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## Northville home values continue upward trend

Industrial and commercial values remain stagnant

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

Residential property values in the Northville community are increasing again and the housing market looks like it may have shifted with homes being sold faster than they have in the

previous four years.

According to officials in both the city and township, values will be increasing for the second straight year.

Karolynn Pargo, assessor for the city, said sale prices rose for residential properties across the city, including in both Oak-

land and Wayne counties. She said approximately \$5 million of value (\$2.5 million taxable) was added in residential new value, most of that being in Wayne County. The increase in taxable value for the city was slight-

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Northville-area Realtor Patti Mullen has a contract to sell this Fairway Hills subdivision home near Seven Mile and Haggerty. The home was on the market for less than two weeks. Three years ago, Mullen said, there were five homes for every buyer. Now that's reversed with five buyers for each available home.

## Alternative energy horizon still bright



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Soulbrain quality control specialist Antoinette Klempay prepares to put her hands inside a "glovebox" at the Northville Township business that creates ingredients for the lithium ion battery business. The glovebox creates a dust-free environment so that SoulBrain can combine chemicals in a pure setting.

## Northville's Soulbrain says better days ahead for battery technology

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

Some alternative energy companies have had a rough start, but that doesn't appear to be the case at Northville's Soulbrain.

According to CEO Allen Ibara, battery technology and the components that make them work are still a work in progress, but he expects better days ahead.

"Overall, the battery industry is in very good shape, and it's progressing very fast," said Ibara. "We are pleased with the state of the market."

Although SoulBrain's

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Soulbrain CEO Allen Ibara stands near some of the Northville Township company's storage containers that they ship off to lithium-ion battery makers throughout the U.S. The stainless steel units contain part of elements needed for production in the expanding field of rechargeable batteries.

*'We see this as significant progress toward improving instruction and student outcomes in the district. Our community will begin to see the return on their significant investment very soon.'*

**KEN ROTH**  
school board President

## District moving quickly to upgrade technology

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

It's full steam ahead for the technology updating at the buildings around the Northville Public School District.

Last week, the Northville Board of Education approved two crucial decisions to move forward on the work to get structured cabling in all classrooms across the district, as well as the architectural, mechanical and electrical (AME) renovations needed to eventually allow visual display boards installed.

The school board approved by a 7-0 vote to award AMcomm Telecommunications with a \$196,227 contract. For the AME work, district staff recommended the school board approved agreements with seven companies for work that will include electrical installation, painting and installing interactive white boards.

"The board is very pleased with the pace of implementation of the technology bond. We've been able to save money, compared to budget, on a number of items," said Board President Ken Roth. "Our plan is to implement the improvements as quickly as possible while balancing that against minimizing disruptions to schools."

This work will begin at the high school and middle schools very soon and should almost be completed by summer with much of it being done during after school hours. The elementary schools will have much of the work done during the summer.

Roth said as the new technology is implement-

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ly more than \$7.4 million in the residential class for both counties.

The greatest growth is in the Oakland County subdivisions of Pheasant Hills and Abbey Knoll. Pargo also said historic homes continued to grow in value while mid-century home values saw only a minimal increase in value. And in general, the value of most condominiums in both counties remained unchanged.

Pargo said the city's total 2013 taxable value increase is \$9.4 million. For her the numbers speak to the uniqueness of Northville.

"In the past few years it (Northville) has been isolated from the property value decline in southeast Michigan, in fact seeing increasing property values," said Pargo. "The growth in residential new construction is truly outstanding."

In 2012, the city saw residential values climb by more than 3 percent.

Commercial and industrial properties are a bit

different, however. Pargo said because of the gap between assessed and taxable values, even with assessment decreases, the 2013 taxable values of commercial and industrial values increased approximately \$800,000 in Wayne County with a minimal decrease in Oakland County.

She said assessments are based on actual sales, and because there aren't enough commercial sales in the City of Northville, the county equalization departments had to use sales in surrounding and other similar parts of the county to estimate commercial ratios.

Both Wayne County and Oakland County equalization departments determined that the commercial and industrial assessments needed to be decreased.

"I lowered the assessments on apartments, and most of the large brick office/multi-use buildings. Most restaurants and downtown retail remained unchanged," said Pargo.

Northville Township is also seeing similar increases in value.

According to Marina Neumaier, Northville

Township's finance director, residential real property is expected to increase overall by 3.3 percent in addition to the almost 4 percent increase realized in 2012.

However, commercial and industrial values on average are anticipated to decrease for 2013 by 8.3 percent. Neumaier said the decrease in this taxable value was due in part to many tax appeal cases being settled.

She said overall, total taxable value is anticipated to increase in the township by 1.7 percent over what it was in 2012.

Local Realtor Patti Mullen isn't surprised by these numbers and said the signs of improvement in the housing market have been apparent for two years.

"The darkest hour was 2009, but since then things have shifted a bit and homes have been selling faster, which has decreased the inventory," Mullen said.

She said values are still around 15 percent below the peak in 2005, but expects things to come back around to normal in the coming years.

One Northville home she recently helped sell was bought for \$350,000 in 2004 and sold this year for \$331,000. This was after it had increased in value over the previous two years.

An added bright spot is the amount of new construction going on or expected for the next year.

Pargo said the city was "blessed" with another year of growth due to new construction. Approximately \$5 million of value (\$2.5 million taxable) was added in residential new value, most of that being in Wayne County. The increase in taxable value for the city was slightly more than \$7.4 million in the residential class for both counties.

Neumaier said of its increases, Northville Township recognized new additions of approximately \$26 million, which represents new construction within the township. She added new home residential permits continue to be on the rise with an increase to date of 7 percent for the year.

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# UPGRADE

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ed, and staff is trained, the community will begin to see teachers being able to take advantage of instructional tools which were previously unavailable to them.

"We see this as significant progress toward improving instruction and student outcomes in the district. Our community will begin to see the return on their significant investment very soon," said Roth.

The district will be purchasing and installing Promethean boards and software for all grade levels at each building within the K-12 program. According to Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Bob Behnke, the Promethean brand was selected over the SMART board because it gained greater recognition by a group of teachers selected to learn about both.

Behnke said in an effort to build knowledge among teachers in the area of interactive instructional technologies, 16 teachers from seven buildings across the district participated in interactive white board training last August.

Since that time, he said these teachers have become early adopters and leaders across the district in using both SMART or Promethean board hardware and software. More than 60 additional teachers have participated in various

training and professional development opportunities since the start of the school year to learn about how to provide solid instruction and interaction using each of the two interactive white boards within the district.


Following the passage of the technology bond, Behnke said three focus groups were held to gather feedback from teachers that were facilitated from both the Office of Instruction and Technology Department. Participants included elementary and secondary teachers that had been trained and used one of the two interactive white boards previewed within the district, as well as a group that was open to all teachers and administrators regardless of training or use of the technologies.

Behnke said at each of the three focus groups, both boards were available, as participants evaluated the following areas: lesson creation, ease of use, software capabilities, software interfaces, online support and professional development, durability, trouble shooting as well as classroom configurations.

The conclusion was the focus groups consistently ranked the Promethean boards in the area of excellent capability where as SMART boards are more consistently split between acceptable and excellent capability.

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# Call them leaders

Moraine students celebrate positive results of leadership studies

**By Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

There were a lot of highlights during Moraine Elementary School's Leadership Night, but the students sing along may have been the best part of the night.

A total of 14 Moraine students started off the event by singing a song. This was an evening for the school to showcase its progress in using the Leader in Me principles. The song was a take-off from the song "Call Me Maybe" but this version was called "Call Me Leader!"

"I make good choices for me. I like to do the right thing. Even when no one's looking this is the way to be," the students sang along before a full crowd of family and friends.

After that rendition, a handful of students spoke about the benefits of the Leader in Me program, and how it has helped them.

Fourth-grader Sophia Jeromski said goal setting has become a big part in her learning. One goal she had was for her to better learn the multiplication tables, so to do this she put a plan in place to practice. And it worked.

Another fourth-grader, Brett Rankin, also spoke of the virtues of beginning with the end in mind and then constructing a puzzle to achieve the goal. Brett said he set a goal to achieve higher scores in reading and fluency. He said following an action plan helped him increase both significantly.

A lot of parents attended the Leadership Night and were really impressed with the work being done at the school. Debbie Stante, whose daughter is in fifth grade at Moraine, said the Leader in Me teachings have helped her daughter in a variety of ways.

"It's making her think more deeply and she's incorporating a lot of the ideas into her whole thought process," Stante said.

The hallways at Moraine were dotted with examples of the program. From the banner demonstrating "Leaders get caught reading" to one explaining the Conflict Managers plan of helping fel-



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**Marcia Collins works together with her grandson Nicholas Wessner, 4, on a pair of "Team Walkers" during Moraine Elementary's March 12 Leader in Me Night. The duo were illustrating one of the seven leadership principles — "synergize efforts."**

low classmates think "win-win", it is quite evident the Leader in Me teachings have taken hold in the school and become part of the learning culture.

"It's been a change over time, but we are seeing a lot of growth," said third-grade teacher Holly Piantedosi. "Many students have seen the positive results from their goal setting and action plans...They're much more willing to step up and take responsibility over their education. They see themselves as leaders."

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A pair of students addresses parents, teachers and fellow classmates on March 12 at Moraine Elementary on their strategies in utilizing the "Leader in Me Principals" in their everyday lives.

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### Senior party fundraiser

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### Locals earn scholarships

Leigh Fitzpatrick from Northville High School and Renee Weil from Novi High School are the recipients of \$500 scholarships from Mid American Pompon, an organization that offers pompon instruction, competitions and summer camps for pompon and dance teams at the middle school through the collegiate level.

The organization awarded \$2,500 worth of scholarships to five high school seniors from throughout Michigan. Each student was presented with a \$500 check made payable to the college or university that they will attend.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be a graduating high school senior with a 3.2 or above grade point average, have attended two or more Mid American Pompon events as a participant or competitor, composed an essay in an anonymous format describing how pompon or dance has enriched their life and how they have contributed to the sport, and submitted a letter of recommendation from a coach. A scholarship committee selected the finalists. The awards were presented last month at the Mid American Pompon State Championship at Eastern Michigan University.



Teachers Brooke Baker and Kathy Starosciak had the honor of sliming Principal Melissa Hunt because their classes raised the most money from the Fun Run.

## Gotcha!



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Tim Fazzini (left) topples over as he battles Conner Halberg, 10, in a foam paddle battle royale at the Feb. 22 Gator Gala at Thornton Creek Elementary. The Gator Gala, which featured a silent auction, raffle, food and lots of games, was a fundraiser for the school and its educational programs.

## Silver Springs principal gets 'slimed'

By Kurt Kuban  
Staff Writer

When Silver Springs Elementary Principal Melissa Hunt headed into school Thursday morning she just knew it was going to be a messy day. Very messy.

During a school-wide assembly, with the entire student body cheering wildly, Hunt was doused with a bucket full of green slime.

This was Hunt's way of paying back the students for their phenomenal efforts raising money for their Booster-thon Fun Run, which was held Feb. 15. Hunt offered up a challenge to the students at the time — if they could get pledges

from all 50 states, they could "slime" her. Not only did the students get pledges from all the states, they went out and solicited them from 22 different countries. In total the students raised more \$31,000, which will be used to purchase iPads that students will be able to utilize in the classroom for interactive learning.

So it was well worth getting a little dirty, according to Hunt.

"The students came up with this. It was all their idea," Hunt said.

A couple of the students, after doing some research on the internet, even made up the slimy concoction, which included glue, Borax, paint and other foul-sounding

ingredients. "It took me a few shampoos to get it all out," Hunt joked.

Teachers Brooke Baker and Kathy Starosciak, whose classes raised the most money for the Fun Run, had the honors of pouring the slime over the top of Hunt's head.

The iPads have already been ordered and will be arriving soon.

"We want to get them in the hands of our 5th graders before they move on," Hunt said.

As for the effort put forth by the students, Hunt said she couldn't have asked for any more.

"I am so proud of our students. They really got involved with this and went all out," Hunt said.



Principal Melissa Hunt joked that it took her a couple shampoos to get all slime out of her hair.



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Silver Springs Principal Melissa Hunt prepares to get slimed at Thursday's assembly.



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# Silver Springs dads hit the town with their daughters



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Elizabeth Kosak, 10, gets swung by her dad Peter while the two danced during the March 15 Daddy-Daughter Dance at Silver Springs Elementary.

It was all about dads and their daughters Friday evening at Silver Springs Elementary School, during the school's Daddy-Daughter Dance.

Organized by the Silver Springs PTA, the event featured lots of crafts, activities like a nail salon for the young ladies, and plenty of dancing. There was also food, refreshments, and the opportunity for attendees to get a memorable portrait.

"It was a lot of fun," said parent Chris Counts, who brought his daughter Kaia, a third grader at the school. "There was a lot to do. We made a pillow, and she got her nails done. And, of course, we danced."

The event, which was staffed by volunteer parents and kids from the high school's Honor Society, had a theme of traveling back in time through the decades, and many attendees dressed the part.



Emma Dreiman, 8, tries her hand at Hula-hooping as her dad Bill watches during the March 15 Daddy-Daughter Dance at Silver Springs.



Margret Swyt, 8, left, gets her nails done by Northville High Honor Society member Ariel Hiborn during the March 15 event at Silver Springs.



The Daddy-Daughter Dance featured a cafeteria filled with food, crafts, Hula-hoop contests, and a photographer taking portraits of the couples in attendance.



Jason Case gently drags his daughter Madeline, 7, across the floor of the Silver Springs Elementary cafeteria during the Daddy-Daughter Dance. Case was at the dance with Madeline and his other daughter, Olivia, 5,



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# County meeting gets heated over spending

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

A sometimes-heated dispute over wasteful spending, budget deficits and a lack of transparency took center stage Thursday afternoon in Canton as a probing Wayne County committee lobbied its frustration at county administration officials.

Local residents and government officials packed a township hall meeting room as the Wayne County Commission's Ways and Means Committee brought its latest session to the western suburbs, capturing attention as the panel sought to rein in spending for a county mired in debt.

"I think this is a very good idea — the more transparency, the better for us," Canton resident Chuck Lebert said.

Commissioner Shannon Price, R-Canton, grilled administration officials over a proposed six-week, \$70,000 contract to hire a Willow Tree Early Education Team LLC consultant to author a five-year, \$50-million-a-year grant application for Head Start programs in Detroit.

Critics indicated the consultant's pay could approach \$400 an hour — more than Commissioner Laura Cox, R-Livonia, said the county pays its top-tier lawyers. Cox chairs the Ways and Means Committee.

### Defending pact

Administration officials and Commissioner Burton Leland, D-Detroit, defended the contract, saying Wayne County needs to step in as financially troubled Detroit moves away from Head Start. Leland said it's possible the consultant's fee could bring in \$250 million over five years to support Head Start programs.

"That, I think, is a very good return on our investment," he said. "I think we should look at the big picture here."

Price, however, questioned why administration officials sought to hire a company — without seeking bids — that he said has only been in business for 11 months.

"That's a huge red flag," Price said.

Commissioner Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, questioned why more details about the proposal hadn't been provided to the Ways and Means Committee.

After a debate, the committee tabled

the issue after a vote failed to forward the matter on to the full commission without a formal recommendation.

### Early nod

However, the committee learned that Wayne County Commission Chairman Gary Woronchak apparently had given an earlier nod for the consultant to a separate Youth Services Committee, raising questions about what happens now with the contract. Cox indicated the full commission still has to vote on the issue.

Meanwhile, the Ways and Means Committee grilled officials from a dozen county departments over deficit spending in January, saying overspending occurred by Children and Family Services; Corporation Counsel; Wayne County Clerk; Register of Deeds; Public Services, Road and Engineering; Health and Human Services; Economic Development Growth Engine; Probate Court; the Prosecutor's Office; Wayne County Sheriff; Treasurer; and nondepartmental management and budget.

Some departments were millions of dollars over budget. Price appeared upset after being told the Prosecutor's Office was \$4 million over budget for the year as it hopes to win a lawsuit filed against Wayne County over an alleged failure to adequately fund the office. Price called it "insulting" that some county departments refused to comply with deficit-reduction rules.

### Addressing deficit

Administration officials have indicated they are developing plans to try to address deficits.

Meanwhile, Scott Hagerstrom, Michigan state director for Americans for Prosperity, continued to push for more transparency in Wayne County budget matters, saying county officials should put their finances online for public viewing. Price and others have called for similar measures under so-called "sunshine" laws.

Said Hagerstrom: "We believe the best disinfectant is sunshine."

Hagerstrom said Detroit's newly appointed emergency manager should face similar scrutiny.

"This is the people's money," he said.

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Soulbrain employees stand near one of the facility's large 2,000 gallon storage tanks. From left are Peter Jacobs, Jessica Seaman, Antoinette Klempay and Mike Brunelle. The tanks contain some of the company's patented chemicals used in the process of lithium-ion battery production.

## BATTERY

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profits are not what they were hoped for in the beginning, Ibara said since they were incorporated in 2010 the company has delivered 200 research and development (R&D) products. He said this is as a positive number. He would not specify exact revenue numbers, but said as a small start-up they've been growing more than 100 percent each year since operations officially started in 2011.

Soulbrain is located at Five Mile and Beck roads. The facility is the company's North American headquarters for the South Korean-based company. It currently staffs 20 people, but expects to grow this number. The company will be looking for new chemists and chemical engineers in the coming year. It received a five-year tax abatement from Northville Township when it was established.

Overall, Ibara said the industry stands at \$14-20 billion, and that's primarily just for smaller batteries used in cell phones and such. He expects the numbers to increase once vehicle batteries become more adopted in the United States.

A more recent exam-



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ple of things going wrong in this industry was with LG Chem Michigan, which reportedly has not sold a single battery since receiving a \$150 million federal grant in 2009. However, Ibara said the battery industry in the U.S. is still very young. He said overseas this technology has progressed quicker because of higher gas prices and other regulations.

In spite of some bad news, he said things are still moving forward in the U.S., especially with organizations that use fleet vehicles. Soulbrain's customer base includes rechargeable vehicles, power grids and the military sector. It develops an ingredient called electrolyte, an essential component of lithium ion batteries, which can be recharged and used over and over again.

Ibara said their primary work is producing electrolyte, which is comprised of organic sol-

vents, lithium salt and a variety of special additives. These are blended together in a variety of vats and tanks in a process that is mostly run by robotics, but supervised by engineers. He said mixing it can take sometimes up to 18 hours per batch. Each client has their own proprietary blend that is unique for their specific application.

Ibara and Soulbrain are aiming for the long haul, and have made Northville the company's home with employees buying homes in the area. The company contributes more than \$500,000 a month to the local economy, Ibara said, noting their commitment is evident in how they are working to be environmentally conscious by using a lighting system inside the facility that is estimated to conserve 17,601 gallons of gasoline a year.

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## MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village is located at 215 Griswold Avenue, north of Main Street near Ford Field.

• **DETAILS:** Office open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday-Friday. Archives open Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Village buildings open free to the public 1-4 p.m., Sundays, mid-June to mid-October.

• **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.

### WEEKLY EVENTS

(\*Grounds closed to public)

• **Thursday:** 9 a.m. Archives Open; 10 a.m. AAUW Meeting; 7 p.m. NHS Board of Directors Meeting  
• **Friday:** 9 a.m. Archives Open; 6 p.m. Rehearsal  
• **Saturday:** 4-6 p.m. wedding\*

### NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL MARCH 11, 2013

The Northville Public Schools (also referred to as the District or NPS in these documents) will accept sealed bids for:

#### Roofing Project Thornton Creek Elementary School

**A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on Monday March 18, 2013 at 4:30 PM at Thornton Creek Elementary School 46180 Nine Mile Road, Novi MI 48374.** The drawings, specifications and bidding documents will be made available online at: [www.bid4michigan.com](http://www.bid4michigan.com) or [www.northville.k12.mi.us](http://www.northville.k12.mi.us).

Sealed bids should be submitted to Mike Zopf, Assistant Superintendent, Northville Public Schools, 501 W. Main Street, Room 307, Northville MI 48167. Bids are to be submitted no later than **2:00PM local time Tuesday, March 26, 2013.** The District will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for bid submission. Bids will be publicly opened immediately following the close of receiving bids. No oral, email, telephonic or telegraphic proposals shall be considered.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in whole or in part; or for reasons of establishing uniformity, delivery time or preference, to award the contract to other than the low bidder.

The contents of RFP and Bidder's (also referred to as Contractor in these documents) Proposal will become contractual obligations, if a contract ensues. Failure of the Bidder to accept these obligations will result in cancellation of the award. Award of a contract by the District is subject to the Contractor executing a Contract, which shall incorporate the contents of this RFP and the Contractor's Proposal and final approval if the same by the District's legal counsel.

In compliance with MCL 380.1267, the bid shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board, or the superintendent of the school district. The Board shall not accept a bid that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

Certified check or Bid Bond must accompany each proposal by an approved surety company in an amount not less than 5% of the proposal amount. All bids shall be firm for at least sixty (60) days from the date of opening of bids. Length of time required for completion shall be specified in the bid. All bids submitted must meet or exceed all specifications herein.

Bids are to be submitted on the District's Bid Proposal Form, signed by the Bidder, in a sealed envelope and clearly marked. Two (2) copies of the Bid Proposal Form should be addressed to the attention of:

Mike Zopf, Assistant Superintendent  
Northville Public Schools  
501 W. Main Street Room 307  
Northville, MI 48167

#### "Roofing Project Thornton Creek Elementary School - BID"

One (1) copy of the bid form should be retained for your files. Any questions should be referred to Rick Bresso NTH Consultants (248) 324 – 5262.

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OFFICE CLOSING

The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on Friday, March 29, 2013 in observance of Good Friday. The offices will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, April 01, 2013.

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Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time. Bids received after the above date and time will **not** be accepted. Bids that do not include a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship between the Owner and the bidder as defined in Michigan Public Act No. 232 of 2004 will not be accepted.

RFB documents will be available on or after March 18, 2013 and can be obtained by registering at the following website: <http://www.vlbp.com/launch/wrighthunter/home.php>.

Bidding details may be obtained electronically at:  
<http://www.vlbp.com/launch/wrighthunter/home.php>.





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## 'Prodigal Clowns' raise money for Civic Concern

Kids of Northville's First United Methodist Church's Joy Singers perform a spring musical "The Prodigal Clown" on March 17. The concert, with all proceeds going to Northville Civic Concern, was directed by Sue Hoernshemeyer, who is moving to Nevada soon and wanted to benefit the local charity. Ticket sales and other donations came to nearly \$2,000.

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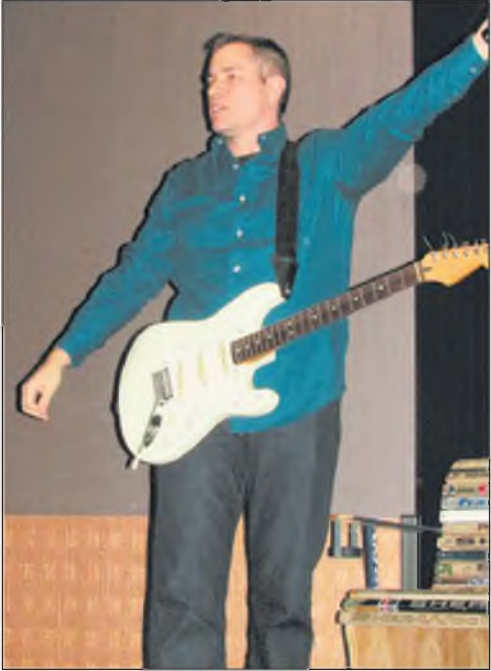
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Local DJ helps  
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Northville resident Blaine Fowler of the Blaine & Allyson morning show on 96.3 WDVD FM was an auctioneer and celebrity Karaoke singer at the Sing Out 4 Kids Benefit held at the Emagine Theatre in Royal Oak. The event raised nearly \$40,000 for the FAR Conservatory of Therapeutic and Performing Arts and the Ted Lindsay Foundation for Autism. Fowler auctioned off Bob Seger's guitar, which he is holding. The highest bidder was co-emcee and performer Karen Newman, the voice of the Red Wings, who toured with Seger.



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Art House exhibit

The Northville Art House will host a new exhibit, “Line & Brush: Two Figurative Visions” featuring the work of Amy Foster and Vianna Szabo, April 5-27.

The exhibit celebrates the figurative art of Foster and Szabo, two Detroit area artists, who are friends and instructors. Both share a love of capturing the human form, Foster is a master draftsman who loves line and gesture while Szabo’s passion is paint and color. Their collaboration has produced a collection of work that showcases visions of traditional figure and portrait in line and brush.

In conjunction with the exhibit, the artists will be offering two-day workshops in April at the Northville Art House:

- Portrait Drawing Fundamentals with Amy Foster, April 20-21
- Painting Gesture Portraits with Vianna Szabo, April 27-28

Limited space is available. Visit [www.northvillearts.org](http://www.northvillearts.org) or call (248) 344-0497 for more information.

The show will open in the Art House’s upper gallery on April 5, with a reception on Friday, April 5, from 6-9 p.m. The artists will speak about their work at 8 p.m.



“Becka Waiting” by Vianna Szabo

The show will continue through April 27 during Art House gallery hours (Wednesdays-Saturdays, 1-5 p.m.).

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.

Maple syrup tours

Maybury Farm will host its Family Maple Syrup Tours each Saturday and Sunday 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 guests to experience first-hand how maple syrup is made. 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 the 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 are a must.

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](http://www.northvillecommunityfoundation.com/farm-maplesyrup.html).

Bug hunters needed

Friends of the Rouge needs volunteers to help look for stoneflies, mayflies and other aquatic insects at the group’s annual Spring Bug Hunt on April 20. Interested volunteers must pre-register by April 5. Children are welcome when accompanied by a participating adult.

The event begins at 9 a.m. at the University of Michigan-Dearborn’s Environmental Interpretive Center. Volunteers are assigned to teams of 4-8 people that each travel to two sites where they look for living things in samples collected from the river under the direction of a trained team leader. The number and type of bugs found is used to assess each site and data are submitted to the state and Rouge communities.

The Spring Bug Hunt is part of a long-term monitoring program that was created in 1998 to train local residents to collect information about the health of Rouge streams. It is coordinated by Friends of the Rouge and supported by the Erb Family Foundation and the Alliance of Rouge Communities. For more information or to sign up, visit [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org).

The Zonta Club of Farmington/Novi Area will host its 19th annual fundraiser for First Step, Steppin’ Out in Style, from 6:30-9:30 p.m., Sunday, March 24 at Carson’s Laurel Park Place (formerly Parisian) in Livonia. The event will include after-hours, discounted shopping, a strolling supper, fashion and entertainment to benefit First Step,

First Step fundraiser

Western and Downriver Wayne County Project on Domestic and Sexual Violence. Tickets can be pre-ordered for \$20 by calling (248) 496-9841 or visiting [www.zontafarmingtonnovi.org](http://www.zontafarmingtonnovi.org). Tickets will be sold for \$25 at the door. Sponsorships are available. For more information, visit [www.zontafarming-tonnovi.org](http://www.zontafarming-tonnovi.org).

Emergency food The next distribution of emergency food by Plymouth Community United Way is scheduled for Thursday, March 21.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program provides low-income Plymouth and Northville residents with canned and non-perishable items. All recipients must be pre-registered. This is a supplemental food program that may be used in addition to other assistance programs. Bridge Card holders automatically qualify, but need to pre-register. Recipients not currently on governmental assistance (food stamps, ADC and general) must provide documentation including proof of income and residency before receiving food on distribution days.

Distributions continue the third Thursday of each month from 9:30-11 a.m. at St. Kenneth Cath-

olic Church in Plymouth. For information and to register, call Samantha Bray at (734) 453-6879, ext. 6, or send an e-mail to [samantha.bray@pcuw.org](mailto:samantha.bray@pcuw.org).

**Crafters sought** The Novi Athletic Boosters Holiday Kick-off Art & Craft Show will be held at Novi High School on Saturday, Oct. 19. This is a juried Show. More than 250 booths are available. Booths are \$60. There will be ample space for all exhibitors. For more information, visit [www.noviathleticboosters.com/craft-show](http://www.noviathleticboosters.com/craft-show). The application deadline is March 1.

NHS alumni cruise

A group of Northville High School alumni are organizing an eight-night “exotic Caribbean cruise” open to all NHS alumni from April 5-13. All alumni, along with friends and family, are welcome. The ship, Carnival Freedom, will depart from the Port of Ft. Lauderdale and head to a number of Caribbean stops, including San Juan, Puerto Rico and St. Maarten.

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# Two scouts, two troops, one friendship

## Lifelong friends earn Eagle Scout rank with community projects

Joseph Obarzanek and Brian Wagner have known each other since kindergarten when they both attended Our Lady of Victory School in Northville. In the ensuing years, they continued

at OLV and both enjoyed Cub Scouts with Pack 721 and were in the same Den. Following their older 'Eagle' brothers, however, Obarzanek bridged to Troop 777 and Wag-

ner bridged to Troop 755, both in Northville, during 6th grade. They maintained their friendship through school and currently attend Detroit Catholic Central High School. They

both attended the 2010, 100th Anniversary Scouting Jamboree in Virginia. Both boys attained the Eagle Rank, and each helped the other with the projects.

Obarzanek's Eagle project involved coordinating a food drive for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen's Service Center in Detroit, which feeds homeless and needy people in the metropolitan area. Obarzanek canvassed his neighborhood, the Ridgewood Hills Subdivision, with the help of Troop 777, and in two weeks collected 15 large boxes of



Joe Obarzanek (left) and Brian Wagner, who are both seniors at Catholic Central High School, earned their Eagle rank and were honored during a March 3 ceremony at the Fr. Ernie Center in Our Lady of Victory Church.

non-perishable food to benefit the Service Center. The coordination and planning of the project took 117 hours and involved 15 scout volunteers.

"It was a good feeling to help the needy and I'm glad I did this as my project", said Obarzanek.

Obarzanek, 18, who is a senior at Catholic Central, is considering various colleges (U of M, Michigan State, and Loyola) and hopes to become a physician.

Wagner's Eagle project consisted of renovating the Fr. Ernie Center, the social hall underneath Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville. By assembling and leading several volunteers, he managed to paint the majority of the room and install wood trim on the walls.

"I quickly seized the opportunity when I heard about the needed renovation of the social hall,"

he said. "I have always wanted to give back to my church and the community that supported me throughout my early life."

The project consisted of more than 100 hours of work and involved more than 30 individuals.

Wagner, 17, who is also a senior at Catholic Central, will further his education at either the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, the University of Michigan-Dearborn, or the James Madison residential college at Michigan State University. He wishes to become a lawyer one day due to inspiration from other scouts and lawyer adult leaders.

Even though the two ended up in two separate Boy Scout troops, their friendship continued and they celebrated their Eagle Court of Honor in a joint ceremony together on March 3 at the Fr. Ernie Center in Our Lady of Victory Church.

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**BULLOCK, TOM**  
Age 56, March 12, 2013. Beloved husband of Marianne. Proud father of Tyler, Pat and Abigail. Brother of Gail (Robert) Halabicky, Judy (Tony) Neuwirth, Dennis (Carol), Mary (the late Garfield) Reynolds, Phyllis (the late Jim) Collins, Edward (Doris), Bill (Susan) and the late Gary (Sherry). Son of the late Edward and Phyllis. Funeral Services took place Saturday, March 16, 2013 at Church of the Holy Family. In lieu of flowers donations in Tom's name may be made to The Bullock Children's Education Fund.

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**EGBERT, MARY L.**  
A long time resident of Sapphire Lake in Lake City passed from this life to be with her Lord on Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at her home. Mary was 92 years old. Mary was born in Wilmerding, Pennsylvania on February 14, 1921 to George and Stella McClain. Mary was the beloved wife of Earl L. Egbert. Earl was the love of her life and best buddy. They married on Sweetest Day, October 18, 1952 at St. Margaret Mary's Church in Detroit, Michigan. Mary was a devout Catholic and strong woman of faith and family. Mary and Earl were very involved with the parish of St. Stephen's Church. Mary loved reading, traveling, birds, spending time with family and most of all being with her best buddy, Earl. Theirs is a beautiful love story. They had just celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary in October. She is survived by her husband, Earl, of Lake City and her six children, whom she called her "little people": Mari (Karl) Rusch, Eileen (Paul) Hill, Laurie (Mike) Lynch, James (Audrey) Egbert, John (Yvonne) Egbert, and Jean Pranglely. She is survived by her sister Patricia (Raymond) Gries and sister in law Lidia McClain. Also surviving her are twelve grandchildren: Paul Hill, Jr., Robert Hill, Kelly Hill, Kevin Hill, Anna Egbert, Megan Egbert, Zachary Egbert, Lauren Egbert, Matthew Egbert, Sarah Egbert, Benjamin Pranglely and Christopher Pranglely. She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Stella McClain, two brothers: Raymond and George McClain, a sister in law, Josephine McClain and a niece Linda McClain. Visitation will be from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Friday, March 15th at the Young Funeral Home, with a vigil service at 7:00 pm. The funeral mass will be 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 16th at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Lake City with Rev. Craig Haider officiating. Burial will be in the Lake City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers it was Mary's request that donations be made to Parkinson's Research, Parkinson's Disease Foundation, Suite 1509, New York, New York 10018. An online obituary may be viewed and condolence offered at [www.youngfuneral.com](http://www.youngfuneral.com).



**KALINOWSKI, GEORGE J.**  
Age 87, passed away March 15, 2013. He was born on March 27, 1925, in Lodz, Poland. He was a member of the Polish Underground Army during the German invasion of Poland. During that time, George became a P.O.W. After the war, George found and moved his immediate family to Detroit, where he attended college and received a formal education. George retired from Ford Motor Co. as an Electrical Engineer at age 65. He is survived by his beloved wife of 58 years, Alexandra, his loving children: Mark (Patrice), Annie, Thomas, and Susan (Chuck) Dziadzio. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Christopher (Ana), Brittany, Christine, Michael, Nick, Ava, Melody (Tony), and Paul Overlay, his great grandchildren: Chris Jr., Marcos, Elijah, and Selah and his two nieces: Christine and Barbara. He was preceded in death by his brother John in 1969 and his grandson, Ricky in 1990. Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 21 from 4:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, March 22 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon.

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**KOFLER, KARL HENRY**  
Age 48 of Northville died Monday March 11, 2013 at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia, Michigan. Karl was born on April 21, 1964 in Detroit, Michigan to Joseph and Donna Kofler. He attended Our Lady of Victory grade School and graduated from Northville High School in 1982. Karl worked various jobs throughout his life. He was an Operational Specialist (OS-SN) in the United States Navy and he became a Shipping and Handling Coordinator for the Hayden-McNeil Publishing Company in Northville. Karl was an avid collector of vinyl records, enjoyed listening to Beatle's music, watching episodes of the Three Stooges, fishing on Lake Manuka in Gaylord, and spending time with the family dog Deiter. Karl was a devoted father to his daughter Kaitlyn. He is survived by his daughter Kaitlyn of Northville, his parents Donna and Joseph Kofler of Gaylord, his sister Kristina, brother in law Peter, and Nephew Ben of Whitmore Lake, and his brother Kevin and sister in law Kathleen of Warrenton, VA. A memorial celebration for Karl will be held at 11:00 AM, Friday, March 15, 2013 at Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Directors located at 19091 Northville Rd, Northville, MI 48168 (248) 348-1233. Music selection will be provided by Kaitlyn. A luncheon will follow at 12:30 p.m. at the Deadwood Bar and Grill, 18730 Northville Rd, Northville, MI 48168 (248) 347-4353. Family suggests memorial donations be made to The American Heart Association.



**MCKEEVER, SUZANNE KAY FOGLE**  
A lifelong resident of Oakland County, passed away on March 13, 2013 after a courageous battle with cancer. She is survived by husband Vernon McKeever, daughter, Molly; step-sons John (Sherry), Peter and Michael McKeever; grandchildren, Isabella, Mackenzie, Olivia, Owen; mother, Patricia (the late Roy) Fogle; brothers, Gregory Fogle, Stephen (Christine) Fogle; sister, DeLynn (Timothy) Dindoffer; nieces, nephews, many extended family and friends. A Memorial Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford on Saturday, March 23 at 3 PM, with visitation beginning at noon. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the University of Michigan Sarcoma Clinic Research Center. For further information phone 248.684.6645 or visit [LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://LynchFuneralDirectors.com)



**MARTINS, EDWARD**  
A long time resident of Milford, and an active member of St. Mary's Parish, choir and prayer group since 1976, died on March 14, 2013, at the age of 74. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Maria, in 2009, and is survived by his son, Edward (Valerie) Martins of Petoskey, and grandchildren, Adam and Sara; his sisters, Efigenia Martins, Balmeira (Carlos), Theresa Martins; brother, Antonio Martins; sister-in-laws, Alzera (Victor) Rebeiro, Grace Marques; nephews, Mario (Toni) Marques, Steven (Martha) Marques, Michael (Linda) Marques; nieces, Corinne (Randy) Borowski, and many extended family and dear friends. Funeral Mass was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Milford, March 18, 2013. Burial Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Twp. Memorials may be in his name to Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Detroit. For further information contact Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit: [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)

**MILLER, LAWRENCE (Larry) J.**  
September 6, 1939 - March 16, 2013 Age 73 Best friend and beloved husband to Mollie for 33 years. Loving father to: Kelly (John) Jensen, Sean (Becky) Miller, Lesley Miller, Michael Miller, Gregory Miller, and Patrick Miller. Very proud grandfather to two beautiful and intelligent granddaughters, Jennifer and Stephanie Jensen. Larry was a much loved and appreciated son-in-law, brother-in-law, and uncle. He was preceded in death by his loving parents Edwin and Dorothy and his only sibling Richard. Larry spent seven years as a Detroit police officer and then retired from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department after 25 years of service. He worked many of those years as a deputy in Highland Twp. and as the range officer for the county. He was a member of the pistol team where he loved the competition and even more, the camaraderie. Larry leaves behind many dear friends who he loved to hang out with and who were so supportive in his battle with cancer. A private memorial service will be held. For further information, please contact Lynch and Sons Funeral Home, Milford 248-684-6645 or [LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://LynchFuneralDirectors.com)



**MOREY, (WACKENHUT), DOROTHY EDNA**  
Her gentle soul passed peacefully on March 17, 2013. Born in Detroit on March 4, 1923. Dorothy grew up in Detroit and graduated from Redford High School where she was a Champion swimmer. She was a "Rosie the riveter" during WWII, and later a long time, devoted employee of the Farmington Post Office. She loved flowers, gardening and nature, and nothing was more important than her family and children. She was one of the most pure of heart and caring individuals you could be blessed to know and she will be dearly missed. She is survived by her son, Edward (Valerie) Morey; her daughter, Dorseen (Joe) Perry; granddaughters, Shannon (Greg) Vandergrift, Heather Atkins, and Stephanie Weeden; five great grandchildren; brother, George Wackenhut and a sister, Evelyn Kean. She was preceded in death by a sister, Marilyn Traylor. Funeral Services were held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, on Wednesday, March 20, 2013. For further info please phone: 248-684-6645 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)

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## BIRTH

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Sara and Eric Grezlik of Royal Oak welcomed a new son, Charlie William Grezlik, on Oct. 16, 2012 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Proud grandparents are Cheryl and Henry Danowski, of Allen Park, and Patricia and James Grezlik, of Northville. Great-grandparents are William Heitman, of Melvindale, and Delphine Grezlik, of Northville).



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Grief Share: Mon. at 6:30 p.m.

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Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
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All Classes 9:00  
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## OUR VIEWS



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The former Northville Psychiatric Hospital grounds property has become a magnet for trespassers. Emergency staff did some training there recently.

# Keep out!

## Township must crack down on hospital property trespassers

Northville Township Public Safety Director John Werth has a message for anybody thinking about doing some exploring on the old Northville Psychiatric Hospital grounds: Don't do it.

Trespassing has become a major public safety issue since the township acquired the property along Seven Mile from developer REIS in 2009. According to Werth, there have been more than 200 arrests on the property — and counting.

Like the old train depot in Detroit's Corktown neighborhood, the vacant hospital property has become a magnet for urban explorers. Mostly, the trespassers are young people in their teens or 20s looking for a little adventure in the dozens of buildings and network of underground tunnels. Most of them come from outside of Northville. But there has also been a problem more recently with scrappers coming in under the cover of darkness trying to loot whatever they can.

As a result of this problem, the police department has taken a "zero tolerance" policy on the matter, meaning if you are on the property you'll be hit with a trespassing violation, which comes with a \$450 fine. It doesn't matter what the reason is. And no, walking the dog isn't a good excuse.

In fact, the township is also investigating how it can give the enforcement even more teeth by seeking restitution from violators, especially in cases where looters leave such a mess that it will ultimately cost the township more money for demolition once that process starts in the future.

The township already does selective patrolling on the property. The police department has a pretty good idea when people tend to go out there (the Halloween season is big). Officers are now using new infrared, thermal imaging equipment that helps them spot people at night. Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix suggested recently that the township look into installing infrared cameras at the property and even fly drones over head to help nab trespassers. So you can see, the township is taking the problem pretty seriously.

But of course, this costs money and resources. Werth estimated it cost the police department plenty of manpower (about \$150,000 worth) to patrol and respond to incidents at the property in 2012 alone.

Some might wonder why the department would devote so much time and money policing the 330-plus acre property. Well, the answer is pretty simple. The property is replete with safety hazards, from asbestos in the buildings to the many barrels and paint cans strewn throughout the property. It's only a matter of time before somebody gets seriously hurt on the property, such as falling out of a window.

Until the Board of Trustees makes the decision to open up the property to the public, which won't happen anytime in the near future, the police department should continue to vigorously enforce the no trespassing rules.

Yes, it costs the police department money to send patrols out to the property. But that would pale in comparison to a lawsuit resulting from a serious injury or even death.

So if you live nearby the grounds or you just happen to be driving by and you see suspicious activity, call the police department's non-emergency number at (248) 349-9400. The police can't be out there all the time, and could always use a little help. It's in everyone's best interest to make sure nobody gets hurt out there.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

# It's March Madness. How do you think Michigan and MSU will fare in the tournament?

We asked this question at various sports bars around downtown Northville.



"I'm not a fan of either, so I don't think they will do well at all."

**Anthony Fuller**  
Poole's Tavern employee



"I think State will do a little bit better than Michigan, but who really knows? It's March Madness."

**John Schorberg**  
Starting Gate patron



"It will depend on matchups, but I think Michigan may be too young, so I see them maybe making the Sweet 16. MSU is stronger because of Izzo, so I see them possibly making the Final Four. But I will still bleed maize and blue."

**Jim Kaskey**  
Northville



"If Michigan can play defense for more than one game in a row they will make it to the Elite 8. They are young and need to learn not to listen to the hype and actually show up and play hard each game. Their freshman need to show up in big games. MSU needs more consistency. If they find their stride they will go far."

**Jim Allen**  
Northville

## LETTERS

### Been there, done that

I appreciate the concern of all parents involved in the proposed district's boundary changes as I too am a parent who experienced this situation. While living in a different local school district, my now grown children faced an overcrowding situation. At that time, our area was impacted by the boundary change. My eldest of three was moved to a different middle school to ease the overcrowding only to discover the boundary being switched back to the original middle school for my other two children. During those many forums, all parents expressed the same sentiments as the parents in last week's article, "Parents resistant to boundary changes."

While I fully appreciate the angst these parents are experiencing, I am happy to report that all three of my children successfully survived this "impact" and none required therapy as the result of the switch. All three children adjusted quite well and truly enjoyed their middle school years at their particular schools. Moreover, they were able to make new groups of friends that they would have otherwise not had the opportunity to meet. As for me and my husband, we discovered both schools were wonderful with great teachers, principals and support systems.

As we all know, life is full of changes and it's amazing how resilient and adaptable children can be (perhaps more so than their parents). The challenges in this world are numerous and one of our roles as parents is to help our children meet these challenges. I would venture to guess that most parents residing in Northville chose to live here because of the great schools. Regardless of the school attended, all children will receive an exemplary education. Whatever the outcome, don't worry, everything will be fine as I have "been there, done that."

**Marianne Ciuffo**  
Novi

### Another way

As a previous resident of Stonewater and a current homeowner in Northville Hills I have an interesting perspective as to the current proposed boundary changes for the school district. I think that everyone who attended last week's meeting would unanimously agree that splitting up subdivision communities is not the ideal situation. Stonewater's community is already divided up by many lakes and it is hard to imagine putting more strain on their neighborhood. While Northville Hills has a community clubhouse and pool right on the

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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

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proposed divide line in which the neighborhood families gather in the summer to bond.

I am the mother of twin girls who attend Ridgewood in second grade and would be affected by the rezoning. Not only if the rezoning splits Northville Hills, but if it splits Stonewater. I was fortunate growing up in the Grosse Pointe school systems and not having to move or be rezoned. To this day, I have lasting friendships with people I met in kindergarten. I want that for my daughters and that is why I moved to Northville, to give them that same opportunity. Having to split up either of these two subdivision into separate schools is not fair to the children or the families. As taxpayers, we pay a high premium to be a part of a neighborhood so our children can grow with one another socially and academically.

I appreciate all the hard work that the NPS Board of Education and Plante Moran has put into this rezoning effort. I also realize that something must be done to accommodate the strain that the current situation and possible future numbers are putting on the schools, especially Ridgewood and Meads Mill. However, I believe that the current proposed changes are not ideal and should not be something that is rushed or decided on because of a deadline.

Instead, I think we need to think outside the box and start thinking about a different plan that would not involve splitting neighborhoods, but instead moving grade levels. I believe the board should consider a K-4 option that can be implemented for the 2014-15 school year. Many of the sur-

rounding school districts already have this model in place including our neighbors in Novi and Farmington Hills. This is a much more cost effective and proven method that I believe would fit into Northville quite nicely. With a fifth and sixth grade together and seventh and eighth together, different scenarios can be manipulated to fit the district's needs and voted on.

It is OK to get to the end of the decision-making process and realize that it is not in the best interest of the taxpayers or their families to start over and create a new and better plan. We can certainly manage one more year of the current state to make sure the end result is a positive one that our community can live with long term.

**Leslie Lammers**  
Northville

## Incredible 'Night for Northville'

Many thanks to the 275 supporters who attended our second annual fundraising event, "A Night for Northville" on Saturday, Feb. 23. It was a packed house. Especially deserving of our gratitude are the many generous Northville and Novi residents and local businesses that supported our cause by purchasing tickets, donating or greatly discounting their goods and services. More than \$30,000 was raised from the event's proceeds and auction as well as \$12,000 in additional donations.

We are especially grateful to Phil Martinez, Jamie Morse and team at Northville Sports Den, who managed the event's logistics, beverages, security and volunteers, to Margene and Bob Buckhave of Northville Square, who donated the event space and to our hometown favorite, The Shawn Riley Band, who donated the terrific entertainment, to Mike Subu of Bricks for the delicious food and to Mark and Bill Evasic of Garage Grill & Fuel Bar for the decadent desserts. The generous support of Buzzy Holzer and Tom Holzer Ford provided the three sleek new Fords for display. What a fantastic collaborative effort.

Finally, thank you to the hard-working TURF CLUB members: Sue Baldwin, Kim Cooke, Jim Cracraft, Scott Gibratz, Randy Holloway, Cyndy Jankowski, Kathy Koupal, Donna MacDonald, Bryan Masi, Jennifer Pearson, Carrie Slominski and Pete Wright — all of whom dedicated countless hours, worked tirelessly to secure auction items, sell tickets, and make preparations to ensure the events success.

**David W. Moore**  
Night for Northville chair

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**CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY**  
**Location:** 24505 Meadowbrook Road  
**Contact:** (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org  
**Mass Schedule**  
**Time/Day:** 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Friday; 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday  
**Hoily Days:** 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.  
**Reconciiation:** beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment  
**Priests:** Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and Rev. Michael Zuelch, associate pastor  
**CROSSPOINTE MEADOWS CHURCH**  
**Location:** 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road  
**Contact:** (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit [www.crosspointemeadows.org](http://www.crosspointemeadows.org).  
**Sunday Worship:** 11:15 a.m.  
**Bibie study ciasses:** 10 a.m. for all ages  
**Details:** Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.  
**Destiny Worship Center**  
**Location:** Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 6 Mile Road, Northville  
**Contact:** DestinyW3C@Gmail.com or visit [www.DW3C.org](http://www.DW3C.org).  
**EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Location:** 34567 7 Mile Road, Livonia  
**Contact:** (248) 442-8822  
**Sunday Worship:** 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. (SS at 9:30 for all ages) Ministry for Special Needs Adults contact [judy@emmanuel-livonia.org](mailto:judy@emmanuel-livonia.org)  
**FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Location:** 44400 W. 10 Mile Road  
**Contact:** (248) 349-2345 or

visit [www.faithcommunity-novi.org](http://www.faithcommunity-novi.org)  
**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.  
**Worship with Easter Cantata**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Sunday, March 24  
**Maundy Thursday Service**  
**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 28  
**New Visitor Luncheon following service**  
**Date:** Sunday, April 14  
**Rummage Saie**  
**Times/Dates:** 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 18 and 9 a.m. to noon April 19  
**Women's Bibie Study**  
**Time/Date:** 9:15-10:30 a.m. Saturdays  
**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**  
**Location:** 217 N. Wing  
**Contact:** (248) 348-1020  
**Sunday Worship:** 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.  
**Sunday Schooi:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Ladies Bibie Study:** 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays  
**Men's Bibie Study:** 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month  
**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVI-FAMILY INTEGRATED CHURCH**  
**Location:** 45301 W. 11 Mile Road  
**Contact:** (248) 349-3647 or [firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org](http://firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org)  
**Famiiy Bibie Hour:** 9:45 a.m.  
**Famiiy Worship:** 11 a.m.  
**Bibie Study:** 6 p.m.  
**Famiiy Movie Night:** 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**  
**Location:** 200 E. Main Street  
**Contact:** (248) 349-0911 or visit [www.fpcnorthville.org](http://www.fpcnorthville.org)  
**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Location:** 205 East Lake Street (corner of Wells and 10 Mile Road), South Lyon

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**Contact:** (248) 437-2875  
**FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
**Location:** 21260 Haggerty Road, north of 8 Mile Road  
**Contact:** (248) 348-7600 or visit [dfcnazarene.org](http://dfcnazarene.org)  
**Sunday Schedule:** 9:30 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, Children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service  
**Wednesdays,** 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$5 per person, \$15 per family;  
**Currently on Wednesday nights:** 6:30 p.m. Children's VBS/Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Group  
**Thursday Schedule:** 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group  
**Wednesdays:** 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$5 per person, \$15 per family;  
**Currently on Wednesday nights:** 6:30 p.m. Children's VBS/Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Group  
**Thursday:** 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group  
**FIRST UNITED METH-ODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**  
**Location:** 777 West 8 Mile Road, Northville  
**Contact:** (248) 349-1144 or [www.fumcnorthville.org](http://www.fumcnorthville.org)  
**Sunday Worship:** Meditative - Held in the Chapel - 8 a.m. Contemporary - Held in the Sanctuary - 9:15 a.m. Traditional - Held in the Sanctuary - 11 a.m.  
**Sunday Schooi:** Nursery - 8 a.m. Nursery - 12th grade - 9:15 a.m. Nursery - 6th grade/Special Needs - 11 a.m.  
**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Location:** 41415 9 Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi  
**Contact:** (248) 349-0565  
**Sundays:** 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship  
**HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**Location:** 40700 W. 10 Mile Road  
**Contact:** (248) 427-1175 or [holycrossnovi@gmail.com](mailto:holycrossnovi@gmail.com); visit [holyCROSSnovi.org](http://holyCROSSnovi.org)  
**Sunday Worship:** 7:45 and 10 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service Alzheimer's Support Group: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month.  
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**Location:** 309 ker Road, Walled Lake  
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**Contact:** 734-427-8743 or visit [www.livoniachurch.net](http://www.livoniachurch.net)  
**Sunday Worship:** 11 a.m.  
**Bibie Schooi:** Sunday 10

a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.  
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**Location:** 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between 8 and 9 Mile roads  
**Contact:** Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister (248) 348-7757, visit [mbccc.org](http://mbccc.org) or e-mail to [office@mbccc.org](mailto:office@mbccc.org).  
**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.  
**Church Schooi:** 10-11 a.m.  
**Feiellowship Hour:** 11 a.m.  
**Merry Widows Luncheon:** 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month  
**Piigrim Feiellowship:** 6 p.m. Sundays  
**NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY**  
**Location:** 41355 6 Mile Road  
**Contact:** (248) 348-9030  
**Sundays 9-10 a.m.:** Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children  
**9 a.m.:** Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium  
**1015 a.m.:** Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)  
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**Details:** A Jewish center with events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events.  
**Contact:** Rabbi Avrohhom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or [rabb@novi-jewishcenter.com](mailto:rabb@novi-jewishcenter.com); [www.novijewishcenter.com](http://www.novijewishcenter.com)

**NOVI UNITED METH-ODIST**  
**Location:** 41671 W. 10 Mile Road  
**Contact:** (248) 349-2652 or visit [umcnovi.com](http://umcnovi.com)  
**Sunday Worship:** 9:45 a.m.  
**Heaiing Service and Hoiy Communion:** 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month  
**Peace Vigii:** noon, first Sunday of every month  
**Location:** In front of the church  
**Details:** Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.  
**Advent Service:** 9:45 a.m. Sunday  
**OAK POINTE CHURCH**  
**Location:** 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi  
**Contact:** (248) 912-0043 or visit [oakpointe.org](http://oakpointe.org)  
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**ReNew Life Group Ministries:** 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday  
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**Contact:** (248) 912-0043; <http://www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups/renew/index.html>.  
**Women's Life Groups Ministries:** 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday  
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# Short leads Lions to sweet 16

By Jeff Thelsen  
Sports Writer

Some players lead in certain statistical categories for a team, and some just lead all over the place. South Lyon's Luke Short is of the latter.

The senior guard/forward led the Lions to the final 16 in the state playoffs and a KLAAC Central Division title. He put up 18 points, five rebounds, 3.3 steals and 2.5 assists per game. Short hit 72.6 percent of his free throws and connected on 40 percent of his threes.

"He was just a force all year long," said coach Doug Host. "Luke is a player who can dominate a game in so many ways — whether it's on the defensive side of the floor, securing a key steal or grabbing an important rebound or just locking up one of the opposing team's best players."

Short capped off the district final game by tying his career high of 28 points against Howell. He scored 20 or more points 13 times this season.

"He can get to the basket almost any time he wants, rise up and shoot jumpers over the top of guy or step outside and knock down the perimeter shot," said Host. "Just as impressive though is how Luke supports and lifts all the guys around him. He is just a fantastic teammate."

**First team**  
**Andrew Meacham, Northville**

If Short was 1A, Meacham was 1B for Player of the Year honors. His numbers are right there at 19.4 points and 5.4 rebounds a night. The junior made 72 percent at the line and hit 42 percent from the floor for the Mustangs.

"Andrew is a tremendously skilled player that can score in a variety of ways anywhere on the floor," said coach Todd Sander. "He can dominate inside when he wants to and stretch defenses with his accuracy from long range."

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South Lyon senior Luke Short is the All-Area boys basketball Player of the Year.



CATHY WRIGHT

Novi's Kelsey Larkin (left) competes against a boy from Lakeview.

# Lone female wrestler pushes self to victory

## Novi's Larkin kept going, now competing nationally

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

Sometimes, you just have to do what you love.

Novi senior Kelsey Larkin, who turns 18 Wednesday, was in that boat a few years ago as the lone female wrestler in the Wildcats' program.

"I'm the only girl who ever wrestled for Novi," Larkin said. "I had to earn my respect, definitely. They really saw how dedicated I was and then I was just one of the guys."

Since starting as a 13-year-

old seventh-grader, Larkin has competed in the 112-pound weight class for the varsity squad the past two seasons, regularly taking on male wrestlers. However, there are a few other local female wrestlers out there at Wayne Memorial, Romulus, Lincoln, Monroe, DeWitt and Northville.

"Every single girl that I've wrestled this season, I've beaten," Larkin said, noting that she improved from winning just two high school matches last season to more than 10 this past winter.

"Last year, I was awful, I

was terrible. I only won two matches the entire season. I've improved a lot."

She was restricted to just practices as both a freshman and sophomore due to heart problems, but didn't let that deter her either.

Larkin's interest in learning wrestling had two initial factors of motivation. Not only was she on the wrong end of some roughhousing with an older sibling, but she also expected it to be more like Word Wrestling Entertainment.

"I always did martial arts, Tae Kwon Do and Kara-

te, and I had an older sister who'd beat me up and I couldn't do anything because she was four years older," Larkin said.

Although her high school season is now over, Larkin is still in the midst of competition season. She will compete in the United States Girls' Wrestling Association meet March 16-17 at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti and then head to Oklahoma March 28-April 1 for a national women's tournament.

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# Northville Broncos runner-up in state playoffs

The Northville Prep Hockey team traveled to Jackson's Optimist Arena for the JV/Prep MAHA State Playoffs beginning March 8. The team went on a great run, winning four straight games to reach the championship game on March 10 against Novi. The Broncos lost the game, 3-2 in overtime.

Here is a summary of their run through the tournament.

## Northville 4, Shamrock Prep 2

The Broncos faced Shamrock Prep in their opening game of American Conference pool play. Both teams got off to a slow start, but Sam Bradley notched an exciting short-handed goal for Northville at 9:20 in the first period. The Rocks answered two minutes later with their own short-handed goal and the period ended tied at 1-1. Kellan Flayer



The Northville Prep hockey team took second place at the state tournament. Back row (from left) Assistant Coach Ken Bloom, Taylor Turner, Brett Ridener, Alex Ridener, Tyler Marcotte, Sean O'Malley, Troy Youmans, Nich Strom, Kellan Flayer, Henry Chang, Adam Balok, Nick Stegmeyer, Christian Winklepleck and Head Coach Don Middaugh. Front row (from left) Kevin Onofrio, Kevin O'Connell, Anthony Solak, Randy Stoever, Sam Bradley, Cameron Layne, Brendan Hicks and Nick Zalewski.

came on strong early in the second and scored on a pass from Nick Stegmeyer to take back the lead for the Broncos. The remainder of the period was scoreless as both teams put up four penalties apiece in the heated contest.

In the third, it was Shamrock Prep who tallied the first goal capitalizing on another Northville penalty. But Northville would have the last word (and goals) on the day as first Henry Chang and Alex Ridener set up

Tyler Marcotte for a goal at 2:26 remaining in the period. Kellan Flayer scored on the Rocks' empty net to seal the victory. Nick Zalewski was the winning goalie.

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**Conner Weidman, South Lyon**  
The Lion senior specialized in hitting from the outside. Weidman hit three triples in the regional final against Ypsilanti and 40 on the year. Weidman averaged 11.2 points, 3.3 rebounds and 1.9 steals a night. At the line he was almost automatic at 86.4 percent.

“Conner is one of those guys who do just all the little things well,” said Host. “Looking at him, you wouldn’t think he’s the toughest guy in the world, but he’s a player who truly knows how to make the game extremely tough on opponents, because they have to be perfect. They have to contest his shots; they can’t go for his fakes. They can’t foul him. They just can’t make a mistake or he can make them pay.”

“Defensively, he always boxes out, always has his hands ready to pounce on errant dribble and always beats guys to the spot. He is one tough competitor.”

**Garrett Moores, Catholic Central**

The senior forward/center was a top player for the Shamrocks with 10 points and six boards and two assists per game.

“Garrett has been our most consistent player this year,” said coach Bill Dyer. “He got better as the season went on. We asked him to play at the center position for us most of the year, and he did it without com-

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**Player of the year**  
Luke Short, South Lyon  
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Andrew Meacham, Northville  
Conner Weidman, South Lyon  
Garrett Moores, Catholic Central  
Jacob Lee, Milford  
Brad Govan, Lakeland  
**Second team**  
Bill Harrison, South Lyon  
Nick Troxell, Lakeland  
Jack Leckner, South Lyon

East  
Josh Corey, Milford  
Stewart Henzi, Northville  
**Honorable mention**  
South Lyon: Dominick Quinlan (Sr), Brendan Donahue (Sr)  
Novi: Tre Cadwell (Sr), Charles McKinney (Sr)  
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Catholic Central: Noah Lee (Jr), Mitch Katkic (Jr)  
Milford: Alex Larson (Sr), Jason Hugan (Jr)

plaint. He was the best rebounder on the floor most nights. He led us in rebounding and steals.”

**Jacob Lee, Milford**  
The senior forward knocked in 10 points and grabbed four rebounds a game for Milford. Lee produced from the floor (42 percent) and at the line (70 percent).

“He knocked down 12 three-pointers was second on the team in defensive rebounding with 62 defensive rebounds,” said coach Chip Lutz.

**Brad Govan, Lakeland**  
The junior forward did most of his work in the paint for the young Lakeland Eagles. He averaged 10 points and a team-high seven rebounds per game. Govan was selected First Team All-KLAA.

**Second team**  
**Bill Harrison, South Lyon**

The senior point guard didn’t have the flashy numbers, but he was the glue that held the offense together. Harrison almost

averaged more assists (4.2) than points (5.0). He also grabbed 3.2 rebounds and shot 70 percent at the line. Harrison finished the year with 13 points against Ypsilanti.

**Nick Troxell, Lakeland**

The junior forward averaged 10 points and six rebounds for the Eagles.

**Jack Leckner, South Lyon East**

The junior guard almost never came off the floor for the Cougars. The captain averaged 7.5 points per game.

**Josh Corey, Milford**  
The senior guard hit from inside or outside for the Mavericks, averaging nine points and four rebounds a game. He led the team with 29 makes from beyond the arc and hit for 61 three-pointers in the last two years.

**Stewart Henzi, Northville**  
The senior averaged 9.2 points and 6.1 rebounds while hitting 42 percent of his shots for the Mustangs.

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## HOCKEY

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### Northville 6, Trenton 5

Northville Prep took on Trenton in their second game of the state tournament and came away with their second win, clinching the first seed of the American Conference bracket. Kevin O’Connell started the Broncos off at 7:53 in the 1st period with assists from Brendan Hicks and Cameron Layne. Next, with both teams a man down, Sam Bradley found the back of the net off passes from Sean O’Malley and Anthony Solack. Leading 2-0 to start the 2nd period, Nick Strom and Troy Youmans fed Bradley for a power play goal at 12:41 before Trenton took advantage with their own power play goal. Again with the advantage, Nick Stegmeyer and Kellan Flayer traded passes in front of the net to set Brett Ridener up for a beautiful goal, increasing the Bronco’s lead. Trenton would score two even strength goals and Stegmeyer would net another power play goal for Northville before the second period was over. In the third, Trenton took control scoring two goals less than a minute apart to tie the game. In an exciting finish, Flayer scored with just 7.8 seconds left on the clock to win the game. Kevin Onofrio got the win in goal.

### Northville 10, Southgate 1

There was a whole lot of scoring in the game against Southgate. Nick Stegmeyer scored two goals and had four assists while Kellan Flayer earned a hat track and an assist. Defensemen Henry Chang earned three points with a goal and two assists, and Anthony Solack and Troy Youmans each picked up two assists

in the evening game. Also scoring for Northville were Cameron Layne, Randy Stoever and Tyler Marcotte. The Broncos outshot the Titans 72-10 — the young Southgate goalie having a stunning game in net despite the outcome for his team. Southgate’s lone goal was a short hander a few minutes into the second period spoiling a shut out for goalie Kevin Onofrio.

Northville 6, Hartland 3  
Number one seed, Northville, faced off against number two seed from the National bracket, Hartland, in the semi-finals. Coincidentally, Hartland was the same team Northville faced in the semis of the 2012 state tournament — and the outcome would also be the same. It was a strong 1st period for the Broncos with four goals and only two penalties on the score sheet. Randy Stover punched in the first goal off passes from Anthony Solack and Sam Bradley in the first two minutes of the game. The same line tallied the next two goals with Bradley scoring at 11:50, and then Stoever, with his second goal of the game, at 8:22. Seconds later Kellan Flayer added to the Bronco’s lead, but Hartland would answer that goal to put themselves on the scoreboard before the period was over.

Up 4-1 to start the second, Nick Stegmeyer notched the next goal for Northville at 10:19 with Flayer assisting. The Eagles answered again, scoring their second goal two minutes later. In the final period, Brett Ridener tallied another one for Northville with assists going to Henry Chang and Flayer. Hartland put up a strong fight in the third, firing 18 shots at goalie Nick Zalewski in hopes of catching the Broncos, but were only able to make one count.

### Novi 3, Northville 2 (OT)

Crosstown rivals Novi and Northville battled for the first goal in the opening period of the state championship game. Goalie Nick Zalewski made several great saves and the Broncos got eight shots on the Wild net, but it was Novi that would earn the first goal of the game which came at 2:17 remaining in the first period. The second period was hard fought as well. Zalewski saved all 10 shots Novi fired at him in the second. The Broncos were also unable to score despite three power play opportunities, and the period ended with Novi still in control of the scoreboard.

At just two minutes into the third period, Novi tallied again to stretch their advantage. Now down by two, and with the Novi crowd getting louder, the Broncos needed to respond. That response came swiftly as Randy Stoever notched a goal assisted by Henry Chang to give the team new life and the large Northville crowd a lot to celebrate. The Northville fans got even louder when the second, and game equalizing, goal was scored by Kevin O’Connell off passes from Brendan Hicks and Alex Ridener with 8:45 remaining in regulation. The final minutes of the third period ticked away with neither team able to tally the game winning goal forcing the game into overtime.

After a short break, the puck was dropped to start the final period — two short minutes later the ice was littered with Novi gloves and sticks as they celebrated the state championship win. A disappointment loss for the Broncos, but another winning season and four wins at the state tournament is a lot to celebrate.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Recreational softball

Now in its second year, the Kensington Valley Senior Softball League is recruiting players age 55 and up from Northville, Novi, Brighton, Howell and the surrounding areas to form new teams. Season will begin May 28; games will be

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Rec champs



It's was three-peat for the Mambas in a hard-fought, 56-54 victory over Novi's rec team. The Northville Rec Basketball Winter League (10th-12th graders) champions are (from left) Sean Conway, Nick Lowe, Brad Merlo, Evan Swoish, Joel Kish, Kyle Brenner, Coach Dennis Merlo, Troy Dolmetsch and Assistant Coach Mark Merlo. Missing from the photo are Brandon Patrone and Robert Peraino.

Wolfpack wins fourth tournament



The Northville Wolfpack 6th grade girls basketball team competed in the Saline Southeast Championship Tournament on March 9. The Wolfpack compiled a 4-0 record playing teams from Ann Arbor, Plymouth/Canton and Livonia to win the tournament. This is the fourth tournament win this year for the girls. Pictured are (back row from left) are scorekeeper Gary Beason, Head Coach Steve Grant, (front row from left) Ellie Thallman, Jenna Launderback, Hannah Grant, Karina Moore, Jane Berry, Tara Beason, Hannah O'Sullivan, Chloe Zulcosky, and Connie Krizmanich. Not pictured are Assistant Coach Steve Thallman and Nicole Martin.

WRESTLER

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“I’m on the Team Michigan women’s national team,” Larkin said. “I practice out in Howell twice a week and in Fenton once a week, but it’s busy because I’m a track captain this year. The USGWA this weekend I have no idea. It could be all over the board. I haven’t wrestled in that tournament since eighth grade.”

Larkin said success at the two tournaments, plus another in Florida this May, could help earn her a trip to Rio de Janeiro for an international tournament. She’s also hopeful for a shot to participate in future Olympic trials.

“The best thing in the world to happen would be I go to Rio,” Larkin said.

A November 2012 third-place finish at the Nuway Southwest Kickoff Classic “The Freak Show” in Las Vegas, Larkin said she learned a better scope of female wrestling from one of her opponents from California.

“I beat this girl and became friends and she



Novi’s Kelsey Larkin is the Wildcat program’s lone female wrestler.

was astounded we don’t have a high school women’s division,” said Larkin, who noted that there are more female wrestlers in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula than locally. “I feel its more accepted up there because of their lifestyle with hunting, fishing.”

Larkin said she only knows of 14 colleges or universities with female wrestling teams, and she even received an offer from the University of Winnipeg’s program, but none of the schools have the medical program she’s looking for, meaning she’ll be attending Wayne State University in the fall.

“It’s a great sport and takes a lot of hard work. Its not for everybody,” Larkin said, noting that interest in the female side of the sport is increasing as more girls put aside any adversity they may face while getting into the sport. “It’s definitely increasing. It’s really just being mature and ignore what they say and doing what you love.

“I would also like to acknowledge coach (Brad) Huss, coach Joel Smith, coach (David) Milner and coach Ponder who helped me through my four years of wrestling. A lot of schools that have girl wrestlers, they aren’t treated equally or accepted. I was extremely lucky to have the support and help that I needed from them. None of this would have been possible without them.”

In addition to training with her Team Michigan female teammates, Larkin has been training with her Novi lightweight male teammates, such as seniors Dan DeNova (103 pounds), Andrew Park (119) and Tony Levy (125).

For more on the USGWA, visit [www.usgwa.com](http://www.usgwa.com).

Mother Nature hinders start to spring season

Teams all dealing with same problem

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

When Punxsutawney Phil stuck his head out of the ground earlier this year and predicted an early spring, the people cheered.

And why not? Who doesn't like an early spring?

But, it seems, that the groundhog may not have been entirely truthful. With the official start to spring arriving yesterday, the weather outside is, well, less than favorable. Just ask the high school athletes who are used to being outside this time of year playing baseball and softball, running track and tossing around the ol' rugby ball. Better yet, ask the coaches who are trying to figure out the best way to train them to be ready for the upcoming season.

Eric Brucker and the Northville Mustangs girls soccer team will be looking to challenge for division and conference titles this year and beyond. But they, like everyone else, have had a slow start to the season.

“Our tryouts weren’t impacted at all because we held them indoors, but we had to cancel our first scrimmages and reschedule them,” he said.

But the team has been finding ways to cope. Total Soccer in Wixom has a full-field indoor facility that has allowed the Mustangs keep in shape, and the new field

turf on the Northville football field has allowed for some outdoor practice despite the soccer field still being covered in snow.

Not every sport has indoor facilities they can take advantage of, though. John Kostrzewa is the head coach of the Mustangs’ baseball team and while his squad has been working on the fundamentals of the game and getting their throwing arms in shape through indoor workouts, not everything can emulate an outdoor diamond.

“The weather has impacted our ability to run live team offensive and defensive situations that are difficult to simulate indoors,” said Kostrzewa. “Outfield play is also impacted, because you can’t simulate fly balls indoors.”

The team has been working on getting their hitting and pitching ready for the upcoming season, as well as establishing their rigorous practice schedule.

“Even though we are indoors we try to have a consistent routine each day where individual offensive and defensive fundamentals are focused on so we can spend more time team oriented strategies outdoors,” Kostrzewa said.

Having new athletes on a team has meant outdoor practices for some teams have to be focuses and intense, despite

the potential delays that come with training.

“The hard part is keeping the kids moving and warm,” said Ron Cornell, the head coach of the Northville Knights Rugby Football Club, which is made up of players from Northville, Novi, Detroit Catholic Central and Canton this season. “Because so many are new to the sport, we have to frequently stop the drills in our early practice sessions to explain a particular technique or situation.”

The Knights did spend a few extra days inside, mostly because they participated in an indoor mini-scrimmage at the University of Michigan last week with Birmingham, Dexter and Traverse City. But after that, they’ve been right out in the weather.

“Rugby is a sport that is meant to be played in all conditions,” said Cornell.

One consolation for the coaches in the area? They aren’t the only ones who have to deal with the weather.

“Everybody is in the same boat,” Kostrzewa said. “I know last year at this time we were much further ahead, but it is what it is.”

And if there’s one thing you can’t control, it’s Mother Nature, or the sometimes not-so-accurate predictions of soothsaying animals.

“The groundhog lied, but we’ll play through it,” said Brucker.

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

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

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Northville Township resident Suzie Gorski recently began making and selling a line of fun hair ribbons and bows at local shops and through Etsy online. Her collection is called the Mari Mari Collection.

# The cute factor

## Home-based Mari Mari creates colorful hair accessories for girls

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Suzie Gorski of Northville Township recently launched her home-based business, Mari Mari Collection, which offers hair bows, hair clips and head bands for girls. She also fashions accessory boards for girls to keep their clips on.

"It's so successful," said Gorski, whose husband Kevin works for Ford Motor Co. "I feel like I couldn't walk away. And it's fun, it's really fun."

The business came about this past New Year's Eve. A close friend of Gorski's has a daughter with a New Year's Eve birthday. Gorski tries to come up with a special gift each year.

Her friend, the mom, said cute hair clips were popular. Gorski went to a craft store for clips and ribbon, then visiting YouTube to fashion a design. What she created was a big hit.

Some friends of hers without children buy them for nieces.

"They're buying \$30, \$40 worth of them," said the new entrepreneur, who has two boys, Matthew, 8, and Justin, 6.

She's doing all the design work right now, and will have to decide on a direction down the road. Gorski created a compa-



Suzie Gorski works on creating some of her Mari Mari Collection headbands and hair clips for her home-based business.

ny about five years ago of baby products for visual stimulation. On that one, she turned it over to another, but Mari Mari (pronounced Mary Mary) she's doing herself.

"I think I enjoy actually creating it," she said. "It's been a whirlwind. I currently have about 300 bows."

She sells some creations in the colors of popular youth sports teams, and she's starting to get out-of-state sales. Her mom recently joked she'd be selling in California — and Gorski had a California sale that very day.

Retail's an option down

the road and would require staffing, although her business is young. She recently visited Utopia in downtown Northville, because her hair stylist there wanted a few designs for her daughter.

On that trip, she sold \$93 worth in less than 15 minutes. Gorski joked, "In a house full of boys, it lets me be girly."

You can call Gorski at (313) 268-2057 to place an order. She's also on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/marimaricollection](http://www.facebook.com/marimaricollection) and has an etsy site at [www.marimaricollection.etsy.com](http://www.marimaricollection.etsy.com).

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# Bank launches seminars to help local businesses

Monroe Bank & Trust (MBT) Private Bank is committed to growing the local economy, and to helping local businesses become stronger, more competitive and more profitable. With that as a guiding principle, the bank is announcing a four-part business seminar series throughout its Wayne and Monroe county footprint.

Seminars will include topics critical to the success of businesses and non-profits. The first in the series is titled "Understanding Financial Statements", and will be presented from 8-9:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 27 the Red Olive Restaurant banquet room, 1051 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. The seminar will demonstrate how financials can be used to help reduce fraud and waste, track customer trends,

forecast future opportunities and much more. In fact, a company's bottom line will be stronger if the savvy executive has a better understanding of all those lines above. An understanding of their financial statements is also important when companies request loans to grow their business, diversify, add equipment or expand facilities.

In-house financial experts Audrey Mistor, Monroe Bank & Trust Private Bank Plymouth/Northville Community president, and V.P. of Lending Darren LaLonde will present the session.

Future seminars in the 2013 series include "SBA, MEDC and USDA Loan Opportunities" in May, "The Affordable Care Act and Your Business" in August and "Retirement Tips and Topics for the Self Employed" in

November.

"MBT Private Bank is excited to launch this timely and pertinent seminar series for business owners and non-profit leaders," said Mistor. "The sessions will be presented by MBT experts and subject-matter specialists from outside agencies and organizations. We take our role as your regional community bank very seriously, and constantly strive to be a 'go to' resource that can help local businesses and non-profits to be more competitive, effective and profitable."

All seminars are free and all business owners and key employees, and non-profit officers are welcome and encouraged to attend. Detailed information regarding each seminar is available at [www.mbandt.com](http://www.mbandt.com), and on the MBT Facebook page.

## NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Correction

In the story "Creative assistant" that appeared in last week's Record, it indicated Grace Street Concierge owner



Lisa Meinzing-Abraham had two children. She also has four step-children.

The full-service concierge and personal assistant firm provides a number of services to local clients, including marketing, event planning and interior and graphic design. For more information, contact Meinzing-Abraham at (248) 840-1780 or [gracestreetconcierge@gmail.com](mailto:gracestreetconcierge@gmail.com), or visit [gracestreetconcierge.com](http://gracestreetconcierge.com).

### DataFactZ growing

As the technology industry continues to grow in metro Detroit, DataFactZ, a Northville based, highly specialized system and data integration company, has grown to accommodate the increase in demand for data analysis needs.

Ten years after opening its doors with only one employee, DataFactZ now employs more than 500 people nationwide. During the first quarter of 2013, the company has hired 34 new employees to keep up with increases in workload from existing clients and to accommodate new clients. DataFactZ provides services to companies such as such as Walt Disney, Discovery, Volkswagen, Gap, Inc., Lord & Taylor, Meijer, Enova Corporation and Intel.

The majority of new DataFactZ employees have come to the company with prior industry experience, while around 10 percent of its new employees have been hired after completing their education.

"The way technology is used in the business environment is changing very rapidly," said Krishna Kallakuri, vice president of DataFactZ. "Companies have seen the value of 'big data,' and have an increased need for data analysis, which has allowed DataFactZ to continue to grow."

Big data refers to the vast amount of information collected by companies through various sources including click streams, log files, text, audio and video. This provides huge amounts of data that, when analyzed, can help companies from any industry compile a database of meaningful information about their clients' interests and needs.

DataFactZ provides consulting and

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For more information, visit [www.datafactz.com](http://www.datafactz.com) or call (866) 739-0820.

### BCBS video contest

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan is seeking submissions for the second year of "Make the Play for Healthy Habits," a video contest that challenges kids to answer the following question: "What would you do to make Michigan healthier?" starting with the lives of family, teachers, and classmates. The winner will get a school assembly featuring Detroit Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford.

Students, grades 4-8, can participate by submitting short videos no longer than two minutes long by March 29. Ten semifinalists' videos will be chosen and posted for public voting from April 6-26. The winner will be announced on April 30.

For more information, please visit [aHealthierMichigan.org/kidcontest](http://aHealthierMichigan.org/kidcontest).

### Short sale seminar

The MacNRoTeam at Keller Williams is hosting another short sale seminar from 6:30-8:30 p.m., March 27 at the Livonia Public Library, 32777 5 Mile Road, Livonia. The seminar, "Is a Short Sale for Me?", will include a panel of experts who will provide advice and take questions about short sales.

To register for the seminar or for more information, call Sheila Roma at (248) 760-6785 or Debbi McLaughlin at (248) 561-0077.

### Easter Bunny at Twelve Oaks

The Easter Bunny is at Twelve Oaks Mall through Saturday, March 30. Twelve Oaks will be closed on Easter Sunday, March 31. Photo operation hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Photo packages range from \$22 to \$44. A complete list of photo packages and prices is available on [www.shoptwelveoaks.com](http://www.shoptwelveoaks.com).

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# Encouraging news emerges on home permit front

Based on single-family new home permit data compiled by the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan in its Southeastern Michigan Residential Building Activity Report, a total of 250 single-family home permits were issued in Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair and Wayne counties in January 2013.

From a year-over-year perspective, permit activity in January was nearly 84 percentage points higher than January 2012 (136). This year's January total is also the fastest to start a year since 2007. Finally, from a trailing 12-month perspective, southeastern Michigan reached a total of 3,758 permits which is 46 percent higher than January 2012 (2,569) and the highest level since September 2007 (3,849).

Michael Stoskopf, CEO of the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan, said, "We've off to a great start," following an improving 2012. "In January, we're off to our best start since 2007."

His organization does a monthly index for builders. "They set a new record high for their optimism index," said Stoskopf, a Williamston, Mich., resident.

"Existing home inventories are very low. That has a definite positive effect on new home construction."

He agreed that opens up job opportunities in the skilled trades, with a challenge now to find carpenters and those who do drywall and plumbing, and similar work.

"The ability to find skilled labor," Stoskopf said, looms large now, with surviving businesses also seeking that labor pool. "They're looking for tal-



Michael Stoskopf

ent to hire as well. That is our next big challenge."

He and colleagues are buoyed by the recent encouraging news.

"There were times when I would wonder if we could get back to this," said Stoskopf, adding the figures are only 45-50 percent back. "Hopefully that will continue."

Oakland County led the way with 119 single-family home permits issued. Macomb and Wayne were literally deadlocked with 68 and 63 permits, respectively. St. Clair County did not have any single-family home permits issued in January.

Looking back, this was the best January for Oakland County since 2006. For Macomb, it was the best since 2007. Wayne County was the best since 2010. Finally, since 2009, St. Clair County has issued only one permit in the month of January (2011), so this year's result is not unexpected.

While sale prices for exist-



ing homes showed significant improvement from January 2012 to January 2013, according to Realcomp, the average new home permit value across the region was mixed. Overall, comparing January 2013 to January 2012, average permit values for the four-county region improved by just over 1 percent to \$217,320. This increase was the result of performance in Oakland County, where average permit values rose by 17 percent to \$255,168. The average permit value in Macomb fell slightly (1.2 percent) to \$225,328, while Wayne County saw a significant decrease of nearly 23 percent with average permit values in January 2013 at \$136,635.

The six-month forecast shows positive permit activity but with muted performance when compared to 2012.

This report is based on an algorithm created by HBA's Stoskopf. It is issued monthly by the association including a six-month forecast and a trailing 12-month perspective.

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, Home Builders Association of SE Michigan (HBA) and Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) are trade associations representing 500 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multi-family residential construction industry. HBA is affiliated with the Home Builders Association of Michigan in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.

Staff writer Julie Brown contributed to this report.

## Ill. court rules on security force

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

**Q:** I have heard about a recent case out of Illinois regarding the association's passage of various rules for the benefit of its private security force. Can you give me any details on same?

**A:** In a recent decision reached by the Illinois Supreme Court, it was held that an Illinois homeowners association's private security force can, pursuant to its duly passed rules, set and monitor speed limits on private association owned roads by use of



Robert Meisner

both audio and visual devices and by use of a stop, detain and ticket protocol if the speeders

are homeowner members who drive in excess of the posted speed limit; further, the court said that the use of oscillating ambers lights on security devices is lawful. It may also be possible, although the Court did not address this, that a Homeowner's Association's third-party security services vendor is also allowed to use the same lawful methods for enforcing association speed rules. However, it seems that the court is saying that only members may be ticketed, not guests or invitees who can only be verbally warned to slow down and asked to observe the speed limits. This opens up the avenue for much more enforcement, at least in Illinois, and perhaps, in other states, of the right to enforce the road regulations although the association runs the risk of being threatened with a false imprisonment claim as was the case in Illinois. See your attorney first!

**Q:** The last time I was in

Sedona, Ariz., there was nothing but traffic lined up which impeded my ability to consider investing in residential property. Do you have any information concerning any improvement?

**A:** Sedona has gone through a major traffic reconfiguration using roundabouts as opposed to stop signs and stop lights which has substantially improved the viability of traffic in the city. While my recent last visit was during the off season, it appeared that traffic was moving smoothly without any major tie-ups, and having talked to a number of the residents, it appears that traffic is much better during even the high season which is generally in the spring. I also note much of the development areas which used to be on dirt roads are now paved with a number of residential developments springing up as the economy turns for the better.

**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](mailto: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 Nov. 19-23, 2012 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
44208 Ardmore St	\$146,000
41574 Ayrshire Dr	\$135,000
5530 Barr Rd	\$238,000
2469 Brookfield St	\$180,000
1944 Brookline St	\$149,000
6634 Brookshire Ct	\$190,000
747 Buchanan St	\$240,000
184 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr	\$168,000
282 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr	\$140,000
44933 Coachman Ct	\$131,000
565 Constitution St	\$132,000
44247 Craftsbyrue Ct	\$160,000
39557 Dorchester Cir	\$210,000
41879 Echo Forest Dr	\$310,000
155 Edington Cir	\$150,000
45075 Fair Oaks Dr	\$153,000
906 Huntville Dr	\$317,000
42614 Keystone Ln	\$174,000
42962 Lombardy Dr	\$156,000
1680 Manton Blvd	\$192,000
45441 N Stonewood Rd	\$160,000
7472 Pointe Dr	\$178,000
6209 Runnymede Dr	\$178,000
43706 Westminster Way	\$150,000

2577 Woodmont Dr E	\$180,000
GARDEN CITY	
28425 Alvin St	\$52,000
32601 Alvin St	\$87,000
1711 Belton St	\$46,000
29045 Birchlawn St	\$39,000
32640 Bock St	\$39,000
32985 Brown St	\$13,000
6563 Cardwell St	\$53,000
980 Douglas St	\$62,000
33367 Florence St	\$64,000
1547 Helen St	\$40,000
6632 Mansfield St	\$75,000
28515 Sheridan St	\$25,000
27621 Windsor St	\$66,000
LIVONIA	

36772 Angeline Cir	\$130,000
14678 Auburndale St	\$120,000
30154 Bentley St	\$134,000
11325 Berwick St	\$165,000
34732 Bridge St	\$291,000
17424 Brookview Dr	\$175,000
10010 Camden St	\$115,000
36473 Dowling St	\$119,000
15160 Fairfield St	\$25,000
15508 Gillman St	\$60,000
14306 Farmington Rd	\$125,000
16941 Farmington Rd	\$135,000
31552 Fonville St	\$125,000
36580 Gardner St	\$216,000
18255 Gillman St	\$58,000
20617 Golf Ridge Cir	\$340,000
15603 Green Lane Ave	\$152,000
14217 Harrison St	\$123,000
34000 Hathaway St	\$182,000

20263 Hugh St	\$85,000
37362 Kingsburn Ct	\$295,000
18250 Laurel Dr	\$98,000
15521 Levan Rd	\$165,000
18537 Middlebelt Rd	\$65,000
34442 Munger Dr	\$183,000
37466 N Laurel Park Dr	\$117,000
33447 Norfolk St	\$240,000
16887 Renwick St	\$150,000
36894 Sunnydale St	\$177,000
35649 W Chicago St	\$163,000
29724 Westfield St	\$115,000
18645 Williams Ct	\$218,000
15612 Woodside St	\$178,000
14381 Yale St	\$140,000
NORTHVILLE	

44684 Aspen Ridge Dr	\$308,000
44712 Broadmoor Cir N	\$400,000
44854 Broadmoor Cir S	\$337,000
16689 Forest Dr	\$421,000
119 Hampton Ct	\$225,000
18922 Heather Ridge Dr	\$576,000
16025 Johnson Creek Dr	\$505,000
20250 Longridge Rd	\$339,000
41778 Pon Meadow Ct	\$296,000
49118 Rainbow Ln N	\$312,000
17255 Ridge Rd	\$317,000
20000 Springwood St	\$215,000
15832 Spyglass Dr	\$600,000
19265 Surrey Ln	\$81,000
PLYMOUTH	

13256 Beacon Hill Dr	\$330,000
39819 Birchwood Dr	\$170,000
42208 Brentwood Dr	\$145,000
10857 Brookwood Dr	\$330,000

13950 Covington Dr	\$473,000
41429 Greenbriar Ln	\$173,000
643 Herald St	\$175,000
14908 Maplewood Ln	\$190,000
40566 Newport Dr	\$54,000
11249 Parkview Dr	\$171,000
394 Pinewood Dr	\$70,000
49903 Powell Ridge Ct	\$460,000
8871 Quail Cir	\$432,000
13605 Westbrook Rd	\$505,000
REDFORD	

9078 Beech Daly Rd	\$65,000
12862 Brady	\$46,000
17409 Centralia	\$65,000
19133 Centralia	\$55,000
12011 Columbia	\$50,000
17374 Denby	\$65,000
25021 Donald	\$74,000
15048 Gaylord	\$96,000
19163 Macarthur	\$60,000
14222 Mason Dr	\$137,000
13041 Nathalie	\$72,000
19402 Negaunee	\$13,000
9576 Rockland	\$60,000
27011 W Seven Mile Rd	\$46,000
27005 W Chicago	\$60,000
WESTLAND	

32938 Audreys Way	\$200,000
33627 Beechnut St	\$59,000
34640 Florence St	\$86,000
7522 Garden St	\$76,000
7427 Gilman St	\$84,000
30767 Middlebury St	\$64,000
170 S Carlson St	\$80,000
6319 Twin Oaks	\$101,000

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

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BEVERLY HILLS	
16141 Amherst Ave	\$250,000
16227 Amherst Ave	\$110,000
21843 Hampstead St	\$346,000
22685 N Nottingham Dr	\$379,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1324 Bird Ave	\$530,000
150 Bird Ave # 17	\$42,000
2146 Bradford Rd	\$151,000
768 Emmons Ave	\$270,000
843 Purdy St	\$785,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
6904 Cathedral Dr	\$330,000
2745 Ayrshire Dr	\$333,000
6785 Colby Ln	\$300,000
764 E Fox Hills Dr	\$46,000
3035 East Ridge Ct	\$645,000
458 Fox Hills Dr N # A-4	\$32,000
4702 Hedgewood Dr	\$250,000
7515 Hiddenbrook Ln	\$925,000
2779 Indian Mound S	\$741,000
371 Martell Dr	\$1,475,000
3260 Middlebury Ln	\$288,000
3885 Oakland Dr	\$452,000

5095 Sebring Ct	\$340,000
850 Trailwood Path # D	\$87,000
6 Vaughan Xing	\$685,000
6565 Whysall Rd	\$339,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
1621 Franklin Rd	\$420,000
1621 Franklin Rd	\$290,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
1703 Burnet Rd	\$135,000
8627 Cooley Lake Rd # 301	\$235,000
4889 Driftwood Dr	\$172,000
8352 Lagoon St	\$179,000
5391 Lancaster Ln	\$243,000
3278 Ledgewood Ct E	\$180,000
5690 Pickbourne St	\$43,000
FARMINGTON	
23086 Floral St	\$76,000
32718 Grand River Ave Unit B	\$37,000
37759 Windwood Dr	\$254,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	

31615 Bella Vista Dr	\$180,000
35701 Congress Rd	\$280,000
21981 Crescent Ct	\$180,000
28900 E King William Dr	\$214,000
29558 Eastfield St	\$131,000
29751 Edgell Ave	\$160,000
21590 Flanders St	\$142,000
28315 Grand River Ave	\$240,000
28256 Harwich Dr	\$270,000
30518 High Valley Rd	\$235,000
25530 Lynford St	\$188,000
29454 N Meadowridge	\$109,000

27850 Peppermill Rd	\$140,000
36018 Quakertown Ln	\$185,000
30991 Ridgeway Dr	\$190,000
31000 Ridgeway Dr	\$136,000
31579 Rocky Crst	\$115,000
25330 Springbrook Dr	\$150,000
30349 Stratford Ct	\$215,000
22986 Tuck Rd	\$122,000
30314 W 11 Mile Rd	\$140,000
29000 W Nine Mile Rd	\$72,000
27635 W Echo Vly Unit 215	\$43,000
27708 Westcott Crescent Cir	\$150,000
33686 Yorkridge St	\$275,000
MILFORD	
354 Heritage Dr	\$255,000
1655 Indian Garden Ln	\$128,000
2490 Woodridge Ct	\$361,000
NOVI	

50678 Amesburg Dr	\$604,000
24815 Apple Crest Dr	\$170,000
41525 Belden Cir	\$120,000
43519 Castlewood	\$377,000
24690 Candish Ave E	\$435,000
25760 Cody Ln	\$420,000
31008 Eagle Dr	\$189,000
24623 Nepavine Dr	\$527,000
24779 Nepavine Dr	\$463,000
31098 Seneca Ln	\$195,000
22692 Shadowpine Way	\$245,000
25284 Sutton Ct	\$50,000
24464 Thatcher Dr	\$438,000
30222 Viewcrest Dr	\$250,000

30232 Viewcrest Dr	\$248,000
39888 Village Wood Cir	\$45,000
24251 Weathervane Ct	\$180,000
SOUTH LYON	
1000 Birchway Ct	\$280,000
24431 Brompton Way	\$40,000
24679 Brompton Way	\$40,000
51922 Copperwood Dr S	\$311,000
304 E Liberty St	\$178,000
24699 Martindale Rd	\$35,000
59585 Mary Ln	\$274,000
22000 N Dixboro Rd	\$181,000
53906 Springwood Dr	\$242,000
SOUTHFIELD	

28035 Aberdeen St	\$33,000
27620 Bradford Ln	\$60,000
29742 Everett St	\$36,000
21128 Evergreen Rd	\$5,000
30116 Marshall St	\$35,000
23420 Noel Dr	\$78,000
23724 Philip Dr	\$70,000
29460 Spring Hill Dr	\$125,000
16255 W Nine Mile Rd	\$38,000
21439 W Nine Mile Rd	\$66,000
25086 Woodvale Dr S	\$55,000
WHITE LAKE	
1148 Castlewood St	\$156,000
9076 Cedar Island Rd	\$51,000
10175 Elizabeth Lake Rd	\$138,000
9503 Marina Dr	\$90,000
8188 Timber Trl	\$190,000