Title I schools with the largest achievement gaps. Meads Mill is an identified Title I school, while Hillside is not currently a Title I school.

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Jennifer Bugar named assistant program supervisor at Cooke

A Northville High School graduate with 12 years of hands-on experience in elementary special education, Jennifer Bugar has been named assistant program supervisor for the Northville Public Schools special education center programs at Cooke School. The Northville Board of Education unanimously approved Bugar's appointment at its July 9 meeting.

"Jennifer is an accomplished educator who has honed the science and art of her skills for 12 years," said Northville Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher. "She encourages parent involvement and has provided effective leadership as a team member in all her teaching assignments. Jennifer is a thoughtful and effective



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 the district is finalizing the consolidation of the two
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 school year. Long-time Old
 Village Program Supervi sor Arthur Fischer recent ly retired from the district
 and the assistant supervi sor position was created
 at Cooke under the super vision of Cooke Program
 Supervisor Mary Mel-

drum. "We are very excited to welcome Jennifer into our program," Meldrum said. "Through the interview process, Jennifer impressed us with her understanding and experience working with students at varying levels, as well as her strong leadership skills. Jennifer will be a great asset to the program as we look for-

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ward to the consolidation of Cooke and Old Village schools."

Bugar comes to Northville Public Schools from South Lyon Community Schools where she served this past school year as a teacher consultant and resource room teacher at Hardy Elementary School. She also worked as a resource room teacher and teacher consultant at South Lyon's Salem Elementary School for eight years. Prior to joining South Lyon Schools, Bugar was a special education basic classroom teacher for two years at Cooper Elementary School, part of Livonia Public Schools, and a resource room teacher and teacher consultant at Carlson Elementary School, part of Van Dyke Public Schools,

in Warren. In addition to her extensive classroom experience, Bugar has taken on numerous leadership and administrative responsibilities throughout her career, including training and supervising staff for a program for moderately cognitively impaired and emotionally impaired students; providing buildinglevel professional development; evaluating students for special education eligibility and child study team assessment; serving as a mentor and trainer for new special education staff; and serving as building administrator for MI-Access, the state-standardized test for students with disabilities for whom the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) and Michigan Merit Exam (MME) tests are not appropriate.

Bugar has a bachelor of science degree in special education — emotionally impaired and a master of special education — learning disabilities from Eastern Michigan University (EMU). She also expects to complete her specialist in arts, special education administration and supervision degree from EMU this year. Bugar graduated from Northville High School (NHS) in 1989.

"As a NHS graduate and area resident, I am thrilled at the opportunity to serve Northville Public Schools," Bugar said. "I feel honored to represent the educational environment that taught me how to hone my skills, strive for excellence, and give back to our families and community. I am looking forward to teaming with and supporting families as we foster future possibilities for all our students."

Bugar resides in Plymouth with her husband, Robert, and their daughters Hadley, 9, and Julia, 7.



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Offering a little 'personal incentive'

Youth no impediment for local teen entrepreneurs

By Julle Brown Staff Writer

Being young certainly doesn't mean you can't succeed in business. Just ask Bill Gates — or Sergio Troiani, Eric Wierszewski and John Govan.

Troiani, 17, lives in Plymouth Township and just graduated from Catholic Central High School in Novi, as did Wierszewski, 18. Govan, 17, is a recent Divine Child graduate.

The three young men just started PIN (Personal Incentives Network), with a website of www.joinpin.com. Visitors to such places as Fiamma Restaurant in downtown Plymouth can upload discount offers to a mobile app.

So far, they have mostly Plymouth businesses, as well as Westland, Canton and Dearborn, Troiani said. Wierszewski and Govan live in Dearborn.

Troiani and Govan will head to Grand Valley State University this fall, Wierszewski to the University of Michigan-Dearborn, including an international program in China.

"The three of us came up with the idea this December," said Troiani.

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They've been visiting businesses to arrange discounts.

"We take that deal and we advertise it," Troiani said.

They offer two styles of keychain, each good for life at \$20. There's no clipping of coupons involved.

The men set up several categories online of food, drink, entertainment, shopping and services. They're hiring a sales force to assist when they leave for college.

The two at Grand Valley State will also reach out to the Grand Rapids market.

"The company will continue to prosper while we go to college," Troiani said. "It's helping the local community."

He touts their service over those like Groupon, noting no cost now to businesses and a low one later in the business's growth.

"We're helping them to grow," Troiani said. "They keep the profits."

The field is competitive, he agreed, with direct mail businesses.

"We're trying to get our foot in the door," said Troiani, who emphasized



John Govan (left), Eric Wierszewski (center) and Sergio Troiani have started a discount deal businesses including restaurants and services, using a distinctive keychain.

social media as being important to their business.

"We're making this user-friendly to both generations," he said of baby boomers and their kids. The participating business needs only to use the distinctive keychain for verification.

The men were able to overcome legal issues with two being minors and owning a business, with parental help. For information, go online or call (855) JOIN-PIN/564-6746.

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Dick Scott 'drives' for the kids



Dick Scott Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram helped raise \$470 for Moraine Elementary School with Chrysler brand's Drive for the Kids program. The fundraising event was held on June 1 by the Moraine Elementary PTO. A total of 47 participants earned a \$10 contribution to the school from Chrysler brand by taking a brief test drive in a Town & Country. Dick Scott supplied the vehicles, and volunteers from the dealership were on hand to assist in fundraising drives. Here Moraine PTO President Jennifer Frederick accepts the check from Nichole Scott, director of dealership operations at Dick Scott Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram.

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Mortgage refinancing getting easier for many

By Paul Housey Guest Columnist

s a Certified Financial Planner professional, I am always focusing my clients on what they can control. For example, the amount of your income that you save is within your control while the rate of return you earn on the investments is largely outside of your control.

Also within the control of many homeowners is the opportunity to lower your

mortgage interest rate. My firm does not offer mortgages but we work with experts who do because mortgage refinance rules and rates continue to change creating opportunities for homeowners who think they are stuck with their current rate. While the government continues to make lending rules more lenient and interest rates are near historical lows, educate yourself on what mort-



applicants unable to benefit under Phase 1 may now be eligible under Phase 2 because the new rules are more relaxed and some homeowners have experienced LTV changes over the last three years. In general, borrowers must meet the following criteria to qualify under HARP:

• The mortgage must have been sold to Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac on or before May 31, 2009.

• The mortgage cannot have been refinanced under HARP previously unless it is a Fannie Mae loan that was refinanced under HARP from March-May, 2009.

• The current (LTV) ratio must be greater than 80 percent.

• The borrower must be current on the mortgage at the time of the refinance, with no late payment in the past

Paul E. Housey

gage options are available to you. First, estimate the loan-to-value (LTV) of your current mortgage. If you are one of the lucky ones who owes less than 80 percent of the appraised value of your home, you can likely refinance without the help of the special government programs (discussed below). If your LTV is under 80 percent, contact your current lender and at least one competitor now and once/year to determine if you can improve your rate. I have many clients in the past year who have refinanced for 30 years at rates under 4 percent and some as low as 3 percent on certain types of loans.

Opportunities for those with high Loan-to-Value

If your LTV is over 80 percent, ask a mortgage professional if your loan is owned or guaranteed by FHA, Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae.

• The cost for refinancing certain FHA loans decreased in June 2012 creating new opportunities for some FHA borrowers.

 Most conventional loans are owned by Freddie Mac or Fannie Mae even though you never see their name on your statement or write a check to them. The bank or institution that initiated and/or services your loan is rarely the end investor. If you have a loan owned or guaranteed by Freddie Mac or Fannie Mae, you may be eligible to take advantage of Home Affordable Refinance Program (HARP).

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HARP was originally enacted in early 2009 and expanded in late 2011. Some

six months and no more than one late payment in the past 12 months. For all the rules, visit http://www. makinghomeaffordable.gov/programs/ lower-rates/Pages/harp.aspx.

Beyond the Basics

Technically, for fixed rate loans, there is no limit on the LTV percentage to qualify. In reality though, each lender has different requirements borrowers must meet to qualify. Some lenders will only write loans when the LTV is less than 150 percent while others require a certain credit score. The good news for those who may have been turned down is that you might get a different answer from a different lender on a different day. Shop around! If you need a good mortgage lender, I will be happy to put you in touch with one.

Also, second mortgages can often be ignored when calculating LTV. So if your first mortgage puts you in range for a HARP refinancing but you are afraid that your second mortgage makes your LTV too high, you should still contact a mortgage lender to see if you qualify. You may be pleasantly surprised.

HARP Phase 2 has allowed for more appraisal waivers. If you have been reluctant to start the refinance process because you don't want to pay for the appraisal only to find out that you don't qualify, ask your lender if you qualify for an appraisal waiver.

Finally, if you are not able to refinance this summer, try again in six or 12 months when the rules from the government or local lenders may have changed again and your LTV may have improved.

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The McLean family of Northville took along their Northville Record on their recent vacation to Bay Harbor in northern Michigan. Here is Shannon McLean, 10, holding the Record at the Bay Harbor Golf Club. Shannon will attend 5th grade at Winchester Elementary School in the fall. The photo was taken July 14. The next time you go on vacation, take along the Record snap a photo, and e-mail it to Editor Kurt Kuban at kkuban@hometownlife.com.

Voters in three counties overwhelmingly support DIA tax

Voters in Wayne and Oakland counties approved the Detroit Institute of Arts millage proposal on Tuesday's ballot by a 2-to-1 margin, according to early election results.

In Macomb County, with 98 percent of the precincts reporting, the proposal was evenly split with 50 percent of voters voting yes and 50 percent voting no.

But DIA officials had said they needed just two of the three counties to approve it to prevent services and programs from having to be severely cut during the next two to three years,

The proposal -0.2



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The following are unofficial vote totals on how local residents voted. Overall winners are denoted with

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mills for 10 years will cost the owner of a \$150,000 home about \$15 annually over the next decade.

The tax will generate approximately \$23 million per year — \$10 million in Oakland, \$8 million in Wayne and \$5 million in Macomb, if approved there. The DIA's operating budget is \$25 million.

The tax is needed to cover the shortfall for museum operating expenses caused by the loss of funding from the state and city of Detroit, said Annmarie Erickson, executive vice president and chief operating officer of the DIA.

Residents in the counties that approve the proposal would have free general admission to the museum.

Currently, the DIA receives no state, county or city funding. From 1893 to the early 1990s, it received support from the city of Detroit's general fund. In the 1970s, it began receiving money from the state budget. But beginning in the 1990s, as a series of economic downturns hit the state, state funding was steadily reduced and then eliminated. The same thing happened with city funding,

The museum has been relying on the private sector for operations, a model that is not sustainable, Erickson said.

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Bentivolio wins Republican nomination in 11th Congressional District

By Ken Abramczyk Staff Writer

Kerry Bentivolio handily won the 11th **Congressional District** Republican race, successfully fending off a spirited write-in campaign by former state senator Nancy Cassis. Syed Taj defeated William Roberts for the Democratic nomination. Bentivolio greeted supporters who cheered "Kerry, Kerry, Kerry' at the Novi Sheraton Tuesday night.

"Together we won for the grass-roots and showing that principles matter," Bentivolio said. Bentivolio congrat.

Bentivolio congratulated Cassis for her campaign, and asked Cassis for her support and stand for conservative values and liberties.

"This victory is your victory," Bentivolio said.

"Some politicians try to convince us to give up freedom," Bentivolio said. "They want government to run our businesses, to get between us and our doctors. They want to take our money and spend less on ourselves. It is a Congressman's No. 1 job to protect our freedom, not to take it away."

Bentivolio said he wanted to reduce taxes through tax reform and repeal the Affordable Health Care Act.

Campaign manager Robert Dindoffer said Bentivolio won through the grass-roots organization of the campaign.

"This is a victory for them," Dindoffer said, pointing to supporters. "And those who could not make it here tonight because it's so late. The volunteers who knocked on 10,000 doors. It is

11TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT RESULTS

The following are unofficial vote totals on how local residents voted. Overall winners are denoted with \checkmark_{-}

	Overall	Northville	Northville Township
REPUBLICAN			
✓ Kerry Bentivolio	42,771 66%	189	2,142
Total Write-In	22,490 34%	43	1,427
DEMOCRAT			
✓ Syed Taj	21,730 59 %	196	1,101
William Roberts	15,094 41%	64	551



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11th Congressional Republican nominee winner Kerry Bentivolio celebrates his win against candidate Nancy Cassis on Tuesday night at The Sheraton Hotel in Novi.

Dindoffer said the campaign will now focus on the September primary election for the remainder of Thaddeus McCotter's term in the current 11th District and the November election in the new redistricted 11th District.

Nancy Cassis, who greeted her campaign volunteers in Novi Tuesday night, said the campaign hinged on how successfully her campaign educated voters "that they had a choice." Cassis hit precincts from Troy to Livonia with her husband Vic with hopes of winning a write-in election.

"We tried to motivate them to vote for a writesis had hoped that the endorsements of several high-profile Republicans would carry her through as a write-in and as a strong conservative with a track record.

Taj appeared optimistic early in the evening at his campaign headquarters in Novi. He thanked his campaign supporters for their hard work with phone calls.

"Overall it was a great experience," Taj said. "For all of the campaign, it was a great experience."

Taj said voters were looking for leadership in the district.

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Copies of the proposed budget are on file with the Library Director at the Northville District Library, 212 West Cady Street, Northville, Michigan, for inspection during regular library hours. At the public hearing, all citizens, taxpayers and property owners of the Northville District Library District, comprised of the City of Northville and the Charter Township of Northville, shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the budget.

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The Charter Township of Northville Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday, August 28, 2012, at 7:30 P.M. at the Northville Township Municipal Office building located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan. The Planning Commission will hear comments regarding Special Land Uses for a daycare facility at 18831 Beck Road and Triumph Church at 16115 Beck Road (Article 30, Special Land Use).

The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments or ask questions. Plans will be available for viewing at the Township office between 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. Written comments will be received by the Northville Township Planning Commission at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 82 TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES

At its regular meeting on August 20, 2012, the Northville City Council will consider introducing for first reading an ordinance to amend Chapter 82 Traffic and Vehicles, Section 82-24 Penalties in the City of Northville Code of Ordinances. The proposed amendment would adopt Public Act 7 of 2012 into local ordinance and allow the police department to charge a person operating a motor vehicle, with blood alcohol content greater than .17 grams per 100 milliliters of blood, per 210 liters of breath, or per 67 milliliters of urine, locally, rather than under state law.

Public comments will be received at the City Council meeting scheduled for August 20, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300. Written comments may also be submitted to the above address. Complete text of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for review at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, local prevailing time.

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Kuban named new Northville Record editor

There's a new captain guiding the *Northville Record*.

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Publisher Susan Rosiek named Kurt Kuban the editor of the Record in print and online at hometownlife.com. He replaces Cal Stone, who is now focusing his attention as the editor of the *Novi News*, one of the *Record*'s sister publications.

"Kurt's background, experience and passion for local journalism make him perfect fit for Northville," said Rosiek. "Kurt is anxious to meet readers in Northville so look for his invitation soon to have coffee at a nearby eatery."

Kuban comes to the *Record* after a three year stint as editor of the *South Lyon Herald*. He has also served as editor of the *Canton Observer*, and has worked for the *Observer* & *Eccentric media group* for more than a dozen years. He



Veteran journalist Kurt Kuban has been named the new editor of the Northville Record.

has earned many awards for his journalistic work, including for his editorial writing and stories covering environmental issues.



Kuban grew up in nearby Westland and knows the Northville area well. "I'm really

looking forward

uhman to the challenge

of providing the readers of the *Record* with all the news that matters in Northville," Kuban said. "I've always admired the community — its parks, its schools and its people. I can't wait to really dig into what makes this community tick."

Kuban is not the only new member of the editorial staff. Lonnie Huhman, who has spent the last year covering the community as a correspondent, has been named the *Record's* new reporter.

This is not Huhman's first time in Northville; he reported for the *Northville Record* back in 2001-2002 before moving on to pursue other career opportunities. However, he said the time away made the heart grow even fonder and he looks forward to being part of and reporting for this great community.

"I'm honored to be back again with the *Record*," Huhman said. "Northville has grown since 2002 and a lot has happened, but when I walk or drive around I see some of the same sites that made this community so great to me the first time."

From 2010-2012 Huhman reported for the *Jackson Citizen Patriot* as a freelance reporter covering the Village of Brooklyn and Columbia Township governments, and Columbia Public Schools. In the spring of 2011, he began freelancing for the *Northville* *Record* and got to become reacquainted with the township and city governments as well as the police departments.

Kuban and Huhman are mobile journalists and will both utilize their laptop computers and be present around Northville as much as possible. Kuban can be reached via e-mail at kkuban@hometownlife.com, or by phone at (248) 437-2011, ext. 245 or on his cell phone at (734) 716-0783. Huhman can be reached by email at lhuhman@hometownlife.com or on his cell phone at (517) 294-4215.

"Our goal is to make sure the *Record* remains a vital part of the Northville community. If you have a story idea contact one of us. We realize everyone has a story to tell, and we want to share them with readers in print and online," Kuban said.



REC DIRECTOR

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for Macomb Township Parks and Recreation and has years of experience, including interning under former Northville Parks and Recreation Director Traci Sincock, who recalls Spiller as a standout.

"He has become quite a leader," said Sincock, associate director of the Northville Chamber of Commerce. "I think the community should be delighted to have someone like him chosen as director."

The other two candidates were Garden City Recreation Supervisor Dan Plamondon and Huron Valley Parks and Rec Director Jeff Muck, who was the second choice of the commission. Parks and Rec commissioner Mindy Herrmann selected Muck as her first choice and Spiller second, while the others selected Spiller first. The last three interviews were conducted in

views were conducted in an open forum at the July 25 meeting.

Spiller said he will bring years of on the job experience and learning from mentors to the position that he considers so important in a community — especially one like Northville, in which parks and recreation is a shared service among the city, township and public schools.

He said the assets he possesses are strong organizational and communication skills, which he feels make up the basis for a successful parks and rec department.

A Utica resident, Spiller, 41, is married with two children. His wife Cristin currently serves as the Oak Park parks and rec director.

When asked why he recommended Spiller, Snider said it was because he excelled at conveying his understanding of the importance of the role. He cited Spiller's belief in leadership and mentors as well as empowering the staff as winning traits. He also said Spiller has lofty yet reachable goals for the department.

Parks and Rec commissioners Sue Hillebrand and Nancy Darga both said the new director needs to have a vision, long and short term, and needs to understand how the partnership works in order to be successful.

Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo, who also sits on the commission, said there are a lot of issues and challenges with parks and rec, and he believes Spiller is the right candidate that can deal with this and somehow put it all together to make it work.

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Painting honors Maybury

Portrait hangs with pride in library, enriches community

By Julle Brown Staff Writer

A portrait of William H. Maybury, for whom Maybury State Park is named, was hung July 25 for display in the local history room of the Northville District Library. The portrait by native Scot artist James Raeburn Middleton from 1934 was commissioned for what would become President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Public Works Administration.

At that time, artists and many others were out of work and federal government programs endeavored to employ them. The painting has local history as well, having hung until the early 1960s at the former Maybury Sanatorium on the current park grounds. The facility was used to treat tuberculosis for a number of years, with prominent Detroit businessman Maybury instrumental in its founding

"We've known about it," said Alfred Ackerman of Northville Township, head of the conservation department and a painting conservator at the Detroit Institute of Arts. The painting, still owned by the federal government, had earlier labels on its origins. "We were sort of the guardians of the painting."

Part of history

The 900-acre sanatorium began with the city of Detroit buying the land in 1917. It was bounded by



Seven Mile, Eight Mile, Beck and Napier roads.

The sanatorium opened in 1921 as Detroit Municipal Tuberculosis Sanatorium. It later became Spring Hill Sanatorium and Maybury Sanatorium. William Maybury died Nov. 4, 1931, of TB, not living to see dramatic treatment improvements that led to the facility shutting down in August 1969.

Ackerman said the portrait hung at the sanatorium while it was open, and went into storage at the DIA. It has more historical than artistic value, so officials explored a community placement.

"We feel the library's a very fitting location for it," said Julie Herrin, Northville library director. "We think it's wonderful. It's really part of local history and that's part of what we're about."

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The library has extensive materials on Maybury and the sanatorium, Herrin added.

Ackerman, who's been visiting Maybury State Park over 20 years, was glad to work on the painting. "It just made sense to see if we could keep it in the community," he said. "The painting needed some conservation work which we were happy to do."

He concentrated on its upper right and lower left which were "disfiguring." Ackerman did "inpainting" for the small cracks under magnification,



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Detroit institute of Arts employees Jim Storm, right, and Alfred Ackerman hang a portrait of William H. Maybury on July 25 in the Northville History archives of the Northville District Library. The painting, by J. Raeburn Middleton, was completed in 1934 under the auspices of the Works Progress Administration of the founder of Northville's TB sanatorium. The painting had been stored at the DiA for years and will now be on display at the library.

needed in part because the white ground was exposed by cracks.

The DIA staff also put on a frame, which they'd like to replace down the road with a permanent frame of black cherry wood from the state park site. The Smithsonian, supervising the program, requires acrylic over paintings in public places, which was put on.

Ackerman is pleased with the almost glarefree acrylic used. The 26year DIA staffer fit the work into other duties, at no taxpayer cost.

"It brings the park into greater context," Ackerman said, noting it puts

a human face on the site and its history "which I think is an important part of Northville."

The artist's background has been hard to ascertain, although Ackerman noted he would have to have been a U.S. citizen to work under the WPA. "More than likely, he came over here in the teens or '20s. The records are just somewhat scant," including on Middleton's date of death.

'Very pleased'

City of Northville resident Jerry Mittman is a member of the Friends of Mavburv State Park. Mittman said: "The Friends

are very pleased that the portrait of Mr. Maybury will be displayed at the Northville District Library in the local history room. That is a very fitting location and the portrait will serve as a reminder of the important role he played in the history of the area."

The Friends group will have a presentation on the history of the sanatorium 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, at the Northville Community Center. Additional information on the site is at www.friendsofmaybury.org or www. mayburysanatorium.com.

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Social change requires collaborative effort

By Joan Noricks Guest Columnist

ometimes, it really does take a village to create change. This awareness and knowledge is driving the Canton Community Foundation's recent formation of a Local College Access Network in far western Wayne County.

The collaborative effort is designed with the single-minded goal of increasing access to college and other postsecondary education, particularly for first-generation, low-income and students of color.

It is wholly unrealistic to assume a single school district can resolve a large-scale social and economic issue as budget cuts and a less-thanstellar Michigan economy continue to ravage public

education and undercut families' financial wellbeing

Today, significant social change requires crosssector collaboration among local and regional organizations and government institutions. A collective approach will exponentially increase the brain power and resources that the LCAN can use to prevent students from dropping out of high school and to increase the number of students who go on to post-secondary education.

We are already working with significant leaders from school districts, colleges and universities, businesses and nonprofit organizations. These leaders will collaboratively and passionately work to create a college-going culture in a LCAN district that begins in Northville,

encompasses Livonia, Garden City, South Redford, Plymouth and Canton and reaches to Belleville and Van Buren Township.

The foundation recently received a planning grant from the statewide Michigan College Access Network (MCAN). It will help us formalize the LCAN's leadership and programming and create a common agenda that all partners will follow. Our goal is to not only secure our students' futures, but to create an educated work force to improve and sustain our changing Michigan economy.

MCAN's goal is to have 60 percent of all Michigan residents achieve some type of post-secondary education by the year 2025. Currently, Michigan's rate is 36.4 percent. It is predicted that in 16 short years, approximately 62 percent of all Michigan jobs will require some type of post-secondary education. A high school education alone will no longer offer a promise or even a glimmer of gainful employment for younger generations.

Against that backdrop, retiring baby boomers will take 40-plus years of professional skills and education out of the market. "We will have a significant skills gap here in Michigan," announced Don Heller, dean of the Michigan State University College of Education.

Heller told a recent gathering of nonprofit organizations that Michigan is simply not producing enough educated and highly skilled workers who can replace the aging Boomers or who can step in to jobs that truly require advanced knowledge. As we use a collective impact approach to address the need for increased education, the foundation and its partners will piece together a map of what assets programs and activities -already exist — and where there are gaps. The end result could be combining programs to use across the LCAN district or could include developing new programs.

In particular, it will be the LCAN's goal to work with parents of our targeted student groups to break social and economic barriers that have prevented children from stepping out of familial patterns and attaining brighter futures.

We have already heard from our participating school districts of the urgent need to increase

the number of students who fill out the very important Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAF-SA can determine a family's eligibility to receive federal funding for higher education. The LCAN leadership has already talked about a number of potential programs the network can institute to work directly with parents and students to complete these forms.

The foundation is looking forward to working with our existing partners and new champions who want to be a part of striking a significant change for our community and region.

Joan Noricks is president of the Canton Community Foundation. She may be reached at (734) 495-1200 or at jnoricks@cantonfoundation.ora.



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ATM cash skimming hits local banks

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The Oakland County Sheriff Department is looking for help in identifying five suspects in an ATM skimming scheme that has scammed \$500,000 from local banks and credit unions.

According to Oakland County Sheriff Lt. Clay Jansson, the perpetrators have committed the skimming crime in 12 Oakland communities and in Wayne and Livingston counties. Novi, Commerce Township, West Bloomfield Township, Livonia, Ferndale, Westland, and Wixom have all been impacted.

Jansson said the first case reported was on June 28. The suspects are attaching an external technological device that can help them read







The Oakland County Sheriff Department is looking for help in identifying these suspects in an ATM skimming scheme in Oakland, Wayne and Livingston counties by calling (248) 858-4950 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-Speak Up.

PIN codes and duplicate ATM cards. The device is difficult to notice on a machine and is able to both capture core information from its magnetic strip and visually read the PIN being punched in.

He said because of this crime's capability it's important that individuals keep track of their accounts, just in case.

The suspects have taken out amounts up to as high as \$500, but usually stick to smaller withdrawals, Jansson said.

The U.S. Secret Service is also working with local agencies on the case. But, because they have surveillance photographs, Jansson said they are looking to the public for help. He said this is the first time he has dealt with such a crime.

"The best way we'll be able to solve this is if someone can help us name or identify a sus-

pect," Jansson said. The police are looking for identification (names) on the suspects and the vehicle involved, which is reported as a

2010 Blue Ford Fusion. Those with any information can contact the Oakland County Sheriff's Office at (248) 858-4950 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-Speak Up. Reward money is available.

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NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Trespassing

Two men were cited for trespassing onto the Northville Townshipowned Seven Mile Road property after trying to hide from police.

On July 19, the Northville Township police were conducting a patrol near the area and observed flashlights near the main building at the former State Psychiatric Hospital property. The report stated that two individuals were seen headed south on the property and at one point may have sighted the police because they took off running.

The two men, a 32year-old from Dearborn Heights and 20-year-old from Commerce Township, were eventually found hidden in the brush near the powerhouse building. They told police they were just walking around and had parked at the Hawthorne Center.

Littering

A Petoskey man was cited for littering from a vehicle.

On July 22, Northville Township police were on patrol on Haggerty Road when the 21-year-old man was observed throwing a plastic bottle from the car he was a passenger in. The car was stopped at Cross Road.

The man admitted to throwing it and said he had no reason for doing it.

Suspended License

A Detroit man was arrested for driving without a license in a car that had no official paperwork.

On July 21, Northville Township police stopped the man at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads after spotting that his vehicle had expired plates. The man told police that he had recently got the vehicle and had not transferred/ obtained plates. He also

told police that he had a suspended license.

No information regarding the vehicle could be produced.

Drugged driving

A 26-year-old Northville woman was arrested for operating a vehicle under the influence of drugs while a child was in it.

The police stopped the woman at Novi Road and Allen Drive after witnessing her almost hit a pickup truck as she drifted into the other lane. She told police she was attempting to give her nearly two-yearold child a french fry. After making note of some "off" behavior, the police officer asked the woman if she was on prescription drugs.

She said she was for epilepsy. A background check of the woman revealed she had a previous arrest for prescription drugs. Because of this the officer asked and received permission to search the car. It turned up a baggie of marijuana, a glass pipe, and knife with a four-inch blade. She later admitted to having a drug problem and taking both Xanax and Vicodin earlier that day.

Larceny from auto

Two men are suspected in taking money from a homeowner's parked car. On July 19, police took a report from a woman who lives in the 900 block of Whitegate Drive that her unlocked car had been entered by two unknown individuals. They took some change and several dollars, but were caught on camera by the neighbor's security camera. However,

police were not able to fully

identify them.

— Compiled by Lonnie Huhman

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

Garden Club scholars

The Northville Garden Club has awarded \$1,000 scholarships to Northville High School students Maria Benjamin and Cayla Rhodes. Maria will be attending the University of Michigan as part of their Residental School and hopes to pursue a career in writing and directing. Cayla will be attending Northwestern University and hopes to pursue a career in medicine.

Community Financial wraps up student-run credit unions

The 33 local, studentrun credit unions, supported by Community Financial Credit Union, recently finished another suc-

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ed the discussion would be kept private. However, it was decided by 6-1 vote that his contract would not be automatically extended in June of 2013.

In response to parental concerns, board Vice President Ken Roth stated they would consider their opinions going forward.

However, he also said that principals are expected to "maintain a safe and positive learning environment within their buildings. We expect our principals to complete the important work of teacher evaluations in a timely fashion, to ensure that we are in compliance with the state and to ensure that students are receiving quality instruction. We expect school principals to maintain school files in an organized and professional manner. We expect school principals to be respectful and

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responsive in working with the superintendent and the central office leadership team."

He said these are the baseline expectations for district principals and if they are not met then that person will be held accountable.

Now the school district is looking to fill the position by the end of the month. Gallagher said they hope to fill it before the start of school, but the main priority is to find the best person possible. The job is posted and applications will be taken until Aug. 16.

There will be two opportunities for parents to give input on Monday, Aug. 13 from 4-7 p.m. and Wednesday, Aug. 15 from noon to 1 p.m. at Silver Springs. Gallagher said the school district considers the process of selecting a building leader to be critically important, and values the input of staff and parents.

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

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

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

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Sealed bids will be received in the City of Northville Council Chambers, City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 until 2:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, September 6, 2012 for the City's 2012 Joint and Crack Sealing Program. This project seeks a Contractor to provide all labor, materials, tolls and equipment necessary to perform quality crack sealing on approximately 5,000 feet of City streets inside the City of Northville. Contract documents and bid proposals can be examined at the City Clerks Offices at 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, and can be obtained by contacting the Northville Department of Public Works at (248) 449-9930.

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

The City of Northville reserves the right to waive any irregularity or informality in bids, to reject any and/or all bids, in whole or in part, or to award any contract to other than the low bidder, should it be deemed in its best interest to do so.

James P. Gallogly Director of Public Works Dianne Massa City Clerk

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LOCAL NEWS

Pro golfer Fred Funk visits Providence Park Hospital

By Juiie Brown Staff Writer

Pro golfer Fred Funk is well paid to worry about his golf game — but he doesn't want you to worry unduly about yours.

"Drink more," the Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., resident advised light-heartedly during a July 10 visit to Novi's Providence Park Hospital. He wants weekend golfers to enjoy the game.

Funk, 56, was in town for the U.S. Senior Open and came to the hospital to meet patients and staff. One of his sponsors is the Stryker firm, which makes the knee used in Funk's right knee 2009 replacement surgery. He was at Providence

both to share golf tips and to encourage orthopedic patients.

"I see 'em every day," Funk said of everyday golfers on the course. "It doesn't matter what you tell them, they don't do it anyway" when it comes to the sport.

His FedExCup rank is 214th and FedExCup points 47, with a scoring average of 72.08. He's 32nd in career earnings on the PGA Tour, and served as men's golf coach at the University of Maryland, his alma mater, 1982-88.

"I thought it was a really nice opportunity for Providence," said Dr. David Markel, M.D., orthopedic surgeon with a subspecialty of hip and knee replacement. He's also chair of the program at Providence.

Markel golfs "occasionally," and noted sig-



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ATTON (WILLIAMS), PEGGY F.

Age 89 of Grand Rapids formerly Northville died peacefully with her family on August 4, 2012. Surviving are her husband E. Kirk, six children: Barbara and William Haskin, Kirk and Janet Atton, Scott and Lesley Atton, Dana and Linda Atton, Blythe and Mark Rushlow, Sean Atton, ten grandchildren, seventeen great grandchildren, two sisters, June Bell, Sally and William Dahlquist, nieces and nephews. Per her wish cremation will occur. Her family will receive visitors Saturday August 11, 2012 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the funeral home. A Celebration of her life will be held at 1:00 pm at the Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap Street Northville MI. Peggy's family suggests memorial contributions to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

www.arsulowiczbrothers.com 616-735-9900



FLYNN, DORIS MAY

Age 96 and a long time resident of Milford, passed away August 4, 2012. Doris was born on July 21, 1916 in Highland Park, Michigan. She was a faithful member of the Milford Presbyterian Church for sixty-six years and worked as a secretary with Huron Valley Schools and the GM Proving Grounds. Doris was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She was preceded in death by her husband. Richard S. Flynn, a son, Gerald, and granddaughter, Brynn Ann. She is survived by sons, Robert (Jill) and Dennis (Kitty); daughter, Deborah; daughter-inlaw, Alice Flynn; grandchildren, Shannon, Bridget (Roger), Erin, Kathleen, Jeffrey (Lisa), Richard (Michelle), Heather (Mark), Charity, Christina, and Brian; great grandchildren, Sean, Eric, Luke, Colin, Ashley, Kyle, Megan, Nicole, Emily, Samantha, Mark, Joseph, Nathan, and Elizabeth; great great granddaughter, Evelyn and many dear friends. Funeral Services were held at the Milford Presbyterian Church, Milford, on Monday, August 6, 2012. Memorials may made in her name to the Milford Public Library.

For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

GAGNON, JOHN F.

Age 91, passed away August 2, 2012. A private family service was held. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

HOFSESS,

LINDQUIST, William A. Age 67, passed August 2, 2012. Interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Aug. 17, 11:30am. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

McCLINTOCK, MELVIN

Age 88, passed away peacefully in his sleep on July 31, 2012. He was born on October 6, 1923, to the late Clyde and Hazel (Hann) McClintock. He graduated from Bellevue High School and graduated from Wayne State University with his Bachelors and Masters Degree. He served in the Air Force during WWII and flew over 50 missions. He was a proud B-24 pilot and was in the 7th Bomb Group 493 Bombardier Squadron. He flew the "Hump" and was a member of the Hump Pilots Association. Melvin is survived by his loving children: Ronald & Gwyn McClintock, Gregory & Sandy McClintock, Jeffrey & Kathy McClintock; 5 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, many cousins and extended family. He was preceded in death by his wife Eileen McClintock in 2007. Visitation was on August 3, Friday, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A funeral service was held on August 4, Saturday, at the First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon.

Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

MEEK, CHERYL LYNN

Age 54, born on September 6, 1957 in Terre Haute, Indiana, passed away on August 1, 2012 nificant changes in joint replacement surgery over the last 20-30 years. The devices used are more durable and longer lasting.

"More people are doing better longer, which is good," Markel said.

'Living longer'

That's changed the questions health care folks now ask after the surgery. Questions now are often can a patient golf nine or even 18 holes without a cart, or bicycle. "People are living longer," Markel said, and his specialty is predicted to be the fastest growing medical area.

Several of his patients came to the Novi hospital that day, including Gary and Cathy Latendresse of Grosse Ile, both golfers.

"We're Dr. Markel fans and we're Fred Funk fans," said Gary. "We're always looking for a road trip."

The couple, both 69, have had three knees done between them, both of his and one of hers. "This one's coming next," Cathy said of her second.

He had his done in November 2007 and October 2011, she in November 2011. Both Cathy and Gary noted the speed of recovery. "You walk out of the hospital," he said.

"Our bedroom's on the second floor," she added. After surgery, patients quickly begin to work on stair climbing and other essential areas.

Patient Karen Harris of Lathrup Village is also a registered nurse at the hospital. She had knee surgeries in December 2011 and March 2012 with Markel.

"I am trying to get back into it," Harris said of her golf game. Her work at the hospital takes physical strength and agility, which she has.

"Very good," Harris said. "My knees don't give me any trouble at all. A complete turnaround."

The patients enjoyed chatting with Funk, who touted knee replacement surgery.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior PGA golfer Fred Funk, right, compares his kneereplacement scar with Cathy Latendresse, left, and Karen Harris at Novi's Providence Park Hospital on July 11. All three have had their knees replaced and Funk was able to resume his golfing career after having his done a few years ago. Funk, who was in the area for a tournament, visited Providence Park to promote the company that made his knee replacement part.

motivated him, along with professional considerations. "I got to bone on bone. I just decided I'd had enough."

He's required as a pro to walk the course. "There's no way I would be playing now if I didn't" have the surgery, Funk said.

He got on the course not too long after surgery, with Markel interjecting humorously "Less than was advised" during the Providence appearance.

Funk, whose favorite course is Pebble Beach, turned pro in 1981. The former newspaper circulation supervisor is splitting his time this year between the PGA Tour and the Champions Tour. He has eight PGA Tour victories and became the fifth oldest player to win on the PGA Tour with victory at the 2007 Maya-

koba Classic. Funk, who is married with kids, entered the University of Maryland

Community work

He's active in Jacksonville raising money for a young man who was paralyzed and is a quadriplegic as a result of a high school football injury in 2004. The young man, with a spinal cord injury, and his family moved into a wheelchair-accessible home in 2006 with the help of Funk and others.

"He's doing great," Funk said of the young man, who's finishing college. "His attitude is unbelievable. He's always looked at the positive side."

Joe Hurshe, vice president of operations at the Novi hospital, and a golfer, said the facility does over 3,300 combined orthopedic procedures a year. Providence has about 30 percent of the region's market share, added Hurshe, whose dad had knee replacement.

He and other staffers looked forward to meeting a pro golfer, a different kind of work day.

"Absolutely. We don't



BRECKENFELD, D.O. DR. ROBERT BURTON

A resident of Brighton, and native of Okemos, died unexpectedly after suffering a heart attack in northern Michigan. He was preceded in death by his wife, Kathy M. (Lustig) Breckenfeld in 2011, and is survived by his children, Jill (Ben) Thompson, Jane Breckenfeld, John Breckenfeld, and Joyce (Nick) Rundlett; grandchildren, Jamin, Leah, Kort, & Sean Thompson; step-children, Jack Hanlon and Karyn (Aaron) Bocko; brothers, Jim (Ginny) and Bill Breckenfeld; his extended family and many, many dear friends. "Dr. B" was retired from Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills where he served as an Emergency Room physician for over thirty-seven years. He was a graduate of Okemos High School, Michigan State University, and Chicago Osteopathic Medical School. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 600 E. Main Street, Brighton, on Thursday, August 9, at 11AM. Visitation will be held on Thursday from 10AM until the time of service. Memorials may be made in his name to the Huron River Watershed Council 1100 N. Main St., #210, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 or to The Kite Network (Grief Counselor Training), c/o Christy Miller 4624 Packard St., Ann Arbor, MI 48108. For further

information please phone 810-229-2905 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

COMBS, Willard "Billy"

Age 40, of Salem Twp., died unexpectedly 8/3/12. Loving son & father. A service was held 8/7/12, Casterline Funeral Home, South Lyon, MI.



STEPHEN D.

Age 73, passed away August 3, 2012. Steve was a loving husband to Terry Hofsess and father of Douglas Hofsess and Denise Samsel. He was a good grandfather to his eight grandchildren. He was the tenth of 12 children born to Clay and Beulah (Fitzgerald) Hofsess and is survived by four sisters and two brothers. He sought to find humor in everything and loved to tell stories. Everyone who knew Steve knew that behind the sometimes gruff exterior was one of the kindest and most compassionate people they'd ever met. He enjoyed working with his hands, playing Scrabble and collecting antique cars, especially hearses and ambulances. He served in the Army National Guard and worked 30 years for General Motors before retiring in 2000. Visitation will be on Friday, August 10, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Highland Chapel of the Elton Black and Son Funeral Home, 3295 E. Highland Rd., Highland. In lieu of flowers, donations should be made to the

Make-a-Wish Foundation. Please visit www.

eltonblackandsonhighland.com



KEMP, JAMES A.

Age 67, passed away August 1, 2012. He was born on May 19, 1945, in Detroit, to the late Richard and Esther (Eggert) Kemp. He served in the U.S. Army from 1963-1966, part of which he was stationed in Vietnam. On Aug. 12, 1967 he married his beloved wife Joyce Pedersen. Jim was a devoted and loving husband, father and grandfather. Jim is survived by his wife of 45 years, Joyce Kemp; 2 daughters: Gail Kemp, Katherine Kemp; 2 granddaughters: Abigail Kemp & Alexis Lingenfelter; brother Robert Kemp, and many nieces, nephews and extended family and in-laws. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Carolyn. Visitation was held on August 3, Friday and Aug. 4. A funeral service was held on August 4, Saturday, at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Donations may be made to the USO, United Service Organizations, P.O. Box 96322, Washington, DC, 20090-6322.

Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

in Highland, Michigan; Beloved wife of Bruce Meek for 36 years; Loving mother of Shaun (Joy) Meek and Mandy (Scott) Adams; Cherished grandmother of Jayden Meek; Dear sister of Mark (Robin) McClintock and Pam Myers; Cheryl was preceded by her father Donald McClintock. survived by her mother Carol McClintock. Cheryl was an avid casino goer and known for her love of collecting figurines notably Jim Shore pieces. Cheryl will never be forgotten for her love of baking and her world renowned cookies she loved to make. Memorials appreciated to St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospice or Woodland Cancer Center in Brighton. Arrangements entrusted to the Highland Chapel of the Elton Black and Son Funeral Home. Please visit eltonblackandsonhighland.com

MEYERS, RUBY LEE

Age 89, passed away August 4, 2012. Funeral Aug. 8, 1p.m.. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. Graveside service Aug. 9, at 11a.m. at Roselawn Memorial Cemetery, LaSalle, MI

O'NEILL, DENNIS F.

January 18, 1939-August 4, 2012 Online condolences: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

> TOMAKOWSKI, JOSEPH JR.

June 21, 1986 – August 1, 2012 Online condolences: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

WILSON (ROPER), EMILY ANN

Age 42, formally of South Lyon, passed away August 2, 2012. Born on October 31, 1969 to the late Troy Kenneth Roper and Janet (Pichler) Reynolds. She is survived by Matthew Wilson, Sr., Matthew Wilson, II, Kyle Wilson. Survived by her mother, Janet (Kenneth) Reynolds, Timothy Roper, Loleen Roper, Barbara (Paul) Trala, Troy (Tonje) Roper and several nieces and nephews. Memorial services will be held at the VFW Hall, 125 McHattie in South Lyon on Sunday, August 12, 2012 from 1pm-4pm. Please no flowers, donations will be accepted at memorial service.

May **peace** be with you in this time of **sorrow**. "You're going to make your own decisions," he said. "I've had enough of this lifestyle" was what Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007, and is also in the State of Maryland Athletic Hall of Fame.

get to do that every day," Hurshe said.

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Northville Democratic Club getting more active as election season heats up

By Lonnie Huhman

Staff Writer

Active is the best way to describe the Northville Democratic Club. There are multiple meetings each month, drives to get out the support for local, state and national candidates and as the election season heats up the club membership is growing. Started after the 2004 presidential election, the Northville Democratic Club has grown each year and has gone from 80 in '08 to its current number of well over 200 members. It's established under the Charter of the Michigan Democratic Club.

Northville Democratic Club President Scott Craig said they plan on being even more active in the coming months leading up to the November election. The NDC's mission is to stand as the progressive voice for change in Northville.

It's this energy and mission that has attracted new members to the club. Which is a daunting task considering its situated in Republican territory, just look at the local elections and one can see where the support lies; there is only one democratic candidate (Mike Nolta) in the field running for a position at



JOHN HEIDER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Scott Craig, president of the Northville Democratic Club, welcomes vicepresident Lisa DiRado to his home as the two prepare to hit their neighborhoods this fall to campaign for their party's local, state and national candidates.

Northville Township.

"We are truly a grass roots movement, which helps us" Craig said. "Having direct contact and talking with neighbors and others in the community is old time politics, and that's how we see ourselves gaining more ground."

The energy behind the NDC has grown to the point where now club members are serving on or running for local positions, including Craig, who is on the Northville Public School Board, and Nolta, who is running for a trustee position at Northville Township. NDC trustee Lisa DiRado said in addition to the political discussions, it's also the social aspect that has attracted new members. A popular club event is the monthly article of the month meeting, which usually takes place at a member's home with all of the hospitalities that come with that.

DiRado said though, above all she hears new members say, "What can I do to make a difference?"

The NDC has manned the phone banks and collected signatures to support their endorsed candidates and over \$13,000 has been raised this year to support these efforts.

However Craig also said "We have no allusions about winning all of the elections, but we do want to begin making a difference by putting our support behind the democratic candidates that share our values."

NDC member Bob Moreillon said this is a make or break year for Democrats, so support is more important than ever.

The best place to start for a person interested is the web site at www.northvilledems.com. There the dates for the next meeting or get together can be found.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road

Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org

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Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Friday; 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday **Hoiy Days:** 9 a.m., 5:30

and 7:30 p.m. Reconciliation: beginning

9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment

Priests: Father Bob La-Croix, pastor and Father Michael Zuelch, associate pastor

CROSSPOINTE MEADOWS CHURCH

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www. crosspointemeadows.org.

Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.

Bibie study ciasses: 10 a.m. for all ages

Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Destiny Worship Center Location: Ridge Wood

Elementary School, 49775 6 Mile Road, Northville **Contact:** DestinyW3C@

Gmail.com or visit www. DW3C.org.

LUTHERAN CHURCH Location: 34567 7 Mile Road, Livonia

Contact: (248) 442-8822 FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Book of Reveiation Study

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays

Details: Come and learn what John is writing about, what the symbolism means, and how this book still speaks to us today.

Faith Journeys

Date: Third Sundays **Details:** Following worship and fellowship, someone will share how they have experienced God in their life and the difference that has made.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTH-VILLE

Location: 217 N. Wing Contact: (248) 348-1020 Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. Sunday Schooi: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bibie Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays Men's Bibie Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVI-FAMILY INTEGRATED CHURCH

Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org **Family Bible Hour:** 9:45 a.m.

Famiiy Worship: 11 a.m. Bibie Study: 6 p.m. Famiiy Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of 8 Mile Road Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org Sunday Scheduie: 9:30 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, Children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service

Wednesday Scheduie:

Starting Sept. 5 at 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$5 per person, \$15 per family;

Currentiy on Wednesday nights: 6:30 p.m. Children's VBS/Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Group

Thursday Scheduie: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH-VILLE

Location: 200 E. Main Street Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit www. fpcnorthville.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Location: 205 East Lake Street (corner of Wells and 10 Mile Road), South Lyon Contact: (248) 437-2875

FIRST UNITED METHOD-IST CHURCH OF NORTH-VILLE

Location: 777 West 8 Mile Road, Northville Contact: (248) 349-1144 or visit www.fumcnorthville.org Sunday Worship:

Meditative - Held in the Chapel - 8 a.m. Contemporary - Held in the Sanctuary - 9:15 a.m. Traditional - Held in the Sanctuary - 11 a.m.

Sunday Schooi: Nursery - 8 a.m. Nursery - 12th grade - 9:15

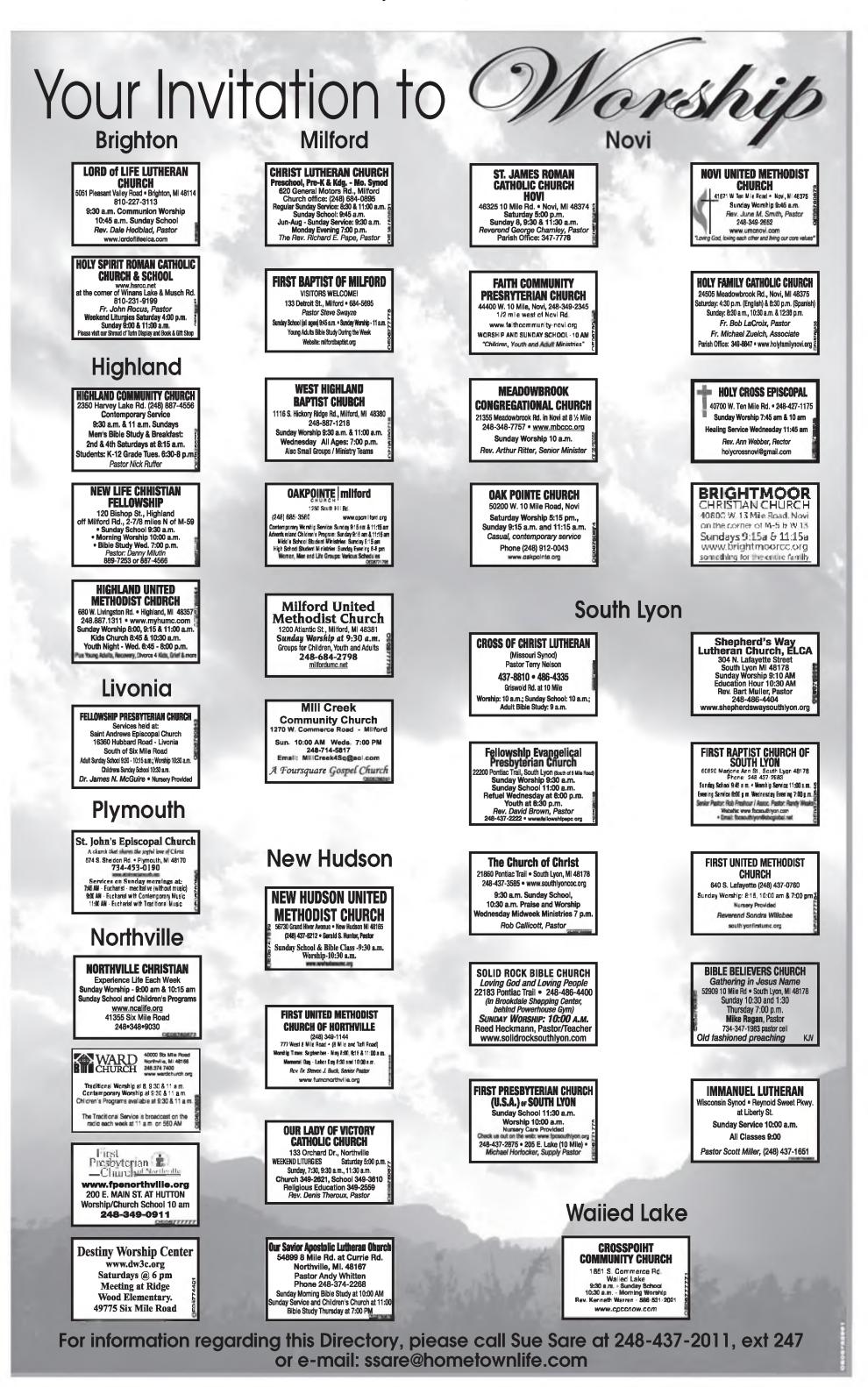
a.m. Nursery - 6th grade/Special Needs - 11 a.m.

GOOD SHEPHERD LU-THERAN CHURCH

Location: 41415 9 Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi

Contact: (248) 349-0565

Sundays: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship



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OPINION

Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

OUR VIEWS



New editorial team focused on what makes Northville special

The Northville Record has been telling the story of this town for a long time. How long?

Today marks the first issue of our 143rd year of publishing. Stop to think about how much things have changed since that first issue came off the press. Back then Northville was just a small community, separated from Detroit by lots of forest and farm fields. There were no cars to get people back and forth. Heck, Henry Ford was just six years old back in 1869 and the Model A was just a distant dream. In those days the community — and the nation — were still healing from the scars of the Civil War.

Many moons have passed, and generations have come and gone, each leaving its own stamp on the community of Northville. And through it all, the Record



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of Northville and its people. We've done our best to document all that is important to this town, from its beginnings as a rural, agricultural-based community to the suburban, cosmopolitan community it has become. Today, Northville is the true jewel of Wayne County (and just a

has been just that: the record



sliver of Oakland County). This week also marks the beginning of a new editorial staff at the Record. Editor Kurt Kuban takes over the reins, after spending the last three years in charge of the South Lyon Herald and the Canton Observer before that. Lonnie Huhman, after spending much of the last year as a correspondent, is now the

full time reporter. Together, they will lead a re-energized staff that is focused on one goal — the same goal the *Record* has always had — to inform our readers about the important issues, people and events that make Northville such a unique place. We know Northville is more than just a place on a map. It is a diverse, dynamic community that continues to attract people because of the excellent quality of life it offers its residents and business community. Much has changed about our business since our first issue came out in 1869. New technologies have altered how we deliver information. No longer are we dependent on a printing press. While our print edition is still a vital part of our business, the Internet has allowed us to develop a companion website - www.hometownlife.com — that allows us to get news to our readers in a much quicker fashion. We realize, as do our readers, that news isn't a once-ina-week phenomenon. News happens at all times of the day, at all times of the week. Our website allows us to get that news to our readers as quickly as it happens. The new technology also allows our staff to be out in the community as much as possible. Look for Kuban and Huhman, with their laptop computers in tow, at various locations around town. Feel free to say hello, and suggest a story idea. We realize everyone has a story to tell, and every story helps make this town what it is today. The *Record* will continue to provide "hyper-local" news — coverage of the schools, city council, the township, local merchants, the VFW and local business. What's going on at the local park. Even details about an upcoming festival. The names and pictures of the babies that were born last week or those we became engaged or wed. And also the names of those community members who died. The Record, part of the Observer & Eccentric media group, is part of the local fabric that makes this community what it is and unique from all other places. That's what the Northville Record has been doing for the last 142 years, and will continue to do in print, online and on your smartphone for many years in the future.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What do you want to do or see before summer's end?

We asked this question outside the library and art house.



"Get to Cedar Point. My children love it there." **Denise Eisinger** Northville Township



"It would be great to go camping in Canada or up north."

"I want to go boating in the Bahamas."

Brian Grimmer (on left) Northville



and enjoy the beauty of Michigan." **Ruta Mikuiionis** Northville

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LETTERS

Search for principal begins

Dear Silver Springs parents, guardians, and families,

I hope you are enjoying the waning days and weeks of summer break. We are looking forward to seeing your children at Silver Springs again this fall. As superintendent, I am committed to keeping you informed of events affecting your school and thus I am writing to inform you that Mr. Scott Snyder, principal of Silver Springs Elementary, has informed the district that he is resigning his position to pursue other opportunities for the coming school year.

On behalf of the board and the district, I extend my thanks to Principal Snyder for his years of service to our district and in particular for his commitment of service to Silver Springs Elementary School. I appreciate the devotion of his time, talents and energies to the Silver Springs students and families.

We wish Mr. Snyder well in his future professional endeavors. While Mr. Snyder will be missed, please be assured that Northville Schools is beginning the search process and looks forward to welcoming a new principal to Silver Springs Elementary. Further information regarding the search and selection process will be forthcoming in the next several days. Those who would like the opportunity to provide input regarding the profile and attributes for any successful candidate will have an opportunity to do so. The position is being posted immediately. While we will extend the search if necessary, it is our hope to have the new principal on board for the start of the school year, or very soon after. We will do everything we can to assist the Silver Springs staff, students and community during this transition. If you have any questions, please call me at your convenience. I can be reached by phone at (248) 344-8440 or by e-mail at GallagMa@northville.k12.mi.us. You are likewise welcome to contact Mr. David Rodgers, director of Human Resources, at (248) 344-4451 or RodgerDa@ northville.k12.mi.us. Silver Springs is a tremendous school, with a dedicated staff, a supportive parent community, and great students. We look forward to your input in the selection process and to continuing the excellence that exemplifies Silver Springs Elementary School and Northville Public Schools. I extend my best wishes to you and your families in the remaining weeks of summer. Mary K. Gallagher Superintendent Northville Public Schools

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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

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mittee turned in hundreds of forged signatures Congressman Thaddeus McCotter resigned causing a need for a special election to replace him. Estimated cost \$650,000. privatize Medicare and force seniors to pay more for less coverage. Let Congressman Mike Rogers know you want Medicare protected. Telephone (517) 702-8000

Delphine Palkowski South Lyon

Whatever happened to journalism

Journalism majors used to be taught their job was to report the five W's — who, what, when, where and why. Today it seems most of the media is only interested in feeding us 'POOP' - propaganda, opinions, obfuscation and parroting whatever party line their bosses tell them to promote.

It's amazing there are people who think it's wrong to display 10 rules about how to live a virtuous life in a building where judges preside over cases that violate many of them.

The next time you hear someone ridicule Bush for the 2003 tax cuts just keep in mind the cuts increased federal tax revenues \$780 billion over the next four years and reduced unemployment from 6 percent to 4.4 percent by 2007.

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Vote for Dems

After his re-election com-

L. Brooks Patterson challenged the redistricting done by the committee charged with that task all the way to the State Supreme Court where it was upheld. Estimated cost over \$100,000.

Failing there, he had legislation written in Lansing applying to Oakland County only so the sitting commissioners could draw the new districts. Extra cost unknown

Since his takeover as Speaker of the House, John Boehner has held 33 different votes on the house floor to repeal the Affordable Care Act knowing it would not go anywhere from there. Estimated cost \$48 million.

While he was president, George W. Bush started Medicare Part D, added the Department of Homeland Security causing huge expansions of our government and started two wars all while cutting taxes and not attempting to pay for any of it.

All Republicans call themselves fiscal conservatives. Some say don't blame the party, blame the individual The problem is the individuals make up the party

Vote for the Democrats, they are the ones that will save taxpayers money and turn the economy around.

> Carleen M. TIndall Novi

Happy birthday, Medicare

July 30, 1965, was one of this nation's finest achievements when President Johnson signed the Medicare law. America's seniors were guaranteed coverage not provided by private insurers at a price they could afford

Too bad the Paul Ryan budget plan in Congress now will

Jack Bellsle

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Job creator?

Gov. Mitt Romney criticized President Barack Obama for the weak recovery in our economy. Apparently, Gov. Romney does not realize there have been 28 consecutive job growth months in the private sector under President Obama.

Obama was handed an economy by President Bush where we were losing 700,000 jobs a month.

Mitt Romney's principle campaign message in opposing President Obama is that Romney is a job creator. He knows how to do this. This caused us to wonder just when and how Romney acquired this secret skill which he possesses? Certainly not as governor of Massachusetts, where his state was 47th in job creation when Romney left this job.

Certainly not while he ran Bain Capital, where Romney, as head of this venture capital company, bought and sold other companies. Bain Capital's mission was to make money for select investors and not create jobs.

Bain Capital, under Romney, was known as having "pioneered outsourcing." Perhaps Romney created outsourced jobs in India, China and South America. But his job-creating skills were all at the expense of American jobs. Which goes back to the central question. How did Romney become the job creator? Only he knows, and he is not telling.

> Gerald Maxey Farmington Hills

ELECTION

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treasurer was even closer, with Marjorie Banner garnering 1,828 votes and Karen Woodside 1,731. There were no Democratic candidates running for the two positions.

"It was a squeaker, but I can't say I'm not happy," Banner said. "I'm excited going forward and I think come November the next board will be made up of people that will continue to move Northville Township in a positive direction."

Earlier in the election day, Roosen said no matter the outcome it has been a great experience for him and he has learned a lot about the community by going door to door to meet voters.

"I love Northville and don't want to change anything about it," he said Tuesday outside the high school.

The Republican vote for the Board of Trustees went to incumbents Mindy Herrmann and Marv Gans, while two new faces, Symantha Heath and Fred Shadko, will move on to November as well. Democratic candidate Mike Nolta ran unopposed. There are four spots open.

According to Northville Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand, the turnout at the township precincts was about what was expected. She said in the end there were 3,316 absentee votes cast with more than 6,610 overall votes cast.

The city of Northville saw a combined voter turnout also below 31 percent at the Wayne and Oakland County precincts. A total of 1,517 ballots were cast out of 4,979 registered voters. Republican candidates garnered well over 50 percent of the votes within the city.

For those who voted, many said it was their responsibility as a citizen that motivated them.

"I want to have my vote count," Northville Township resident Michael Clevenger said after exiting the precinct at the high school. PRIMARY **RESULTS**

The following are unofficial vote totals on how local residents voted. Overall winners are denoted with \checkmark .

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP

SUPERVISOR			
(Republican)			
✓ Robert Nix			2,035
Christopher Roosen			1,533
Edward Kriewall			178
TREASURER			
(Republican)			
✓ Marjorie Banner			1,828
Karen Woodside			1,731
TRUSTEE			
(Republican)			
✓ Mindy Hermann (i)			2,818
🗸 🛛 Symantha Heath			2,401
✓ Marvin Gans (i)			2,191
✓ Fred Shadko			2,122
Michael Kheibari			1,074
	Overall	Northville	Northville Twp
JAIL MILLAGE	105 115	100	2 552
✓ Yes No	135,445	409 207	3,552
	88,976	207	2,398
U.S. SENATE			
(Republican) ✓ Pete Hoekstra	207 720	100	2462
	397,728	169	2,163
Clark Durant	246,144		1,453
Randy Hekman	48,930	15	125
Gary Glenn	40,637	11	141

"The ballot questions were the main reasons I got out today."

Many also cited the proposals, especially the millage for the Detroit Institute of Arts, as their motivation.

Voters within the city approved both Wayne and Oakland counties' Art Institute Authority Millage and Wayne County's Jails Millage renewal. The first one was passed by a total vote of 1,029 to 433, while the Jails Millage was passed 409 to 207.

Northville Township also passed the DIA and Jails millages.

"I came here today to support the DIA," Northville Township resident Marilyn Fitchett said. "I think it's important that we maintain our arts and support such a great cultural institution." According to the ballot for

Northville's Wayne County

precinct, 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.

The Jails Millage Renewal was defined as a renewal of the millage authorized in 2002 and stated Wayne County shall be authorized to continue to levy this millage at the 2011 rollback rate of 0.9381 mills (about 94 cents per thousand dollars of taxable valuation) for 10 more years.

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Game show holds contestant search at MJR in Westland

Think you have what it takes to be a contestant on the CBS's *The Price Is Right*?

The popular TV game show will be back in the Detroit area on Monday Aug. 13, to conduct a contestant search, hosted by CBS 62.

The event will take place 3-7 p.m. at the MJR Westland Digital Cinema 16 on Wayne Road, south of Warren Road in Westland. U.S. legal residents ages 18 and up are invited to audition.

Two participants from CBS 62's local search will be selected to fly to Los Angeles and attend a taping of the legendary game show. A bidder's spot on Contestants' Row will be guaranteed to one of the two participants, who will learn if they are selected to "come on down" when they hear their name called during the show's taping.

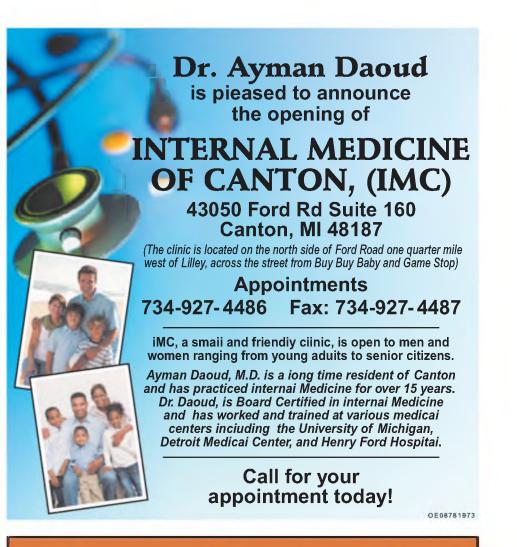
The Price Is Right, hosted by Drew Carey, is the longest running game show in television history, currently in its 40th season on CBS. The Price Is Right held its first ever nationwide contestant search in 2009. For the fourth year in a row, The Price Is Right is back with local events occurring in select cities across the country. The stop at the MJR Westland Grand Digital Cinema 16

is one of only 5 confirmed events nationwide.

Each person auditioning at CBS 62 local search on Aug. 13 must bring a completed application, along with a valid photo ID. Applicants will be videotaped by CBS 62 and will get 30 seconds to explain why they want to be on *The Price Is Right*. Viewers can log on to CBSDetroit.com to download the application and eligibility requirements. For more information

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Local doctor puts in Olympic effort

By Brad Kadrich Staff Writer

His patients will have to forgive Dr. Kenneth Stopa, a Northville chiropractor, for being a little bleary-eyed the last couple of weeks.

Stopa, a Canton resident who opened his practice in downtown Northville 13 years ago, has been staying up late nights, watching NBC's tape-delayed coverage of the 2012 Olympic Games from London.

Stopa has a higher interest level than many, having worked with many of the athletes during a two-week stint serving as a medical consultant at the U.S. Olympic training center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Stopa was invited to be part of the medical team after acquiring certification as a Diplomate from the American Chiropractic Board of Sports Physicians.

After applying for the spot through the program at his college, Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa, Stopa was chosen to help treat Olympic athletes training in a variety of sports.

Everyone wins

"That's my way of serv-

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ing my country," said Stopa, who had to leave his practice for the Jan. 25-Feb. 8 stint in Colorado. "If I can get there and make a difference, that's what I want to do. (Athletes) do what they do, and (doctors) do what we do. If you can blend it all together, the USA wins."

To get certification Stopa, the only Diplomate in the state, had to attend a minimum of 300 hours of postgraduate education. The instruction is specific to evaluating physical fitness and the assessment and treatment of injuries encountered in sports. There are also written and hands-on exams as part of the process.

While in Colorado Springs, Stopa said he worked with "all the athletes in all the sports," putting in 12- to 16-hour days as a norm. The doctors treated injuries and handled emergency situations, as well. He said most of the treatments were for injuries to joints such as shoulders, knees and hips.

He said his background as a board-certified sports physician and a chiropractor was attractive to Olympic organizers because "the paradigm has shifted" in terms of medical treatment. In fact, according to Stopa, the last two medical directors for the Olympic training centers have been chiropractors. That's because, he said,

while treatment may have formerly consisted of surgery, with the accompanying drug therapies, athletes nowadays are looking for less-invasive ways to stay in the pool, on the mat or on the court.

Busy doctors

"(Athletes) want the least-invasive procedures," Stopa said. "They don't want surgery and drugs that might affect their eligibility. The list of banned drugs is a long one. You can't even take cough syrup. If you are a medical doctor, and your treatment includes surgeries and drugs, you're going to get the athletes in trouble."

Chiropractic care, Stopa said, is "big" with Olympic athletes, who are looking for an edge over the competition. It keeps the doctors hopping.



Dr. Kenneth Stopa spent two weeks this winter working with athletes at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

"You work long hours, and you're not just standing around watching the athletes," Stopa said. "You take care of everything, and you have to be ready. I was working hard, because once they know you're doing adjustments, they're all coming around."

The Diplomate certification is also helping him with his practice, which draws patients from Northville, Plymouth, Canton, Livonia and surrounding areas. Stopa, who captained the Salem High School wrestling team (he graduated with the Class of 1990), is an athlete himself, having done karate as a youngster.

He treats amateur and professional athletes now, including some Mixed Martial Arts fighters. His passion for treating sports injuries has helped him build the practice.

More training

"Being an athlete myself, I've found noninvasive treatments worked for me," Stopa said. "If I can be a part of that shift in the paradigm, I want to do that." His patients are beginning to notice the certification, which is posted on his website (www. drstopa.com).

"People notice it on the website, and they mention it when they call," said Christine Gutierrez of Livonia, the assistant office manager who has been with Stopa 10 years. "It helps (patients) to know (Stopa) has that additional training."

Athletes he treated have spent the last two weeks winning medals of all colors. When the Olympics close on Sunday, Stopa will have watched all he can, and done so with an intimate knowledge of what those athletes have gone through to get where they are, and a pride that he helped them in whatever way he could.

"You just feel proud (of them) because you know what they went through to get there," Stopa said. "They sacrificed everything. And to have helped them ... you're proud of that."

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BLUEBERRY TIPS

How to buy: Look for firm, plump, dry berries with smooth skins and a silvery sheen. Size doesn't matter, but color does—reddish berries aren't ripe, but can be used in cooking. Containers with juice stains indicate that the fruit may be bruised.

How to store: Refrigerate fresh blueberries as soon as you get them home, in their original plastic pack or in a covered bowl or storage container. Wash berries just before use. Use within 10 days of purchase. **How to freeze:** The secret to successful freezing Is to use berries that are unwashed and completely dry. Discard berries that look bruised or shriveled. Place the berries, still in their original plastic pack, in a resealable plastic bag. Or, transfer berries to freezer containers or resealable freezer bags. The berries will freeze individually and you can remove just the portion you need. Remember to rinse them before using.

Wake up to breakfast with blueberries

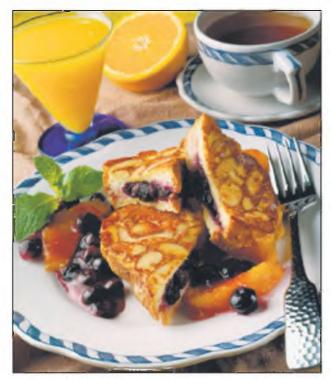
Say good morning to sunshine and blue skies. When there are blueberries in the fridge or freezer, breakfast is not only the most important meal of the day, it can be the most fun.

When breakfast is a rush, what's easier than a handful of blueberries? No pitting, peeling or chopping needed. Just a quick rinse and they're ready to go onto hot or cold cereal or stirred into yogurt.

On more leisurely mornings, blueberries add their color and flavor to stacks of homemade pancakes or waffles. Here's a tip: Stir up a topping in minutes by heating fresh or frozen blueberries in maple syrup.

The USDA's MyPlate recommends that adults 19-30 years eat 2 cups of fruit every day. Blueberries first thing in the morning help you get a head start on achieving that goal. A 1-cup serving of fresh or frozen blueberries has 80 calories and provides vitamin C, manganese and fiber.

Today, nutrition researchers are pursuing four tracks to better understand the role that blueberries may play in promoting good health — cardiovascular health, insulin response, brain health and cancer risk reduction. Learn more about blueberries and health research visit www.littlebluedynamos.com



Blueberry-stuffed French Toast Yield: 4 to 6 portions



Blueberry-Topped Rice Cakes

Yield: 4 portions

- 1/2 cup ricotta or cottage cheese
- 2 teaspoons apricot preserves
- 4 apple-cinnamon flavored rice cakes
- 1 cup thinly-sliced fresh fruit (such as apple, pear, nectarine or peach)
- 1 cup fresh blueberries

In a small bowl, stir together ricotta and preserves. Spoon an equal amount on each of the rice cakes almost to the edge. Arrange fruit slices in circles on top of the ricotta mixture. Top each with ¼ cup of the blueberries; serve immediately.

Per Portion: 149 calories, 5 g protein, 24 g carbohydrate, 4 g fat, 39 mg sodium, 16 mg cholesterol

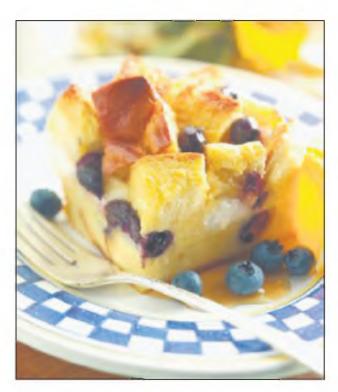
Blueberry Breakfast Bake

Yield: 9 portions

2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries, divided

- 8 eggs, beaten
- 1½ cups lowfat milk
- 🛿 cup maple syrup
- % cup melted butter

Preheat oven to 350°F. Remove crusts from bread. Cut in 1-inch cubes (makes about 10 cups). Cut cream cheese in small cubes (makes about 1 cup). Grease a 9-by 9-by- 2-inch baking dish. Place half of the bread cubes in the dish. Scatter cream cheese cubes and 1 cup of blueberries over the bread. Top with remaining bread cubes and blueberries. In a bowl, combine eggs, milk, maple syrup and butter. Carefully pour over bread mixture. Bake until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean, about 1 hour, covering with aluminum foil if edges brown too much. To serve, cut in squares. Accompany with additional maple syrup, if desired.



Cooking spray 6 eggs 1 teaspoon grated orange peel 2 cup orange juice 3 tablespoons sugar, divide Pinch salt, optional 1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries (thawed and drained, if frozen) 8 slices (1-¼ inches thick) Italian bread 3 cup sliced almonds Blueberry Orange Sauce (recipe follows) Drach oct event to 4000TE Service a lange holding

Preheat oven to 400°F. Spray a large baking sheet with cooking spray. In a medium bowl beat eggs, peel, juice, 2 tablespoons of the sugar and the salt until well blended. Pour into a 13- by 9- by 2-inch baking pan; set aside. In a small bowl combine blueberries and the remaining 1 tablespoon sugar; set aside. With the tip of a sharp knife, cut a $1-\frac{1}{2}$ -inch wide pocket in the side of each bread slice. Fill pockets with reserved blueberry mixture, dividing evenly. Place filled slices in egg mixture. Let stand, turning once, until egg mixture is absorbed, about 5 minutes on each side. Arrange bread on prepared baking sheet; sprinkle with almonds. Bake until golden brown, about 15 minutes, turning slices after 10 minutes. Serve with Blueberry Orange Sauce.

Blueberry Orange Sauce

Yield: 2 cups

- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 🖇 cup orange juice
- 1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries

1 cup orange sections (about 2 oranges)

In a cup combine sugar, cornstarch and salt. Set aside. In a small saucepan bring orange juice and ¹/₄ cup water to a boil. Add blueberries and orange sections. Return to a boil. Cook until liquid is released from fruit, about 2 minutes. Stir in sugar mixture. Cook, stirring constantly, until sauce thickens, 1 to 2 minutes.

Blueberry Mini-Muffins

 $Yield: 24\ mini-muffins$

- 2 cups self-rising flour
- 🖁 cup sugar
- % cup milk
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- cup butter, melted
- 1½ cups fresh blueberries

Preheat oven to 425°F. Lightly grease 24 (1inch) mini-muffin pan cups. In a medium-sized bowl, combine flour and sugar. Make a well in the center; add milk, egg and butter. Stir gently until mixture begins to form a soft dough; fold in berries; spoon into mini-muffin cups, dividing evenly. Bake until tops are golden, 12 to 15 minutes. Serve warm.

Per muffin: 83 calories, 13 g carbohydrate, 2.6 g total fat, 1.5 g saturated fat

Blueberry Pumpkin Bread

Serves 8

cup canned solid-pack pumpkin
 cup sugar
 cup orange juice
 large eggs
 cup vegetable oil
 cups all-purpose flour
 teaspoons baking powder
 teaspoon salt
 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
 cup fresh or frozen blueberries, not thawed
 White icing, optional (recipe follows)
 Preheat oven to 350° F. Butter an 8¹/₂- by 4¹/₂-inch
 loaf pan. In large bowl with electric mixer, beat
 pumpkin, sugar, orange juice, eggs and oil until

loaf pan. In large bowl with electric mixer, beat pumpkin, sugar, orange juice, eggs and oil until smooth, about 1 minute. In small bowl, stir flour, baking powder, salt and pumpkin pie spice; add to pumpkin mixture; stir just until combined. Spoon % of batter into pan; spread evenly. Stir blueberries into remaining batter in bowl and spoon over batter in pan, spread evenly. Bake until a wooden skewer or toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 60 to 65 minutes. Cool in pan on a rack for 10 minutes; turn out onto rack; cool completely. May be wrapped and refrigerated for up to 4 days, or frozen for up to 1 month. If desired, drizzle with icing.

White Icing

Yield: ¹/₂ cup

- 1 cup sifted confectioners sugar
- 2 tablespoons softened butter.
- $1\,\text{\&}$ to 2 tablespoons milk
- ¿-teaspoon vanilla

Combine sugar and butter in a bowl. Add the milk and vanilla and beat until smooth. Drizzle over cake.





Blueberry Breakfast Salad

2 pounds mixed, torn salad greens Blueberry Vinaigrette (recipe follows)

4 cups fresh blueberries

4 cups fresh orange sections or canned mandarin oranges, drained 2 cups granola

Toss salad greens with $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups of the Blueberry Vinaigrette. Divide the dressed greens among eight large plates. Arrange $\frac{1}{2}$ cup orange sections and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup blueberries on top of each salad. Sprinkle each salad with $\frac{1}{4}$ cup granola. Drizzle remaining dressing on top. Serve immediately.

Blueberry Vinaigrette

Yield: 2 cups

Serves 8

- 1 cup olive oil
- 1 cup frozen thawed blueberries
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons minced shallot
- ¼ teaspoon kosher salt
- ½ teaspoon ground white pepper
- ½ teaspoon paprika

Combine ingredients in food processor container. Process until mixture is smooth. Chill at least 30 minutes to blend flavors.

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Northville varsity head coach Matt Ladach addresses his troops at the end of their first full day of practice.

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Football practice starts across Michigan

Northville Mustangs looking for another successful season

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

As the first full week of August made its way onto the calendar, many Northville High School students were sitting back fretting over the days until they were back in the classroom.

For the Northville Mustangs football team, under the guidance of head coach Matt Ladach, class was already in session.

Ladach doesn't hide the fact that he's excited over the 2012 season. But, truthfully, he's excited about football no matter what year it is.

"If I wasn't excited, I wouldn't be coaching," Ladach said. "I (couldn't) wait for Monday and I can't wait for Thursday, either. I really can't wait for our opener against Lakeland on August 24!"

The Mustangs came into the season in as good

of shape as they have been under Ladach's time at the program's lead. That's because of their summer conditioning, which wasn't as typical as one might think. Instead, there were tires being thrown and sledge hammers being lifted. And at the end of it all? The last two weeks prior to the Michigan High School Athletics Association mandatory dead week from July 30-Aug. 5 were all about mental preparedness more than anything else.

"Our players have worked extremely hard to prepare themselves for the rigors of the upcoming season. I don't know exactly how much strength our players gained in their last few off-season workouts, but I do know that the challenges of our workouts helped them develop mental toughness."

Northville will be look-

ing to have an upbeat tempo all season long and their first practice of the year proved it. Lots of sweating, lots of training and lots of coaching took place throughout the daylong event.

That upbeat tempo is expected to transfer smoothly into the Northville playing style this season.

"One thing our players will hear often this fall is 'play fast," said Ladach. "That's the primary goal of our defense. We will demand a lighting-fast tempo from our offense as well."

Training focuses on fundamentals on the first day and the ability to follow-through and finish on each and every play from blocking to running to tackling and more.

But the most important lesson being taught this week at Northville

Please see FOOTBALL, B2



Mustang Brandon Petrone catches a ball on Northville High's new artificial turf field Monday.

Trio of Novi girls compete in USAV tournament



LISA HUDGENS

From left to right, Novi residents Erin O'Leary, Olivia Bradford and Christina Hudgens recently participated in an international volleyball tournament in iowa. The three girls were among an elite group throughout all of Michigan and northern indiana to make the two 10-person USA Volleyball Lakeshore Regional High Performance teams.

Talented young players show promise for future of Wildcat program

By Chrls Jackett

Correspondent

Novi High School's varsity volleyball team has regularly been ranked among the best in the state during the past decade, but a handful of future Wildcats have already showed promise during a recent international tournament through USA Volleyball's High Performance program.

Three Novi girls were among the 20 chosen last month to participate for the two Lakeshore Region teams – which consist of Michigan and northern Indiana – at a USAV tournament July 24-28 at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines, Iowa. Residents Christina Hudgens, 14, and Erin O'Leary, 12, played with the select team (1998-99 birthdays), while Olivia Bradford, 15, played with the youth team (1996-97 birthdays). O'Leary was the only 12 year old on her region's team, which consisted of one 13 year old and eight 14 year olds.

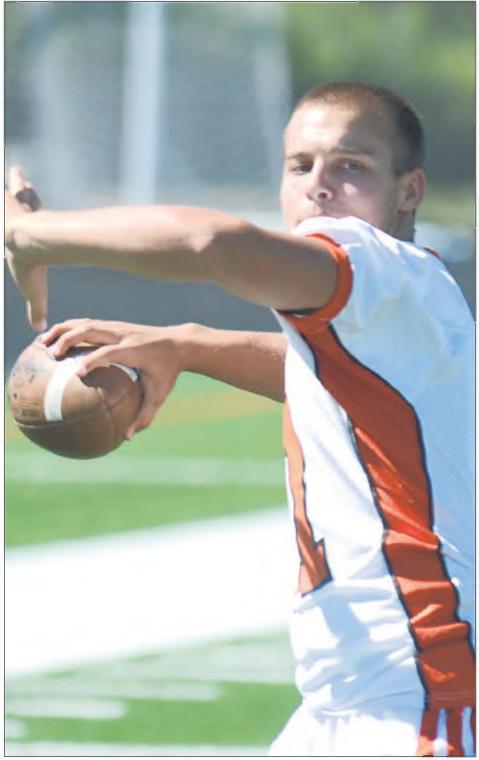
"I play two to three years up," O'Leary said. "They had two tryouts. Then they invite 20 girls to go to a three-day camp. It was a great opportunity. It was probably the best coaching I've ever gotten. It was a wakeup."

O'Leary, who played with the

Novi-based Skill Ignition AAU team last season and plans to play with Ann Arbor-based A2 this fall, said the three Novi girls were chosen from a pool of about 30 of the region's top youth players during a camp at Western Michigan University just two weeks before the Iowa tournament.

"We definitely got to know each other when we got there. Most people's parents didn't even come," O'Leary said, noting hers were some of the few to make the sevenhour drive. "It was very high level competition. There were teams

Please see USAV, B3



"Being a selfless individ-

son being taught on the field is for the betterment of the team as a in 2012.



Kelly Maise looks to help Alma to MIAA title

Northville graduate big part of Scots' game plan

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

The Alma College Scots will be looking to get in the hunt for the MIAA conference title this year when the volleyball season picks back up.

The squad, which has finished in third place in the MIAA for the last two seasons, has one of Northville's top volleyball players on its roster again this season and will be using her to help reach their season goals. Kelly Maise, a 2009 graduate of Northville High School, has been starting for the Scots since her freshman season. She is the Northville record holder for most kills in a single season with 484.

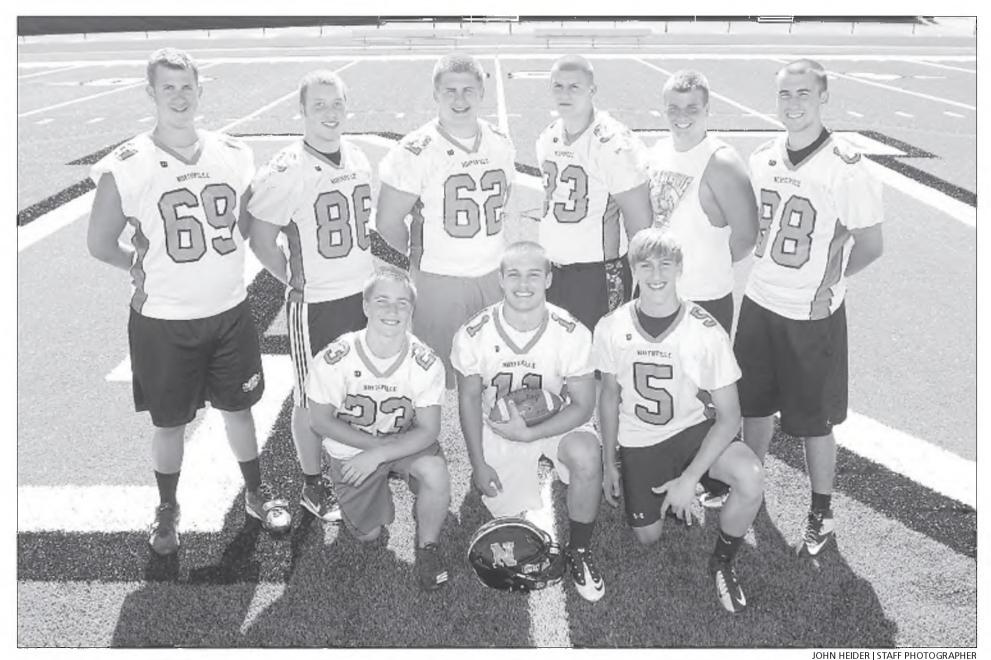
The Scots will have their hands full, however, with perennial top teams Calvin College and Hope

College to work their way through in order to make a run at the MIAA championship. Both teams are typically highly ranked nationally and Calvin College was the national champion in 2011.

Maise will be seeing the court from a slightly different perspective this year, transitioning from an outside hitter and defensive specialist to libero in 2012.



B3



A few varsity football team members enjoy a visit to their new artificial turf field. Back row, from left: David Hornshaw, Brandon Petrone, Evan Schriner, Jon Wines, R.J. Holloway and Sean Conway. Front row: Sam Tacconelli, Joey Hewlett and Nick Stegmeyer.

Northville stadium project on schedule

Fundraisers to be held for Phase 2

By Sam Eggleston

Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs football teams are going to have a nice new turf to play on this fall thanks to a lot of hard work by the Auch Construction Co.

Construction of Phase 1 of the football stadium project, said

Northville athletics director Bryan Masi, is right on schedule. The artificial turf was completed three weeks ago and if you haven't stopped by to see it yet, then you may want to.

The turf features orange letters trimmed in black and orange with a big, block "N" in the middle of the field and Northville

written in both end zones. What's more is the new scoreboard, lights and sound system are all completed as well and the fence work and some concrete work is being finished up currently and will be ready for the first home game of the season.

"The Phase 1 stadium project has come together nicely," said Masi. "Almost all projects are complete including the turf, press box, sound system, lights

and scoreboard. Auch Construction Company has done an outstanding job thanks to the oversight of Jeff Hamilton, President of Auch Construction and Northville resident. We are excited to show the Northville community the new renovations when we kick off the football season on August 24."

But the project isn't quite finished yet. Phase 2 work still needs funding and the Turf

Club, which was key in helping raise money to cover Phase 1 projects, will be holding fund-raising events over the next year to help pay for the upgrades. Phase 2 will include new entrance ways in both the north and south ends of the stadium as well as renovated team rooms and storage areas and a renovated ticket and concession building complete with a community courtyard.

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from all over the place. It was the best level of competition I've ever played.

gave her some strategic insight she hopes will be beneficial as she attempts to break into the Wildcats' volleyball program as a freshman this week. "The camp was really fun at Western," Hudgens said. "It was really awesome because they really knew what they were talking about. They taught us more strategy

ty and Aquinas College,

than skill."

A setter with Michigan Elite and off-season St. James CYO player, Hudgens knows how competitive the local volleyball scene can be. But she's also been to Nationals with her AAU team and this was her second year with one of the USAV High Performance teams, which also put a national team on the court to face

other country's all-star teams.

"The play was definitely a lot better," Hudgens said. "I think it's helped me out a lot. For the most part, we were all good allsquads and youth landing seventh of 18 – they did get a few special visitors.

'We had the mayor of Des Moines talk to us and one of the Olympic players - who didn't end up

ed by the best of five games, as opposed to the AAU standard best of three games. But each praised their experience with the USAV High Performance program and

We played teams from California, Florida and Hawaii. I think all 10 of us girls improved."

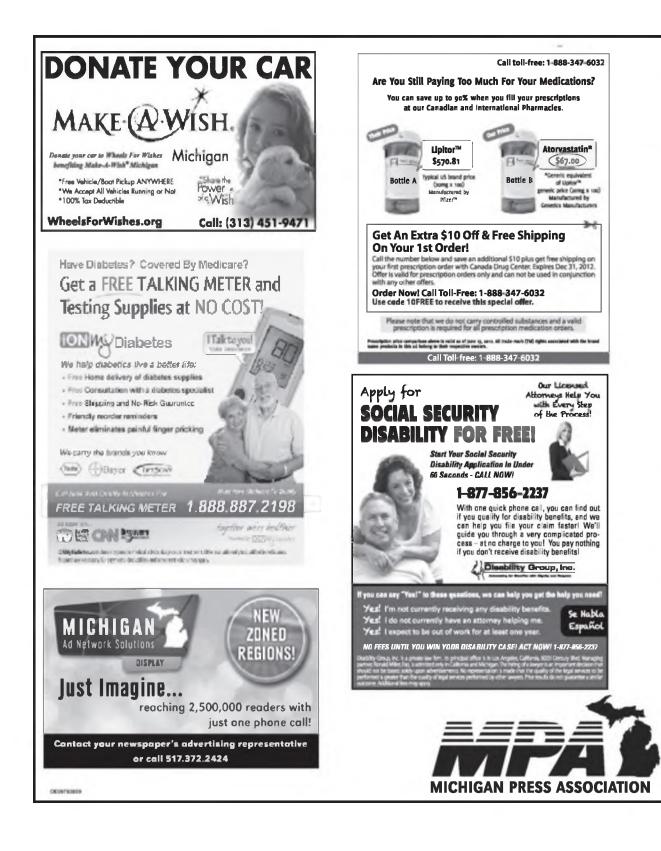
Hudgens said the select team coaches, from Lake Superior State Universiaround players.

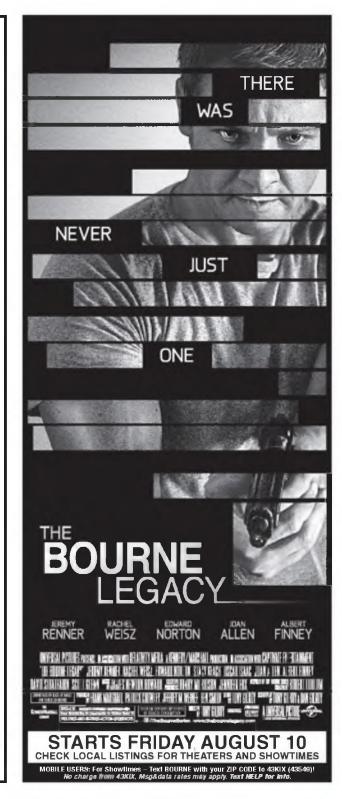
Although the girls didn't have much time for sight seeing while playing seven matches during the week – both finishing 4-3 with select landing eighth of 18

going - who came and answered questions for us," Hudgens said.

The competition was a slight adjustment for the girls because all seven matches were decidhopes to participate again next year.

For more information on the program, visit www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball/High-Performance.aspx.





Royal Oak's Gordon named new Novi athletic director

New AD ends 22-year stint with RONS to take 'dream job' in Novi

By Chris Jackett Correspondent

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(NRNN)

Student-athletes at Novi High School will have a fourth face running the athletic department in the past 11 months, but this one plans to be running it for the rest of his career.

Royal Oak High School Athletic Director/Assistant Principal Brian Gordon was selected Aug. 2 to take control of the athletic director position at Novi High School, effective Aug. 8.

"The Novi reputation is just fantastic. I sort of want to hang my hat there for a very, very long time," Gordon said. "The programs are just amazing and the community is so supportive. They truly understand the impact athletics can have on students."

A 45-year-old Rochester Hills resident, Gordon succeeds Christian Wilson, who served in the position from Nov. 28, 2011, until June 30, 2012, before moving back to Gaylord because the housing market would not allow his family to sell their house. Wilson had taken over for interim AD Julie Fisette, who spent about 10 weeks in the position



NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS Royal Oak Athletic Director/Assistant Principal Brian Gordon was selected Aug. 2 to become Novi High School's newest athletic director this fall. Gordon succeeds Christian Wilson, who held the position for seven months after Curt Ellis resigned last September.

after Curt Ellis left the position Sept. 15 for a job with Saline Area Schools, the district where Ellis lives.

Gordon knows a little something about longevity. Since graduating from Central Michigan University in 1990, he has spent the past 22 years with Royal Oak Neighborhood Schools, just across the street from where he grew up in Clawson.

"Royal Oak is very dear and close to my heart," Gordon said. "It was an opportunity. It's an amazing school district. Royal Oak is amazing, as well. (One reason was) probably because it was just an athletic director job and not with the assistant principal responsibilities with it.

"I want to thank everybody at Royal Oak and all the support. You don't advance through life without a lot of people helping you."

Prior to becoming a dual athletic director and assistant principal at ROHS, Gordon was a teacher in the district at the elementary, junior high and high school level. He has also coached football, basketball, baseball, golf and even pole vaulting at different points in his career, but transitioned his collegiate baseball playing career into a coaching role at ROHS.

He was named to the Michigan Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame in 2011 after serving 15 years in the head varsity baseball coach position until he was named athletic director in 2010. He was the junior varsity coach during his first five years with the district.

He also earned his Master of Arts degree in sports administration from Wayne State University in 2000.

"Mr. Gordon will be an excellent addition to our administrative team," Superintendent Dr. Steve M. Matthews said in a release. "He understands and is passionate about athletics. He will come to Novi and work hard to maintain the tradition of Novi Wildcat athletics and continue to move our athletic program forward.

"Mr. Gordon understands the importance of athletics, and he understands how it can contribute to the overall academic focus of our district. He will be a tireless worker for us."

Gordon's experiences in Royal Oak also includes four years as health advisory chairman, Curriculum Cabinet member for eight years and the district's in-house suspension director for three years. Although he wasn't brought in for an interview when he applied for the position last year, he said the timing and extra year of experience at ROHS made this year a better fit for him. This year, a panel of about 14 administrators, coaches and teachers chose him.

"Last year would've been a difficult transition. I'm a believer things happen for a reason," Gordon said. "The one thing I can't wait to do is to meet all the kids and coaches and staff members at Novi. I'll be listening to a lot of people. I look forward to a lot of great years."

Because he already lives locally in Rochester Hills, he won't have to deal with relocating as Wilson had planned to do. His wife, Jill, is a 24-year mainstay as a Clawson Public Schools teacher and former middle school coach. His daughter McKenzie is a senior and his son Zachary is a sophomore, both at Rochester High. Both are involved in athletics for the Falcons through cheerleading, football and baseball, respectively.

"Athletics is definitely in our blood. Its something that's been a part of our family," Gordon said.

Gordon said he looks forward to his first Friday Night Lights experience with Novi Aug. 23 when the Wildcats host Brighton in the football season opener, reuniting an old KVC rivalry.

Local sailers get special surprise in Mackinac race

By Jeff Theisen Sports writer

Mike Medwid has sailed the Port Huron to Mackinac race many times, but this year's race took on a different twist in a practically brand new boat.

The Commerce Township native sailed the race throughout the 1980s and even a few years ago aboard a different vessel - the EZ Money.

Medwid ordered a new



no sleep for the experience of it all. Of course we had hoped to win just the same."

But a little pre-race luck brought something new to the race. The major area sports teams each draw a team out of the hat and are represented by that boat in a minirace between the local teams.

Medwid's boat was pulled by the Detroit Red Wings. He decided to go all out and get jerseys made up for the crew and others involved with the boat, going as far as putting names on the back. The biggest difference being a picture of the boat was also on the back of the iersey. in the race," said Mike Medwid. "It was cool. It was a big thing to have that this year. It was fun for everybody."

While the Notso EZ Money didn't win it's particular class, it did finish first in the race for the local sports teams.

"We did not do very well in our class, so it was nice to win something," said Matt. "And the jerseys Mike got us were awesome."

Mike Medwid summed up the race: "It was a new boat this year and we didn't have much time to get to know the boat and how to sail it, but we did pretty good."

boat some five years ago and got it delivered in May this year. It was named the Notso EZ Money.

Medwid decided to put a crew together for the new race, with the special idea of getting his sons – Sam and Matt – involved with the race as

The crew and family of the Notso EZ Money show off the jerseys made up for the Port Huron to Mackinac race.

part of the 11-member crew. Matt had also sailed with him on several other races. Matt Medwid (also from Commerce Township) explains what the crew was made up of: "A lot of the boats in the Mac are made up of professional crews and racing vessels. Our boat is a cruiser, and the team was just a bunch of dudes who wanted to sail 36 hours straight with

"We had the nicest teams shirts for anybody All while looking good as well.

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Northville Parks and Rec Lacrosse camps

Come play the fastest game on two feet. Whether you are a beginner or experienced travel team player, here is a great opportunity to learn from the best. Dwayne Hicks, Michigan State former Head Coach and his experienced staff will lead the boys camp and Stacey Tardich, Northville High School head coach, will lead the girls camp. Join our great coaches as they teach, help, and encourage players to have fun while learning and improving their skills. Camp is held at Northville Community Park, Aug 20-22, 9 a.m.-noon. The camp is for boys and girls 5-8 grades.

Visit www.northvilleparksandrec.org for registration information.

NHS Family Sports Pass available M

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The 2012-2013 Northville High School Athletic Boosters Club Family Sport Pass is now available to order. This convenient pass provides admittance to all Northville High School and Middle School sports regular home games.

A one-time cost of \$125.00 covers your immediate family, including your NHS student or students or \$50 for an individual pass.

All funds generated from the sales of these passes goes directly to support NHS sports. Purchasing a Family Sport Pass is a great way to support Northville High School sports at a time when budgets are being cut.

Contact Membership Director Maureen Owen at (248) 348-0075 for more information.

Motor City Madness tryouts

For 13+ year olds, Madness has a pretryout practice on Aug. 9 from 6-8:30 p.m. at Power Park.

Tryouts are Aug. 11-12th at Power Park. The schedule is as follows:

• 2pm-4pm: 10U (10 and under)

- 4pm-6pm: 12U (12 and under)
- 6pm-8pm: 14U (14 and under)

• 12-2pm: 16U (Sunday only)

Pitcher and catchers run an additional 30 minutes.

For registration information and more details, please visit our website at http:// www.eteamz.com/motorcity.

The Madness organization will consider players from Novi and the surrounding communities. Please contact Chris Lawler at mcmadness.softball@gmail. com for questions.

Soccer Challenge

Hines Park Ford has teamed up with the Total Sports Complex in Wixom and the South Lyon Soccer Club to conduct two separate Escape Soccer Skills Challenge events.

The Total Sports event will be Aug. 11 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The South Lyon Soccer Club event will be Aug. 28 from 5-8 p.m.

Boys and girls, ages 8-13, will compete in a series of challenges designed to encourage teamwork, improve their soccer skills and most importantly, have fun.

Additional information on the Ford Escape Soccer Skills Challenge as well as the related sweepstakes contest to enter for a change to win a twoyear lease of a 2013 Ford Escape can be found at www.fordescapesoccerskillschallenge.com/findevent.



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Paper Plate Watermelon Craft

When you think of summer fun you may think of watermelons.

Supplies:

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Paper Plate

· Pink, Dark Green, Light green, and Black Paint

Instructions:

Paint the wavy ridge of the paper plate dark green. This will be a circle around the plate approximately 1" thick. Now paint a smaller circle lighter green just inside of the larger circle. Completely paint the center of the plate pink. Using the black paint, make small little tear shapes to simulate seeds. Once the paint is completely dry, fold the paper plate in half. You have just created the perfect slice of watermelon.





Do you write, draw, photographs, or do something else that you would like others to know about? Share your talent with us. We extraordinary talent in an upcoming Scoop's Hound Dog Highlight.



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Jack of Royal Oak spent the Fourth of July Hope enjoyed the day with

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her proud dad while he

snapped photos of her

July 4th parade.

participating in the Milford

Hope Drogmiller - Novi

with this family at their family cottage for their annual Kid's Day. The day was filled with fun, games and competition including sack races, limbo contests, eggs toss, tug of war, wheel barrel racing, water balloons and more. This year Jack won the sack race.

Jack Armstrong - Royal Oak



Help Scoop find his way through the park



Meaghan from Livonia and her Dad on a carousel at Greenfield Village. "We all had a fabulous time. Meaghan really liked the rides in the old cars around the village, however she always enjoys a carousel ride".

Meaghan Dick Livonia



Elizabeth from Farmington and her dad kayaking on the a pond on the Huron River. "It's still a beautiful autumn Saturday to go kayaking with my dad: It's our own fatherdaughter time"

Elizabeth Ho -Farmington



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Grace from Farmington and her dad at the Grand Prix. "Dad made me a pine-wood Derby car and I won first place this year. I brought home a trophy because my dad made me a terrific car. Thank you Dad and I love you!"

Grace Ho -Farmington



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Five rules for buying a foreclosure or short sale with confidence

Buyers are still clamoring for real estate deals in this turbulent market. Foreclosures and short sales offer some of the best bargains, but also have a higher risk level. Still, more than four in five adults think foreclosures and short sales can be good deals, according to a recent American Society of Home Inspectors survey.

Some analysts say the rebound has begun and home prices may rise by the end of 2012. This means now may be buyers' last chance to take advantage of affordable properties and low interest rates. If you want to score a bargain before the housing market recovers, you'll need to follow a few rules to invest with certainty.

Make a wise investment by adhering to these five rules while shopping distressed properties:

• Rule 1: Position yourself for success

Before starting your search, get preapproved for a mortgage so when a good deal

presents itself, you're positioned to submit a bid right away to be the first offer on the bank's desk. Work with an experienced real estate agent who can help guide you through the daunting sea of foreclosures and short sales. Bidding can be complicated and time-consuming, especially when working with a home sale needing bank approval. A good agent will know how to navigate through the paperwork and red tape.

• Rule 2: Do your research A real estate agent can help you with research, but it's wise to do some on your own. Are there any undisclosed liens on the property? Is the seller behind on his property taxes? What permit records does the city have on file? This information will be critical during decision-making. Work with your agent to ensure the contract requires any delinquent taxes, liens or assessments will be paid prior to you taking ownership of the property.

• Rule 3: Always get a home inspection

43608 Ryegate St

Eighty-four percent of adults repair. After receiving your surveyed by ASHI said they would be more likely to purchase a distressed property after a home inspection has determined its condition.

A home inspection gives you the confidence to move forward with your purchase because you'll have as much knowledge as possible about the condition of the property. An inspector will visually examine the condition of the home's roof, attic and insulation, foundation, basement and structural components, as well as interior plumbing and electrical systems. Be sure to find an ASHI-Certified Inspector to ensure your inspector is experienced, as many states have minimal licensing requirements. To find a local ACI, use ASHI's "Find an Inspector" tool on www.ASHI.org.

• Rule 4: Budget for repairs When looking at short sales and foreclosures, remember price is only one aspect to consider. A home will almost always require some type of

inspection report, you can estimate costs associated with necessary repairs, maintenance or energy-efficient improvements.

• Rule 5: Assess the neighborhood

Location should be a top consideration when purchasing real estate, and in a tough housing market, it's even more important. A home has limited worth if it's located in a less desirable neighborhood. High foreclosure rates can turn a once-desirable neighborhood into one many might likely avoid. These locations are likely to see a slower recovery than more populated or favorable areas less affected by the economy. Make location as important as price when making a purchase decision.

Protect yourself with knowledge and expert advice to make a confident, smart decision about your largest investment.

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Restricting dogs by breed

By Robert Meisner Guest Columnist

Q: I am wondering whether our condominium association can iawfuliy restrict certain breeds of dogs. We don't think that the size and weight limitations are reasonable, but we do want to keep certain dogs out. What do you think?

A: While there are not any



specific cases in Michigan on that point, it would appear that breed discrimination is reasonable particularly in light of various

cases which have found, by way of example, that pit bulls and cross breed pit bulls are inherently dangerous. In Michigan, there is strict liability for a dog bite. I would prefer to have breed discrimination as opposed to limitations on the size and weight of an animal which may have no reasonable bearing to the propensity of the animal to cause a problem and the Michigan Court of Appeals in an unpublished decision has so held. As always, it is best to get an opinion from a knowledgeable community association attorney

Q: i understand that Fannie Mae may have recently issued an opinion on private transfer fee covenants. Do you have any information?

A: As of March 16, 2012, the Federal Housing Finance Agency issued a final rule and directive which prohibits Fannie Mae from purchasing or investing in any mortgages on properties encumbered by certain private transfer fee covenants, securities backed by such mortgages, or securities backed by the income stream from such covenants, unless they are expect- .> ed transfer fee covenants, as defined in the final rule (the "Regulation"). However, the final rule excludes private transfer fees paid to homeowner association, condominiums, cooperatives, and certain tax-exempt organizations that use private transfer fee proceeds to benefit the property. You should determine whether in fact your particular property comes within any exemptions to the regulation. Q: Our association has a situation where some of the residents have established a Facebook group in order to have residents be abie to send notices of missing pets, ask to borrow toois, offer babysitting and pet sitting services and, otherwise connect with each other. However, they are using the name of the Association in their Facebook page title. is there anything we can do about it? A: Generally speaking, the association lawyer will be probably be concerned about having the association's name in the Facebook group's title causing confusion between the association's own Facebook page and the group's Facebook page. There is also concern about whether the residents' Facebook page will provide information which is inaccurate and will not give the association itself an opportunity to monitor what goes on the page and take down any negative posts which could adversely affect real estate values. This of course could result in litigation, but hopefully it can be resolved amicably.

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

Finance seminar

Learn how to finance your purchase and rehab projects in and around Detroit. Hear from an expert in the lending business, Trent Dalrymple, who has more than 25 years of experience. Real estate and investment professionals are welcome. Seating is limited, so call (248) 547-3006 or sign up at www.metro-mi.com. These free one-hour seminars will be 6-7 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of the month at Metro Mortgage Investments, 26711 Woodward Ave., Suite 301, Huntington Woods.

Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

Learn about reverse mortgages. RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, ext. 33.

Investors

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

Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. each first Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate. Members are free, guests \$20,

which will be applied to their membership.

Any questions or concerns, call Wayde Koehler at (313) 277-4168.

Learn all about "fllpping" notes

This is a seminar about buying financial notes secured by real estate at a discount and re-selling the note for a higher price for a profit. Sponsored by Real **Estate Investors Association** of Oakland from 5:30-9:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 9, at Club Venetian, John R Road, just north of 12 Mile Road, Madison Heights. Seminar is free to members and \$20 for nonmembers.

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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Are you thinking of making a career change but aren't interested in pursuing higher education or don't have the money for it? There are plenty of options for starting a new career without going back to square one.

If you have a high-school diploma or an equivalent level of schooling, here are nine careers that provide on-thejob training.

1. Bookkeeping, accounting and auditing clerk

Bookkeeping, accounting and auditing clerks produce financial records for organizations. They record financial transactions, update statements and check financial records for accuracy. Most bookkeeping, accounting and auditing clerks need a high-school diploma, and they usually learn some of their skills on the job. They must have basic math and computer skills, including knowledge of spreadsheets and bookkeeping software. Median annual pay: \$34,030

2. Electrician

Electricians install and maintain electrical systems in homes, businesses and factories. Although most electricians learn through a formal apprenticeship, some start out by attending a technical school. Most states require licensing. **Median annual pay: \$48,250**

3. Insurance sales agent Insurance sales agents help insurance companies

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generate business by contacting potential customers and selling one or more types of insurance. An agent explains insurance policies and helps clients choose plans that suit them. Although many employers require agents to have a highschool diploma, more than one-third of insurance sales agents have a bachelor's degree. Agents must be licensed in the states in which they work.

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4. Legal secretary These secretaries and administrative assistants perform routine clerical and organizational tasks. They organize files, draft messages, schedule appointments and support other staff. Highschool graduates with basic office and computer skills usually qualify for entry-level secretarial and administrative assistant positions. **Median annual pay: \$34,660**

5. Loan officer

Loan officers evaluate, authorize or recommend approval of loan applications for people and businesses. Most loan officers need a high-school diploma and receive on-the-job training. Commercial loan officers, however, need a bachelor's degree in finance, business, economics or a related field. Mortgage loan officers must be licensed. **Median annual pay:**

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6. Payroll and timekeeping clerk



Financial clerks do administrative work for banking, insurance and other companies. They keep records, help customers and perform financial transactions. A high-school diploma is enough for most financial clerk positions. These workers usually learn their duties through on-thejob training.

Median annual pay: \$33,710

7. Pharmacy technician

Pharmacy technicians help licensed pharmacists dispense prescription medication. Becoming a pharmacy technician usually requires earning a high-school diploma. Some states also require completing a formal training program and passing an exam.

Median annual pay: \$28,400

ambulance dispatcher Police, fire and ambulance dispatchers, also called 911 operators or public safety telecommunicators, answer emergency and non emergency calls. They take information from the caller and send the appropriate type and number of units. Most police, fire and ambulance dispatchers have a highschool diploma or GED. Additional requirements vary. Many states require dispatchers to become certified. Median annual pay:

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\$35,370

9. Real estate sales agent Real estate brokers and sales agents help clients buy, sell and rent properties. Brokers and agents do the same type of work, but brokers are licensed to manage their own real estate business. Sales agents must work with a broker. In every state and the District of Columbia, real estate brokers and sales agents must be licensed. Candidates must be highschool graduates, be at least 18 years old and complete a particular number of hours of real estate courses. **Median annual pay: \$40,030**

*All median annual pay figures, job descriptions and education levels are from the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook.

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