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**Frog
workshop**

Friends of the Rouge seeks volunteers for its annual frog and toad survey of the Rouge River watershed. Volunteers learn how to recognize eight frog and toad calls commonly heard in Michigan in spring and are assigned a nearby area to survey by listening. Interested volunteers need to pre-register for one of four training workshops held in March.

The first workshop will take place from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, March 2 at Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road.

Anyone interested in learning about local wildlife and willing to learn the calls and devote a few evenings every month to listening is encouraged to sign up. People from all walks of life participate in the survey, including students, retirees, families (children five and older are welcome when accompanied by a participating adult). Surveys must be done within the Rouge River watershed (survey blocks are assigned as close to volunteers as possible).

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**Amerman principal to say
goodbye at end of school year**

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Dr. Stephen Anderson, principal of Amerman Elementary School, will be retiring at the end of this school year, according to the Northville Public Schools.

In an email letter to parents and the community, Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said that after 21 years of serving Amerman Elementary, as well as the larger Northville Public Schools community, Anderson has chosen to retire.

Anderson has chosen to not comment on his decision until later in the school year.

Gallagher cited some of the accomplishments and highlights during Anderson's tenure with NPS, including his instrumental leadership in a number of arenas, such as his steadfast commitment to parent involvement and education, and Amerman's Green School effort, which achieved the highly coveted Emerald status.

In addition, he worked to see a variety of learning-centered extracurricular opportunities offered to students, such

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High fives for Hoops

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The robotics team at NHS made a special visit last week to a Cooke School satellite special education classroom to share the world of robotics. Above, Robostangs driver Tim East-ridge (right) lets Northville High student Miasha Rich (center) have a try at the controls to the robot "Hoops." See Education on page A4 for the story and more photos.

**Township to utilize federal funds
to clean up blight at hospital site**

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Northville Township will be using federal Community Development Block Grant funding to help clean up the old psychiatric hospital buildings on the Seven Mile Road property.

The Northville Township Board of Trustees approved by a 6-0 vote to designate \$87,000 in CDBG funds to address the blight along Seven Mile that is the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital, which was closed in 2003.

According to Community Development Director Jennifer Frey, the funds will come from the fiscal year 2013-14 CDBG funds and will go toward environmental cleanup at the location.

A public hearing was held at the Feb. 21 board of trustees meeting, but no one gave comment.

"This will supplement

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**Northville
senator ranked
as state's most
conservative**

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Patrick Colbeck, a Republican who represents Northville Township and most of the City of Northville in the Michigan Senate, is the state's most conservative senator, according to the latest ranking from the Michigan Information & Research Service.

Kyle Melinn, a co-owner of MIRS and its news editor, talked about the conservative-to-liberal rankings Thursday during a meeting of the Plymouth Democratic Club.

Melinn said MIRS analyzed 36 Legislature votes in coming up with the list, and that Colbeck voted with what would be considered the conservative side on 35 of those, more than any of the other 37 state senators. Colbeck's 7th District also includes Canton Township and Plymouth.

Kurt Heise, a Republican who represents most of the Northville community, as well as Plymouth, Plymouth Township and part of Canton in the state House of Representatives, was put in the middle of the ranking among Michigan's 59 Republican House members.

Just a reflection

Colbeck, elected to a four-year term in 2010, on Friday embraced the title but also seemed to shrug it off.

"I don't have any problem with that moniker at all," Colbeck said of the "most conservative" label. "Really, it's just a reflection that I'm doing what I said I was going to do when I was elected."

Colbeck said it would be "refreshing for my constituents, in the context of what's going on at the federal level, to know they've got somebody at the state level" who is upholding conservative principles.

Melinn also said Tea Party Republicans are the most dominant element in the state party, a contention with which Colbeck took issue. Colbeck has strong Tea Party support and connections.

"There's no doubt I have a very strong base in the Tea Party and I share those principles," he said.

Colbeck said what's important to him are individuals' views and the merits of a particular issue. The Tea Party element, he said, doesn't have a top-down structure and doesn't always speak with one voice.

"They're all kind of united around the principle of

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as Lego Robotics, Chess Club and Science Olympiad. He also secured grant funding for project work and placed a tremendous focus on action research. “You have each been a part of this work, and know most of all the impact of Dr. Anderson’s work at Amerman,” Gallagher wrote in the letter. “We appreciate Dr. Anderson’s leadership, and look forward to recognizing him for his service to the children, staff and community of Northville Public Schools as the end of the school year approaches. We also appreciate the ample notice of retirement that Dr. Anderson has provided, as it will allow for a thorough search and selection process and a thoughtful transition in leadership.” The job opening was posted Feb. 22. In March, times will be scheduled to get input from Amerman staff, students and parents regarding desired skills and strengths



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Amerman Elementary Principal Dr. Stephen Anderson (left) will retire at the end of the school year after more than two decades of leading the school.

sought for the new principal. A principal will be named in late May, Gallagher said. “We consider the process of selecting a building leader to be critically important, and value the input of staff, parents and students,” Gallagher said. She added updates will be provided as information becomes available, including dates and times for the opportunities for staff and parent input into this process. “Amerman is a terrific

ic school, with a dedicated staff, a supportive parent community and great students. We look forward to building on the excellence that exemplifies Amerman and Northville Public Schools,” Gallagher said. If anyone has questions or concerns, they can contact Gallagher or Dave Rodgers, director of human resources, at (248) 344-8440.

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limited government” but don’t necessarily make up “a big voting bloc,” he said. Melinn said the state Tea Party faction is vocal and likes to position itself as anti-establishment. But “their bark’s worse than their bite,” he said, because they can’t win on a statewide basis.

Voters’ views
Colbeck disagreed somewhat. “The 2010 election was a significant indication that the needle moved substantially in favor of Tea Party principles,” he said. Republicans won the state Senate, the governorship and the Michigan House of Represen-



Heise
tatives, wrestling the latter two from Democratic control, in that election. Heise, a second-term representative, said rankings such as the one MIRS came out with often hinge on the types of questions the analysts ask or the types of legislative votes they study. “The media tends to be probably a little more balanced as far as what bills they pick,” he said, drawing a distinction between MIRS and interest-group rankings. He noted he has a high ranking from the American Conservative Union but a low one from a

libertarian organization. Heise said he tries to reflect voters’ views as much as possible, and that his 20th House District is “basically a center-right district,” with both he and Mitt Romney, the GOP presidential candidate, winning the district in November. “I like to say I’m a conservative, that basically I have a conservative outlook, but it’s also pragmatic enough to take into account the realities of Michigan,” Heise said. MIRS, designed for political insiders, journalists and the business and legal communities, is a major source of state political information and analysis.

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what we already have available,” said Supervisor Robert Nix.

This includes a \$200,000 EPA Clean-Up grant and funds from any salvaging completed on the property. Asbestos has been found in the property’s power house building. The township will eventually begin receiving tax incremental funds from the neighboring REIS development. These approved funds can be used under CDBG guidelines because they stipulate funds can be used to address slum or blight cleanup, or to meet a particularly urgent community need. In other board decisions, the cleanup effort at Scott Correctional Facility property was addressed as well. A recommendation made by Public Services Director Tom Casari and Township Manager Chip Snider to fund an asbestos survey at the Scott property was again approved unanimously by the board. A bid contract of

\$19,975 was awarded to BDN Industrial Hygiene Consultants, Inc to do the survey work. The State of Michigan requires this prior to demolitions such as this. Snider recommended, and the board agreed on, using some of the funds from the Seven Mile property salvage to cover the survey. Although some on the board were reluctant, it was assured that the funds taken from the salvage fund could be replenished with general funds. Nix said no matter what they have to pay to get this done. Officials said the prison was built in the late 1980s, so it’s assumed the asbestos issues will not be as bad as they are at Seven Mile, and although this is the case the ceilings and floors will be examined for any asbestos.

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Taste of Northville to showcase local businesses

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Northville's annual Taste of Northville Business Showcase event returns Saturday, March 9, at Northville High School on Six Mile. The Showcase, noon to 3 p.m., will feature interactive exhibits from retail and service businesses and nonprofit groups.

This year's theme is "Las Vegas/Casino" and vendors are encouraged to use the theme in their displays. Several area premier restaurants and caterers will provide samples from their menus.

"The Business Showcase is a great opportunity for our local businesses to showcase their products and services, to meet the community and to network with other businesses," said Jody Humphries, executive director of the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

It's been held at least 18 years, she said.

"It's kind of comprised of families, pretty much families. Seniors and young families. It's kind of a nice mix, actually,"

TASTE OF NORTHVILLE BUSINESS SHOWCASE

- **When:** Noon-3 p.m., Saturday, March 9
- **Where:** Northville High School
- **Tickets:** \$3 per person available at the door
- **More info:** Contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640 or visit www.northville.org

she said.

About 1,000 people attended last year, Humphries said.

"It's an opportunity to see a wide variety of services and businesses. They're going to get a good mix of businesses in there. You get to see a good mix. It's a nice setting. It's a nice chance to get out of the house," Humphries said. "It kind of all plays together."

People like the restaurant sampling, Humphries has found.

"It's just kind of a nice atmosphere to stretch

your legs, support your businesses. It's just a little bit of everything."

The event is "turnkey" essentially for organizers.

"Anytime you're inside, that eliminates a lot of misery for us. I don't have to keep looking at the Weather Channel. The staff at the high school is awesome," she said.

Event attendees can win raffle prizes and promotional goodies. Voting for the Best Restaurant, Best Business and Best Theme displays takes place during the Showcase.

Tickets for the Showcase are available at the door for \$3 per person. Contact the Chamber of Commerce for more information at (248) 349-7640 or visit online at www.northville.org.

Sponsors of this year's event are Community Financial Credit Union, Hidden Springs Veterinary Clinic, Monroe Bank and Trust, Renewal by Andersen, City of Northville DDA, Tom Holzer Ford and Farm Bureau Insurance.



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A little needlepoint

Judy Tuynman (left) and Betsy Byrne were part of an informal group of knitters that got together on Feb. 21 to practice their craft at the Northville Community Center on Main Street. The knitters and weavers gather on the third Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. to create some crafty stuff — most of which they donate to local hospitals for those who need a nice gift to make their stay a bit more pleasant.

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• **CONTACT:** (248) 348-1845

The Historical Society needs your help. They are looking for a volunteer to run their popular Sunday Docent program which operates from June to October. The job involves recruiting docents, scheduling docents every Sunday, and coordinating the

program with other staff. For more details, please call (248) 348-1845.

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Reaching out through robotics

Special education students thrilled by Robostangs visit

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

It was an eye opening experience for a group of special education students at Northville High School as the Robostangs gave them an up close look at the world of robotics.

The Robostangs Team 548, which is the robotics team at NHS, made a special visit last week to a Cooke School satellite Special Education classroom, which is just down the hallway from where the robot used in the presentation is kept.

"We want to reach out to them and show what robotics is all about," said NHS senior Erin Dunne. "This presentation is directed to be fun and interactive while also giving them a chance to learn about a subject they haven't experienced yet."

Special education students from teachers Sue Plummer's and Kelly Johnson's classes participated in the presentation. Interaction with general education students is an important component of the satellite classes, and each classroom has a team of student aides who visit daily to assist with classroom activities and interact personally with students.

Diagnosed class and a cross-categorical SCI/SXI class.

The visit by the Robostangs was a perfect experience for everyone involved.



Robostangs team member Tim Eastridge (right) helps Northville High student Michelle Partridge operate their robot Hoops during a Feb. 21 presentation.

The robot, which was built last year for competitions that involved it shooting baskets, entered the classroom as the students looked on smiling while listening to Erin Dunne talk about the robotics team.

She and others explained how the robot works by having it move around the room. They also taught the students the Robostang cheer,

which ended with a lot of laughter and high fives from the Robostangs team mascot, Darwin.

"This is so cool to have them come here. I'm really impressed," said Plummer. "Our students haven't had this type of learning experience, so they were all really excited to see this today."

As she was saying this 17-year-old Michelle Partridge, one of the sat-



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Erin Dunne was one of the Robostangs team members who took turns on Feb. 21 explaining their robot's capabilities to a group of special education students at Northville High.

ellite students, was the first one to try controlling it with a remote. With a big smile she guided it around in a circle, which left her friends amazed and wanting to try as well.

The Robostangs hope to expand on the fun they had and do more outreach

experiences for others in the community.

For senior and Robostang team member Claire Goolsby, the hope is to show people the unique things they've been learning.

"We have a lot of students involved this year (103), so we want to try

and reach out to as many interested people as we can in an interactive, fun way," she said after her fellow team members handed out Robostangs wrist bands to everyone in the classroom.

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District to host forums to address boundary changes

Northville Public Schools will be hosting its first attendance boundary community forum at 6:30-8 p.m. on March 5 at Meads Mill Middle School in the cafeteria. The second forum will be at 6:30-8 p.m. on March 11 at Hillside Middle School.

The Northville Board of Education and district officials have been undertaking an attendance boundary study and begun the decision-making process for considering adjustments to the elementary and middle school attendance boundaries beginning with the 2013-14 school year. Northville

Public Schools last addressed attendance boundary changes in the 2007-08 school year.

It the school board's goal to balance the following guiding principles as boundary plan options are reviewed: keep families together (K-5; 6-8th grade children attend the same school), develop a plan that will last for as long as possible, with the goal of lasting at least five years, balance enrollment across schools within school capacity, and minimize length of bus rides/transportation costs and division of neighborhoods to the extent possible.

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

Fellowship student

Northville's Amy Eischen was among 40 University of Michigan master's and professional-degree students recently selected for the Dow Sustainability Fellowship program. In total, the fellows will receive \$800,000 to support their studies for one year, becoming part of a collaborative community of sustainability scholars at U-M. They hail from schools and colleges throughout the university, including architecture and urban planning, art and design, business, engineering, law, natural resources and environment, public health, and public policy.

Although hundreds of students pursued this prestigious opportunity, each U-M school and college was permitted to nominate only 10 students, which made the application process extremely competitive. A 20-member faculty panel reviewed and scored these candidates based on their demonstrated potential for effective leadership, experience working collaboratively, relevance of prior work and interests related to sustainability, and productivity and quality of prior work.

In addition to receiving a \$20,000 stipend, Eischen will participate in monthly seminars and workshops, team projects, co-curricular activities and other exercises designed to foster interdisciplinary collaboration among scholars.

For more information about the Dow

Sustainability Fellows Program, including a list of fellows, visit U-M Planet Blue on the web at <http://sustainability.umich.edu/education/dow>.

Student makes difference

Marquette University student Bridget Winn, a junior accounting major from Northville, traveled to New Orleans over winter break with Marquette's MARDI GRAS program. MARDI GRAS, which stands for Making A Real Difference in the Gulf Region and Areas Surrounding, is a student-run organization at Marquette, created in 2006 after Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf region. MARDI GRAS aims to form meaningful relationships within the community of New Orleans, rebuild homes and neighborhoods and raise awareness about the needs of the post-Katrina Gulf region.

For one week during winter break, Winn and 94 other Marquette students drove 16 hours to New Orleans in vans and worked on 10 different sites once they arrived. Their tasks ranged from lot clearing to dry walling, sanding, painting, building a shed and any other tasks that needed to be completed at the sites. Additionally, MARDI GRAS students had the opportunity attend a Tulane basketball game and meet with Ed Conroy, Tulane's head coach, who has been supportive of Marquette's efforts in the area.



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City looking for input as it prepares to update downtown master plan

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

A lot has been accomplished in downtown Northville in the last six years, but there's more to do and that's why the downtown strategic plan will be updated in the coming months.

The Northville City Council will hold a special meeting at the end of April to review the strategic plan and discuss the next steps in the process. Besides all city boards and commissions being invited to offer input, so is the overall community as well as officials from Northville Township and Northville Public Schools.

Mayor Chris Johnson said the planning commission is updating

ing five-year master plan and the Downtown Development Authority has been reviewing what it has accomplished in the last several years, which has led the city to want to re-examine the overall plan for downtown.

"We thought it all dovetails pretty well together to get again all of our boards and commissions together to kind of review where we've been and sort of set the stage for the next five years going forward," Johnson said.

According to DDA Director Lori Ward, in 2005 the City of Northville began developing a strategic plan for downtown that would guide improvements, both physical and economic, in the downtown

for the next 5-7 years. The plan was completed in June and adopted by City Council in July of 2006.

As recommended in the strategic plan, the DDA established five subcommittees to serve as the mechanism for the implementation of the plan. The five committees are: Design, Business Mix, Marketing, Organization, and Parking.

Since then these committees have achieved some important accomplishments.

Under design the Town Square and new streetscape were constructed, and the Comerica Community Connection is almost ready to be unveiled. Some of the tasks not completed include develop-

ing a connection to Ford Field and Mill Race Village, implement a way finding system, and integrating the Farmers' Market into downtown.

Ward said in August of 2006, the DDA held a public meeting at the Senior Community Center to kick off the implementation phase of the strategic plan. More than 100 volunteers signed up for the four working committees, and have been meeting regularly for the past six years.

The public input meeting to help update the plan will be held at 7 p.m. at the Community Center on Main Street this April 29.

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Maybury demonstrations

Maybury Farm will host its Family Maple Syrup Tours on Saturday and Sundays throughout March. Tours begin at 1 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m. at the farm, located at 50165 Eight Mile Road.

The tours will allow guest to experience how maple syrup is made first hand. The adventure begins with a hay ride to the Sugarbush at Maybury Farm. Families will have the opportunity to tap the trees, watch as the sap fills the buckets, bring sap back to evaporator and learn all of the steps in making maple syrup. This year the tours will have maple syrup and other maple syrup products for purchase at the general store located in the Welcome Center. Dress warmly and boots

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Admission, which includes hay ride, demonstration and farm visit, is \$6 per person (age 2 and under are free).

For more information, contact the Northville Community Foundation at (248) 374-0200 or visit www.northvillecommunityfoundation.com/farm-maplesyrup.html.

Spring Fling Craft Show

The Spring Fling Craft Show, hosted by Handcrafter's Unlimited, will take place from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. on March 22 and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on March 23 at the Northville Community Senior Center, 303 W. Main Street.

The show will feature more than 75 hand-selected, juried artists and fine crafts people from

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Admission is \$3 for adults; children 12 and under are free. For more information, contact Handcrafter's Unlimited at (734) 459-0050 or visit www.hcshows.com/index.php/northville-market/spring-fling.

Garden club meeting

The Country Garden Club of Northville will meet at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 5 in the Cady Inn at Mill Race Village. The topic will be safe gardening. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, call (248) 348-8123.

Northville Woman's Club

The Northville Woman's Club will meet at 1:30 p.m., Friday, March 1 at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main Street, Northville. "Spring Trends" presented by Ethan Allen will be the topic for the day. There will also be a book exchange. This is also a guest day.

For more information, contact Virginia Martin at (248) 921-6892.

Crawford coffee hours

State Rep. Hugh Crawford will sponsor in-district office hours, Coffee with Crawford, from 5-6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 7 at the Tuscan Café, at 101 S. LaFayette, South Lyon. No appointment is necessary.

"One of the most important parts of the legislative process for me is meeting with residents of the 38th District," said Crawford, R-Novi. "These coffee hours help to keep me informed of resident's thoughts and concerns, beyond the letters and phone calls, and I encourage anyone who wishes to discuss state government to come and meet with me."

Residents who are not able to attend the coffee hours are welcome to contact Rep. Crawford at his Lansing office by calling (517) 373-087 or by e-mail at HughCrawford@house.mi.gov.

Youth football registration

The Northville Youth Football Association is offering new player registration through Monday, March 4. NYFA is made up of the Northville Colts and the Northville Stallions — which team you register for is decided by which middle



Local artist to be featured

Local artist Amy Fell-Burford, who is a member of the Northville Art House, will be featured in the exhibit "Perspectives - Works in Oil" March 5-31 at the Wooden Spoon Artisan Market & Bistro, 675 W. Grand River Avenue, Brighton. Her painting "Do You Speak American?" (pictured) will be in the exhibit. For more information about the exhibit, visit www.woodenspoonmarket.com.



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'Unabashed'

Victor Zanolli of Beverly Hills and Heidi Herrera of Northville attended the 12th Annual Unabashed Bash in downtown Birmingham to support the Birmingham Education Foundation which funds grants to the Birmingham School District where Zanolli's children attend. The event took place Feb. 9 at the Townsend Hotel, which has hosted the Unabashed Bash for all 12 years. More than 300 people showed up, and the event grossed more than \$130,000.

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CURRIER, PATRICK

Age 81, passed away February 23, 2013. He was born on March 17, 1931, in Detroit, son of the late Frank and Agnes Currier. He was a proud Army veteran serving in the Korean War. Patrick was an admired and respected resident of the South Lyon area and was loved by all who knew him. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Patrick is survived by his children: Colleen Middleton, Michael Currier, Erin Currier, Cheryl (Scott) Melville, Frankie (David) Groce and Bridget Eversole. He is also survived by 16 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, his sister Marion Wheeler and many nieces, nephews and loving friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, Catherine in 2005, his son Patrick in 2007 and one brother and two sisters. Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 28 from 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. with Rosary at 7:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, March 1, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com



LANCE,
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JUDITH "JUDY"
HEATHER

A longtime resident of Milford, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family on February 22, 2013. She was 70 years old. Judy was born June 17, 1942, in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada to the late Elsie (Cullum) Smiley (d.2001) and the late Frederick Smiley (d.1973). Judy's family moved to the United States in 1956 where they settled in Highland Park, Michigan. Judy attended and graduated from Highland Park High in 1959. Through mutual friends she met her husband, Donald Lance. The two were married on October 13, 1960. The couple welcomed two children, a boy and a girl in the next two years and in 1966 settled in Milford. One of Judy's proudest moments was in 1995 when she officially became an American citizen. Judy enjoyed playing bingo, knitting, traveling and her family. With her husband, Judy traveled extensively throughout the country visiting every state except Hawaii. Most recently they had taken an Alaskan cruise. She loved her trips to Las Vegas and Atlantic City where she undoubtedly would hit on the slot machines. But mostly, Judy enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandkids. Judy is survived by her loving husband, Donald, her children David Lance and Vicki (Mark) Goenner; grandchildren, Shannon (Mark) Schmidlin, Laura Goenner, Alyssa Goenner, Douglas Lance, Ashley Ann Shepherd and ShaeLynne Lance; great-grandchild, Avery Schmidlin; her brothers, Robert (Sheila) Smiley, Kenneth (Maria) Smiley and Phillip (Kay) Smiley; her sisters, Patricia (Ronald) Vettraino, Deborah (Richard) Colenso and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and by a sister, Beverley Smiley (d. 1959). Services were held Monday, February 25 at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home in Milford. Memorials may be offered to Odyssey Hospice.

For further information, please contact Lynch & Sons at 248-684-6645 or LynchFuneralDirectors.com

LESLIE, SANDRA S.

Age 67, passed away February 23, 2013. Service Mar. 2, 12pm, family will receive friends 10am PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME.



MONITZ, SHELLY MARIE
Age 51, February 19, 2013. Beloved daughter of Rose and the Late John. Dear sister of Karen, John (Jennifer), proud aunt of Jessica, Nicholas and Michael. The funeral liturgy was at Holy Family Church with Fr. Bob Lacroix officiating. Entombment took place at Our Lady of Hope Cemetery. Donations in Shelly's honor may be made to Karmans Cancer Institute.

On line sympathy message obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

ROKICKI, HENRY P.

Age 102, of Northville previously of Harbor Springs, passed away 2/23/2013. Condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

STEWART, KENNETH

Passed away Feb. 22, 2013. A private service will be held at Glen Eden Cemetery. Online guestbook phillipsfuneral.com



VANDERMAS, WILLIAM F.

Age 89, of Northville, passed away February 19, 2013. He was born June 11, 1923 in Grand Rapids, Michigan; son of William and Leona (Moss) VanderMass. William proudly served his country in the US Navy during World War II. He received his Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering from Marquette University. He was the Vice President of Sales for Allis Chalmers; during his working life he lived in various states. After retirement he spent his time between Mecosta, Michigan and Lakeland, Florida. William was an avid golfer who loved to spend time with his family on and off the course. He liked listening to big band music and enjoyed dancing. He also enjoyed fishing and adored dogs. William was a stock market enthusiast who led a very active social life. Most importantly, William was a lifelong Green Bay Packers fan. He is survived by his sons, Bill (Barb) VanderMass and Richard (Judie) VanderMass; his grandchildren Richard (Kristin) VanderMass, Jamie (Trevor) Kliebert, Erik (Karen) VanderMass, Kristofer (Kelly) VanderMass, and Jacqui VanderMass; and his great grandchildren Allison and Cason Kliebert. He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife Jessie VanderMass, whom he married on November 17, 1948 and they spent 40 loving years together until her death in 1988; and his second wife Geraldine McNamara, whom he married on October 30, 1989 and they spent 18 cherished years together until her death in 2007. A funeral service was held last Saturday, February 23, 2013 at Casterline Funeral Home of Northville. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the Evan Scholars Foundation, One Briar Road, Golf, IL 60029-0301 or the American Diabetes Association, PO Box 11454 Alexandria, VA 22312.

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Join the cancer fight at Relay for Life

By Juilie Brown
Staff Writer

This is the second year Novi and Northville have joined forces to present the cancer-fighting Relay for Life. The Relays have been around locally for more than six years on an individual basis.

This year's event, benefiting the American Cancer Society, will take place Saturday and Sunday, June 15-16, at downtown Northville's Ford Field. The team goal this year is 35, with eight teams signed up online as of Feb. 13.

Last year's Novi/Northville Relay raised \$62,517. This year's goal is \$72,005.

Kat Dooley is vice chair for this year's Novi/Northville Relay. Dooley, who lives in Novi with a Northville address, was a team captain last year.

She lost brother-in-law Steve Schimeck to cancer in 2011.

"It was pretty gut-wrenching and eye-opening at the same time," Dooley said.

She has over 10 years in marketing and public relations, and was glad to serve

KICK-OFF PARTY

Event: Relay For Life of Novi-Northville Kick-off Party
Date: Wednesday, March 13
Time: 6 p.m. registration; 6:30-7:30 p.m. program
Location: Novi Civic Center 45175 W 10 Mile Road
Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.
Please RSVP to Rachel Leas at (248) 663-3436 or Rachel.Leas@cancer.org

with chair Natalie Tryciecky of Northville.

Last year's Relay had 31 teams and around 400 participants.

"Personally, I feel it's just something good for our community," said Dooley, whose brother-in-law had cancer in his jaw that spread. "I'm happy when I'm able to help people."

The event raises money to fight all cancers, she noted. Dooley's aware of higher survival rates for many, as seen during the survivors' walk at the Relay.

She discovered the American Cancer Society has a hotline for newly-diagnosed patients and their families, as well as a kit with things like support group lists and what questions to ask doctors.

Dooley said there's no financial minimum to create a team for the ACS fundraiser: "Every little bit helps," she said, adding people come together "and help fight cancer. That's what we're here to do. We're also there to celebrate the people who have survived."

The Novi/Northville event starts with the survivors' lap around 10 a.m. The event is 24 hours with a member from each team always walking, to show that cancer doesn't sleep.

There's a luminaria ceremony Saturday night, to remember those lost to the disease. "It's just so beautiful, the beauty in honoring people we've lost," said Dooley, who works



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mark Galecka (right) walked with his son Mitchell, 11, and Dorie Knox in the June 2, 2012, Relay for Life event at Northville's Ford Field. They were celebrating the life of Michelle Galeka — Mark's wife, Mitchell's mom and Dorie's daughter — who had passed away from cancer seven years ago.

as director of marketing for National Food Group, with customers including schools and correctional facilities. "It's very emotional."

Those who'd like to volunteer, or learn more, are encouraged to contact Rachel Leas, community representative for the Great Lakes Division

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Entries sought for annual photo contest 'Short on Words'

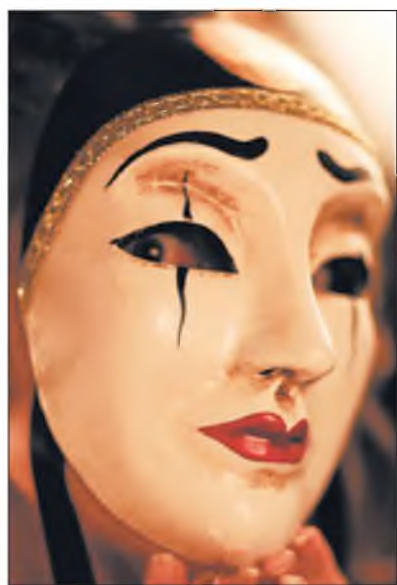
Preservation Dental is accepting entries for Northville's Arts & Acts Festival's literature contest. "Short on Words."

Entrants in two age categories — 18 years or over and 17 years and younger — write a short story or poetry based on one of the contest's selected photographs. The criteria are the same for both age groups, however, the photo selection is different and the featured photos are clearly marked for the appropriate age category. Submissions that do not address one of the designated photos will be disqualified.

The Arts & Acts celebration will be held June 28-30 in downtown Northville.

Here's the criteria for all "Short on Words" submissions:

- All entries must speak to one of the featured photos. See them at preservationdental.com.
- Entries can be a poem or a short story that are no more than 1,500 words.
- Each entry must



This photo is designed to inspire young writers who enter the "Short on Words" competition.

have a title and be typed, double-spaced, and single-sided only.

- Pages must be numbered, but no other identifying marks may appear.
- A cover page must be included and must list the title of the submission, the name of the author, the photo that inspires the piece, an e-mail address and/or contact phone number.
- Author biographies are optional.
- Entries will not be returned.



"Stairway," is part of the adult writing contest.

- One submission form, three copies of the entry, and one \$10 entry fee should be mailed to Preservation Dental, Attention: Denise Jenkins, 371 E. Main St., Northville MI 48167.
- All entry fees are nonre-

fundable.

- All entries must be postmarked no later than April 12.
- Make checks or money orders payable to Northville Art House.

The cash award for this year's first-place Adult con-



Adults who enter the "Short on Words" contest may find inspiration in this photo.

test winner is \$100; first-place Young Adult contest winner is \$100; other awards are \$50 and \$25 in both age categories.

A reception to honor all authors will be held Friday, June 28. Winners will be announced at the reception.

Art House to host work of Dennis Michael Jones

The work of artist Dennis Michael Jones is all about words. Integrating words and objects into deceptively simple images, Jones attempts to draw the viewer into an internal dialogue.

The Northville Art House will be opening this conversation to the community with Jones' March show, "Sometimes You May Discover Something Beautiful."

"I find the process of relinquishing control and sole authorship to be influential and fruitful," said Jones of his work.

In fact, opening the creative process to onlookers lies at the heart of his work.

"I want to make the process of thought visible, even tangible. This is the art," Jones said.

Dennis Michael Jones resides in Plymouth, Michigan. He is a visual artist, an educator, and a licensed practicing architect. His work has been shown extensively in the Detroit area and beyond.

The show is organized by Jeff Cancelosi.

The show will open in the Art

House's upper gallery on March 1, with a reception on Friday, March 1, from 6-9 p.m. Jones will speak at 8 p.m. the night of the reception. The show will continue through March 30 during Art House gallery hours (Wednesdays-Saturdays, 1-5 p.m.).

For more information, call (248) 344-0497 or visit www.northvillearts.org. The Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Admission to Art House shows is always free and open to the public.



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NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Attempted B&E

A 24-year-old Northville Township man was arrested for attempting to break into some apartments located on Center Street.

On Feb. 24, Northville City Police were dispatched to 235 S. Center on the report of a home invasion in progress. While they were on their way to the scene, there way there a second call placed to police from the apartment complex with the same report. Upon arrival police discovered the man pounding on apartment doors while appearing highly intoxicated. The police report stated one door at the complex had been damaged with its glass shattered.

The man said he thought he was at a friend's residence and was trying to get in. He has been charged with one count of disorderly conduct and three counts of attempted breaking and entering.

Bobcat stolen

An employee at Bushwood Golf Course contacted Northville Township Police on Feb. 25 to report a stolen Bobcat skid-steer machine.

According to police reports, the employee said he last saw the Bobcat parked in the maintenance building on the evening of Feb. 21. The next morning he returned to work to find the door open and the machine missing.

There was no other evidence at the scene and there are no suspects at this time.

Car damaged

A 43-year-old Northville Township woman reported to police that someone tampered with her vehicle on the night of Feb. 24.

According to reports, the woman's Chevy Traverse was parked in front of her condo on Farragut Court. When she awoke, she found both rear tires flat. She wasn't sure if someone had just let the air out of the tires, or if they had been slashed.

The woman told police that she and her longtime partner had separated in the last couple

years, and she believed he may have had something to do with it due to the fact that she said he wasn't happy that she had begun dating.

No other vehicles in the area were damaged.

Licensed suspended

A 34-year-old Commerce Township man was cited for driving on a suspended license after police pulled him over for having tinted windows.

On Feb. 18, Northville City Police stopped the man on Grace Street after spotting his vehicle, which had tinted front windows. The man thought it was legal to have the tinted windows. He told police he had a suspended license and had no

proof of insurance.

Attempted theft

A 64-year-old Northville Township called police to report someone had attempted to steal the catalytic converter off of her vehicle.

According to police reports, the woman is retired and doesn't drive her vehicle very often so it sits parked a lot. On Feb. 18 she went out and noticed the car was driving poorly, so she took it to an auto repair shop. She was advised somebody had used a saw to cut the exhaust system in two places, but was unable to remove the catalytic converter from underneath the vehicle. There are no suspects at this time.

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

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OUR VIEWS

MEAP follies

Let's avoid using scores as a political tool

Despite outpacing the state average on the annual MEAP tests, Northville Public Schools students had unusually low science scores this year. That's a dangerous fact considering Gov. Rick Snyder and his charter school supporters make no secret in their belief that public schools are ineffective.

Based on Snyder's well-publicized commentaries that public schools have failed students and his 2012 lame duck session push to revamp public education, low science scores are easy fodder for his push to send public dollars to charter schools and online learning schemes.

But there's more to the story on those science scores. As can be imagined, science scores historically fall in behind the higher reading, writing and social studies scores on MEAP.

In the MEAP world, only fifth- and eighth-graders are tested in science. Reading and math, however, are tested in each grade level (third through eighth). It appears that even MEAP does not consider science as basic a subject as reading, writing and arithmetic for consistent grade-to-grade testing.

MEAP has never been a favorite among educators. It is administered in the fall of the academic year. That means teachers spend the start of each school year reviewing last year's material.

If you look at the numbers at face value, they show Northville students are struggling in science — just like in most districts throughout the state. For fifth-graders, proficiency has decreased 14 percent in the last two years, 47 to 33 percent. In eighth-grade science, proficiency has stayed in the mid-30 percent range.

Northville parents can breathe a sigh of relief because the scores are still well above the state-wide averages of 13.1 percent of fifth-graders meeting or exceeding science standards in 2012 and 15.9 percent of eighth-graders meeting or exceeding the science standards in 2012.

It must be remembered that the state raised the bar for proficiency in 2011. Cut scores are the ranges set for "improving," "proficient", "advanced" and other categories the students fall into. While it may look like there has been a drastic drop in scores over the last two years, it's actually the state saying the kids need to know more to pass the test. Any talk between how well they did two years ago and how they are doing now is like comparing apples and oranges.

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If Gov. Snyder and his supporters who believe that public education, particularly in science, fail students and leave them ill-prepared for a high-tech world, then why make attempts to gut public education in favor of the more costly charter schools? Of course, it has yet to be proven that charter schools are more effective in preparing students for their futures.

Perhaps the time has come for Gov. Snyder and his compatriots to support public education rather than demean it.

Perhaps it's time that Snyder's administration stop making public education and standardized tests, such as MEAP, a political football to be tossed at will for whatever is the ideological whim of the moment.

Public education is not a failure and to treat it as such is a path on which Snyder and his administration should not tread.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What's your opinion regarding the proposed attendance boundary changes for Northville Public Schools?

We asked this question at various locations around downtown Northville



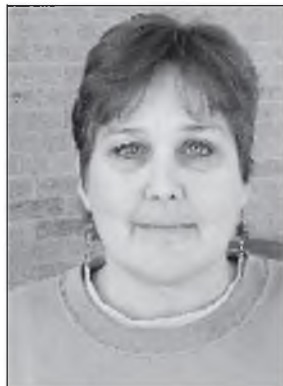
"Many people choose to live in Northville because of the schools, so I don't think anyone should be too worried because all the schools are great."

Laurie Wooderson
Northville



"No one likes it, but our schools are not equitably distributed. My son is at Meads Mill and there are classes with around 40 kids, but that isn't the case at Hillside."

Annie Gerue
Northville



"I come from both sides of the issue, as a parent with kids going to middle school and as a teacher I see overcrowded classrooms. It's a necessary thing."

Dawn Pierz
Northville



"I'm for it if it thins out the classrooms. I have kids at Meads Mill and don't necessarily want to see them go to another school, but if it helps decrease class size then I will support it."

Lee Word
Northville

LETTERS

Short-sighted

I do not live in the city. I have lived in Northville Township for a number of years and consider Northville to be "my" town and I do what I can to support the local businesses and restaurants, rarely venturing out to Haggerty Road and the big chains. I have enjoyed many pleasant meals both inside and outside at Poole's Tavern and hope they will remain in business for years to come.

I do, however, believe that selling the city land in question to Poole's would be very short-sighted on the part of the city. Once commercial, that pleasant little corner, now available for the enjoyment of all, would be gone forever. Just my thoughts.

June McCarthy
Northville Township

Sell to Poole's

Poole's Tavern is an institution and adds value to the life of the community. I vote yes to land for their expansion.

Lee Doyle
Northville

Whims of the masses

If you are right of political center it is likely that you view the results of the last two presidential races (2008 and 2012) as the result of the whims of the masses. It is also likely that those that are left of center view the races of 2000 and 2004 as the whims of the masses. This subject has been a topic of debate from before the establishment of our republic in 1776. James Madison is considered, arguably, one of the most influential of our Founding Fathers and the "Philosopher of Our Constitution" as well as our fourth president. One of the common threads that he and other founding fathers had was that "they feared the masses and strove to set limits to an effective exercise of majority rule." Also "they did not trust the people to elect the President directly or the members of the Senate." Thus we still have the Electoral College but have changed the election of U.S. senators to "the whims of the masses" with the passage of the 17th Amendment in 1913.

If you would have asked me, one year ago, "Should schools be gun free zones?" I would have responded; "Yes, it sounds Like a good idea." After all of the recent national debate on gun control, I now believe that this response, while well intentioned, was the wrong one. We now realize that gun-free zones merely restrict law-abiding citizens, not criminals or the mentally ill. In fact gun-free zones offer a target rich environment for the evil person with a gun. After reviewing the glaring realities, the obvious solution is to remove schools from the list of concealed carry "prohibited zones."

Thus my initial and well-intentioned response was simply a typical "whim of the masses." My concern of the healthy polity of our civilization is that we regain the lost knowledge of the basis for our Declaration of Indepen-

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dence and our Constitution as well as return to a wiser, less emotional and more logical process of decision making.

Bob Cushman
Northville

Find the best benefit

The prison "bargain" must be evaluated later on since strings are attached to sales of this type. It might not be so simple to unload with all expected financial benefits fully accruing to Northville Township. I agree with letter writer Kathryn Peltier ("Put land on market," Feb. 21), the very best benefit for the people is eventual sale by the township for useful tax revenues from a well-designed and appealing private development. Some people resist a productive use. But an urgent purchase because of expected competitors and likely need for secondhand prisons and potential availability of the closed Detroit House of Correction.

Her more painful topic was the Northville Hospital. Our township was presented with a deal to buy a useless, but very expensive property and an attached load of issues presented by them to meet fictitious parkland goals. A derelict property vacant for decades ultimately provided lasting benefit only to REIS — the packager of the sale. Kathryn reminds of the awesome volume of available as existing Northville Township parkland. Citizens thereafter were hammered by squadrons of environmentalists and the "crisis balloons" meant to advance a narrative of benefits that were never visible to the objective taxpayer. Among them, the threat of annexation by Livonia to be quickly dumped by their voters as a burden.

Returning to the fill in the picture of dubious value our liberal spenders painted a deal to save the trees with a property tax bond on a midsummer ballot. The deal sealed, then the effort to fit in costly improvements to make the project have appeal regardless of many more and better existing facilities in the township. The scorecard to date has been unnecessary

tax loss in public ownership, lingering costs of the buildings still there with associated issues, tax loss likely for abatement for adjoining hospital under construction. Some decisions can bring to life consolidate conclusions offered by Forrest Gump in observing, our state hospital trophy.

Jim Nowka
Northville

Funds better spent

The results of a recent survey by the Michigan Economic Center showed our current state government does not reflect the values of most Michigan residents.

The survey said we are willing to pay for assets and quality of life. But make no mistake — we also want industries like gas and oil extraction to be taxed at rates that more accurately reflect their profit from the natural resources that belong to all of us.

Also, the public infrastructure that we fund with our tax dollars supports both business and the general public (think airports, roads, educated workers, public safety). Michigan ranks 45th in unemployment, 47th in police per 1,000 civilians, and 45th in credit rating.

Giving more tax breaks to businesses is not the answer. Those funds could be better used to support public assets, services and education, all of which have been shown to drive long-term growth.

Gwen Markham
Novi

Broken party

I write this note with sadness and optimism. My local Republican Party is broken. ... I have been involved in Oakland County Republican Party for nearly 10 years. I have run in the past three elections. Two years ago, I made sure that no county commission seat went without someone running. I currently and proudly sit on the executive board of the county party. I am a socially liberal, fiscally conservative Republican. Unfortunately our party has decided by their actions that they do not care about getting all branches of our local communities to vote and be proud to be Republican.

I have seen the conventions become smaller and smaller. Lack of inclusion is the issue at the heart of why we continue to get crushed in elections locally. ... We don't garner the Jewish, black, Hispanic, Muslim, gay ... and the list goes on. One has to wonder, is there some truth when we are called a bigoted party?

We have become single-minded, and bent on squashing dissension. People who used to be called conservative Republicans are now called moderates or "Rhinos." The Libertarian wing has been marginalized. We have successfully kicked out the log-cabin Republicans. Change must happen and quickly.

Ezra Drissman
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Napier residents concerned about road’s safety

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

Homeowners in the neighborhoods between Nine and Ten Mile roads off Napier Road are concerned about the safety of that road – and they hope the road commission makes its paving a priority.

James Courtney, president of the Park Place Estates Homeowners Association, went before the Novi City Council in early February to give voice to what he says is a popular desire amongst his neighbors.

“We want the paving of Napier Road between Nine and Ten Mile to be added to the Road Commission of Oakland County’s (RCOC) short-term Fiscal Year 2014-2017 Transportation



A group of concerned citizens is trying to make safer the intersection of 10 Mile and Napier roads — one of the most busy and dangerous in Oakland County. Shown (l to r) are Kurt Radke, Oliver Daniel and his son Joe, Cinzia Miksitz and James Courtney.

Improvement Program,” he said.

At this point, it isn’t. Many drivers know that trying to pull out onto 10 Mile from Napier during busy times

can be dangerous.

Courtney cited the 2011-2012 City of Novi report that stated, “this is one of the most dangerous intersections in the city.”

He said their hope is to see, “Improved safety at the high-speed, low-visibility intersection of 10 Mile and Napier roads.”

It’s really about the overall reliability of the road for those who live on it and those who use it on a weekly basis. Traffic has increased on Napier even more lately with dump trucks full of the rubble from the old Ford Wixom plant using it to make their way south toward a landfill in Salem Township.

The residents think paving Napier would also alleviate traffic at the intersection of Eight Mile and Beck roads (a connection to the future park of art-

ist David Barr on Napier near Nine Mile) and benefit the incoming residents of the 50-site development on the southwest corner of 10 Mile and Napier roads.

In addition, Courtney said it would mitigate safety concerns. Currently, ambulances and emergency rescue services will not use the Napier dirt road and are forced to use Beck Road, thereby lengthening rescue efforts.

The group of residents has been coordinating their efforts with Lannie Young, Lyon Township supervisor; Brian Coburn, City of Novi engineering manager; and Kenneth Hudak, RCOC transportation planner.

Courtney said the presentation made to the Novi City Council on Feb. 11 was to officially request their participation in furthering this project along. He said they also have a couple of developers that have made verbal commitments for funds necessary to assist in funding.

They are awaiting for an official response from Novi city officials. The group’s goal is to have Novi and Lyon Township request the RCOC amend their short-term plan for paving Napier and installing a light at the intersection of 10 Mile.

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Mustang Jack Meacham on Feb. 22.

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Hockey team marks senior night in style

Ryan Bloom ties school record with 25th regular-season goal

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Talk about a great way to end the regular season and head into the playoffs, all while celebrating the seniors who had led the team all season long.

The Northville Mustangs hockey team, coached by Clint Robert, put a 7-2 victory in the books last week, dominating the Canton Chiefs in the final regular-season game of the year. The night was also Northville's final

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs were scheduled to play yesterday in the playoffs against Detroit Catholic Central. Results will be in next week's edition.

home game and the team hosted their senior night celebration to honor this year's graduating class.

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Northville High takes on Canton on Feb. 22.

Mustangs girls cagers wallop two more foes

Brenner pours in career-high 26 points in win over Mott

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Kendra Brenner has been making the best of her senior season, often leading her team in points as they have worked their way to a 15-5 record this season.

Brenner, who will have been on the varsity basketball team for more games than any other girls player when he career wraps up this year, added some more memories in her team's win over Waterford Mott. She scored 26 points to set her all-time career-high point total. She shot a remarkable 59 percent from the floor.

"Kendra is certainly capable of having a performance like that every night," said Northville coach Todd Gudith. "She's

a very good shooter and has been pretty consistent all season long."

Brenner led the Mustangs to a 28-18 advantage at the close of the first half of play, following a tough performance by Mott in the first quarter that had them leading 13-12.

Northville led, 12-10, as the quarter expired, but Waterford Mott's top player, junior Lauren Hung, hit a three-point field goal to put the Corsairs up.

But Northville's defense was able to clamp down on Hung, who scores around 20 points a game, and held the Corsairs to just one basket in the second quarter as they jumped out to the lead and held on.

Mott fought back in the third, cutting it to five with just a few minutes left in the stanza, but

Northville remained patient and earned the win.

"Defensively we keyed on Hung but their post player got some easy touches and helped keep them in the game," said Gudith. "It's hard to try to stop two players like that."

Junior Heather Randall added eight points for Northville while junior Gabby Mencotti had six and senior Diane Myers notched four.

Northville 42, Walled Lake Western 22

The final game of the regular season was pretty lopsided in favor of the Mustangs as they held the Warriors scoreless in the first quarter and held a 20-6 lead heading into the locker room at halftime.

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls basketball team will be back on the court when they play Novi on Wednesday at Canton High School in the MHSAA District Tournament.

The game was plagued by early turnovers, which stymied the flow, but the Mustangs took advantage of the opportunities presented to them, especially junior Gabby Mencotti, who scored all 12 of her points in the first half to keep her team in the lead.

The Mustangs picked up the pace in the second half — as did the Warriors — as they outscored their foes, 12-10 in the third and 10-6 in the fourth quarter.

The second half was senior Heather Randall's turn to pace

the team as she scored all 10 of her points in the final two quarters.

"I thought the girls challenged just about every shot Western put up and rebounded really well," said Gudith. "They didn't get many second chances. We didn't shoot the ball particularly well but still found a way to score and keep them from making things interesting. You're going to have nights where you struggle some and shots are not falling so you need to find other ways to win. Our defense kept us in the game until we could get our offense going."

Northville's Brenner added 13 points to lead her team in scoring while senior Brittany Berehulka, junior Megan Buckingham and junior Anna Giacomini added two each. Sophomore Emily Maresh added one point in the win.

Northville heads into postseason with two wins

Boys squad defeats Churchill, Milford

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

There is no better way to head into postseason play than with momentum on your side, and that's exactly the position the Northville Mustangs boys basketball team put itself in with two wins last week.

The team, coached by Todd Sander, earned victories over Churchill, 54-55, and Milford, 52-27, in two of their final three games of the regular season.

The Mustangs were scheduled to play Brighton in their last game, but information was not available when the sports section went to print.

The Mustangs, who are 11-8 overall with wins in seven of the last nine games, jumped out to a lead over the Churchill

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys basketball team will be back in action when they host Plymouth at 7 p.m. Monday in the first round of the district playoffs.

Chargers right out of the gate and didn't slow their gallop a bit on their way to victory.

"I am proud of how the guys bounced back from the Canton loss. They are committed to getting better every day in practice," said Sander.

Northville went ahead, 15-12, in the first quarter and then increased their lead to 30-21 as they headed into the locker room for halftime. The Chargers did put on a better show in the second half, but they weren't able

to overcome the deficit as Northville outscored them, 11-10, in the third and they ran even, 13-13, in the fourth stanza.

Northville pulled down 11 rebounds in the game as they followed the lead of Andrew Meacham, who scored 22 points and had six boards. Stewart Henzi added 12 points and had eight rebounds and Joe Hewlett snagged five boards in the victory.

Against Milford, the Mustangs went up by 11 points going into the half and were up by 12 heading into the fourth. There were about six minutes left on the clock when the team opened up the sky and started raining three pointers, scoring from beyond the arc on three-straight possessions to blow the game open.

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CHRISTINE HENZI

Northville's Joe Hewlett moves the ball down the court in last week's game.

STATE CHAMPIONS

Shamrocks snatch victory out of the jaws of defeat thanks to Evan Toth's heroics

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

At 125 pounds, Detroit Catholic Central junior Evan Toth doesn't come off as an imposing figure when he's walking through the halls of his high school.

Oddly enough, he's by far the biggest man on campus right now.

That's because Toth--trailing 9-2 in the state finals to Davison's Derek Humphrey in the third period of his match--dug deep down inside and turned the overwhelming tide to earn a pin and win his match.

It wasn't just any match. It was the match that decided the state championship--and as the referee signaled the pin a tide of blue and white flooded the mat and mobbed Toth. The Shamrocks, ranked No. 1 in the state, earned a come-from-behind 29-26 victory over Davison.

The stands at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek--already frenzied heading into the championship-deciding match--exploded with cheers as teammates hugged, tears of joy streaming down most faces.

For Toth and his coach, Mitch Hancock, the match brought about memories of the 2011 state finals when Toth fell in the finals to Oxford, allowing the team to upset the top-ranked Shamrocks.

"For him to be down 9-2 and to still believe and to still have faith, that blows my mind," said CC coach Mitch Hancock to the Detroit Free Press. "That kid is a champion. It blows my mind how much heart that kid showed. He could have stopped wrestling.

"He was fighting demons out there," Hancock added in reference to the Oxford result.

The Shamrocks, 25-3 on the year, needed bonus points from the match because a tie would have resulted in Davison earning the victory.

"I said, 'Evan, you have to put your personal goals aside. Gotta go out and get the bonus,' and that might have affected him (negatively) in the first period as I think he was thinking more about bonus than just wrestling," said Hancock.



PHOTOS BY DENNIS BARNES

Novi Detroit Catholic Central's Evan Toth, at 125 pounds, came from behind to pin Davison's Derek Humphrey in a headlock with just 35 seconds left in the final match Saturday.

The victory marked the Shamrocks third state title in the past four years.

Davison, coached by Roy Hall, started the night off with its first upset as junior Dominic Russ pinned Catholic Central's two-time individual state title holder Ken Bade in 1:22 in the 135-pound division, causing an immediate momentum shift to Davison. The pin gave them a 9-0 lead in the finals meet, a lead that they pushed to 18-3 over the next four weight classes.

Catholic Central, in true Shamrocks fashion, didn't quit, however. They picked up wins by Drew Garcia (171 pounds), Nick Giese (189 pounds) and Jay Peterson (215) to make it an 18-14 game and took the lead thanks to a huge pin by heavyweight Bob Coe, who pinned Dakota Powers in 1:55 for the 29-18 lead.

Davison, which went 14-5 on the season, earned wins in two more matches--one from Max Johnson over Tommy Herrmann and one from Lincoln Olson over Trevor Zdebski--and gave up one to the Shamrocks--Parker O'Brien over Jake Madrigal--to have a 26-23 lead over Catholic Central before Toth's victory.

Catholic Central reached the finals with a 48-13 victory over Rochester and Davison defeated Hartland, 44-15.

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.



CC's wrestlers, coaches and staff watch and cheer as Evan Toth battles Derek Humphrey at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek Saturday. Toth's win gave CC the state Division 1 title.



He was down 9-2, but Evan Toth's comeback pin gave CC a dramatic 29-26 win and a third Division 1 state title in the last four years.

DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL 29, DAVISON 26

130 -- Justin Oliver (Davison) dec. Myles Amine 5-3 OT; 135 -- Dominic Russ (Davison) pinned Ken Bade 1:22; 140 -- Malik Amine (Catholic Central) dec. Matthew Miller 10-3; 145 -- Thomas Garty (Davison) dec. Chris Naubert 6-2; 152 -- Patrick Rooker (Davison) dec. Mike Babicz 9-5; 160 -- Jordan Cooks (Davison) dec. Logan Marcicki 5-3; 171 -- Drew Garcia (Catholic Central) maj. decision Tyler Wildmo 15-5; 189 -- Nick Giese (Catholic Central) maj. decision Jake Ellis 12-4; 215 -- Jay Peterson (Catholic Central) dec. Trevor Thomas 7-2; 285 -- Robert Coe (Catholic Central) pinned Dakota Powers 1:55; 103 -- Max Johnson (Davison) technical fall Tommy Herrmann 15-0; 112 -- Parker O'Brien (Catholic Central) dec. Jacob Madrigal 4-2; 119 -- Lincoln Olson (Davison) dec. Trevor Zdebski 3-1; 125 -- Evan Toth (Catholic Central) pinned Derek Humphrey 5:25.

Catholic Central skates to victory

Shamrocks shut out Liggett

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It was a bit of a clinic when the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks played University Liggett last week.

The end result, an 8-0 domination, showcased not only the Shamrocks' outstanding offensive capabilities, but also their stout defensive presence as well.

The Shamrocks worked both of their goalies into the game with Derek Moore earning the win with 26 minutes in net and six saves. Ryan Mulka had a minute less between the posts and stopped one less shot on goal.

The game was rather clean as the Shamrocks were hit for just one penalty--a hooking call on Max Wankofor two minutes and University Liggett was whistled twice for four minutes.

The Shamrocks tallied three goals in the first period of play as Evan Kearns, Brady Jones and Matt Sorisho found the back of the net with assists going to Charlie Green (2),

ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks hockey team were scheduled to be back on the ice yesterday against Northville in the district play-offs, after the sports section went to print. The results will be in next week's edition.

Carter Cerretani, Michael Babcock and Sorisho.

The second period found the Shamrocks scoring four, these coming off the sticks of Green, Jones, Steven Jarzynski and Mitch Ossowski with assists to Sorisho (3), Babcock, Austin Linville and Bobbie Carey.

The final goal came at the 15:09 mark in the third period with Danny Middleton firing home a shot to seal the game. Jones and Carson Gatt earned assists.

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.

Shamrock bowlers advance to state finals

Northville bows out in regional competition

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks bowling team earned the right to compete at the MHSAA state finals after a qualifying performance in the Division 1 regional last week at Superbowl Lanes in Canton.

The team, coached by Al Bridges, took second place in the tournament, finishing with 3,999 points. Salem captured the top spot, earning 4,137 points, while Canton finished third with 3,979. Northville failed to qualify for the finals as they finished ninth overall with 3,467 points.

This is the fifth-straight season the Shamrocks have advanced to the finals, making them the first team in the state to

ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks bowling team will compete in the state finals tomorrow in Muskegon at Northway Lanes.

achieve that mark.

"We bowled a team game of 991 in the last event to pass Brighton and Canton to qualify in second place," said Bridges.

Catholic Central had strong performances throughout the day. In the first Baker, the squad collected 179 points, followed by a 167, a 181, a 167, a 189 and a 191 in the following Bakers. Catholic Central then went on to pick up a 960 in game one before notching a 974 and a 991 in the next two games, respectively.

High scores in the regional came from Joey Krzywonos, a sophomore, who had a 255 game, while teammate Joe Alvor, also a sophomore, picked up a 213 game. Sophomore Maclain Canfield had a 211 game while junior captain Brad Conflitti had games of 244 and 205.

Northville started the day out with a 181 in the first Baker, followed by a 162, 160, 160, 138 and 175 in the following Baker matches. In the first game, the Mustangs picked up 869 points before putting in performances of 794 and 740 over the next two games, respectively.

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.

Northville second in KLAA championship meet

Squad can't overcome Stevenson's depth, skill and points

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Northville swimming and diving coach Rich Bennetts said two weeks ago that his team had to dig deep to compete with powerhouse Livonia Stevenson in this year's Kensington Lakes Athletics Association championship meet.

His team dug deep and put forth a strong effort in the preliminaries, but couldn't repeat the effort in the finals last Saturday and their final effort wasn't enough to catch the Spartans. Livonia Stevenson won the KLAA championship meet with an impressive 919.5 points while the Mustangs captured second with 834.5 points of their own. Novi was third with 680, South Lyon was fourth with 654 and Salem was fifth with 552. Plymouth, Westland John Glenn, Canton, Wayne Memorial, Livonia Churchill and Livonia Franklin finished sixth through 11th, respectively.

"We swam real well on Friday to give ourselves a chance and then just flat out did not show up on Saturday," said Bennetts. "It was one of those perfect storms but the wrong way. Everything that could have gone wrong on Saturday did. You have to Stevenson credit — they are just plain better than us. They saw that we made a move on them on Friday and they responded like champions do and took care of their business on Saturday. They should do real well at the state meet."

There is still plenty of time to work on the positives before the state

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys swimming and diving team will be back in the pool when they host the Last Chance meet at 6:30 p.m., which is free for the public to attend. They will then compete in the diving regional at Ann Arbor Huron Tuesday and then next Friday and Saturday at Holland High School for the State Finals at noon both days.

finals and work is exactly what Bennetts plans to have his team do.

"We will try to regroup, as I said we did swim well on Friday and we have all three relays qualified for states and we have nine guys going to states in individual events," he said. We are real close on a few others which we will put into our Last Chance meet (today) to see if we can sneak a couple more guys in."

Bennetts said the loss to Stevenson stings, but his team has to take the lessons that were taught to them and focus on getting better in the future.

"You never like losing, especially with how poorly we performed on Saturday, but it is a learning experience for the younger guys on the team that there is a different level of commitment and focus that you have to have in order to be champions," he said. "This group didn't have it, so we need to learn from that and make the necessary adjustments and get back here next year with a better result. A lot of teams would be happy with second place. This team is



Mustang Sam Boyea leaps off the block at the start of a 50 yard freestyle race at the Feb. 22 KLAA conference championships at Novi High.



Northville Mustang Scott Wang swims the 200 meter IM at the Feb. 22 KLAA championships at Novi High.

not one of them."

200 yard medley relay team of Nick Hayes, Yash Bajaj, Scott Wang and James Xue took fifth while Austin Hunt captured sixth in the 200 freestyle, followed by Mark Kaminski in eighth, Sergio Reyes in 10th and Akbar Ariswala in 19th.

Xue led the Mustangs in the 200 individual medley, taking fourth while Hayes took sixth

and Wang captured seventh followed by Josh Liu in 13th and Chris Geng in 18th. In the 50 free, Andrew Westphal took fifth and Sam Boyea was sixth, followed by Daniel Brown in 11th and Alan Ruan in 14th. In the diving event, Northville's Anton Travis took eighth, followed by Troy Cini in 12th and Christian Field in 13th.

The 100 butterfly found

Frank Zhang capturing sixth place, while Wang took ninth and Ariswala finished 11th. In the 100 free, Westphal took fifth place with Boyea finishing seventh, Xue taking 10th, Kaminski finishing 11th and Danny Teng in 19th place. The 500 free found Hunt putting up a fight as he finished third in 4:55.18 while Ryes was sixth, Matthew Schafer was 13th, Fred Schulz fin-

ished 14th and Zhang was 18th.

The 200 free relay finished with Northville capturing second in 1:29.77 with the team of Westphal, Boyea, Ruan and Hunt. In the 100 backstroke, Hayes took ninth, Teng was 13th, John Monterosso was 18th and Jarvis Yan was 19th.

Liu finished fourth in the 100 breaststroke in 1:02.77, while Bajaj was sixth, Geng was seventh, Ruan finished eighth and Sho Kikumuri took 16th.

The final event of the night ended with the Northville 400 free relay team of Westphal, Boyea, Xue and Hunt taking third place in 3:17.91.

"I am looking forward to getting back to practice on Monday, telling my guys that I am 100 percent behind them and shaking off this day and getting ready to swim fast at the state meet," Bennetts said last week after the meet. "I wish we could swim tomorrow because I know that the team we have is better than what we showed out there today. Fortunately for some us, there is another meet around the corner."

CAGERS

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"We recorded an assist on every field goal tonight," said Sander. "I don't know

if I have ever seen that before, but our offense is much more effective when we move it side to side and inside-out."

Meacham had three three-point field goals on

the night, tying his career high performance, as he scored 26 points to lead his team. Malik Bazzi added 10 points in the win. Hewlett added seven rebounds and eight assists.

SYNOPSIS FEBRUARY 21, 2013 – REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, February 21, 2013
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road
CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.
Present: Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor; Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer; Marv Gans, Trustee, Symantha Heath, Trustee; Herrmann, Trustee; Fred Shadko, Trustee,
Absent: Sue Hillebrand (excused)
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
1. **Agendas:**
A. Approve the Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items: - approved
1. Minutes – Board of Trustees Special Meeting of 1-10-13
2. Minutes – Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of 1-17-13
3. Minutes – Board of Trustees Special Meeting of 2-06-13
4. Northville Youth Assistance Program Report 2-4-13
5. Minutes – Historic District Commission Meeting of 1-24-13
6. Minutes – Planning Commission Meeting of 10-30-12
7. Minutes – Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting of 10-17-12
2. **Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**
A. Appoint Eric Lark to Planning Commission - approved
B. Appoint Marjorie Banner to the Parks & Recreation Commission - approved
C. Appoint Lisa Anderson to Zoning Board of Appeals - approved
3. **Public Hearing:**
A. Open Hearing for Community Development Block Grant 2013 Budget - conducted
4. **Brief Public Comments:** Supervisor Nix welcomed Troop 903 of Northville who was in attendance as part of earning their Citizen Merit Badge. Carrie Ryckman introduced herself to the Board as a District Representative for Laura Cox. Resident wanted an update on the Scott Prison Property.
5. **New Business:**
A. Final Preliminary Plat - Steeplechase of Northville - approved
B. PUD Amendment - Northville Village Center - approved
C. Final Plat – Steeplechase – request withdrew
D. Vehicle purchase for Public Services - approved
E. Asbestos Survey for Scott Correctional Facility - approved
F. Beck Road Booster Station - Payment #4. - approved
G. Shadbrook Paving SAD & Water Main Payment #7
H. Thayer's Corner Nature Area - Approval for use of House - approved
I. Match for The Senior Alliance (TSA) - approved
J. Patrol Vehicle Purchase - approved
K. Detective Bureau Vehicle Purchase - approved
L. Community Development Block Grant Budget - approved
6. **Unfinished Business: None**
7. **Ordinances: None**
8. **Check Registry:**
A. In the amount of \$2,000,174.96 - approved
9. **Board Communication & Reports** from Supervisor Nix, Treasurer Banner, Trustees Gans, Heath, Herrmann and Shadko, Manager Snider.
10. **Any other business or public comment for the Board of Trustees:**
Resident had concerns on re: parking at local church.
11. **ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.**
Respectfully submitted:
Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.

This is a synopsis of the meeting. A draft of the unapproved minutes will be available after March 5, 2013.

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE 2013 BOARD OF REVIEW WAYNE AND OAKLAND COUNTIES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review of the City of Northville, Wayne and Oakland Counties, will meet at the City Hall, 215 West Main Street, for the purpose of reviewing and adjusting the 2013 Assessment Rolls of the City of Northville on the following dates:

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| TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2013: | 9:00 a.m. Administrative Meeting |
| THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2013: | 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. |
| MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2013: | 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. |
| WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2013: | 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. |
| THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2013: | 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. |
| THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2013: | 6:00 p.m. for Deliberations |
| FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2013 | 3:00 p.m. for Deliberations |

Unless otherwise specified the dates above are for Public Hearings

Pursuant to Act 165 of 1971 and based on the proposed changes to assessed value for 2013, the Wayne and Oakland County Equalization Departments have set the following tentative equalization factors relative to the 2013 Real and Personal Property Assessments: **WAYNE COUNTY** - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00. **OAKLAND COUNTY** - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00.

Mail-in Petitions must be received by March 14, 2013 before 5:00 p.m. ALL TAXPAYERS wishing to petition their property's taxable value or assessment in person with the Board of Review will be seen by **APPOINTMENT ONLY. To ensure every appeal is heard it is requested that appointments be scheduled prior to Friday, March 1, 2013.** Please contact the City of Northville Tax Department at (248) 449-9901 for an appointment or with any questions you may have regarding your 2013 taxable or assessed value.

BOARD OF REVIEW

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE 2013 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW DATES

The Northville Township 2013 Board of Review will conduct hearings on the following dates for appeals from citizens, regarding the 2013 assessment, at the Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road. All appeals are by appointment. **Beginning Friday, February 22, 2013 you may call (248) 348-5810 to schedule an appointment. Letters of appeal must be received by 4:00 p.m., March 15, 2013. Postmarks are not accepted.**

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| Tuesday | March 05, 2013 | 1:00 pm | Organizational Meeting |
| Appointment Dates: | | | |
| Saturday | March 09, 2013 | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm | Appointments |
| Monday | March 11, 2013 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm | Appointments Appointments |
| Tuesday | March 12, 2013 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm | Appointments Appointments |
| Wednesday | March 13, 2013 | 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm | Appointments Appointments |
| Thursday | March 14, 2013 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm | Appointments Appointments |
| Friday | March 15, 2013 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm | Appointments Appointments |

All persons protesting their assessment must complete a petition (form L-4035) which can be obtained at Northville Township Hall or Township website twp.northville.mi.us click on Board of Review or at www.michigan.gov/treasury. Click on Forms, then click Property Tax, Board of Review (L-4035)

Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.
Clerk

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Northville beats South Lyon 1-0 in OT

By Jeff Theisen
Sports Writer

South Lyon United and Northville hockey came into the playoffs red hot. South Lyon on a 10-game winning streak and a five-gamer for the Mustangs.

Monday's pre-regional matchup in Canton went the regulation 51 minutes scoreless. But just 27 seconds into the extra session, Northville's Ben Crabil slipped one by South Lyon goalie Aaron Callan to stay alive.

"It was a very exciting game — two teams that are so evenly matched," said Northville coach Clint Robert. "Obviously you feel for their guys. You hate for anybody to have to lose like that in overtime. But I'm thrilled for my guys."

South Lyon finishes the season 16-9-1. The Mustangs advanced to play Catholic Central last night in the regional final.

Monday's matchup featured defense and outstanding goaltending by both squads. The shots wound up dead even at 25 thanks to the lone shot in overtime.

Both goalies stopped



PHOTOS BY HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Northville goalie Jake Pawloski and Connor Brown fight to keep South Lyon's C.J. Myers away from the net in their playoff matchup at Arctic Edge Arena in Canton.

point-blank shots in the opening five minutes, setting the tone for things to come.

The teams matched each other with eight shots in the first. Northville carried a bit more attack zone time, but quality chances were pretty even.

In the second, South Lyon recorded eight shots against Jake Pawloski to five for Northville. The teams were also whistled for the first penalties of the game.

Northville took the first penalty with the best chance for South Lyon coming off a wrist shot that went high from Cam Thomas.

On South Lyon's penalty, Northville's Tyler Gardiner used a move to break in free but was stoned by Callan.

With 2:17 to play, South Lyon was called for too many men but managed to kill off the penalty. As the penalty ended, South Lyon's Blake Robertson tried to use a defender as



Northville's Tyler Gardiner chases down South Lyon's Alexander Hudgens.

a screen and sent a low, hard wrist shot on net but Pawloski kicked it aside to set up the overtime session.

The goal in overtime came off a long feed off the boards with Crabil taking the puck to Cahill's left. Crabil managed to control the puck around a diving defender while moving to Cahill's right where he sent the back-hander in and launched the Mustang faithful into a frenzy. Ryan Bloom picked up an assist on the goal.

"Usually we're telling them to go wide, so I'm

glad he didn't there," said Robert. "The play really started — Ryan Bloom didn't hesitate and went right off the boards. He hit Ben in stride. Maybe the quick transition caught them by surprise. Ben's been here three years. It was great to see him get that goal and have the whole team enjoy it."

It was a classic game nobody deserved to lose, but that's just how sports are, and South Lyon coach Bill McCrery Jr. knows that all too well.

"Single elimination

sucks," said McCrery. "It was a really well-fought game. No team deserves to lose. The guys poured their hearts out and really battled. The goal was a really nice individual effort on their part. Cals, our goaltender, was in great position. It just found a way to squeak through."

"It's been a wonderful group of kids. You hate to have it come to an end, but you thank them for the commitment, the blood, sweat and tears and give them hugs. You've got to move on."

NORTHVILLE ROUNDUP

Novi Wild edge Northville in playoffs

The Novi Wild prep hockey team needed nearly a full overtime period before Brendon Kour was in the right place at the right time to get his shot past the Northville goalie and earn the 3-2 victory last week.

The Wild's victory puts the team in the Great Lakes Prep Hockey League finals — the first time since the 2008-09 season.

Northville looked to have the advantage in the contest, taking a 2-0 lead in the first period with goals coming just 60 seconds apart. But the Wild wouldn't be denied, scoring two goals in the second period off the sticks of Gage Fisher and Will Dempsey to knot the game up, 2-2.

The third period went by with neither team able to

capitalize on their opportunities, forcing the overtime period.

The victory put the Wild's record at an impressive 30-9-6 on the year. They are coached by Jon O'Leary and assistants Mike Magliocco and Mark Tarpinan. There are nine juniors, six sophomores, four freshmen and an eighth-grade student on the roster.

The Wild will play Detroit Catholic Central in the championship game at the DISC arena in Dearborn at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Northville well represented at indoor track and field finals

Last weekend at the indoor track and field state finals in Mt. Pleasant, Northville High School was well

represented by standout track and cross country athletes.

Northville athletes competing in the finals included: Alexa Abbott, Rachel Coleman, Jason Ferrante, Nicole Mosteller, Alison Robinson, Lauren Rodriguez, Morgan Robertson Taleen Shahrigian and Erin Zimmer.

In order to qualify for the state finals, the athletes competed in the MITS Indoor Track series throughout the winter. Ferrante and Robertson ran as part of the Michigan Accelerators Track Club from Romulus and Abbott and Rodriguez ran as part of Hurdle Tech Track Club out of Ann Arbor. The rest of the runners formed their own club called the Northville Avengers and practiced on their own throughout the winter.

Eight of the nine athletes earned All-State status by placing in the top eight in the competitive at the finals.

Ferrante placed third in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:01.27 and both Rodriguez and Robertson placed in the 60-meter hurdles with Rodriguez taking fourth in 9.18 seconds and Robertson placing sixth in 9.21.

Coleman took seventh in the mile in 5:09 and Shahrigian was fifth in the two-mile event in 11:04.

In the 3,200-meter relay, the team comprised of Shahrigian, Zimmer, Mosteller and Robinson ran 9:55 for fifth place while the distance medley team comprised of Zimmer, Mosteller, Robinson and Coleman ran 13:07 for fifth.

The upcoming track and field season holds promise of potential new records at Northville. Coleman ran a 5:05 in the mile, which surpasses her current Northville record of 5:07 while Shahrigian's two-mile time at the finals is well below the current Northville record of 11:21. Their times, however, won't count toward the current records since the MHSAA does not have an official indoor track and field season.

— By Sam Eggleston

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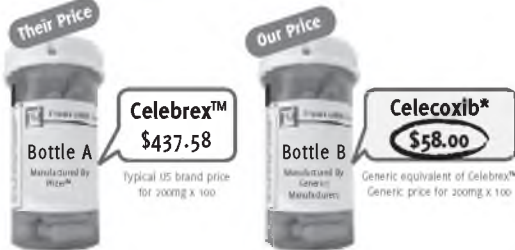
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HOCKEY

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The Mustangs and Chiefs skated to an even first period, 1-1, but it was the last time the Canton squad would even be in the game as the Mustangs outscored them, 3-1, in the second and 3-0 in the third period to control the contest.

The victory moved the Mustangs to a 14-8-3 record this year.

The goal that would prove to be the game winner came at the 9:53 mark in the second period as Ken Kosinski fired a pass to Buddy DeBrabander, who put the puck past the Chiefs' goalie for a 3-2 lead. The Mustangs would capitalize on it, adding a goal by Ryan Bloom — his 25th of the season to tie him for the all-time regular-season goals scored mark — for a 4-2 lead.

The third period found the Mustangs scoring off the stick of Dominic DiComo for a 5-2 advantage thanks to assistance from Tim Eis and Danny O'Malley. Jack Meacham made it a 6-2 game, tak-

ing assistance from Joe Chase and Grant LaLonde and then skating through the defense to score.

The final goal of the game came with less than a minute left in the game when Andrew Rosati found the back of the net on an unassisted play.

The Mustangs started the day off with a goal by Tyler Gardiner that was made possibly by Ben Crabil, who skated into the defensive zone before feeding the puck to his teammate for the 1-0 lead. Canton tied the game on a turnover in the Northville end for the 1-1 knot at the end of the first.

The back-and-forth exchange continued into the second period when Ryan Bloom smacked a high puck out of the air and past the Canton goaltender to make it a 2-1 contest. The Chiefs, however, scored at 12:08 to tie it again.

Jake Pawloski earned the win in the game. His record between the posts is 9-4-3 on the season and the Canton game marked his 11th game this season of holding an opponent to two goals or fewer.



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More than a 120 students from Northville, Novi and Detroit came to Jack Doheny Companies' Northville facility on Feb. 13 and put together 10,000 food packages for shipment overseas.

Local firm joins forces with area students to send food overseas

Jack Doheny Companies invited more than 120 students to their Northville facility earlier this month, where the students and company employees put together 10,000 food packages for shipment overseas.

Bridgepointe's Diane Powers organized 120 local students from Northville, Novi and Detroit for the Kids Against Hunger project. Kids Against Hunger works to remove prejudices by bringing kids from different backgrounds together to do positive things for the community. This event matched fifth graders from the Metropolitan Detroit Neinas School with kids from the Northville and Novi on Feb. 13.

Sue Simcox of Bridgepointe said it was "heartwarming to watch these children working together



Jack Doheny Companies employee Nick Lionas explains aspects of the Northville facility to the students during a tour of the facility.

er [and] empowering them to realize that one person can make a difference in the fight against hunger."

After the meals were packed, the students were treated to a tour of Jack Doheny's facilities including a demonstration of a vactor, CCTV camera truck, and Planet Breeze.

Jack Doheny sees parallels between the company's equipment and the efforts overseas.

"For the most part, our equipment operates under ground in critical infrastructure that most people never see," he said. "These students are packaging food for kids in areas of the world that they will probably never see either. Just because you can't see the impact, doesn't make it any less valuable or important."

To get involved with Kids Against Hunger visit its website at www.kidsagainsthunger.org.

Beginner's guide to Twitter

By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist

One of the most common rants I'm subject to as a social media professional is that people don't like or understand Twitter.

I liken this to someone saying "I don't like or understand words on the Internet."

Without this column, it would be none of my concern whether readers or nonreaders like Twitter or any other social site. But as an ambassador to the local technologically challenged (and it's OK to be technologically challenged), I feel it is my duty to explain Twitter.

Twitter is a social network designed in 2007 that asks one question: what's happening?

Users who sign up for the free service have 140 characters to answer Twitter's question from a computer or mobile device. Why 140 characters? Because in 2007, smartphones weren't so smart — and 140 characters was the maximum length of a text message. In its infancy, mobile Twitter users sent their 140 character messages to the Twitter servers



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

has fallen out of practice.

Most people who complain to me about Twitter also point out they don't care to hear about "when others are brushing their teeth or eating a bagel."

I couldn't agree more. While some use Twitter to tell followers about toothpaste and strawberry cream cheese others provide much more valuable content.

I use my personal Twitter account (@GunnSh0w) to share informative links about digital media, talk about sports, share funny photos and quickly message friends. Some of those topics may interest you, some may bore you, but everyone is different.

Each Twitter user can choose who he or she follows. If you follow me on Twitter (and some of you already do) that's cool. If you don't follow me on

by texting a unique Twitter number.

With the rise of mobile applications, sending Twitter messages via text

Twitter — I won't cry — and neither will others.

One of the greatest benefits of Twitter is finding new users that share your interests and being exposed to new information that creates new interests. Some Twitter users follow celebrities, gossip blogs, news sites, comedians or strangers. Some users only follow friends, some users protect their Tweets so only friends can see them.

Twitter's protected Tweets is a great security feature for folks that don't want to have their content seen. Additionally, private messages called "direct messages" can be sent, and users can be blocked.

So why is the site called Twitter? I can't actually say, but Twitter does have a noticeable avian theme. The Twitter logo is a bird, the message are called Tweets (birds Tweet) and the homepage on Twitter's mobile app is a bird house.

Jon Gunnells is a freelance writer and social media planner. Comments or suggestions for future columns? Email jonathan.gunnells@gmail.com or follow him on Twitter at @GunnSh0w.

CHAMBER CHAT

Chamber breakfast

The Northville Chamber of Commerce will hold its next Breakfast event from 7:30-9 a.m., Wednesday, March 6 at Genitti's Hole in the Wall, 108 E. Main Street.

The guest speaker will be Tom Walsh, business columnist for the Detroit Free Press. He has been with the Free Press since 1982, and has been a city desk reporter, bureau chief, business editor and projects editor before assuming his

current role in December 2001. He was a member of the board of governors of the Society of American Business Editors and Writers from 1995-98, and a Jefferson fellow in Pacific Rim Studies at the East-West Center in 1990.

Cost for the event, which includes a buffet breakfast, is \$15 for Chamber members, and \$18 for non-members.

RSVP by March 4, 2013 to the Northville Chamber of Commerce at TraciSincock@northville.org or (248) 349-7640.

Heartland gives back to area seniors

Heartland Healthcare Center — Plymouth Court, a skilled nursing facility specializing in post hospital care, partnered with the Northville Senior Services Department to provide a nice Valentine's Day event for seniors in the community. The business sponsored the Northville Senior Center Valentine's Day Program on Feb. 13, which included the raffle of two gift baskets and the carnation centerpieces to the seniors. Also provided was an extravagant dessert display, which was prepared by Heartland Plymouth Court's Hospitality Director Charles Poling (left), and a game of Valentine's Day trivia presented by Heartland Plymouth Court's Admissions Director Melissa Woolfe (right). "It is an honor to be able to give back to the Northville community who supports our center," said Woolfe, Heartland Healthcare Center — Plymouth Court is located at 105 Haggerty Road in Plymouth and is a leader in post hospital care, specializing in physical, occupational and speech therapies. For more information, visit www.hcr-manorcare.com/plymouthcourt.



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Report: New reality dominates in commercial real estate

Frustrated by continued uncertainty, a sluggish recovery, and a challenging investment environment, investors generally appear eager to put the past behind them and adjust to the new normal, as outlined in Expectations & Market Realities in Real Estate 2013 — Turn the Page, a new annual report published jointly by Real Estate Research Corporation (RERC), Deloitte, and the National Association of Realtors. According to the report, investors appear to realize that this environment will likely be with us for the foreseeable future, and that adjustments may need to be made to maximize commercial real estate investment performance and yield in our continuing slow-growth economy.

The three organizations have drawn on their respective capabilities to examine the economy, capital markets, and commercial real estate property markets; to thoroughly assess and analyze existing research; and to offer an outlook for commercial real estate for 2013 and beyond. Findings indicate that the economy is expected to improve only modestly in 2013, with the budget deficit, tax increases, and cuts in government spending expected to continue the economic uncertainty.

In general, capital remains available for commercial property investments, but the discipline for capital has been inching upward and is becoming more selective. The report also carefully analyzes and offers an



The Denso office building, west of Telegraph, is one of many commercial buildings in Southfield.

assessment of the office, industrial, apartment, retail, and hotel property sectors, as well as for commercial real estate as an asset class, for 2013.

“It is time to stop waiting for the economy and the investment environment to get better. This is it — this is the new normal — and we need to turn the page on the past and make the adjustments needed to be successful for the balance of this decade,” stated Kenneth Riggs Jr., chairman and president of RERC. “Investors are facing the challenges ahead, and commercial real estate continues to be an attractive investment for

a variety of reasons in this economic climate.”

“Moderate positive and stabilizing trends in commercial real estate markets are expected to add value to institutional portfolios as we turn the page to the next chapter of the real estate cycle,” noted Matthew Kimmel, principal and U.S. real estate sector leader for Deloitte Financial Advisory Services LLP. “Overall the office, industrial, retail, apartment and hotel property sectors are expected to experience various elements of slow fundamental increase and growth.”

The group expects the com-

mercial real estate recovery to continue throughout 2013. “A pent-up demand for commercial property space has been developing with the nearly five million net new job creations in the past three years,” noted Lawrence Yun, Ph.D., NAR chief economist. “That demand steadily reaching the market, combined with little new construction, will likely help lower vacancy rates and push up rents.”

Expectations & Market Realities in Real Estate 2013 — Turn the Page can be obtained electronically at www.rerc.com or www.realtor.org/prodser.nsf/Research.

Landlord may be liable in dog case

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: I was walking by a home on my street that is notorious for letting their dog run loose and bite people. The home is being rented and it was the renter's dog. Do you think I have a basis against the landlord?

A: I think the law in Michigan is that a landlord with notice of a dog's vicious propensities, who fails to meet his duty, may



Robert Meisner

be held liable for attacks by the dog to persons lawfully on the premises or persons traveling along the abutting

street. Since a court will likely indicate that landlords are not insurers of those attacked by dogs kept by tenants, you will have to establish that the dog was dangerous, that the landlord knew of its dangerousness, and that the landlord's response to that knowledge was unreasonable.

Q: Our house is under financial water and our Realtor is suggesting a short sale. Do we need an attorney?

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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*, \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping/handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 29 through Nov. 2, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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| 43506 Abbey Cir | \$227,000 |
| 1778 Bridgewater Ct | \$240,000 |
| 43592 Champlain Ct | \$105,000 |
| 50452 Coolidge St | \$276,000 |
| 45674 Fountain View Dr | \$260,000 |
| 40445 Glen Eagle Ln | \$110,000 |
| 40481 Glen Eagle Ln | \$103,000 |
| 50205 Harding St | \$255,000 |
| 49006 Hawksbury Rd | \$135,000 |
| 329 Kings Way | \$148,000 |
| 1819 Knollwood Dr | \$109,000 |
| 2025 Lincoln Dr | \$185,000 |
| 44991 Middlebrook Ct | \$285,000 |
| 1372 Milbrook Rd | \$289,000 |
| 48291 Nottinghill Ln | \$120,000 |
| 2038 Premier Ln | \$77,000 |
| 2341 Premier Ln | \$77,000 |
| 2163 Preserve Cir E | \$148,000 |
| 229 Redfield Ct | \$148,000 |
| 49211 Rockefeller Dr | \$325,000 |
| 45166 Saltz Rd | \$140,000 |

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| 1857 Scenic Dr | \$180,000 |
| 43725 Stuart Dr | \$133,000 |
| 44750 Tillotson Dr | \$162,000 |
| GARDEN CITY | |
| 540 Gilman St | \$45,000 |
| 251 Hubbard St | \$65,000 |
| 30021 Leona St | \$64,000 |
| 29465 Rosslyn Ave | \$60,000 |
| LIVONIA | |
| 14563 Country Club Dr | \$120,000 |
| 36445 Dover St | \$125,000 |
| 9363 Eastwind Dr | \$142,000 |
| 14053 Ellen Dr | \$156,000 |
| 15146 Golfview Dr | \$234,000 |
| 30146 Greenland St | \$169,000 |
| 35240 Joy Rd | \$120,000 |
| 37200 Joy Rd | \$140,000 |
| 17251 Lathers St | \$120,000 |
| 14325 Melrose St | \$180,000 |
| 16501 Middlebelt Rd | \$40,000 |
| 35999 Middleboro St | \$185,000 |
| 18424 Myron St | \$100,000 |
| 28528 N Clements Cir | \$59,000 |
| 37884 N Laurel Park Dr | \$162,000 |
| 14212 Nola St | \$140,000 |
| 31260 Olson St | \$105,000 |
| 20310 Parker St | \$87,000 |
| 29450 Robert Dr | \$35,000 |
| 19477 Stamford Dr | \$231,000 |
| 18932 Whitby St | \$115,000 |
| 18706 Williams St | \$225,000 |

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| NORTHVILLE | |
| 18283 Blue Heron Dr E | \$305,000 |
| 49297 Freestone Dr | \$333,000 |
| 15825 Hickory Ridge Dr | \$257,000 |
| 525 Linden Ct | \$247,000 |
| 17474 Rolling Woods Cir | \$435,000 |
| 42227 Sunnydale Ln | \$243,000 |
| 537 W Dunlap St | \$725,000 |
| PLYMOUTH | |
| 310 Ann Arbor Trail Ct | \$127,000 |
| 13401 Beacon Hill Dr | \$400,000 |
| 39618 Birchwood Dr | \$159,000 |
| 46964 Burning Tree Ln | \$50,000 |
| 49511 Cooke Ave | \$415,000 |
| 40245 E Ann Arbor Trl | \$179,000 |
| 9115 Elmhurst Ave | \$94,000 |
| 46336 Hamden Dr | \$303,000 |
| 1480 Hartsough St | \$280,000 |
| 50150 Joy Rd | \$386,000 |
| 42167 Mill Race Cir | \$105,000 |
| 49355 Pine Bluff Ct | \$350,000 |
| 11237 Pinehurst Rd | \$280,000 |
| 11731 Priscilla Ln | \$180,000 |
| 50913 Richard Dr | \$305,000 |
| 13775 Ridgewood Dr | \$365,000 |
| 850 Starkweather St | \$200,000 |
| 13366 Wendover Dr | \$223,000 |
| 13645 Westbrook Rd | \$436,000 |
| REDFORD | |
| 9146 Berwyn | \$84,000 |
| 12893 Brady | \$60,000 |

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| 19560 Brady | \$33,000 |
| 17602 Fox | \$58,000 |
| 19404 Inkster Rd | \$22,000 |
| 17116 Lennane | \$63,000 |
| 15520 Meadowbrook Rd | \$80,000 |
| 12066 Nathalie | \$59,000 |
| 13031 Tecumseh | \$56,000 |
| 13210 Tecumseh | \$73,000 |
| 26400 Westfield | \$45,000 |
| WESTLAND | |
| 31510 Alpena Ct | \$12,000 |
| 37341 Amhurst Dr | \$73,000 |
| 32806 Audreys Way | \$183,000 |
| 35845 Castlewood Ct | \$43,000 |
| 37659 Colonial Rd | \$62,000 |
| 8587 Cranston St | \$125,000 |
| 159 Fischer Dr | \$164,000 |
| 7810 Hillcrest Blvd | \$115,000 |
| 8327 Liberty Blvd | \$68,000 |
| 38431 Loruss Ave | \$112,000 |
| 29106 Manchester St | \$20,000 |
| 7304 Manor Cir | \$31,000 |
| 29680 Marshall Dr | \$83,000 |
| 6429 N Venoy Rd | \$106,000 |
| 35830 Palmer Rd | \$90,000 |
| 34635 Pardo St | \$44,000 |
| 815 Rahn St | \$36,000 |
| 33678 Somerset St | \$80,000 |
| 245 Surrey Hts | \$75,000 |
| 281 Surrey Hts | \$75,000 |

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the weeks of Oct. 15-19, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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|------------------------------|-----------|
| BEVERLY HILLS | |
| 15669 Buckingham Ave | \$122,000 |
| BINGHAM FARMS | |
| 31397 Coachlight Ln | \$385,000 |
| BIRMINGHAM | |
| 1351 Chapin Ave | \$154,000 |
| 547 Hanna St | \$607,000 |
| 647 Lakeview Ave | \$610,000 |
| 309 N Eton St # D | \$68,000 |
| 986 N Glenhurst Dr | \$895,000 |
| 1035 N Old Woodward Ave Unit | \$120,000 |
| 888 S Glenhurst Dr | \$500,000 |
| 2131 W Lincoln St | \$334,000 |
| 440 Westchester Way | \$275,000 |
| 5670 Lane Lake Rd | \$492,000 |
| BLOOMFIELD HILLS | |
| 848 Adams Ct | \$308,000 |

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|-----------------------|-------------|
| 2920 Farmingdale Dr | \$700,000 |
| 6310 Franklin Rd | \$237,000 |
| 4062 Golf Ridge Dr E | \$196,000 |
| 154 Hamilton Rd | \$500,000 |
| 4744 Keithdale Ln | \$1,625,000 |
| 4088 Lakeridge Ln | \$510,000 |
| 4645 Pickering Rd | \$307,000 |
| 1935 Quarton Rd | \$276,000 |
| 1178 Rolling Hills Dr | \$83,000 |
| 7455 W Greenwich Dr | \$260,000 |
| 6320 Worlington Rd | \$266,000 |
| BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP | |
| 514 Newburne Pointe | \$175,000 |
| 5794 Raven Rd | \$356,000 |
| COMMERCE TOWNSHIP | |
| 2170 Applebrook Dr | \$293,000 |
| 5720 Carey Rd | \$178,000 |
| 9526 Garden Ter | \$80,000 |
| 2501 Old Sherwood Ct | \$190,000 |
| 6062 Warwick Dr | \$210,000 |
| FARMINGTON | |
| 33325 Cloverdale Ave | \$125,000 |
| FARMINGTON HILLS | |
| 22768 Ashley St | \$80,000 |
| 31899 Bristol Ln | \$260,000 |
| 35785 Castlemeadow Dr | \$275,000 |
| 37102 Fox Glen | \$313,000 |
| 30248 Green Acres | \$245,000 |

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| 28789 Greening St | \$83,000 |
| 33773 Harlan Dr | \$252,000 |
| 26424 Holly Hill Dr | \$183,000 |
| 28656 Kirkside Ln | \$165,000 |
| 31931 Merton Dr | \$185,000 |
| 23247 Middlebelt Rd | \$50,000 |
| 34595 Quaker Valley Rd | \$177,000 |
| 20777 Randall St | \$112,000 |
| 30430 Rochelle St | \$203,000 |
| 36202 Trenton Ct | \$289,000 |
| 29101 W 10 Mile Rd | \$111,000 |
| 36559 W Lyman Rd | \$165,000 |
| 38326 Wynmar | \$120,000 |
| FRANKLIN | |
| 30685 N Greenbriar Rd | \$360,000 |
| 26057 Romany Way | \$1,200,000 |
| LATHRUP VILLAGE | |
| 18658 Bungalow Dr | \$134,000 |
| 17571 San Rosa Blvd | \$65,000 |
| MILFORD | |
| 231 W Lafayette St | \$135,000 |
| NOVI | |
| 27565 Albert St | \$231,000 |
| 22712 Bertram Dr | \$347,000 |
| 30151 Brightwood Dr | \$261,000 |
| 24116 Devonshire Dr | \$310,000 |
| 50876 Glades Ct W | \$50,000 |
| 44758 Gwinnett Loop | \$99,000 |

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| 27009 Ladbroke St | \$45,000 |
| 25520 Portico Ln | \$115,000 |
| 22897 Renford St | \$60,000 |
| 25884 Shoreline Dr | \$397,000 |
| 44974 Steeple Path | \$315,000 |
| SOUTH LYON | |
| 23647 Copperwood Dr W | \$68,000 |
| 230 Harvard Ave | \$120,000 |
| 24779 Martindale Rd | \$35,000 |
| 61201 Saddlecreek Dr | \$273,000 |
| SOUTHFIELD | |
| 21849 Duns Scotus St | \$56,000 |
| 19711 Hickory Leaf St | \$101,000 |
| 28720 Inkster Rd | \$90,000 |
| 17300 Magnolia Pkwy | \$67,000 |
| 17475 New Hampshire Dr | \$12,000 |
| 17230 New Jersey St | \$95,000 |
| 27115 Selkirk St | \$58,000 |
| 29160 Village Road Dr | \$47,000 |
| 29358 Westbrook Pkwy | \$65,000 |
| 26233 Woodvilla Pl | \$124,000 |
| WHITE LAKE | |
| 2305 Bogie Lake Rd | \$185,000 |
| 1329 Castlewood St | \$104,000 |
| 8447 Cooley Beach Dr | \$195,000 |
| 495 Joanna K | \$60,000 |
| 390 Woodsedge Ln | \$234,000 |

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Wayne Investors

Real Estate Investor Association of Wayne meets 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at Red Lobster in Southgate.

On March 5, an attorney general speaker from the Consumer Protection Division will speak about home repair and equity scams, how to work with a contractor, how to understand reverse mortgages, and tips to recognize and

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For more information, contact Wayde Koehler at (313) 819-0919.

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Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. Thursdays at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon. Additional parking across the street in back. Please call the office at (248) 782-7130 or e-

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Free foreclosure tours

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

or visit FreeForeclosure-Tour.com.

Seminar on Tuesdays

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Susan Ricker,
CareerBuilder Writer

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1. Athletic trainer*

What they do: Athletic trainers specialize in preventing, diagnosing and treating muscle and bone injuries and disorders. They work with people of all ages and skill levels, including children, soldiers and professional athletes. Athletic trainers need at least a bachelor's degree, although both bachelor's and master's degrees are common. In most states, athletic trainers need a license or certification. Projected job growth: Employment is expected to grow by 30 percent between 2010 and 2020, much faster than the average for all occupations. As people become more aware of sports-related injuries in children, demand for athletic trainers is expected to increase, significantly in schools and youth sports leagues. *Median annual pay: \$41,600*

2. Dietitian and nutritionist

What they do: Dietitians and nutritionists are experts in food and nutrition. They advise people on what to eat in order to lead a healthy life or achieve a specific health-related goal. Although all

dietitians and nutritionists do similar tasks, there are several types, including clinical dietitians, management dietitians and community dietitians. Most dietitians and nutritionists have a bachelor's degree and have participated in supervised training. Also, many states require dietitians and nutritionists to be licensed. Projected job growth: Employment is expected to increase by 20 percent between 2010 and 2020, faster than the average for all occupations. *Median annual pay: \$53,250*

3. Medical and clinical laboratory technologist and technician

What they do: Medical laboratory technologists -- also known as medical laboratory scientists -- and medical laboratory technicians collect samples and perform tests to analyze body fluids, tissue and other substances. Educational requirements for technologists and technicians differ. Technologists typically need a bachelor's degree; technicians usually need an associate degree or a postsecondary certificate. Some states require technologists and technicians to be licensed or registered. Projected job growth: Employment of technologists is expected to grow by 11 percent between 2010 and 2020, about as fast as the average for all occupations. Employment



of technicians is expected to grow by 15 percent between 2010 and 2020, about as fast as average. *Median annual pay: Medical laboratory technologists: \$56,130; medical laboratory technicians: \$36,280*

4. Occupational health and safety specialist

What they do: Occupational health and safety specialists analyze work environments and procedures. They inspect workplaces for adherence to safety, health and the environment rules. They also design programs to prevent disease or injury and damage to the environment. Occupational health and safety workers typically need a bachelor's degree. All are trained in the specific laws or procedures through a combination of classroom and on-the-job training. Projected job growth: Employment is expected to grow by 9 percent between 2010 and 2020, which is slower than average. *Median annual pay: \$64,660*

5. Recreational therapist

What they do: Recreational therapists plan, direct and coordinate recreation programs for people with disabilities or illnesses. They use a variety of techniques, including arts and crafts, drama, music, dance, sports, games and field trips. These programs help maintain or improve a client's physical and emotional well-being. Recreational therapists typically need a bachelor's degree. Most employers require therapists to be certified by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation. Projected job growth: Employment is expected to grow by 17 percent, about as fast as average. As baby-boomers age, they will need recreational therapists to help treat age-related injuries and illnesses, such as strokes. *Median annual pay: \$39,410*

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Advertising Feature

Adding the new turbo diesel option will power up Chevrolet's Cruze



By Dale Buss

It's not surprising that General Motors finally introduced its first new diesel-powered car in a generation: the 2014 Chevrolet Cruze Clean Turbo Diesel that it unveiled at the Chicago auto Show.

Consider how GM indicated late last year that it would be stepping down its development of new conventional hybrids. Add to that new remarks by former GM CEO Ed Whitacre about Chevrolet Volt.

For nearly a decade, Volt was used as the company's go-to answer about how GM was going to dramatically increase energy efficiency in its vehicles.

Now, however — at least in the view of the guy who ran the company before current CEO Dan Akerson — Volt seems to have been reduced to a sort of teachable moment, an asterisk-bearing curiosity in the long arc of GM products. "I think [Volt] will create value for GM somewhere down the line," Whitacre said wanly to USA Today. "It's not like it sold zero."

Certainly, GM has expectations that the new Cruze diesel will prove an immediate sales and financial success rather than only vaguely help the company down the line, as Whitacre anticipates in regard to Volt and its plug-in-hybrid technology.

In fact, the unveiling of the new Cruze could provide an immediate jolt forward for clean diesel in the U.S. market overall. Cruze represents the most significant investment yet in the rise of the technology in the American market by a Detroit Three automaker.

About 40 percent of Cruze models sold

in Europe — like most of the continent's small cars — are diesel-powered. But GM's adaptation of a new diesel powertrain for the U.S. represents a bold return to diesel power for the company. Its diesel cars in the 70s and 80s were dirty, smelly and unreliable, and tarnished the reputation of diesel power in America for decades.

Based like all clean-diesel models on new low-pollution technology, Cruze "represents a new era in diesel performance for American cars," said Jens Wartha, GM chief engineer.

With a starting price at \$25,695, including a \$810 destination charge (excludes tax, title, license, and dealer fees) Cruze Clean Turbo Diesel comes with a six-speed automatic transmission, four-wheel antilock disc brakes, 3.20 final drive ratio, 140-amp alternator, 800 cold-cranking amps battery, 17-inch alloy wheels, ultra-low-rolling resistance all-season tires, rear spoiler, Aero Performance Package and leather-appointed seating features.

Other standard features include Chevrolet's infotainment system MyLink, a two-year maintenance plan, and a five-year 100,000 mile powertrain warranty.

Built at the Lordstown, Ohio, plant, the new Cruze will get what GM called a "best-in-segment" 42 mpg on the high-



Small Car Marketing Director Cristi Landy unveils Cruze diesel in Chicago.



Leather-appointed seating comes standard in the new diesel-powered Cruze

way and produce an estimated 258 lb.-ft. of torque, sprinting from zero to 60 mph in 8.6 seconds behind its 2.0-liter, 148-horsepower engine.

That's the same highway-mileage rating as the Eco gasoline-powered, turbo-charged version of Cruze. But the latter model has only a 1.4-liter engine and yields only 138 horsepower and just 148 lb.-ft. of torque.

It's that combination of a now-clean-burning, high-mileage fuel and engine performance, especially torque, that is attracting more and more Americans to consider diesel power as a mainstream option. Historically until lately, diesel mainly was something Americans put in their heavy-duty pickup trucks.

Chrysler also has stepped up to the technology with a clean-diesel version of the 2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee, its most popular SUV. Ford, meanwhile, has stayed away from diesel engines and focused on hybrids and EVs as well as more fuel-efficient gasoline engines through its Eco-Boost technology.

While diesel and electrified vehicles hold similar small slivers of the U.S. car market at the moment — each just a few percent — diesel arguably is on the up-

swing while hybrids and all-electrics have stalled overall in the marketplace, even though some automakers keep adding to their fleets of electrified models.

The Cruze diesel "is coming out at just the right time," said Allan Schaeffer, executive director of the Diesel Technology Forum. The car "will be a key factor in taking the success of clean diesel as a competitive fuel-efficient technology to the next level."

The Forum said that automakers are set to introduce more than 20 new clean-diesel vehicles in North America this year, roughly doubling the number of diesel nameplates available.

Volkswagen and Audi have been most committed to diesel in the U.S. market, with Audi planning this year to stretch its Turbo Direct Injection clean-diesel option across most of its highest-volume models, and VW pushing to get diesel penetration of its Passat mid-sized sedan to around 25 percent.

Diesel accounts for about 20 percent of Volkswagen's U.S. sales volume. Executives believe that the more brands and products that come to the diesel party in the U.S., the more every brand's diesel sales will grow.

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