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**Student art show**

The 14th annual Student Art Show sponsored by the Northville Art House will open May 3 with an opening reception 6-9 p.m.

The exhibit, which will highlight the work of middle and high school students from the Northville community, is a collaborative effort between the Art House and Northville's public school art educators to promote art appreciation among the community's youth.

The exhibit, which is free and open to the public, will continue through May 18 during regular gallery hours of 1-5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

For more information, call (248) 344-0497 or visit [www.northvillearts.org](http://www.northvillearts.org). The Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the city of Northville.

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**Northville leaders paint a rosy 'state of the community'**

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

Maintaining excellence in difficult times and striving forward to make Northville an even better place to live were the main messages at the annual "State of the Community" luncheon last week at the Meadowbrook Country Club.

The Wednesday event, sponsored annually by the Northville Chamber of Commerce with help this year from St. Mary's Mercy Hospital, provides local leaders the opportunity to highlight recent accomplishments and challenges, as well as

future developments. Northville Mayor Chris Johnson, Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix, Northville Public Schools Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher, and Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox all spoke at the event. Fiscal responsibility and redevelopment were some of the themes they hit upon during their presentations.

"There were a lot of good points made today that are meaningful to all of us and will have a positive impact on the Northville community," said Northville Township Treasurer Marjorie Ban-

ner, one of many public officials in the audience. Each of the speakers discussed the challenges in the past four years, but pointed to the positives in the present and future that will keep Northville a great place to live, work, learn and play.

"You are going to find in the next few months more and more positive things that are coming out of the township, but for the benefit of the Northville community," said Nix as he ended his speech.

Each of the leaders put an emphasis on



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Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix addresses the April 17 State of the Community luncheon at the Meadowbrook Country Club. It was Nix's first time speaking at the event.

**A new environmental tradition**

**Amerman students start effort to recycle all lunchroom trash**



Retired teacher Bruce Ricketts has been spearheading the recycling efforts at Amerman Elementary.

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

Third-graders at Amerman Elementary are using a class project to achieve a big environmentally conscious goal at their school.

All year long, Ms. Nedham's Alternative Learning Program class has been planning a project with the goal of reducing the school's lunchroom trash, including leftover food, in hopes of becoming a trash-free lunchroom.

"This is a school responsibility, so we thought as a class this would be a good project," third-grader Ethan Liang said.

The class started the actual recycling work a couple of weeks ago. The ultimate goal is to recycle up to 500 pounds of what had been trash in previous years.

According to retired Amerman teacher Bruce Ricketts, who is assisting the class with the project along with student teach-



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As other students busy themselves dropping milk cartons in their proper containers, Amerman Elementary third grader Laurel Wasiniak rinses out a carton and preps it for recycling during the school's April 15 lunch hour.

er Danielle Miller, the plan was to implement the recycling in various segments. The implementation of the plan started with composting food scraps then collecting and recycling milk cartons and Styrofoam trays.

"We will be adding other elements each week as the student body becomes

adept at the parts we are currently teaching them," Ricketts said.

Amerman already had a good system in place with recycling a lot paper, but the students noticed other things were being thrown out in mass quantities. Ms. Nedham asked them

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Detroit Lions wide receiver Nate Burleson catches balls while working on drills during minicamp last summer. He will speak to the graduates of the Northville Township Department's D.A.R.E. program on May 1.

**Lions receiver to speak to D.A.R.E. graduates**

By **Kurt Kuban**  
Staff Writer

Back in December, the middle school graduates of the Northville Township Police Department's D.A.R.E. program were congratulated by Detroit Lions linebacker Stephen Tulloch and Red Wings Coach Mike Babcock, who spoke at their graduation ceremony.

Officer Caroline Czelada, who has been leading the program for about two years, said the 166 fifth-graders who recently made it through the program won't be disappointed when they have their graduation ceremony May 1 in the Northville High School auditorium.

Detroit Lions wide receiver Nate Burleson, one of the more outspoken members of the team, will provide remarks to the graduates, who attend Ridge Wood and Winchester elementaries. Czelada knows Burleson is one

**D.A.R.E. GRADUATION CEREMONY**

- When: 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 1
- Where: Northville High School auditorium
- More info: The event is open to the public. Email D.A.R.E. instructor Caroline Czelada at [cczelada@northvilletpd.com](mailto:cczelada@northvilletpd.com) to learn more.

of the more high-profile Lions, but she's excited to have him participate in the program because of his leadership qualities and reputation as one of the good guys in the NFL.

"Everything I know about him is positive. He seems to be a really good guy. I know he runs a children's charity," Czelada said. "I think he will be able to motivate the kids and everyone who attends

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# 'We have to get out of here'

## Northville runners describe chaos, confusion after Boston Marathon bombs

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

Northville's Timothy Ashley didn't see them, but he heard the explosions as he was walking back to his hotel after finishing the Boston Marathon on Monday, April 15 — the ninth time he has run in the race.

It was a similar story for John Tarkowski, also of Northville and a three-time veteran of the Boston Marathon. He crossed the finish line and was headed to his hotel when he heard the first explosion. However, he thought it may have been a tanker accident on the nearby freeway. It was about 10 seconds later he heard a second blast that made it apparent something else was going on.

"It was confusion. After the second explosion I knew it couldn't be good," said Tarkowski. "I couldn't see anything, but after that a lot of people came running toward us saying 'We have to get out of here.'"

The explosions hit home for Ashley, 56, and Tarkowski, 60, both having experienced crossing the finish line multiple times in this historical event, and know the cheering fans help make it so rewarding. One of the saddest parts of the tragedy was recalling the jubilation both felt running past those fans on the sideline that were cheering them on just moments before the terrorist attack.

Three people died, including an 8-year-old boy, and more than 150

were injured, many seriously as they sat or stood near the finish line as runners crossed it around 2:50 p.m.

Both Northville men describe the scene as confusing and chaotic. Tarkowski said he was lucky because he was able to get his bag and personal belongings before beginning his walk back to the hotel. He said the day went from jubilation in finishing the grueling yet rewarding run, to police and emergency workers ordering people to leave the area.

"What makes this event such a great one is the crowd support," said Ashley.

Both said they passed crowds that were three to four deep, and thought deeply about the victims as they made their way home late Tuesday night. Looking back both say



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Northville Township runner John Tarkowski completed the Boston Marathon this year moments before the bombings occurred on April 15. He's run in the marathon three times, and plans to participate again despite the attack.

this was a terrible day for the event, but both say the attack shouldn't jeopardize the future of the event. They say they will be there again in the

future.

Ashley has already qualified for the 2014 Boston Marathon and plans to go back because of his love for it.

"It's a very disgusting day, but we can't let this set us back," he said.

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## City council looking to update strategic plan for downtown

By **Kurt Kuban**  
Staff Writer

Most people who are familiar with downtown Northville will tell you that it has improved quite a bit since 2006.

Since then, Northville has made major investments in the downtown, including streetscape enhancements, construction of Town Square, the new walkway (Comerica Community Connection), redevelopment of the CVS block and greater outdoor seating.

These projects didn't happen by accident. They

were clearly spelled out in the Downtown Strategic Plan, which was approved and adopted by the city council back in 2006. Hundreds of stakeholders, including city officials, residents and business owners, participated in that report.

Now that seven years have passed, city officials are set to take another look at the plan, update it, and see what the priorities should be for the next half dozen years or so.

The plan will be discussed on Monday, April 29 at a special city council meeting to be held at

the Northville Community Center. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

According to City Councilwoman Michele Fecht, the strategic plan is really a blueprint for development and future growth.

"It's been nearly seven years since the plan was adopted. It's now time to review what's been accomplished downtown, and more importantly, to consider projects that were not completed. These include the Ford Field connection, redevelopment of Cadytown, implementation of historic markers and signage and others," she

said. "Council will be looking at the viability of these areas and others moving forward, and we are seeking community engagement in the process of prioritizing what's next for downtown."

Anyone who has a stake in the future of downtown is encouraged to attend the meeting.

"Northville's downtown is one of our community's greatest assets, and the community's input is critical in shaping its future," Fecht said.

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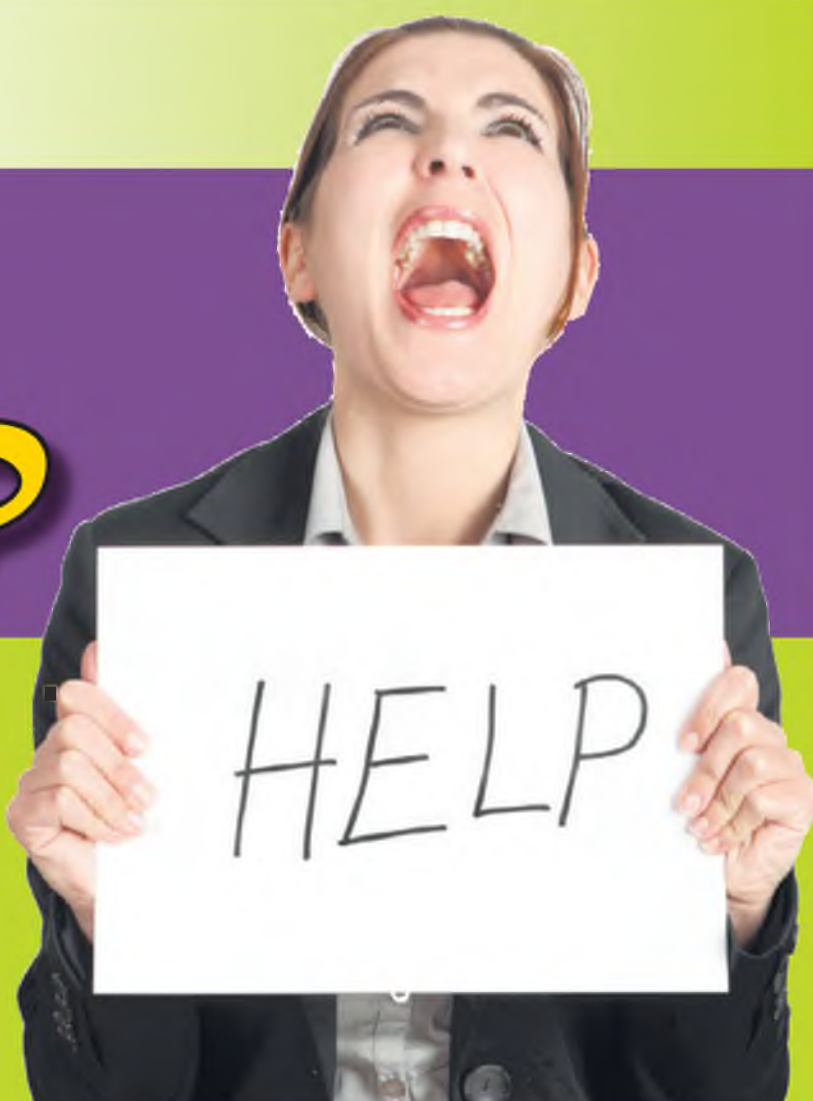


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## NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

### College admissions help

The Northville School Board's Advisory Council for the Academically Talented (ACAT) committee will present the second part of their series, "What are Top Colleges and Universities Looking for These Days?": New insights into today's college admissions process", from 7-9 p.m., May 2 in the Northville High School auditorium.

The program is designed especially for parents and their students who are in the later elementary level through early high school levels. The goal is to give parents and students some helpful insight into today's college selection and admission process.

There will be a panel of experts including university representatives, an independent college admissions counselor, and a recent Northville High School graduate who has just navigated these waters. There will be time for a question and answer session.

The cost is \$5 per person or \$10 per family. All the money will be donated to the Northville Education Foundation.

### Talent show

The National Honor Society will be hosting this year's Northville High School Talent Show at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 25 in the high school auditorium. The show will include singing, dancing, instrumentals, and more. All are

welcome to attend.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door. All of the proceeds will go directly to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Your support for the students in the show, National Honor Society, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation is greatly appreciated.

### Kindergarten signup

Northville Public Schools is now accepting kindergarten enrollment for fall 2013. If you have a child who will be 5 on or before Nov. 1, 2013, contact your local elementary school for enrollment information. If you are not sure what school your child will be attending, contact the district's Office of Instruction at (248) 344-8442 or visit [www.northville.k12.mi.us](http://www.northville.k12.mi.us).

The district will attempt to again offer a half-day kindergarten program. During the registration process, parents interested in the half-day program will be asked to complete the commitment form located on the district website at [www.northville.k12.mi.us/node/584](http://www.northville.k12.mi.us/node/584). Decisions about specific buildings and if there is enough interest for a half-day program will be finalized and communicated to parents in late May or early June.

A parent meeting for incoming 2013-14 kindergartners will take place at each school; following are the dates for each Kindergarten Parent Orientation and

Round Up:

- Amerman, May 7 (parent orientation); May 10 (Round Up)
- Moraine, May 14; May 17
- Silver Springs, April 24; May 2
- Thornton Creek, May 6; May 9
- Ridge Wood, May 15; May 16
- Winchester, May 6; May 9

Enrollment forms can also be picked up directly at each building. All parents are asked to register their child in early registration By April 30.

### Children's Exhibit

Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Education and Extended Day Programs presents their annual Children's Exhibit through 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.



Northville students Austin Fell (left) and Claire Cepuran (second from right) are headed to Germany to study next year. They are pictured with German teacher Hubert Rast and Barb Kilkka, who is from Youth For Understanding.

# Student ambassadors

## Northville students headed to Germany after earning scholarships

Teen ambassadors for the United States. That will be the role Northville students Claire Cepuran and Austin Fell will be fulfilling next school year.

Both Northville students were awarded full-ride Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Scholarships last week during their third-year German class with Dr. Hubert Rast. They will spend the next academic year in Germany, each living with a German host family in a city that is still to be determined.

Youth For Understanding, which administers these scholarships in Michigan, presented the awards.

Claire Cepuran is the daughter of Lawrence and Laura Cepuran of Northville, and Austin is the son of Mark and Joan Fell of Northville. Claire will complete her senior year in Germany and will graduate upon her return next July. Austin is a senior now and will complete a gap year in Germany before continuing on at the University of Michigan.

Both had to undergo a rigorous screening process before receiving the full-ride CBYX Scholarships through Youth For Understanding. They wrote a series of essays, filled out questionnaires, collected recommendations and participated in interviews to be considered for the program.

Now, after completing the last of the paperwork, the students will await hearing where in Germany each will spend the next year. Upon arrival in Germany this summer, they will begin a month-long language immer-

### IN NEED OF HOST FAMILIES

Youth for Understanding is looking for local host families in southeast Michigan and throughout the country to host inbound exchange students from 64 countries. For more information, contact Barb Kilkka, Oakland Field Director for YFU, at (248) 932-0811 or [kilkka@yfu.org](mailto:kilkka@yfu.org). The inbound students include German winners of the Congress-Bundestag Scholarship coming to the United States for the next school year plus students from many other countries. Families provide a place to live, meals, and common sense parenting: encouragement, guidance, limits, and love. The students have their own spending money and health insurance and agree to live according to the rules of the family and the organization. They can share a room with a host sibling.

sion program to help them learn the language and culture of Germany, according to Barb Kilkka, Oakland field director for Youth For Understanding.

Both of the students are excited about the learning opportunity in front of them.

"Regardless of how good a school may be, what skill a teacher has, or how rigorous a curriculum may be, there are certain things that simply cannot be learned inside a classroom," said Cepuran. "Taking notes on a

lecture may serve to prepare for college courses, but the world outside the classroom often remains unexplored. I have always felt that traveling to a far away country and being immersed in a completely foreign culture would expand my horizons and broaden my knowledge base in ways impossible to achieve in any other way."

Fell said he is really looking forward to immersing himself in the German culture, which includes adapting to the home where he will reside.

"Although exciting, as well as interesting, I anticipate there would be a number of hurdles to overcome if I am accepted to live with a host family in Germany," he said. "Living with a family other than my own, whether it be in Germany or anywhere, would require me to adapt in a number of ways. All families have their own routines and expectations. I would need to learn the house rules and respect them, just like at home. I would have chores and boundaries to respect."

CBYX is jointly funded by the U.S. Congress and the German Bundestag (legislature), and began on the 300th anniversary of the first German immigration to the United States. The program has exchanged more than 17,000 young men and women since its creation in 1983. It is administered in Michigan by Youth For Understanding, one of the world's oldest and largest exchange programs. More information can be found at [www.yfu-usa.org](http://www.yfu-usa.org).

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# City to institute watering restrictions in effort to reduce costs

**By Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

To prevent over usage of water, the City of Northville is looking to implement a new ordinance that would enforce outdoor water use restrictions on day time watering of lawns.

At its April 15 meeting, the Northville City Council was presented with the first reading of the proposed ordinance. The reading was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Public Works Director Jim Gallogly recommend-

ed the restrictions as part of the effort to correct the water rate charges passed onto Northville by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, which in turn has been passed on to residents within the city.

Rates are set to increase for 2013.

According to Gallogly, in 2012, the City of Northville exceeded its maximum hour flow rate on several occasions. In 2008, Northville approved a 30-year agreement with the City of Detroit for water supply, which is

operated by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD).

"Because the city's peak hourly water use exceeded the contract amount, under the current contract the peak hourly capacity was adjusted up to the highest pumping rate recorded in 2012," said Gallogly. "This higher rate of 2.30 million gallons per day was negotiated down by staff, but the City of Northville's current hourly rate of 1.75 mgd (million gallons per day) had to be increased to 2.15 mgd."

He said since the city received more than the contracted maximum hourly flow in 2012, the contract required that Northville's rate increase to cover this amount for 2013.

The residential water rate is proposed to go from \$5.23 to \$5.60 per unit, which is a 7.1 percent increase.

Under the proposed ordinance, the code would restrict use of municipal water for outdoor water use to the non-peak hours of 12-5 a.m. The ordinance would be

enforced and residents would be penalized for outdoor water use that does not comply with the water restriction. This includes sprinkler systems.

Gallogly said residents would be given warnings at first, but it would need to be enforced.

This along with changes to the water control system, such as replacing a supply valve, are being done so that in the fall of 2013, Northville might demonstrate that its peak usage has been reduced and can be maintained at

a level at or less than 1.75 mgd.

If so, Gallogly said DWSD will agree to lower the contract peak hourly rate assessed to the City.

Mayor Chris Johnson said this ordinance would be a significant change if enacted, so it's his hope the word can be put out to the community on its possible passage and enforcement.

It's second treading and possible adoption is scheduled for May 6.

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to come up with a class project, and they decided to come up with a plan to deal with the lunch trash.

They set about splitting themselves into different groups to cover the various areas of trash (such

as plastic, aluminum, Styrofoam, milk cartons, and cardboard). The students said their classmates were confused at first when they started it in the lunch room, but many began picking up on it and helping out, especially the fifth-graders.

Bins are now set up in the lunchroom each day and the process to empty

things out properly and dispose of them has been explained to everyone in the school. The learning curve to get it to run smoothly was always a condition for the class.

The students used different tools to do their research and planning, using laptop computers and books to find all the data and facts to support

their ideas to the rest of the school. And they've given PowerPoint presentations to explain the plan to other students in the school.

The hope is that it will be fully functioning before the year is over, so the students can see all their efforts in full effect. And then to carry it over into

next year, so it will become another environmental tradition at Amerman.

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the ceremony."

Northville Township is one of just a few communities in Wayne County that still offers D.A.R.E., which stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education. It is a 10-week program, in which students are taught the dangers of tobacco, alcohol, marijuana and inhalants. They also learned about bullying, peer pressure and

why it's important not to surround themselves with friends who make poor decisions. It is a voluntary program, in which students meet with Czjelada once a week.

She said the current group of students has been really good.

"This was a really big group of kids. They did a great job this semester," she said.

The event is open to students from all schools in the district, as well as anyone else who wants to come hear a positive

message. The event in December drew about 500 people, and she is hoping for a similar turnout May 1.

"Getting people like Nate Burleson, Stephen Tulloch and Mike Babcock to come speak has really raised the level of awareness about the program, which I am thrilled about. We are very fortunate to have them come out and speak to us," she said.

For more information, send an e-mail to Czjelada at cczelada@northvillet-wppd.com.

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

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

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# LUNCHEON

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how the city, township and school district work together as part of the greater community of Northville.

## Fiscal outlook

Citing the financial challenges from decreased revenue due to various causes including less state funding and decreased home values, each community leader said it was their mission to keep delivering the level of service expected by residents and businesses. They're doing this by being creative and seeking partnerships.

Nix and Johnson cited the recent respective upticks in residential home values as a good sign, but emphasized it would be years until these returned to the levels of 2007-2008. Cox said Wayne County has a \$160 million deficit issue that will also take some time and work to balance.

For the schools, another year of working with less while trying to do more will again be the reality.

However, they also said there are some positives to point out that put Northville in stronger fiscal condition than other places. Nix said the township has a strong, positive



Attendees of the April 17 State of the Community luncheon listen to a speaker at Northville's Meadowbrook Country Club.

fund balance, while Gallagher cited the recent passage of a technology bond as a huge help toward making the learning environment better for students. Cox said she would continue to emphasize transparency and responsibility in county government.

## Redevelopment

The city and township have both seen new developments in the last year and will see even more as they look to improve their respective infrastructures and services.

The school district is instituting a variety of projects from the technology bond through a

complete updating of its capabilities, both in the classrooms and at each building. Gallagher said technology will be much improved when the new school year begins in the fall. She compared the current technology to a "Model A" but said the school will soon have "a brand new Ford Mustang" due to upgrades through the bond money.

With the opening of some new businesses in downtown, including the Garage restaurant, and the imminent unveiling of the Comerica Community Connection walkway, Mayor Johnson said downtown will continue to reinvent itself in forward-looking ways,

while also remembering its past. He noted a number of completed street improvement projects over the course of the last year, and said there are more on tap for this year, specifically at Eight Mile and Center.

At the county level, Cox said projects like the improvements done to Haggerty Road as well as the Bennett Arboretum pathway along Sheldon are big positives that can be built on. She said road work on Eight Mile Road this summer will be the next development to come. She, along with Nix and Johnson, said they will keep pursuing the idea to have a non-motorized connection to May-



Northville Mayor Chris Johnson (left) speaks with Township Supervisor Robert Nix before the April 17 State of the Community luncheon. Both addressed the meeting, and said things are looking up in the community.

bury Park.

Nix said residents will see even more changes at the township-owned properties on Five Mile Road (former Scott Correctional facility) as they will be tearing down the old prison buildings in the coming year, and along Seven Mile Road, which he said the township will work to clear as soon as possible. In the near term, he expects the township to devote money to completing the demolition of the power house on the property, which was determined to contain a lot of dangerous asbestos.

## Going forward

All of the speakers assured the attendees

their missions were to keep the best interests of the community at heart and make sure to build upon what makes Northville a great community.

Gallagher said it best. "We all know that strong public schools along with outstanding municipal services and an involved business community are the foundation of a strong community where the most talented, productive and compassionate in the world want to call home. We are stronger and better because we have a collective focus on Northville," she said.

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST May 7, 2013 SPECIAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Public Accuracy Test for the May 7, 2013 Special Election is scheduled for **Thursday, May 2, 2013** at 1:00 p.m. in the lobby of Township Hall, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the results of the Special Election, count the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

The public is welcome and invited to attend.

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

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, May 15, 2013, at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The ZBA will consider a variance request from Crestwood Manor Subdivision (Sign Ordinance) at the Six Mile Road entrance, east of Beck Road. Written comments regarding this request will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M.

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# Township to take down old powerhouse on hospital property

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

To properly complete the first step in its clean up of the Seven Mile Road property, Northville Township has approved using money from its general fund to remove the asbestos from the former psychiatric hospital's powerhouse.

Last August, when the demolition and clean up of the powerhouse was first underway, contactors found vastly more asbestos than they had estimated when they looked inside the boiler units. The cancer-causing asbestos was discovered in every crack of the bricks. It was then, according to Northville Township's Public Services Director Tom Casari, more testing was done and it was determined that more abatement would be necessary, raising the cost higher than a \$200,000 federal brownfield grant would pay for.

Because of this the Northville Township Board of Trustees agreed Thursday to spend an additional \$288,000 from the general fund to have the asbestos removed by hand, so the structure can safely be demolished.

"This is an important matter for our residents,"

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Northville Township officials approved spending up to \$288,000 from the general fund to demolish the powerhouse on the Seven Mile property. Do you agree with the move? E-mail your opinions to Editor Kurt Kuban at [kkuban@hometownlife.com](mailto:kkuban@hometownlife.com).

said Supervisor Robert Nix. "We are going to complete the project...that's the real purpose of this motion."

Nix said they also have an obligation to get this done if the township wants to qualify for other future grants to help with the cleanup of the remaining buildings on the former hospital property. Complying with the brownfield cleanup plan is crucial, he said.

The board approved a budget amendment and contract change order to allow contactor, National Environmental Group, to complete the powerhouse cleanup project. The change order is in the amount of \$300,000.

However, Casari said if there is money left over from the allocated \$400,000

then another change order could be brought forward to use the remainder toward another building clean up on the property.

The property is 330 acres with another 82 next door being developed by private planners. Overall, the project will see the demolition of at least 140,000 square feet of obsolete facilities, asbestos abatement and the removal of a portion of an underground steam tunnel network, site preparation and infrastructure improvements.

According to the township's brownfield plan, several investigations have been conducted on the property which identified historic landfill areas containing waste materials, including suspected medical waste. A former incinerator used to burn medical waste is also present.

The existing buildings on the property are in a general state of disrepair and contain various types and quantities of potentially hazardous materials as well. The report stated asbestos is present within the buildings, which must be abated to mitigate potential health hazards associated with it.

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FILE PHOTO

Northville Trails subdivision resident Linda Wagner stands near the old power plant on the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital property. Northville Township officials agreed to demolish the structure, which contains plenty of asbestos.

## MAYBURY EVENTS

Maybury State Park, in conjunction with Friends of Maybury, has lots of special events and activities planned throughout the year. The park is located 49775 8 Mile. Entrance for the staging area, day camp and fishing pier is at 20145 Beck Road. For more information, call (248) 349-8390 or visit [www.friendsofmaybury.org](http://www.friendsofmaybury.org). A Recreation Passport is required for entry into all Michigan State Parks.

Upcoming activities include:

- **Maybury Trail Riders Flower Ride**, 10 a.m., April 27. Meet at the staging area.

- Equestrian event with stations throughout the horse trails where riders can "pick" flowers. Prizes awarded. For more information, visit [maybury-trailriders.org](http://maybury-trailriders.org).

- **Cinco de Mayo Zombie 5k**, 6:30 p.m., May 5. Meet at the Oak Shelter. Can you get through the park unaffected by the zombie horde? Or do you want to be a zombie? Contact Northville Parks and Rec at [northvillepark-sandrec.org](http://northvillepark-sandrec.org) or (248) 349-0203.

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## Lending the Earth a helping hand

(Above) Ian MacDonald gets his lunch box checked out by Green Team member Madelyn Wessner during Moraine Elementary School's Earth Day celebration on April 22. Green Team members were going around the lunch room checking to see if students were using as many re-usable storage containers as possible. Those who did get tickets, which they entered into raffles for prizes. (At right) Sarah Gallagher traces her hand on a poster and then signs her name as the Moraine Elementary School fourth grader takes a pledge on Earth Day to be as green as possible.



## NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

### Dog complaint

Northville Township police officers were dispatched to the 46800 block of Merion Circle on April 10 after receiving a call that a small French bulldog was running loose and chasing neighborhood children.

When officers arrived, they were directed to a home where the dog lives. An officer knocked on the door, but nobody answered. The officer, however, could see three dogs inside the home. The officer talked to the next door neighbor, who said he had been in court earlier in the day because one of the dogs had attacked and killed his dog last month.

While standing in the driveway, the officer heard a loud blast, possibly a gunshot, coming from the home in question. He called for other units to back him up. Once other officers were on site, they made a tactical entry into the home, and found the 36-year-old owner asleep on the couch. No guns were found, and the man was cooperative.

After speaking with the man, no formal complaint was made against him for his dogs being unleashed or unruly. However, the man admitted he didn't have the proper licenses for his three dogs, and he was cited for violating the local dog license ordinance. He is expected to be in 35th District Court on May 1.

### Dress clothes bandit

A 23-year-old Livonia man was apprehended by Northville Township Police on April 9 after he exited Kohl's with nearly \$300 worth of dress clothes that he didn't pay for.

According to police reports, a loss prevention employee at the department store watched the man on the store's closed circuit security cameras as he entered a dressing room with multiple items, and then exited the room with the items stuffed into his pant legs. When the employee confronted the man, he fled the store and was pursued on foot by the employee. He con-

tinued to run, but slowed down when he grew tired. That's when a Northville Township officer was able to detain him.

According to reports, the man stole two ties, three belts, and a pair of \$135 dress pants. All of the items were returned to Kohl's.

The man was charged with 2nd degree retail fraud, and given a \$300 bond. He is scheduled to appear in 35th District Court on May 1.

### Vehicle break-ins

According to Northville City Police reports, there were several vehicle break-ins in the southeast section of the city in the early morning hours of April 23.

The incidents occurred on Yerkes Avenue, Gardner Street, Beal Avenue, River Street and Johnson Avenue.

If you have any information that might assist the police in this investigation or if you are missing property from your vehicles, please contact the Northville Police Department at (248) 349-1234.

## Honor a special woman

Salute the special woman in your life during the month of May.

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### Getting fit

Katie Ableson runs with her niece Natalie Myszeniski during Thornton Creek Elementary's April 17 Fun Run. The outdoor fitness event raised money for the school's PTA and encouraged fitness for its kids, teachers and parents.



Parents and staff of Thornton Creek students line up to give their active ones a high-five during the school's April 17 Fun Run.

### Blood drives

The American Red Cross will hold a number of upcoming local blood drives.

- Sunday, May 5 from 7 a.m.-12:45 p.m. at First United Methodist church, 777 W. Eight Mile
- Monday, May 6 from noon-5:45 p.m. at Northville Senior Adult Services, 303 W. Main Street
- Thursday, May 23 from 2:30-8:15 p.m. at Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49774 Six Mile

All donors interested in making an appointment should contact Diane at (313) 549-7052 or Diane.Risko@redcross.org.

In addition, the American Red Cross is offering two opportunities this summer to help high school seniors and high school sponsored groups earn money by hosting a blood drive.

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High school sponsored groups can earn money for their organizations.

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more information.

### Maybury Farm Fest

The Maybury Farm Fest will take place from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, May 4 and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, May 5 at Maybury Farm, 50165 Eight Mile Road in Northville Township.

The event will feature hayrides, introduction of the new baby animals, opening of the playground and picnic area, and crafters. Tickets are \$5 per person, children 12 and under free. For more information, contact the Northville Community Foundation at (248) 374-0200.

### Garden club meeting

The Northville Garden

Club will hold its next meeting at noon, Monday, May 13, at the Cady Inn. There will be a light lunch. This will be the members' annual Plant Auction, where plants from members' gardens will be auctioned off. In addition, other items like garden tools, garden books, birdhouses, and wind chimes can be auctioned as well. Guests are always welcome. For more information, call Mimi Kibbey at (248) 348-2299.

### Townhall meeting

The Northville Democratic Club will host its next townhall at 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 1 at Hillside Elementary School, Center Street at Eight Mile Road, Northville.

The topic will be "Michigan Dream

Restored — Interim Report on Citizen Research" and will include results of a state-wide survey about what Michiganders really want from government. The guest speaker will be John Austin, president of the Michigan State Board of Education and director of Michigan Center at Prima Civitas Foundation, as well as a non-resident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution. Austin is often mentioned as a possible Democratic candidate for Michigan governor.

Austin, who recently spoke at the Samuel M. Levin Economics Award Lecture at Wayne State University, will discuss Michigan's economic status and outlook.

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Northville's Charlotte, 8, and Lauren Atkinson, 10, (front row from left) with fellow unicyclists Mark Atkinson, Mike Parsons, and Brian Sciatto. They are performing in the musical "Barnum" which is playing at the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill in Canton Township.



# Unicyclists appearing in musical about P.T. Barnum

Mark, Lauren and Charlotte Atkinson of Northville often ride in competitions, and they're frequently found pedaling their unusual vehicles in local parades, but the dedicated unicyclists are riding in a whole different venue these days. The Atkinsons, plus other members of the Redford Township Unicy-

cle Club (RTC), are now in show biz - and they're getting rave reviews. Along with Mike Parsons of Westland, Brian Sciatto of Commerce Township and John and Daniel Mullen of Canton, the Atkinsons are currently appearing in the Spotlight Players production of the musical Barnum, which runs through April 28 at the Village Theatre in Canton.

The group uses unicycles of various heights - including some very tall ones - throughout the show. The RTUC was formed in 1975 by a group of neighborhood teenagers who enjoyed riding unicycles. They challenged one another to learn new tricks and returned from their first National Convention (held that year in Pontiac) determined to become one of the best clubs competing. Those early riders made all of the wooden equipment (ramps and beams) that are still being used today. Several of them created unusual unicycles, such as the 4" and 2" wheeled unicycles. In 1979 16 of the riders spent a month in Europe performing with the Redford Union High School Band in Germany, Austria and northern Italy.

Today, the club is now inter-generational, with many fathers and mothers riding alongside their children. The RTUC even counts three generations of several families among its members.

Any why would someone ride with one wheel instead of two? "Because it's challenging and fun," said Mark Atkinson. "It typically attracts unique individuals who are determined and somewhat extroverted. You can't ride a unicycle in public and be shy."

To see the unicyclists in action in Barnum, call (734) 394-5300 for tickets. Friday and Saturday performances of Barnum are at 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets range from \$13 to \$16.

## Passages

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### COLE, ANN M.

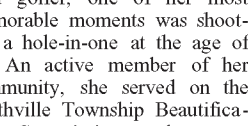
Age 79, passed away April 20, 2013. She was born on February 23, 1934, daughter of the late Robert & Ada Shoup. Ann proudly served as Treasurer of Colonial Acres Phase II for many years. She will always be remembered as a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Ann & Dick's children remember having the best parents a kid could ask for. She is survived by her children: Pamela (Kenneth) Dragon, Richard (Becky) L. Cole Jr., and Debi Gelardi; eight grandchildren; ten great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Dick in 2010 and her son James Robert Cole. Visitation was held on Tuesday, April 23, from 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. A funeral service was held on what would have been their 59th wedding anniversary, Wednesday, April 24, at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook at [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



**EVANGELISTA, ANGELINE "ANGIE"**  
Age 85, passed April 18, 2013. Funeral April 22 St. Joseph Catholic Church. [phillipsfuneral.com](http://phillipsfuneral.com)



**FAESSLER, MARJORIE ANN**  
A longtime resident of Northville, passed away April 7, 2013 at the age of 88. Born September 7, 1924 in Detroit to Chauncey and Retta (Cruse) Walker; she was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Jane Smith and her brother William Walker. A graduate of Detroit's Commerce High School, she attended Michigan State University before, like so many of her generation, being called to duty. She enlisted in the U.S. Navy and proudly served her country with honor and enthusiasm during World War II. A beloved mother and grandmother, professionally she managed several large orthopedic physician groups, the last group based out of Botsford Hospital. An avid golfer, one of her most memorable moments was shooting a hole-in-one at the age of 80. An active member of her community, she served on the Northville Township Beautification Commission and was a member and Past President of the Northville Garden Club. Tireless to the end, she enjoyed making and selling Christmas wreaths to neighbors and Northville merchants to raise scholarship funds on behalf of the Garden Club. So, the next time you see a wreath, think of Marge. She is survived by her three daughters: Nancy A. Faessler of Marina Del Ray, CA; Mary (Bill) Bakhaus of South Lyon, and Marilyn J. Catik of W. Babylon, NY; her grandsons Gregory Catik and Michael Catik both of Farmingdale, NY; nieces, nephews, and many beloved friends. A memorial service will be held Sunday, May 5, 2013 at the clubhouse of Highland Lakes, 20301 Silver Spring Drive, Northville. Visitation will begin at 1pm, service at 2pm, immediately followed by a fellowship gathering of family and friends. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the American Lung Association, Disabled American Veterans, or the Northville Garden Club in loving memory of Marge.



**MCMINN, JOYCE**  
Age 91, passed away April 21. A private service will be held at a later date. Online guestbook [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



### HAEWSKI, ANTHONY P.

Age 88. Loving husband of Ann. Step-father portion of the death notice to read: Step-father of Carol Murray (Norvel Derickson), David (Karen) Murray, and James Murray (Sheryl McLeod). Grandfather of five. Great-grandfather of five. Brother of Helen Ther, Thomas Haskee, Sophie Pinterpe, Mille (Richard) VanDepolder, and Robert (Shirley) Haewski. Visitation was Friday 3-8 pm at Charles R. Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly Rd. Instate was Saturday 9:30 am until 10:00 am Mass at St. Valentine Church, 14841 Beech Daly Rd. Interment Parkview Memorial Cemetery. Donations to Capuchin Soup Kitchen appreciated. Condolences to: [CharlesStepFuneralHome.com](http://CharlesStepFuneralHome.com). **Charles Step Funeral Home and Cremation Services**



### VARILONE, GEORGE JOSEPH

A resident of Milford, passed away peacefully early Sunday morning, April 21, 2013 at the age of 88. Born in Detroit, Michigan on May 20, 1924, George was the son of Italian immigrants, Michael and Theresa, and brother to 3 sisters and 5 brothers. He was the beloved husband to Henrietta for nearly 65 years; and a devoted father to Brenda, George Jr., Michael, and Steven. George had fond memories of growing up on 12th Street in Detroit, and the close connection shared with his siblings, in-laws, cousins, nieces and nephews. The frequent get-togethers continued into his married life and were a highlight to him and his children. He joined the U.S. Army when he was only 19 years old and fought in the artillery as a gunner during WWII. He received many Military citations for his service, and his honorable discharge was one he was proud of. George worked long hard hours in the construction industry all of his life, and attained success as an operator of large machines and a small excavation business of his own. He always tried to treat others with dignity, and wanted the same respect in return. In 1985, he retired at the age of 62 and enjoyed 28 beautiful years of retirement. He enjoyed playing cards with his friends, gardening, making wine and cooking for everyone. George was also an avid sports fan. He loved the Detroit Lions, Tigers, and the PGA. He began playing the game of golf at 70 with St. Marys Parish and fell in love with the sport. In addition to golf, he loved playing Euchre. Pinnacle and Bridge with his friends from St. Marys, neighbors, and family. Above all activities, George most enjoyed being with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. It never mattered when or where, he would stop and play with one of the kids, no matter how old they were. Over the years, George has made several memorable trips to Europe. During one trip to Italy, he was able to visit his mothers two remaining sisters in Villa la Tina, just outside of Rome. He still spoke of the town that stood still from the time his mother grew up there. He also enjoyed numerous vacations in the city that never sleeps, Las Vegas, and was proud to have taken his family to the Caribbean for the first of many return trips. George Varilone was a strong man physically, and especially steadfast religiously and socially. His family always came first, but his friends were a close second and his reputation for being both honest and loyal resonated in his personal and business life. He always had a smile for friends or strangers, and was willing to give a helping hand to anyone in need. His commitment to community service continued right up to the end of his life. Our hero went home to the Lord on April 21, 2013 at 88 years old. George was preceded in death by his son, Michael and granddaughter, Kalli. He is survived by Henrietta, his beloved wife of 65 years, and their children, Brenda (Michael) Ziemkowski, George (Pamela Silvi) Jr., Steve (LeighAnn); grandchildren, Jessica (Matthew) Breiding, Brandon (Erin) and Hayley Varilone, Chad, Michael, Evan, Nathan and Scott Varilone; great grandchildren, Henry, Owen and Katherine Breiding and Noel Varilone. George is also survived by his brother, Dominic, many nieces, nephews, extended family members and dear friends. Funeral Liturgy from St. Mary Catholic Church, 1955 E. Commerce Rd., Milford, Wednesday, April 24, 10 AM with Fr. Ron Anderson officiating. Burial St. Mary Cemetery, Milford. Visitation from Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, Tuesday 4-8 PM with Rosary at 7 PM. For further information, please contact Lynch & Sons, 248-684-6645 or [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)

### In Memoriam



### EDWARD "JERRY" BARRETT

One year has passed, miss your laughter my dearest husband, and so does your family! Time passes too slow for people who miss you, for you are gone one year already! In loving memory of a dear husband, father, and grandfather, a devoted family man, who passed away April 25, 2012. Always thought of, always spoken of and deeply missed. Respected, admired, loved, and still very present in our hearts. ~Lovingly remembered by: Your wife, Claire and all of your two families.



### LARSEN, ALFRED "DUKE"

Age 81, of New Smyrna Beach, FL and South Lyon, MI, formerly of Milford, MI Born December 12, 1931, passed away April 14, 2013 in Edgewater, FL. Beloved husband of 63 years to Ruth. Loving father to Ann (David) Graustein, Tom (Carol) Larsen, Barb Larsen, Cathy Priebe, Bridget (Rodney) Kastil and Dan (Tina) Larsen. Doting grandfather to 17 and great grandfather to 11. Also survived by sisters Marie (Bob) Svenson and Margaret (Hank) Sidor and numerous nieces and nephews. Memorials to Halifax Health Hospice ([www.hovf.org](http://www.hovf.org)) or Alzheimer's Association ([www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)).

### LINDLEY, DOROTHY E.

Age 90, passed away April 18, 2013. She was born on December 26, 1922, in Rockland, Michigan, daughter of the late Jhalmer & Aune Lehto. Dorothy will always be remembered for her zest for life. She is survived by her sisters: Helen Kangas and Gladys Saari; her nieces and nephews: Kathleen Fuchs, Wendy Flynn, Karen Kangas, Paul Kangas, Peter Kangas, Valerie Perkins and Carrie Ahola. She is also survived by several grand-nieces and nephews and many friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack and her two sons: David and Robert. Visitation was held on April 22, from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. with a memorial service at 7:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Online guestbook at: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



### MARCUS, THELMA GRACE

Age 86. April 17, 2013. Beloved wife of Tom H. Marcus for 49 years. Dear mother of Tom, (Karen), Mary (Scott) Pennebaker. Proud grandmother of Thomas, Tyler, Taylor, Travis, Koryn, Kayla and James. Former owner of Marcus Glass from 1970-1990. Funeral took place at Holy Family Church on April 23, 2013. In lieu of flowers donation can be made to Holy Family Church or St. Johns Providence Park Hospital. Online sympathy message at [www.obrienfullanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obrienfullanfuneralhome.com)



### ROZEN, EMILY V.

Age 93, passed away April 20, 2013. Visitation April 23 at Phillips Funeral Home. Funeral April 24 St. Joseph Catholic Church.

### SZALONY, NORMAN

Age 70, passed April 17, 2013. Visitation held April 20-21 Phillips Funeral Home. Funeral April 22, St. Patrick Catholic Church.

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# Run & Walk honors wife, mom who lost cancer battle

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Mike O'Connell of South Lyon lost his wife, Andi, to adenoid cystic carcinoma in 2007 when she was just 40.

He and the couple's three children were out to breakfast at Big Boy later after church, and discussed starting a foundation to support research.

"It's a rare cancer with little awareness and little funding," said Mike O'Connell, who grew up in Novi and lived in Novi 30 years. "We wanted to do something good in the face of what had happened."

The Live Like Andi Foundation will support the Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma Research Foundation with its sixth annual "ACcelerate the Cure" Run & Walk on Saturday, beginning and ending at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High School.

There will be a 10-Miler, 10K Run, 5K Run, 5K Walk, Kid's Run and



Andi O'Connell died at age 40 in 2007 of adenoid cystic carcinoma, a rare cancer.

Heroes Wall Display. Register online at [www.LiveLikeAndi.org](http://www.LiveLikeAndi.org).

Andi was only 19 when she was diagnosed. "She always had a big smile on her face and she had a positive demeanor," her husband recalled.

The foundation has raised over \$400,000, mostly for research. It also supports scholarships for students who've overcome obstacles who attend Novi High School,



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This year's event, the sixth annual, will again benefit the Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma Research Foundation and local scholarships. It's set for Saturday, April 27, beginning and ending at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High School.

Catholic Central or South Lyon High School. To date, \$30,000 has been given in high school scholarships.

The O'Connell family includes son Tyler, 19, a Washtenaw Community College student, daughter

Gabrielle, 16, a junior at South Lyon High, and daughter Olivia, 13, who attends Millennium Middle School.

Gabrielle is co-director of the foundation and awards the scholarships. "She gave a very passionate speech," her dad recalled of one assembly.

"It got a standing ovation."

Gabrielle has great memories of her mom. "Everything about her was so fun," she said. "She was never without a smile on her face."

Gabrielle likes awarding the scholarships: "That's really fun to give." She's also glad to

be involved with the foundation.

"It feels really good to know I'm helping out the other families. It's good to get the community involved," the teen said.

Mike O'Connell agreed the family has benefited from the involvement.

"After such a loss, you're not really sure what to do. It's been a tremendous way for us to deal with the loss. It's been very helpful for all of us."

They feel they carry on Andi's legacy, recalling her upbeat spirit as she fought cancer. "Yet she did it with such grace and style," Mike said, remembering friends who were

amazed at her attitude. "It was inspiring, it was really something."

Andi had hoped to see their children graduate and get married. "We were very lucky to have her the time we did," her husband said.

Her testing when she was ill helped with cancer research. Tumor samples were sent around the world, he said, including to the University of Virginia for research.

"It was important for her even though she knew her time was short," he said.

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### NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS Silver Springs, Meads Mill & Winchester Schools Boiler Replacement - Pre-Purchase Package

PETER BASSO ASSOCIATES, INC.  
PBA Project No. 2013.0107.00  
Issued for Bids  
April 22, 2013

SECTION: 00010 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Project: Northville Public Schools  
Silver Springs, Meads Mill, and Winchester Schools  
Boiler Replacement - Pre-purchase

Owner: Northville Public Schools

Scope of Proposals: Sealed proposals from Prime Mechanical Bidders for the construction of all Trades Construction Work are requested.

Due Date and Place: All Bidders have until 3:00 P.M. on May 1, 2013 to submit a Request For Information (RFI). All RFIs shall be directed to Bob Roop at the following phone number (248) 879-5666 or email [broop@pbanet.com](mailto:broop@pbanet.com).

All modifications, corrections, or clarifications prior to receipt of the proposal will be made by an Addendum issued by the Owner to all bidders of record.

Sealed proposals shall be received until 2:00 P.M. on May 6, 2013 at ATTN: Mary Meldrum, Administration Building, Northville Public Schools, 501 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167 at which time all bids will be opened and read out loud.

Bid Documents: All proposals submitted shall remain firm for a period of 45 days after the date specified for receipt of proposals. Copies of the proposed Contract Documents may be obtained from: PlanWell via <http://www.e-arc.com/> (formerly dunnblue) (248) 288-5600

Bid4Michigan via <http://bid4michigan.com>

Rejection: Proposals not received by the time and date specified in this notice, will be returned to the Bidder unopened. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities and/or informalities and to make award in any manner deemed for the best interest of the School District.

Assurance: Assurance of Compliance with Federal and Michigan State Fair Employment Practices Acts: The Bidder and any of his subcontractors will agree not to discriminate against any employee of applicant for employment, to be employed in the performance of the contract, with respect to his hire, tenure, terms, conditions or privileges of employment, or any matter directly or indirectly related to employment, because of race, color, religion, national origin, age or sex.

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### NOTICE Charter Township of Northville ATTENTION: VOTERS IN PRECINCTS 3 & 4

The increase of population in Northville Township has necessitated the need for an additional precinct where the township is approaching the legal limit for the number of registered voters that can be assigned to a precinct.

The new precinct will affect some of the voters who are registered in Precinct 3 and Precinct 4 and voted at Northville High School. If you reside within the following boundary, you have been re-assigned to the new Precinct 16. The polling location for Precinct 16 voters is now at Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road (corner of Six Mile and Sheldon Roads).

The boundary of new Precinct 16 is:

the East side of Sheldon Road to the west side of Northville Road and north of Five Mile to south of Seven Mile, excluding the Kings Mill complex, which will remain unchanged as Precinct 5.

New voter registration I.D. Cards are being mailed to ALL affected voters along with a letter to explain the precinct addition.

The new precinct map is available in the clerk's department and on the township's website at: [www.twp.northville.mi.us](http://www.twp.northville.mi.us)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the township's Voter Registration Official, Katie Anderson at 248-662-0541 or email: [kanderson@twp.northville.mi.us](mailto:kanderson@twp.northville.mi.us)

This change is effective immediately.

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

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### SYNOPSIS April 18, 2013 - REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, April 18, 2013

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk, Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer, Mary Gans, Trustee, Symantha Heath, Trustee, Mindy Herrmann, Trustee, Fred Shadko, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. Agendas:

- A. Approve the Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items - approved:
  1. Minutes - Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of 3-21-13
  2. Minutes - Board of Trustees Special Meeting of 4-04-13
  3. Minutes - Historic District Commission Meeting of 3-28-13
  4. Financial Report - First Quarter
  5. Investment Report - First Quarter

2. Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:

- A. Audit Presentation - receive and file
- B. Parkinson Awareness Month - approved
- C. Building Safety Month - approved
- D. Anniversary Resolution - Mr. & Mrs. Colling - approved

3. Public Hearing: None

4. Brief Public Comments: Question regarding the Parks and Recreation Budget and the Soccer program was discussed.

5. New Business:

- A. Beacon Square Planned Unit Development (PUD) Concept Plan - approved
- B. Parks and Recreation Budget - approved
- C. Beck Road Booster Station Improvements - Payment #6 - approved
- D. Beck Road Booster Station Improvements - Change Order #3 - approved
- E. Beck Road Water Systems Improvement - Engineering Change Order #1 - approved
- F. Agreement for Eight Mile Road Pathway - approved
- G. Seven Mile Road Property clean-up - Amend budget - approved
- H. Development Review Fee Schedule - approved

6. Unfinished Business: None

7. Ordinances: None

8. Check Registry:

- A. In the amount of \$3,378,605.41 - approved
9. Board Communication & Reports from Supervisor Nix, Clerk Hillebrand, Treasurer Banner, Trustee Gans, Trustee Heath, Trustee Herrmann, Trustee Shadko  
Manager Chip Snider

10. Any other business or public comment for the Board of Trustees: None

11. ADJOURN: There being no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:  
Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.

This is a synopsis of the meeting. A draft of the unapproved minutes will be available after April 30, 2013

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### Northville Public Schools

#### Request for Proposal April 22, 2013

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

#### 2013 Painting -Various Schools

There will be no pre-bid for this project. You are welcome to visit the schools. Please visit the High School after 2:30PM and the elementary schools after 4:00PM. The drawings, specifications and bidding documents will be made available on line at: [www.bid4michigan.com](http://www.bid4michigan.com) or [www.northville.k12.mi.us](http://www.northville.k12.mi.us).

Sealed bids should be submitted to Mike Zopf, Assistant Superintendent Northville Public Schools, 501 W. Main Street, Northville MI 48167. Bids are to be submitted no later than 2:00PM local time Monday, May 6, 2013. The District will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for bid submission. Bids will be publicly opened immediately following the close of receiving bids. No oral, email, telephonic or telegraphic proposals shall be considered.

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

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

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

Certified check or Bid Bond must accompany each proposal by an approved surety company in an amount not less than 5% of the proposal amount. All bids shall be firm for at least sixty (60) days from the date of opening of bids. length of time required for completion shall be specified in the bid. All bids submitted must meet or exceed all specifications herein. Bids are to be submitted on the District's Bid Proposal Form, signed by the Bidder, in a sealed envelope and clearly marked. Two (2) copies of the Bid Proposal Form should be addressed to the attention of:

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

#### "2013 Painting -Various Schools -BID"

One (1) copy of the bid form should be retained for your files. Any questions should be referred to Michelle Kerns at [kemsm@rovaloakschools.com](mailto:kemsm@rovaloakschools.com) or 248-684-8215.

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# Bentivolio tours local training center

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

Kerry Bentivolio was all smiles Monday as he toured Tognum America's MTU Training Center during a tour of the various diesel engines on which MTU staffers conduct training.

Based in Canton, Tognum America manufactures, sells and supports MTU-branded diesel and gaseous-fueled propulsion systems for ships, heavy land, rail and defense vehicles, and for the oil and gas industry. A variety of those engines is set up in the 30,000-square-foot training center on Executive Drive in Canton, where a team of seven instructors trains distributors, staffers and some military members on the operation and repair of the engines.

Bentivolio, the first-term 11th District U.S. Representative and former Army man, admired the handiwork put into the engines.

"That right there is productivity," Bentivolio said. "The wealth of this country is its productivity. You know how many people that puts to work? That's jobs right there."

Bentivolio spent about an hour with officials from Tognum, getting an overview of the company whose history goes back more than a century. Formerly part of Detroit



Congressman Kerry Bentivolio (left) listens as Wolfgang Griener, senior manager at the MTU Training Center in Canton, explains the MTU Series 4000 oil-gas pump engine.

PHOTO BY ELMA RILEY, TOGNUM AMERICA

Diesel, Tognum American Inc., now headquartered in Novi, moved the MTU center to Canton in August 2011.

Tognum America, which employs some 300 people — mostly in sales, engineering and finance — at its Novi headquarters, has seven instructors at the Canton center, where employees of distributors, members of the military and others train on

the diesel engines inside the center.

More than 1,000 students from Tognum's 24 distributors around the U.S. train at the MTU every year, reaching one of four levels of qualification in classes that last four or five days.

"That's a pretty busy classload for us with seven instructors," said product trainer Rick Grezak of Plymouth, who's been

with Tognum for 15 years, the last three as a trainer. "When business is a little slow, our distributors are sending guys in for training instead of laying them off."

In April, the company announced the arrival of its largest engine, an MTU Series 8000 marine engine used in mega-yachts, commercial marine and defense applications. At more than 11 feet tall and

21 feet long and weighing nearly 102,000 pounds, it's the biggest engine MTU produces.

It's being used for in-depth maintenance and repair training courses on the engine, being used in a variety of vehicles, most notably the U.S. Navy's new class of Joint High Speed vessels and combat ships.

"The addition of the Series 8000 to the MTU

Training Center enables us to offer training to Navy and Coast Guard personnel, as well as shipbuilders, here in the U.S. for the first time," said Wolfgang Griener, the MTU Training Center's senior manager. "Previously, such training was only available in Germany. Our new series of courses will provide our North American customers with the information and hands-on experience they need to keep their equipment performing at optimal levels."

Griener said the Canton center was critical to MTU Training Center's ability to accomplish that mission.

"Canton is key to our customers because we provide training on all the products we sell in the U.S.," Griener said. "We're flying people in from all over, and this is very close to the airport."

Bentivolio said he accepted Tognum's invitation as a means of getting better acquainted with the businesses in his district. He said Tognum America and the MTU Training Center "represent jobs for the future."

"My biggest heartbreak is seeing 'For Sale' signs instead of 'Help Wanted' signs," Bentivolio said. "I want to change that in my district."

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• **CONTACT:** (248) 348-1845

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- Friday: 9 a.m. Archives open
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- Sunday: 6:30 p.m. Venture Scouts Crew #8
- Monday: 7 p.m. Victorian Readers
- Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 9 a.m.-2 p.m. School; 6 p.m. Girl Scouts #737
- Wednesday: 9 a.m. Mill Race Basket Guild; 9 a.m.-2 p.m. School tour; 1 p.m. AAUW Bridge Group; 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation Group

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• **GAMES UNPLUGGED** 1-3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 4  
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# State of unity

## Entities join hands to create larger Northville community

When you hear someone say “the Northville community,” what do you think about? Do you think about downtown Northville, with its charming shops and lively summer evenings? Or does the township come to mind, with its large estates and bountiful green space? Perhaps you even think about the top-notch schools, which are one of the main reasons families continue to flock to Northville.

In reality, all of these entities make up the Northville community. Unlike a lot of other places, the township, city and school district make it a point to work together in Northville, and this cooperation ultimately enhances the lives of those who reside and choose to do business in the community.

This cooperation was on full display last week at the Northville Chamber of Commerce’s annual State of the Community luncheon at Meadowbrook Country Club. Attended by local officials, business leaders and residents, the event featured short presentations by Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix, longtime Mayor Chis Johnson, and Northville Public Schools Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher. Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox, who represents Northville, also spoke to the contingent.

Each of the leaders discussed the close relationship they have with the other officials, whether they are from the city, township, school district, and even the county. These ties have paid off in a number of areas, most notably with recreation, road projects, the library, and nonmotorized trails. These were some of the topics discussed at the luncheon, as each leader talked about the positive developments within the community over the last year.

The other overriding message from the presenters is the fact that the state of the community is very healthy right now. As Mayor Johnson pointed out, the bleeding has finally stopped from the recession, and property values increased across the board. Of course, property values are still well below what they were back in 2007, but the tide has turned. A number of new developments and redevelopments occurred over the course of the last year, and there are a lot of positive projects on the horizon.

In the township, for example, officials were able to purchase the former Scott Correctional facility for \$1, and have found a contractor who will tear it down for nothing. The former state prison located at Beck and Five Mile has long been an eyesore for local residents. Nix said the buildings will be gone by November, and the public can begin to envision a new gateway into the community. Nix also gave an update on the Seven Mile property, both the portion that the township owns (that includes all the old hospital buildings) and the one owned by developer REIS. He announced REIS is close to constructing new retail buildings to go along with the University of Michigan medical facility that is already well under way. On the township-owned property, Nix said they are ready to tear down the old power plant, one of the most dangerous buildings on the property. Of course, this will leave many buildings standing, but it’s a start.

In the city, Mayor Johnson talked about how downtown continues to attract new businesses. The city, along with its DDA, has made significant investments downtown, and it has paid off, he said. Major redevelopments like The Garage restaurant and Spider9 show the downtown is still an attractive place to do business.

Superintendent Gallagher expressed her thanks to the community for supporting the recent technology bond, which she said will allow the district to upgrade from a “Model A” to “a brand new Ford Mustang” when it comes to technology. She said, once it is implemented, this new technology will keep the district competitive with other districts, and expand the learning opportunities for its students in a multitude of ways.

Even Cox had some positive things to say, noting the county has done a good job partnering with the community on the Sheldon Trail and several road improvement projects — with more to come this year and next year.

Overall, the message was this is a great time to be living in Northville, which is one of the true gems of Wayne County. One of the main reasons for this, as was pointed out by Supervisor Nix, is the coordinated efforts between the city, township, school district and even Wayne County. There is a true sense of community, which benefits all of us who either reside, recreate or do business here.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

# Does the Boston Marathon bombing make you think twice about attending big events like it?

We asked this question in downtown Northville and at the Novi Public Library.



“It makes me worry, but it doesn’t prevent me from going to sporting events. Although, I am more aware now.”

**Scott Arcuragi**  
Northville



“I don’t think so. I will always support things like that, no matter what. It’s sad we would have to be scared, so it’s good that we always show our support.”

**Christie Potter**  
Northville



“No, I’m originally from Iraq, so I’ve seen this before. That’s what the terrorists are trying to do, they want to scare us. They can’t stop people from living their lives.”

**Mustafa Kamalaldin**  
Wixom



“No, I would still go.”

**Mike McNamara**  
Plymouth Township

## LETTERS

### Let kids learn a lesson

What a great concept, children being held accountable for their actions. Now that’s a fresh new idea. Or is it?

After reading “Bus driver under investigation” in last week’s Record, I couldn’t help think of a story in my own life.

It happened to me and is one of the three or four experiences that stands out in all my teenage memories.

I was maybe 14 years old and it was springtime. Spring is always exciting especially when you are a young teenager. The guys like to show off and the girls like to encourage the guys to do these things. Well, several guys were raising Cain and as expected the girls were egging us on. We really weren’t doing anything too crazy but the problem was we were on a school bus. Our actions caused our bus driver, Bob Eldred, great concern and, as a result, he stopped the bus.

Mr. Eldred kicked about 12 of us boys off the bus. It was a good three-mile walk for me. The girls who were involved thought this was pretty funny. Mr. Eldred continued to drive down the dirt road for another half mile when he pulled over again. This time he kicked about six of the girls off the bus. My parents were very upset — not with the bus driver, they were angry with me. How dare I embarrass them with the type of behavior that could distract the bus driver and possibly cause an accident?

This incident was handled at the appropriate time and it sent a clear message that riding Mr. Eldred’s bus was a privilege, not a right. We, the children, misbehaved, not Mr. Eldred. His job at that particular moment was to become a teacher.

People will wring their hands and say, “Oh my goodness, my child has been placed in danger, they might run out in the road and get hit by a car.” Well, my answer to that is this. My wife and I are often seen around town with our two youngest grandchildren (2 and 4 years old). Whenever we come to a cross street or traffic light, we teach them the basic things they need to do in order to be safe. I would be willing to bet that by the time they are 8 years old, they will be able to safely walk down the street by themselves.

My real reasons for writing this letter: One, sometimes our children need us to step back and let them learn that there are consequences for their actions. Sometimes the

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result is good and sometimes it can be bad. However, every time these things happen it becomes an opportunity they are able to learn from. Second, a man, probably very much like Mr. Eldred, is depending on this driving job for his livelihood. He is not just a name, he is also a person. This man took it upon himself to make a decision that involved the safety of all the children on that bus, not just the ones who were misbehaving. This bus driver needs our support, not a suspension.

My hope is that when these kids grow up — and they will grow up — that they look back at this as a learning experience and remember it and use it when dealing with their own children. Learning doesn’t just happen in the classroom.

Oh, by the way, this happened to me about 58 years ago when the walk to school was long and also uphill both ways. Some things never seem to change, do they?

**Bob Buckhave**  
Northville

### Use science in wolf management

The bills currently before the Michigan Senate and House are not designed to thwart democracy, they are designed to let the people that are educated and trained in the science of game and hunting issues at the Natural Resources Commission intelligently manage wildlife for the benefit of the animals, and the people that must co-exist with them. It helps to insure that game management decisions are made by sound science, not ballot-box biology and emotional hand-wringing.

No one is advocating the

elimination of wolves in Michigan. These new laws will guarantee that those who study wolves, and track their activities and movements, will be able to effectively manage their numbers through the use of selective hunting. It also insures that future issues related to fish and game animals will have the same guarantee of being managed by sound science, and won’t be subject to emotional appeals or petitions, often from those that are out of state.

I have bow hunted in the western Upper Peninsula — 530 miles from Northville — for over 20 years. A good friend of mine up there made a rather interesting point about wolves in the U.P. He said, “no one asked the people in the U.P. if they wanted wolves.” Apparently Ms. Brock (“Protect wolves and democracy,” letters, April 18) thinks that it is undemocratic for her not to be able to decide for others that live hundreds of miles from Northville, an issue that has no impact on her day to day life in Northville. Maybe a good solution would be to capture and transport some of the abundance of wolves in the U.P. to every county in southern Michigan.

It is illegal to hunt deer in Northville, and there are no natural predators, so they either get hit by a car or die of old age. Perhaps the deer I see regularly in my backyard in Northville Township should have the same opportunity to be eaten alive by wolves as the U.P. deer do. Maybe the petition circulators and signers against sound game management should have the same opportunity to have their dog, cat, or livestock eaten alive by wolves that people living in the U.P. do. My guess is that if they put wolves all over southern Michigan, there would be far less signatures on any petitions to prevent the Michigan Natural Resources Council from carefully and intelligently managing them.

**Steve Lawrence**  
Northville Township

### Concentrate on sidewalks

This is in regards to the city of Northville connecting to other existing trails in the area. Northville and Northville Township should concentrate on their sidewalks, instead. There are no sidewalks on Eight Mile on south side of the road. Also, there are no sidewalks on Northville Road, from Five Mile to past Seven Mile.

**Lorraine Powell**  
Northville Township

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# Pastor hit with hepatitis A in Israel

By Cal Stone  
Staff Writer

Yes, June Marshall Smith has hepatitis A, but she wants to make one thing — no, make that two things — very clear: You aren't going to get it from her, but get the vaccine!

The pastor at Novi's United Methodist Church for the past six years contracted it while in Israel on a 10-day trip, returning March 3 after an extension there with members of her congregation.

"I drank some tap water in the hotel room in the Dead Sea," she said. "It wasn't until after that I saw a brochure in the room that mentioned you shouldn't drink it because it's not filtered for human consumption."

She and Ann Hocking of the Oakland County Health Department are fairly certain that's where Smith's torturous journey began. They went through everything she had eaten or drank since returning and factored in the time it takes hepatitis A to incubate.

The day after Easter, Smith was running a high temperature, but that's "not uncommon for a pastor to get run down after a holiday," she said. But then she began sweating profusely and was extremely tired. The following Sunday, she knew she was very sick, and she wound up in the emergency room at Novi's Providence Park Hospital on April 8.

"They didn't diagnose me (with hepatitis) because they heard the congestion in my chest and assumed the fever was due to congestion," she said. "They gave me a couple fluid liters of antibiotics."

After nearly a week in the hospital, she headed back to her Novi home,

stressing that "I'm not contagious anymore. You have to be feverish for that."

She also has a bit of a cold, and said her chest was still congested from lying down so much. Talking on the phone last Thursday while preparing a meal for her young grandson, Smith sounded drained physically, and a bit emotionally, too. In addition to the challenges of hepatitis A on her body, as well as gallbladder issues, Smith has had to also battle rumors.

"People like to know what other people don't and they get things started" she said.

She was waiting to get the go-ahead from Hocking before sending out a letter to her congregation letting them know the symptoms and that they are not at risk. "Nobody said it was necessary, but I wanted to be honest and up front," said Smith. "I don't think that makes anything less scary for people. I've nothing to hide — I'm not a drug user, I don't have unprotected sex, so there are no risk factors. It's just a freak situation."

People touching hands generally doesn't transmit it, said Smith. You have to have poor hygiene — it's basically transmitted by fecal matter — and she says she's fastidious.

"I was a liability claims adjuster, so I handled all those claims when people got sick because of food-borne illness," she said. "So I know what things cause food-borne illnesses — not washing food adequately, not washing hands. But I don't cook for people. And you can't get it from hugging me at Sunday morning worship."

Smith was proactive in informing people she had contacted, like one of her parishioners at The Manor in Novi. She got in touch with all the people who

traveled with her to Israel via the travel agency and let them know.

Even though she got sick in Israel, Smith says she'll return there.

"It was an amazing trip," she said, "and I will take a trip again. I do plan on leading another one in 2015. I will do it, as sick as I am. One of the first things I will ask everybody, though, is make sure you get shots. Maybe sit down with a health officer."

Smith is adamant about telling folks to take preventive measures now, especially those who travel.

"The one thing I would want people to do is get a Hepatitis A vaccine," she said. "It's not commonly recommended, but they do it for kids in school now. It's a \$25 shot, now and then six months later. My co-pays and deductible are going to be way more than that. If people were more proactive, they could avoid being as sick as I am. It's such a small cost, considering I've been down for the count for three weeks. I would've spent 30 bucks 10 times over in hindsight."

As for her pastoral duties, her congregation of about 150 is rallying behind her, and a couple of retired pastors are stepping up to cover for her, but those in the community have to be without Smith's presence until she fully recovers.

"I'm getting better," she said. "My bilirubin is coming down. I'm so jaundiced, it looks awful. I can't eat. Everything is nauseating. I'm pretty much existing on water, juice and Popsicles. I can smell the scent of garbage bags all the way upstairs!"

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June Marshall Smith contracted hepatitis A during a recent trip to Israel, and she's urging folks to get vaccinated.

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## Farmers Market set to open for season May 2

The days are finally starting to warm up, which means the Northville Farmer's market is right around the corner. The Farmers Market will open for the first time on May 2, and then run every Thursday through Oct. 31.

Hours for the market, which is always located in the Northville Downs parking lot at the corner of Sheldon and Seven Mile roads, are 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Northville Chamber of Commerce, which organizes the market, believes it has something to offer everyone and all tastes. It features more than 125 stalls of Michigan-grown and Michigan-

made products, including flowers, herbs, vegetable plants, seasonal produce, berries, organic produce, roses, flowering shrubs, local honey, bread and bakery items, seasoning mixes, dog food, homemade pasta, jams and jellies, salsa mix, garden art, jewelry, juried artisans and crafters, furniture, and much more.

There are also shaded picnic tables and a lunch service provided.

Special Farmers Market events include:

- Master Gardeners weekly from 9 a.m. to noon
- Fresh food collection for Northville Civic Concern, which begins in July

- A weekly search for the "TOP BANANA"
- Coloring pictures are always available
- New cars on display weekly from Tom Holzer Ford, Varsity Lincoln and Suburban Fiat
- Knife, scissors, and garden tool sharpening

This year's Farmers Market is sponsored by Renewal by Anderson, Northville Downs, Patti Mullen/Remerica One, Suburban Fiat of Ann Arbor, HAP & Varsity Lincoln. For more information on the Farmers Market, visit [www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org) or find the Northville Farmers Market on Facebook to keep updated on what's happening at the market.

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**Record:** How did you get started in this business?

Victor Visocchi: Business is a passion for me. I do it because it's a lifestyle and a sense of freedom. I started my first business in high school repairing televisions, which were early signs for my love for the service business. What can I say? Small business own-

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ers are pathological optimists. They're like thoroughbred horses — they don't want to be held back, they want to run.

**Record:** What's the best reason to do business in the Northville area?

Victor Visocchi: We love the area and we feel it represents the economic growth area for the region.

**Record:** How are things going lately?

Victor Visocchi: Things could not be better. The Metro Detroit housing market is rebounding, especially in the Northville and Novi area. With homeowners now buying and moving into their new homes, they are fixing up many parts of their new home, including getting new paint jobs inside and out.

**Record:** Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

Victor Visocchi: Depending on where you are working and your attitude towards it, work can be a blessing or a

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## Haven brings together a little old with some new

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

Haven has brought to Northville a shopping experience that's both welcoming and unique. The new downtown business has an assortment of items to furnish a home or that can be purchased as a special gift.

The doors at Haven (City-Country-Cottage) opened a couple of months ago along Center Street, but the original shop in Plymouth has been open for over a decade and many residents probably know of or have visited it.

"I think Haven is a shop that brings together the old and new," said Haven's owner Martha McMeekin. "We are constantly updating our selection and always look for quality items that are interesting and inspiring."

McMeekin is a Northville resident and has wanted to branch out from Plymouth for some time now, and she finally found the perfect location in downtown. She said it's been a good start in Northville with new and old customers coming in to welcome her and the staff.

The shop features a changing blend of antiques, architectural salvage as well as gifts and accessories. McMeekin said the Northville location has elements that are modern and urban while others are a little more rustic. It has everything needed to furnish a home, with furniture ranging from sofas to chairs and accessories



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Martha McMeekin recently opened up her shop, Haven, at 111 N. Center Street in downtown Northville. The shop specializes in re-purposed furniture and furnishings and also offers interior decorating assistance.

### HAVEN

**Owner:** Martha McMeekin  
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like lamps and artwork.

For McMeekin the key is to find things that she likes or knows her customers would like. She is always keeping an eye out for unique things that

can fill space.

Customer service is a primary goal, which is why McMeekin created an interior design service that is available by appointment and can go to a person's home to help formulate a plan.

"We offer personalized service and will take the time to help you pick out that perfect gift or help you furnish an entire room," she said. "The home is a reflection of you and your family, so customer satisfaction is very important to us."

Haven is located at 111 N. Center Street and can be reached by phone at (248) 348-8801. For more information, visit www.havenofplymouth.com.

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Commercial Progression, an open-source web design company, has recently opened an office in downtown Northville and is celebrating its five-year anniversary. They will be hosting an open house at their new Northville location (115 N Center Street, Suite 203) from 4-7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7. Light refreshments will be served. A ribbon cutting will take place at 5 p.m.

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# SPORTS

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Wildcat pitcher Ryan Davis in action on April 17 at Northville.

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## Wildcats drop a chance to compete with Plymouth

By Terry Jacoby  
Correspondent

The Novi baseball team made some costly errors in a 7-2 loss Monday afternoon at Plymouth. The loss dropped the Wildcats to 3-3 overall on the season and 1-1 in the KLAAs.

"We couldn't catch a pop up," said Novi coach Rick Green. "I thought we pitched pretty well but we made too many errors. We need to do a better job catching the ball."

The Wildcats made four errors behind starter Mario Ferrini, who as Green said, pitched well but was pulled when his pitch count reached



A Mustang does not beat the throw back to first and is tagged out by Wildcat Grant Wheeler during their April 17 game.

49 pitches. The senior went two innings, allowing one hit, a walk while striking out two.

Ryan Caputo came in and pitched the next two innings, allowing an unearned run and two hits while striking out

three. Blair Myers allowed just one hit and no earned runs in his two innings of work.

Kyle Matel was 2-for-2 at the plate with an RBI for the Wildcats. Luke Bageris had a

### ON TAP

Novi (3-3 overall) played a doubleheader Wednesday against South Lyon East. The Wildcats play today against Canton and Friday against Brighton (DH). All games are at home and start at 4 p.m.

double and an RBI, and Jared Casaccia walked twice and was on base three times. Ferrini, Andrew Turek and Keaton Figurski had one hit apiece.

Terry Jacoby is a freelance writer covering sports for the Novi News.

## Shamrocks lax team falls to powerful Brother Rice

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

The Brother Rice Warriors lacrosse team is the squad everyone measures themselves against when looking at just how strong their team is and what their potential is. That's because the Warriors haven't lost a game since the 2002 season, and that streak is still intact.

After a heart-breaking overtime loss last week, the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks now know how they stack-up—but that doesn't take the sting out of the loss, despite the thrill of coming so close to victory against a team that hasn't played in overtime against a foe from Michigan since 2006.

"There are no moral victories, but taking Rice to overtime was a pretty great feeling," said Catholic Central coach Dave Wilson of the 14-13 game. "We handled the pressure, took care of the ball, matched their aggressiveness and tossed in a few wrinkles of our own. We were right there when it counted at the end of the game."

Catholic Central was just seconds away from snapping the Warriors' long-time reign over Michigan. With about 20 seconds left in regulation, Catholic Central brought the ball into the offensive zone and pressured the Warriors. Brother Rice held fast,

### ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central lacrosse team will be back on the field when they visit Culver Academy tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. before visiting New Trier Saturday at 3 p.m. The team will then host Orchard Lake St. Mary's Tuesday at 7 p.m. and then visit Cranbrook a week from today at 6:15 p.m.

however, and forced a bad shot as time ran out to force the game into overtime.

In the extra stanza, the Shamrocks held on for two full minutes—even getting a great save from Jon Conley to keep Brother Rice out of the net—before the game went in favor of the Warriors. Catholic Central's Alex Gilhooly brought the ball down the field but was forced out of bounds in the Shamrocks' offensive end of the field. Joe Plaskey, a Brother Rice defender, then raced down the field and fired home a strong shot that found the back of the net for the victory.

The Shamrocks were led by Gilhooly, who had six goals and an assists, while Jack Van Acker added two goals and two assists and Adam Findley had three goals from his position in the midfield.

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

## Girls take victory away from first home meet

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs girls track team made the most out of their first home dual meet of the season, walking away with a victory, 95-42, over South Lyon.

The squad, coached by Tim Dalton in his first season at the helm, took firsts in 12 events to secure the division win.

"It was a nice, solid win for our team," said Dalton. "I was impressed with our efforts across the board."

Starting the meet off was the 4-by-800 team of Rachel Coleman, Alison Robinson, Nicole Mosteller and Erin Zimmer, which took first place in 10:18.72—a full minute ahead of the competition. The team then

### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls track team will compete again Saturday when they visit Saline before hosting Novi Tuesday at 3:45 p.m.

snagged a first place in the 100 high hurdles from Morgan Robertson, followed by second from Lauren Rodriguez before Chloe Abbott took first in the 100 dash in 13.14 seconds.

Northville also took first in the 4-by-200, 4-by-400 and 4-by-100 relays while Coleman, Zimmer and Robinson took first, second and third, respectively, in the mile run. Alexa Abbott took first in the 400, followed by Nadia Affes and Lindsay Walters in sec-



Mustang Morgan Robertson runs in the 100 meter hurdles on April 16 as Northville hosts South Lyon.

ond and third, respectively, while Rodriguez and Robertson took first and second, respectively in the 300 hurdles.

Northville also captured first in the 800 run with Zimmer taking the top spot

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Mustang Alison Robins competes in the 4x400 meter relay race April 16.

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# Novi track team takes second in Milford

By Terry Jacoby  
Correspondent

The Novi track team competed at the Balawagder Relays last weekend and finished in an impressive second place. The Balawagder Relays are held at Milford High School and feature teams from all over Southeastern Michigan.

This co-ed relay event allows for both teams

## ON TAP

The Novi track and field team will participate in the Raider Relays on Friday at North Farmington HS. The Wildcats will compete on Tuesday at Northville starting at 3:45 p.m.

to be combined as one. These relays consist of two males and two females for every event.

The Wildcats had a number of strong performances, including from Abby Downs, Hannah Loneran, Jordan Love, Brian Barnes and Connor Daly.

Novi also had several second-place finishes that helped the Wildcats grab second overall in the meet.

**Terry Jacoby** is a freelance writer covering sports for the Novi News.



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Wildcat pitcher Natalie Tarrant goes into her windup during Novi's April 17 visit to Northville.

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# Wildcats softball falls to Plymouth 10-0

By Terry Jacoby  
Correspondent

The Novi softball offense has gone cold. And the team-wide slump hasn't come at a very good time for the Wildcats.

"The whole team is in a slump," said Novi coach Bob Lulek, following his team's 10-0 loss Monday to host Plymouth. "I thought we hit some balls hard but we need more than one hit to compete."

The lone Novi hit came off the bat of Casey Lawler, who ripped a double into the gap. And Brooke Embley had a walk, but that was it for the Wildcats, who struck out eight times.

"Their pitcher wasn't super fast but she had

## ON TAP

Novi (2-4 overall) played a doubleheader Wednesday against South Lyon East. The Wildcats play today against Canton and at Churchill on Monday. All games are at 4 p.m.

good location," Lulek said. "We are struggling on the mound. We tried all three pitchers (Monday). Teams are hitting the ball hard and we made some errors. But it all starts with pitching."

On April 13, the Wildcats split a double-header with Walled Lake Western. Novi lost the opener 12-8 on a grand slam home run with two outs in the bottom of the sev-

enth.

Mallory Daschke took the loss, allowing nine hits. But five of the runs were unearned.

Sam Troher had two hits and two RBI and Kaitley Oppat had a triple and a walk. Daschke and Jenna Lowney also had hits.

But the Cats bounced back to take the nightcap 7-5.

In the second game, Natalie Tarrant was the winning pitcher, allowing five runs on six hits with one strikeout. Casey Lawler (2 for 3, two RBI) and Lola Teran (two hits including a double) helped provide the offensive spark for Novi.

**Terry Jacoby** is a freelance writer covering sports for the Novi News.

# Wildcats score easy soccer wins over South Lyon teams

By Terry Jacoby  
Correspondent

The Novi soccer team has a losing record against Mother Nature, but on the field the Wildcats are enjoying the sunshine of a strong start.

In between rain and basically miserable weather, Novi won two games last week to improve to 4-1 on the season.

The Wildcats made up Thursday's postponement against South Lyon East on Saturday and defeated their hosts 8-1.

Erin Dircks, a senior forward, led the Wildcats with three goals. Freshman Chloe Allen, senior Natalie Krygier

## ON TAP

Novi (4-1) and have a big week next week with away games against Northville on Tuesday and Salem on Thursday. On Monday, Novi plays at Stevenson and then plays host to South Lyon on May 2. All games are 7 p.m.

and junior Taylor Pavlika each scored twice for the winners.

Krygier and Katrina Koomen each had two assists. Dircks, Allen, Kelly Cauchi and Jessie Parvana recorded assists.

Jade Antolec made six saves, including a penalty

shot, to pick up the win.

On April 16, Novi had few problems with South Lyon, knocking off their hosts 8-0.

Allen scored twice for the Wildcats. Parvana, Pavlika, Dircks, Krygier, Megan Riley and Cat Nussio all found the back of the net in the win.

Assists went to Dircks (two), Krygier (two), Karissa Koomen, Pavlika, Allen and Kendall Kramer.

Antolec made four saves to earn the Wildcats' first shutout of the season.

**Terry Jacoby** is a freelance writer covering sports for the Novi News.

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# 'Cat lacrosse girls fall to talented South Lyon 17-6

By Terry Jacoby  
Correspondent

The Novi girls' lacrosse team got a first-hand look at where they want to go. "The way South Lyon plays is the way we want to play," said Novi coach Caitlin Warda. "We aren't there yet. They are a great team and the best we've seen this year. They were a lot for us to handle." South Lyon won 17-6 over the host Wildcats, who fell to 3-4 on the still young season. "It was a great learning experience for us," Warda said. "Their defense

## ON TAP

The Novi girls' lacrosse team (3-4) played at Plymouth on Wednesday and will host Northville on Monday and Saline on Tuesday. Games start at 7 p.m.

was rock solid and their passing was outstanding." Morgan Statezny and Gina Salemi each scored twice for the Wildcats. Natalie Trainor added a goal. Alanna Clark continues her strong play, winning 10 faceoffs for Novi. Last Friday, the Wildcats knocked off previ-

ously undefeated Rochester 16-10.

"We played really well," Warda said. "We don't have a lot of depth but we were able to get everyone into this game and that experience should help us."

Clark had five goals and won 13 draws and Salemi and Haley Parker each scored three times to lead the offense. Jordan Howard scored twice and Statezny, Nicole Lazzara and Lauren Brown each scored once.

Terry Jacoby is a freelance writer covering sports for the Novi News.



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Mustang Alex Kerns competes in the pole vault during Northville's April 16 home track meet.

# Overtime thriller!

## Wildcats edge Northville 12-11 in boys' lacrosse

By Terry Jacoby  
Correspondent

The Novi boys' lacrosse team scored an impressive 12-11 overtime win on Sunday over rival Northville in what turned out to be a wild finish. In a back-and-forth, hard-fought game, the Wildcats appeared to be headed to the win column. But with 4 minutes to go and leading 10-8, Novi was called for a penalty. The Mustangs responded by scoring three consecutive goals to take an 11-10 lead with the clocking winding down. While Northville was trying to play keep away in the final seconds, Novi's Scott Schramm knocked the ball loose and goalie Mitch Adams was able to scoop the ball up. On the play, Adams was slashed in the back, drawing a penalty on the Mustangs. With the man advantage, Mark Ghannam fired a shot from the top of the key that landed in the back of the net to tie the score at 11-11 with just 17 seconds left. In overtime and still on

## ON TAP

The Novi boys' lacrosse team hosts a three-game homestand this week. The Wildcats hosted Plymouth on Wednesday, Notre Dame Prep on Thursday and South Lyon on Saturday.

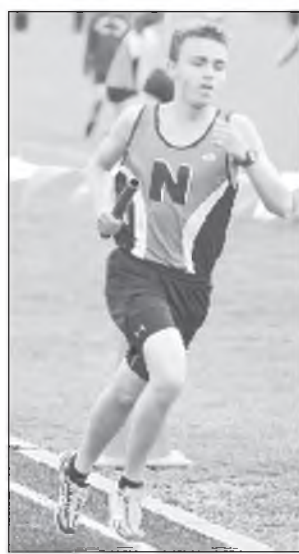
the power play, the Wildcats went on the attack. After several nice stops by the Northville goalie, Justin Danks ran down the ball for Novi just before it went out of bounds. Danks made a pass to Alex Caprara in the crease and Caprara buried the game winner for the Wildcats. "It was a fantastic game," said Novi coach Eric Hoffman. "It was a bit of a nail-bitter, but it was fun." Caprara had four goals and Ghannam and Lucas Buck each scored three times for the winners. Danks and Keith Pravato each scored once for the Wildcats. Danks, Pravato, Ghannam and Chris Kennedy each had one assist for Novi. Kennedy had five

ground balls and Travis Sparling had four and Caprara three. Schramm had three takeaways while Sparling had two and Tommy McMaster one. Adams recorded 14 saves for the Wildcats. On Saturday, Novi lost to Troy 11-9. "It was a hard played game, and the team is coming together," Hoffman said. "That is hard to say with a loss but we are starting to play more as a team. Good team play wins lacrosse games." Kennedy led the offense with three goals. Buck and Caprara each had two goals. Ghannam and John VanderMey scored one apiece. Pravato had three assists and Caprara and John VanderMey each had one assist. Sparling had two takeaways and Schramm and Jason Sherran each had one. Adams made five saves in the loss. Terry Jacoby is a freelance writer covering sports for the Novi News.

# Mustangs dominate South Lyon

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

It's always nice to be able to walk away with the first victory of the season, especially when it comes in the first meet in front of the home stands. The Northville Mustangs boys track team did just that last week, beating South Lyon in their first home dual meet of the season, 100.5-36.5. "Our victory was sparked by key contributions from all facets of the team: long distance, sprints and field events," said first-year coach Brandon Langston. "Everybody did their part to facilitate this win." The Mustangs swept the 100-, 200- and 400-meter dashes as well as the mile and two-mile runs. "That really speaks well of the depth and talent of our athletes on this team," said Langston. Nathan Lwo came out and won the 100 dash in 11.76 seconds while Justin Hsieh and Charlie May went one and two, respectively, in the 110 high hurdles and then switched spots in the 300 hurdles, finishing second and first, respectively. Sean Wagner won the high jump and finished second in the pole vault



Mustang Nathan Tajar runs the 4x400 meter relay race on April 16.

## ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys track and field team will compete again Saturday when they visit Saline before hosting Novi on Tuesday at 3:45 p.m.

Walled Lake Western and finished sixth out of a field of 12 teams. Three relay teams took first place medals, with two of those teams setting new meet records. The team of Nick Noles, Conor Naughton, Jason Ferrante and Dan Sims broke the meet record in the 6.4K medley--running a mile, half mile, half mile and two mile--with a time of 18:40.7. Ferrante, Ryan Flanagan, Noles and Sims then ran the distance medley relay-800, 400, 1,200 and 1,600 runs--and set a record with a time of 11:01.86. The same team set the previous mark the year before. The spring relay team--which runs a 400, 200, 200 and 400 sprints--was made of Flanagan, Anthony Sourges, Eric Tang and Ferrante and won in 1:35. Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.

# Weather woes: Novi golf team ready for season to get into full swing

By Terry Jacoby  
Correspondent

Some sports can play in the rain and cold. Golf isn't one of those sports. "This has been such a crazy spring that the players haven't been able to practice much," said Novi coach Bradley Huss. Poor weather aside, there is plenty of optimism on the scorecard for the Wildcats. "I think the varsity scores are much higher than they will be in a few days because this is a very good group of players and these scores are not indicative of their ability as individuals or as a team," Huss said. "I am confident they will have a great year." The Wildcats began KLAAs competition on Tuesday against Northville at Tanglewood Golf Club. "This is always a close match and I expect that

## ON TAP

The Novi golf team opened KLAAs action on Tuesday against Northville. The Wildcats will play today against South Lyon East at Walnut Creek and Monday at the Seaholm Invite at Birmingham Country Club.

it will be decided by a shot or two so we need to focus on winning the division again," Huss said. "Billy Ulle (sophomore) will be joining the other five varsity golfers to form our six-man dual meet team. He has played well on two days with poor weather conditions in the JV events, so I look for him to help the team this year." In the varsity team's only action this season, the Wildcats took 22nd place at the Seaholm Varsity Invitational on April 22 at Red Run Country Club.

Junior Garret Buckley had a strong outing with a 77, good enough for fourth place. Other scorers for Novi were Brad Kozinski (85), Jason Carless (86), Mike Wenzl (89) and Bryan Fegert (91). The Wildcats shot a team score of 337. The Novi JV team has played in two JV tournaments. On April 16, they played against Hartland at Dunham Hills and took second with a score of 347. Ulle shot an 84 followed by Erik Czekaj (85), Matt Kelley (89), Connor Howell (90) and Brendan Campbell (90). The JV took eighth place at the Pinckney Invitational on April 20 with a score of 347. Ulle, Chris Park and Kevin Havens all carded an 84. Czekaj shot a 91 and Blake Carrick shot a 95. Terry Jacoby is a freelance writer covering sports for the Novi News.

# Knights fight to a draw in blustery conditions

## Rugby team can't get best of Grand Blanc

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

Despite dominating most of the match, the Northville Knights Rugby Football Club found itself finishing its game against Grand Blanc in a stalemate. The squad, coached by Ron Cornell, played to a 12-12 tie against the tough Grand Blanc team. "Overall, we are pleased with the effort and the execution in our tight rucking phase," said Cornell. "Unfortunately, the weather and the field conditions did not allow us the opportunity to get the ball out wide and take advantage of more open field play that we have been working on this spring." Northville opened up the scoring when eighth man David Borthwick

## ON TAP

The Northville Knights Rugby Football Club will be back on the pitch to play today on the road at Howell at 5:30 p.m. before hosting Troy a week from today at 5:30 p.m.

rumbled into the tryzone from five meters out following a great play that found the Knights counter rucking the ball away from Grand Blanc deep in their offensive territory. Northville held onto a 5-0 halftime lead despite controlling nearly every ruck in the first half, and Grand Blanc tied the score, 5-5, in the opening minutes of the second half when their winger snatched the ball that popped out during a tackle from about 30 meters out. The Knights put together several sustained drives and used hard running by prop Mike Haugen and captain RJ Holloway to push their way down the pitch. Grand Blanc took an off-side penalty and Holloway ran a quick tap and dove in for the try from about five meters out to go up 12-5 following a conversion by Ricky Lenczewski. Unfortunately, Grand Blanc had a march of their own, capitalizing on a series of dropped balls by the Knights, to score and tie the match with about six minutes remaining for the 12-12 final. Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.

## TRACK

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and Coleman in second while Alexa Abbott and Chloe Abbott went one and two, respectively, in the 200 dash. In the two-mile run, Emma Herrmann took first and Erin Dunne captured second. Molly DeDonna also cap-

tured a first in the Shot put with a throw of 26-foot-9 inches. The Mustangs also competed in the Stafford Memorial Relays at Walled Lake Western last week and took second place--just 4.5 points behind winner Ann Arbor Pioneer. "It was a great overall effort by the girls today, especially considering

the weather, strong winds and temperatures in the 30s," said Dalton. "We are progressing nicely as a team right now and are continuing to show improvement across the board." The girls 6.4K medley relay team of Coleman, Robinson, Zimmer and Taleen Shahrigian took first in 21:41, breaking the record they formally

set by Northville in 2010 of 21:47. Northville also took first in the distance medley relay, which consists of a 800, 400, 1,200 and 1,600 run with a time of 12:47--just two seconds off of the meet record. The team that won the race was Robinson, Walters, Zimmer and Coleman. The team of Rebec-

ca Shoup, Audrey Baetz, Robertson and Rodriguez took first in the shuttle hurdle relay team with a time of 11:11.72. Taking second-place finishes were the 4-by-800 relay team of Coleman, Robinson, Mosteller and Zimmer while the team of Affes, Chloe Abbott, Robertson and Alexa Abbott took second in the sprint medley

relay. Also taking second was the 4-by-800 team of Mosteller, Herrmann, Chloe Smither and Haley Harris and the 4-by-400 team of Walters, Rodriguez, Affes and Alexa Abbott. Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.

## First match leads to win for Northville

After delays upon delays, Mustangs finally get to play

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

Spring has not been kind to the Northville Mustangs girls tennis team, forcing them to cancel several events and delay others to the point that it was driving the team a little stir-crazy.

The Mustangs finally got on the court last week and they took their pent-up frustrations out on the Livonia Stevenson Spartans, winning their dual meet, 8-1.

"Although it was windy and cloudy, no rain allowed us to finish the match, losing only on the No. 1 singles court," said coach Linda Jones.

The No. 1 singles match found Northville Emma Worley falling to a tough Aimee Moccia from Stevenson, 6-1, 6-3.

In the second singles flight, Northville earned a win and then didn't look back. Reeshma Kumar, a freshman for Northville, upended Stevenson's Caroline Hay, 6-1, 6-0, to take the second singles win, while Claudia Ma beat Laura Shurelo, 6-0, 6-0, to earn a No. 3 singles victory for the Mustangs. At fourth singles, Alex Jeannotte beat Batool Hussian, 6-0, 6-1.

In the doubles flights, Northville simply swept their way to victory as the No. 1 team of Anika Mulkerji and

### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls tennis team will be back on the court when they host Ann Arbor Huron today at 4 p.m. before playing Saturday on the road against Ann Arbor Pioneer at 8 a.m. The team will then play Tuesday on the road in the KLAA North crossover game at 4 p.m. They will also play at home in the KLAA West crossover game a week from today at 4 p.m.

Danielle Romano beat Arryn Dochentz and Sam Digovanie, 6-1, 6-2, and the team of Elizabeth Sakorafis and Jordan Hermiz topped Josie Abdulbaki and Shelby Spay, 6-0, 6-0, at No. 2 doubles.

In the third doubles flight, Northville's duo of Paige Baal and Chloe Page beat Madie Chimento and Julia Gramitco, 6-0, 6-0, while the team of Shannon Williams and Libby Quinn topped Sra Morse and Sam Cyros, 6-0, 6-0, at No. 4 doubles.

The final doubles flight of Amelia Albanelli and Molly Bis topped Danielle Marzec and Lauren Larson, 6-1, 6-1.

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

# Northville edges Salem for soccer victory

Team fights through wind, wet conditions to get win

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs girls soccer team isn't going to know what to do with themselves when the sun actually comes up and nice weather starts appearing.

The team played through 25-mile-per-hour winds and a sopping wet field from two days of rain to defeat the Salem Rocks, 1-0, in the Central Division showdown.

"The defense played well tonight," said coach Eric Brucker. "The back line deserves a lot of credit for our early-sea-

### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls soccer team will return to the pitch when they visit South Lyon today at 7 p.m. before visiting Saginaw Heritage Saturday. The team will then play Monday at home against South Lyon East at 7 p.m. and a week from today when they host Livonia Stevenson at 7 p.m.

son success. Alexis Mencotti, Ashley Peper, Cassidy Ebach, Morgan Gozgor, Tara Pawloski, Sarah Castellano and Karen

Lovelace have all contributed to a solid defensive stance."

That defense was key in taking down Salem, which came into the game with a 3-1-1 record. The Rocks were able to only get one shot on goal in the first half and two additional shots on goal in the second half, giving sophomore goalie Emily Maresh a lot more time to watch the game than having to dive on the wet field to stop shots.

Northville's lone goal game in the fifth minute of play when junior Gabby Mencotti tracked a through ball along the

left flank as it headed toward the touch line. With her final touch, she played a cross the floated in the high winds over the Salem goalie's head and to freshman Kacey Cerretani, who poked the ball into the net for the only score of the contest.

In the second half, the Rocks pressed as hard as they could for an equalizing goal, but Northville's defense held strong.

Northville is now 5-1 on the season.

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

## Girls lacrosse team splits week

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

You win some and you lose some, but what matters most are the lessons learned from those games.

For the Northville Mustangs girls lacrosse team, the lesson they learned in their 17-2 loss to South Lyon was you have to pick yourself up and keep moving forward. That's what they did when they visited Waterford four days later and earned a 10-7 victory despite 25-mile-per-hour winds and snow flurries.

The Mustangs took a 6-4 lead in the first half of play against Waterford and built on that lead in the second half to secure the victory behind the outstanding play of Erin Vogel.

### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls lacrosse team will take to the field again when they visit Novi Monday at 7 p.m. before visiting South Lyon at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Vogel scored five goals and snagged two ground balls as she led her team to another victory. Her first three goals came in the first half with the initial coming with Northville leading 1-0 at the 20:08 mark. Vogel took a pass from Erica MacDonald and buried it to give her squad the 2-0 advantage. She scored again less than three minutes later, this time assisted by Anne Dulzo, to make it a 3-0 game.

Waterford scored with

16:42 on the clock to cut the lead to 3-1 and then tallied another goal a minute later for a 3-2 contest, but the Mustangs didn't let it phase them, scoring off the stick of Grace Guibord, assisted by Mary Dalrymple, to make it a 4-2 advantage before Vogel scored an unassisted goal 2:30 later to increase Northville's advantage. Waterford scored twice more to cut into Northville's lead and Hope Miller tacked on a goal for Northville for the 6-4 lead heading into the locker room. Alivia DuQuet scored the opening goal of the game, unassisted.

In the second half, Northville watched as Waterford tallied two goals to tie the contest before going on a 18-minute dry spell, during

which time the Mustangs tacked on four scores of their own. Liz Hansell, a sophomore, scored her first varsity goal on a free shot with 15:03 left in the game to give the Mustangs the lead again before Vogel scored back-to-back goals for a 9-6 lead. Northville's final goal came from MacDonald, who scored on a free position shot to seal Northville's scoring.

MacDonald had six draw controls in the contest to help the Mustangs gain offensive possessions while Kali Maisano had nine saves in net to secure the victory.

Northville is now 5-2 on the season.

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# Builder survey shows signs of optimism

A statewide survey shows a strong surge in optimism among homebuilders and remodelers which bodes well for a stronger housing market in 2013. The Michigan Housing Index (MHI), which is conducted by the Home Builders Association of Michigan (HBA Michigan), recorded its highest total in the three-year history of the survey.

"The survey confirms what we have been hearing from homebuilders and remodelers for the past several months," said Robert Filka, HBA Michigan CEO. "There has been considerable pent-up demand among consumers as they have waited for market conditions to improve. Many potential buyers recognize that now is a perfect time for them to enter the market."

The latest Michigan Housing Index covers the time period of January through March 2013. The first quarter 2013 index for builders was 59, which was up sharply from 38 in December of 2012, and 44 recorded in March 2012. Following is a year-to-year comparison of the MHI Index:

March 2013 December 2012 March 2012

Builders Index	59	38	44
Remodelers Index	58	38	45

The Michigan Housing Index (MHI) is a quarterly summary of building and remodeling activity compiled by HBA of Michigan. The survey asks builders about the number of homes currently under construction and in the planning stages. Builders are also asked to evaluate their prospects for future customers. Totals are calculated in an index that is reported quarterly to provide a tracking mechanism for the industry's process. The survey breaks down



builder/remodeler sentiment into three categories:

- Less than 45 (pessimistic)
- 45-55 (cautious optimism)
- Above 55 (optimism)

"It is significant to note that the Michigan Housing Index total for the first quarter shows that builders and remodelers have for the first time in the history of the survey moved into the solidly optimistic category," said Filka. "There is still a long way to go before we can say that housing is all the way back, but the trend lines are certainly encouraging."

A noteworthy trend in the MHI survey for the first quarter was the growing amount

of interest that builders are experiencing among consumers purchasing more expensive homes, particularly in the \$200,000-\$500,000 category. There has also been a modest uptick in consumer interest for homes in the \$500,000-\$800,000 category.

"During the economic downturn, most of the homes that did sell were under \$200,000," said Filka. "The fact that more homebuyers are now looking at higher priced homes is another indicator of a recovering housing market."

The Michigan Housing Index combines results of a monthly survey of Michigan build

## Determine source of radon

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

**Q: A condominium unit in our complex tested high for radon. The radon reports show that the radon has entered into the unit through the concrete floor; accordingly, the owner has asked the association to mitigate it. Is the association responsible for mitigating radon found in the unit?**

**A:** The answer boils down to whether the issue of mitigation rests upon where the radon was found or from where it came. Obviously, if the position of the association or their documents is that if the radon is in the unit, then the co-owner is responsible for where the radon is found and it would be unit owner's responsibility to mitigate



Robert Meisner

it. On the other hand, if the radon came from the ground which is a common element, one could argue that it

is the association's responsibility since it was the source of the radon and the concrete floor was presumably a common element through which the radon traversed. You are best advised to get a consultation with your community association-condominium lawyer.

**Q: We have a time share complex in Florida which is a condo and we are suspicious of how the finances are being handled, but are told that the head of the board will not give specifics even to other board members. The onsite managers are an ex-maid there and her ex-husband. Elections were just held and a new member proposes to get to the bottom of the finances, but if she gets stonewalled, what is her recourse and, what is ours?**

**A:** Presumably, you have a right to look at the books and records of the association and if you are stonewalled, get a lawyer and threaten a lawsuit to seek a review of all of the documents. Unfortunately, sometimes persons in a position of authority in condominium associations steal money and/or otherwise abuse their position. If you have any sense of impropriety, get a lawyers as soon as possible and investigate the situation. Being stonewalled is no excuse not to take action.

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14705 Blue Skies St	\$117,000
12416 Cardwell St	\$58,000
36268 Club Dr	\$30,000
8869 Danzig St	\$103,000
8907 E Deborah Ct	\$123,000
35061 Ellen Ct	\$215,000
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34551 Fairfax Dr	\$240,000
30328 Fairfax St	\$109,000
9030 Henry Ruff Rd	\$50,000

9718 Horton St	\$33,000
11314 Hubbard St	\$166,000
37124 Kingsburn Dr	\$365,000
27525 Lyndon St	\$125,000
14676 Melrose St	\$77,000
30606 Minton St	\$117,000
9911 Roseland St	\$60,000
15322 Sunset St	\$90,000
NORTHVILLE	
17001 Algonquin Dr	\$385,000
19047 Angell Blvd	\$595,000
18888 Bayberry Way	\$526,000
44574 Broadmoor Cir N	\$450,000
19709 Cardene Way	\$1,000
16729 Lyonhurst Cir	\$290,000
46221 Pinehurst Dr	\$520,000
715 Randolph St	\$70,000
218 West St	\$229,000
18350 Woodbury Ct	\$650,000
PLYMOUTH	
48567 E Hillcrest Ct	\$375,000
45868 Green Valley Dr	\$300,000
748 Harding St	\$150,000
41930 Lindsay Dr	\$125,000
48631 Meadow Dr	\$335,000

12952 N Beck Rd	\$308,000
730 Penniman Ave	\$189,000
1341 Sheridan St	\$310,000
REDFORD	
11422 Crosley	\$25,000
15654 Fox	\$60,000
17717 Gaylord	\$45,000
15912 Kinloch	\$24,000
26272 Margareta	\$45,000
18657 Negaunee	\$23,000
26309 W Seven Mile Rd	\$17,000
15509 Wakenden	\$29,000
24620 Westgate Dr	\$32,000
WESTLAND	
380 Bedford Dr	\$85,000
7346 Central St	\$20,000
6797 Chirrewa St	\$69,000
1335 Craig Dr	\$130,000
35668 Fernwood St	\$71,000
37608 Garden Ct	\$40,000
38062 Hixford Pl	\$50,000
29524 Julius Blvd	\$32,000
319 Shotka St	\$62,000
7538 Terri Dr	\$38,000

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 10-17, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
32251 Arlington Dr	\$210,000
21630 Normandale St	\$250,000
BINGHAM FARMS	
22987 W 13 Mile Rd	\$120,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1815 Bowers St	\$145,000
1393 Cedar Dr	\$435,000
691 Harmon St	\$260,000
691 Harmon St	\$380,000
1856 Hazel St	\$140,000
557 Henrietta St	\$170,000
1720 Washington Blvd	\$750,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
172 Kirkwood Ct	\$660,000
2512 Loch Creek Way	\$449,000
7425 Parkstone Ln	\$198,000
1788 S Hill Blvd	\$128,000
6828 Vachon Dr	\$248,000
1197 Winchcomb Dr	\$130,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
911 Dedham Ct	\$215,000
3065 Devon Brook Dr	\$105,000
3289 Devon Brook Dr	\$270,000
4693 Hedgewood Dr	\$210,000
2384 Klingersmith Rd	\$57,000
5608 Lahser Dr	\$285,000

1895 Pine Ridge Ln	\$225,000
5543 Westwood Ln	\$305,000
5131 Woodlands Dr	\$260,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
4740 Driftwood Dr	\$380,000
8119 Farrant St	\$352,000
7958 Marshalsea St	\$75,000
2133 Palmetto	\$265,000
4984 Parkgate Dr	\$365,000
4479 Ravinewood Dr	\$465,000
1825 Sleeth Rd	\$386,000
5941 Strawberry Cir	\$309,000
711 W Commerce Rd	\$28,000
3740 Wild Oak Bnd	\$141,000
FARMINGTON	
35252 Drake Heights Dr	\$205,000
22830 Lakeway St	\$65,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
36996 Aldgate Ct	\$290,000
28824 Appleblossom Ln	\$260,000
26514 Badalament Ct	\$185,000
32250 Baintree Rd	\$177,000
31242 Bycroft St	\$213,000
30917 Cedar Creek Dr	\$229,000
28124 Danvers Dr	\$155,000
30170 Fiddlers Grn	\$214,000
37080 Fox Gln	\$355,000
24424 Glen Orchard Dr	\$243,000
36555 Howard Rd	\$425,000
31476 Hunters Circle Dr	\$124,000
30807 Lamar St	\$150,000
25959 Lynford St	\$150,000
25607 Orchard Lake Rd	\$37,000
25600 Ridgewood Dr	\$185,000
26364 Springland St	\$85,000
31991 Staman Ct	\$130,000
31137 Tiverton St	\$150,000

28594 Venice Cir	\$155,000
25446 Witherspoon St	\$285,000
33819 Yorkridge St	\$279,000
FRANKLIN	
30150 Forest Dr	\$740,000
25625 Tweed Dr	\$497,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
18136 Sunnybrook Ave	\$110,000
MILFORD	
24278 Childs Lake Rd	\$169,000
814 E Liberty St	\$260,000
2682 E Maple Rd	\$185,000
1473 Horseshoe Cir	\$225,000
736 Mill Pointe Dr	\$234,000
931 Riverstone Ct	\$252,000
NORTHVILLE	
38866 Cheshire Dr	\$233,000
51925 Curtis Ct	\$399,000
203 Debra Ln	\$224,000
20950 Normandy Ct	\$80,000
21750 Woodside Ct	\$215,000
NORTHVILLE	
50630 Amesburg Dr	\$653,000
50735 Amesburg Dr	\$588,000
50750 Amesburg Dr	\$549,000
45767 Bristol Cir	\$389,000
25836 Cheyenne Dr	\$440,000
47324 Cider Mill Dr	\$214,000
28026 Hopkins Dr	\$152,000
24351 N Le Bost	\$122,000
22775 Renford St	\$44,000
24318 Terra Del Mar Dr	\$534,000
28468 Traci Trl	\$130,000
30216 Viewcrest Dr	\$251,000
30226 Viewcrest Dr	\$256,000
39774 Village Wood Cir	\$50,000
39853 Village Wood Ln	\$40,000

23965 Westmont Dr	\$470,000
SOUTH LYON	
24839 Brompton Way Ct	\$40,000
1272 Coach House Ln	\$40,000
54865 Glenwood Ct	\$40,000
59801 Mallory Ln	\$374,000
24384 Ravine Dr	\$2,000
61121 Saddlecreek Dr	\$293,000
53731 Springwood Dr	\$25,000
23506 Spy Glass HI N	\$330,000
52473 Trailwood Dr	\$100,000
52797 Trailwood Dr	\$65,000
52797 Trailwood Dr	\$2,000
23942 Winged Foot Way	\$356,000
SOUTHFIELD	
30260 Balewood St	\$193,000
17620 Cornell Rd	\$67,000
28020 Everett St	\$15,000
29545 Fairfax St	\$44,000
20506 Mada Ave	\$33,000
18195 Onyx St	\$103,000
20160 Secluded Ln	\$65,000
20580 Secluded Ln	\$95,000
29715 Somerset Dr	\$126,000
25430 Southfield Rd # A201	\$38,000
29123 Wellington Rd E	\$43,000
29625 Woodland Dr	\$108,000
WHITE LAKE	
79 Grandview Cir	\$105,000
930 Pembroke Dr	\$239,000
8365 Pontiac Lake Rd # 1	\$26,000
760 Ranveen St	\$437,000
9387 Steephollow Dr	\$272,000
8092 Sutton Ct	\$142,000
8206 Timber Trl	\$148,000
2235 Wigger Ln	\$207,000
8054 Wildwood Ln	\$217,000

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This notice is to inform our Bright House Networks customers of upcoming changes to their cable programming lineup. From time to time our agreements with cable channels and television stations come up for renewal. While we do not anticipate any loss or disruption of service, regulations require us to notify you of the possibility of losing programming. Therefore, please be advised that our agreements with Channel One Russia, El. Encore, Encore Action, Encore Drama, Encore Family, Encore Family West, Encore Love, Encore Suspense, Encore West, Encore Westerns, GoTV, IFC, IndiePlex, MC, NHL Center Ice, NHL Network, RetroFlex, Smithsonian, Starz, Starz Cinema, Starz Cinema West, Starz Comedy, Starz Edge, Starz in Black, Starz Kids & Family, Starz West, Style, This TV, TV Japan, WE and Youtube TV remain in effect on a month-to-month basis, but we may have to cease carriage in all formats if our authority to continue is withheld. Additionally, our agreements with Lifetime, Lifetime Movie Network and Lifetime Real Women expire on May 31, 2013 and we may have to cease carriage in all formats if our authority to continue is withheld. We are working diligently at this time to come to acceptable and fair terms with all of these channels.

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UP - Uplifting Entertainment HD Channel 349

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Blue Highways Channel 174  
Blue Highways HD Channel 374  
Inspiration East Channel 175  
BYU HD Channel 376  
Family Net Channel 177  
Family Net HD Channel 377  
Jewish Life TV Channel 178  
Pentagon TV Channel 179  
Pentagon HD Channel 379  
NASA Channel 180  
NASA HD Channel 380

These services will not be available on uni-directional retail devices as of the date(s) noted above. If you want to subscribe to these services, you will need a digital set-top box or tuning adaptor from Bright House Networks. Customers may continue to use their uni-directional retail device and CableCARD to receive video programming, other than the programming delivered on the SDV system. Customers who also utilize a digital set-top box or tuning adaptor will be able to receive video programming delivered on the SDV system. Customers will be notified in advance of any other programming changes.

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Help Wanted - General

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Help Wanted - General

UTILITY WORKER Charter Twp. of Redford For more info call: 313-387-2761 or visit our website at: redfordtwp.com/personnel.php

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Help Wanted - General

ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER Full-Time, 40 hrs/week. \$44k min. benefits inc. medical insurance co-pay, generous paid vacation & sick time, profit sharing. Operate and administer business management software for small but growing industrial distributor. Key functions include order entry, AR/AP, purchasing and inv. control. Familiarity w/Profit 21 or Windows based business software & GL exp. is req'd. Position may also require customer and supplier interface w/some sales quotes and purchase activity. Must be proficient w/MS Office, Word and Excel software. College degree and some accounting knowledge a plus. 2 years min exp needed. Wixom area. Send resume to: jobinquiry@gmail.com

Help Wanted - General

ASSISTANT PROGRAM COORDINATOR Howell MI. Detailed job description available at: http://cmhiv.iapplicants.com Accepting online applications only. EOE

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Help Wanted - General

CNA's - FT & PT Caretel Hms of Brighton, a skilled nursing and assisted living care facility is hiring CNA's for afternoon & midnight shifts. MUST have current MI license. Come visit our facility to fill out an application 1014 E. Grand River Brighton, MI 48116 or email resume to hrcaretel@brighton4gmail.com

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Crossword Puzzle One to Crow On

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1 Ding-dong croaker, 5 Cymops chant for the Dream Team, 11 Super Bowl six-pointers, 14 "Thoi... not...", 19 No more tea, 20 Hoi... (common folk), 21 I like sashimi, 22 More robust, 23 Inalocate person using scenarios?, 25 Manning of the gridiron, 26 Unan mously, 27 Dwellings, 28 Drive... window, 29 Outout of an artisan using animal parts?, 31 Clothed for the radio, 34 Run-down urban areas, 35 Pre-CLA org., 36 U.S. broadcaster overseas: Abb., 37 From the region, 40 Synonol in a musical stall.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-126 indicating clue positions.

Answer to Last Week's Puzzle

Grid of answers for the crossword puzzle: SHIRTPUMATSE REGENT, LATHEOTICETC ORATOR, ATSEAPATERNAL LITANY, WHATMIGHTYOUTITLEA, TUTUTOUPEEWHIM, APBSONGABOUTSOMEBODY, VILLALARESEEMARCO, OTOEALLBADMAISAP, WHOMAKESSURETHATHERE, SYDNATAARETHAWMDS, RODISALWAYSABYA, SHEDSTORES TAENNE, PILEOFBURNINGEMBERSON, ODA MOE NORMAS GHIT, TETON UGH TAI FAIRE, THEFIREPLACEFLOORPER, YODAERRATAIRON, MYHEARTH WILLGLOWON, MOTIVE TEENAGER IN AWE, CORNEA EAR RONI CEDES, AMIDST DRAGSTENT

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## What does it take to be considered overqualified?

Susan Ricker,  
CareerBuilder Writer

As a job seeker, you may sometimes think you're a con-tortionist, trying to fit and shape yourself into the perfect candidate for the job. Often-times you need to tweak your experience and skills to match the job posting's phrasing. But what if you find yourself easily meeting or even surpassing the job requirements? While you may think you're a sure pick for the role, hiring managers may deem you overqualified.

Where's the line between being a perfect fit and being overqualified? Here's how to understand whether your qualifications will work for or against you and why hiring managers care.

The problem for both job seekers and employers As time goes on, a person's career tends to ascend to higher titles and more responsibility. "An overqualified job seeker is someone who, because of salary, experience or education, is considering taking a step down in job or pay out of short-term convenience or personal necessity," says Jeff Zinser, principal of executive recruitment and search company Right Recruiting LLC.

Although this may sound like a plus for employers, who can benefit from the extra skills and experience, overqualified applicants may be viewed as a flight risk. "This situation is

a problem for employers, because there is a high probability that the person will leave the job as soon as a position at their historical level appears," Zinser says. "In many situations, once the person becomes productive, they leave. Then the employer needs to refill the position. Job specifications and requirements are designed to fill professional positions with people who will be happy and challenged for the long term."

### Send the right message

The hiring manager has valid reason to be concerned about overqualified applicants. But what if you truly want the lower-level job -- whether out of interest or necessity? How can you rephrase your experience so it's more hire-friendly without lying? "We never recommend editing or omitting vital information like experience or education from a résumé to prevent from being labeled overqualified," says Peter Zukow, general manager at Lock Search Group, a recruitment and staffing firm. "Instead, it is important to tailor a résumé to the specifications of the role. Highlight the qualifications and experiences that are most applicable to the role. If an individual misrepresents themselves on their résumé, it can be extremely embarrassing or even lead to immediate disqualification if uncovered during interview or background checks."



### Address the issue

No matter how experienced a job seeker is, the key to convincing an employer that you're the right person for the job is making a clear business case for it. After you've tailored your résumé to fit the job description, address the issue of being overqualified in your cover letter and interview. Acknowledge your extensive credentials, but explain how this position fits into your career path, as well as how the business can benefit from your experience. Also

come prepared with ideas for how you're a fit with the company culture and you align with its business values. An ideal job has responsibilities that play to your strengths and challenge you, so communicate that you're approaching this position as a learning opportunity.

Being an overqualified job seeker doesn't have to result in instant rejection. Research the roles you're applying to and how your experience can benefit the team as well as yourself.

Employers look for workers who are a good company fit and will be around for a while. By making it clear you're interested in the job and have room to grow in the role, you'll prove that you're the best person for the job.

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## Volvo aims marketing campaign at brand's true believers



By Dale Buss

Volvo has been adrift and marginal in the U.S. market for several years. But now in its third year of ownership by Geely of China, the surviving Scandinavian auto brand is counting on a new marketing campaign and more confident positioning to spark an American revival in the short term while waiting for a fresher, broader product line to provide long-term brand prosperity.

Beginning this month, Volvo is launching an integrated advertising campaign in the U.S. that explicitly appeals to the non-materialistic, minimalist ethos that brand executives believe differentiates Volvo aficionados from buyers of other luxury and near-luxury brands.

In the process, they hope to produce a bounce in sales for a franchise whose U.S. results peaked a decade ago, when the company was owned by Ford, and have kept on sliding. Ford sold Volvo in 2010 to Geely, a large Chinese automaker, for \$1.5 billion.

Volvo North America CMO Tassos Panas told me that most of Volvo's core customers didn't drift away even after a resource-strapped Ford began neglecting the brand's product-development needs several years ago, nor even much once Geely introduced the strange new element of Chinese ownership of a Swedish brand into the equation three years ago.

"We would hear rumblings from our dealers when there was news in the marketplace" about problems or changes at the brand, he said. "But when the news

went away, we didn't hear much at all."

Now, Volvo is attempting to reconnect with brand true believers as the next step in the journey back to becoming more than an afterthought in the U.S. automotive marketplace. And while Volvo never has been regarded as a true luxury vehicle, Panas isn't afraid to put it in the company of true luxury brands in an attempt at a deft repositioning that carries some risks.

Volvo owners' "interpretation of luxury is different but very real," said the vice president of marketing and production planning. "They're more into life's experiences, and more into a Scandinavian simple design [of vehicles] versus a lot of clutter. They are very much luxury customers and love luxury products, but they don't feel a need to impress others."

Thus, the first new TV ads in the campaign, which are breaking this month on national cable networks, underscore these alleged differences. One spot, "Rearview," juxtaposes a Volvo owner's priorities to those of competitive luxury-car drivers.

In the ad, a woman at a stoplight in a Mercedes-Benz SUV is primping her highly put-together face in her rear-view mirror, when another woman pulls up alongside her in a Volvo XC60. The Volvo driver, pretty but less made-up, seems not to no-



Volvo's new campaign is unapologetic.

tice the Benz driver next to her. Instead, she looks in her own rear-view mirror and crosses her eyes, making her two little kids in the backseat squeal with laughter. "Volvos aren't for everyone," the ad intones, "and we kinda like it that way."

A complementary outdoor effort is targeted in Volvo's top markets, such as southern California, positioning the brand versus traditional-luxury competition—such as with the tag line, "Pretense is so past tense." In Los Angeles, one outdoor sign, already erected, refers to the Volvo S60 as "100% real. Can't say that about everything around here."

Panas said that Volvo specifically is targeting BMW, Mercedes-Benz and Lexus in its campaign, which is based on new research in which the brand asked consumers not why they bought Volvos but why they weren't buying these other brands.

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