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The Ninth Annual Northville Grub Crawl, sponsored by Remerica Hometown One - Patti Mullen and The Home Depot, returns from 6-10 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23. Participating restaurants provide free samples of appetizers and signature items along with cash bar specials for the "Crawlers." Ticket holders receive a flier and event map that highlights their Grub Crawl starting point. Free shuttle transportation operates on a 15-minute schedule to take Crawlers from one restaurant to the next, or guests can "crawl" on their own.

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Wynema Timmons, 56, of Southgate holds up a former pant size with Plymouth and Hines Park Crossfit in Northville owner and trainer David Finlay, 39, of Plymouth. Timmons works as an LPN at Oakwood Heritage Hospital in Taylor.

Trainer helps women shed pounds for ABC show

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

With some help from the CrossFit centers in Northville and Plymouth, a group of Metro Detroit women set about to lose some weight and change their lives. For one of them, the challenge was also part of ABC's "Extreme Weight Loss" program and her big reveal is coming up in the next week.

"There is strength in numbers. That's why I asked them to join me," said Trina Miller, 47, a resident of Grosse Ile, of the group of seven. "It's been amazing because of the support we give each other."

The women work together as nurses for Oakwood Healthcare and will also appear with Miller in the upcoming reveal show for the television program. Kristin Quint, 32, of Garden City, has lost nearly 100 pounds since joining Miller on her weight loss journey.

"I didn't fully believe she could do it, but low and behold her she is," Quint said. "She has been a true inspiration for me."

Starting at a weight of 295 during the initial shows, Miller said she has always struggled with her weight and put the needs of others before her own. For the past year, the Oakwood team focused on nutrition, exer-

cise and keeping each other motivated and inspired. They got a lot of help from CrossFit owner and trainer Dave Finlay.

"I helped the Oakwood Extreme Weight Loss participants by creating an effective, healthy and balanced program that worked for the entire team through proper coaching, education and guidance," he said.

The team worked out at the Hines Park CrossFit in Northville recently and was still hard at work trying to lose even more excess weight. Finlay said he was contacted by producers of ABC's Extreme Weight Loss

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Dennis Drury (left) gets some help in his Thayer's Corner garden plot from his brother-in-law Paolo Badini. The pair came away from the garden with some early-season Swiss chard for their efforts. Badini is visiting the area from Genova, Italy. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sowing the seeds of community

Thayer's Corner garden brings green thumbs together

By **Lonnie Huhman**
and **Kurt Kuban**
Staff Writers

The gardens at Thayer's Corner Nature Area are in bloom and by the look of things it should be a rich crop for the Northville residents with plots.

Thayer's is the only park in Northville Township to offer its residents the opportunity to have their own gardens. This is the first year for residents Tom and Kim Voytal at Thayer's and they couldn't be happier about their new garden.

"It's just such a beautiful setting with wonderful soil for planting," said Kim Voytal after a recent day of garden work that included helping a friend out by weeding their plot.

This isn't the first garden for the Voytals. They've had many in the past, but after downsizing at home there wasn't much room now for planting one the size they wanted. They heard about the community gardens through a Northville Recreation flier, so they have found a new home for their green thumbs.



A pumpkin blossom grows in the garden plot of a Thayer's Corner farmer.

Tom said they had the soil at Thayer's tested and it came back rich and perfect for planting. They have a 15 foot by 25 foot plot with peppers, tomatoes, potatoes, onions as well as dill and egg plant growing in it.

"These are things we will eat or giveaway," said Tom.

There are 74 gardens at the park and they've all been filled, including the new raised and handicap plots. Every year the number of gardens has increased, according to Margie Banner, who advocated the

creation of the community garden.

"I always wanted to have a community garden," said Banner, who is serves as the township's treasurer. "It should be something we should provide our residents."

The Thayer's Corner Nature Area covers 53 acres at the corner of Six Mile and Napier on the far western edge of the township. The community garden takes up about two acres. It offers a tranquil setting for people to get away for a couple hours at a time. The plots cost \$45 a summer to grow on and have good access to a water supply.

"People come out here for the peace and quiet," said Banner, who has her own plot. She said many gardeners donate a portion of their crops to Northville Civic Concern, which is a community food bank.

For the Voytals, the biggest bonus, however, are the friendships they've developed with other gardeners.

"We've met some wonderful people here that we had never

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Skepticism greets Flanagan plan

State school chief's concepts questioned

By **Brad Kadrich**
Staff Writer

A consolidation proposal by state Superintendent Mike Flanagan to transfer administrative functions from Michigan's 500-plus school districts to existing intermediate school districts is drawing mixed responses from municipal, political and public school officials around Wayne County.

His proposed "hybrid system" would centralize administrative and academic functions at the county or regional level, including transportation, curriculum development, staff training/development, food service, accounting, education technology and other operations.

Local school districts would "focus primarily on getting their students to higher levels of achievement and on education evaluations," he stated.

Opinions vary

Not everyone agrees. State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, whose district covers Plymouth, Northville and part of Canton Township, said such a plan would create "a rather unwieldy operation." He said he believes there are districts "that should consider consolidation," but that a plan like Flanagan's likely wouldn't work in huge metro Detroit counties.

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Michigan Superintendent of Schools Mike Flanagan, shown here at an event last year with former Plymouth-Canton Superintendent Jeremy Hughes, has suggested making countywide school districts.



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Many Northville residents are taking advantage of the garden plots at Thayer's Corner Nature Area at Six Mile and Napier roads. The plots cost \$45 a summer to grow on and have good access to a water supply.

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come across before since we've lived in Northville," said Tom Voytal. "There is really a sense of community here."

He said many times they will trade gardening secrets and ideas, and learn from each other.

The park has grown through volunteer help and donations. It truly is a community project and a hidden gem for many Northville residents.

The gardens and park are located at 8250 Napier Road, just north of Six Mile Road. For more information, visit www.thayerscorner.org.

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CORRECTION

In the story "Celebrating Independence Day" that appeared in last week's *Record*, we listed "Till We'll or Wa Irish Dancers" as win-

ning "best musical" category in the parade. The story should have listed the dancers from The O'Hare School of Irish Dance.



Hamilton Wilson, 17, a member of Boy Scout Troop 755, stands next to some of the elevated gardens he built as part of his Eagle Scout project at the Thayer's Corner Nature Area. He is standing with Margie Banner, who coordinates the activities at the community garden located in the park. The elevated gardens are for people in wheelchairs or who have trouble getting up and down off of the ground. KURT KUBAN

Scout's elevated gardens bring relief to others

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

Margie Banner, who helps coordinate the activities at the Thayer's Corner community garden, wasn't sure what to do when one of her regular gardeners approached her early this spring to say she could no longer use the garden because her knees couldn't take getting up and down off of the ground.

"The woman told me she just couldn't do it anymore," Banner recalled. "She loved to garden and come out here, but she just couldn't physically do it."

In stepped Hamilton Wilson and members of his Boy Scout troop.

The 17-year-old Wilson, who will be a senior at Northville High School in the fall, needed an idea for his Eagle Scout project. Banner needed someone to build an elevated garden for people who had trouble getting up and down, including people relegated to wheelchairs. Wilson and Banner met, and he really liked the idea.

"I picked the project. It sounded perfect. I told her I'd love to help," said Hamilton.

So, on a blustery and cold day in late March, Hamilton and several members of Troop 755 showed up with supplies donated by Northville Lumber and began building the boxes inside of the Thayer's

Corner barn.

Hamilton said his father, Phil Wilson, offered a lot of advice.

"My dad knows a thing or two about carpentry, so he showed us how to do most of the building. We did most of the work though," said Wilson said.

They built a half dozen elevated boxes that are placed around the community garden. All of them are now being used. Banner said they have been a big help for people, including the woman who initially came up to her earlier this year.

"It was a great project, and has really helped some of our gardeners. He (Wilson) should be very proud of them," she said.

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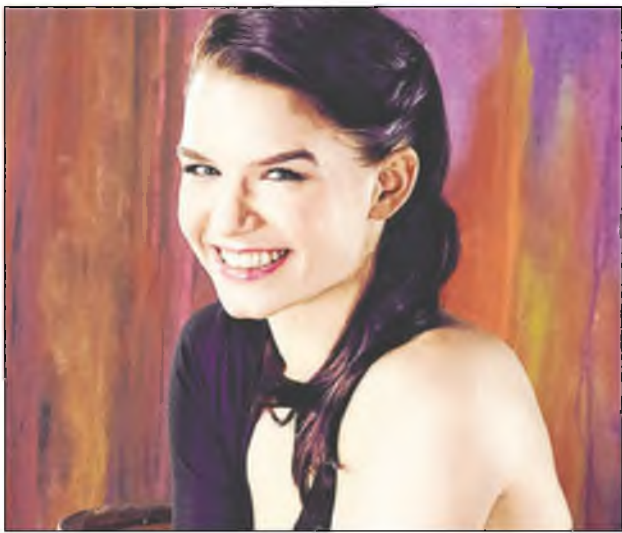
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Yakima makes ‘So You Think You Can Dance’ cut

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

Northville's Amy Yakima, 19, a contestant on Fox's popular reality series "So You Think You Can Dance", has made the Top 16, earning big compliments along the way from the judges. Guest Judge Paula Abdul told the local teenager that she would have been front and center if Yakima had been around when she was choreographing. This is season 10 for the dance show. Going before the judges and all of America on July 9, Yakima performed with the other Top 18 contestants in an elimination round. It was really the top 17 because Jade Zuberi, of Detroit, had to drop because of a



Amy Yakima, 19, of Northville, has earned a spot in the Top 16 in the Fox reality series "So You Think You Can Dance"

knee injury. Yakima, along with partner Fik-Shun, of Wichita, Kan., took to the stage first and danced the Paso Doble. Choreographer Jean-Marc Gene-reux in directing the two for the dance said they must show real passion

and perform as if they were fighting to the death. They did and left the judges saying they set the tone for the rest of the contestants. Judge Mary Murphy said Yakima, who is a contemporary dancer, had transformed herself into a 'warrior princess' during the performance. The contestants eliminated that night were Zuberi and Jasmine Mason, of Placentia, California. The next episode is scheduled for 8 pm, July 23 on Fox. Be sure to tune in and vote for this hometown favorite.

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District hires 12+ new teachers

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Northville Public Schools has added a handful of new teachers and it will look to continue the staffing changes in the coming months with the replacements of some crucial district positions.

Last week, the Board of Education approved the hiring of 13 new teachers and got the news that Special Services Director Bill Brown will be accepting a position with Lenawee County Intermediate School District. In addition, a teacher recall was approved for former Cooke School staff member Michelle Wirth, who has now been selected for an Elementary Resource Room position.

Most of the teachers hired are replacements for those who retired this past year or left for other reasons while three of them are new additions. Human Resources Director Dave Rodgers said the district is in a fortunate position to make these decisions. The school district had around 900 applicants for the positions.

"There is really a nice balance here," said School Board President Ken Roth of the experience and talents of the new teachers.

The following are the new additions and their locations: Elizabeth LaManna (kindergarten) and Julie Willerer (second grade) to Amerman Elementary; Jennifer Frederick (second grade) to Moraine Elementary; Emily Georgoff (third grade) and Staci Cox (third grade) to Silver Springs Elementary; Karin Hogan (speech and language therapist) and Michelle Wirth to Thornton Creek Elementary; Andrea Lorence (kindergarten), Megan Kersh (kindergarten), Sarah Hanes (first grade) and Erica Beitz (third grade)

to Winchester Elementary; and Tim Dalton (part-time social studies), Danette Bull (math/physics) and Sabrina Palombo (French) to Northville High School.

Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said after a year in Northville, Brown has taken the position of assistant superintendent for special education and strategic initiatives. He will remain in Northville until the end of July.

"I've had a wonderful experience here," Brown said.

Rodgers said they have posted the position and are accepting applications at this time. The hope is to have someone in the position before the start of school. The district will also be hiring a new High School Counselor and two teachers for the Alternative Learning Program for Students.

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Education through entertainment



Jon Oliver brought a fun mixture of education and games to the Northville District Library on July 2. Oliver and his Mobile Ed Productions are part of the library's summer-long series of activities for kids while they're out of school. Mobile Ed Productions have been traveling the United States for 33 years, educating and entertaining hundreds of thousands of students with live educational school assembly programs and hands-on workshops. For more information about library activities, visit <http://northville.lib.mi.us>. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Winery to liven up 'Blues, Brews, Brats'

Northville biz
adds to fun

By Philip Allmen
Staff Writer

Downtown South Lyon will be in full swing July 20 when Blues, Brews and Brats returns.

Last year's inaugural event was such a smash, the Chamber of Commerce for the South Lyon Area is making sure this year's is even bigger and better for visitors from near and far.

Lafayette Street will be closed between Lake and Liberty for the evening of fun, running 3-11 p.m.

Live bands take the stage at 4 p.m. and continue through the evening.

Blues

Whitney Stone with 2 Stones Events said she was excited to be a part of B3 again this year. And while the music was a hit in 2012, the bands are all new this year.

"We try to mix it up so people have some new things to listen to," she said. All the blues bands are Michigan-based with most from the metro Detroit area.

Stone said she's worked with countless talented blues bands so working on an event in South Lyon was a no-brainer.

"We thought this would be a great event," she said. "We enjoyed working with the chamber last year, and the event worked out really well. We're happy to be back."

3 Guineas and a Frog opens the music at 4 p.m. The band features a quartet of veteran Michigan bluesmen: Tim Versellie (guitar/vocals/harmon-



Northville Winery co-owner Rob Nelson holds a bottle of Michigan Red wine and a hard cider produced from apples that arrive at the winery's location - Parmenter's Cider Mill. Nelson's wines will be available at South Lyon's Blues, Brews and Brats on Saturday. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ica), Joe Pistorio (drums), Philip 'Greasy' Carlisle (bass) and Steve 'Frog' Forgery (lead guitar/vocals).

The band performs all styles of blues, featuring hot guitar leads and a funky rhythm section, according to Stone.

Normally hitting the stage on the east side, performing in South Lyon is a road trip for the group.

Paul Carey Organ Trio featuring Cee Cee Collins will follow 3 Guineas at 6:30 p.m. Guitarist/leader Carey has performed with practically every blues vocalist worth mentioning in Detroit over the last 30-plus years, said Stone, including Alberta Adams, Thornetta Davis and Benny Reeves.

For South Lyon, his partners-in-time (Mark LoDuca, organ; Max Bauhof, drums) will be backing vocalist Cee Cee Collins.

Headlining Blues, Brews and Brats are The



The Alligators headline this year's Blues, Brews and Brats in downtown South Lyon.

Alligators.

"They're just a smokin' high-energy blues band," said Stone. "They're lots of fun."

One of the Motor City's longest-running blues outfits, The Alligators specialize in Chicago-style, harp-driven blues, and they know how to swing hard, too.

Leaders Dave Krammer and Wailin' Dale have been with the band from the beginning.

The rhythm section includes veterans Frankie Lee (bass) and Jon Johnson (drums), and young gun Nicholas Tabarias is quickly gaining notoriety far beyond Michigan.

Brews

If Witch's Hat Brewery wasn't involved in B3, it just wouldn't seem right.

The South Lyon micro-brewery will again be serving up a few of its concoctions at the festival. Owners Ryan and Erin Cottongim will have their Train Hopper IPA and Edward's Portly Brown on tap.

But unlike last year where Witch's Hat served up all the beer, organizers have expanded the offerings to satisfy even more palates.

Kim Thompson, executive director for the chamber, said "it will give more people more variety."

Miller Light and Summer Shandy will be more mainstream options available at Blues, Brews and Brats this year.

And to open the options even more, Northville Winery is a part of the event, as well.

Owners Rob and Carina Nelson, South Lyon residents, have been working with the Cottongims for about a year, so they were happy when the Witch's Hat owners suggested to Thompson to bring them aboard.

"We're all about supporting South Lyon," Rob Nelson said. "We were excited to do it, and when we heard Witch's Hat was involved, that sweetened the deal."

Right now, Northville Winery focuses on hard cider and wine.

The winery will be bringing its cider, as well as cabernet and chardonnay to the event.

Brats

Rounding out the highlights of the festival is food. Focusing a bit more on gourmet.

Green Zebra will roll into downtown South

Lyon in its bright green converted SWAT truck. The caterer will be serving up brats, hot dogs, homemade french fries and more.

"It was an opportunity to add a little more to the festival," said Thompson.

Treat Dreams will be on hand, as well, with a little something for those needing a sugar fix. Treat Dreams will have some of your ice cream favorites, and they also specialize in custom-made flavors.

"They have the ability to make small batches for special events," said Thompson. "They are going to bring us a flavor — beer, cheese and brats. Of course they'll bring the chocolate, vanilla and regular varieties."

Treat Dreams will also have other sundries like its Guinness-infused brownies.

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Thompson said holding the festival downtown, surrounded by the businesses, is great for the community.

The chamber fundraiser is something she sees people looking forward to for years to come.

There are a few changes this year, including a bigger festival area.



Paul Carey Organ Trio featuring Cee Cee Collins is ready to wow the crowd on July 20.

Last year the event encompassed the beer tent and stage. Visitors had to exit the area for food and restrooms.

This year the festival grounds will take up the entire block so once people arrive, they have no reason to leave.

A \$3 cover charge will be collected to enter, although those who are inside the festival grounds before 4 p.m. are not required to pay. If they leave and come back after that time, the charge needs to be paid.

Those looking to line the sidewalks to watch the bands for free will have to make other plans. Emergency personnel will not allow that this year, because it prevents emergency services from entering the festival itself if any problems arise.

"It's a public safety concern," said Thompson.

Children will be allowed at the festival, but those ages 21 and younger will have to leave by 9 p.m.

Last year, the cut-off was 7 p.m.

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Preservation Dental recognizes top writers

Dr. William Demray (kneeling) of Northville's Preservation Dental recognized the winners of this year's Short on Words contest during the weekend of the Arts and Acts festival. This is the second year Demray sponsored the contest, in which aspiring writers take one of Demray's photographs and create short stories, poems or essays. Some of this year's winners were (from left) Karolynn Pargo of Dearborn Heights (first place - Adult Author), Edie Jones of Northville (second place - Young Author), Tessa McCarthy of Northville (third place - Young

Author), Maya Sankaran of Northville (first place Young Author), and Boris Victor Stecko of Northville (second place - Adult Author). Each of the winners earned prizes from Preservation Dental. About 75 people, including many of the contestants, showed up for the author's reception at Northville Square. Genitti's supplied light refreshments, and Dan Schwartz of Deutsch Wines donated three cases of wines from the Josh Cellars. All the winning entries, plus six others, will be published online at preservationdental.com on or about Aug. 1.

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Crawford enters race for husband’s seat

Kathy Crawford currently holds the Oakland County Commission seat her husband once held, and now she’s looking to succeed him as state representative in Lansing.

Voters in the state’s 38th District will elect a new rep in the Nov. 4, 2014, general election. Currently, the 38th District – which includes Novi, Novi Township, Walled Lake, South Lyon, Lyon Township and part of Northville – is represented by Republican Hugh Crawford, Kathy’s husband. Because of Michigan’s term-limit law, he will complete his third and final two-year term on Dec. 31, 2014.

“The 38th District seat is an opportunity for me



Crawford

to expand my knowledge and experience, so I can influence public policies, statewide, to help the local citizens who have been so loyal to me,” she said.

The couple are both lifelong Novi residents. After more than 30 years of public service in the Field of Aging for both Oakland County and the City of Novi, Kathy launched her political career six years ago when she was elected to the Novi City Council. After serving three years, she was elected in 2010 to her current position as Oakland County

commissioner, representing the Novi community.

She said over the years, she has demonstrated what her constituents expect from a public servant. “I’m a hard-working, grassroots ambassador for our growing communities,” she said. “Voters deserve the type of independent, critical thinking that I bring to all issues.”

Based on demographic shifts in the 38th District, she wants to spearhead a comprehensive master plan in Lansing for all older adults over 50 years of age. She believes an all-inclusive strategy is needed to ensure our state offers the proper programs and services for this growing

group.

“We need to be smarter about planning for the future for this large group of older adults who stay here and spend huge amounts of disposable income in our local areas,” Kathy said. “That’s what helps to keep Michigan’s economy stable – and strong.”

Kathy and Hugh have been married for 49 years, and they have three grown children and

two grandchildren.

For more information about her bid for state representative, visit www.kcrawford.org, or email her at kathy@kcrawford.org.

POLICE BRIEFS

No fishing

A South Lyon couple found out the hard way that they shouldn’t have been fishing in the Cascade subdivision lake after they were both ticketed for trespassing on July 2.

A female resident of the subdivision called Northville Township police on the couple

around 5:30 p.m. The officer found the couple’s car parked near the lake and questioned the 21-year-old man, who said he had verbal permission from another resident. However, that person wasn’t with them, and the man didn’t have written permission on him. “No Trespassing” signs were posted in the vicinity of where the couple was

fishing from the bank.

Due to constant complaints from the same woman, the department has given a directive to its officers to ticket people for trespassing at the lake. The man and his 19-year-old female friend were both ticketed. They were released at the scene, but are expected to appear in 35th District Court on July 24.

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Garden walk attracts more than 800 visitors

Blooms draw in eager crowd on July 10

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

“We could have not asked for a better day,” said Kathryn Novak, coordinator of the 20th annual Northville Garden Walk that took place on July 10.

More than 800 people attended the event put on by the Country Garden Club. Six Northville gardens were featured on the walk this year, including two spectacular side-by-side gardens near Seven Mile and Autumn Ridge. Anyone driving along Seven Mile certainly noticed the added traffic. Visitors moved from one garden to another under sunny blue skies and perfect temperatures.

Novak said the number of people who came out far exceeded the last couple walks.



Maggie Otto opened up her Seven Mile Road home to the Country Garden Club's annual Garden Walk on July 10. Otto has been at work for years on her garden that covers nearly two acres of land. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

“The past few years when the economy was down we had fewer visitors. It was exciting to see our numbers back up,” she said.

While the two gardens – owned by Mike and Anne Renucci on Seven Mile and Tim and Maggie Otto, who live on Autumn Ridge – were the big draw, there were several smaller gardens on the tour that were big hits as well.

“Our guests loved the variety of gardens on the walk. It seems that even though people love to see the huge spectacular gardens, they really appreciate the smaller, quaint gardens they can identify with and see themselves implementing,” Novak said. “Small-

er gardens are a challenge because there are so many plants every gardener desires but because of limited space they have to be selective and very creative. A gardener's yard is like an artist's blank canvas. It I fascinating to see how each masterpiece evolves.”

Many of the Country Garden Club members were set up at the Cady Inn over at Mill Race Village, where it was “bustling all day” according to Novak. Club members served homemade cookies and beverages. There were also about 20 vendors who set up selling plants and garden adornments. And Patrick Whitehead performed live music.

The annual event is the largest fundraiser of the year for the Country Garden Club, which is one of three garden clubs in the Northville community. The club uses the money for local and state projects. They also fund an annual scholarship for a Northville High School student who pursues a degree in horticulture or a related field. The group meets monthly, and brings in speakers who give advice on different aspects of gardening or that are of interest to gardeners. They are also very active in the community. In addition to putting together floral arrangements each week for hospice patients, members also care for gardens at the library,

post office and at the Hunter House in Mill Race Village.

For more information about the club, visit www.cgcnv.org or call 248-348-3263.

Novak said the garden walk was a real success this year, thanks in part to the perfect weather. She said longtime club member May Dubuc may have had a little something to do with that. The 87-year-old Dubuc had spent weeks praying for a clear sunny day for the walk.

“She seems to have a special connection with the man upstairs,” Novak said. “The event could have not gone better.”

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» July 23: Palamazoo, Susan Harrison - Harrison shares her original songs that have been described as a blend of rootsy folk rock, jazzy pop and alternative country. Sponsored by IXL Learning Center.

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Farmers Market

The Northville Farmers Market takes place Thursdays from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Northville Downs Parking Lot (corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon). The Market

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For more information or to become an exhibitor at Northville's Concours d'Elegance Preview Event and Rare Car Exhibit, contact either Lynn Stringer at 248-349-2432

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Admission to Mill Race Village is free. For more information, call 248-348-1845.

Jazz at the Elks

The Cliff Monear Trio with Stephenie Monear on vocals will perform from 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 30, at the Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres. Call 734-453-1780 or email plymouth-elks1780@yahoo.com.



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SCENES FROM NORTHVILLE

Best buds



Chloe climbs into the arms of her friend, Paul Heneks, along Northville's Main Street on July 3. Paul's been a good companion for Chloe since she made her way into his life many years ago as a rescue dog. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Keep your eye on the ball



Coach Preslee Nolte (left) watches over tennis student Kaitlyn McGuirk, 13, as she tosses a ball in the air to practice her serve on June 24. The pair were at Northville's newly renovated tennis courts at Fish Hatchery Park on Seven Mile and the lessons were organized through Northville Parks and Recreation. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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PLAN

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“I think a countywide consolidation would probably be a little over-board,” Heise said. “It might work in other parts of the state, in smaller counties, but to take Wayne, Oakland or Macomb (counties) and make one giant district, I’m not sure it would work effectively.”

Flanagan’s recent letter to the state House and Senate appropriations subcommittees for K-12 education, as well as Rep. Bill Rogers and Sen. Howard Walker, outlines his plan that he believes will trim costs and help financially struggling school districts.

The plan, Flanagan believes, would result in “administrative efficiencies and a better ability to utilize state funding; better absorb the enrollment fluctuations one local school district might be suffering; and provide a more equitable education for all students.”

Transitioning to Flanagan’s plan would take several years and would require changes to the state School Code and School Aid Act, Proposal A and the state Constitution.

Property problem

Westland City Councilman Adam Hammons, a real estate agent, said a change to a countywide school district would have a negative impact on property values.

“School districts are a huge selling point,” Hammons said. “One of the first concerns for people buying homes is school districts along with affordability.”

Livonia officials are also skeptical of Flanagan’s plan. Livonia school board President Mark Johnson thinks Flanagan’s comment was “a knee-jerk reaction” to districts going bankrupt, and that countywide districts would strip

local control.

“I’m not saying there may not be some counties out there that it would certainly benefit, but as a blanket statement I think it ignores the realities,” Johnson said.

Livonia Public Schools Supt. Randy Liepa said countywide districts would create many issues that would need to be addressed with local communities, and “I think (Flanagan) does not see that as feasible. Loss of local control, employee bargaining agreement consolidation, curriculum priorities and decisions, budget priorities and decisions, creating a new administrative structure to manage the organization ... are all issues that would need to be addressed,” Liepa said.

“Consolidation of services has been occurring for many years in school districts across the state,” he said. “We have multiple shared services with neighboring school districts and our intermediate school district. Where it is feasible it is being done or should be considered.”

Size matters

Garden City Councilwoman Jaylee Lynch, who was recently named the new assistant principal of Tipton Academy, the new charter school in Garden City, agreed with Heise. She said in counties other than Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties it might make sense to have countywide school districts.

“They don’t have the same number of schools so it might be easier to consolidate,” Lynch said. “With the very high population of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb, it would be much too hard. I thought that was the idea with RESA, that they were there to back all of these school districts.”

Lynch doesn’t believe it would work to have one superintendent over all the communities in

Wayne County at one time.

“In a county as diverse as Wayne County is, I don’t think that they would save any money because they would have to have six different assistant superintendents,” Lynch said. “The population is so diverse and there are so many schools. In a smaller community, they might be saving a lot of money.”

Paul Salah, Wayne-Westland deputy superintendent for instruction, said he believes talk about savings is premature. The state needs to do its due diligence and look at other states that have countywide districts. He also voiced concern about such things as a countywide curriculum.

“It doesn’t make sense for the state or the county to impose use of curriculum A on Wayne-Westland when it may not be what our students need,” he said. “We want to meet the needs of our students based on our data. How do you meet that need when you have countywide schools.”

Leadership ‘failure’

Tom Watkins, a Northville resident and former state superintendent, said it’s ironic Flanagan is now calling for reforms that he was adamantly opposed to as head of the Michigan Superintendents Association.

As state superintendent under Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Watkins wrote a 2004 report on the inadequacies in the current public school funding model. The report, “Structural Issues Surrounding Michigan School Funding in the 21st Century,” calls for some of the same reforms now being touted by Flanagan.

Had reforms been implemented a decade ago, state taxpayers could have saved millions of dollars by now, Watkins said.

“The reason that we are in the crisis we are in

a failure of leaders on every level refusing to act. We have known about this problem for more than a decade, but our leadership has pretended there is no problem,” he said.

As for solutions, Watkins doesn’t necessarily advocate any one measure. He said there has to be some consolidation of a system that now has more than 500 superintendents and more than 500 curriculum directors, for example. The current funding model is “unsustainable,” he added, and calls for structural change.

Yet more funding for public education should also be on the table, he said, and an adequacy study like that since the 1960s,” Watkins said.

“How much does it truly cost to educate our children? We have not done a comprehensive study like that since the 1960s,” Watkins said.

Gannett News Service contributed to this report.

POUNDS

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to help support the Oakwood nursing team’s weight loss efforts over the past year.

“I trained the entire Oakwood team three days per week and found what motivated each person to aid their overall performance,” he said. “In addition, every workout was followed by a short session on adopting healthy habits and nutrition.”

The group also received help from their employer, through a wellness program called Oakwell. This added to their resources to learn how to change their lifestyles.

“The Oakwood team experienced incredible results over the past year because physical fitness/CrossFit is as much about changing shape as losing weight.

I’ve helped and watched these women physically do things they never thought they could do,” he said.

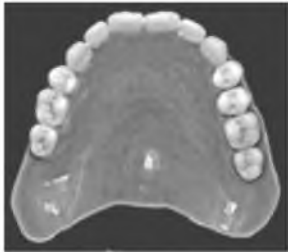
Miller could not reveal how much weight she had lost prior to the show appearing but said it would be a big surprise to those who knew her before. The last year has been a tough, yet rewarding one. She still has her days when she craves certain foods, but she knows the rewards to her weight loss have changed her life.

“This has been an amazing opportunity to change my life,” Miller said looking back. “If I can inspire others to embrace their own journey then it will make it that much better.”

The final reveal show is at 8 pm on July 23 on ABC.

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The chariot of the Festival of Chariots rolls south on Taft Riad in Novi last year.

PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Thousands expected for Rathyatra celebration

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

For the fifth year, Novi will host a Festival of Chariots – one of India's most ancient and popular festivals that is celebrated in hundreds of cities throughout the world – on Saturday, July 20.

It'll begin at 11 a.m. at the Novi Civic Center with a colorful, three-mile parade through the city's major streets and culminating at Fuerst Park. There, more than 20 tents will be set up with various forms of entertainment, a free lunch, dancing, yoga, more live music, shopping, cooking demonstrations, activities for children and much more to celebrate India's spirituality and culture.

"The 28th annual Festival of

Chariots ... is the most unique and broad reaching festival hitting the streets of Michigan," said Ganesh Kathiresan, media coordinator. "We're expecting over 7,000 people this year, including the mayor of Novi, to pull a 40-foot chariot through the streets of Novi."

Novi is home to more than 1,500 Indians, and Kathiresan said the event organizers' core strategic mission this year is to broaden the reach of this festival to match what is taking place in New York, San Francisco and Toronto.

Some of her marketing efforts include placing 1,000 fliers in various coffee shops and stores and individually inviting more than 7,000 Michigan residents using business cards/fliers at various summer festivals in the

area.

The event's first-ever Kirtan Yoga Fest, from 2-6 p.m., will feature artists from New York, India and around the world. Kirtan is a form of devotional singing and chanting originating from India and accompanied by musical instruments and rhythmic drumming. The audience is encouraged to participate by singing/chanting, clapping and dancing. In its heartfelt expression, Kirtan is to induce profound states of meditation, bliss and ecstasy.

The festival – free and open to the public – wraps up around 6 p.m. There will be plenty of free parking at the Novi High School and the Civic Center, and restrooms will be available at the Novi Public Library.



Piyusha Kolle (center) and Niva Musunooli (right) help to carry the flag announcing the symbolic arrival of the Festival of Chariots to Novi last year.

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KELLY, CLARE E.

The family of Claire E. Kelly sadly announces her death on July 7, 2013 in Goose Creek, SC. Claire was a model wife, mother, Nana, Great Nana, and... model. Claire was born and raised in Detroit, MI and graduated from St. Gregory's High School, worked for the USPS and contributed to the cause of WW II. After raising her family, Claire opened and ran a successful women's clothing boutique, Claire Kelly Northville, in Northville, MI. After retiring to SC she continued to work in the retail business. She had a flare for fashion and a passion for all things beautiful. Claire was often heard saying she wanted to make the world a little prettier. Her family thinks she did! Claire was married to the love of her life, Clark Kelly, for an exciting 56 years. Up until his death in 2009 Clark and Claire were traveling, antiquing, or catching a Broadway show. Claire is survived by a daughter, Kimberly (Kelly) Pate, a son Shawn Kelly, son in law Donald and daughter in law Janet. She had six grand children and one great grandson. In memory of Claire donations can be made to Meals on Wheels.

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LINDEMIER, ANN E.

Age 73, of Northville, passed away 07/15/13. Funeral service 7/19/2013 at 11am. Full obit at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

OWENS, PEGGY JOAN

Age 80, of South Lyon, passed away July 15, 2013. She was the loving daughter of George and Chloe (McCarthy) O'Connor. She will be remembered as a considerate person, who had a genuine loving concern for everyone. Peggy was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and a resident of South Lyon for over 30 years. She will be dearly missed by all. Peggy is survived by her children: David Willacker, Donna Willacker, Dale Willacker, Dawn (Frank) Paduganan; her brother Bill O'Connor; grandchildren: Laura, Sarah, Daren, David, Blane, Deseree, Danyelle, Gabriel, Sarena; great-grandchildren: Dalton, Brooklyn, Byron, Logan, Isaiah, Penelope and Benjamin. She was preceded in death by her husband Jack Owens; siblings: Charles, Dorman, George, Gerald, Helen, James, John, Michael, Patrick, and Robert. Visitation was held on July 17, Wednesday, from 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon. A funeral mass will be celebrated on July 18, Thursday, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to Pulmonary Fibrosis, or the American Cancer Foundation.

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WANGEMAN, GLEN E.

Age 80, of Northville, passed away 07/10/13. Full obit at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

PRINCE, CHARLES "CHARLIE" WILLARD

Age 92, of Hillman, Michigan formerly of Atlanta, passed away on July 11, 2013 at Hillman's Haven. He was born to the late Clare and Garnet Prince in Milford on January 2, 1921. He married wife, Verna (Todd) Prince on June 30, 1942 in Indiana and together the couple shared the last 71 years together. He was a proud veteran and served his country in World War II. Charlie retired from Ford Motor Company after 39 years and only missed 6 days of work throughout that time. He was retired longer then he worked and loved to be outdoors. He enjoyed yard work, gardening, shoveling snow, and going for walks. He camped with wife, Verna from the time they were married all across the United States, more so in the Upper Peninsula in the last few years. Above everything, he enjoyed his time spent with family and friends and will be greatly missed by all that were blessed to have known him. He is survived by his loving wife of 71 years, Verna Prince of Hillman; daughters, Jackie (Robert) Thibeault of Presque Isle; Bonnie (Dennis Spring) Isaac of Durand; brother, Russell (Dot) Prince of Tennessee; sisters, Geneva Granger of Flint; June Priestly of Fenton; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clare and Garnet Prince; and daughter, Audrey Prince. As were his wishes, cremation has taken place and there are no services planned for Mr. Prince at this time. Arrangements were entrusted to the Green Funeral Home.

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SCHREIBER, CHARLES, W. (BILL)

Age 87, born on June 4, 1926 in Detroit, Michigan and passed away on July 9, 2013 in Clarkston, Michigan; Beloved husband of the late Irene Schreiber. Loving father of David (Susan) Schreiber, Bruce (Michele) Schreiber, Carole (David) Squibb, Paul (Marian) Schreiber. Cherished grandfather of 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Dear brother-in-law of Vivian Bowden. Charles served in the United States Navy in WWII. He worked at Pontiac Motors for 40 years. Arrangements entrusted to the Highland Chapel of the Elton Black & Son Funeral Home, Highland, Michigan. Funeral Service was held Saturday, July 13, 2013 at the White Lake Presbyterian Church. Memorials appreciated to White Lake Presbyterian Church. To share a memory, please visit eltonblackandsonhighland.com

STEARNs, (STANTON/BAROSKI) CORLISS I.

Age 89, of Grand Blanc, formerly of Flint, died on July 8, 2013. Survived by her loving children, Jerri Baroski, Stanley (Marsha) Baroski, 8 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, 2 great great grandchildren and dear friends. A Memorial Mass will be held at Church of the Holy Spirit, 3700 N. Harvey Lk., Highland, July 19 at 10 AM. For further information please contact Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford 248-684-6645 www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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WETZEL, MARY E. (NEE FRESCURA)

Age 90, passed away July 15, 2013. She lived in Oregon from 1977 to 2010, prior to moving to South Lyon to be near family. Mary is survived by her daughter Julie (Elias) DeMas; 3 grandchildren: Alicia, Angela, Monte Jr. (Laura); and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Wetzels, in 1998, and 2 sisters, 3 brothers. Visitation July 18, Thursday, 3-9pm. Funeral July 19, Friday, at 10am at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon.

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Rummage Sale: July 18-20

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Sidewalk sale to offer 'best deals of year'

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

If you love to shop or if you just like finding a good deal, downtown Northville is the place to be this weekend. Roughly 25 downtown retailers will be participating in the annual Downtown Northville Sidewalk Sale, which begins this evening with the Food Truck Preview from 5-9 p.m. The sale will continue 10 a.m.-9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday.

As of press time, there wasn't a definite list of retailers, but at least a couple dozen

will be offering great deals according to organizers.

"It's a great event for our retailers. It gives them a chance to discount items and move them so they can start bringing in their fall items into their stores," said Dan Ferrara, spokesman for the Northville Central Business Association. "Our retailers look forward to this every year. Most of them say they will be offering the best deals of the year."

Ferrara said the stores are spread throughout the downtown area and will be hard to miss. He said people can visit www.northvilleshops.com for

more up to date information on the participating stores.

"In addition to the items our retailers will have for sale out on the sidewalks, they will also be offering plenty of deals inside the store," he said. "It's really a great all-around event for shoppers and our retailers."

The Food Truck Preview, which runs from 5-9 p.m. on Thursday will feature several award-winning food trucks from the Metro Detroit Food Truck Association, which will be parked on both sides of Main, just east of Center Street.



Downtown Northville will have a food truck rally July 18, an event brought to the community by the Northville Central Business Association and Metro Detroit Street Eats. It will help kick off the annual Downtown Northville Sidewalk Sale.

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OUR VIEWS

Deadline is approaching

Fecht's departure opens door on council

There is going to be some turnover on the Northville City Council this fall.

Two-term Councilwoman Michele Fecht has decided not to seek a third term. With changing family obligations, Fecht, who is a tireless Northville supporter, doesn't feel she can make the kind of commitment she believes is necessary to serve on council for another term.



Fecht

"It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve the city for the past eight years," Fecht said. "My decision not to seek a third term on council is purely personal. Our family dynamic is changing as our two children leave the nest to launch their next adventures."

While disappointing because she has been such a good leader, Fecht's departure opens the door for a new face on the council, even though two of its stalwarts — Mayor Chris Johnson and Mayor Pro tem Jim Allen — have already announced they will run for re-election.



Johnson

Johnson, who was first elected as mayor in 1987, made his announcement at the last council meeting and has decided he still has much to offer as a community leader. Like Fecht, Allen was first elected to council in 2005 after serving on the Planning Commission for more than a dozen years.



Allen

All three seats will be up for election this November. The other two council seats, currently held by Nancy Darga and Ryan McKindles, will be up for election in 2015. While not likely, there is the potential for some major shakeup on the five person council.

If you have ever been interested in running for City Council, or thought you had some ideas that could improve the city, now is the time to take action. The deadline for getting on the ballot is quickly approaching. Anyone interested in running has until 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13, to file the necessary paperwork with the city clerk's office. The mayor serves a two-year term and council members serve four-year terms.

It is not likely either Johnson or Allen will be defeated. Certainly, neither has done anything to diminish the office in which they serve and both have played critical roles helping guide the city through some very trying economic times. However, just because Johnson and Allen are running again, doesn't mean they are entitled to the seats. Pretty much anyone who lives in the City of Northville has just as much a right to serve as they do.

We encourage (as we do in all elections) civic-minded people to get involved and run, especially if they have ideas to make the community a better place to live. Challengers also keep incumbents on their toes and act as a deterrent to a stagnation of ideas on the council.

One thing people should keep in mind before running, especially for mayor, Northville has a city manager form of government, meaning the mayor is really the president of the City Council. City Manager Patrick Sullivan and his staff are responsible for the daily operations of the city. The council sets policy and approves budgets. But the role of City Council members goes beyond that. They are some of the community's biggest cheerleaders. You see them at public events, ribbon cuttings for new businesses, and championing local causes. In a nutshell, they are expected to be community leaders — something Johnson, Allen and Fecht have been during their terms.

So, if you are planning to run for one of the three seats, know up front that it won't be easy to dethrone either Johnson or Allen. But it isn't impossible. Certainly Fecht's departure means there will be a real opportunity for someone ... We hope it attracts some great candidates who can help move the city forward during a time of growth and endless possibilities.

It's an exciting time to be in Northville, and the city needs great leaders to help it continue to grow. That's not to say there aren't challenges ahead. The city continues to grapple with budget issues still lingering from the "Great Recession" but things are looking up.

One word of caution for anyone thinking about running — don't wait until the last minute. All candidates will be required to submit the signatures of at least 50 registered voters in the city, as well as other affidavits and documents.

Candidate packets (which include all necessary documents) are available at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours. For more information, call 248-349-1300 or visit www.ci-northville.mi.us.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you agree with Gov. Rick Snyder's proposal to expand Medicaid?



"Yes, because many can't afford health care and I think Obamacare is junk."

Robert Sad

Novi



"No, the older generation will have to pay for the younger, but people aren't being enough. So how are we suppose to pay for this?"

Carole Lamphier

Novi



"I think I do, but not totally sure. At this point, I don't know enough about it yet."

Jim Rose

Novi



"No, it's a sucker's bet from the federal government who will probably end up cutting off funding for it. I just don't trust the feds to live up to their word."

Tom Brichford

Farmington Hills

GUEST COLUMN

Free market approach best on health care

There is a great debate in Michigan and in other states around the nation on the topic of Medicaid expansion.

I wonder, is expanding Medicaid the best way to do this? What if you could provide access to affordable quality care to more individuals without expanding Medicaid? After extensive research, I have come to see that there are other, more sound options.

Rising health care costs is a serious issue. And costs are increasing in most areas of health care, but not all. Where are costs not increasing and what can we learn from this? Look no further than free-market healthcare segments such as laser eye surgery or plastic surgery.

Medicaid, on the other hand, joins the long list of government services that do not promote quality. Due to the poor Medicaid reimbursement rates for services, many physicians try to control costs by capping the number of Medicaid patients they serve. As more and more doctors begin refusing Medicaid recipients to avoid going out of business, where will these people go to be treated?

The Affordable Care Act seeks to control costs by increasing the premiums for everyone and then providing subsidies, tax breaks or outright waivers to special segments of society. For example, employers with 25 or fewer employees will receive up to 40-percent subsidies on their health care costs. I suppose this is to hold them



Patrick Colbeck

harmless in light of the projected premium cost increases of 30- to 60-percent in our state. This is not "cost control." It is simply "control."

When you boil down the options available to us when it comes to health care systems, there are three basic choices: federal control, state control or individual control. The governor's proposal to implement Obamacare by expanding Medicaid and utilizing a state-operated exchange is an example of federal control.

An excellent example of a state-controlled option is Sen. Bruce Caswell's bill SB 422, which would likely not require any waivers from existing federal law nor would it rely upon additional federal funds. As a third option, I have been pursuing a Michigan health care system that prioritizes individual control and the free market.

This third option starts with the observation that the proposal pursued by the governor called for two waivers by the federal government. If waivers are on the table for discussion, I would like to propose two alternative waivers that get to the heart of why I believe the Affordable Care Act is neither "affordable" nor "caring."

The first is to Obamacare's

"minimum essential benefit" mandate, the primary driver behind the obscene jumps in health care premiums our citizens will see in October as open enrollment begins on the government-run health exchange. Many people would simply like catastrophic insurance rather than all of the bells and whistles found in the minimum essential benefit laundry list.

The second of these waivers would be to allow government assistance eligibility information to be provided via one or more private exchanges rather than a single government-created exchange. Limit the government involvement to its current role of determining eligibility for government assistance. Let the private sector provide a framework where competition thrives in a consumer-friendly environment and people have more choice over what type of insurance they think is right for themselves and their families.

This July Fourth, we celebrated our independence and we celebrated our freedom. I implore you to not take that freedom for granted. If you do, there are too many people in government more than willing to exchange some of your freedom for a false sense of security. Obamacare is about control not freedom. If we truly want to increase access to quality care for all of our citizens, we need to pursue free market solutions.

State Sen. **Patrick Colbeck**, R-Canton, represents the 7th State Senate District.

GUEST COLUMN

Time to expand Medicaid coverage

As president and CEO of St. Mary Mercy Livonia, I had the honor of participating in a community forum with Gov. Rick Snyder at the hospital to discuss his plan to expand Medicaid health care coverage for nearly half a million Michigan residents.

The governor's Healthy Michigan Plan would use federal health care dollars to extend Medicaid coverage to more of the state's working poor so they can receive care in physician offices and patient-centered medical homes, which are better and less costly options than emergency room care or hospital stays.

I was encouraged to see the Michigan House pass the bill by a vote of 76-31, but disappointed to see the Senate table the vote to a later date. The community forum at St. Mary Mercy Livonia was one of several town hall meetings Gov. Snyder held to promote the plan.

At the forum, and in my daily work, I've heard from people who would be directly affected by this legislation. A Livonia-based business owner spoke about his pride in providing health care coverage to employees and their families, but worries about keeping up with rising health care premiums.

An urgent care physician treating low-income patients — the working poor who struggle to make ends meet — suffering with severe pain that could have been avoided with regular care management.

A patient financial counselor



David Spivey

who sees firsthand what happens when medical crises affect those without insurance — job loss, bankruptcy, foreclosure, even death due to a lack of preventive care or early diagnosis. The cancer spreads, the diabetes becomes unmanageable, the hernia worsens while they wait and worry about the cost to see a doctor.

Though St. Mary Mercy Livonia provides charity care, the rising numbers of uninsured patients are straining the resources of hospitals across the state and country.

Opponents of Medicaid expansion contend it will not solve the issue of the high use of emergency departments and new Medicaid patients would continue to come to the emergency room for non-urgent conditions. Our experience — supported by national studies — has shown that care coordination — extended hours, call centers and patient-centered medical homes — result in better and less expensive care.

Opponents of Medicaid expansion say it will fail because physicians would be unable or unwilling to manage an influx of new enrollees. However, a survey by the Center for Healthcare Research and Transformation found that 76

percent of Michigan family doctors and general practitioners have the capacity to take new patients, and 90 percent of all pediatricians said they could take on new patients.

Here at St. Mary Mercy Livonia, physicians have assured me they have the capacity and resources to take on new Medicaid patients as well.

With a belief that health care is a basic human right and that expanding access to it is both a moral and practical imperative, CHE Trinity Health and Saint Joseph Mercy Health System have long advocated that expanding access and coverage is an essential element of health care transformation.

Our parent company, CHE Trinity Health, is inviting all employees — 28,000 strong in Michigan — to sign the online petition at Healthy Michigan Now, contact their senator and get family and friends to do so also. I encourage you to do the same.

Expanding coverage to roughly 450,000 working adults in Michigan, while reducing the financial burden that uncompensated care places on hospitals, businesses, the state budget, and taxpayers, is the right thing to do. It's time to pass Medicaid expansion.

David Spivey is president and CEO of St. Mary Mercy Livonia part of the Saint Joseph Mercy Health System serving six counties in southeast Michigan and a member of Trinity Health, the nation's fourth largest Catholic health care organization.

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LETTERS

Rotary event a success

Recently the Northville Rotary Club raised more than \$3,000 from the Charity Poker Tournament held at Northville Downs. Thanks to all who came out and helped for this great cause – the Rotary Foundation.

These funds will help the Foundation continue its good works by fighting polio, providing clean water, building medical clinics and schools, and delivering school supplies and books to needy children.

Patrick Giesa and Mark Ernst of the Northville Rotary Club worked tirelessly to make the event a success. Thank you, Pat and Mark, and also to Northville Downs for your guidance and assistance. We could not have done it without you.

John P. Kelly
Northville

Helping girls find potential

On July 11 the American Association of University Women of Northville-Novi (AAUW-NN) held Career Path Day for 35 eighth-grade girls from the Emerging Leaders program established by the Mercy Education Project in Corktown. We want to thank all those who participated in making this such a successful day.

The morning program at the Biomedical Technology Center at Schoolcraft Community College was arranged by Stacy Stover and lunch was provided by our perennial partner, Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall. After lunch the girls toured six Northville establishments where women at Lorla's, Tre Bella V Salon, Chocolates by Renee, Rock on Main, Northville Physical Rehabilitation and Mill Race Village shared stories of their own career paths and histories.

This was the third

Career Path Day produced by the AAUW-NN and again offered opportunities for young girls to explore their potential by hearing about what other women have done to achieve success in their careers. It is only through the cooperation and enthusiasm of our educational and business leaders that such a day can happen and we thank all those who so willingly gave their time to this project.

Christine Litka
project coordinator
AAUW-NN

Ban 'fracking'

Hydraulic fracturing, more commonly known as "fracking," is a dangerous threat to Michigan's environment. A simple YouTube search for "fracking" reveals numerous videos of flammable tap water and other health hazards. But what it will not reveal is a list of the chemicals that gas companies use during this process.

Currently gas companies are not required to disclose these chemicals. Nor will a YouTube search reveal the failure rates for containment wells. However, nearly 5 percent of containment fail immediately, and about half fail within 30 years.

Michigan has more private water wells than any other state, and the Great Lakes house more than 20 percent of the entire world's supply of surface fresh water.

Unfortunately, this has not stopped oil companies from expanding fracking operations in Michigan.

We need to tell our leaders in Lansing to stop this dangerous and irresponsible practice.

Contact 20th District Rep. Kurt Heise at 517-373-3816 or Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder at 517-335-7858 and urge them to ban fracking, at least until we know what chemicals are being used.

Emerson Joseph Addison
Michigan Sierra Club

Racial profiling is rampant

Justice is blind. An African-American unarmed male teenager is dead. An armed neighborhood watch volunteer is alive. Six weeks pass before the killer is arrested. The trial makes international headlines.

Racial profiling is rampant in the United States. A state has "stand your ground" laws. Neighborhood volunteers are allowed to carry guns. A jury lacks gender, ethnic, racial diversity. The accused is not required to testify or to be cross-examined.

Americans recall Emmett Till and Matthew Shepard who were hated and killed because of their "differences." It is difficult to believe racism and homophobia will cease to exist in our country.

Hannah Provence Donigan
Commerce

Do a check-up

By conducting a thorough vehicle inspection, you can determine how road-ready your vehicle is so you can have any problems fixed before hitting the road.

Check the tires, including tire pressure and tread. Underinflated tires reduce a vehicle's fuel economy and uneven wear indicates a need for wheel alignment. Tires should also be checked for bulges and bald spots.

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Rich White
executive director
Car Care Council

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Readers can win special admission passes and prizes as part of a special *O&E Media* and Toledo Zoo promotion. Go to hometownlife.com and enter our Facebook contest to win:

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» **Runner-up:** Four Toledo Zoo admission passes and a year membership to the zoo.

» **Third prize:** Four Toledo Zoo admission passes.

Entries must be submitted by midnight July 18.

Other special events planned on the Wild Summer Day Trip (July 27):

A giant "Wish You Were Here" poster will be at the zoo so *O&E Media* visitors can take photos (along with having their

O&E newspaper) for publication in print and online.

Youngsters who submit stories/reports about "My Day at the Zoo" will be featured in the August Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights page.

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Polar bears delight

This is the fourth litter of polar bears the Toledo Zoo has had since 2006, said Randi Meyerson, assistant director of

animal programs.

"I credit our success to high-quality animal care, the staff's relationship with the animals, the bears' good temperaments and an outstanding facility."

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The cubs' public exhibit hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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ALL-AREA GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

Novi's Kerri McMahan leaps to the top



Novi High School track team high jumper Kerri McMahan practices March 30, 2012, at the school's field. NOVI NEWS 2012 FILE PHOTO

By Jeff Theisen
Sports Writer

Novi's Kerri McMahan saved some of her best work for last at the Division 1 state finals.

The Wildcats junior cleared 5-6 in the high jump to stand atop the podium.

But she wasn't done there. McMahan then helped the 4 x 400 team claim third place to earn a second all-state honor.

Before the finals, she won the KLAA and regional title in the 400, had a high jump of 5-6.75 against Northville and finished first in the high jump

in every meet other than the Oakland County Championships (third).

McMahan is the 2013 All-Area Girls Track and Field Athlete of the Year.

First team

Lina Davis, Novi

The senior finished her career with an all-state performance as part of the 4 x 400 relay to finish third at state. Davis was also a star hurdler, winning the 300 hurdles at Oakland County. She finished ninth at state in the same event.

Taylor Pavlika, Novi

The junior thrower earned all-state honors by placing fifth in the discus at the Division 1 state finals. She had a massive throw of 133-9 at the Kensington Conference meet. Pavlika was regional champ in the discus and finished runner-up in the shot put at regionals.

Morgan Robertson, Northville

The junior sprinter/hurdler had a big year. Robertson finished runner-up in the 110 hurdles at the state finals and also was part of two other all-state relays – the 4 x 400 and 4 x 200.

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ALL-AREA GIRLS SOCCER

Novi's Hoomaian earns top player honors

By Jeff Theisen
Staff Writer

The phrase defense wins championships is tried and true.

The Novi boys soccer took the phrase to heart this year, allowing just 17 goals in 23 contests with a trip to the state semifinals and an 18-3-2 overall record.

The top defender for the Wildcats was senior captain Kaylin Hoomaian, the 2013 All-Area Girls Soccer Player of the Year.

"From last year's team we graduated our goalie and two starting defenders, so our defense was a huge question mark coming into the season," coach Brian O'Leary said. "Her leadership kept us organized and her ability gave us an outstanding last line of defense."

Hoomaian earned a spot on the All-State Dream Team as one of the best 11 players in Michigan and will continue her career at Central Michigan. She also carries a 3.94 grade-point average.

First team

Erin Dircks, Novi

The senior forward had a monster year. As a junior, she finished with nine goals and four assists. This year, she burned goalies for 30 goals and 15 assists in earning a spot on the All-State First Team. Dircks also possesses a 3.83 GPA.

"Erin is by far the most improved player I have ever had from one season to the next," O'Leary said.

"She became the player that every coach wants at forward – she was always attacking, had a calmness around the goal and also had the ability to find an open teammate when it was appropriate."

Natalie Krygier, Novi

The senior midfielder put in four

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Mustangs senior pitcher Jake Hansen is the 2013 All-Area Baseball Player of the Year. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hansen pitches his way to top

Northville senior hurler is area's Player of the Year

By Jeff Theisen
Staff Writer

Big-time pitchers love to pitch in big-time games.

Northville senior Jake Hansen put up eye-popping numbers for the Mustangs this year as the ace of the staff.

Hansen finished 6-2 with a save, an outstanding 1.11 ERA and a 1.06 WHIP (walks plus hits per innings pitched). Most impressive was his control. Hansen struck out 49 in 44 1/3 innings of work while walking just three. Keeping runners off the basepaths translated into just seven earned runs allowed.

Hansen is the 2013 All-Area Baseball Player of the Year.

"Jake has had a tremendous three-year career on varsity," coach John Kostrzewa said. "Jake has been our No. 1 pitcher this season and has set the tone for our whole staff from the start. Jake is a tremendous competitor and loves to

ALL-AREA BASEBALL

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Jake Hansen, Northville

FIRST TEAM

Thomas Huber, Northville
Zach Wilds, Northville
Taylor Turner, Northville
Jacob Lee, Milford
Alex Larson, Milford
Keaton Figurski, Novi
Kyle Matel, Novi
Brian Klosterman, Novi
Erich Stephenson, South Lyon

Nico Woods, South Lyon

SECOND TEAM

Ryan Caputo, Novi
Josh Corey, Milford
Kyle Valden, Milford
Trevor Emme, Milford
Ethan Perry, South Lyon
Brad Vanhulle, Northville
Jack Leckner, South Lyon East
Jeremy Dinsmore, South Lyon East
Kyle Meyer, South Lyon East

have the ball in big games.

"Jake pitched a dominant gem in the district championship, shutting out Canton, 9-0. A 16-5 career varsity record, Jake always gives us a chance to win every time he takes the mound."

First team

Thomas Huber, Northville

The senior outfielder hit at a .412 (42-for-108) clip for the Mustangs

with an on-base percentage of .510. Huber led the Mustangs with 33 RBI and in runs with 33. He struck out just seven times while drawing six walks and hit by pitch six times.

"Thomas has hit leadoff all year long and has been a major contributor offensively," Kostrzewa said. "Thomas runs the bases very well and is extremely coachable. One of

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Novi's Kaylin Hoomaian (right) tries to fend off Northville's Emily Bush. Hoomaian is the 2013 All-Area Player of the Year. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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BASEBALL

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the hardest working players I have ever had. Has played an excellent center and left field this season.”

Zach Wilds, Northville

The junior first baseman hit in the third and fourth spots, finishing with a .375 average (33-for-88) and a .513 on-base percentage. Wilds drew 19 walks with just seven strikeouts. He led the team with three home runs and 15 doubles. He was third in RBI with 28 and scored 18 runs.

“He is a power threat at all times and led our team in home runs and doubles. Zach also drew a lot of walks, because he is such a threat at the plate,” Kostrzewa said. “Played a very steady first base this season and made the transition from JV ball to varsity ball very well.”

Taylor Turner, Northville

The junior proved to be the perfect complement to Hansen on the mound, finishing 6-1 with a 2.05 ERA. He allowed just 37 hits, 12 walks and 13 earned runs in 44⅓ innings of work. Turner struck out 28.

“Taylor had a tremendous season, losing only to division champ Livonia Stevenson, but pitched very well in that

game,” Kostrzewa said. “Taylor has great mound presence and a great feel for pitching. He is very hard-working and got better and better as the season went on, pitching 6⅓ innings and giving up just one run in the district semi vs Churchill.”

Jacob Lee, Milford

The senior pitcher/infielder put up a monster season despite missing multiple weeks with a hamstring injury. The team captain hit .417, drove in 17 and scored 21 runs in 20 games. His numbers were nearly flawless on the mound with a 0.24 ERA, allowing just one run in 29 innings. Lee struck out 43 and walked five. He pitched a two-hitter in districts to beat Lakeland. Milford was 8-4 before he was injured and 3-13 while he was out. Lee will play at Hillsdale College.

“Lee was named the team’s MVP and was on the district all-academic team as well, an honor given to only the top 20 academic performers of the 10 schools in our district,” coach Robert Hamilton said.

Alex Larson, Milford

The senior leadoff hitter batted at a .371 clip with 30 runs and 20 steals in 30 games. The captain had an on-base percentage of .488 with nine extra-base hits.

“Larson is planning to play both football and baseball for Defiance

(Ohio) College next year,” Hamilton said. “Larson was named the team’s offensive MVP”

Keaton Figurski, Novi

The junior outfielder/third baseman had a huge year at the plate. He swatted 12 extra-base hits while hitting at a .467 clip with an amazing on-base percentage of .560. Figurski knocked in 38 while scoring 25 runs. He had 13 walks and just 12 strikeouts.

“Keaton seemed to come up with huge games in big games this season,” coach Rick Green said. “He very rarely had bad at-bats and always seemed locked in at the plate.”

Kyle Matel, Novi

The senior catcher was strong on both sides of the plate. He hit .371 (36-for-97) with an on-base percentage of .500. Matel led the team with 35 runs scored and knocked in 17. As a catcher, he threw out about half the runners attempting to steal.

“Kyle was by far the best all-around player on our team in terms of defense and offense and leadership,” Green said. “Kyle was very passionate and his positive attitude seemed to rub off on his teammates in tough situations – not to mention how very coachable he was.”

Brian Klosterman, Novi

The junior outfielder had a tremendous year at

the plate, hitting .409 with an on-base percentage of .477, drove in 33 runs (second on the team) and had eight steals without being caught.

Erich Stephenson, South Lyon

The sophomore lead-off batter set the table with a .360 average and .426 on-base percentage for the Lions. Stephenson swiped 26 bases and tallied 25 runs. The assistant captain was selected team MVP.

“For the second straight year, Erich batted leadoff and started every game at short-stop,” assistant coach Bill Heidt said. “He was the catalyst for our offense and the leader of our defense. Erich led our team in hits, stolen bases and runs scored.”

Nico Woods, South Lyon

The sophomore catcher showed tremendous power with six home runs in 54 at-bats while batting .481 with an on-base percentage of .541. Woods knocked in 20 runs and scored 18. He was voted team Offensive MVP.

“Nico started every game at catcher for the last half of the year,” Heidt said. “Nico has tremendous power, hitting five home runs in a three-game stretch. He hit a home run in our district win over Walled Lake Central at Walled Lake Northern, which the Northern coach said was the farthest ball he has ever seen hit at their field. Nico led our team

in runs batted in, batting average, on-base percentage and slugging percentage.”

Second team

Ryan Caputo, Novi

The senior outfielder held down the second spot in the lineup with a stellar .348 average (31-for-89) and had an on-base percentage of .477. The three-year starter was second in runs with 34 and drew a team-high 21 walks.

Josh Corey, Milford

The senior catcher batted .320 with 24 RBI and 22 runs in 32 games played. Corey carried an on-base percentage of .418 and was voted the team’s defensive MVP for his work behind the plate. He will attend Central Michigan University next year.

Kyle Valden, Milford

The sophomore outfielder led the team in runs with 33, RBI with 26 and extra-base hits with 11. Valden was second with five home runs in his first tour on varsity. He finished with a .333 batting average and a slugging percentage of .552.

Trevor Emme, Milford

The junior finished with a .337 average (29-for-86) with an on-base percentage of .430. Emme knocked in 24 runs to tie for second on the team and had 10 runs scored. He struck out just nine times in 104 total plate appearances with 14 walks.

Ethan Perry, South Lyon

The senior outfielder had 20 hits in 59 at-bats for a .339 average. He swiped 18 bases and scored 15 runs. Perry was voted team defensive MVP.

Brad Vanhulle, Northville

The senior second baseman/pitcher hit .375 with 29 RBI while going 2-0 on the mound with a 1.83 ERA.

Jack Leckner, South Lyon East

The junior was voted team MVP. He played everything but first and catcher on the infield, settling in at third. Leckner batted leadoff and finished at .299. Ten of his 26 hits were for extra bases, with five doubles and four triples. He led the team with 22 runs scored while batting in 11. Leckner also recorded two wins on the mound.

Jeremy Dinsmore, South Lyon East

The senior pitcher/outfielder hit .311 with an on-base percentage of .411. Dinsmore was third on the team with 18 runs scored and tied for second with 13 RBI.

Kyle Meyer, South Lyon East

The senior was used as the designated hitter in the two spot and for good reason. Meyer led the Cougars with a .338 average (24-for-74) with two home runs, a team-high 17 RBI and was second with 21 runs scored.

Editor’s note: Lakeland and Catholic Central did not send in nominations.

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The public hearing will be held on **Wednesday August 7, 2013, at 7:30 P.M.** at City of Northville Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comment on the proposed variance request. The variance application is available for review at the City of Northville Building Department during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, local prevailing time. Written comments regarding the variance request will also be received at the above address.

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No. 5 – Ian Borthwick

Who is your favorite major league player?
Justin Verlander.
What is your favorite baseball memory?
My favorite memory is Cooperstown Dreams Park experience.
Who do you most admire and why?
My father because of his strong work ethic and positive outlook on life.
What are your future goals?
To attend college and start a career in advertising.

No. 11 – Sean Cain

Who is your favorite major league player?
Dustin Pedroia, because he works hard 24/7 and shows youngsters the right way to play baseball.
What is your favorite baseball memory?
Watching Magglio Ordóñez send the Tigers to the 2006 World Series with his walk-off home run to beat the Oakland Athletics (I was there).
Who do you most admire and why?
I admire Jim Valvano the most. His passion for his sport is something that has never been matched by anybody. He worked hard to battle cancer and his foundation is simply remarkable. His ESPY speech in 1993 was very touching to me and is my favorite speech to this day. Finally, his motto “Don’t Give Up, Don’t Ever Give Up” is how I try to live my life today.
What are your future goals?
My goal after high school is to attend Duke University in North Carolina and hopefully play either soccer or baseball there. I plan to major in broadcasting and go on to become a sports broadcaster for any of the major sports and one day anchor or commentate for ESPN.

No. 12 – Steven Grosz

Who is your favorite major league player?
Derek Jeter.
What is your favorite baseball memory?
Playing at Cooperstown.
Who do you most admire and why?
My dad, because he is good at everything.
What are your future goals?
Play baseball beyond high school.

No. 9 – Aaron Huggins

Who is your favorite major league player?
Justin Verlander.
What is your favorite baseball memory?
Hitting a home run in Cooperstown.
Who do you most admire and why?
My parents for everything they do for the family.
What are your future goals?
Attend Notre Dame.



Ian Borthwick



Sean Cain



Steven Grosz



Aaron Huggins



Kevin Bak



Jake Skillman



Nick Zalewski



Connor Walters



Jack Ernst



Tyler Lowe



Troy Youmans



Grant Tyburski



Evan Flohr

No. 8 – Kevin Bak

Who is your favorite major league player?
Austin Jackson.
What is your favorite baseball memory?
Winning districts in high school.
Who do you most admire and why?
My brother, because of how well he has handled the different obstacles life has handed him.
What are your future goals?
Play college baseball.

No. 10 – Jake Skillman

Who is your favorite major league player?
Miguel Cabrera.
What is your favorite baseball memory?
Getting to the finals in Cooperstown.
Who do you most admire and why?
My parents, for all the hard work they do for the Northville community.
What are your future goals?
To get accepted into a good college and get a career in something I love to do.

No. 22 –Nick Zalewski

Who is your favorite major league player?
Prince Fielder.
What is your favorite baseball

memory?
Cooperstown finals.
Who do you most admire and why?
My dad, because he is hard-working and a good coach.
What are your future goals?
To win states on varsity.

No. 2 – Connor Walters

Who is your favorite major league player?
Miguel Cabrera.
What is your favorite baseball memory?
Throwing a no-hitter freshman year.
Who do you most admire and why?
My dad, because he worked extremely hard to help give me the opportunities I have today.
What are your future goals?
To go to a good college and, if possible, play college ball.

No. 13 – Jack Ernst

Who is your favorite major league player?
Miguel Cabrera.
What is your favorite baseball memory?
Hitting home run freshman year.
Who do you most admire and why?
My grandpa, because he is successful and a good family man.
What are your future goals?

Go to a good college, then become successful in my career.
No. 15 – Tyler Lowe
Who is your favorite major league player?
Torii Hunter, because he really enjoys baseball and is just a positive player.
What is your favorite baseball memory?
When I lived in North Carolina and I hit a walk-off single to win the championship.
Who do you most admire and why?
I admire my whole family the most, because we have been through some tough times, but we know how to manage and get by.
What are your future goals?
My future goal is to go on to play college baseball.

No. 7 – Troy Youmans

Who is your favorite major league player?
Justin Verlander.
What is your favorite baseball memory?
Pitching in Joliet, Ill., with the fireworks going off in the background in the Regional Pony Championship.
Who do you most admire and why?
Tiger Woods, because of his work ethic, which allowed him to become the best golfer in the world.
What are your future goals?
To graduate from Michigan State.

No. 21 – Grant Tyburski

Who is your favorite major league player?
Placido Polanco.
What is your favorite baseball memory?
Bunting a walk-off suicide squeeze in Cooperstown in the ninth inning of a game.
Who do you most admire and why?
I admire my dad, for teaching me how to play baseball and then allowing me to pursue my baseball career and help me get better.
What are your future goals?
Achieve high grades, play a varsity sport, continue to enjoy my baseball experience, improve my game, develop my skills and make new friends.

No. 14 – Evan Flohr

Who is your favorite major league player?
Austin Jackson.
What is your favorite baseball memory?
Tournament in Cooperstown, N.Y.
Who do you most admire and why?
My parents, because they push me to be my best and do my best to reach my goals.
What are your future goals?
Go to college and, while getting my degree, I hope to play college baseball.

NABF World Series returns

Northville will host tournament for 32nd year

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

If you’ve spent any number of years in Northville, or the surrounding area, you’ve likely heard of the NABF World Series.

The annual event pits the best National Amateur Baseball Federation teams against one another for a chance to see which U16 squad will walk away with the national championship.

This year, the tournament will be run under the guidance of two new directors: Carrie Slominski and Bill Flohr. Slominski said that filling the shoes of the last three directors will be difficult, but it has been comforting knowing the community support is still present.

“I think the past three directors – Bob Frellick, Dave Jerome and Scott Baldwin – have all built up quite a group of community supporters, some who have been volunteers in some form or fashion for the last 31 years,” Slominski said. “What other community can say that? Not many, I bet.”

The event will begin at 6 p.m. Wednesday, when the teams that have qualified for the World Series will meet in downtown Northville at Ford Field to compete in the skills competition. There, all 12 teams will compete in four events – the Golden Arm, Road Runner, Around the Horn and, of course, the fan-favorite Home Run Derby.

And while some of the nation’s best teams will be in attendance and competing, Northville, which gets an automatic bid into the series as the host community, will be looking to showcase the homegrown talent as well. Last year, the team took first place in three of the four skills events.

“There is always a big crowd and it is a lot of fun,” Slominski said of the skill competition.

The series will then go into tournament play Thursday,

Friday and Saturday, with the championship game being played Sunday. (A full schedule of games and a listing of all the qualified teams will be available in next week’s sports section.)

This next week will be the most hectic for the organizers of the tourney. Last-minute details will have to be set in place as they await the final teams qualifying for the tournament.

“There are so many little details that can easily be forgotten or overlooked,” Slominski said. “I haven’t slept much lately and probably won’t until the last team leaves.”

Of course, the largest hurdle to overcome is one that nobody – not even the tournament directors – will have much say over.

“The biggest challenge every year is Mother Nature,” Slominski said. “We are all hoping she is in a good mood this year and brings us sunshine every day.”

This year, the Northville Broncos will be led by coach Mark Zalewski, and he’s done quite well with the team. The squad, as of the sports section’s press time, is 19-4 on the season with two tournament championships – the third annual Northville Mustangs Wood Bat Invitational and the Total Sports JV State Tournament.

Slominski said the NABF World Series wouldn’t be possible without the support of Northville, as well as multiple organizations that help make it a reality each and every year.

“I would like to thank all of the parents of the U16 Broncos, Northville Baseball-Softball Association, the Northville High School baseball coaches and everyone else who has stepped in to help us pull this off,” she said. “This is my first time running an event of this magnitude and there is no way it could happen without a great support system – and I have the biggest and best. So from the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank each and every one of them.”

Sam Eggleston is a free-lance writer covering sports for the Northville Record and Novi News.

Madness 14U Red



Madness 14U Red earned second place at the ASA 14U ‘A’ States held June 27-30 in Midland, going 7-2 for the tournament. The team then came home with the championship after traveling July 5-7 to Buffalo, N.Y., for Aunt Rosie’s International ASA Qualifier. The team was 7-0 and earned the tournament win by defeating teams from New York, Ontario, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Ohio. Pictured (front, from left) are Aziza Afzal, Sydney San Juan, Lauren Ogurek, Anna Julien and Madyson Ampe; (back, from left) Bailey Stevens, Genny Soltesz, Nicole Ireland, Kaitlyn Wolschlagier, Ari Chretien and Isabella Buttzoni.

Burgh champs



Madness 10 Red traveled to Pittsburgh over Fourth of July weekend and went 8-0 in route to the Battle in the Burgh Championship, which included 16 teams from five states. They broke a 7-7 tie in the last inning of the semi-finals to win 8-7 against Western Pennsylvania state champs, Pittsburgh Passion. Then they broke open a close game in the fifth inning of the finals against Pittsburgh Spirit to take the championship 13-7. The girls have now reached all 10 of their tournament finals and have taken home their fifth championship of the season. Shown (standing, from left) are Maggie Murphy, Olivia Vitale, Stephanie Schmunk, Emma Dompierre, Allison Hale and Allie Page; (kneeling, from left) Grace Nieto, Kayla Errer, Madeline Schornack, Cassidy Brendtke, Gaby Cummings and Lauren Franklin.

Run for Ribbon



The Northville Stallions and Colts cheerleaders showed their support for the fight against prostate cancer at the fifth annual MIU Men's Health Foundation Run for the Ribbon 5K run/walk Father's Day. Pictured (front, from left) are Emma Asher, Rachel Asher and Rebecca Weiskopf; (middle, from left) Jordan Pollitt, Stacie Shaw, Helena Notario, Winter Graham and Leah Gerlach; (back, from left) Katie Sturtz, Lizzie Sturtz, Isabel Horalek, Sarah Gentner and Audrey Schikora.

Diamond Dig Classic runners-up



The 10U Northville Mustangs travel baseball team finished runner-up in the Livonia Diamond Dig Classic Tournament during the weekend of May 31 through June 2. The team is coached by Mark Anderson, Jayson Oliver, Sam Lutz and Jeff Harp. The players are Jack Anderson, Ayden Oliver, Josh Lutz, Adam Harp, Christian Clark, Nick Mansfield, Paul Finkbeiner, Nick Roehrig, Chris Goebel, Kellen Gonda, Wes Guyot and Matthew Wehrum.

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goals and passed for six assists while landing on the All-State third team. She will continue her career at the University of Connecticut after graduating with a 3.6 GPA.

“Natalie is a player that has great foot skills and is very difficult to take the ball from,” O’Leary said. “She also has the ability to play long and short passes with both feet.”

Taylor Pavlika, Novi
The junior midfielder had a knack for assists with 14, while also tallying five goals.

“Taylor was our most valuable resource when it came to set pieces,” O’Leary said. “She took every throw-in (there is not another player in the state that can throw the ball in as far as she does), she took all our corner kicks and free kicks as well. She is also very good at winning balls in the air.”

Kendall Kramer, Novi
The junior midfielder has shown incredible versatility for the Wildcats. She played on defense one year, forward the next and as a mid-

ALL-AREA GIRLS SOCCER

PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Kaylin Hoomaian, Novi

FIRST TEAM
Erin Dircks, Novi
Natalie Krygier, Novi
Taylor Pavlika, Novi
Kendall Kramer, Novi
Kiki Hilmer, Northville
Emily Bush, Northville
Alexis Mencotti, Northville
Gabbie Mencotti, Northville
Morgan Kroezen, Lakeland
Lora Palushaj, South Lyon East
Paige Smith, Milford

SECOND TEAM
Megan Kalanik, Lakeland
Karissa Koomen, Novi
Sam Cook, South Lyon East
Lauren Webster, South Lyon East
Julia Palushaj, South Lyon East

HONORABLE MENTION
South Lyon East: Paige Colosimo (Sr), Emily Mancos (Sr), Liz Koziara (So), Erica Slawski (So), Julia Palushaj (Jr), Heather Emke (Jr), Nina Palushaj (So), Maddie Cook (Jr)

fielder this year. Kramer scored a goal and passed for eight assists this year. She committed to play at the University of Michigan.

“She does a great job of getting the ball down the sideline and sending crosses into the box,” O’Leary said.

Kiki Hilmer, Northville

Need a shutout? Put Hilmer in goal. The senior finished with 10 shutouts in 14 games and allowed just four goals in the other four games. She earned the team’s Most Outstanding Defensive Player award and will continue her career at the University of Rhode Island.

“Kept us in every game she played,” coach

Eric Brucker said. “Made saves that no other goalkeeper in the conference could make.”

Emily Bush, Northville

The senior forward was a finisher with 15 goals and one assist. She was voted the team’s Most Outstanding Offensive Player and will continue to play at Grand Valley State University.

“Bush’s 15 goals were just under half of the goals scored by Northville this year,” Becker said. “Leading goal scorer for the Mustangs, including six game-winners.”

Alexis Mencotti, Northville

The senior defender was the leader on a defense that allowed just 11

goals all year. Mencotti was a warrior, playing every game and averaging more than 70 minutes a contest.

She was a captain and earned the team’s Most Dedicated award. Mencotti will continue her career at Grand Valley State.

“The workhorse of the team. Played big minutes every game,” Brucker said. “Vocal leader of the defense and the entire team.”

Gabbie Mencotti, Northville

The junior midfielder earned a pair of top team awards – Most Outstanding Midfielder and Most Valuable Player. She tallied eight goals and five assists and is committed to Grand Valley

State.
“Directed our three inside midfielders,” Brucker said. “Constant motor running – quick and elusive.”

Morgan Kroezen, Lakeland

The four-year varsity starter set a new school record for assists with 35 to go with 28 goals. Kroezen was a captain this year and will continue playing at Indiana Tech University.

Lora Palushaj, South Lyon East

The senior earned all-conference and all-district, all-regional and all-state honorable mention honors. She tallied four goals and four assists for the Cougars.

“Her outstanding play and great ball possession as one of our central midfielders helped us maintain possession and placed us offense so many times during the season,” coach John Delplace said.

Paige Smith, Milford

The senior patrolled the midfield while adding eight goals and three assists for the Mavs.

“Everything ran through Paige this year – offense and defense,” coach Tommy Hipple said. “Great team player.”

Ssecond team

Megan Kalanik, Lakeland

The four-year varsity player set a new career scoring record for Lakeland with 42 goals. She will continue her career at Alma.

Karissa Koomen, Novi

The junior defender was accountable for marking the opposition’s best player each game.

Sam Cook, South Lyon East

The senior goalkeeper was in net for five shutouts this year. Cook, a captain, earned all-district, all-region and Division 2 all-state honorable mention.

Lauren Webster, South Lyon East

The junior midfielder was often in charge of containing the opposition’s fastest player. She earned all-district honors.

Julia Palushaj, South Lyon East

The junior received all-district honors after posting seven goals with two assists for the Cougars.

Editor’s note: South Lyon soccer did not turn in nominations.

TRACK

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She was a big reason Northville finished seventh as a team at the Division 1 state finals.

“Morgan was huge for us all year long in her first year at Northville,” coach Tim Dalton said. “She broke or helped break three school records. She finished second in the state in the 100 hurdles and will be returning next year as a senior.”

Alexa Abbott, Northville

The senior sprinter helped the Mustangs 4 x 400 relay team finish fifth and the 4 x 200 team place sixth to earn all-state status at the Division 1 state finals. Abbot also qualified for the 200 and finished 10th. She is part of the school record 4 x 200 and 4 x 400 squads and a team captain.

“Alexa is irreplaceable. She was one of our team captains, she could run the 100-meter, 200-meter, 400-meter and the hurdles, along with relays,” Dalton said. “She is an all-state student-athlete in two events and holds two school records at NHS.”

Chloe Abbott, Northville

The freshman was another key sprinter for the Mustangs. She earned all-state honors a part of the 4 x 200 team that finished sixth at the Division 1 state finals. She is part of the school record 4 x 200 and 4 x 100 teams. Abbott also qualified for states in the 200, finishing 27th.

“Chloe came to us as a freshman with unlimited potential,” Dalton said. “She was huge all year for us, regularly running four events and serving as our anchor on many relays. It will be very exciting to watch her progress over the next three years.”

Nadia Affes, Northville

The senior sprinter had a pair of all-state runs in relays as part of the 4 x 200 (sixth) and 4 x 400 (fifth) teams for the Mustangs. She was a team captain

“Nadia was a very consistent runner. You always knew what you would get from her,” Dalton said. “She leaves Northville as an all-state athlete and school record holder in two events.”

Rachel Coleman, Northville

The junior set a bunch of new school standards in distance events. She is the fastest Mustang ever in the 1,600 and 3,200 as well as the 4 x 800. Coleman earned all-state honors in the 1,600 with an eighth-place finish. She also finished 20th in the 3,200 at state.

“Rachel has broken or helped break three out of the four distance events school records at Northville High School,” Dalton said. “She is a durable runner who regularly ran three distance events at a very high level. She will be back next year looking to knock off that fourth school record.”

Lauren Rodriguez, Northville

The sophomore hurdler/sprinter earned all-state honors with a fourth-place finish in the 100 hurdles, where she set a school record of 14.52. Rodriguez was also part of the 4 x 100 crew that set a new Wildcats standard.

“Lauren is a very dynamic kid. We can use her in the 100, 200, 100 hurdles, 300 hurdles, the 400 and all sprint relays,” Dalton said.

Alison Robinson, Northville

The junior was part of the 4 x 800 crew that placed fourth at states. Robinson also qualified for states in the open 800.

“Alison was strong for us all year. She stepped into the 4 x 800 relay and helped fill some big shoes left,” Dalton said.

Rachel Barrett, Milford

The junior repeated as

Lakes Conference and regional champion before earning all-state honors with a sixth-place finish in the 1,600.

“Her best time of the season was a blazing 4:54.58, which came at the state finals,” coach Adrienne Hincka said.

Rhiannon Pavlinac, South Lyon East

The senior set a school record of 128-8 in the discus and went on to place third at the Division 2 state finals. Pavlinac was third at the Oakland County meet.

“Rhiannon wanted to improve on her seventh-place finish at state and she also had a goal to be the best South Lyon discus thrower ever,” coach Sonita Harris said. “She was very consistent this season and accomplished these major goals.”

Reighan Fisher, Lakeland

The senior set a new school record in the 800 at 2:13.5. She also tied the school record in the 400 with 58.3 and qualified for state with a second-place finish at regionals. Fisher was also part of the school record 4 x 200 team.

“She is undoubtedly the best middle distance runner in the history of Lakeland track,” coach John Kababik said.

Calli Stemple, Lakeland

The sophomore high jumper went undefeated in dual meets and won the KLAA Conference meet with a leap of 5-3. Stemple had a season-best jump of 5-5 to tie a school record. She finished second at the Oakland County meet. Unfortunately, she finished third at regionals and did not make the state finals.

“As only a sophomore, Calli is one of the best high jumpers in the state,” Hincka said.

Brady Covert, South Lyon

The junior made it back-to-back all-state trips with a tie for fifth place in the high jump by clearing 5-3. She fought through injuries through-

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ATHLETE OF THE YEAR
Kari McMahon, Novi

FIRST TEAM
Lina Davis, Novi
Taylor Pavlika, Novi
Morgan Robertson, Northville
Alexa Abbott, Northville
Chloe Abbott, Northville
Nadia Affes, Northville
Rachel Coleman, Northville
Lauren Rodriguez, Northville
Alison Robinson, Northville
Rachel Barrett, Milford
Rhiannon Pavlinac, South Lyon East
Reighan Fisher, Lakeland
Calli Stemple, Lakeland
Brady Covert, South Lyon

SECOND TEAM
Hannah Lonergan, Novi
Taylor Mosley, Novi
Abby Downs, Novi
Megan Siemiantkowski, Milford
Daniela Allen, Milford
Whitney Mergens, Milford

Erica Maslany, South Lyon East
Danielle Waranauckas, South Lyon East
Carlie Fernandez, South Lyon
Abby Sigler, South Lyon
Taleen Shahrigian, Northville
Mary Catherine McLaughlin, Northville
Lindsay Walters, Northville
Nicole Mosteller, Northville
Erin Zimmer, Northville

HONORABLE MENTION
Milford: Dana Shove (So), Taryn Rogers (Sr), Brenna Lovera (So), Eve Hemingway (Fr); **Lakeland:** Mackenzie Gross, Lena Tiedeman, Jessica Erickson, Ashleigh Dubanik, Emily Chludzinski; **South Lyon East:** Erica Slawski (So), Erin O’Donnel (So); **South Lyon:** Melanie Sprinkle (Jr), Madison Swiatlowski (So), Gillian Seeley (Jr), Jessica Fredericks (Jr), Betsy Liddell (Sr), Hailey L.Green (So), Meg Darrow (Jr), Christy Hogue (Fr), Anna Henry (So), Emma Bauer (So), Katie Beaber (Sr), Kirsten Bronson (Jr), Elizabeth Matovski (Sr), Kaylie VanOrd, Caitlyn Cavicchiolo.

out the year, but still managed to find the podium at states.

Second team

Hannah Lonergan, Novi

The sophomore ran a leg of the 4 x 400 team that finished third at states. Lonergan showed plenty of versatility by also running the 4 x 800, 800, 1,600 and 3,200 at some point in the season.

Taylor Mosley, Novi

The senior sprinter also ran a leg of the 4 x 400 to earn all-state honors. She ran a variety of races throughout the year, including the 100, 200, 400, 4 x 100, 4 x 200 and 4 x 400.

Abby Downs, Novi

The junior qualified for two events at the state finals, finishing 24th in the long jump and 27th in the 110 hurdles. Downs popped off a season-best 17-2.25 in the long jump to win the Kensington Conference meet.

Megan Siemiantkowski, Milford

The junior had a season-best pole vault of 10-7 and captured Lakes Conference and regional titles. She was also a part of the 4 x 100 relay team.

Daniela Allen, Milford

The junior qualified for the state finals by running 25.9 at regionals in the 200. She also ran the 100 and 4 x 200.

Whitney Mergens, Milford

The sophomore had season bests of 5-4 in the high jump and 17-1.5 in the long jump. Mergens claimed the title in the long jump at the KLAA Association meet.

Erica Maslany, South Lyon East

The freshman is already the school record holder in the 100 (12.5) and claimed an Oakland County Freshman title in that event.

Danielle Waranauckas, South Lyon East

The freshman hurdler set a new school record in the 300 hurdles at 49.2.

Carlie Fernandez, South Lyon

The sophomore played a big role for the Lions as the top long jumper and one of the mainstays on multiple relays. Fernandez had a season-best jump of 16-8.5. She finished one spot away from qualifying for states with a third at regionals.

Abby Sigler, South Lyon

The senior captain just missed a trip to states in the 200, missing the automatic cut by a tenth of a second at 26.1 for sixth place. Sigler was also a mainstay on multiple sprint relays.

Taleen Shahrigian, Northville

The junior qualified for the state finals in the 3,200. She had a PR of 11:03.2. Shahrigian was a team captain and KLAA scholar-athlete.

Mary Catherine McLaughlin, Northville

The freshman was a state qualifier in the 4 x 400. She also ran the 200 and 400.

Lindsay Walters, Northville

The freshman found a spot on the state podium as part of the 4 x 400 to finish with all-state honors.

Nicole Mosteller, Northville

The junior ran a leg of the 4 x 800 team to earn all-state status.

Erin Zimmer, Northville

The junior helped out in several distance races, including the 4 x 800 team which earned all-state honors. She also ran the 800, 1,600 and 3,200.

Realtor rides to support diabetes research

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Realtor Tony Schippa of Coldwell Banker Preferred of Plymouth participated in an American Diabetes Association bicycle riding benefit Saturday, June 15, in Brighton.

Proceeds support work of the American Diabetes Association. "It was the first time I did 100 miles in a day," Plymouth resident Schippa said of the ride. "We started and ended at Brighton High School."

Two years ago at age 47, Schippa found out he was diabetic. "I started exercising and lost about 50 pounds," he said.

Exercise has kept most of the weight off, although he noticed recently his "skinny jeans" were a little snug. Summertime exercise helps him fit in those jeans.

"I'm also off the medication too, so that was the big thing," he said of his Type 2 diagnosis. Schippa wasn't taking insulin but rather another medication.

"I'm sure a lot of us know that, but until something like this hits you ..." he said of basic exercise and diet advice. Schippa knew for his sake and that of his family he needed to shape up and practice good health habits.

There were over 1,000 riders at the Michigan Tour de Cure in Brighton, and they've raised over \$420,000 toward a goal of \$550,000. Schippa, a past president of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors, is grateful to his sponsors and his clients for their support of the fundraising Tour de Cure.

There were also 200-some volunteers for the event. Funds raised through Tour de Cure support re-



Realtor Tony Schippa of Plymouth (right) and Team Schippa members take a break during the June 15 Michigan Tour de Cure in Brighton.



The finish line looked mighty fine for members of Team Schippa and other bicyclists at the Michigan Tour de Cure.

search projects for all types of diabetes, as well as programs and advocacy efforts that support the 25.8 million people in the U.S. with diabetes.

Team Schippa sponsors were US Bank, Baker College, First Amer-

ican Title, NDT Technologies, and Al's Quick-Release Bicycle Shop. Team Schippa raised over \$4,000. Donations are still welcome at www.adiabeticstory.com.

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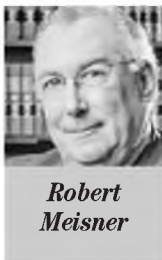
Q: I just entered into a purchase agreement to sell my property, and the buyer didn't describe what type of deed has to be given. No attorneys were involved. What kind of deed do you think I have to give to satisfy the transaction?

A: A recent unpublished decision of the Michigan Court of Appeals held that a Quit Claim Deed was an appropriate deed where the buyer exercised a purchase option under a lease and the lease was silent as to the type of deed to be given. Even though this was a lease, the court relied on a Michigan statute which provides that under a land contract, if the form of the deed is not specified in the land contract, conveyance is by an appropriate deed. So, the rational would probably apply in your situation as well. Obviously, any attorney representing a seller or buyer should specify in the land contract, the purchase agreement, the option agreement, or any other document what type of deed is to be given.

Q: I am wondering if we could pass a speed limit in our condominium that can be strictly enforced. There has been much debate about it.

A: You may wish to try it. The Illinois Supreme Court recently held that it would not interfere in the internal affairs of a homeowners association that had implemented such a rule. A homeowner had argued that in creating a security officer that issued tickets to members of the association was unlawfully exercising police powers. The court suggested that regulating and enforcing rules was reasonably necessary to maintain the roadways and under the state law of Illinois the association retained the right to enforce its own traffic rules and regulations, so the association was free to enforce its own rules and regulations against its members. It should be noted that the association did not ticket any non-members. Michigan courts are also reluctant to interfere in the internal affairs of corporations such as nonprofit condominium associations.

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BRIEFS

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures. Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about how the procedures work. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the different steps involved.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. Thursdays at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Additional parking across the street in back. Please call the office at 248-

782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Free foreclosure tours

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

Seminar on Tuesdays, Thursdays

A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. on Tues-

days at 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 2 p.m., held at various locations.

RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5480.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. each first Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate. Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership.

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

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 11-15, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

16221 Beechwood Ave	\$210,000
17965 Birwood Ave	\$150,000
17965 Birwood Ave	\$240,000
32457 Sheridan Dr	\$114,000
32457 Sheridan Dr	\$270,000
16280 Wetherby St	\$212,000

BIRMINGHAM

1428 Bird Ave	\$210,000
1809 Cole St	\$141,000
1838 Derby Rd	\$695,000
440 E Southlawn Blvd	\$535,000
621 Henley St	\$825,000
1800 Henrietta St	\$565,000
1571 Humphrey Ave	\$157,000
2517 Manchester Rd	\$220,000
1508 Maryland Blvd	\$618,000
1075 N Old Woodward # 13	\$186,000
1735 Norfolk St	\$270,000
2806 Pembroke Rd	\$195,000
284 Pilgrim Ave	\$860,000
1429 S Bates St	\$399,000
400 Southfield Rd # 7	\$312,000

1992 Washington Blvd	\$145,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
69 Barden Ct	\$280,000
1639 Hunters Ridge Dr	\$250,000
750 Kennebec Ct	\$490,000
4076 Lakeridge Ln	\$400,000
4269 Margate Ln	\$360,000
770 N Cranbrook Rd	\$856,000
4113 Telegraph Rd # G-110	\$53,000
1201 Timberview Trl	\$300,000
1745 Tiverton Rd Unit 24	\$150,000
4154 Wabek Lake Dr S	\$235,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

2975 Bloomfield Crossing	\$480,000
1268 Circle Ct	\$550,000
731 E Fox Hills Dr	\$45,000
7342 E Greenwich Dr	\$325,000
2674 Hunters Blf	\$565,000
2827 Hunters Blf	\$570,000
1615 Hunters Ridge Dr	\$180,000
3624 Maxwell Ct	\$687,000
5090 Mohr Valley Ln	\$320,000
1898 Pine Ridge Ct	\$360,000
2608 Springfield Way	\$207,000
4831 School Bell Ln	\$315,000
5099 Tootmoor Rd	\$729,000
5595 Woodland Pass	\$295,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
2901 Colt Ct	\$360,000

224 Havana St	\$60,000
2261 Palmetto	\$40,000
4685 Ponderosa St	\$139,000
892 Ridgemont St	\$139,000
5460 Wentworth Dr	\$265,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
21184 Cass St	\$35,000
20908 Colwell St	\$38,000
37016 Dunstable Ct	\$285,000
30084 Fox Club Dr	\$378,000
23276 Fox Crk	\$275,000
20805 Gill Rd	\$275,000
29823 Highmeadow Rd	\$255,000
37853 Lancaster Dr	\$245,000
24175 Locust St	\$190,000
20841 Metroview Rd	\$87,000
21782 Middlebelt Rd # 21800	\$89,000

29961 Mullane Dr	\$177,000
34687 Pickford Dr	\$210,000
26773 Plumgrove Ln	\$140,000
35984 Quakertown Ln	\$285,000
25533 Springbrook Dr	\$140,000
28321 Timberview Ct	\$203,000
31935 W 14 Mile Rd # 232	\$88,000

FRANKLIN

30745 Cheviot Hills Dr	\$600,000
30676 Harlincin Ct	\$653,000
27490 Lakehills Dr	\$210,000
MILFORD	
3121 Bradford Ct	\$470,000

1080 Riverstone Cir	\$240,000
784 S Milford Rd	\$74,000
2605 W Commerce Rd	\$145,000
351 Walnut Rdg	\$100,000

NORTHVILLE

45201 Byrne Dr	\$225,000
21265 Equestrian Trl	\$604,000
21042 Richmond Dr	\$200,000

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43050 12 Oaks Crescent Dr #	\$160,000
43100 12 Oaks Crescent Dr #	\$142,000
30666 Ardmore Ct	\$105,000
45208 Bartlett Dr	\$84,000
45739 Cider Mill Rd	\$255,000
41353 Cornell Dr	\$146,000
22118 Edgewater	\$95,000
44684 Ford Way Dr	\$295,000
27993 Hopkins Dr	\$140,000
24403 Olde Orchard St	\$68,000
44950 Paine Dr	\$367,000
25680 Shoreline Dr	\$660,000
44836 Stockton Dr	\$84,000
41748 Sycamore Dr	\$175,000
23784 Wintergreen Cir	\$530,000

SOUTH LYON

54823 Glenwood Ct	\$376,000
24381 Glenwood Dr	\$323,000
54774 Grenelle Cir E	\$232,000
972 Hearthside St	\$150,000

59295 Morissey Ln	\$310,000
24822 Purlin Ct	\$93,000
61100 Saddlecreek Dr	\$273,000
52636 Trailwood Dr	\$423,000

SOUTHFIELD

18409 Alta Vista Dr	\$130,000
18418 Dorset St	\$90,000
19170 Dorset St	\$75,000
29124 E Chanticleer Dr	\$85,000
17165 Hilton St	\$76,000
26622 Isleworth Pt	\$155,000
22105 Ivanhoe Ln	\$107,000
17380 Madison St	\$85,000
17106 Morrison St	\$70,000
29830 N Bedford St	\$145,000
28665 Ranchwood Dr	\$115,000
28041 Selkirk St	\$49,000
28335 Stuart Ave	\$45,000
17266 W 11 Mile Rd	\$45,000
29233 Wellington Ct # 62	\$50,000
29153 Wellington Rd E	\$50,000
18285 Westover Ave	\$35,000
17805 Windflower Dr	\$81,000

WHITE LAKE

41 Croutty St	\$102,000
1255 Pinecrest Dr	\$225,000
1235 Rosfield St	\$86,000
18 Wildrose Dr	\$237,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 1-5, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

4052 Amanda Ct	\$184,000
7765 Birkland Dr	\$375,000
1543 Brookdale Dr	\$200,000
1174 Celina Ct	\$150,000
6763 Edgewood Rd	\$232,000
2008 Hawks Nest Ct	\$145,000
7346 Hillsboro Dr	\$197,000
2284 Liberty St S	\$320,000

48391 Manhattan Cir	\$330,000
1540 Manton Blvd	\$167,000
3540 Napier Rd	\$253,000
3655 Parklawn Dr	\$200,000
5974 Runnymede Dr	\$115,000
42186 Saratoga Cir	\$149,000
42274 Trent Dr	\$238,000
1627 Whittier Dr	\$126,000
2633 Whittmont Dr W	\$189,000

GARDEN CITY

30914 Barton St	\$50,000
30428 Pierce St	\$50,000

LIVONIA

31529 Alabama St	\$140,000
14176 Houghton St	\$153,000
14322 Houghton St	\$152,000

14067 Nola St	\$155,000
17717 Parklane St	\$190,000
38658 Reo Ct	\$226,000
NORTHVILLE	
40065 Bexley Way	\$426,000
15935 Bradner Rd	\$125,000
17660 Crestbrook Dr	\$629,000
46670 Crystal Downs W	\$451,000
16242 Forest Lake Dr	\$225,000
48105 Four Seasons Blvd	\$790,000
48710 Freestone Dr	\$110,000
18099 Mission Pt	\$651,000
43683 Prestwick Cir S	\$462,000
43779 Prestwick Cir S	\$446,000
530 Rouge St	\$301,000
41652 Sunnydale Ln	\$280,000

412 W Dunlap St	\$675,000
18080 W Northville Trl	\$383,000
112 Walnut St	\$169,000
PLYMOUTH	
13173 Andover Dr	\$286,000
41174 Greenbrook Ln	\$150,000
47273 Hunters Park Dr	\$305,000
11686 N Haggerty Rd	\$129,000
730 Penniman Ave	\$296,000
11166 Pinehurst Rd	\$275,000
950 Starkweather St	\$250,000
9218 Tavistock Dr	\$165,000

REDFORD

26371 Barbara	\$130,000
26371 Barbara	\$87,000
26009 Dover	\$60,000

17661 Gaylord	\$65,000
9216 Mercedes	\$75,000
10052 Mercedes	\$47,000
14116 Salem	\$40,000

WESTLAND

2097 Alberta St	\$31,000
37113 Amhurst Dr	\$90,000
1509 Berkshire St	\$87,000
34936 College St	\$60,000
38980 Florence Ave	\$155,000
35009 Pardo St	\$83,000
1341 S Merriman Rd	\$10,000
1660 Shoemaker Dr	\$35,000
35906 Somerset St	\$122,000
621 Summerfield Dr	\$84,000
27692 Trailbrooke Cir	\$50,000