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## Blood drive

Our Lady of Victory Church, located at 133 Orchard Drive in Northville, will host a spring blood drive from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, April 14. The drive is open to the public — all donors are welcome.

To make an appointment, contact Christine Abbey at (248) 701-5221 or [chrisabbey1@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisabbey1@yahoo.com).

## Special needs camp

O.U.R. Camp, Inc., a summer day camp for young children with developmental needs, will have an open house from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 13. At this free event, parents will be able to register their children for camp, meet the counselors and take a tour of the camp facilities.

O.U.R. Camp (Opportunity — Understanding — Recreation) is a specialized summer day camp for young children, ages 3-11, with developmental needs. The event will take place at the camp, located at Northville Christian Academy, 41355 Six Mile Road. For more information, please contact Claudia Pietron at (734) 718-5734 or visit [www.ourcampinc.org](http://www.ourcampinc.org).

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# Soccer league reaches agreement, starts season

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

With the contract signed and already one early practice under its belt, the season for the Northville Soccer Association will start on April 12, as scheduled.

According to Northville Parks and Recreation Director Jason Spiller, the Northville Soccer Association has signed the contract and provided most of the

necessary paperwork, as of April 9. He said they were able to use one field on Sunday, April 7, but are not scheduled to play again until the evening of April 12.

This comes in the wake of NSA president Steve McGuirk telling the Northville Parks and Recreation Commission at its March 27 meeting the contract should be reviewed further before he would sign it. However, the next day he said because the sport

was so important for the community he would sign it and supply the necessary documents.

"If I have to sign it, I will," McGuirk said on March 28. "The reason I do this is so the community can enjoy this great sport, so I want this to turn out as amiable as possible."

Members of the Parks and Rec Commission had stated the season could not start on the fields until the contract was signed and

certain documents were supplied.

McGuirk thought the contracted amount of \$128,000 was too much and should rather be \$100,000 for the seven month agreement that has NSA using the fields owned and maintained by the shared service agreement with Northville Township, the City of Northville along with the

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# Mitt's niece: Time's not right for Senate run



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville's Ronna Romney McDaniel introduces former First Lady Laura Bush at a campaign event last fall for her uncle, Mitt Romney.

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

Northville resident Ronna Romney McDaniel, the niece of former presidential nominee Mitt Romney, said it's not the right time for her to run for political office.

She had thought about a run for the U.S. Senate seat currently held by retiring Sen. Carl Levin, but after talking it over with her family, she decided against it.

"There's a lot of work that goes into a campaign, and it's not the right time for me to put my family through that," she said Tuesday. "My kids do not want me to run, so I'm listening to them."

She cited her past experience of seeing family members go through an election pro-

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By **Kurt Kuban**  
Staff Writer

Cari Cucksey, star of the HGTV television show *Cash & Cari*, is known for giving "dusty relics a new lease on life."

The show, which began airing its third season last week, follows Cucksey as she helps people set up estate sales, as well as her own efforts to repurpose some of the old items she finds tucked away in old homes or barns, which she then sells at her local store in Westland.

For Cucksey, a Northville resident, the whole point of *Cash & Cari* is to show how "cool" it is to find those vintage treasures in our homes most of us don't even realize are there or how much they are worth.

It may seem odd that Cucksey, who is just 37 years old, would be into antiques, but she doesn't think so.

"With the show we're trying to break that stereotype that antiques are just for old people. Let's face it, when people think antiques, they think old," Cucksey said. "But the reality is vintage shopping is becoming very hip. It's really taking off."

For Cucksey, one of the interesting things about the old items she finds is the fact that most were manufactured right here in America — something that can't be said about the majority of items found on the shelves of any contemporary big box store. This is one of the

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Cari Cucksey, star of the HGTV television show "Cash & Cari", will have a booth at the Made in America Roadshow April 12-14 at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace.



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cess and said it can be grueling. Her mother ran for U.S. Senate in 1994 and 1996, while grandmother Lenore Romney ran in 1970; neither was elected.

At 39 years old, McDaniel said she will keep on being a stay-at-home mom for her two children, ages 8 and 10, but will remain active with local and state politics. She was a big campaigner for her uncle during last year's presidential election and helped lead "Women for Mitt."

Locally, McDaniel took part in a presidential debate night rally at a Northville home with other Republican Party supporters. She served as Romney's political director for Michigan.

"I will stay active in politics, that's for sure," she said.

As for the Senate seat, there are a handful of candidates on the Dem-

ocratic side — including Debbie Dingell of Dearborn and U.S. Rep. Gary Peters of Bloomfield Township — looking to contend. On the other side, U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Howell, and former Michigan Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land are leading early polling for the opening in 2014.

After more than 30 years in the Senate, Levin will be moving on at the end of his term and will devote more time with family. He made a visit April 3 to Fox Run in Novi to speak with residents there and told them it was time for him to move on after a long career in politics. He said he and his wife, Barbara Halpern-Levin, have three daughters, Kate, Laura and Erica, who also have kids of their own. He said they will be spending "as much time as they can with their six grandchildren."

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Trevor Gilbert, 3, gets up close and personal with a llama at Northville's Maybury Farm. The farm, open every day of the week except Mondays, officially opened for a new season last week.

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

The birds are chirping and the temperatures are warming up, which means Maybury Farm is getting into the full swing of things.

The Northville Community Foundation (NCF), which operates the farm, announced last week that the farm is officially open for a new season.

Shari Peters, of the NCF, said Maybury Farm is a great place for families to bring the kids out for a day to see the animals and play on the expanded playground. She also said picnic tables are perfect for a packed lunch or a snack picked up in the farm's Welcome Center.

There is still one more weekend of late winter season fun with the Maple Syrup Tours, which will be running at 1 p.m., 2 p.m.



Maybury Farm volunteer Scott Szukaitis tends the maple sap evaporator on March 30 as he prepares to show visitors how maple syrup's made. Maybury will be continuing to offer its maple sap tours this weekend.

and 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 14. Peters said during the tour a hayride will take visitors out to the Sugar Bush where they will learn how to tap the trees and collect the sap. After that they head to the evaporator where they learn how the sap turns into maple syrup.

But for the new season,

she said mark the calendars for Saturday, May 18 for Farm Fest.

"This is the unofficial kick-off to summer at the farm," she said. "Baby animals will be introduced and there will be a variety of demonstrations, kiddie games, sheep shearing and more."

The farm is also available for a child's special party with the animals always ready to please. There's also spring/summer tours for schools, day cares, summer camps, scout troops, company outings and whoever else is interested in spending a fun day on the farm.

Starting in the second of July, fresh produce that's in season will be offered as well as honey products, maple syrup products, and fresh eggs.

Spring hours at the farm are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday — it is closed on Mondays.

Maybury Farm is located at 50165 8 Mile Road, near Maybury State Park. Farm visitors should enter at the Maybury Farm sign, not at the state park. Parking is free.

For more information, call the farm at (248) 374-0200.

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## Gaidica calls for lots of reading

WDIV meteorologist and Northville resident Chuck Gaidica reads from his book “Tommy Starts Something Big” at Moraine Elementary School on March 28. Mr. Gaidica, visiting the school to celebrate “March is Reading Month” also did a noon-time live weather update from the school’s grounds that day.

# Honor a special woman

Salute the special woman in your life during the month of May. Send us a photo of you and your mom, grandmother, stepmom, aunt, godmother or that special “mom-like” woman who has made a difference in your life. Send the photo (jpeg format only, as large as possible) to Editor Kurt Kuban at [kkuban@hometownlife.com](mailto:kkuban@hometownlife.com). Be sure to identify (first and last names please) you and your mom and where you live (i.e. Northville, Milford, Plymouth). And tell us in two sentences or less why your mom, grandmother, aunt or other person is special to you. Look for a photo gallery of all submissions during the month of May at [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com). This Salute to Women photo gallery is sponsored by Indigo Salon and Day Spa in Canton.

Five lucky winners will receive a \$20 gift card to Kohl’s or Meijer in a random drawing of all names and photos submitted. The photo gallery will be on display at [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com) throughout the month of May. Deadline to submit photos and names for the random drawing is midnight Sunday, April 28.

## RECREATION ROUND-UP

Northville Parks & Recreation is hosting a number of upcoming events. To register or for more information on these or any other programs, call (248) 349-0203 or visit [www.northvilleparksandrec.org](http://www.northvilleparksandrec.org).

- High School Dodgeball Tournament, April 13 at the Recreation Center at Hillside gym. This is a dodgeball tournament for high school students. Teams of six players needed to register for this double elimination tournament. The cost is \$5 per person.
- Intro to Backpacking class, April 22 at Veteran’s Memorial Park. Learn about backpacking, camping, and the ‘Leave No Trace’ principles in order to enjoy the outdoors without making a large impact. The cost is \$5 per person.
- Zombie Run, May 5 at Maybury State Park. Try to survive the zombie apocalypse by running this 5K through Maybury State Park. The cost is \$25 per person. Zombie volunteers are also needed.

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# Board allows some flexibility in final redistricting plan

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

Facing a difficult decision on how best to balance out attendance throughout the district, the Northville Public Schools Board of Education made a decision Tuesday night that will do just that, and still allow some parents to choose an open enrollment option.

At the middle school level, starting next school year 215 students currently in grades 5-7 will be redistricted from Meads Mill to Hillside under a plan called Option 4. According to that plan, 68 of those students are current 7th graders. This was one of two middle school options the board debated at its meeting on Tuesday at Hillside Middle School.

At the elementary level, 75 kindergarten through fourth graders currently attending Ridge Wood from the Northville Hills subdivision area are now slated to move to Winchester in the fall. This was the only option at the kindergarten-5th grade level that the board considered on Tuesday. Out of this total, there are 13 fourth-graders that will be affected. However, because of the way the numbers work, the district said if desired the parents of those fourth-graders could choose to stay through the open enrollment process.

Through this option, the current total of 716 students at Ridge Wood would come down to 636, while Winchester’s enrollment will go from 476 to 567. Winchester will be brought to near the 90 percent capacity tipping point. The district has set 90 percent as nearly full and if reached, would need attention.

Open enrollment, which is subject to an approval on an annual basis with a deadline to request it by May 3, was also a consideration for the middle school option. In its recommendation to the board, district administration stated the option with the larger number of students does provide a greater opportunity than the other for Open Enrollment choice, especially for current 7th graders to remain at Meads Mill. They believe this will assist in mitigating the impact on families.

School Board member Scott Craig cited this as one reason why he voted for the middle school option.

The elementary option passed by a 7-0 vote while the middle school option for a portion of Ridge Wood to Hillside passed by 6-1 with Treasurer Joe Hige dissenting. He cited the administration’s recommendation as a basis for his no vote, as well as unforeseen growth in the Hillside area.

The administration’s recommendation stated that the other proposal (Option

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

The Northville Public Schools Board of Education made a difficult decision Tuesday night to balance out enrollment at the elementary and middle school level. Do you think they made a good decision? E-mail your opinions to Editor Kurt Kuban at [kkuban@hometownlife.com](mailto:kkuban@hometownlife.com) or post a comment on our website at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

2, portion of Silver Springs to Hillside) may make more sense geographically, would impact fewer families, and does provide a better balance of enrollment between the two middle schools.

But it also said Option 4 had the greatest potential to balance within capacity in the next five years, a key for many on the board.

Prior to the board discussion, many residents gave comment. Parent Cheryl Spadafora said although her son was very concerned about Ridge Wood students being moved, she wanted to make sure the district has a transition plan in place that has the kids feelings at heart.

Other parents pushed for Option 4 for the middle school, citing the future capacity issues at Meads Mill while saying Hillside has room to grow. Parent Michael Gentner said this is an emotional issue, but the numbers don’t lie as far as projected growth at Meads Mill.

Option 2 would have put Meads Mill at 857 with 882 being the 90 percent capacity number. This school has been projected to grow significantly in the next five years.

Board Trustee Adam Phelps said Option 4 was more viable because of this, saying Option 2 may lead to near term capacity issues at Meads Mill because it would leave that school at a higher number that could go over the capacity limit in one or two years.

Board President Ken Roth said in the beginning of this decision making process he was leaning toward Option 2, but it was the potential for even more growth in the Meads Mill area of enrollment, as well as the open enrollment choice, that led him to his decision.

The next steps will have the school district sending letters to families to start a process that will include visits, family tours of the schools and other steps to help the transition.

To get a better idea of the numbers behind the decisions, visit the school district’s website at <http://www.northville.k12.mi.us/>.

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# Proposed city budget increases water, sewer and garbage pick-up rates

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

Residents in the City of Northville will see some utility rate changes in the coming year, according to the proposed city budget for the upcoming fiscal year that will start this summer.

The proposed 2013-2014 budget for the City of Northville is balanced, and includes no change in the total millage rate. However, residents will see increases in their water, sewer and trash pickup rates.

City officials are currently going over the \$15,957,940 budget for the upcoming fiscal year. It represents a nearly 11 percent decrease from last year’s budget of \$17,917,096.

According to Sandi Wiktorowski, Finance Director/Treasurer, the decrease is primarily related to the level of capital improvement projects being proposed. There are \$1.5 million in projects for fiscal year 2014, including significant street improvements to S. Ely and Hutton streets.

Wiktorowski said the combined city’s millage rate will remain the same as the current fiscal year at 13.5864 mills, which will provide an additional \$130,000 in general operating tax revenue. So there will be no change for residents as far as the millage rates.

The city is planning on increasing the water rate from \$5.23 to \$5.60 per unit, or 7.1 percent, which will be effective

this coming July 1. The increase is due to City of Detroit water supply costs going up 22.7 percent because Northville, which receives its water from Detroit, exceeded its contracted maximum peak flow in 2012.

Northville’s director of Public Works Jim Gallogly said this could change if the city can bring down the peak flow, through improvements to its water controls and adoption and enforcement of outdoor water use restrictions, so it may be reduced back down in 2015.

The total projected Wayne County sewer costs are also estimated to increase 6 percent, therefore Northville is proposing a 6 percent increase to its users of this system.

In addition, the current residential refuse rate is proposed to increase 9.54 percent to \$31.81 bi-monthly, which will be an increase from \$29.04. Wiktorowski said the goal of this program is to have the current rates cover the entire cost of the residential program, so rates will need to go up.

The average City of Northville household utility bill is expected to increase approximately \$11.09 bi-monthly, according to the proposed budget. This is a combined increase of 6.8 percent for refuse, water and sewer.

The City Council will be conducting another budget study session at 7 p.m. on April 22 at City Hall.

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# State fair back with new name, sponsor

By Cal Stone  
Staff Writer

Michigan's state fair, revived last year as the Great Lakes State Fair after then-Gov. Jennifer Granholm pulled funding in 2009, will be back again this year under another new name — the Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair.

The announcement of the title sponsor came at a press conference at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi where the event will again be held Labor Day weekend, Aug. 30 through Sept. 2.

Although the fair is now produced by a private entity — Michigan State Fair LLC — organizers say it will continue to offer all of the great traditions of the event that started in Detroit in 1849.

"When we asked the public what they missed most about summer in Michigan, they overwhelmingly said, 'the state fair,'" said Blair Bowman, owner of the Suburban Collection Showplace. "They missed the atmosphere of being close

to nature, the excitement of a child seeing his first goat, cow or baby lamb, and the celebration of Michigan's agricultural heritage."

Along with the agriculture, tourism and livestock products, this year's state fair will again have the Detroit Shrine Circus — presented by Bright House Networks — this time with the world's largest circus tent.

"We have added the one and only Detroit Shrine Circus to the festivities, and seeing a performance of this great event is included in one low price admission," said Bowman. Circus performances will be held daily at noon, 2:30, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. (no 7:30 performance on Monday).

One-third of the admission price will go toward the circus, which is a significant contribution to the Shriners' annual budget and indirectly helps the organization's effort to fund their nonprofit and philanthropic efforts through the Shriner Hospitals for Children.

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Northville Public School District.

As of April 9 there were still some details to resolve, according to Spiller, including receiving payment and updated financial statements, but these were nothing to prevent the season's start. Spiller said he expected to receive payment by the end of the week.

Spiller said the information NSA provided was

an abbreviated expense list for referees, coaches, tournaments and uniforms with no reference to revenue or sources of cash inflows, and an abbreviated asset summary with no details, which appears to be a partial year-end bank statement.

"We've requested an updated financial statement as indicated in the terms of the 2013 contract showing all expenditures and revenues, balance sheet and an annual operating budget," Spiller said.

He added they're also, "awaiting the first three months payment" from the NSA, which requested to pay the first three months rather than each month individually.

The NSA, a volunteer organization, has nearly 3,000 total soccer players in the Northville community, from both the city and township, playing in two seasons. The players range in ages from 3-18. Registration is handles through NSA.

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main reasons Cucksey is taking part in the Made in America Roadshow to be held April 12-14 at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace.

The show is the brainchild of Highland Township residents Rick and Lisa Detkowski. While supporting their two businesses — Rick's Huron Valley Rustics which uses Michigan cedar and rustic wood to create indoor and outdoor furniture and Lisa's Plum Door Tea Co. that specializes in premium U.S.A.-blended loose leaf teas — the couple frequented many trade shows around the country and realized far too many products were made outside of America.

"As we traveled the country exhibiting our businesses at trade shows, we noticed a large amount of the products displayed are imported," said Lisa Detkowski. "We found it very hard to find true American-made companies in any trade. So we decided to start Made in America Roadshows to change that."

As the name suggests, all of the vendors at the show will be selling American made products as it travels the country. The Novi show will be split up into five different categories: Route 66 (vintage memorabilia, automotive), American Gourmet (food, wine, specialty), The Wide Open Range (outdoor, Western), Americana (folk art, furniture and wares), and Rodeo Drive (fine arts, clothing and crafts).

Cucksey will have a booth at the show, where she will sell items she has found during her career as an estate liquidator. Many of the items that have been featured on her show, including a 1958 Dodge panel truck, will be on display. She will bring them over from her 10,000 square foot store/warehouse located off of Hix Road (north of Ford) in Westland.

The affiliation with this show is natural for Cucksey, who grew up in nearby Fenton. Her show is largely based in Metro Detroit, where she plans estate sales at everything from old farm houses to 10-bedroom mansions in Detroit's Indian Village.

"People from outside our area see Detroit in such a negative light. The show is my way of shining a bright light on how amazing our area really is," said Cucksey. "We have so much to offer here. I simply love the area, and the entire state of Michigan."

Similarly, Cucksey yearns for a time when Americans bought items made in America. She is reminded of this every time she starts digging through the old estates, and finds so many treasures that all have a common theme — they were once made right here at home. That's why she hopes people come out and support the Made in America Roadshows.

"What we really need to focus on is 'Made in American.' A lot of the stuff I sell was made in America years ago, but we don't manufacture much in America anymore," she said. "This show will have a little bit of everything. And they will all be good ol' made in America products."

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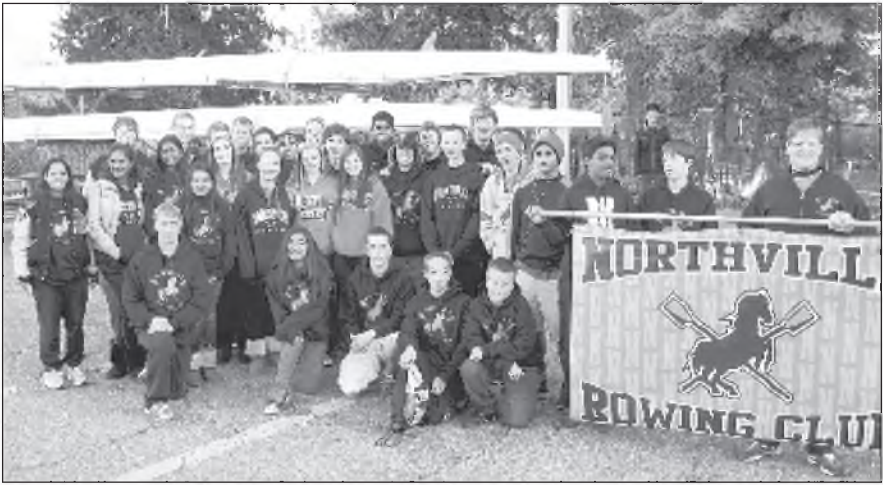
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## Rowing Club holds 'Rowathon'

Northville High School's Rowing Club is holding a 12-hour "Rowathon" on Saturday, April 13 in downtown Northville where they plan to row about 400 nautical miles — about the distance from Detroit to Mackinac Island. Club members will row in three half-hour shifts from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on rowing machines, called ergometers, in the courtyard across from The Tuscan Cafe at North Center and Dunlap streets. The two-year-old Northville Rowing Club, also called crew, is a co-ed club sport of about 30 members in both men's and women's teams. Club members will collect pledges from local businesses and community members, which will go toward maintaining boats and purchasing a new boat for regatta competitions, which cost as much as \$10,000. Everyone is encouraged to stop by and encourage the rowers. Any donations will be gratefully accepted. For more information about the Northville Rowing Club, visit NorthvilleRowing.com.



## Hats for Haiti

The Meads Mill Middle School sixth grade social studies department recently sponsored a school-wide fundraiser Hats for Haiti to support Cooke School's Haiti Project. Sixth grade students who donated \$1 were allowed to wear their favorite hat to school on March 28. The effort raised \$357, which will be used to help buy much needed supplies for the students and teachers in Jacmel, Haiti. Northville staff members from Cooke School are traveling to Haiti this April in an effort to enhance teacher training, and continue the development of a long term relationship with the special needs school in Jacmel. The hat contest winners were (from left) Grace Doyle (8th grade), Nolan Thaxton (6th grade), and Justin Igual (7th grade).



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## I-Kid-arod competition

Silver Springs Elementary School teacher Stacey Griswold, along with a team of her students, participates in the school's March 27 I-Kid-arod competition to wrap up their March is Reading Month. After reading a lot about the Iditarod race in Alaska, Silver Springs teams took part in a series of fun outdoor competitions to solidify their teamwork and have a bit of fun.

## NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Parent training

Northville Public Schools is offering a six-week parent education training program — "How to Talk So Kids Will Listen" — beginning Wednesday, April 17, from 9:20-11:20 a.m. at Amerman Elementary School.

There is a \$20 workbook fee. Registration is complete when your workbook fee is received at Amerman's front office. Class size is limited and will fill quickly.

For more information, contact Sue Calderone at (248) 344-8405, ext. 209.

### Children's Exhibit

Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Education and Extended Day Programs will present their annual Children's Exhibit from April 12-May 1 at Northville Square Mall, 133 Main Street in downtown Northville.

The exhibit includes documentation from studies that represent the value of group learning in each of the classes in the Early Childhood Education and Extended Day Programs. The accompanying documentation is in the form of books, panels, and photos, and helps to tell the story of how the project emerged. Documentation

makes visible ideas that are shared, problems that are solved among the children, and ultimately the learning and knowledge gained from the experience.

The exhibit is open to the public during regular mall hours.

### High school clean-up

The Northville High School's annual Clean Up and Grounds Work Day will take place Sunday, April 14 from noon-2 p.m. Volunteers are asked to bring work gloves, shovels, rakes and wheelbarrows to help keep the high school grounds looking great. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Meet at the main entrance of the high school.

For more information, send an e-mail to Bill Wever at wwvever@yahoo.com.

### 'Beauty and the Beast'

NHS Drama Club's production of "Disney's Beauty and the Beast" will take place April 18-20. Tickets for the musical are \$12 for adults, and \$10 for young children, students and seniors age 55 and over. For more information, including showtimes and a direct link to purchase tickets, visit [www.nhstheatre.com](http://www.nhstheatre.com).

## Schoolcraft to start plastics technology program

By Ken Abramczyk  
Staff Writer

Bill Dunbar, dean of occupational programs and economic development at Schoolcraft College, met with engineers and manufacturers over the past several months to discuss changing technologies and how tomorrow's workers can best be educated.

More companies are using an increasing number of plastic parts in products ranging from motor vehicles to medical equipment. Dunbar learned companies want to hire trained employees who know plastics. The college wanted to help students land a job and develop competency levels in technology.

Those discussions led to the development of a plastics technology program. Schoolcraft is expected to offer associate degrees in 2015 and build an academic foundation for plastics engineering.

Starting in May, the college will offer its first plastics class, Characteristics of Plastics.

While that class is noncredit, it will help build in students a foundation of plastics knowledge.

The idea for the program is similar to that of the college's health information technology and nursing programs, which also have strong "industry/employer" ties, Dunbar said.

### Skill building

The first four classes after the Characteristics of Plastics will be "stackable" credited classes, which will be added to the curriculum as students progress through the program. "These classes will build their skills for a one-year certification; then once they hit 60 to 62 credits in that curriculum, they can obtain their associate's degree in plastics technology."

Dunbar estimated entry-level positions range from \$13 to \$16 an hour. "They move up from there," Dunbar said.

"It gives them an opportunity to build their skill levels and keep building their credentials. Education and those credentials are something that no one can take away from you."

Sassan Tarahomi, president-elect of the Society of Plastics Engineers Detroit Section, will be teaching the class in May. He and other SPE members met with Dunbar to discuss the program. "We are targeting this southeast Michigan region to bring in jobs," Tarahomi said. Companies with representation in the group include NYX, IAC and Q'Vive.

Tarahomi said companies would like to hire workers, but many of the younger ones don't have experience. Students can learn about plastics materials, pro-

cessing and design in the class. The class would be geared toward a designer, technician or a high school graduate. "They need to prepare so that they can get experience, try working in that field and experience that learning, and eventually get a co-op position," Tarahomi said.

### Part of program

Internships at companies will be available. Dunbar estimated that students would be eligible after the one-year certification.

Plastics technology is part of the growing field of mechatronics, which Dunbar described as intelligent control of mechanical systems. Companies are turning to plastic parts in manufacturing and production to lighten the weight of vehicles to improve mileage and durability and also lessen the cost of medical equipment. Hospitals are full of equipment comprised of plastics.

"Companies are heavily involved in it," Dunbar said. "The auto industry is big on plastics, but plastics are in every industry."

Students will be able to transfer those credits to Ferris State University, which is the closest university that offers plastics technology and plastics engineering, Dunbar said.

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# Local historians hope to restore rare schoolhouse into legacy of rural past

**By Kurt Kuban**  
Staff Writer

Thayer School, with its exquisite brick exterior, has stood at the corner of Napier and Six Mile roads for nearly a century and a half. And, although students haven't studied within its walls since 1952, the building will get a new lease on life and stand as a legacy of the township's rural past if a dedicated group of local historians have their way.

Members of the Northville Township Historic District Commission are hoping to restore the old one-room schoolhouse that once housed students from both Salem and Plymouth townships (before Northville Township existed).

The school sits on property once owned by Rufus Thayer, Jr., who originated from Vermont and farmed a large area around Six Mile and Napier. Thayer allowed part of the property to become a cemetery, which is still active today, and donated the corner for a schoolhouse to serve the growing farming community that became known as Thayer's Corner. By the 1890s, it became so well-known and populated that The Northville Record had a regular column, "Thayer's Corner", that included tidbits about the community's residents.

The first school was constructed in the 1850s, and the building that exists today was built in 1877.

According to Bill Sivy, a member of the commission, the brick building was and still is pretty rare. He said it is the only one-room schoolhouse in Northville Township, and one of the few one-room



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Bill Sivy, left, and Joe Oldenburg are just two of the many concerned local historians who are looking to preserve and improve the condition of the Thayer's Corner Fractional School at the corner of Six Mile and Napier Roads. The school was built in 1877 and used for both Salem and Plymouth residents until 1952.

## THE NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

- The Historic District Commission consists of nine members who are appointed by the board of trustees. Commissioners are appointed to three year terms.
- The commission is charged with safeguarding the heritage of the township, and is responsible for reviewing, advising and recommending properties and resources of, and their relationship to the historical value of the surrounding area to the township board. The Historic District Commission is also responsible for the review of ordinances and regulations needed to protect historical and architectural value significance properties.
- The commission typically meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month at township hall. Their next meeting will be held April 25.
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schoolhouses in the entire state of Michigan built of brick.

"This is a pretty neat building, especially for a one-room schoolhouse in a farming community," said Sivy, a retired engineer and self-professed

history buff. "It's pretty unusual for a farming community to have a brick schoolhouse."

According to fellow commission member Joe Oldenburg, the goal is to restore the building so residents today know

what it was like for students back in the 19th century. They hope to get it "as close as we can" to what it looked like in the 1870s.

Oldenburg, a librarian at Detroit's Burton Collection and former history teacher at Oakland Community College, thinks it could be a great place for local school children to visit annually and experience some living history. The building, once restored, could also act as a museum and home for the historic district commission, which currently meets once a month at township hall.

"If you look at our township, we don't have that many historic structures. Until recently, the township was mostly farmland," Oldenburg said. "This building, although it's in pretty rough shape, is one of the best examples we have left of our past."

Of course, money — or



The school at Thayer's Corner shows a number of different materials used in its 1877 construction including field stone, brick and wood roof decorations.

lack thereof — is the biggest hurdle to restoring the building. Although the school only cost \$2,030 to build back in 1877, it is going to cost many times that to fix up. The historic district commission did recently raise about \$5,000, which they used to install a steel door and board up the windows to keep trespassers out. They also had to kick out some squatters — a family of raccoons that weren't the best house guests.

"It's a mess inside. Most of the stuff in there needs just needs to be taken out," Sivy said.

Technically, the building is still owned by Veolia, which owns and operates the landfill across the street in Salem Township. The company has agreed to deed the property over to Northville Township once the landfill reaches capacity and is closed, and the agreement allows the township to take steps to preserve

the building.

The commission, which is appointed by the township board, is in the process of developing a fundraising plan, though nothing is formalized yet. They know the first order of business will be to replace the roof, which will hopefully happen before next winter to help prevent the building's interior from getting any worse.

Oldenburg, who, along with Sivy, is a historical presenter at Greenfield Village, said as the group comes up with fundraising plans, it will get the word out to the community. His hope is that the township's modern residents will jump on board and help preserve an important part of the community's past.

"If you don't know your history, you don't really know who you are," Oldenburg said.

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# Who needs money to have fun?

Young author’s book describes plenty of activities that don’t cost a thing

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

What’s your favorite way to have fun without money?

This is the question 12-year-old Sam Gross had been mulling over in his head, as he was doing an assignment for school. He came up with many answers, including playing flag football with his friends.

In fact, his answers were so good and creative that what started out as a way to learn computer skills ended up turning into a published book.

“Being bored is a choice. You can always create your own fun,” Sam said of what he learned in writing the book, “112 Ways for Kids to Have Fun without Money”.

It’s hard not to be a big fan of the story that was written when Sam was 11. His grandmother Joan Rucker, of Northville, was so fond of his little story that when she had a chance encounter with a



Northville native and author Sam Gross opens up his recent creation “112 Ways for Kids to Have Fun Without Money” at Main Street’s Next Chapter bookstore.

publishing agent at a get together, she couldn’t help but bring it up.

“After I first saw it, I thought, this should be published,” Rucker said. “I know I’m his grandmother, but there are a lot of good ideas in it.”

She said it was really a fluke meeting an agent. That same agent later contacted Rucker and asked for a copy of the assignment that at that time was

called “How to have Happiness without Money.”

It was so well received that it went on to be published by Ferne Press, connected with Nelson Publishing, and is now for sale at places like Amazon.Com and Barnes and Noble.

The book description on Amazon says of the book: “Have fun without money? Yes you can! Eleven-year old Sam Gross has devised a list that is sure to get you bursting with giggles, your legs pumping, and your brain whirling. 112 Ways for Kids to Have Fun without Money is jam packed with good clean and sometimes dirty fun!”

There are really so many different ways to have fun in the book that it’s hard to capture. The ways range from games you can play with family and friends, to fun activities you can do on your own.

“It’s been really exciting,” Sam said about this unexpected opportunity. “My parents are really supportive and excited as well.”

He said the assignment probably took two hours, but as he got into the publishing process there was a little bit more work.

However, he got through the editing and has enjoyed the experience that has really just begun.

“I’ve learned a lot on how the whole thing works with getting a book published,” Sam said.

And in creating the book he said, “I also learned how people decide to stay bored and what can change that.”

He’s not sure if he will write another book, since he is so busy with school, sports and friends. But he thinks it was a great experience that taught him a lot, and he is still young.

Originally from Northville, Sam now lives with his mom, Kate, dad, Matt and three little brothers, Owen, Will and Bryce, in Flushing, Michigan.

For those interested in learning more about the book, the book is available locally at The Next Chapter Bookstore and Starring the Gallery, both in downtown Northville, as well as on Amazon.Com.

Additionally, Sam will be doing a book signing on May 18 at Next Chapter and will be the author in residence during the First Friday experience on June 7 at Starring.

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**Genealogical society**

The Northville Genealogical Society will present a program called "New York Research" at 3 p.m., Sunday, April 14 at the Northville District Library. Learn about the different types of records and what information each kind of record contains for genealogy research. Discover where you can find these New York records while you're still here at home. The presenter, Peggy Brumbaugh, has been involved in family research for over 35 years, with a particular focus on colonial Virginia, New York State, Ohio (Clermont County), and Illinois (Chicago). A round table discussion will be held at 1:15 p.m., followed by a brief membership meeting and refreshments. The event is open to the public free of charge. For more information, contact Tillie Van Sickle at (734) 595-7806.

**Mom to mom fundraiser**

The M.O.M.S. group of Northville will hold its annual fundraising Mom-to-Mom sale at First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville on Friday April 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Saturday April 27 from 9 a.m.-noon. Admission is \$1. Items for sale will include gently used baby, children's and maternity clothes and shoes, furniture, strollers, equipment, books and toys etc. If you would like to donate gently used items please contact Carmen at (248) 345-7112 or (248) 773-7738.

**OLV Victory Run**

Our Lady of Victory, located at 133 Orchard



**Learn your manners**

Tipping Point Theatre is presenting a new live comedy, "Mrs. Mannerly", through May 5. Written by Jeffrey Hatcher, the story is about being bad — with good manners — and stars actors Peter Prouty and Jennifer Weil (both pictured), as well as Tracy Spada. The story, which contains adult language, revolves around the character of 10-year-old Jeffrey, who is not good at anything except being polite. Obsessed with good manners, he is determined to be the first student ever to achieve a perfect score on the challenging final exam. Mrs. Mannerly, his demanding teacher, has never had a student in her 36 years of etiquette classes achieve this feat. After discovering a secret of Mrs. Mannerly's past, Jeffrey faces off with his classmates as he maneuvers his way toward the top to take the grand prize. The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. A special matinee performance has been added on Wednesday April 24, at 3 p.m. For tickets and more information, visit [www.tipping-pointtheatre.com](http://www.tipping-pointtheatre.com). Tipping Point is located at 361 E. Cady Street in downtown Northville.

through Northville Parks and Recreation, by calling (248) 349-0203 or visiting [www.northvillelacrosse.org](http://www.northvillelacrosse.org).

**Seedling giveaway**

Northville Township and the City of Northville will hold their annual Seedling Giveaway from 9-11 a.m., April 20 at Northville Township Hall, located at Six Mile and Sheldon roads. The Northville Beautification Commission gets the seedlings from Michigan State University. They hope to have blue spruce, Norway spruce, sugar maple, crabapple, flowering dogwood, and American plum trees. All seedlings are free for residents of either the township or the city.

in Northville, will hold its 3rd Annual OLV Victory Run on Saturday, June 1, with check-in beginning at 7 a.m. The Fun Run begins at 8 a.m. and the 5K begins at 8:30 a.m. The cost to register by May 1 is \$25, \$30 after May 1, and \$35 the day of the event. To register, visit [olv-victoryrun.com](http://olv-victoryrun.com). All proceeds will benefit OLV, the Pancreatic Cancer Network and the National MS Society.

**Lacrosse sign-up**

Northville Parks and Recreation is adding new lacrosse programs this spring. The programs include:

- Boys 3rd/4th grade Club Lacrosse. Coaches will work with new players to learn the fundamentals of the game and prepare them for future competition. Classes include drills, scrimmages and fun games. The cost is \$135. Dates are April 16-May 23, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-6:30 p.m.
- Boys and Girls New Player Clinic 4th-8th grades. This five day clinic will focus on

instruction and learning the game. The cost is \$65. Runs May 28-June 11, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7 p.m.

• Little Laxers Boys and Girls 1st-3rd grades. This five day clinic will teach the basics of lacrosse. A soft foam

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ATHEY, JENNIE

Age 85, passed away April 5, 2013. She was born on April 24, 1927, in Detroit, to the late Peter and Catherine Citulski. Prior to moving to South Lyon, she was a member of the Royal Oak Church of Christ. She was a member of the Church of Christ of South Lyon. Jennie is survived by her children: Sharon (Steve) Kassa, John (Cathy) Athey, Cynthia Athey; 2 grandchildren: Tina Mahn and David Carmon. She was preceded in death by her husband L. John Athey in 1975, her sister Olga and brother Peter. Visitation and funeral was held on April 9, at Phillips Funeral Home. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

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CANFIELD, JOHN L.

Age 97, passed away April 5, 2013. Service May 4, at 11 am New Hudson United Methodist Church. phillipsfuneral.com



DONALDSON, H. EVERETT

Age 78 of Highland, loved by and devoted to his family, passed March 18, 2013 in Lakeland, FL of complications from COPD. Born March 8, 1935 in Fenton, MI to the late Raymond and Glee (Parshall) Donaldson. Also preceded in death by two brothers and one sister, all of Highland. Graduated from Milford High School, he attended Henry Ford College and then served in the U.S. Army, two years active & four years reserve duty, and was a Tool & Die Maker for Ford Motor Co for 38 years. Hobbies included fishing and hunting, and all sports, particularly those involving his children and grandchildren. Surviving is wife Benay, sons Jeff (Trisha) Donaldson of Oxford, Chris (Danielle) Donaldson of Wixom and Steven Donaldson of Highland. Also six grandchildren, Errol, Chase, Skye, Christopher, Mallory and Shane, several nieces, nephews, and grandnieces/nephews. He will be fondly remembered by many. Memorial Services will be held Thursday, April 18, 2013, 11am at Lynch & Sons, Milford, 404 E. Liberty St, Milford MI. Visitation will be from 10am until time of service. Condolences may be left at LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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HARTLEY, KAREN A.

Age 55, passed away April 4, 2013. Visitation April 6, 3 - 7 p.m. with funeral at 4 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home. Online Guestbook phillipsfuneral.com.



HEINTZ, LAURETTA "June"

Age 80, of Vanderbilt passed away Saturday, March 30, 2013 at Otsego Memorial Hospital. June was born in Wyandotte on July 2, 1932, the daughter of Charles & Thelma (Rogers) Boyd. She was a 1950 graduate of Northville High School and moved to Vanderbilt in 1969. June began working for Van Products in Vanderbilt in 1970 and retired in 1995. She loved music and reading and enjoyed bowling, playing bingo and cards and had fun taking an occasional trip to the casino. June was also a big fan of the Detroit Tigers. FUNERAL SERVICES will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at 11:00 AM from the Nelson Funeral Home, Rev. Orville Theaker, officiating. VISITATION at the Nelson Funeral Home will take place on Tuesday, April 2nd from 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM and on Wednesday, April 3rd from 10:00 AM until the time of services. Burial will take place in the spring at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Vanderbilt. Mrs. Heintz is survived by her children, Steven (Kathy) Heintz of Florida, Cathy Heintz of Vanderbilt and Thomas (June) Heintz of Vanderbilt; 6 grandchildren, Steve Jr., Stuart, Doug, Tony, Jimmy and Tammy; 2 great grandchildren, Gionni & Ana; 1 sister, Nordice (George) Wolf and 2 sisters in law, Beverly Boyd and Barbara Boyd. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 42 years, Frank Heintz and her brothers, Jack, Don and Clifford Boyd. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of June Heintz may be made to the American Cancer Society, Otsego Memorial Hospital or Hospice of Michigan, through the Nelson Funeral Home, PO Box 1548, Gaylord MI 49734. Friends may offer their condolences online at: www.nelsonsfuneralhome.com



JOHNSON, JANACE LOUISE

Age 76, a resident of Milford, died on March 26, 2013 near her winter home in Punta Gorda, Florida. She was preceded in death by husbands, Harold Kane (1991) and Edward Johnson (May 6, 2012). As a young bride from Canada, and through a 34-year marriage, Jan was a trucker's wife who created a loving family and home in Milford. She had a huge capacity for forming deep and durable friendships. She gave unfailing support to her husband and their daughters. Jan was an exceptionally strong woman, and a remarkably loving mother and grandmother. Long ago, Jan began laying the lasting foundations for her daughters' lives, for their families, and for many more families to come. Because Jan had a traveling husband, she managed family life mostly on her own. Aided by her robust work ethic, Jan was a working woman well before it was common-place. She accomplished many successive goals for her own life: first U.S. citizenship, then education leading to a college degree, all the while holding many jobs eventually leading to a rewarding office support position for the executive staff at Buick headquarters in Flint. Jan's life changed with an unassuming blind date with Edward Johnson. Both widowed in their fifties, Jan and Ed quickly became inseparable and after their marriage they promptly retired. They just adored each other. "My Eddie", as Jan called him, was quite simply the love of her life. Jan was devoted to veterans and enthusiastically participated in Ed's Navy reunions and the Destroyer Escort Sailors Association. Jan and Ed traveled extensively, ultimately setting up their winter-season home in Punta Gorda surrounded by dear friends, both life-long and newly-found. As much as Jan enjoyed their travels, the homecomings were even better. Time spent with Ed and seeing family was precious for Jan, especially time with her grandchildren and her great-granddaughter. Jan cherished being in Milford, being at home, and being in her gardens. For several years, Jan was a member of the Milford Garden Club and her gardens were part of the club's garden-walk event. In Milford and in Florida, Jan devoted extensive time and talent to her quilting hobbies as a member of several stitching groups creating many beautiful quilts, some of which were specially made just for charity. The Milford Senior Center was particularly dear to Jan as a welcoming gathering-place for her to share her needlework and quilt stitching as well as her boundless friendship. More than anything else, perhaps, Jan treasured the quiet, affectionate evenings spent by the fireplace beside "her Eddie". As their love grew ever stronger over the years, so did time and disease take their toll on the inseparable couple. Jan cared for Ed throughout his terminal illness, they remained side-by-side, as close as could be. Jan often reflected on her life's blessings; she believed there were far too many to be counted. Jan recently said that, above all, she was very pleased and contented to have given Ed a comfortable life at home leading to a peaceful passing with her lying by his side. For about 10 months after Ed passed, Jan continued on her own. She even enjoyed a winter-season in Florida despite a number of health issues. A few days after her three daughters arrived to be by her side and share her warm love and smiles, Jan passed away peacefully... it is certain that Jan felt very contented with her life and very pleased to, again, be together with "her Eddie." Jan is survived by children, Sheryl (Paul) Danieloff, Kathy (Daniel) Lochmann, Janelle (Nicholas) Rolando, Christopher (Kimberly) Johnson, Kelly (Paul) Friend, Gregory (Maureen) Ziegler Johnson, Bruce (Peggy) Johnson, Patricia (Frits DenHertog) Rushmore and Barrie (James) Magliocca. She also leaves her beloved grandchildren, William (Carly) Schlacht, Scott Kane Stukel, John Stukel, Thomas Stukel, Regina Kane Rolando, Bryn Johnson, Alexander Johnson, Michael Johnson, Achey Johnson, great-granddaughter, Margaret Louise Schlacht, much extended family and a host of dear friends in Milford and Florida. A Memorial Service will be held at the Mystic Creek Golf Club, 1 Champions Circle, in Milford, Michigan on Saturday, April 20, at 12 Noon. Everyone is invited to gather from 11AM until the time of service. Interment Milford Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her name to the Milford Senior Center, 1050 Atlantic St., Milford, MI 48381. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford, 248-684-6645.

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SPIKER, DONALD F.

A long time resident of Milford, and lately of Henderson, Nevada, died at St. Joseph Hospital in Howell on Tuesday, April 2, 2013. He was 84 years old. Born on December 8, 1928 in Detroit, he was the son of Dennis and Katherine (Hahn) Spiker. He attended Tappan Grade School in Detroit and transferred to Turner Grade School where, in the fifth grade, he met the love of his life, Adeline Tripoli. At age 17 Don enlisted in the U.S. Army and was trained as a paratrooper. After his return, he finished high school and took up his courtship of Adeline in earnest and the two were married on October 1st, 1949 at St. Epiphany parish in Detroit. He served as a mail carrier in Detroit before going to work on Livernois Avenue which was lit up with lights from the used car lots. Don went to work with Homer Chevrolet and later took over as used car manager for Avis Ford. He came to Milford in the mid 1960's where he opened Spiker Ford Dealership, which he operated on South Milford Road from 1967-1995. He was a past president of the Milford Rotary Club and active with the Ford Dealers Advertising Fund. Second only to his passion for selling new cars was his passion for buying old ones. He enjoyed the deal-making and tire kicking and loved restoring old vehicles, seeing in them the salvageable history of a great city and nation and industry. He loved the Concours d'Elegance and frequented antique car shows and rallies and filled his home with many trophies. The antique fire engine, which he gifted to the Milford Fire Department, will transport him to his requiems and grave. He was a long time member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Milford. Don Spiker is survived by his wife of over sixty-three years, Adeline; by their daughters, Katherine (Joel) Leik, Dona (Arlan) Gulko, Pamela Spiker, Sharon (Allen) Miotke, and son, Donald (Cassandra) Spiker; also 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, extended family members and dear friends who join with his family in mourning his death and giving thanks to God for his life among them. Funeral Mass was held April 8, 2013 at St. Mary Catholic Church. Burial St. Mary's Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. For further information contact Lynch & Sons Funeral Director, Milford, at 248-684-6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com.



WEEKS, BEVERLY ANN

Age 76, born on August 23, 1936 in Rochester, Michigan and passed away on April 4, 2013 in Highland Township, Michigan. Loving wife of the late Harry E. Weeks; Beloved mother of Mark (Gina) Weeks, Diana (Dan) Souheaver, Robin (John) Trimper, Chip Weeks, Chris (Roger) Ledwell; Cherished grandmother of twelve grandchildren and great-grandmother of eight; Dear friend of Jill Lofthouse; Beverly was a long time administrator of freedom work opportunities and strong advocate for persons with special needs. Foster mother and mentor too many. In lieu of flowers memorials appreciated to The Harry and Beverly Weeks Trust benefiting local charities. Services were all ready held. Arrangements entrusted to the Highland Chapel of the Elton Black & Son Funeral Home.

WIESE, RALPH

A resident of Novi, MI, formerly of Milford, MI and Bradenton, FL, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at the age of 83. Survived by his beloved wife, Marilyn (nee Wiley) and their children, Richard Wiese, Thomas (Kelly) Wiese, Mary (David) Carr, Steven (Kari) Wiese; grandchildren, Christina (Paul) DeLeeuw, Tiffany (Jason) Ziemba, Lindsay (Marc) Edgcombe, Gretchen, Mitchell and Brandon Wiese, James and Joshua Shepard, Jordan and Kristie Carr, Megan (Levi) Rodrigues, Alexander and Brooke Wiese; great-grandchildren Evelyn DeLeeuw, Cailey and Molly Edgcombe. Also survived by many extended family members, dear friends and colleagues. Funeral was held April 9, 2013 at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford. Burial Oak Grove Cemetery, Milford. For obituary, memorials and further information please visit: LynchFuneralDirectors.com or phone 248-684-6645.

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May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



WHELAN, CHRISTINE (REARDON)

A resident of Milford for over fifty years, went to be with the Lord on April 8, 2013 in the care of her sons and daughters. She celebrated her 80th birthday with her family five days prior to her death. Born on April 3, 1933 in Detroit, Christine was the third of nine children born to William Dennis and Mary Olive Reardon. She grew up in the Detroit area and worked at Hudson's in downtown after graduating from Walled Lake High School, where she excelled in swimming and basketball. On December 2 of 1952, Christine married Harry Whelan while he was home on furlough from the Korean War. Upon his return, they moved to California with Christine's family and had the first five of their ten children. In 1960, they returned to Milford, Michigan, where the younger half of the family was born and raised. Christine's heart and soul was her large, close-knit family. She often woke her children for school with the song, "Good morning to you, Good morning to you; we're all in our places, with bright, shining faces. This is the way to start a new day." Chris Whelan loved music. She wrote her own song lyrics and played piano by ear and regaled family, friends and strangers alike with her impromptu performances which she fashioned to fit all of life's contingencies, joys and sorrows, loves and grief. Nothing pleased her more than the many wonderful evenings spent around the family fire in the back yard singing, playing music and telling stories. She delighted in teaching her children the songs of her favorite Broadway musicals and presenting "shows" for the neighborhood. In 1981, she was so proud when all ten of her children were featured in a holiday concert at the Renaissance Center in downtown Detroit. While raising her children, Christine managed all of the Milford newspaper boys for the Detroit Free Press for many years, getting up at 4 am to deliver the papers before the school day started. She also worked nights at "Sonny's," where she enjoyed the piano bar, singing with all of her guests. In 1980, Christine earned a licensed medical assistant certificate, which allowed her to "mother" many people through illness and death. She had a gift of empathy that enabled her to accompany families through intimate, difficult life experiences with grace, wisdom and joy. She was the "Hostess with the Mostess" at a local restaurant in her later years, where she greeted customers with a smile and a song. A woman of deep and abiding faith in God's love and the power of prayer, Christine was sustained through many trials, her faith emboldening the faith of all she encountered. She prayed daily for the wellbeing of her children, friends and people in need and was, in her cheerful and compassionate care of others, an incarnation of God's mandate to "love one another." Preceded in death by her son, Michael, her two grandchildren Crystal and William Buck Whelan, and her sister, Sr. Margaret Ann Reardon, O.P., Christine Whelan is survived by her children Kathleen, William, Joseph (Melissa), Ann (Ron) Barnette, Patricia (Brian) Bickle, Daniel (Maggie), Matthew (Lisa), James (Maureen) and Theresa (Kris) Arocha, nineteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren and a wide circle of extended family and devoted friends who join with her family in mourning the death of this dear woman while giving thanks to God for her life among them. Funeral services were held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford on Wednesday, April 10. For further information phone 248-684-6645

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ZONCA, GARY B.

Age 58, passed away April 4, 2013. Visitation April 7. Funeral April 8, Phillips Funeral Home. Guestbook phillipsfuneral.com.

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NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Woman spits on officer

A 42-year-old Flat Rock woman was arrested for spitting on a Northville City police officer after being detained on the report that she had punched a bartender at Poole's. On April 4, Northville Police were dispatched to Poole's on an assault complaint, and on the way there they spotted the two people near CVS that were described as being involved in the incident — the woman and a 42-year-old male companion from Northville. The woman told police she had intervened in an altercation that her friend was in and was trying to get him home. The bartender at Poole's told police she had asked the man to not smoke inside after he lit a cigarette and walked into the bathroom. According to police reports, after the man and woman finished their drinks and before leaving, the woman punched the bartender in the face. It was later while she

was in custody that she became combative and spit on an officer as well as saying she would harm herself and them. The police report stated she appeared to be highly intoxicated. The man she was with also was arrested after being asked to leave the scene, but would not and was yelling obscenities at police. The case has been forwarded to the Wayne County Prosecutor's office.

Pill possession

After being stopped for tinted windows, a 39-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man was arrested by Northville City Police for driving with a suspended drivers license and possessing pills. On April 3, police spotted the man driving a vehicle at W. Dunlap and West streets with tinted front windows. A check of the man turned up that he had a suspended license and search of his vehicle a bottle of prescription pills that were unlabeled. The case has been forwarded to the Wayne County Prosecutor's office.

NORTHVILLE SENIOR SERVICES CALENDAR

Northville Community Center Senior Services

Location: 303 W. Main St. Contact: (248) 349-4140

• AARP DRIVER SAFETY CLASS 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., April 15-16 Details: Looking for an insurance discount? You may qualify for a reduction-consult your insurance agent. Cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-AARP members. RSVP by April 12.

• 1000 LOVE LETTERS - GUEST AUTHOR SERIES 10-11:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 17 Details: Author Teresa Irish is currently touring the country at book signing events. 1000 letters was written by her father to his parents and sweetheart during WWII. This is a free event. RSVP by April 14.

• MONEY SMART WEEK 10-11:30 a.m. (presentation) and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Resource Fair, on Thursday, April 25 Details: At this free event, experts present today's four hottest money related topics. No sales pitches. This program is part of the Federal Reserve Banks Money Smart Week. RSVP by April 19.

• FASHION FRENZY FASHION SHOW Noon to 3 p.m., Wednesday, May 22. Details: Fashions by Dress Barn, lunch and prizes. RSVP early by May 16. The fee is \$8. There is limited seating, and the event has sold out in past years.

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

• CONTACT: (248) 348-1845

WEEKLY EVENTS (\*Grounds closed to public)

• Thursday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. TARTS Stitching Group; 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 712, Den 5 in Cady;

7 p.m. "Hamtramck: The Immigrants' Tale" Lecture in Church, free

• Friday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 4 p.m. Girl Scouts #40045; 5 p.m. Rehearsal; 6 p.m. Rehearsal

• Saturday: 1:45-3:45 p.m. wedding\*; 4:14-6:15 p.m. Wedding\*

• Sunday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. King's 8th; 6:30 p.m. Venture Crew #8

• Monday: 6:30 Northville Democrats

• Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang

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**Ambler-Fitzgerald**

Marie Kay Ambler of Northville and Brian Patrick Fitzgerald of Hoboken, N.J. were married Dec. 31, 2012 at Saint George Greek Orthodox Church in Southgate, Mich, with Reverend Father Philemon Karamanos officiating. The bride is the daughter of Kathy and Rick Ambler of Northville. She is a graduate of Northville High School, and Grand Valley State University. She is currently employed with Ford Motor Company — New York Region. The groom is the son of Carolyn and Philip Fitzgerald of Moorestown, N.J. He is a graduate of Moorestown High School, and the University of Pennsylvania. He is currently employed as a sales operation manager for Ford Motor Company — New York Region. Maids of honor were sisters Sarah Ambler and Rachael Ambler. Kelly Scobbo, Erin Bender, Krista Danias, Jessica Markstrom, Jessica Humphrey and Katherine Biernat acted as bridesmaids. Flower girls were Alyssa O’Leary, Lauren Civitillo, Rachel Civitillo, and Stella Scobbo. Scott Richman acted as Best Man, while Michael White, Mark Kaltenbach, Matthew Price, Matthew Maciariello, Craig Rassi, Edward Kennedy, and Bradley Murphy stood in as Groomsmen. Ushers were Nicholas Scobbo III, Scott Bender and Ryan Figurski. Nicholas Scobbo IV was the Ring Bearer. The reception took place at The Baronetee Renaissance Hotel in Novi. The couple took their honeymoon in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, and will make their home in New Jersey.



**Scout to get his wings**

Northville’s Brett Johnston will be recognized during an April 13 ceremony for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. Johnston, a member of Troop 755, earned the rank after successfully completing a service project that included a food drive in which he collected nonperishable food items for Northville Civic Concern. Johnston began his scouting career as a member of Cub Scout Pack 721 in Northville in 2005. He earned the Arrow of Light Award and crossed over to Boy Scout Troop 755 in 2007. Two other members of Troop 755 — Tom Franchi and Michael Root—are — will also be honored at the ceremony for completing their Eagle projects.

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# Book and Author Luncheon to feature Michigan mystery writer

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Michigan author D.E. Johnson, who has penned several books set in Detroit in the early 20th century, will be featured at the upcoming Book and Author Luncheon at Fox Hills Country Club.

The annual luncheon is hosted by the Friends of the Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Novi Libraries. It will be held 11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 9. Tickets are \$25 and the reservation form is on the Plymouth library's website, [www.plymouthlibrary.org](http://www.plymouthlibrary.org). Checks should be made payable to the Friends of the Novi Public Library and mailed to the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170, attn.: Ellen Elliott.

Attendees will receive confirmation within a week.

Johnson, a Central Michigan University graduate, lives near Kalamazoo and



D.E. Johnson

is married with three daughters. His debut novel in 2010 was *The Detroit Electric Scheme*, followed by sequel *Motor City Shakedown*. He also wrote *Detroit Breakdown*.

*The Detroit Electric Scheme* was described by *Library Journal* as "full of nonstop action, plot twists and turns and great insight into the early history of the U.S. car industry, this debut is part coming-of-age tale (about a young man, eaten by guilt and regrets, who leaves his alcoholic haze and shows what he is made of) and part historical mystery. Essential for historical fans."

Johnson's grandfather was vice president of Checker Motor and had worked there many years,

helping author Johnson gain insight into automotive history.

Carla Barrett of Plymouth is a Friends member there who served on this year's four-person author selection committee, with one member from each community.

"We talk about different people we've read about," Barrett said. Detroit and Michigan themes have appealed over the years: "People thought that was a good first choice," she said.

The annual luncheons are popular, noted Susan Stoney of Plymouth, community relations specialist with the Plymouth library. Last year's featured Kevin Boyle, author of *Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age*, and was a sellout.

"He drew very well," Stoney said of Boyle. *Arc of Justice* is a nonfiction book set in the 1920s about the high profile murder

trials of black physician Dr. Ossian Sweet, whose family attempted to integrate a neighborhood, and co-defendants.

"It's really been all over the place," she said of authors over the years. Detroit journalist Tim Kiska was a hit in the past with his history of Detroit television.

Attendees hear an interesting author each year. Barrett visits Nicola's, an independent bookstore in Ann Arbor, and hears authors speak there. The libraries often host author programs that are well-attended, Barrett said.

Tickets are going fast, Stoney said, and have an April 25 cutoff — but they could be gone earlier.

"When it's sold out, it's sold out," Stoney said.

Johnson is at work on another sequel to *The Detroit Electric Scheme*. The author's website is [www.dejohnsonauthor.com](http://www.dejohnsonauthor.com).

Barrett hasn't read the Johnson mysteries yet. She finds people enjoying getting together for lunch as well.

"It was a fabulous event last year," she said. "I just hope it's a huge success."

The four libraries welcome new Friends members, Barrett added: "We're pretty lucky in our area people support libraries."

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## Lego technician

Steven Wood, 8, makes a Lego elephant during a March 27 afternoon craft session at the Northville District Library. Kids created a bunch of Lego designs that the library was to later show off in its display cases.

## LIBRARY LINES

The Northville District Library, which is located at 212 W. Cady Street, has a number of upcoming programs. For more information about these events or about the library, call (248) 349-3020 or visit <http://northville.lib.mi.us>.

Upcoming events include:

- **LITTLE ME STORYTIME FOR LITTLE ONES**  
10:30 a.m. Friday, April 12  
Details: Little ones, babies to 2-year-olds, along with parents or caregivers, enjoy music, simple stories and playtime. No registration required.
- **MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR TABLET**  
7 p.m. Tuesday, April 16  
Details: Bring your tablet and learn about reading, travel and educational apps. Learn how to get Mango Languages and Tumblebooks (eBooks for kids) on your tablet. Get tips on how to find great apps and key accessories. Limit 30 attendees. Call to register at (248) 349-3020.
- **TWEEN EVENT: OREO COOKIE POPS**  
4:15 p.m. Wednesday, April 24  
Details: Just for tweens ages 9-12. Delight your eyes and your sweet tooth with cookie pops! Choose from a variety of yummy toppings to decorate chocolate dipped Oreo cookies on sticks. Call to register.

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS "NOTICE TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS"

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: On or before May 1, 2013, it shall be the duty of every owner, occupant or person having charge of any land within the Charter Township of Northville, Michigan to cut and destroy noxious weeds before they reach a seed bearing stage and to prevent such weeds from perpetuating themselves or becoming a detriment to public health, or shall cause the same to be done.

The above notice is issued pursuant to the Code of Ordinances for the Charter Township of Northville, Chapter 58.2 Article II, Property Maintenance Code.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk  
Charter Township of Northville

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS ANNUAL ARBOR DAY SEEDLING GIVEAWAY

The Beautification Commissions of Northville Township and the City of Northville will jointly host the annual "ARBOR DAY Seedling Give-away" which will be held on:

**Saturday, April 20, 2013**  
**9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (or until seedlings are gone) at**  
**Northville Township Hall**  
**44405 Six Mile Road**  
**(southwest corner of Six Mile & Sheldon Roads)**

Arbor Day seedlings are available, at no charge, to Township, City and Northville School District residents. Please bring proof of residency. You must attend in person to pick up your seedlings, requests by phone or mail will not be accommodated or large requests from groups or schools.

Marie Barr, Chairperson  
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing to receive public input on variances requested by the property owner at 317 Randolph, Northville, Michigan, 48167. The applicant requests the following variances from Section 15.01 of the Zoning Ordinance to construct a new front porch, carport, and pergola on premises zoned R-1B, First Density Residential District, parcel number 48-002-01-0482-002:

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| 1) | Front yard variance of 11.5 feet for the front porch and carport |
| 2) | Side yard variance of 2.0 feet for the car port and pergola      |
| 3) | Lot coverage variance of 3.4%                                    |

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday May 1, 2013, at 7:30 P.M. at City of Northville Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the public hearing will be to receive public comment on the proposed porch, car port and pergola variance request. The variance application is available for review at the City of Northville Building Department during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, local prevailing time. Written comments regarding the variance request will also be received at the above address. The City of Northville will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with special needs at the meeting upon seven days notice by writing or calling the City Clerk at the above address.

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## Business to host anti-bullying seminar



Former Marine Bill Kipp, creator of the award-winning FAST Defense technique, will be the featured presenter for an anti-bully and anti-abduction seminar for children ages 5-12 on Friday, April 26 from 6-8:30 p.m. at Dan Vigil's Academy of Taekwondo, located in Suite 103 in the Water Wheel Building located at 235 E. Main Street in Northville. Kipp, who was named Black Belt Magazine's 2012 Self-Defense Instructor of the Year, will teach assertiveness and self-protection skills designed to effectively protect children from bullies and strangers. "As someone who was bullied as a child and now is a parent, I cannot emphasize enough the importance of teaching kids these techniques," said owner Dan Vigil (pictured), owner of Dan Vigil's Academy of Taekwondo and a certified instructor of FAST Defense. Cost for the seminar is \$55. To register for the seminar, visit <http://northvillemartialarts.com>.

## Local resident honored for work promoting museums

Northville's George A. Moroz was honored recently at the 2013 Museums Advocacy Day in Washington, D.C. The award is in recognition of Moroz' five years of service as a citizen-lobbyist at the event, organized by the American Alliance of Museums.

Moroz, who is special assistant to the president and senior director for external relations at The Henry Ford in Dearborn, has been a part of the concerted advocacy efforts for museums on Capitol Hill since the inception of Museums Advocacy Day in 2009. Over that time he has met with many members of the Michigan Congressional delegation, through numerous visits to Congressional offices. Moroz was presented the award at a reception at George Washington University in Washington.



Moroz

such as The Henry Ford, are playing an ever more critical role in promoting life-long learning and the acquisition and exercise of 21st century skills, like creative problem-solving and civic and entrepreneurial literacy. Museums connect the public with their history and heritage to better equip them to address the challenges and opportunities of today and tomorrow," Moroz said. Museums Advocacy Day brings museum professionals from across the country to Washington to make the case for America's museums on Capitol Hill. These citi-

"For me, it is an honor, privilege and duty to advocate for America's museums. Museums,

zen-advocates represent the breadth and scope of the museum field, coming from all types and sizes of museums, this year represented 45 states. After a day of intense issue briefings, the advocates met with members of Congress and their staffs throughout the day.

"George has been at the vanguard of our Museums Advocacy Day efforts from the beginning," said Ford W. Bell, president of the American Alliance of Museums. "The museum field needs leaders, like George, now more than ever. We must make Congress aware that museums bring tremendous value to communities everywhere. Certainly The Henry Ford is a community anchor in and for Dearborn and the state of Michigan, and a leading cultural treasure for the entire country."

## T-Mobile shakes up cell phone industry

**By Jon Gunnells**  
Guest Columnist

After announcing it is cutting cell phone plan costs, removing two-year contracts and other consumer-friendly benefits, T-Mobile may be poised to become the nation's favorite wireless provider.

Recently, the wireless giant that nearly merged with AT&T announced sweeping changes that will distance it from Verizon, Sprint and AT&T. The biggest such change is the removal of two-year agreements. From this point forward, T-Mobile CEO John Legere says there will be no more "BS in wireless pricing."

With T-Mobile, a wireless subscriber can receive unlimited minutes, text messages and data (Internet usage) for \$80, plus taxes and regulatory fees. For comparison, this tech guy pays \$2 more per month and doesn't even get unlimited data. Moreover, that more-expensive plan keeps me locked in for two years.

Pricing discounts remain for additional lines. A second line on any account is \$30 and third lines qualify subscribers for a \$10 add-on for every third line and beyond. So if you have two lines, with unlimited everything, you would pay \$120 per month plus fees — we know that's less than many peo-



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

family \$180 plus fees. What begins as a great deal for individuals has become an even more exceptional deal for families.

The lower plan costs also reduce regulatory fees, as those required fees are based on the cost of a phone bill.

### What about your phone?

Unless you are already with T-Mobile, Straight Talk or Metro PCS, chances are your new phone purchase cost about \$200 (up front) and locked you into a two-year agreement. With the new T-Mobile setup, your new phone won't lock you into anything.

Subscribers won't even have to pay for their phones up front because T-Mobile is offering 0-percent financing for multiple top-end smartphones like the Samsung Galaxy II and Nokia Lumia. It will offer the iPhone as of mid-April.

A Samsung Galaxy, for example, will cost owners about \$16 per month, added on to a bill, for 18-24 months. That works

out to about \$300 to \$400 for the cost of the phone — which is more than you may pay now, but significantly less than the \$550 or \$600 price tag if you don't have a contract.

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T-Mobile will also allow you to bring your own phone or tablet and receive its service with no two-year agreement or contract.

For those who are fed up with extreme cell phone bills, illogical pricing tiers and phone costs, T-Mobile's plan is a welcome change. It will be interesting to see if it steals enough market share to force the true wireless giants, Verizon and AT&T, to make their own changes. As it is now, some of those providers don't even offer unlimited data plans.

The addition of the iPhone to T-Mobile's product mix makes it an even more dangerous contender in this wireless race.

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## CHAMBER CHAT

### Ads to speak

University of Michigan Athletic Director Dave Brandon and Michigan State University AD Mark Hollis will be the guest speakers at a joint chamber luncheon on Friday, April 26 at Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, in Livonia. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., and the program runs from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Come hear both leaders share some comments about their current projects, discuss the business challenges of their jobs and answer your questions. While

they lead programs that are heated rivals, both men work to support the Big Ten Conference and NCAA.

This event is co-hosted by the Northville, Plymouth, Livonia and Westland chambers.

Register for this event through the Northville Chamber by calling (248) 349-7640, or e-mail [tracisincoc@northville.org](mailto:tracisincoc@northville.org). The cost to attend this luncheon is \$30 for chamber members or \$40 for non-members. Reservations must be received with payment by Monday, April 22.

## Walk a mile in my shoes

**Lee Meadows**  
Guest Columnist

There is a familiar adage which assures us that we can never, truly, understand an individual until we have "walked a mile in their shoes." This, of course, assumes that the shoes are the same size so as not to add a higher level of discomfort to that mile-long walk.

Organizational life is robust with self-held beliefs fostered by individuals who emphatically state, "If I were in that job, I'd show you how it is supposed to be done."

Often, the premise from which the statement is derived starts with the belief that what is being observed "looks easy" and, therefore, should be something "I" can easily accomplish. "Walk a mile in my shoes" is a nice way of reminding the casual observer that all is not what it seems and to withhold commentary or



Lee Meadows

in extreme cases, like ice skating, the casual observer has to know that when they see a Quadruple Lutz or Salchow performed to perfection, there is a rational appreciation for an act that was mastered over years of practice, dedication and an unwavering commitment to the art. More often than not there is an expression of awe and complete resolution to knowing, "I could never do that."

Some of the most inspiring and effective leaders, over the course of time, always made it look easy. They call upon a skill set that was sharpened across a series of

judgment until, through experience, insight takes the place of ignorance.

Now, when they see a Quadruple Lutz or Salchow performed to perfection, there is a rational appreciation for an act that was mastered over years of practice, dedication and an unwavering commitment to the art. More often than not there is an expression of awe and complete resolution to knowing, "I could never do that."

experiences and complimented by an unending acquisition of knowledge. While confident in their actions, they are also comfortable in their skin. It is that combination of confidence and comfort that allows for a daily presentation of "life in the big chair" as just a series of innocuous tasks.

This false interpretation of the observation is the reason why successful comics believe they can be great singers, professional wrestlers believe they can be cinema action heroes, and the five-beer limit karaoke warblers believe they can take the top prize on "American Idol". It always looks easy until you walk a mile in their shoes.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Deal almost too good to be true

### Township deserves credit for finding right suitor for prison demolition

Once all the contracts are signed, which could happen as early as this week, Northville Township officials will have one of their biggest challenges behind them.

Since acquiring the former Robert Scott Correctional Facility last September from the state for \$1, township officials have debated how they were going to demolish the former state prison. Considering the fact that they are also trying to figure out how to come up with the money to demolish the old Northville Psychiatric Hospital on Seven Mile, township leaders really didn't know how they would remove the prison, even though that is something on the wish list of most township residents.

Located at Beck Road and Five Mile, the prison, with its barbed-wire fences, isn't the most inviting welcome sign into the community.

Tom Casari, the township's director of Public Services, came to the rescue by finding a company willing to do the work for free. Actually the Detroit-based Adamo Group will pay the township \$1 for the contract. No, they aren't crazy. The deal allows the demolition company to scrap or reclaim all the materials from the 53-acre site, which should net the company up to a half million dollars depending on the markets. There is plenty of steel and other metals on the site, plus all of the concrete rubble that will be created as the demolition process takes place.

*The township is still dealing with legal issues at the site, most notably the fact that both the state of Michigan and the City of Detroit, which sold the land to the state back in the 1960s, both have right of first refusal claims on the property.*

Casari deserves a lot of credit for finding a company as respectable as Adamo, which does work all over the country. There were actually two other bidders for the project, but they both wanted to charge the township to do the work — in one case nearly \$200,000.

If everything checks out with the contract, Northville Township Manager Chip Snider said demolition work will begin as early as the first week of May. The contractor will leave up one of the existing fences during the project, which should provide security on the site so trespassing doesn't become a problem like on the Seven Mile property. The fence will be the last thing to come down.

There are still a lot of questions about the former prison property that need to be resolved. The township is still dealing with legal issues at the site, most notably the fact that both the state of Michigan and the City of Detroit, which sold the land to the state back in the 1960s, both have right of first refusal claims on the property.

The state could take the land back if state officials don't approve of the township's plans for the property if it is sold to a third party for development. The only case where that could not happen is if the township were to use the land for a public purpose, such as a park or recreation center. Detroit would have to pay full market value for the property if it were to try reclaim it through legal means. Considering Detroit's perilous financial situation, township officials don't foresee that happening, however.

But, as Township Supervisor Robert Nix said at a Board of Trustees study session last week, what's the worst thing that can happen? If the state, or even more unlikely Detroit, takes the property back, at least the prison will be removed from the site. And even in that scenario, whoever ultimately develops the site will have to abide by the township's zoning ordinances. That wouldn't be so bad.

Demolishing the prison is the first step in converting the property into the kind of gateway township officials hope for the community. There is a lot to figure out, but this is a great start.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

# Individual taxes are due April 15. When did you finish yours?

We asked this question in downtown Northville.



"They're a work in progress."  
**Rosemarie Denton**  
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**Sandy Drake**  
Northville



"A month ago. I'm a planner."  
**Pat Jacy**  
Dearborn Heights (caught enjoying downtown Northville)



"I usually have them done by February 1, but I just got them done last week."  
**Susan Fiedler**  
Northville

## LETTERS

### Library is 'community gem'

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries, librarians and staff and to promote library usage and raise awareness. Northville is particularly fortunate to have a vital, dynamic library available to our entire community.

Every day the library is humming with activity focused on learning, recreation and enjoyment for all visitors. In the past year, our library received over 240,000 visits and our collection of books, CDs and DVDs grew as did access to eBooks, downloadable audio books and music. Additional available resources include Consumer Reports, the Gale Virtual Reference Library, Morningstar, Valueline, Reference USA, homework help and interlibrary loans. The five youth computers and 19 public workstations with Internet, Microsoft Office software and graphics capabilities are extremely popular. The library continues to enhance and enlarge its offerings, programs and services each year. This year, the library added the capability to search online the Northville Record dating back to 1869. In addition, story time for babies and toddlers, teen programs, adult reading groups, and special presentations are all enthusiastically attended by residents. And each year our community continues to show its appreciation through its participation.

During National Library week we salute the dedication and expertise of our librarians and staff members in making our experiences at the library so rewarding. As an organization, the Friends of the Library wish to express our gratitude and will continue our commitment to the library with our financial and volunteer support. We

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urge everyone to join us in this support and thank those who provide dedicated service at the library. Northville District Library is one of our community's "gems" and we know how lucky we are.

**Christine Litka**  
Friends of the Northville District Library

### Expand tax base

The old prison property on Beck and Five Mile should be commercially developed to expand the tax base. Northville already has access to Maybury State Park, which offers great usage for outdoor activities summer and winter, and Hines Park. There are already numerous park areas for sports, and the dog park. In the future, the old hospital property on Seven Mile Road should be developed partly as commercial, as well.

**Marcia Booth**  
Northville

### Grateful for 'right to work'

I am losing one half of my children. At least that is what it feels like. Like so many parents in Michigan, my wife and I have worked hard to help put our four children through college. They have succeeded in gaining their respective degrees but two of the four have or soon will have moved to other states to pursue their careers. Many of my children's college graduate friends have left the state as well.

As we are very family-oriented, the loss of frequent face to face contact is distressing. According to the 2010 Census, Michigan was the only state in the country to have lost population over the past decade from 2001 through 2010. I am hopeful that one day, soon, the jobs that Michigan has been losing will return to Michigan and in doing so, bring our children back home.

It is for this reason that I am very glad that Michigan has passed the "workers choice" aka "right to work" legislation. I believe that the growth of good jobs in Michigan will increase and eventually help to bring our children home. National statistics clearly show that states with right to work laws have a higher influx of population and higher expendable income.

Even though Michigan's right to work law has only been in effect for one week, the initial indications of companies considering moving their operations to Michigan are very encouraging. I am grateful that Sen. Pat Colbeck and Rep. Mike Shirkey took the time and effort to champion this "freedom of choice" legislation for Michigan's workers.

**Bob Cushman**  
Northville

## GUEST COLUMN

# There will be much to celebrate during National Library Week

By **Julie Herrin**  
Guest Columnist

This week, the Northville District Library joins libraries in schools, campuses and communities nationwide in celebrating National Library Week, a time to highlight the value of libraries, librarians and library workers.

Libraries today are more than repositories for books and other resources. Often

the heart of their communities, libraries are deeply committed to the places where their patrons live, work and study. Libraries are trusted places where everyone in the community can gather to reconnect and re-engage with each other to enrich and shape the community and address local issues.



Julie Herrin

Librarians work with job seekers, small business owners, students and the general public to discover what their needs are and try to meet them. Whether through offering eBook and computer help, online resources to upgrade job market skills, materials for English-language learners, or programs to support early literacy, librarians listen to the community they serve.

Service to the community has always been the focus of the library. While this aspect has never changed, libraries have grown and evolved in how they provide for the needs of every member of their community.

The Northville District Library is celebrating National Library Week with a number of events: Foreign Film Anita (Spanish, English subtitles) on Monday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m.; Making the Most of Your Tablet, a program to help new (or not-so-new) tablet users find reading and educational apps and tips on Tuesday, April

16 at 7 p.m.; Teddy Bear's Picnic Puppet Show on Tuesday, April 16 from 4:15-5 p.m. for all ages. Call the library to see if registration is needed.

As part of our ongoing Geek the Library public awareness campaign, the community is invited to participate in our Geek the Library Contest through April 30 for a chance to win prizes. All ages can tell us about their favorite library memory or why they value the Northville Library. Stop into the library to see our Day in the Life of the Library Snapshot Display, and to see familiar faces from around the community in our Geek the Library Poster display.

For more information, visit the library's at [www.northvillelibrary.org](http://www.northvillelibrary.org) or call (248) 349-3020.

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# Remember to contribute to your IRA by April 15

By **Scott Paul Frush**  
Guest Column

With all the hustle and bustle of gathering tax forms, preparing your taxes, and stressing out over the quickly approaching due date, do not forget another important, fast-approaching financial planning deadline — the last day to make contributions to your Individual Retirement Account (called an Individual Retirement Arrangement by the IRS). That's right — though 2012 is over, and 2013 is in full swing, you still have time to make contributions to your tra-



Scott Paul Frush

ditional IRA or Roth IRA, assuming you are eligible to make them. The last day to make such contributions is the tax-filing deadline, which for tax year 2012 is April 15 of this year. The April 15 deadline provides a nice cushion for those of us who may forget, or for those who like to procrastinate. For tax year 2012, IRA owners can contribute a maximum amount of \$5,000 (or modified adjusted gross income—MAGI, whichever is lower) to an IRA. The same goes for your spouse. However, for those who will be age 50 or older at the end of the year, the maximum contribution is increased by \$1,000 (called a “catch-up” provision) to \$6,000 (or MAGI, whichever is lower). The amount you contribute

can be deposited into one IRA or spread across multiple IRAs if you have more than one. Traditional IRAs allow for tax deductibility of contributions as well as tax-deferred growth until withdrawal sometime in the future. Roth IRAs do not permit the same deduction, but offer both tax-exempt growth and tax-exempt withdrawals under normal conditions. Think of each type of IRA as the reverse mirror image of the other. You're probably not shocked to learn that the IRS does not allow everyone to take advantage of IRAs and the retirement savings benefits they offer. As mentioned earlier, if you earn less than the maximum contribution limits, the total sum of your earnings for 2012 (not including interest,

dividends, rental income, and some others) is the maximum you can contribute. The IRS also prohibits you from making contributions once you reach 70 1/2. There are no age restrictions for making contributions to a Roth IRA, but you must meet Roth contribution guidelines. If you or your spouse are covered by a company-sponsored retirement plan at work and your income (again as defined by MAGI) exceeds certain levels, then the tax deductibility of your IRA contribution may be limited. Please consult the IRS website for exact income levels. Conversely, if you or your spouse are not covered by a company-sponsored retirement

plan, then you are allowed to take a full deduction for your IRA contribution. IRA contribution limits do not apply to rollovers from a 401(k) or For those of you who are confident in your eligibility to make annual contributions to an IRA, you can make your 2012 contribution and 2013 contributions at the same time — even with the same check. But be sure to record both tax years of contribution in the memo section of your check. If you do not have an IRA, you can open one at nearly any brokerage firm or bank. Be warned, though, that some firms charge unnecessary annual fees. Ask about fees and expenses prior to opening any IRA and I encour-

age you to seek out firms with “No-Fee” IRAs. Even small IRA fees can add up to large sums over many years. Also know that you don't need to make your entire contribution all at once; multiple, or monthly, contributions might better fit within your budget. In summary, go to your calendar (probably hanging in your kitchen if you're like I am) and record the April 15 deadline for making your IRA contribution. Your IRA and future retirement security will thank you.

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# Sen. Carl Levin makes local stop to update residents on hot issues

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

U.S. Sen. Carl Levin made a special visit to Fox Run in Novi on April 3 to give residents an update from Washington D.C. as well as answering their questions about some of today's most pressing issues, including the budget, gun control and health care.

The Democrat's visit was organized by the senior community's Political Awareness Committee, and was held at the Belmont Clubhouse with around 200 residents attending. Committee chair Doreen Poupard introduced Levin by giving some background on his long career as a Michigan politician, which will come to an end in 2014 when he retires his seat.

Levin stressed bipartisanship during his talk, but also highlighted the differences between the Democrats and Republicans. He said the budget was a prime example and pointed to the recent approvals of two different budget plans by the House of Representatives and Senate.

"The good news is that after about three years, the United States Senate has adopted a budget," he said.

But he added, "The bad news is that the House of Representatives has also adopted a budget."

He said they both agree that reductions are needed, but because the Senate is controlled by the Democrats with



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U.S. Sen. Carl Levin gets a friendly pat on the shoulder by Fox Run resident Mary Sorah, who was looking for some assistance on some benefits issues with which she was dealing.

a Republican-controlled House, the plans are different.

Republicans are looking to cut spending on domestic programs,

except for Social Security, while on the other hand his party, or the



U.S. Sen. Carl Levin addresses a gathering of Fox Run residents on April 3.

Senate, is looking to plug loopholes that exist in the tax code by seeking to eliminate rules that allow corporations to place money in overseas accounts in an effort to not pay the taxes on it.

He emphasized that this plan is not about raising taxes, but rather it's "about collecting taxes that should have been paid."

**Health care, gun control**

During the question-and-answer session, Levin took a variety of inquiries from residents.

Resident Les Ostrander asked Levin about the health care bill and whether or not it should have been voted on considering many politicians did not read it. Levin assured him that they did know what was in the bill prior to the vote, but said because these documents are so long, it takes a team to do the analysis on them.


In regard to health care and its costs, Levin pointed out Medicare's important value and its future as being crucial.

"We have to find a way to put Medicare on solid standing. We have to try to rein in costs," he said.

Claire Glasser asked him about gun control and where it's headed. He said there were some areas being looked at: background checks, magazine clip size and semi-automatic weapons along with a look at school security.

He said further regulation on background checks will probably move forward. However, he believes there might not be enough votes to move the large clip or assault weapon bans forward. As far as school security, he said plans like the National Rifle Association's recent idea to have armed guards or teachers might not be financially feasible, or desired by many schools.

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Catholic Central's Ken Bade helped the Shamrocks to a second consecutive Team Title while also winning his third individual State Championship. He is the 2013 All-Area Wrestler of the Year.

CC's Bade wins third state title, top honors

**By Jeff Theisen**  
Sports Writer

Winning one state title in any sport is impressive. Winning three puts a person in some very elite company. Catholic Central's Ken Bade accomplished that goal this year with his third individual State Championship, this one coming at 135 pounds and finishing off a 40-5 season.

Bade also helped the Shamrocks win a second consecutive Team Championship as well.

"Ken Bade is the most aggressive, forward-paced, offensive wrestler CC has seen in decades," said coach Mitch Hancock. "He joins elite history as only two wrestlers before him have won three titles at CC."

"Ken will go on to do great things as a student and wres-

tlers at the University of Pennsylvania."

Bade finished the season ranked No. 12 in the country by [www.intermatwrestle.com](http://www.intermatwrestle.com).

**First team**  
**Drew Garcia, CC**

On any other season, Garcia would be a shoe-in for the Wrestler of the Year. The junior finished a perfect 52-0 at 171 pounds on his way to a second individual State Title.

"Drew Garcia accomplished something this year that I didn't think could be done, he went undefeated," said Hancock. "In creating our schedule, I always try to schedule a loss for each member of our team to make them stronger, better and to expose weaknesses. Drew's ability to impose his will and break down opponents is remarkable. His GPA and

abilities make him one of the top college prospects in the country."

**Bob Coe, CC**

Heavyweight was the starting weight at this year's finals, so Coe was the first Shamrock to nail down a championship this year. The senior finished the year 45-4.

"Bob Coe is one of the smartest wrestlers I've had the pleasure of coaching," said Hancock. "His ability to analyze match situations is incredible. He will go on to Boston U. to wrestle for Coach Carl Adams and the Terriers. He plans on pursuing a degree in medicine."

**Maiik Amine, CC**

Amine was yet another outstanding wrestler for the Shamrocks. Besides being a huge part of the Team Championship, Amine also collected an individual State Championship at 140 pounds. The

junior finished the season 40-6.

"Malik has a will not to lose that is unmatched by any other wrestler I've had the pleasure of coaching," said Hancock. "His unorthodox style makes him dangerous and very exciting to watch."

**Logan Marcicki, CC**

The Shamrock junior reached the finals at 160 before finishing runner-up. Marcicki ran up a 35-6 record on the year.

"Marcicki's determination and drive is the main reason why he's so successful," said Hancock. "He is fine young man who is highly respected and looked upon by his teachers, peers and coaches."

**Nick Giese, CC**

Another strong big man for the Shamrocks, Giese

Please see WRESTLING, B4

Novi hockey coach resigns from position

Krygier has hopes of coaching at collegiate level

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

After seven years at the helm and helping the ice hockey program to its first-ever state title back in 2011, Novi head coach Todd Krygier is stepping down.

Krygier said he would be taking over Compuware Arena's midget major program, which include under-18 and under-16 teams, while also keeping an eye out for next-level coaching opportunities at the collegiate level.

"I've been coaching my twins since they've been mite," Krygier said. "If I don't make a transition now before I get old, I wouldn't."

A Novi resident and father of five, Krygier's children are as heavily involved in sports as he is. His son, Brock, was a junior defender on the 2011 state title team and is now a red-shirted freshman on Michigan State University's squad. His oldest daughter, Natalie, is a star senior on Novi's girls soccer team. And then Grace, Cole and Christian are all paced to become future Wildcat student-athletes.

Between watching his children compete and expanding on his own coaching endeavors, Krygier said it was a tough decision to step back from the Novi ice hockey program.

"It was a hard decision for me because I still enjoy coaching high school," Krygier said. "I just had a great seven years and I wouldn't trade it for anything. I live in Novi and I'll always support Novi hockey."

Over the past seven years, Krygier amassed a 113-65-16 record with the Wildcats.

"I remember each team I had for all seven years. They were great kids, great years," Krygier said. "Because we accomplished more one year, it doesn't mean it wasn't the greatest year of coaching. We didn't have the best season this year, but it was probably my most enjoyable season."

Wanting to move up to the collegiate coaching ranks, Krygier is no stranger to the higher levels of the game. Having spent nine seasons in the NHL from 1989-98, Krygier was a defender on the Washington Capitals squad that the Detroit Red Wings defeated for the Stanley Cup in 1998. Krygier also played with the Hartford Whalers and Mighty Ducks of Anaheim in the NHL before ending his career with the IHL's Orlando Solar Bears in 2000.

The now-vacant Novi varsity hockey coach position was posted March 26 on [www.novi.k12.mi.us](http://www.novi.k12.mi.us) and Krygier said he would be helping the Athletics Department with the selection process, which could begin as soon as this week.

Northville girls lacrosse still on a tear

Wet conditions don't slow down Mustangs as they topple Salem

**By Sam Eggleston**  
Correspondent

Someone should just start calling Erin Vogel the mailman. Seriously, it doesn't matter if it's sunny, if it's windy or if it's rainy and wet, she seems to be determined to deliver this season.

Vogel put up three goals to lead the Mustangs to victory over Salem Monday night, 7-5. She tallied the first two goals of the game, the first one opening up the scoring at the 22:43 mark in the first half. Of course, that goal was the most interesting of the entire game as Vogel

**ON TAP**

The Northville Mustangs girls lacrosse team will compete again when they visit Saline at 7 p.m. Friday before hosting South Lyon at 7 p.m. Monday. The team will then visit Plymouth Wednesday at 8 p.m.

made her way behind the Salem net and fired a pass to a teammate, who was in the crease. A Salem defender stepped in front of the pass, deflected it and it ricocheted past the Salem goalie and into the net for the score and

the 1-0 lead.

Salem answered, scoring a goal of their own just one minute later to knot the game, but Vogel took an assist from Erica MacDonald, who ended the day with four total points, and put Northville up 2-1 about two minutes later.

Northville scored again at 16:04, this time with MacDonald finding the back of the net on a hard shot and getting an assist from the scrappy Rylee Donovan. MacDonald scored again to make it a 4-1 game when she took a pass from Alex Sheremeta — in her first

starting role of the season — and fired home a shot past the Rocks' netminder.

Salem tallied two more goals to end the first half, scoring at 6:55 and again with 1:17 left in the stanza, to cut the Northville lead to 4-3.

Despite Salem's refusal to go away quietly, the Mustangs continued their offensive pressure, led by senior captains McDonald and Donovan and supported in the midfield by senior captain Tenley Mustonen. Northville tallied their fifth goal of the night off the stick of Vogel,

Please see LACROSSE, B4



Novi hockey head coach Todd Krygier (right) hugs then-junior son Brock Krygier on March 12, 2011, after the Wildcats won the Division 1 state title. Todd Krygier stepped down from his position last month to pursue collegiate coaching options.



# Novi sluggers sweep pair on Opening Day

## Wildcats shut out Grosse Pointe North

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

Spring break didn't provide any rust for Novi's sluggers as they enjoyed a clean sweep on their Opening Day.

Taking on both Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard and Grosse Pointe North in back-to-back games April 5, the Wildcats (2-0) were down 7-1 in the first game before outscoring their two opponents by a combined 17-1 for the rest of the day to claim a pair of victories.

"Most of the guys had just gotten back from vacation," Novi coach Rick Green said. "The first impression (was good) to see the way we could come back in the ball game after going down 7-1."

Gabriel Richard started things off with a 7-1 lead midway through the second inning of Novi's first game, but the Wildcats tallied six runs in the bottom of the second to tie the game at 7-7 before notching four runs in the fourth en route to an 11-8 victory.

Junior Tyler White-

### ON TAP

Novi's baseball team (2-0) hosted Walled Lake Western in a double-header Monday before hosting to Canton yesterday. The 'Cats are back at it 4 p.m. Monday when Livonia Franklin comes to town before heading to Northville 4 p.m. Wednesday for a doubleheader.

head got the victory on the mound with three and one-third innings of action, allowing three runs (one earned), two hits, two walks and notching three strikeouts. Senior Luke Bageris closed the game out with two innings pitched, allowing one run (zero earned), two hits, one walk and one strikeout.

The Wildcats' offense was on full display, led by multi-hit days from juniors Bryan Klosterman (3-for-5, two runs, two runs batted in), Keaton Figurski (2-for-3, one run, three RBIs)

and senior Mitchell Hall (2-for-4, three runs, two RBIs).

Adding to the offensive flurry with one hit apiece were seniors Kyle Matel (four runs), Grant Wheeler (two runs, two RBIs), Nick Shelar (one run, two RBIs) and Blake Boron (two runs).

Novi's baseball team kept things together in the second game, shutting out Grosse Pointe North 7-0. Senior Mario Ferrini picked up the victory on the mound, allowing zero runs in six innings of action. He allowed two hits, zero walks, hit one batter and had four strikeouts before Hall came in for the final inning, where he walked the first batter before striking out the next three to end the game.

Sophomore Michael Mitchell went 2-for-3 with one run, while four other Wildcats tallied one hit apiece. Senior Ryan Caputo (three runs, one RBI), Ferrini (one RBI), Wheeler (two RBIs) and junior Jared Casaccia piled on that offense.



PHOTOS BY TOM BOHLAND

## Big Cats

Congratulations to Coach Kevin Hankerson's seventh (top) and Coach Dan Welch's eighth (bottom) Novi Cats basketball teams for winning their divisions in the 2013 Big Cat 'Rumble in the Jungle' season-ending tournament. To learn more about the Big Cat, visit <http://bigcatbasketball.com/article.php?id=164>.



## NOVI ROUNDUP

### McMahan chooses next stop in athletic career

Novi girls basketball coach Bill Kelp said on April 3 that Novi junior Kerri McMahan has verbally committed to continue her basketball career at the collegiate level in fall 2014 with the University of Akron in Ohio — best known to some as NBA all-star LeBron James' hometown. McMahan has been the Wildcats' starting point guard since she was a freshman and has regularly reeled in All-State and All-Area honors over the past three seasons, all which the Wildcats won the KLAA Central Division title.

### Shelar sets WVU pole vault record

Novi alum Katlyn Shelar was recently named Varsity Sports Report Athlete of the Week Monday at West Virginia University after setting a new school record for WVU pole-vaulters by jumping 4.08 meters (13.3 feet) Saturday at the Ohio Team Challenge and Sunset Classic in Athens, Ohio. The mark was a personal best for the Mountaineer junior, who broke a 2002 record of 4.00 meters by Erin Nett.

— By Chris Jackett

## 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 played at 10 a.m. Tuesdays.

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### Crafters sought

The Novi Athletic Boosters Holiday Kickoff Art & Craft Show will be held at Novi High School on Saturday, Oct. 19 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a juried show, more than 250 booths are available at \$60 each. The show will be spread out in the school's atrium, cafeteria, performance gym and fieldhouse, allowing ample space for all exhibitors. To download the exhibitors application, visit [www.noviathleticboosters.com/craft-show/](http://www.noviathleticboosters.com/craft-show/). The application deadline is March 1.

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# Shamrocks net two triumphs

Lacrosse team upends Brighton, DeLaSalle

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

As the season was preparing to start for the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks lacrosse team, coach Dave Wilson scanned down his roster and commented that he had talented players from top to bottom.

Even though the team hadn't played a single game yet, Wilson said his squad had multiple players able to score consistently, and a defense capable of keeping tough teams from running away with the game.

The Shamrocks did their best to prove those statements true in the early days of the regular season, cruising past a solid Brighton Bulldogs team, 11-6, before edging a much-improved DeLaSalle squad.

Against Brighton, the Shamrocks simply let their offense take control of the game while the defense kept the Bulldogs

### ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks lacrosse team will be back in action when they visit St. Michaels College tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. before visiting Upper Canada College at 3 p.m. Saturday. The team will then play Wednesday at Brother Rice at 6 p.m.

in check.

The first quarter of play showed how tough the Bulldogs can be, keeping the game at 3-2, but the Shamrocks' defense, led by goalie Chris Naubert, buckled down in the second quarter as Catholic Central went up, 7-3, at the end of the first half.

The second half found the Bulldogs adding three more goals, but the Shamrocks pulled away with four of their own to secure the victory.

Leading the offense was junior attackman Jack

Van Acker, who tallied four goals and an assist to start the year off strong, while junior Ben Senkowski and senior Antonio Colucci each collected two goals and an assist in the winning effort.

Naubert picked up eight saves in the win.

A few days later, the Shamrocks started the Catholic High School League competitions with a showdown against DeLaSalle.

"We did not play particularly well or motivated," said Wilson. "DeLaSalle showed up not only motivated, but much improved over last year."

Thankfully the Shamrocks were able to hold off their league rivals, earning the 13-11 victory behind the play of senior attackman Alec Gilhooly, who notched an impressive six goals. Van Acker had another strong day as well, picking up three goals and an assist in the victory while Andrew Pointkowski added four goals.

## Thunderous



The St. James Thunder Girls JV 1 basketball team completed a perfect 23-0 season by winning the St. Valentine All Metro Tournament on March 16. During the three games of play, the Thunder generated 100 points of offense, while only giving up 53 points to the competition. The girls won games against St. Robert of Redford (31-11), St. Patrick of Brighton (38-21), and Our Lady of Sorrows of Farmington (31-21). Georgia Carlson of St. James was named tournament MVP. In addition to a perfect season, the Thunder were also crowned champs of the OLS Thanksgiving, and the St. Genevieve Christmas tournaments. This strong record is the result of a speedy and effective offense, a stifling defense, and selfless team play. Pictured are (from left, front) Autumn Grant, Hayden Garguilo, Georgia Carlson, Jessica Bandyk; (middle) Julia Stadtherr, Maggie Clark, Erin Twomey, Anna Biberstein, Olivia Skown; (back) Assistant Coach Tom Clark, Head Coach Dave Skown and Assistant Coach Willy Biberstein.

# Shamrocks have good beginning to season

Squad takes two from Utica Ford, splits with Brother Rice

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

When it comes to the start of a season, baseball coaches know that it's a lot less about which teams are more talented and a lot more about which teams are more prepared for the early-season trials.

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks, under the guidance of coach Bill Lis, proved to be plenty prepared as they played four games last weekend and walked away with three victories.

The squad swept Utica Ford and split against Catholic High School League rival Brother Rice.

Against Ford, the Shamrocks started the game off on a tear and didn't look back as they picked up an 11-1 victory. Earning a nod in the game was captain Evan Chavis, who cranked

### ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks baseball team will be back on the diamond when they host DeLaSalle at 2 p.m. Saturday before hosting Detroit Western at 4 p.m. Tuesday. They will then visit Rockford next Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. and then they will play at Orchard Lake St. Mary's Thursday at 4 p.m.

out a solo home run to add an exclamation point to the opening-game victory.

In the closing game of the doubleheader, the Shamrocks followed captain Nate Wierzgac as he went 2-for-3 at the plate and led his team to a 9-0 shutout.

When the Shamrocks took on Brother Rice in a twinbill showdown,

everyone knew it would be a competitive match-up. Wierzgac helped his team in the opening game, slapping a three-run homer in the top of the seventh to put his squad ahead, 10-7, for the victory.

"Our second game, we were not so successful," said Lis. "We could not get our offense going."

That proved to be the deciding factor, as the Shamrocks' defense held strong but the bats couldn't put any points on the board. The end result was a 3-0 loss to the Warriors.

## Hillside Raiders complete perfect season



The Northville Hillside Raiders 7th grade girls basketball team defeated their cross-town rival, Northville Meads Mill, on March 20 at Northville High School. The victory capped Hillside's perfect season with a 10-0 record. The team consists of (bottom row from left) Megan Gron, Ava Tappan, Nikki Skinner, Deedee Heinonen, Jessica Hogan, Katie Robinson, Assistant coaches Emily Eckenroth and Jenna Lauderback; (top row from left) Brianna Carr, Rachel Holmes, Morgan Rogers, Roan Haines, Gasia Oknayan, team manager Amanda Malpede, and Coach Roy Hall.

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# Walsh splashes to front of the pool

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

To earn an All-State honor in boys swim and dive, one has to finish in the top eight at the state meet. Additionally, each swimmer or diver can only compete in a maximum of four events at any given meet. With those two restrictions, Detroit Catholic Central sophomore Jack Walsh earned All-State honors in all four events he competed in at the Division I meet. The only student-athlete with more than two All-State honors, it should be of little surprise that Walsh swam his way to Swimmer of the Year honors.

Among his All-State honors, Walsh took third in the 200-yard individual medley in 1:52.58, third in the 100 backstroke in 50.61 seconds and then was a member of relay teams that finished fifth in the 200 medley relay in 1:35.13 and sixth 400 free relay in 3:12.60.

### First team

#### Andrew Ao (Novi Sr.)

A senior at Novi, Andrew Ao has been a top swimmer for the Wildcats for several seasons, but really put himself at the front of the pack this year as a freestyle specialist. At the Division I state meet, Ao took sixth in the 200 freestyle in 1:42.75 and seventh in the 100 free in 47.08 seconds, earning All-State honors in each event. He also helped two relay teams finish 11th in the 200 free relay in 1:28.77 and 13th in the 400 free relay in 3:15.89.

#### Will Walker (Lakeland Jr.)

White Lake Lakeland junior Will Walker was one of a few student-athletes to claim multiple All-State honors in the pool this winter. Walker led the Eagles by finishing third in the 500 free in 1:37.52 and fourth in the 200 free in 1:41.11.

#### Tanner Vincent (Novi Jr.)

With an All-State finish of eighth in the 200 individual medley in 1:58.49, Novi junior Tanner Vincent also had strong showings in his other three events at the Division I state meet. He took 11th in the 100 butterfly in 52.87 seconds and

helped the Wildcats land at 14th in the 200 medley relay in 1:40.11 and 13th in the 400 free relay in 3:15.89.

#### Tim Szuba (Cathoiiic Central Sr.)

A few fractions of a second were the difference between the number of All-State finishes for Detroit Catholic Central senior Tim Szuba. Taking an All-State fifth-place in the 200 medley relay in 1:35.13, Szuba finished ninth in each the 50 free in 21.68 seconds, the 100 free in 47.08 seconds and the 200 free relay in 1:27.84.

#### Coiin Brinkman (Cathoiiic Central Jr.)

Similarly, Detroit Catholic Central junior Colin Brinkman had several near All-State finishes. He took sixth as a member of the All-State 400 free relay team in 3:12.60, while finishing ninth in each the 200 free in 1:42.15, the 50 free in 4:36.40 and the 200 free relay in 1:27.84.

#### Ryan Newman (Cathoiiic Central Sr.)

With two All-State finishes to his credit, Detroit Catholic Central senior Ryan Newman took third in the 100 breaststroke in 57.68 seconds and fifth in the 200 medley relay in 1:35.13.

#### Alex Canadi (South Lyon Unified Sr.)

As the top diver in the area, South Lyon Unified senior Alex Canadi racked up 419.35 points in the 1-meter dive, taking third at the Division I meet and earning All-State honors.

“Alex is one of the best divers in South Lyon’s great diving history,” South Lyon Unified coach John Burch said. “He saved his best performance of the season for the state championship meet and, at that meet, he was consistent all day long en route to a great performance.”

#### Andrew Westphal (Northville Jr.)

Along with an eighth-place finish in the 50 free in 21.86 seconds, Northville junior Andrew Westphal was a leader for the Mustangs all season. He also finished 12th in the 100 free in 47.47 seconds and 12th as a member of the 200 free relay team in 1:29.65 at the Division



Detroit Catholic Central sophomore Jack Walsh earned All-State honors in all four events he competed in at the Division 1 meet.

I meet.

“Andrew Westphal is a junior who qualified in multiple events this year and is a very talented, strong kid,” Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. “I will enjoy having him back next year to see if he can break some school records.”

#### Kenta Onimura (Novi Sr.)

Although he didn’t capture any All-State honors at the Division I meet, Novi senior Kenta Onimura had success both individually and as a relay team member. Onimura took 16th in the 100 backstroke in 55.17 seconds at the Division I meet while also helping the 200 free relay team finish 11th in 1:28.77 and the 200 medley relay team finish 14th in 1:40.11.

#### Dennis Kim (Novi Sr.)

Novi senior Dennis Kim was a successful part of three different relay teams that finished in the top 16 at the Division I state meet. Kim helped the Wildcats finish 11th in the 200 free relay in 1:28.77, 13th in the 400 free relay in 3:15.89 and 14th in the 200 medley relay in 1:40.11.

#### Ryan Johnson (Lakeland Sr.)

As the Eagles’ captain, White Lake Lakeland senior Ryan Johnson had two strong state meet showings against his Division I opposition. Johnson took 13th in the 100 butterfly in 53.43 seconds and 15th in the 50 freestyle in 22.15 seconds.

#### Shinya Kondo (Lakeland Fr.)

A freshman at White Lake Lakeland and a

rookie debut at the Division I state meet, Shinya Kondo took 12th in the 1-meter dive with 368.15 points.

### Second team

#### Grayson Arnold (Catholic Central So.)

A successful piece of two Detroit Catholic Central relay teams, sophomore Grayson Arnold helped the 400 free relay team finish sixth in 3:12.60 and the 200 free relay team finish ninth in 1:27.84 at the Division I meet.

#### Vinny Rosanali (Novi Sr.)

A solid relay contributor throughout the year, Novi senior Vinny Rosanali helped the Wildcats’ 200 free relay team finish 11th in 1:28.77 and the 200 medley relay finish 14th in 1:40.11 at the Division I state meet.

#### Chris Vela (Catholic Central So.)

Detroit Catholic Central sophomore Chris Vela picked up an All-State honor as a member of the Shamrocks’ 200 medley relay team, who finished fifth at the Division I meet in 1:35.13.

#### Neil Robinson (Catholic Central Jr.)

Detroit Catholic Central junior Neil Robinson also picked up All-State honors at the Division I meet as his 400 free relay team finished sixth at the state meet in 3:12.60.

#### Charles Roelant (Catholic Central Sr.)

Advancing to the second day of the Division I meet, Detroit Catholic Central senior Charles Roelant helped the Shamrocks’ 200 free relay team finish ninth in

## ALL AREA BOYS SWIM & DIVE

### Player of the year

Jack Walsh (Catholic Central Sr.)

### First team

Andrew Ao (Novi Sr.)

Will Walker (Lakeland Jr.)

Tim Szuba (Catholic Central Sr.)

Colin Brinkman (Catholic Central Jr.)

Ryan Newman (Catholic Central Sr.)

Alex Canadi (South Lyon Unified Sr.)

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### Second team

Grayson Arnold (Catholic Central So.)

Vinny Rosanali (Novi Sr.)

Chris Vela (Catholic Central So.)

Neil Robinson (Catholic Central Jr.)

Charles Roelant (Catholic Central Sr.)

Sam Boyea (Northville Sr.)

Austin Hunt (Northville Sr.)

Jake Robbins (Novi Jr.)

Max Wilkinson (South Lyon Unified Jr.)

Spencer Ruggiero (South Lyon Unified Sr.)

Adam Stone (South Lyon Unified Sr.)

Joel Bischoff (South Lyon Unified Jr.)

**Honorable mention**

**Lakeland:** Brice Wade (Jr.), Dean Ryan (Jr.), Nick Langmeyer (Fr.)

**Milford:** Travis Andrud (Sr.), Derek Beslock (Sr.), JD Brancheau (Sr.), Brad Simonich (Sr.), Brian Simonich (So.), Thomas Diaz (Sr.)

**Northville:** James Xue (Fr.)

**Novi:** Nathan Louie, Eric Holst, Gordy Williams

**South Lyon Unified:** Nick VanDyke, Mikhail Wisman, Ethan Schmidt, Levi Oxner, Jacob Lanczki, Matt Meadows, Ryan Perczak, Connor Pogue, Kyle Meyer, Blake Powell

1:27.84.

#### Sam Boyea (Northville Sr.)

A senior for the Mustangs, Northville’s Sam Boyea helped the 200 free relay team finish 12th in 1:29.65 at the Division I state meet, while also participating in the other two relay events’ preliminary swims.

#### Austin Hunt (Northville Sr.)

Although his performances in the 200 free and 500 free didn’t make it past the preliminary round at the Division I state meet, Northville senior Austin Hunt helped take the 200 free relay team to the finals, where they finished 12th in 1:29.65.

#### Jake Robbins (Novi Jr.)

A Novi junior, Jake Robbins helped the 400 free relay team to a 13th-place finish at the Division I state meet in 3:15.89.

#### Max Wilkinson (South Lyon Unified Jr.)

South Lyon Unified fell just shy of several preliminary finishes that would have put their swimmers into the second day of action at the Division I state meet. Junior Max Wilkinson was one of the closest,

finishing 17th in the 100 free in 48.21 seconds. He was also a member of the 200 free relay and 400 free relay, which finished 19th and 20th, respectively.

#### Spencer Ruggiero (South Lyon Unified Sr.)

South Lyon Unified senior was a freestyle specialist for the Lions as he competed in the 200 free, 500 free, 200 free relay and 400 free relay, but failed to earn a top 16 finish at the Division I meet in any of them.

#### Adam Stone (South Lyon Unified Sr.)

A senior for South Lyon Unified, Adam Stone was a multi-purpose tool for his team, competing in the 100 individual medley, 100 breaststroke, 200 free relay and 200 medley relay, the latter which finished 17th at the Division I meet in 1:41.19.

#### Joel Bischoff (South Lyon Unified Jr.)

A 200 individual medley and 100 butterfly swimmer, South Lyon Unified junior Joel Bischoff helped the Lions finish 17th in the 200 medley relay in 1:41.19 at the Division I meet, as well as 19th in the 200 free relay in 1:30.26.

## WRESTLING

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completed the season 42-13 at 189 pounds and capped off the year with a third-place finish at the individual State Finals.

“Nick is the epitome of a Shamrock athlete,” said Hancock. “His work ethic, determination and desire to be successful are inconceivable. Did I mention he’s a member of our award-winning band?”

#### Evan Toth, CC

The junior came up huge in one of the biggest matches of the year at 125 pounds. Down three points in the final match of the Team State Finals, Toth earned the pin for six points and the win for the Shamrocks. He also qualified for the State Finals individually and finished the season 38-13

“Evan is an all-around great young man,” said Hancock. “On and off the mat he is well respected by his peers. His pin at the Team State Finals will forever live in the halls

## ALL-AREA WRESTLING

### Wrestler of the year

Ken Bade, CC

### First team

Drew Garcia, CC

Bob Coe, CC

Malik Amine, CC

Logan Maricki, CC

Nick Giese, CC

Evan Toth, CC

Trevor Zdebski, CC

Myles Amine, CC

Parker O’Brien, CC

Alex Coe, Northville

Noah Hosking, Milford

### Second team

Mike Babicz, CC

Chris Naubert, CC

Jimmy Russell, CC

Jay Peterson, CC

Dan DeNova, Novi

Tanner Graham, Lakeland

Luke Patterson, South

Lyon East

Sean Wagner, Northville

### Honorable mention

**Catholic Central:** Tommy Hermann (Fr), Cole Moscovic (Fr), Greg Johnson (Jr), Eli Joseph (Jr), Tim McCotter (Sr), JT Ayotte (Sr), Dominic Devine, David Lilley, Christian Miner, Ryan O’Connor

**Novi:** Zach Roush (Sr)

**South Lyon:** Jared Aubin (Sr), Jared Davidson (Jr), Travis Tank (Jr), Jameson Donahue (So), John Dixon (So)

**Milford:** Tyler Lovelace (So)

**South Lyon East:** Aaron Hoorn (So)

**Northville:** Jon Wines (Sr), Shunhe Wang (So)

at CC.”

#### Trevor Zdebski, CC

The sophomore put up a huge year at 119 pounds, capping off the season with a run to third place at the State Finals. Zdebski finished 41-7.

“Trevor is one of the toughest and most physical wrestlers that I’ve

had the pleasure of coaching,” said Hancock.

#### Myles Amine, CC

The sophomore went on to place third at states for 130 pounds and finished the year 37-7.

“Myles is an outstanding wrestler and a better student. His 4.0 GPA is a telling sign of his work

ethic and mentality,” said Hancock. “Myles is close to becoming CC’s next State Champion.”

#### Parker O’Brien, CC

The junior finished the year 33-16 at 112 pounds. O’Brien collected a Catholic League title and qualified for the individual State Finals.

“Parker is a joy to coach — he has vastly improved over the past year from the off-season time and work he puts in to the sport,” said Hancock. “We expect great things from Parker next year.”

#### Alex Coe, Northville

The senior captain finished a four-year varsity career with a trip to the State Finals at 152 pounds. He ended the year 44-16.

“Alex has been a four-year varsity wrestler — two-year Captain,” said coach Robert Boshoven. “Capped off great career with a trip to the Palace.”

#### Noah Hosking, Milford

The Maverick senior wrestled most of the year at 215 pounds before

bumping up to heavy-weight for the State Finals where he went on to place sixth. Hosking set a new school record with 53 wins, 43 pins and 84 takedowns. He suffered just six losses with three of those coming at the State Finals.

“He, in my opinion, is the best 215 in the area,” said coach Brandon Mohr.

### Second team

#### Mike Babicz, CC

The Shamrock senior and captain finished the year 34-19 at 152 pounds while earning a trip to the State Finals.

#### Chris Naubert, CC

The senior earned a CHSL title and ended up 30-13 at 145 pounds.

#### Jimmy Russell, CC

The junior won a CHSL title and finished the year with trip to the individual State Finals with a final record of 33-12.

#### Jay Peterson, CC

The Shamrock senior reached the regionals before finishing with a 30-15 record at 215 pounds.

#### Dan DeNova, Novi

The Wildcat senior missed the State Finals by one match at 103 pounds. He DeNova finished the year 32-12. He is a two-time regional qualifier and placed at Oakland County and at the KLAA tourney.

#### Tanner Graham, Lakeland

The Lakeland senior just missed a trip to state after finishing second at districts. He won a title at the Lakeland Invite at 215 pounds and finished the year 38-9.

#### Luke Patterson, South Lyon East

The Cougar senior finished 39-11 at 215 pounds. Patterson was selected Outstanding Wrestler early in the year in Ypsilanti with a first-place finish and won another title at the Adams round-robin tourney. His season ended in regionals.

#### Sean Wagner, Northville

The senior captain made a trip to regionals before finishing the year 38-13.

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## LACROSSE

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who completed her hat-trick at the 21:46 mark off a pass from Alivia Duquet. Donovan scored another goal just 44 seconds later to make it a 6-4 contest when she took a pass from MacDonald and fired it home.

Salem, which tied the game at 4-4 to open the second half,

scored their final goal with 17:12 left in the game to cut the Northville lead to 6-5.

Northville’s insurance goal came off a penalty shot by Grace Guibord, who fired it home with 13:36 left in the contest to end all scoring and give Northville the 7-5 victory.

While the game wasn’t extremely chippy, the officials were loose with the yellow cards and handed our four during the contest with

two being handed out to each team in the second half.

Northville, which is now 3-0 on the season, relied on Kalie Maisano in goal as she stopped 14 shots to secure the victory.

### JV tops Salem, 10-4

By the time the second half of the junior varsity match-up between Northville and Salem rolled around, the game was already going in the Mustangs’ favor:

The squad followed the lead of four different players as they tallied two goals each to help ensure the victory and the 2-0 record to start the season. Kelly Leary tallied the first two goals of the game and Laura Khoury, Raquelle Sands and Erin Scott each had two goals of their own as they led Northville on the night.

Northville took a 3-0 lead before the Rocks were able to get on the board, and held a 5-

3 lead heading into the half. In the second half, the mustangs outpaced the Rocks, 5-1, to cruise to the win.

Also scoring for Northville were Kelci Henson-Forslund and Grace Han.

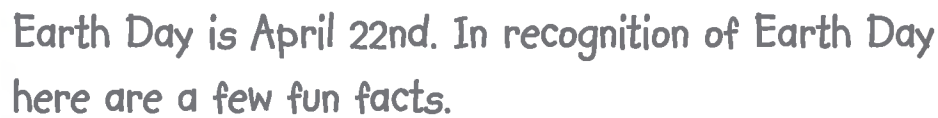
Splitting time in goal were Izzy Bush and Hailey Gross. Bush stopped two shots on the night and allowed one goal while Gross stopped four and allowed three goals.





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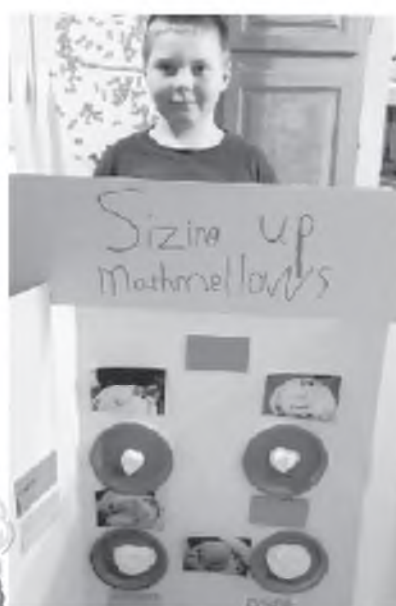
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By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Location near public transportation may be the new real-estate mantra according to a new study released recently by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) and the National Association of Realtors. Data in the study reveals that during the last recession, residential property values performed 42 percent better on average if they were located near public transportation with high-frequency service.

“When homes are located near public transportation, it is the equivalent of creating housing as desirable as beach front property,” said APTA President and CEO Michael Melaniphy. “This study shows that consumers are choosing neighborhoods with high-frequency public transportation because it provides access to up to five times as many jobs per square mile as compared to other areas in a given region. Other attractive amenities in these neighborhoods include lower transportation costs, walkable areas and robust transportation choices.”

The study about mass transit and home values doesn't surprise Westland Mayor William Wild, whose city has worked closely with the suburban SMART bus system.

“I believe it has,” Wild said of SMART service benefiting Westland and its residents

and businesses. “We went to bat when SMART was reorganizing a couple years ago.”

One weekday rush-hour route runs from Westland City Hall on Ford to downtown Detroit mornings and back again evenings. When Wild looks out his office window, he sees cars of those commuters: “I can see the people who park here every day.”

SMART also has several Westland routes that run through the Westland Shopping Center area at Warren and Wayne roads. Those run at different times and days, Wild said. He and other leaders fought for the Warren Road route.

“That's where the jobs are,” Wild said. “I know that it's getting utilized.”

The city of Westland also has the Nankin Transit for seniors and the disabled, done in conjunction with the cities of Wayne, Inkster and Garden City and credits for the SMART millage. Wild's goal is to reorganize Nankin Transit service to use it to its full capacity.

At Henry Ruff and Michigan Avenue in Westland, there are plans for an Amtrak site, based temporarily at the Wayne County Library for the Blind. There would be a shuttle to take riders to Detroit Metropolitan Airport, Wild said, explaining a rider could take the train from Kalamazoo to Westland and then the shuttle to the airport.

“I believe in the concept of regionalism and I believe in mass transit,” Wild said. He cited mass transit's bonuses in Atlanta, Boston and Chi-



A new national study finds access to mass transit boosts home values.

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cago: “They're built around mass transit.”

Wild believes as municipal leaders ask people to be environmentally friendly, mass transit is needed.

Some suburban communities in metro Detroit have opted out of the SMART system, but not Westland. “I believe in regionalism,” Wild emphasized. “I'm a firm believer” in improved suburban mass transit, “especially if it can deliver better service in a cost-efficient manner.”

“Higher home values reflect greater market demand for areas near public transportation,” said NAR Chief Economist Lawrence Yun of the national scene. “Transportation plays an important role in real estate and housing decisions, and the data suggests that residential real-estate near public transit will remain attractive to buyers going forward. A sound transportation system not only benefits individual property owners, but also creates the foundation for a community's long-term economic well being.”

The study, The New Real-Estate Mantra: Location near Public Transportation, investigates how well residential properties located in a half-mile proximity to high-frequency public transportation

or in the “public transit shed” have performed in holding their value during the recession compared to other properties in a given region.

While residential property values declined substantially between 2006 to 2011, properties close to public transit showed significantly stronger resiliency. The following are a few examples from the study: In Boston, residential property in the rapid transit area outperformed other properties in the region by an incredible 129 percent. In the Chicago public transit area, home values performed 30 percent higher than the region; in San Francisco, 37 percent higher; Minneapolis-St. Paul, 48 percent; and in Phoenix, 37 percent higher.

The study looked at five regions, which illustrate the types of high-frequency public transit systems throughout the U.S. High-frequency public transportation includes subway (heavy rail), light rail and bus rapid transit. This sample accurately projects the nationwide average (42 percent) variance among properties located near high-frequency public transportation and those that are located further away from public transit.

The NAR website contributed to this report.

# Court rules on nuisance action

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

**Q:** I own some real estate near a railroad which for many years released hydrocarbons and toxic solvents which migrated into the ground water, soil and air above my property. The railroad is long gone, but I am wondering whether I have a claim for any damages to my property.

**A:** In effect, what you are claiming is a nuisance of a continuing and temporary nature, and are asking whether or not the statute of limitations is tolled when the nuisance is for pollution that continues to migrate after the potential defendant ceases its operations. In a similar case out of Montana, the court held that a nuisance action protects against all

wrongs that interfere with a person's rights in the enjoyment of property. The court indicated that a typical nuisance

is complete when committed and the statute of limitations begins to run at that time. But, under the continuing tort doctrine that applies to a temporary injury, i.e., an injury that is ongoing and not completed, a new cause of action arises each time it repeats. In that case, even though the pollutant had ceased producing contamination, the continuation and migration of the pollutant made the nuisance temporary, thereby tolling the statute of limitations until the harm could no longer reasonably be abated through either eradication or reduction.

**Q:** Do you have any statistical analysis of the type of verbal and/or physical threats that go on to board members in community associations? I hope that we are the exception in that we have people who are threatening the board all of the time.

**A:** In a recent study conducted through the Community Association Institute, 49 percent of the responders said they were never threatened, 23 percent said once, and 28 percent said that they had been verbally threatened. With respect to physical assault, i.e., being grabbed, slapped, punched, kicked or spat upon by an angry resident, 87 percent said they had never been involved in such a situation, 10 percent said once, and 3 percent said several times.

There should be no tolerance for such conduct and you should consult with your association attorney in terms of what legal action you need to take to protect the individuals involved.

**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 \$5 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 Dec. 10-14, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
43601 Antietam Dr	\$214,000
1451 Centennial Ct	\$400,000
7930 Fleet St	\$199,000
48855 Greenwich Cir	\$340,000
8660 Holly Dr	\$111,000
6564 Lambeth Way	\$235,000
45996 Larchmont Dr	\$277,000
41805 Larimore Ln	\$88,000
2227 Premier Ln	\$77,000
2265 Premier Ln	\$77,000
2456 Premier Ln	\$77,000
2531 Premier Ln	\$77,000
631 Sorel Dr	\$255,000
827 Torrey Hills Dr	\$258,000
6067 Wedgewood Rd	\$154,000
GARDEN CITY	

1441 Schuman St	\$109,000
LIVONIA	
19412 Angling St	\$51,000
37745 Bloomfield Dr	\$188,000
12010 Cavell St	\$34,000
11388 Deering St	\$88,000
29660 Five Mile Rd	\$110,000
33735 Hathaway St	\$123,000
15225 Hillcrest Ct	\$217,000
37716 Lancaster St	\$173,000
17853 Middlebelt Rd	\$76,000
18586 Milburn St	\$82,000
31374 Minton St	\$115,000
15125 Norman St	\$130,000
33919 Oakdale St	\$159,000
33727 Pondview Cir	\$43,000
34522 Summers St	\$241,000
14155 Westmore St	\$120,000
NORTHVILLE	
15412 Bay Hill Dr	\$450,000
18353 Blue Heron Dr E	\$275,000
17009 Carriage Way	\$299,000
16388 Forest Lake Dr	\$209,000
16713 Lyonhurst Cir	\$285,000
49255 Rainbow Ln S	\$351,000
18062 Ridgeview Dr	\$565,000

19197 Surrey Ln	\$55,000
656 Thayer Blvd	\$480,000
PLYMOUTH	
42464 Clemons Dr	\$297,000
48510 E Normandy Ct	\$412,000
44888 Erin Dr	\$100,000
14958 Farmbrook Dr	\$192,000
526 Hartsough St	\$428,000
14171 Meadow Hill Ln	\$138,000
413 N Harvey St	\$375,000
40430 Newport Dr	\$70,000
11801 Sycamore Dr	\$75,000
12898 Wendover Dr	\$281,000
REDFORD	
11421 Arnold	\$52,000
25260 Cathedral	\$46,000
18835 Centralia	\$23,000
20090 Centralia	\$22,000
15593 Gaylord	\$35,000
9610 Grayfield	\$51,000
18732 Inkster Rd	\$28,000
14192 Mason Dr	\$170,000
19191 Seminole	\$27,000
25550 Student	\$12,000
24218 W Chicago	\$28,000
15455 Wakenden	\$28,000

19353 Wakenden	\$34,000
WESTLAND	
1235 Alvin St	\$68,000
33004 Audreys Way	\$179,000
34533 Bock St	\$35,000
35862 Castlewood Ct	\$45,000
388 Ethan Dr	\$155,000
818 Ethan Dr	\$160,000
30816 Grandview Ave	\$98,000
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6289 Hunter Pointe St	\$70,000
33636 Krauter St	\$28,000
33538 Palmer Rd	\$125,000
36166 Palmer Rd	\$104,000
931 S Byfield St	\$92,000
143 S Christine	\$51,000
1410 S Marie St	\$78,000
586 S Norma St	\$60,000
38400 Saint Joe Dr	\$45,000
1689 Shoemaker Dr	\$38,000
774 Summerfield Dr	\$65,000
34326 Tonquish Trl	\$89,000
670 Van Lawn St	\$65,000
7590 Woodview St	\$24,000
5855 Yale St	\$70,000

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31625 Auburn Dr	\$330,000
30141 Lincolnshire E	\$349,000
BINGHAM FARMS	
23170 Hickory Hollow Cir	\$410,000
23930 Trailwood Ct	\$261,000
BIRMINGHAM	
771 Bird Ave	\$150,000
1585 Buckingham Ave	\$485,000
1673 Holland St	\$440,000
1743 Holland St	\$400,000
1231 Northlawn Blvd	\$225,000
1030 Wakefield St	\$260,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
225 Barden Rd	\$210,000
2605 Bridle Rd	\$160,000
1263 Edison Ave	\$114,000
761 Falmouth Dr	\$575,000

484 Fox Hills Dr N # A-4	\$35,000
1849 Hunters Ridge Dr	\$205,000
3931 Oakhills Dr	\$270,000
412 Steeple Chase Ct	\$300,000
4297 Wabeek Lake Dr S	\$250,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
300 Billingsgate Ct	\$160,000
1710 Blair House Ct	\$300,000
2760 Courville Dr	\$130,000
208 N Glengarry Rd	\$435,000
5221 Woodview Dr	\$318,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
271 Annisson Dr	\$123,000
3488 Car Dr	\$235,000
2163 Palmetto	\$40,000
8336 Timber Cove St	\$279,000
FARMINGTON	
31831 Grand River Ave Unit 8	\$23,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
37725 Blossom Ln	\$213,000
34595 Bridgeman St	\$138,000
28001 Farmington Rd	\$110,000
29391 Glen Oaks Blvd E	\$83,000
26641 Greythorne Trl	\$180,000
35322 Hillside Dr	\$110,000
29521 Kings Pointe Ct	\$145,000
25516 Lyncastle St	\$200,000

32545 Nottingham Knls	\$145,000
37805 River Bnd	\$326,000
21965 River Pines Dr	\$165,000
21519 Riverwalk Ct	\$242,000
21311 Rockwell St	\$53,000
32982 Thorndyke Ct	\$268,000
FRANKLIN	
31625 Franklin Rd	\$2,000,000
Lathrup Village	
19150 Rainbow Dr	\$135,000
MILFORD	
854 Abbey Ln	\$162,000
814 E Liberty St	\$55,000
824 E Liberty St	\$50,000
3726 N Shoreline Dr	\$785,000
1061 Old Milford Farms	\$450,000
991 Riverstone Cir	\$262,000
NORTHVILLE	
44159 Cottisford St	\$170,000
37689 E Greenwood Dr	\$222,000
41706 Onaway Dr	\$90,000
NOVI	
43100 12 Oaks Crescent Dr	\$142,000
43740 Algonquin Dr	\$200,000
50903 Chesapeake Dr	\$591,000
51016 Glades Ct W	\$50,000
27898 Hopkins Dr	\$158,000
27900 Hopkins Dr	\$163,000

27902 Hopkins Dr	\$163,000
27994 Hopkins Dr	\$158,000
27996 Hopkins Dr	\$155,000
27998 Hopkins Dr	\$155,000
28000 Hopkins Dr	\$165,000
40778 Lenox Park Dr	\$250,000
45383 West Rd	\$92,000
22440 Windermere Ct	\$460,000
28212 Wolcott Dr	\$89,000
SOUTH LYON	
55555 Nine Mile Rd	\$295,000
54868 Brentwood Dr	\$40,000
134 Easton Dr	\$230,000
24659 Martindale Rd	\$35,000
58875 Peters Barn Dr	\$77,000
59024 Peters Barn Dr	\$81,000
24891 Ravine Dr	\$503,000
SOUTHFIELD	
19591 Hickory Leaf St	\$110,000
25281 Lois Ln	\$85,000
28786 Marshall St	\$12,000
28566 River Crest Dr	\$218,000
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Car Report

Advertising Feature

Acura launches all-new RDX as spearhead of brand revival



By Dale Buss

Honda is trying to address the woes of its Acura brand with a one-two punch: better vehicles, and better advertising. But so far it isn't clear if either is landing with the kind of authority necessary for Acura to close the sales and perception gaps with U.S. luxury-market leaders in those areas such as a renaissance Lexus and a rising Audi.

Acura demonstrated its two-part strategy during March Madness telecasts on CBS with advertisements for the new 2014 RLX sedan, an important, all-new nameplate taking the lead in an all-new advertising campaign created by an all-new agency relationship for the brand.

"We're refreshing the whole brand, and started with entry-level vehicles last year," Gary Robinson, manager of Acura advertising and brand, told me about the 2012 introductions of the ILX sedan and a new version of the RDX crossover.

"This year, it's all about filling in the prestige market, beginning with the RLX. And a couple of months from now, a new MDX [crossover] comes out. With both of them you're talking about price points in the \$40,000s and into the \$50,000s and all of our newest technology."

Also, as it replaces the old RL model, RLX is getting a boost from a new tag line — "Luxury, taken to a whole new level" — that is the first effort by its new agency, Mullen, part of Interpublic Group. The idea is to get American upscale consumers to take notice of Acura like they haven't before and even to get emotional

about a brand that remains sort of mushy to most of them.

At first glance, Acura would seem to be on a roll already. Sales in 2012 were up by nearly 27 percent over 2011, to more than 156,000 vehicles, keeping the Honda-owned marque ahead of both Audi and Infiniti, which it considers the primary competition for Acura.

But the truth is that the huge year-over-year increase mostly reflected an easy comparison with a disastrous 2011, when deep supply woes resulted from the tsunami and earthquake in Japan in March and flooding in Thailand in the fall. For 2013 through February, Acura sales were up only by about 6 percent over a year ago.

And what's more, the condition of the Acura brand might have been even worse. Many Americans consider Toyotas and Hondas, not Infinitis and Audis, to be Acura's true equivalents. At one point last year, about 21 percent of people who considered an Acura also looked at a Toyota, while fewer than 13 percent of people looking at an Audi also considered Acura, according to Edmunds.com data.

"We have these great, luxurious prod-

ucts, but there's a gap between the customer perception of what Acura is, and the luxury that is in our cars," Mike Accavitti, American Honda's CMO, told Advertising Age.

Robinson said that ILX and the new RDX were meant to be just a start to refreshing the Acura brand and vehicle line, and that this year's salvos — the RLX and MDX introductions, and the new advertising campaign — will do some heavier lifting.

And while the expressed point of the first TV ads is that RLX is so luxurious, it makes the owner forget about other luxury goods — an emotional appeal — the campaign is largely unfolding around boasting about the product itself and particular attributes: "Jewel Eye" LED headlights, the next generation of the AcuraLink connected-car system, and Acura's proprietary Precision All-Wheel Steer system.

Every major competitor to RLX is a rear-wheel-drive sedan or has available all-wheel drive, which traditionally have been associated with luxury performance cars because of handling characteristics that are generally perceived as superior to front-wheel drive. But RLX is going it alone in the sedan segment with front-wheel drive even though the RL it replaces



A prototype of the soon-to-be-launched new MDX.

was all-wheel drive.

Robinson noted the "inherent benefit" of front-wheel drive such as lighter weight and the ability to put together a smaller exterior footprint with greater interior space. "It's roughly the same exterior size even as [RL] was, and as its mid-size competitors, but it has noticeably more interior space."

And while Robinson conceded that conventional wisdom in the upscale market is suspicious of front-wheel drive, he maintained that the new Acura Precision All-Wheel Steering system allows RLX to "handle better in most situations than rear- or all-wheel drive, and in extreme situations as well as them."

The handling-countermeasure system allows the rear wheels to be pointed, independently, up to 2 degrees of toe-angle adjustment in either direction, for 4 degrees of articulation.

"So the wheels can turn together or in different directions," Robinson explained. "And if you're braking, both wheels will turn a bit to create a wedge and slow down in a stable way, or they'll turn together for cornering situations."

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