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For more information about the Northville Farmers Market, visit www.downtownnorthville.com/1/163/farmers_market.asp.

'Under the Radar'

Brick's (located at 133 W. Main St. in Northville Square) will have all the TV screens set to PBS next Wednesday, Aug. 7, at 7:30 p.m. for a screening of *Under the Radar*, featuring the Northville community. Everybody is welcome to attend.

Marquis founder leaves legacy

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The Northville community lost a special person earlier this week when Marquis Theater founder Inge Zayti passed away. Family members and friends say she leaves behind an enduring legacy that has positively impacted all those who knew her.

"She will be greatly missed," said Marquis Theatre staffer Karen Howe. "She was a powerful woman full of energy, humor and passion, who inspired many people. We are saddened and shocked by this."

Zayti passed away of natural causes Monday night at home, surrounded by her children.

Formerly the Penniman Allen Theater, Zayti and her husband, Jay, purchased the Marquis in

1971 and restored it in 1978 to make it a landmark location in Northville. Her husband died years ago.

It was her enthusiasm that helped make it the place it is today.

"She wanted the Marquis to be like a second home for visitors, and she succeeded," said Zayti's daughter and current theater owner Christina Zayti. "She made this a welcoming, comfortable place for generations of children and families. Her love of theater and children were a perfect combination."

It was this passion for children and their growth that led her to start the summer camps that have made the Marquis such a memorable place for so many.

For years she dedicated herself to providing professional

instruction as well as a fun and creative atmosphere for the talented children who passed through the ranks at the Marquis.

"She was very involved until the end," said Marquis staffer Terry Allman. "She had a vision and foresight that made this theater what it is."

Originally from Germany, Zayti had come to America and Northville after serving in the Peace Corps for four years in Africa and India.

Her life is an American success story and she took that gratitude for her new home to heart by giving back to the community and local schools, and by always remembering to support everything Northville.



Marquis Theatre founder Inge Zayti stands in front the downtown Northville landmark in 1978, the year she restored it and opened it to the public.

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Concerned for her young lungs – and others' too – Mia Genitti, 10, has begun a campaign to ban smoking from Northville's Town Square and has already addressed Northville City Council on the issue. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Girl wants to stamp out smoke

10-year-old starts campaign
to clean the air in Town Square

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Mia Genitti, 10, is on a mission to help people live healthier lives, and she is starting with asking people to not smoke in Northville's Town Square.

She brought the idea before the Northville City Council at their July 15 meeting.

According to City Manager Patrick Sullivan, Mia approached the City Manager's office requesting time on the agenda to make a presentation to the City Council. Her request consisted of getting permission to hand out a flyer asking patrons to not smoke in Town Square and formally requesting City Council to make Town Square non-smoking.

"This is a campaign I've really been focusing on. I want my friends and family to stop smoking," she told the council about her campaign 'I don't want Lung Cancer.' "I know I am only 10, but I really care about my friends, family and people I don't know."

She went on to list the harmful effects of smoking.

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Finalists will be revealed online Aug. 8 and winners announced online Aug. 29.



A contender: Lake Michigan Overlook, Sleeping Bear Dunes. TRAVEL MICHIGAN

Filmmaker captures firsthand accounts of former hospital

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

Filmmaker Joshua Pardon came to town hoping to discover a little history about the old Northville Psychiatric Hospital, the former state hospital that housed thousands of mentally and emotionally impaired patients before being shut down by the state a decade ago. Mission accomplished.

Over a three day period last week, Pardon interviewed a dozen people who had ties to the hospital, including former patients and employees. With Pardon's cameras rolling, each of them told of their unique experiences at what was once known as one of the



As Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital worker Frank Kocian's image appears in his camera, documentary filmmaker Joshua Pardon adjusts his lens as he begins interviewing on July 24 at Mill Race Village. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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ing including that it causes health issues like heart attacks, lung cancer, and strokes. And added, if one stops smoking they could save money and feel healthier overall.

“I’m here tonight to petition the Northville City Council to make certain areas in the city

where families gather to be smoke free,” Mia said.

Determination

The council and Sullivan said they would explore this possibility. Sullivan noted that Town Square is basically surrounded by outdoor dining, so that should be considered as part of this proposal. Mayor Chris Johnson said they would pose this question to the city attorney and see what could be done.

“We will give your request serious consideration,” Johnson said.

The idea for this came to Mia after a recent Friday Night Concert in Town Square and when she thought about the harmful effects smoking was having on people she cared about.

“I really just want to get the word out,” she said.

To do this she is hoping to make a speech about her campaign during an upcoming

Friday Night Concert. She got her mother to quit smoking as well as her aunt, so she is convincing.

In the meantime, she is going to stay in communication with the city to see what can and will be done. For her this is a matter of life and good health, and it’s a campaign she will not drop because she’s only 10.

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MIA GENITTI

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The interviews, which all took place at Mill Race Village, are part of a bigger project Pardon is currently producing about the rise and fall of the state's mental hospital system.

Pardon said he received about five dozen calls from locals who had ties to the old hospital, but decided he only had time to do 12 interviews.

“I probably could have done 15-16 more interviews, but I just didn’t have the time,” the 39-year-old Ann Arbor resident said. “I may come back in December to shoot a few more. I had calls coming in for a solid month. It was amazing.

“I would say close to half of the respondents met all my criteria for an interview. I was really pleasantly surprised by the response.”



Documentary filmmaker Joshua Pardon (left) begins filming an interview of Frank Kocian (center), who was once involved in the construction of the Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital in the mid-1960s at Mill Race Village on July 24. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

‘Never should’ve closed’

One of the people he interviewed was Frank Kocian, the longtime owner of Kocian Excavating Company, which had a contract with the hospital almost from the very beginning. Kocian's company laid some of the water pipes and other infrastructure when the hospital was built, and continued to service the facility up to the day it closed – and even after when the company was asked to seal off some of the underground tunnels.

Kocian said he volunteered to be part of the project because of his long association with the

hospital, and his desire to see it portrayed in an accurate light. He fondly remembers the place, and its people – including the patients.

“I was there when they built it, and I was there when it closed down,” said Kocian, an 88-year-old Northville resident.

“It’s a real shame they closed the place down. Those people who lived there were good people. And they had no other place to go. A lot of them ended up living under bridges. I’ve said all along they should have never closed it down,” Kocian continued.

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Her Legacy

Zayti was the heart and soul of many memorable productions such as “The Wizard of Oz”, “Velveteen Rabbit, Charlotte’s Web and Jack and the Beanstalk. She got

help from a lot of volunteers, employees and others throughout the years who loved the Marquis, like her friends Helen and Norm Liljegren, which made it such a dynamic place.

“Our plan is to keep the theater going the way she would want it,” said Christina. “Her legacy will endure.”

A memorial service

will be held this Saturday, Aug. 3 at the Marquis. A visitation will be at 12:30-1:30 pm, and the funeral service will start at 1:30. Because of the festival going on downtown this weekend, anyone going to Rural Hill Cemetery for the funeral is asked to park at Castertline Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be given to

the theater to help with its renovation work. Zayti was hoping to refurbish the American flag painting and other areas on the building before she died. To do this, contact the theater at (248) 349-8110.

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Office building approved for vacant downtown lot at Rayson and N. Center

Project in North Center Business District Overlay

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Come next year, the corner lot at Rayson and N. Center streets will probably be vacant no more now that the Northville City Planning Commission has granted the preliminary site plan approval for a proposed office building.

The project idea received a 5-2 yes vote by the Planning Commission on July 16. It now has to meet some conditions in order to get final approval.

The conditions include addressing some design features such as a screening wall that will be placed next to a residence on the east side of the property and a functioning entrance off of Center Street.

Property owner DeWayne White and his planners, who happen to include Planning Commissioners Dave Mielock and Marc Russell, are proposing a two-story building to go on the long vacant site, which is under an acre in size. It's located at the east side of N. Center and just north of Rayson.

Mielock and Russell both removed themselves from the decision process, and didn't vote on the item.

The plan is to build a 10,000 square foot office/business/retail building at 410 N. Center. The parking lot will have at least 38 spaces and there will be trees placed along both streets. There will

be eight tenant spaces available for lease.

This project is one of the first to be reviewed as part of the recently enacted North Center Central Business District Overlay (CBDO), which is a special zoning ordinance that requires certain design details to be adhered to when constructing a new building or remodeling one.

J. Christopher Gazlay and Steven Kirk both voted against the plan. Gazlay said a main intent of the CBDO was to make the area walkable and businesses accessible. He said the fact that the plan does not have a door or entryway on the Center Street side is a big concern.

"The whole concept in what we tried to do in creating this whole overlay district is to make it a walkable, open area," said Gazlay, a standard he doesn't believe the project meets.

Mielock countered him and said this site is unique in the CBDO area.

He said when the zoning regulations were developed for this area of town much of what was discussed was the individual dwellings with their driveways that have been turned into offices.

"This (410 N. Center) is unique in that its one contiguous site with one building," Mielock said.

He said the site is not "friendly" in making it completely adhere to all of the CBDO's regula-

tions. He thinks the design plan would be even more complicated if it tried.

Commissioner Sarah Traxler said a variance may be needed if a functioning entrance is not provided for on Center. The CBDO regulations ask that building entries be readily identifiable and accessible, and open onto a public sidewalk. The current design has the main entry point coming out to the parking lot.

The screening wall was another area of discussion and its final look will be determined by the final approval. It abuts against the property next door on Rayson. According to the plan, project planners say they have moved it back a bit so as to not have it right up against that residential property. In the past with another proposed project for this lot this was an issue.

The Planning Commission is hoping the project planners will communicate to that homeowner their intentions.

The Thomas Duke Company will be in charge of leasing the building. On its website, the company states it's looking to begin filling the vacancies this fall at \$22 per square foot.

The final approval is expected at Planning Commission meeting next month.

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The lot at 410 N. Center in Northville is for sale. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Students learn about robots, engineering

Learning about robots and engineering is becoming a summer tradition for some Northville kids.

This past month, there were two levels of camps, both an introductory level for rising fourth- through sixth-graders and an advanced level for fifth- through seventh-graders. All four sessions at Meads Mill Middle School were well-attended with learning and fun mixing together.

"These camps are a way for us to reach out to the younger students to teach them about things like robot design, while also making it fun," said Northville High School senior Susan Doong, who helped organize the camps for the younger students.

The camp is hosted by the Northville High School FIRST Robotics team, the Robostangs, and gives participants an opportunity to have fun with science and technology by learning to build and program Lego robots.

In the introduction camp, students have an experience building robots, programming, and learning a variety of scientific concepts through hands-on activities. They even had a chance to drive the Robostangs' 120-pound robot.

The advanced RoboCamp includes more in-depth material and activities with students experimenting with more advanced programming and robot design.

The students used laptops to help aid their designing and constructing of the Lego robots, which were in various parts that needed to be assembled by three-person teams. Then they tried them out by attempting to pick up little balls and doing other maneuvering challenges.

"For the introductory students it's about building interest in our robotics program," Doong said. "Many of the advanced campers already have a lot interest, so we just try to build upon that."

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Lauren Sirois helps set up some of the Lego robots built at the July 17 Robotics Camp at Meads Mill Middle School. The day, hosted by Northville High School students and members of its robotics team, featured lots of activities so campers could get a good grounding in physics, computers and machine movement. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Robotics Camp campers got a chance to try controlling one of the Northville High School Robostangs training robots (at bottom) during their July 17 session at Meads Mill. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Camper Jack Gremel, right, and others got to try out various physics experiments during the July 17 camp – like seeing what would happen when he added Pop Rocks to soda. Hint – it produced carbon dioxide that filled the balloons attached to the pop bottles. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Thornton Creek Scouts earn 'Gold Star' award

Earlier this summer, Thornton Creek Elementary School's Girl Scouts were honored with the Gold Star School Award from the Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Council for having over 50-percent membership in Girl Scouts.

The Thornton Creek Cluster and Alison Epler, Thornton Creek principal, received a plaque and several cases of Girl Scouts cookies. The leaders and scouts decided to donate the cookies to American troops serving overseas.

Lillian Buckman, troop organizer for the school, said there are seven Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan troops at the school. She said she thinks strong volunteer leadership and supportive parents and school officials are the reasons behind the Girl Scouts strong presence at Thornton Creek.

"The leaders have done such an excellent job in providing programs to the girls that will help them become great leaders," Buckman said. "They also give the girls opportunities that they don't get through school."

The girls have gone on numerous trips to the University of Michigan and have visited the Chocolate Shop in Ann Arbor, where they learned about entrepreneurship. One Girl Scout was so impressed with aircraft she saw during another outing that she decided she wants to be a pilot instead of a veterinarian, Buckman said.

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July 19	<i>Phil Denny</i>	Centre Village at Kroger Ford & Canton Center	
July 26	<i>Demetrius "Krayon" Nabors</i>	Lowe's Ford between Sheldon & Morton Taylor	
August 2	<i>Tim Bowman</i>	Home Depot Ford & Lotz	
August 9	<i>Randy Scott</i>	Super Bowl Ford between Canton Center & Sheldon	
August 16	<i>Charles & Gwen Scales</i>	JC Penney Ford between Sheldon & Morton Taylor	
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Learning about fairies and trolls



Art teacher Julie Woodard checks up on the progress of camper Annica Zaar, 7, during the last day of their weeklong Fairies and Trolls class on July 12 at the Northville Art House. Zaar and other students created a series of fairy doors, light plates, paintings and sketches. Woodard will continue to teach a series of classes at the Northville Art House through the summer. For more information, call the Art House at 248-344-0497. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ON CAMPUS

Michigan Tech grads

Michigan Technological University honored the achievements of nearly 1,000 graduates Saturday, May 4, at Spring Commencement, including the following students from Northville:

» **Benjamin Maguire** with a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering.

» **Kristen McNamara** with a Bachelor of Science in marketing.

» **Meredith Mulder** with a Bachelor of Science in materials science and engineering.

» **Matthew Verbiscus** with a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering.

Walsh honors

Bret Spencer, of Northville, made the Honors List at Walsh College for the 2013 spring semester.

Walsh College grads

The following Northville students graduated from Walsh College on June 17, 2013:

» **Jason Kupfersmid** earned a Master of Science in accountancy degree.

» **Kathryn Cholewiak** earned a Master of Business Administration degree.

» **James Gray** earned a Master of Business Administration degree.

» **Megan Petrous** earned a Master of Business Administration degree.

Northwood Dean's List

Blake Z. Bonatz, of Northville, was named to the Northwood University Dean's List for the spring semester. Bonatz was a sophomore.

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Eight Mile headaches begin



A worker with Cougar Construction out of Wixom begins slicing up large sections of Eight Mile Road west of Center for removal on July 25. Work has finally begun on a much-needed pavement replacement project along Eight Mile from Center to Meadowbrook. Traffic will be slowed quite a bit though – as the area’s been reduced to one lane in each direction until the project is complete. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Technological breakthrough

All district schools undergoing major tech upgrades

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Northville Public School district students and teachers will experience a whole new world of learning this upcoming year because of the technology updates that are being put in place this summer and fall. “Prior to the start of school, all desktop computers and laptops will be replaced in all classrooms, offices and computer labs across the district — elementary through secondary as well as early childhood and Cooke School,” according to Bob Behnke, assistant superintendent for instructional services.

In addition, Promethean boards and supporting technologies are scheduled to be installed at the high school and middle schools before the start of school. While the elementary school buildings are slated to have Promethean boards, audio enhancement system and document camera installed in early fall. “The shift to these new technologies to help improve instruction and enhance the use of technology within the classroom is a major initiative for the district over the next several years,” said Behnke. To support this undertaking select teachers have received additional



Andrew Piazza, Director of Technology for the Northville School District, tries out one of Hillside Middle School’s recently installed Promethean interactive white boards on July 26. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

training to act as technology leaders. Behnke said these leaders will work with building principals and school improvement teams to provide meaningful and useful professional learning opportunities over the course of the next school year. An upcoming professional development day for teachers will be a big

moment to see what new capabilities they now have at their finger tips. Outside of the classroom the district has also seen some changes in technology. The telephone system is being updated with a new voice over IP system, which

will also be in place for the start of the school year at all buildings. The work and technology are funded by the \$20 million bond that was approved by district voters in 2012 to replace the aging technology. The goal of the bond is to provide technology enhancements that will benefit students by providing proven educational technology that adapts to individual student learning styles and needs and by enabling college and career readiness for all students. The Technology Bond funds will support the district’s technology plan for at least the next 12 years.

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Bob Abbott, of Alton, Ill., gets ready to drive off from Northville's Mill Race Village on July 26 in his 1928 Cunningham after a visit to the historical district for the Concours d'Elegance. Abbott said that there were probably not more than 15 of the Cunninghams left in the world. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Rain can't dampen Concours enthusiasm

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Cloudy skies and an occasional drizzle didn't stop thousands of people from visiting Sunday for one of the country's top auto shows.

Hundreds of rare, collectible and innovative cars – from an 1889 Edison Electric Runabout to a 2014 Cadillac ELR – graced the grounds at The Inn at St. John's Sunday for the 35th annual Concours d'Elegance of America. It was the third Concours at St. John's; the event moved from Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester Hills in 2011.

"It's a beautiful show. Unbelievable cars, cars you're never going to see anywhere," said Philip Brown of Oak Brook, Ill. "The level of cars is phenomenal."

The lousy weather also impacted the 2nd Annual Preview Event and Rare Car Exhibit in downtown Northville, which featured nearly 30 pre-WWII vehicles including a 1937 Cord, 1932 Ford V-8 Roadster, 1923 Kissel Brougham Sedan and 1932 Pierce Arrow Sport Phaeton.

However, Northville DDA Marketing/Communication Coordinator Christa Williams said people were able to dodge the raindrops long enough to enjoy the event.

"It was fantastic despite the bad weather," said Williams. "We heard that all of the exhibitors want to come back, so we hope it will grow next year."



Dan Smith from Canton shoots stock photography of cars. Here he frames a 1906 Ford Model Runabout at the Concours event. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

"The turnout was tough due to the weather. Many people were excited, however the rain made things difficult."

The event featured live entertainment by The Tom Allport Band, which struggled to get through 20 minutes due to the weather.

Williams said many people took advantage of the free shuttle service from downtown to St. John's, especially on Sunday.

Lots of people

Over at St. John's, the main event attracted people from not only all over the Detroit metro area, but from across the country as well.

"It was a lot of fun," said Julia Machacek Cordes of Leavenworth, Kan. "We met a lot of people, learned a lot about other cars."

Philip Brown of Oak Brook, Ill. was showing off his 1957 Mercedes-Benz 300 SL Roadster, a car he owned for nearly 30 years before its 2004 restoration.

"It was all the money I had back then," said

Brown of his purchase of the sports car in 1975. "This was my dream car."

Cordes was exhibiting a 1962 Chrysler 300 H, which she stores in Michigan, where she has family.

"It's a muscle car, yet its kind of luxurious," Cordes said.

Car festival

Sunday's exhibition capped several days of Concours events, including an Automotive Hall of Fame induction and awards event on Thursday, tours of two private car collections in the area on Friday, an auction of collectibles on Saturday and a Saturday night gala.

The Concours offered cars of every era and style, including many from long-defunct manufacturers, such as Gardner, Graham, and American Austin. Show classes included *Gaslight* (the 1906-1914 era), *Detroit Iron* (early Cadillacs, Chryslers, Lincolns and Packards), *American Postwar 1946-1959* (Chrysler, Pontiac, Buick, Ford) and *Muscle Car*, which was weighted toward Corvettes and Camaros.

The display *Electric Cars: Past, Present & Future* attracted a lot of visitors, who saw models ranging from the Runabout Thomas Edison built, later acquired by Edison admirer Henry Ford, to a 1916 Detroit Electric Brougham, to a two-seat General Motors Corp. concept car from 1970 (top speed 25 mph, with a 58-mile battery range).

There was also a collection of antique "bobbers," or stripped-down ("bobbed") motorcycles.

"Cars are really well-presented. I love the way they lay it out," said Bob Gardner of St. Paul, Minn., who was showing his 1928 Gardner Model 85 Sport Roadster. "It's not easy to put on a show of this caliber, and they really do a wonderful job."

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Staff writer Kurt Kuban contributed to this story.

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Briana Sayez, 9, sees what she can do to keep three balloons aloft in the Northville District Library on July 24 during its "Minute to Win It" competition. The afternoon session featured lots of safe, fun, challenging levels of skills competitions based on the popular TV show. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Andrew Creighton, 10, (left) teams up with Nicholas Bhandari, 11, to see how quickly they can mumify Bhandari during the library's version of Minute To Win It.

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‘Buy Michigan Now’

Annual festival showcases state businesses, products

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The 5th Annual Buy Michigan Now Festival is coming to downtown Northville this weekend and again will be a great showcase of various Michigan entertainers, businesses, products and educational opportunities.

As part of a week-long celebration around the state, this free weekend celebration focuses attention on Michigan-based businesses and locally-produced merchandise to help stimulate the economy. More than 100 vendors and merchants are scheduled to participate.

“The Buy Michigan Now Festival is unique because it’s a fest on a mission. In addition to providing great food, entertainment, and fun, we are dedicated to helping Michigan businesses grow. It’s going to be companies like these, each adding one or two more jobs that brings our economy back on track, and we want to help them do it,” said festival founder Lisa Diggs.

Festival Happenings

The Town Square will have music throughout the weekend. On the main stage, which is located just off Main Street next to Riffle’s Restaurant, there will be music from local artists, including Friday Night Concert Series headliners, Social Bones and Saturday’s Festival headliners, Mainstreet Soul.

Main and Center streets will be closed to allow for pedestrian traffic. And along those streets there will be a variety of exhibitors, ranging from food displays to technology dealers.

The festival kicks off on Friday with a “Family Fun Day” which organizers say will be jam-packed with fun and



Jan Schmidt (left) buys some handmade soaps from Mary-elaine Chambers along Main Street during a previous Buy Michigan Fest. The fifth annual event will take place this weekend in downtown Northville. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

prizes. The Kids Zone, presented by Tubby’s Sub Shops, can be found on north Center Street. The Kids Zone is home to games, arts and crafts, contests, mascots, magic and a lot more. While there, parents and children are invited to enter to win prizes ranging from free ice cream to Tubby’s subs to Fatheads of Detroit sports teams.

For adults, there is the Michigan Wine and Beer Garden, which will be located in Town Square. Organizers said this gives adults 21 and over the chance to enjoy Michigan craft beers and wines. This is offered by the Northville Chamber of Commerce during select hours (5-10 p.m. on Aug. 2, 2-10 p.m. on Aug. 3, and noon to 3 p.m. on Aug. 4). Admission to the Beer Garden is free and

proceeds from beverage sales benefit the Chamber and Buy Michigan Now campaign.

The festival will be in conjunction with the First Friday Experience, which involves participating downtown Northville galleries, shops and restaurants giving guests the opportunity to experience a unique and memorable evening filled with art exhibits/demonstrations, shopping and dining.

During the festival, various Michigan artists and authors will be making appearances throughout town to demonstrate and discuss their work. Many of the permanent downtown merchants will also be offering unique opportunities and special events in conjunction with the festival.

Sponsors

In addition to hosting once again with downtown Northville, returning sponsors Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Hiller’s Markets, The Catalyst Company, Mousetrap Mobile, and Tom Holzer Ford are joined by new festival sponsor, ACO Hardware.

For information on exhibitor or sponsorship opportunities, contact Buy Michigan Now at 248-390-0974 or Fest@BuyMichiganNow.com. For the most up-to-date information, visit www.BuyMichiganNowFest.com

The festival runs from Aug. 2-4.

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Buy Michigan Now

» **What:** The fifth annual free event will showcase Michigan businesses and products. There will also be plenty of live entertainment and children

» **When:** Aug. 2 (noon to 9 p.m.), Aug. 3 (10 a.m. to 8 p.m.), and Aug. 4 (11 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

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Cheesecake Factory opening

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The Cheesecake Fac-

tory can be found in nearly three dozen states, but Twelve Oaks Mall will be the popular chain’s first Michigan location. The restaurant will be located in the Nordstrom Wing near Valet.

Twelve Oaks Mall is a major regional shopping center located in Novi, Michigan at I-96 and Novi Road. The center features more than 200 shops and services along with Nordstrom, Macy’s, Lord & Taylor, JCPenney, Sears and the Lifestyle Café Food Court. Shopping hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. You may also visit www.shoptwelveoaks.com.

‘Obamacare’ seminar

Monroe Bank & Trust, in collaboration with Daly Merritt Insurance, is presenting the third of its 2013 series of four business seminars. This session, titled “The Affordable Care Act and Your Business,” will be presented on Thursday, Aug. 22, from 8-9:30 a.m. at the Station 885 Restaurant banquet room, 885

Starkweather (at Division Street), Plymouth. Breakfast will be served beginning at 8 a.m.

Topics will be divided into three main categories. The first is a complete overview of business compliance issues including essential health benefits that must be provided, the employer’s responsibilities for employee education, annual reporting and tax and fee issues. A legislative update will provide information about proposed Medicaid expansion in Michigan and a business owner’s strategic plan will discuss the Health Insurance Marketplace and how business owners can position health care in a strategic perspective.

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CHAMBER CHAT

Citizen of the Year Nominating Application

Each year, the Northville Chamber of Commerce celebrates the dedication and commitment shown by the numerous volunteers that commit their time, energy, and talent to make Northville a special place to live, work and play.

One of these volunteers is recognized with the Citizen of the Year Award at the Chamber of Commerce Annual

Meeting. The Citizen of the Year will have a place of honor in the 2014 Victorian Festival parade. Former Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo was selected in 2012.

The Chamber is now accepting nominations for the award. The nominee must:

» Be involved in actively supporting (through time, talent or financial support) an organization that improves the Northville community.

» Live or work in the

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» Show concern for community, environment and family.

» Be a role model for community youth and citizens.

Nominations should include the name of the individual and a brief outline of the reasons they qualify for Citizen of the Year status.

Stop by the Chamber office at 195 S. Main Street for a nomination form. For more information, contact the Chamber at 248-349-7640, or visit www.northville.org.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Blood drives

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

» Gardner White/Best Buy, 1:30-7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 1, 43525 West Oaks Drive, Novi.

» First Church of the Nazarene, 8 a.m.to 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 4, 21260 Haggerty Road, Northville.

» Henry Ford Medical, 10 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 7, 39450 West 12 Mile.

» Oak Pointe Church, 1-6:45 p.m., Friday, Aug. 16, 50200 West 10 Mile, Novi.

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Art House exhibit

The Northville Art House, located at 215 W. Cady in downtown Northville, will have a new exhibit, "Collaboration and Continuum: The Carnival Photographs of Bill Rauhauser and Carlos Diaz", from Aug. 2-30. The opening reception, which will include visits by the artists and curator, will take place 6-9 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 2.

For more information, call 248-344-0497 or visit www.northvillearts.org. Admission to Art House shows is always free and open to the public.

Theatre day camp

Northville's historic Marquis Theatre still has openings for its summer day camp. Session 4 runs Aug. 5-16 from 12:30-6:30 p.m. (showcase will be Friday, Aug. 16 at 6:30 p.m.). Session 5 runs Aug. 19-30 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (showcase is Friday, Aug. 30 at 6:30 p.m.).

In addition, the theatre will have Ducky Camp for children ages 6-7. The camp will be held Monday-Friday, Aug. 5-16 from 3-7:30 p.m. (showcase will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 17).

The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 East Main, in downtown Northville. For more information, including cost of the camps, call 248-349-8110 or visit www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.

Civic Concern collection

Garden Gatherers is collecting fresh vegetables every Saturday from 9 a.m.to noon, Aug. 3-Sept. 28. Bring your vegetables to the south parking lot on Cady Street behind First Presbyterian Church, 200 East Main Street, Northville.

For more information, please call 734-765-9622.

Backpack drive

The Main Street League in Northville is helping out with Northville Civic Concern's annual backpack drive. The group is collecting cash donations or supplies for all K-12 students through Aug. 13. Some of the items needed include: pencil cases, No. 2 pencils, black and blue pens, erasers, markers, glue sticks, pencil sharpeners, college and wide ruled notebooks, pocket folders, wide ruled loose leaf paper, rulers, scissors, three-ring binders, notebook divider tabs, and index cards. The group is also looking for quality backpacks that

are durable and won't fall apart easily.

Donations can be dropped off at Our Lady of Victory, 132 Orchard Drive in Northville. Backpacks will be ready to distribute around Aug. 20.

For more information contact Steffanie Porter from Main Street League at steffn13@yahoo.com.

'Mom & Tot' day

Maybury Farm has added a second Mom & Tot day. Put on by the Northville Community Foundation, the new Mom & Tot days will be on both Wednesdays and Thursdays throughout the summer at 11 a.m. The program includes story reading about animals. After story time the children can hit the playground for even more fun and games.

Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile. Do not enter the state park but continue a half mile west on Eight Mile to the Maybury Farm entrance. Farm hours are Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Police golf outing

The Northville Township Police Officers Association Benevolent Fund will hold its 13th annual golf outing on Sept. 16 at Meadowbrook Country Club, 40941 W. Eight Mile Road. The event begins at 8 a.m. with breakfast and registration, followed by a 10 a.m. shotgun start.

Cost of the event is \$250 per golfer, and includes breakfast, greens fees, cart, dinner, three-hour open bar and golf shirt. Proceeds from the golf outing will benefit the Police Benevolent Fund.

Organizers are still looking for sponsors for the event. There are a number of sponsorship opportunities available. For more information, contact Mike Jackman, golf committee chairperson, at 248-449-5198.

Sale helps fight Crohn's disease



Suzanne Schimanski-Gross teams up with her daughter Erin Gross, 14, (center) on July 25 for a garage sale-fundraiser for Crohn's disease at their Maplewood home. Erin, who has Crohn's disease, worked with her mom and their neighbors to gather used goods for sale with the proceeds going to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Wish you were here



Three generations took the *Northville Record* to Paris, France recently. Sue Nix (center), her mother, Jeannette Turner, and daughter, Heather (Nix) Korth, are shown at the Eiffel Tower in May. Sue is the wife of Northville Township Supervisor Bob Nix.

Wish you were here



Bill and Robyn Boyd and John and Patty Delle-Monacheof, all of Northville, took their *Northville Record* with them on their recent trip to Belfast, Ireland. Among their stops on their 10-day trip was a visit to the newly opened Titanic Belfast, where the RMS Titanic was built. The next time you go on vacation, take along the *Northville Record*, snap a photo, and email it to Editor Kurt Kuban at kkuban@hometownlife.com. We'll make sure we let all your neighbors know where you went.



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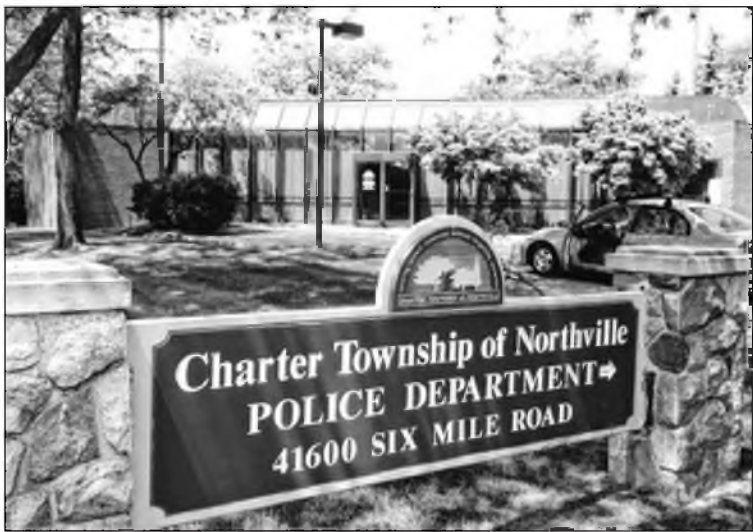
Last minute offer could save former finance building

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

Northville Township officials had a pleasant surprise a couple weeks ago when they had a last-minute offer from a man who wanted to purchase the township's former finance building located on Six Mile at Winchester.

The township board was expected to approve demolition of the building at its July meeting. Two days before that decision was to be made, however, Robert Bava, president and CEO of Community Choice Credit Union, showed up at township hall inquiring about the property. Township Supervisor Chip Snider told him to attend the board meeting and make his offer to the board members, which he did.

Bava and the board agreed to a \$400,000 selling price. Board members gave Bava



The former Northville Township Finance Building on Six Mile at Winchester could become a Community Choice Credit Union if a deal goes through. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

one month to secure the funding.

Snider said it is an unexpected bonus.

"This will provide us with an infusion of cash that wasn't expected," he said. "Sometimes you're good, and some-

times you're just lucky."

Snider said the township was ready to hire a contractor, Adamo, to demolish the building for \$17,500. The plan was to make the property a small "pocket park" and more attractive for the community.

'A pretty good deal'

According to Snider, the township purchased the former Comerica Bank branch building back in the mid-1990s for \$447,000. Comerica opened back in the 1980s. The building has been vacant since 2005, when the township opened its new township hall on Six Mile and Sheldon.

"I would say that's a pretty good deal for us. We almost recouped all our costs on it," said Snider, who noted the money will be funneled into the township's general fund.

Bava told the board that the plan is to turn the building into

a cutting edge credit union, in which members will be able to use the latest technology available to do all their banking.

The property is currently zoned public/recreation/open space, so it will have to be rezoned before being converted into a credit union.

CCCU has branches in Warren, Redford Township, Milford, New Hudson, Farmington Hills and two locations in Livonia. To be eligible for membership at CCCU, one must live, work, or worship in the following counties: Genesee, Lapeer, Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw, or Wayne. Membership is also open to the employees of Kelly Services, Inc. or select divisions of GM. Immediate family members of any of these groups are also eligible to join.

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Backpacks, school supplies sought for local students

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Kids need backpacks and school supplies to do well in school. The Main Street League is contributing to Northville Civic Concern's backpack/school supply project.

"There are families in need in Northville," said Steffanie Porter of Northville Township, a league member working on the drive, which has an Aug. 11 deadline for donations. "We have a very diverse population."

Main Street League members take their own children shopping for back to school.

"It's teaching the next generation down how to give back to the community," Porter said.

The drop-off point is Our Lady of Victory, 132 Orchard Drive at Main in Northville. Information is available from Porter via email at steffn13@yahoo.com.

Donations have come in for younger students, she said, so organizers are focusing on grades 6-12. They're seeking new, good quality backpacks.

"We're looking for something to hold up for the whole year," Porter said.

Supplies needed for the older students include: rulers, protractors, eight dozen No. 2 pencils, black/blue pens, Pink Pearl erasers, pocket folders, and three-ring binders. Northville Civic Concern has some supplies from last year, Porter said, but the older kids are especially in need.

The Main Street League is a women's philanthropic group in Northville which got its 501(c)3 nonprofit status this past spring. Northville Civic Concern has done the back-to-school drives for a number of years, with the league pitching in this year for the first time.

Civic Concern also distributes clothing and food to city and township residents and Focus:H-OPE recipients. The Main Street League members aim to help NCC with one project a quarter, Porter said, with other efforts in the past, including fundraising.

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Lauren Romero (second from right) and many other members of Northville's Main Street League visit Northville Civic Concern and its director Marlene Kunz on July 22 to drop off a check for \$5,000 for the charity. The Main Street League raised the money during a recent mommy-only kickball tournament and had some help from their kids who donated funds from their lemonade stand sales. The group is also helping Civic Concern's annual effort to make sure each kid attending school in Northville schools has a good backpack and supplies. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Per Michigan election law amendments, the non-partisan candidate filing deadline for the November 5, 2013 election (no primary) is 4:00 p.m., August 13, 2013. Candidate packets are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday.

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Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
Contact: 248-349-8847 or visit hollyfamilynovi.org
Mass Schedule
Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Friday; 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish)
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Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile
Contact: 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org.
Sunday worship: 11:15 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
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Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile, Northville

Contact: DestinyW3C@gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org.

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Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia
Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org
Contact: 248-442-8822
Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Aug. 11 at 10 a.m. only followed by pot luck fellowship
Adult special needs worship: 9:30 a.m.
Youth group: Tuesdays at 7:45-9 p.m.
Children's Summer Sunday Church: 9:30 a.m. Sundays; for children entering kindergarten through third grade
Vacation Bible School: "Everywhere Fun Fair;" 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Aug. 5-9; for children entering preschool through sixth grade.
Youth group: 7:45-9 p.m. Tuesdays
Women's Coffee Break Bible Study: 10-11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 12 -- Does God believe in US?

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile
Contact: 248-349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Women's Bible Study: 9:15-10:30 a.m. Saturdays

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE

Location: 217 N. Wing
Contact: 248-348-1020
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays
Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVI - FAMILY INTEGRATED CHURCH

Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile
Contact: 248-349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org
Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.

Family Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible Study: 6 p.m.
Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m., fourth Sunday of every month

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile
Contact: 248-348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org
Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Classic worship service, Adult Bible Fellowship classes and Children's Sunday School; 11 a.m. Contemporary worship service with Kids Church, Teen Worship Service and Adult Bible Fellowship classes. Café is open from 9:15-11 a.m. Refreshments at 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m. Evening Traditional Service
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Thursday schedule: 6:00 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group and Bible Study

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Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

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Location: 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville
Contact: 248-349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org
Summer Sunday Worship (Memorial Day-Labor Day): 8:30 and 10 a.m.
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Sunday Worship (September-May): 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.
Sunday School (September-May): 8 a.m. Nursery; 9:15 a.m. Nursery 12th grade; 11 a.m. Nursery sixth grade

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Location: 41415 Nine Mile, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi
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Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile
Contact: 248-427-1175 or holycrossnovi@gmail.com; visit holyCROSSnovi.org
Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship service
Alzheimer's Support Group: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month.

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Location: 39200 W. 12 Mile (east of Haggerty), Farmington Hills

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Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

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Location: 15431 Merriman, Livonia
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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
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Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile
Contact: the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister, 248-348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org.
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Church School: 10-11 a.m.
Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.
Merry Widows Luncheon: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month
Pilgrim Fellowship: 6 p.m. Sundays

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

Location: 41355 Six Mile
Contact: 248-348-9030
Sundays: 9-10 a.m. Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children; 9 a.m. Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium; 10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)
Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.; Adult elective classes; junior and senior high ministries; children's programs, Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade); call 248-348-9031.

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Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom & Leah Susskind at 248-790-6075 or rabbim@novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com

NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile

MILITARY NEWS

Third combat tour

Thomas Johnson, a 1973 graduate of Northville High School, recently returned from his third combat tour to Afghanistan as a flight surgeon with the 1-211th Aviation of the Utah Army National Guard. He served in various rural locations throughout Afghanistan in 2012-2013. He was awarded his sixth Army Commendation Medal and the Bronze Star Medal for his service. Johnson's mother, Elaine Johnson, still resides in Northville. His father Thomas E. Johnson, also a longtime resident of Northville, passed away last October during Dr. Johnson's last tour of duty.



Johnson

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Novi-United-Methodist-Church/59782031433>
Sunday Worship: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month
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Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org
Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday
ReNew Life Group Ministries: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday
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Contact: 248-912-0043; www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups/renew/index.html.
Women's Life Groups Ministries: 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday
Men's Life Groups Ministries: 6 a.m. every Friday morning at various locations For both Women's and Men's Life Groups Ministries, please contact the church office.

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Preschool/Kids Choir: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday
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Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth
Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at 734-927-0891
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service

OUR SAVIOR APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH

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PENTECOSTALS OF NOVI

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Contact: 248-347-7778
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Sunday Worship: 9, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

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84, of Sarasota, FL, formally of Northville, MI, passed away June 30, 2013. Born Jean Alice Smith on September 27, 1928 in Detroit, MI (Elizabeth Demaree and John Harold Smith). She is survived by her two daughters Karen Winlund (Ake) and Nancy Trivisonno (James) and four grand children Jacqueline Joyner (Winlund), Amy Trivisonno-Velez (Gil), Christopher and Nicholas Trivisonno. A great grand daughter Gianna Velez. Proceeded in death by her husband of 39 years John A. Federspill and their son John Allen. Jeanne attended Cooley High and graduated from Wayne State University with a B.A. degree in Journalism. She worked in Public Relations for Grant Advertising, J. Walter Thompson and Providence Hospital, where she retired after a 20 year career as Director of Volunteer Services. She was an advocate of Women's rights and president and co-founder of various League of Women Voters. Jeanne was president of the Women of Wayne Alumni Association, recognized in 2008 with the Women of Wayne Service Award, and was active throughout her life with the National Delta Gamma Chi Sorority. Ahead of her time in many ways, she was a world traveler, avid reader, lover of animals, movies, theater and the opera! She will be missed by her many friends and family who loved her very much! A memorial luncheon celebrating her life will be held on August 11, 2013 at St. John's Inn from one to four in Plymouth, MI! Donations in her memory can be made to the Women of Wayne Incentive Scholarship Program, 441 Ferry Mall, Detroit, MI, 48202. For more information: <http://alumni.wayne.edu/about/scholarships.php> or 313-577-2300

LEUGERS, PAUL J.

Age 51, of Brighton, passed away 07/24/13. Full obit and on-line condolences at: www.casterlinefuneralhome.com



HAVELKA, PATRICK "SMOKEY"

Patrick " Smokey" Havelka, 66, of Mesa, Arizona, succumbed to Lewy Body Dementia at his home surrounded by his family on July 16, 2013. Smokey is survived by his loving wife Celia, daughters Heather Havelka Doane and her husband Rick, Jessica Havelka Kraus and her husband Jake, grandchildren Desi, Matthew, Summer, Caleb, Riley & Cade. Sisters, Barbara Havelka Cook and twin sister Patricia "Suds" Havelka Mac Arthur. Smokey was a loving father, husband, grandfather and friend to all. Smokey grew up in South Lyon, MI and moved to Mesa, AZ in 1997. He loved to hunt, spend time outdoors and with his family. He will be greatly missed by all. A celebration of life gathering will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2013 at their home in Mesa, AZ. All condolences can be mailed to 2321 S Revolta Mesa, AZ 85209

OSWALD, FRANK W.

Age 84, passed away July 21, 2013. Funeral was on July 25 at Phillips Funeral Home. www.phillipsfuneral.com



PERKEY, THOMAS M.

Age 43, passed away July 25, 2013. He was born on September 26, 1969, in Wayne, MI, to Dan and Mary (Day) Perkey. He was a kind and generous man. He was musically talented and enjoyed playing the piano and guitar. Thomas is survived by his loving son Cullen; his mother Mary (James) Husband; his father Dan (Linda) Perkey; siblings: Jim (Renay) Perkey, Lisa (Jerry) Czajkowski, Angela (Jef) Adams, Tanya (David) Kurtz, Shawn (Melanie) Husband; maternal grandmother Ileen Day; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandparents. A memorial service will be held on August 2, Friday, at 1:00 p.m. at Bakers of Milford, 2055 S. Milford Rd. Milford, MI 48381. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to M.E.S.P. for Cullen's future education. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com



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OUR VIEWS

Helmet law

Increased costs, injury severity provide reasons for repeal

Freedom comes at a price. In the 15 months since Michigan scrapped its longstanding law and allowed certain motorcyclists the freedom to ride without helmets, medical payments for insurance claims based on the severity of injuries have increased. Severe injuries are occurring and driving up costs, which collectively demand a repeal of the weakened law.

Already, statistics show that freedom for a few will likely increase costs for the majority. It's a simple equation. The more insurance companies have to pay out in claims, sooner or later rates will increase to offset those costs. That's how insurance works.

But there is a human cost to allowing motorcyclists to ride without the safety of helmets. No one wants to witness a motorcycle crash in which the rider is not wearing a helmet. And no one wants to witness that crash when a motorcyclist is tooling down a freeway at 70 mph or faster. Logic dictates the consequences.

The weakened law — enacted on the off-chance of boosting tourism — allows motorcyclists 21 years and older to legally ride without a helmet if they carry a minimum \$20,000 in medical payments coverage.

Today, only 19 states require all riders to wear helmets, while 28 require helmets for some motorcyclists. Illinois, Iowa and New Hampshire have no helmet laws.

Curious enough to find out the impact of Michigan's new law, the Highway Loss Data Institute (HLDI) conducted a study and compared its results with other states, including Iowa, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. It also considered factors including the age and class of motorcycles, rider demographics and weather issues. The study also took into account the motorcycle riding season in Michigan.

The HLDI's results are eye-opening. Overall medical payments were 50 percent higher than expected for Michigan after the law changed in April 2012. HLDI researchers qualified that result by adding that some of the increase may reflect an increased crash risk because collision claim frequency on its own increased about 12 percent.

But the research group made it very clear that the increase in medical payment overall losses stems from a definite 36 percent increase in the severity of claims. Granted, following the change in the law, some motorcyclists who chose to ride without a helmet also increased their medical payments policy limits to the required \$20,000 minimum.

Yet even with the change in policy limits, HLDI found that medical payments claim severity is estimated to have increased — just in 15 months — by 22 percent. HLDI said the results are “consistent with (the) expectation that crashes after the law change resulted in more severe injuries as a result of less helmet use.”

Sooner or later, the increased claims and the associated costs will translate into increased insurance costs for all Michigan drivers who have vehicle insurance. The writing is on the wall — and at a time when state legislators debate whether to put an end to no-fault insurance.

For some motorcyclists, a helmet is uncomfortable and cumbersome. But for some vehicle drivers, seat belts are equally uncomfortable and cumbersome. Just as the belts have proven to save lives or to reduce the severity of injuries, there is no denying — especially statistically — that helmets reduce the degree of brain injuries.

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation, which advocates safe motorcycling, holds fast to its belief that helmets work, just as different types of helmets work in sports and other professions, including construction, football and the military.

Four basic components in a helmet protect the rider: an outer shell, an impact-absorbing liner, comfort padding and a retention system, also known as a secure strap.

ABATE of Michigan, which strongly supported the weakened law, maintains that helmets have done nothing to improve safety, reduce fatalities or the cost of insurance. In fact, ABATE also claims that helmets impede vision and hearing while motorcycling.

HLDI's study proves otherwise. The issue isn't just about fatalities. It is about severe brain injuries that essentially ruin a life, while costing society a lot of money. If a helmet can protect even one motorcyclist from severe damage, while holding down insurance costs, it is worth repealing the weakened law.



Wearing a helmet while riding a motorcycle is still a good idea despite the change in state law.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Where's your favorite place to visit in Michigan?

This question was asked in downtown Northville.



“East Tawas. We have a cabin up there on Lake Huron, and it's just great being on the big lake.”

Jan Russell
Northville



“Detroit. I love places like the farmer's market, the DIA and zoo. I always enjoy going to Detroit.”

Lisa Robideau
Co-owner of State of Mind in Northville



“I really like Lexington, which is on Lake Huron. It has that Up North feeling without having to drive too far.”

Gretchen Kaminski
Northville



Probably Tawas. It has that small town feel, but with great shops and restaurants. The people there are also really nice and it's on the water.

Angie Napier
Northville

LETTERS

Verdict was 'fair'

Mr. George Zimmerman was not standing trial for racial profiling or “stand your ground.” He was on trial to determine that if “in the moment” that he fired the gun, did he feel that his life was being threatened. Did he have a right to defend himself from bodily harm in that moment?

Trayvon Martin was on top of him and pounding his head into the cement, and one witness, John Good, testified to this. So “in the moment” he was defending himself. The verdict was fair: My son, at age 17, could have been Trayvon. My son, who is white, wore hoodies and if someone was following him, my son would have confronted the person in attack mode. In Trayvon's defense, he did not know who Mr. Zimmerman was. This was an unfortunate tragedy for all the families involved.

Carol Maynard
Northville

Support public education

Carol Maynard's comments in her July 25th letter (“More male teachers needed”) are dead on. Teaching as a profession is not attracting enough qualified male teachers. And why is that?

Let's look at the declining salaries our society is offering teachers. Starting pay is lower than what most bartenders earn. Our state legislature, which controls the purse strings of local districts, has sent clear signals to the education community that they have no intention of providing funding that would improve teacher salaries in the coming years.

Veteran teachers are now earning less than they were in 2007, with no cost of living increase. Bright and talented teachers are either leaving the profession and going into the business world where there is at least the possibility of higher wages, or getting out of the classroom and moving into administrative positions with bigger salaries. Who would go through five years of college, borrow \$60,000, and perform an unpaid internship to enter such a profession?

It is an unfortunate reality in our society that women are more willing to accept low pay and dead end jobs. How else can we explain the continued pay inequity (76 cents compared to \$1 earned by men with similar education and background)? It appears that teaching is headed back to the 1950s, when women made up the bulk of the profession.

This may not be what is best for our children, but it is clearly the future for teaching unless we let our elected officials know that we financially support public education in our districts.

Annette Masson
Northville

Ficano a poor leader

Ficano's Fantasy: a tax hike for all Wayne County residents. Well, well, well, Ficano wants the Wayne County taxpayer to bail out the county with a 1-mil tax on the November ballot to cover all his losses. Keep in mind where your taxpayer dollars have gone:

Let's start with the new county jail that has overruns of \$91 million. It already has cost \$125 million. The project cannot be completed so the solution is to tear it down and try to sell the land to private developers.

Another \$35 million of your money was wasted on a horse racing track by the airport. Horse racing is unsuccessful in the rest of the country — why

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would he think it would work here?

The Guardian Building in Detroit is next with another \$27 million in overruns.

We have all heard of the “sweetheart” pensions his “insiders” have or will receive. “For example, his 41-year-old former chief of staff can collect a \$96,000 yearly pension for the rest of his life after working for just eight 1/2 years — steals the thunder from the poor grandma who is terrified of losing her \$1,500-a-month benefit,” writes columnist Nolan Finley. Don't forget Ms. Mullin and all the jingle in her pocket. I think it had been the jingle in your pocket.

Ficano is a poor leader and a poor manager of your money. I think he is out of his mind! He cannot be out of office soon enough. It surprises me how he eludes all the Wayne County financial scandals.

I can always rely on Mr. Finley to tell it likes it is, and I thank him and appreciate his honesty.

Gini Krenz
Livonia

Apples and oranges

In a recent op-ed, Sen. Patrick Colbeck says that an alternative to Medicaid expansion is to “look no further than free-market segments such as laser eye and plastic surgery as examples to follow in cost containment. Comparing market efficiencies in these two segments of health care with the rest of health care is a misleading comparison of apples to oranges, but sadly something to be expected from Colbeck.

Laser surgery, nose-jobs, breast enhancement and face lifts, unlike emergency appendectomies or heart bypass surgeries, are almost always elective and not normally covered by private insurance and certainly not by Medicaid.

Colbeck then treats readers to an anti-government comment about “the long list of government services that do not promote quality” (What about all the public opinion polls expressing satisfaction with Social Security, the VA hospital system, Medicare or the military, all government programs?) without ever offering an explanation of how to apply those so-called “free-market” principles to Medicaid lamenting, “as more and more doctors begin refusing Medicaid recipients to avoid going out of business, where will all those people go to be treated?”

Colbeck, a supporter of right to work, seems to be OK with teachers, police officers, firefighters and municipal workers, as well as all private-sector union members, having to accept less.

Colbeck again goes to what seems to be his standby, a misleading apples-to-oranges comparison by claiming that “Obamacare” will cause premium

increases of 30 to 60 percent without any qualification or citation. According to www.upworthy.com, rather than Colbeck's inferred across-the-board hikes, less than 3 percent of young adults who by law must upgrade from strictly catastrophic (apples) to more comprehensive policies (oranges) resulting in greater cost for greater value may fall into this category.

Colbeck concludes with “let the private sector provide a framework where competition thrives in a consumer-friendly environment.” Senator, letting the private sector provide the framework has resulted in a for-profit system that has Americans paying up to twice as much for care as those in most OECD nations.

Mitch Smith
Canton

Dangerous amendment

As someone who feels that animals should be treated humanely, I'm mortified that one of the two drafts of the Farm Bill that Congress is considering would quash state laws designed to protect animals.

What this means is that Michigan would lose its ability to enforce or introduce laws protecting dogs on puppy mills, animals on factory farms, horses and countless other animals — all because of a misguided attempt by Rep. Steve King from Iowa to undo animal protection laws across the country.

Sen. Debbie Stabenow, who will likely be part of the conference committee that decides the final version of the bill, must work to stop this deeply troubling abuse of federal power by working to pass a version of the Farm Bill that does not have Rep. King's outrageous provision.

Stephanie Bay
Garden City
Mercy for Animals

Plan for Sunshine Week

I have an issue with the way news media present such rosy prospects for FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) each year during Sunshine Week. Year after year, optimism is based, not on new ideas to improve FOIA being enacted into law, but merely on a new bill with a short shelf life being introduced or reported out of committee.

The ballyhoo over the Issa-Cummings FOIA implementation bill taken up by the U.S. House Oversight and Government Reform Committee just in time for this past Sunshine Week comes to mind. Publicizing that is like awarding a soldier the Congressional Medal of Honor for telling what he might do in combat someday.

Just as bad or worse, news organizations downplay or ignore efforts to inhibit open government. A recent example would be proposals put forward by the Michigan State Court Administrative Office.

In RICO cases, the cast of characters consists of three types: (1) racketeers, often con artists, (2) dupes exploited as false fronts and (3) victims. Sunshine Week works in a similar fashion. Legislators, press and public.

Let's hope that annual celebrations by the press of wobbly legislative hints of reform haven't become a meaningless ritual. If next year's Sunshine Week is going to be any different, now is the time to start planning for it.

Jim Lang
Livonia

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Crenshaw headlining Michigan State Fair

Six musical acts featured in Labor Day weekend event

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

From Grand Rapids to Ann Arbor, up to Saginaw and then downriver, Michigan is the theme for the live music at the Fifth Third Michigan State Fair, with Berkley-raised Marshall Crenshaw headlining the Labor Day weekend event at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

The five other acts — all based in Michigan — include Stewart Francke, George Bedard & The Kingpins, Delilah DeWylde & The Lost Boys, Steven Mullan Band, and Ryan Dillaha & The Medicine Men.

“We’re extremely excited about this lineup. It’s a strong representation of the immense talent and various genres that our state is famous for — not just here, but all over the world,” said Whitney Stone of 2 Stones Events, the Brighton-based company in charge of booking the fair’s music.

“We’ve doubled the number of acts from last year’s lineup, which was Americana driven, and spread it out,” Stone said.

Marshall Crenshaw

“Marshall Crenshaw has been on our radar for years, and now we finally have an event that we can showcase him,” Stone said.

“He lives in New York, so this will be like a homecoming for him. And he’ll be backed by the perfect band for his sound, the Bottle Rockets.”

Crenshaw’s self-titled debut album in 1982 was hailed by critics as a pop masterpiece and included the hit “Someday, Someway.”

His career included stints as John Lennon in the off-Broadway production of Beatlemania and as Buddy Holly in the “La Bamba,” the Ritchie Valens biographical film.

Over the past 30 years, he’s released 13 albums full of songs “that are melodic, hooky and emotionally true, and he sings and plays them with an honesty and force that still finds room for humor without



Delilah DeWylde & The Lost Boys STEVE GALLI



Crenshaw



Steven Mullan



George Bedard 2 STONES EVENTS

venom,” according to All Music Guide.

Ryan Dillaha & The Medicine Men

The state fair’s live music will kick off Friday, Aug. 30 with Ryan Dillaha & The Medicine Men. Born and bred in the downriver area, singer/songwriter Dillaha is truly a product of Detroit. After playing with drummer Tim Rios for nearly a decade, The Miracle Men were formed in 2013 with the addition of Mike Millman on bass and Jason Portier on guitar.

“The band is already earning rave reviews from critics and fans for their exuberant live shows,” as stated on Dillaha’s website. “Their debut album will appear this year. Ryan Dillaha and the Miracle Men play the kind of music you wish people still played; call it Detroit Americana call it soulful folk rock and roll, but what-

ever you call it, raise a glass and bring your dancing shoes.”

Stewart Francke

Friday’s headliner, Stewart Francke, has achieved near-legendary status in Michigan, from his beginnings in industrial Saginaw to bright lights on national stages. His first album, Where The River Meets The Bay (1995), contained the hit single, “Kiss Kiss Bang Bang,” made famous through its use as an episode theme for the TV show Melrose Place.

In the ensuing albums there have been other regional hits, including a duet with Detroit legend Mitch Ryder and several songs with the Funk Brothers in what was their last session together.

He’s sold over 50,000 copies of his 11 albums through independent distribution and marketing. His latest, “Heartless World,” includes a duet with Bruce Springsteen, enti-

led “Summer Soldier (Holler If Ya Hear Me).”

Francke also signed a worldwide contract with e-book publisher Untreed Reads, which recently released “What Don’t Kill Me Just Makes Me Strong,” the musician’s memoir of his battle with leukemia, a bone marrow transplant, lengthy complications and recovery.

Steven Mullan Band

Launching Saturday’s music will be Steven Mullan, who’s been described as “rhythmic, soulful, and a little torchy (Erie Times News, PA).” Currently residing in Plymouth, his music sounds like the love-child of Ben Harper and John Mayer ... on the piano.

He’s shared the stage with artists ranging from Dave Brubeck to Ekoostik Hookah, and he and his band (The Toledo Kids) perform shows regularly around the Midwest.

Played on Detroit and Toledo area radio, his newest single, “This World Is Made For Love,” is now available on iTunes worldwide.

Delilah DeWylde & The Lost Boys

Rockabilly will prevail with Sunday’s music, beginning with the Grand Rapids-based Delilah DeWylde & The Lost Boys. The band formed in 2005 and has released three LPs

“Just like rockabilly originators Johnny Cash, Bill Haley and Carl Perkins, this Michigan trio cut its teeth on steel-guitar driven country in the style popularized by Hank Williams, Ernest Tubb and Webb Pierce. But the draw of the big beat was irresistible, and over time the band’s approach has become sharper and tighter. Not self-consciously retro, Delilah (upright bass/lead vocals) and the Lost Boys (Lee Harvey, guitar; D.J. McCoy, drums) remain committed to handcrafted American music that stands at the crossroads of creativity and craftsmanship, liberally drawing from honky tonk country, rockabilly and surf music.” — www.delilahdewylde.com

George Bedard & The Kingpins

Closing out the state fair’s live music will be George Bedard & The Kingpins. The Ann-Arbor based performer has few peers in the rockabilly/blues/rock genre.

“There’s not much Bedard can’t play extremely well in any of these idioms, his style always informed by taste and economy,” wrote the late Cub Koda. “Though his solo recordings have been few, George Bedard remains a guitar hero’s guitar hero.”

His career began in the 1970s. In addition to The Silver-tones One Chance With You, Bedard has released three recordings with his trio, The Kingpins — Hip Deep, Triple Crown and Upside! — and two solo releases. Pickin’ Apart the Past, from 2011, is packed with classics that demonstrate a departure from his Kingpins style.

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Get 'flocked'

Girl Scouts fundraiser includes lots of plastic flamingos

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

Flocks of pink flamingos are showing up in lawns around Northville to support a good cause. Local Girl Scout Troop 40844 is trying to raise funds for a 2015 trip to Europe and with supplies

to help them complete their Gold Award projects.

"We saw it online and thought it would be a fun thing to try," said troop leader and Northville resident Christina Kowalczyk. "Our saying is 'you have been flocked.'" They've been doing

this for the last several months and had success. It's a \$20 donation to have the birds placed in someone's yard or \$10 for a no-bird insurance, which means you won't get flocked.

"If you know of anyone celebrating a birthday or other special event, or even if you have a sense of humor and would like to make someone smile, for a small donation, you can send them a flock of flamingos," Kowalczyk

said. "The flamingos will be placed in their lawn for 24 hours."

The troop came up with the idea when brainstorming ways they could raise money for their 10-day, three-country trip to Europe. There are also 23 girls in the group and their other aim is to have each one attain Gold Award status, which is equivalent to Eagle Scout in Boy Scouts.

Some of the Gold projects include helping a

homeless shelter, assisting senior citizens in recording their histories and working with therapy horses. They need some funds to help with this.

The flocking started in April and goes beyond Northville yards into other communities as well.

They've done yards in Novi and Redford, and had repeat customers.

This fall they will have orange and black flamingos to commem-

orate Northville's High School colors.

"People love it," said Troop 40844.

They are doing the fundraiser until the end of October or until the first frost, and then will start up again next spring.

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Members of Northville's Girl Scout Troop 40844 are raising money for their group by offering a flamingo yard planting service for special occasions. From left are Rileygh Freeman, 15, Ellie Janitz, 13, Valyn Schliecher, 14, and Jennifer Kowalczyk, 15. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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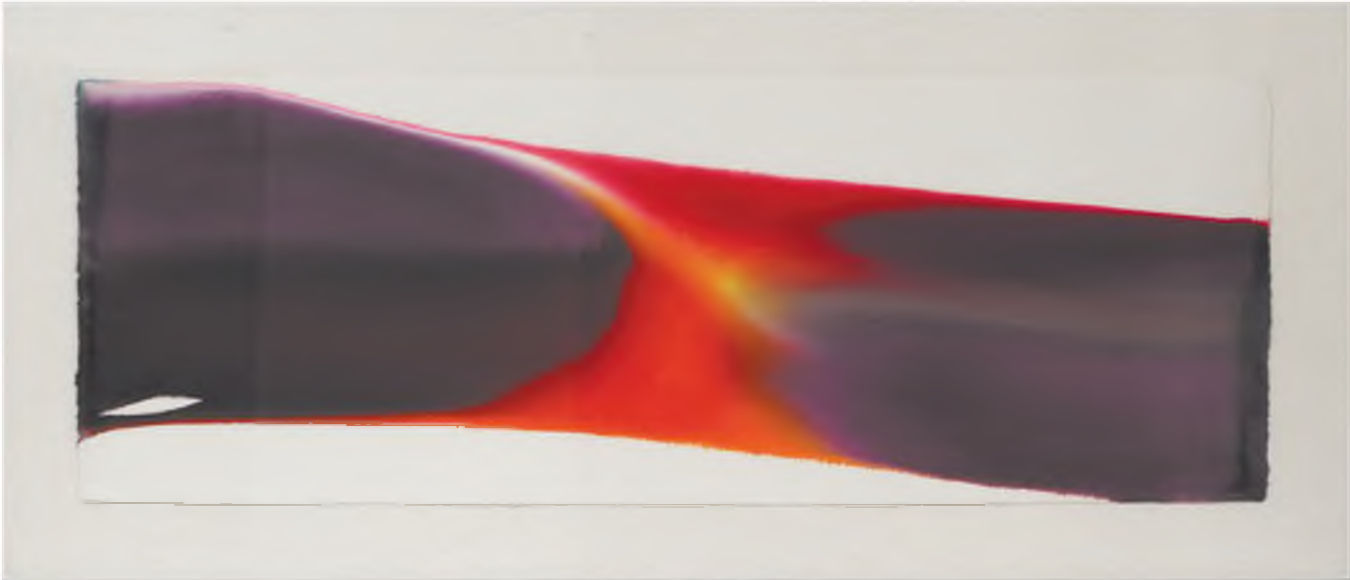
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Team Cincinnati earns World Series title

Ohio squad tops SAYO Grays for championship

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

After his team's first two games of the NABF World Series in Northville last week, Team Cincinnati coach Sam Armino was starting to wonder if his team was simply going to have to pack up their bags and go home.

Two losses to the Allen Baseball Club, 3-0, and to the Hurricanes Select team, 5-2, had Team Cincinnati on the ropes.

"We just didn't get the hitting we needed, and they had

some great pitching," said Armino. "After that, we used our pitching to stay in the game against the (Long Island) Titans and then in the sixth inning we had three or four hard-hit balls and scored three runs to get the win."

That 3-0 victory over the Titans turned into an absolute sprint toward the national championship game for Team Cincinnati. They went on to pick up a 5-1 victory over Creekside Fitness before adding a 5-1 victory over the Toronto Mets, 4-1, to earn a berth to the NABF title.

"We had several times where we would have runners in scoring position with two outs and manage to get some hits that turned into runs for us," said Armino.

That was the case in the championship bout against the SAYO Grays, a game that looks lopsided when just glancing at the 11-4 final score.

But with two outs hanging against them and bases loaded, Team Cincinnati turned a hit from Andrew Hetterich into a rally of five straight runs. They added multiple more runs, including a booming home run by Dallas Robinson. Andrew Kreke also had a standout performance in the

game and throughout the tournament.

The winning pitcher in the final game was Harland Poch, who kept the Grays off balance throughout the his time on the mound.

"I can't tell you how proud of this team I am," said Armino. "These boys played really well, and winning that tournament was a great moment for all of them."

Team Cincinnati's program started workouts last November and continued through the high school baseball season and then into the summer league.

"I don't give the kids a lot of time off," said Armino. "The

kids put in an extreme amount of time, and this was a great way for all of that hard work and effort to come to a close."

Armino said that while his team won't be eligible for the Northville tournament next year as they will be moving up to the U17 ranks, he did say he would highly recommend any Team Cincinnati squad that qualifies for the NABF World Series to make the trek.

"We had a great time," he said. "It was a really well-run tournament, and we really appreciated the hospitality."

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Bronco Grant Tyburski is congratulated by his first base coach after drawing a walk. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Skills competition showcases Northville's quality players

Broncos win three of four skills events

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Bill Flohr was pretty thrilled at showcasing just how well the local boys could play some baseball last week during the NABF World Series.

The tournament, which is in its 32nd year of being hosted by the Northville community, annually opens with a four-section skills competition.

The Northville Broncos, who are coached by Mark Zalewski, won three out of the four skills events.

"It's always nice when the local team does so well," said Flohr, who was co-director of this year's tournament along with Carrie Slominski. "The skills competition is all in good fun. The Northville Broncos team did really well, and we're really proud of them."

The Broncos team, as a whole earned wins in the "Round the Horn" and "Road Runners" competition, while Jake Skillman won the "Golden Arm" competition.

The players and coaches were also treated to a speaker, who was Eastern Michigan University head baseball coach Jay Alexander.

"He was outstanding," said Sam Armino, the head coach for the NABF World Series tournament champion Team Cincinnati. "He gave the kids a great message and was a great speaker. After that speech, I wouldn't hesitate to tell my kids that he's the kind of coach you want to go play for."

The tournament last from Thursday through Sunday and culminated with an 11-4 victory by Team Cincinnati over the SAYO Grays.

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Strong play in series

Bronco squad wins three, loses two

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It was a great weekend to be a baseball fan in the Northville area last week when the community hosted the NABF World Series for the 32nd year.

And it was a good weekend to be a member of the Northville Broncos U16 baseball team, too, as they picked up three wins and took two losses.

Unfortunately, one of those losses came in the semifinals of the World Series tournament as the squad fell to the SAYO Grays, 6-4.

"They were in it and had a chance to win," said tournament director Bill Flohr about the semi-finals game. "A couple of errors made the difference and the team just couldn't overcome them."

The Grays went on to fall to Team Cincinnati in the championship game, 11-4, Sunday (see story in this edition).

Northville, coached by Mark Zalewski, became the tournament with a well-played 8-7 victory over a tough Top Tier Nationals team to open the tournament.

The next morning, they fell to the SAYO Grays in the first meeting between the two teams, 4-3, before going on to



As a hawk circles overhead, the Broncos' Nick Zalewski takes some practice cuts before stepping up to the plate on July 26.

defeat Creekside Fitness, 5-2, later in the day Friday.

Northville's next game found them putting together a convincing 10-5 victory over the Hurricanes Select to advance to the tournament's semi-finals

against the Grays. Flohr, who was in his first year working as the tournament director along with Carrie Slominski, said the tournament would never have been possible without the support of the community.

"We had some great volunteers again this year," he said. "There's no way a tournament like this could happen without that kind of support. They really stepped up."

One of the highlights coming out of the tournament headquarters was the newly-designed program for the tournament, which featured several dozen pages packed full of ads from businesses in Northville and the surrounding communities.

The tournament was a hit for everyone, including the visiting teams.

"It was really well put together," said Sam Armino, the head coach of Team Cincinnati. "We have our own tournament here, and I help put it together and it's not run as well as they do it in Northville."

Final records throughout the tournament found the Top Tier Nationals and Lincoln Park Rails finishing 0-3 each, the Allen Baseball Club going 1-2, the Long Island Titans and PAL Nationals finishing 1-3 each, Creekside Fitness and Twin City Devil Cats finishing 2-2 each, while the Hurricanes Select recorded a 3-1 record, the Grays went 4-2, the Toronto Mets finished 4-1 and Team Cincinnati winning it all with an overall 4-2 record.

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



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Two from Commerce qualify for the National Jr. Olympics

Commerce Township athletes Marisa Sailus and Haley Rathwell both qualified for the AAU National Jr. Olympics, July 27 through Aug. 3 at Rynearson Stadium on the campus of Eastern Michigan University.

Waza Track Club took 21 entrants to the AAU State Championship National Qualifier, June 29-30 at Ypsilanti High School. Those athletes who finished in the top eight of their respective events advanced to the national championship meet.

The 20 Waza TC competitors earned 32 medals (first through fourth place) and 12 ribbons (fifth through eighth place). The club had six state champions.

The Waza athletes included:

Bella Haynes, Dearborn (9) – fifth, 800 (3:11.25); second, 1,500 (6:10.72); and sixth, long jump (7-8).

Kellen Fife, Birmingham (10) – second, 800 (2:49.9); second, 1,500 (5:48.97); and third, turbo javelin (35-1).

Bo Anderson, Clarkston (10) – second, 800 (2:49.12); second, 1,500 (5:37.91); and third, turbo javelin (52-0).

Autumn Nickell, Flushing (11) – third, 800



Sailus



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put (20-10); and first, turbo javelin, (63-0).

Elizabeth Pall, Novi (12) – third, turbo javelin (45-2½); 200 (36.52); and 400 (1:30.55).

Kyle Samluk, New Hudson (12) – fourth, 1,500 (5:34.82); first, 3,000 (11:53); and first, discus (52-3½).

Matthew Brown, West Bloomfield (12) – third, high jump (3-8).

Josh Momeyer, Livonia (13) – fifth, 400 (1:01.46); first, 800 (2:26.02); third, 200 hurdles (31.22); and seventh, long jump (12-8½).

Michael Brown Jr., West Bloomfield (13) – sixth, turbo javelin (50-7).

Robert Irwin, Farmington Hills (13) – second, 1,500 (5:02.43); and second, 3,000 (10:40.9).

Haley Rathwell, Commerce Twp. (14) – fifth, javelin (28-3); and 400 (1:07.58).

Marisa Sailus, Commerce Twp. (15) – fourth, 1,500 (5:31.26); and second, 3,000 (12:21.92).

James Weekley, Farmington Hills (15) – fifth,

800 (1:58.91); third, 1,500 (4:15.41); second, 3,000 (9:20.2); and second, 4 x 800 relay (9:07.54).

Andrew Bill, Berkley (15) – seventh, 1,500 (4:44.98); fifth, 3,000 (10:09); and second 4 x 800 relay.

Joost Plaetinck, Novi (15) – sixth, 3,000 (10:11); and second 4 x 800 relay.

John Hamilton, Novi (15) – second, triple jump, (33-10).

Josh Holcomb, Novi (15) – third, javelin (66-2½).

Ammar Chishti, Canton (16) – sixth, 1,500 (4:29.55); fourth, 3,000 (9:59.3); and second 4 x 800m relay.

Detroit Catholic Central in Novi adds head baseball coach to staff

Dan Michaels will take the reins of the Shamrocks program

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The baseball program at Detroit Catholic Central High School welcomed a new head coach last week when it was announced that Dan Michaels will be taking over at the varsity level.

Michaels, who is a 1984 graduate of CC, was hired on to replace Bill Lis, who has been the head coach for the past three seasons and has more than two decades as a member of the Detroit Catholic Central staff.

“Personally, Bill has

been a great friend and mentor for many years, and I can’t thank him enough for what he has done for our young men,” said Catholic Central athletic director Aaron Babicz. “It is our hope that the young men of Catholic Central will continue to develop under our new head coach, who is also a man of Catholic Central.”

Michaels is no stranger to the game. He played hockey and baseball at Catholic Central and played college baseball at the University of Michigan before transferring to and playing for Western Michigan University where he was a pitcher on the 1989 Mid American Conference Championship team.

He went on to receive his M.B.A. from the University of Toledo in 1993 and was assistant coach for the Rockets for two seasons.

Michaels familiarized himself with the current CC program by working as an assistant coach last season and was a member of the coaching staff from 2008-10 as well.

“Life is about the journey, not the destination and as the Shamrock family, we look forward to rallying around our school, Mary Alma Mater, our young men and our new head coach,” Babicz said.

Michaels lives in Novi with his wife, Judy, and their three children.

Northville Swim Club’s Penguin team wins league crown after waiting for 28 years

It has been a long 28 years for the Northville Swim Club Penguins — 1985 was the last time the summer swim team won the league championship.

The wait came to an end July 27, when the 214 member team swam to an overwhelming victory in the Summer Independent Swim League championship meet hosted by Fairway Farms Swim Club in Livonia. The league includes teams from Newburgh Swim Club (Livonia), Fairway Farms Swim Club (Livonia), Burton Hollow Swim Club (Livonia) and Colony Swim Club (Plymouth-Canton).

One hundred and forty four swimmers from the Northville club participated in the meet, ranging in age from 5 to 18. The team is coached by Dave Rembiesa and assistant coaches Will Greenlee and Nora Naughton, all of Northville. Both Naughton and Greenlee, now college students, were swim team members for many years before coaching.

“The most important thing about summer swimming is that it is



Relay Team of Travis Nitkiewicz, Jason Nitkiewicz, Lauren Haven and Lexi Barritt.

fun,” said Rembiesa, who has coached the Northville Penguins for the last three years. “Winning as a team is great, but getting your best time, being part of a close knit team and having fun while you’re doing it is the joy of summer swimming.”

Highlights of the meet included a league-record breaking first place finish from the 8-and-under 100 freestyle relay team of Nolan Ebel, Maggie Patterson, Layney Barritt and Michael Barron as well as a league-record-breaking first place finish from Laura Westphal (14) in the girls open 100 M individual medley.

The summer swim team’s season runs June and July with daily morning practices, eight dual meets and the day-long league meet at the end of the season.

Full meet results can be found at www.lightgraysoftware.com/sis/2013/results/Results.htm. For more information about the Northville Swim Club, visit www.northvilleswimclub.com.

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The Mustang bench, including Coach Matt Ladach (left), R.J. Holloway (middle) and assistant coach Dennis Colligan (right) celebrate one of many Northville touchdowns during the 2012 campaign. ALL PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

KLAA dominates in fall sports

By Jeff Theisen
Staff Writer

The KLAA is one of the clear-cut power high school conferences in Michigan. The 24-team league posts unbelievable depth in just about every sport sponsored by the Michigan High School Athletic Association. The following is the first of a three-part series focusing on how the KLAA fared not only during the season but also in the the state playoffs. The series will go in order of how the school year goes, starting with the fall season of 2012, followed by winter and finish with the spring season. The series will also be broken up with stories for boys and girls separate so the stories aren't overbearingly long. All records are taken from the site www.klaastanding-s.com, so if something is a little off, please don't shoot the messenger.

Football

Football brings the most fans out to any single event serves as king of the fall sports. While it starts before school is even in session, the nine-game schedule means every game has a ton on the line as teams race to get the six wins needed to secure a playoff spot. The KLAA boasts an array of different offensive strategies, anywhere from straight-up pound it at you to chuck it all over the place. Nine teams from the league reached the playoffs, eight in Division 1 and South Lyon East making its first ever playoff appearance in Division 2. Six league teams faced off against each other, putting three in the second round, along with Grand Blanc for four teams in the district finals. Only Plymouth would



Northville's Dan Baldwin keeps his eyes on a serve for the Mustangs.



Part of the boys cross country team takes off during an Oct. 2, 2012 meet at Cass Benton Park.

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South - Churchill (5-0, Conference Champ)
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North - Walled Lake Northern (5-0, Conference Champ)
- CROSS COUNTRY**
Central - Northville (5-0)
South - Churchill (5-0)
West - Milford (5-0)
North - Waterford Mott (5-0)
- SOCCER**
Central - Salem (7-1-2, Conference, Association Champs)
South - Canton (10-0)
West - Brighton (9-0-1, Conference Champ)
North - WL Northern, WL Central (8-0-2)
- TENNIS**
Central - Novi (4-0, Conference, Association Champs)
South - Plymouth (5-0)
West - Grand Blanc (5-0, Conference Champ)
North - Walled Lake Central (5-0)

emerge as a district champion, eventually losing to finalist and runner-up Catholic Central in regional play.

Cross country
The KLAA has runners like none other. It's the premier conference in the state for distance running, and it can't even be argued. Milford went on to capture the State Title in 2012 with Waterford Mott finishing runner-up. While that alone would be enough to make the point, Pinckney finished seventh, Hartland ninth, Northville 11th, Walled Lake Northern 14th and Grand Blanc 15th. That's seven teams in the top 15 at the State Finals. Individually, Milford's Brian Kettle took home the title in 15:07.3. Waterford Mott's Nathan Burnand was third overall and second in team scoring with Milford's Cody Snavelly in right after him for fourth and third in team scoring. Also cracking the top 10 was Northville's Dan Sims in eighth overall and Mott's Ryan Robinson in ninth. That's five of the top nine in the state from the

KLAA. Kettle, Sims and Robinson all return this year for another shot at the top 10. The top 30 earn All-State honors. The KLAA had three more with Pinckney's Tyler Sanders in 24th, Hartland's Jareb Duggan in 26th and Lakeland's Blake McComas in 30th. Just missing the honor were Milford's Chris Housel in 31st, Pinckney's Wesley Sanders in 32nd and Milford's Matt Graves in 33rd. It's safe to say, this is the KLAA's most loaded sport of any season for both team and individually.

Soccer
The KLAA Central Division is one of the hardest divisions for any sport or any conference in the state. Novi, Salem, Stevenson and Northville are all capable of making big runs come state playoff time. Salem came out as the division, conference and association winner, but Novi made a run to the final four come playoff time. On the other side of the KLAA, Grand Blanc did one

better and made it all the way to the finals, falling 1-0 to East Kentwood. And Grand Blanc finished second in its own division to Brighton. The depth of the KLAA was apparent again with five teams in the final 16, three in the quarterfinals, two in the final four and one in the finals.

Tennis
Tennis is usually a two-headed race as far as the KLAA is concerned. Novi and Northville are clear from the rest of the pack, and this past season was no different.

Novi finished tied with Brother Rice for second in the state with 27 points. Northville finished tied for fourth with Troy at 17 points. Other KLAA teams scoring points at the finals were Grand Blanc and Stevenson (tied for 16th with three points) and Churchill with two points to tie for 19th. Individually, Novi and Northville put a singles player in the finals in all four of the singles brackets. Northville's Tyler Gardner finished runner-up at No. 1 singles. Teammate Connor Johnson blasted by the No. 1 seed in the finals for a 6-1, 6-2 victory and a State Title at No. 2 singles. At No. 3 singles, Novi's Koushik Kondapi made a run to the finals before finishing runner-up. Novi teammate Pavan Rao went undefeated through the No. 4 singles to claim the title. In doubles play, Novi's Jason Carless and Andrew Ying carried the top seed at No. 1 doubles and blasted into the finals before finishing runner-up. The same result happened for teammates Nishant Kakar and Michael Chang at No. 2 doubles. Novi also had a pair of semi-final runs at three and four doubles.

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Novi's Tony Asimadu leaps in the air to play a ball at regionals.



May home stats a bright spot

By Julie Brown
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There's encouraging news from the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan on home building in metro Detroit.

Based on single-family new home permit data compiled by the HBA and reported in the *HBA/Wells Fargo Southeastern Michigan Residential Building Activity Report*, a total of 507 such permits were issued in Oakland, Macomb, Wayne and St. Clair counties in May of this year.

From a year-over-year perspective, permit activity in May was nearly 17 percent higher than May 2012 (435). From a trailing 12-month perspective, the four-county total of 4,122 permits is 36 percent higher than May 2012 (3,027) and the highest level since August 2007 (4,055).

"Extremely encouraging," said Michael Stoskopf, CEO of the HBA of Southeastern Michigan. "The new home

builders in our membership are just ecstatic with the demand that's going on. It's a great thing."

Macomb County was tops in May with 239 permits. May's permit activity in Macomb County was 73 percent higher than April 2013 (138) and 24 percent higher than May 2012 (193).

This was the first time since July 2006 that Macomb County exceeded the 200-permit threshold in a single month.

Oakland County exceeded 200 permits for the first time in 2013 with 207 issued. This is only the second time since August 2006 that more than 200 permits were issued in a single month in Oakland County. Elsewhere, Wayne County issued 56 permits and St. Clair County issued five.

Stoskopf noted that some builders are even running out of suitable land and have to seek new sites. "The primary economic development starts with people having jobs," he said. More Michiganders are

working and have the potential "to maybe buy a new home."

He said the inventory for existing homes in the four-county area is at two-three months, not counting foreclosures. "This is exactly what you would expect, a lot of home building going on," Stoskopf said.

He agreed the building growth has driven up the need for such workers as carpenters and electricians. Builder members often subcontract work like excavation and carpentry, and face a shortage of labor.

"There are quite a few opportunities for people who have those skills," said Stoskopf, a Willamston, Mich., resident who's been at his CEO post since April 2008. A lot of workers who relocated to North Carolina and other points south are returning, he said.

"So that's also very exciting."

In the January-March quarter this year, Wayne County

and Detroit led in single-family home building. There were 125 permits in the first quarter. "Last year, they had two," Stoskopf said. "The city of Detroit is holding its own this year. Again, it comes down to average value."

Home values trend higher in western Wayne, he said, especially communities like Plymouth and Canton, than in Detroit. "Again, it's a very positive story all across Wayne County," with one-third of county home permits in Detroit.

Midsummer's usually a lull in new building, but Stoskopf expects things to pick up again in fall. "I'm hoping that this year we will get to 5,000 permits. Hopefully, this can keep on going."

The *HBA/ASA New Housing Permit Forecast* projects a total of 2,866 permits will be issued in the six-month, June-to-November time frame, representing a 37 percent growth in permits compared to the same six-month period in 2012.

Portugal cities: Consider outskirts home

Q: I have family in Portugal, and I am thinking of maintaining a part-time residence there. Where is the best place to invest in a residential apartment in Lisbon or in Porto, Portugal?

A:
Based upon my recent visit, the closer you are to the river, the Tagus in Lisbon, and the



Douro in Porto, or to the center of the city, the more expensive the property is. In both cities, new or refurbished properties command the highest price per square meter but the real estate market has declined approximately 20 percent over the last five years, so you may find a bargain on the outskirts of either beautiful and mystic city.

Q: I travel to Barcelona, Spain, on business on occasion, and I read that unemployment there is as high as 25 percent. I was wondering how that is affecting real estate prices and if this might be a good time to buy. Any advice?

A: Yes. Based on my research, and in talking to knowledgeable people in Barcelona, it appears that the price of real estate has gone down as much as 30 percent, even in new apartments around the sea port. Nevertheless, it is still a beautiful city with approximately three million inhabitants in the metropolitan area, thriving on tourism. In addition to the decline in the market, housing tends to be cheaper in Barcelona than in many other desirable European cities. Before purchasing, however, you should investigate the possibility of increased taxes imposed in austerity measures by the central government, even though Barcelona strives to be independent.

Q: I am living in a nursing home, and I am wondering if I can still claim a homestead property tax exemption on the house that I still own and I lived in before going to the nursing home.

A: A recent Amendment to the Michigan General Property Tax Act allows you to do so if you show an intention to return to the property by continuing to own it, not establishing a new principal residence, arranging for the maintenance of the property, keeping the house unoccupied, not offering it for sale or lease, and not allowing it to be used for any business or commercial purpose. The amendment also applies to persons living in assisted living facilities.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 25-29, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

16036 Birwood Ave \$233,000
115 Charrington Ct \$325,000
31678 E Bell Vine Trl \$336,000
16156 Lauderdale Ave \$130,000

BIRMINGHAM

972 Ann St \$611,000
720 Bennaville Ave \$522,000
1510 Chapin Ave \$325,000
832 E Lincoln St \$380,000
767 Hanna St \$500,000
885 N Old Woodward Ave # 114 \$165,000
536 Park St \$455,000
532 Pierce St \$800,000
1571 Ruffner Ave \$436,000
101 Rugby St \$248,000
856 S Bates St \$1,243,000
600 W Brown St # 206 \$150,000
519 Wallace St \$350,000

111 Willits St # 409 \$710,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS
2558 Aspen Ln \$260,000
1956 Pine Ridge Ct \$312,000
236 Wendy Ln \$175,000
717 Arbor Ct \$343,000
3310 Berkshire Dr \$207,000
2655 Colby Dr \$238,000
1153 Glenpointe Ct \$195,000
1736 Long Lake Shore Dr \$230,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

1499 Ashover Dr \$247,000
5335 Brookdale Rd \$575,000
6630 Colby Ln \$180,000
612 Deauville Ln \$335,000
3171 E Breckenridge Ln \$610,000
3806 Lincoln Rd \$304,000
2277 Lost Tree Way \$290,000
2449 Mulberry Sq # 28 \$78,000
4554 Private Lake Dr \$395,000
770 S Cranbrook Rd \$249,000
760 Trailwood Path \$156,000
42160 Woodward Ave Unit 28 \$106,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

307 Anaconda St \$185,000
4977 Foothills Dr \$200,000

5336 Lancaster Ln \$294,000
5521 Rivers Edge Dr \$315,000
845 Sleeth Rd \$111,000
FARMINGTON
23051 Frederick Ave \$120,000
33818 Grand River Ave \$124,000
22779 Maple Ave \$156,000
23632 Wesley Dr \$238,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

37103 Aspen Dr \$317,000
22135 Atlantic Pointe \$55,000
37678 Burton Dr \$224,000
37007 Driftwood \$142,000
35575 Forestville St \$150,000
24845 Glen Orchard Dr \$177,000
37538 Glengrove Dr \$278,000
23755 Haynes St \$175,000
36680 Howard Rd \$220,000
33833 Hunters Pointe Rd \$255,000
29963 Old Bedford St \$143,000
21887 Ontaga St \$110,000
30532 Ramblewood Club Dr \$178,000

21422 Roosevelt Ave \$60,000
30014 Valley Side Dr \$220,000
38315 Wynmar \$123,000
MILFORD

747 Bird Song Dr \$127,000
709 Knight St \$140,000
204 S Houghton St \$80,000
1100 Tennyson Dr \$300,000
NORTHVILLE
41771 Onaway Dr \$65,000
NOVI
45535 Amherst Dr \$322,000
30126 Brightwood Dr \$302,000
30132 Brightwood Dr \$279,000
30136 Brightwood Dr \$283,000
27503 Harrington Way \$298,000
22469 Mill Rd \$215,000

SOUTH LYON

58358 11 Mile Rd \$155,000
1090 Appaloosa Ct \$226,000
54435 Birchwood Dr \$360,000
1154 Fountain View Cir \$99,000
1069 Gentry Dr \$289,000
61201 Ladbrooke Dr \$291,000
SOUTHFIELD
28238 Berkshire Dr \$75,000
17362 Dorset Ave \$91,000
20930 Duns Scotus St \$60,000
18317 New Hampshire Dr \$92,000
17289 Sunnybrook Dr \$52,000
20785 Winchester St \$165,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 15-18, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

50437 Amberwood Rd \$77,000
2249 Arcadia Dr \$115,000
1792 Bentley Ct \$280,000
720 Buckingham Rd \$115,000
41936 Echo Forest Ct \$267,000
1200 Heritage Dr \$152,000
2679 Hunters Ct \$293,000
44622 Meadowcreek Ln \$134,000
41956 Metaline Dr \$153,000
2160 Mistwood Ct \$445,000
1886 Pinecroft Dr \$115,000
3934 Ravensfield Dr \$169,000
42646 Redfern St \$165,000
1767 S Pennfield Ln \$79,000
42425 Somerset Ct \$147,000
1055 Terrel Ct \$180,000
1745 Thistle Dr \$198,000
46935 Torrey Hill Ct \$272,000
927 Torrey Hill Dr \$280,000
1935 Wentworth Dr \$182,000

GARDEN CITY

577 Belton St \$25,000
31547 Elmwood St \$50,000
29015 Florence St \$60,000
238 Henry Ruff Rd \$56,000
31733 Kathryn St \$20,000
30599 Marquette St \$80,000
29159 Sheridan St \$80,000
30753 Sheridan St \$71,000

LIVONIA

14608 Blue Skies St \$110,000
20210 Deering St \$44,000
15939 Edgewood St \$225,000
36356 Fairway Dr \$30,000
29137 Grandon St \$93,000
9024 Hubbard St \$165,000
16260 Hubbard St \$155,000
32625 Indiana St \$130,000
29842 Lori St \$138,000
18456 Manor Ln \$230,000
19490 Norwich Rd \$225,000
15335 Norwich St \$210,000
11161 Oxbow St \$110,000
8953 Parent St \$132,000
38388 Ross St \$170,000
19909 Saint Francis St \$50,000
32720 Schoolcraft Rd \$76,000
19016 Sunset St \$73,000

28960 Terrence St \$122,000
9840 Westmore St \$126,000
NORTHVILLE
18372 Clairmont Cir E \$705,000
17858 Farmcrest Ct \$340,000
17401 Farmcrest Ln \$331,000
18718 Grande Vista Dr \$125,000
49091 Hidden Ridge Dr \$129,000
16400 Highland Ln \$167,000
16925 Lochmoor Cir E \$330,000
45991 Riviera Dr \$465,000
18185 Shoreline Ct \$515,000

PLYMOUTH

46109 Barrington Rd \$220,000
40423 Brecken Ridge Ln \$195,000
42111 Brentwood Dr \$145,000
670 Byron St \$190,000
15027 Farmbrook Dr \$231,000
11356 General Dr \$90,000
574 N Evergreen St \$485,000
315 Pacific St \$259,000
14864 Thornridge Dr \$190,000
11955 Trailwood Rd \$306,000

REDFORD

11379 Arnold \$75,000
14285 Breakfast Dr \$150,000
9327 Columbia \$50,000
18489 Glenmore \$38,000
20580 Glenmore \$47,000

19780 Imperial Hwy \$40,000
19912 Inkster Rd \$25,000
19173 Poinciana \$30,000
8887 Robindale \$58,000
8963 Rockland \$60,000
11337 Rockland \$56,000
14392 Salem \$63,000
9631 Sarasota \$78,000
24548 W Chicago \$22,000
WESTLAND
33043 Alamo Ct \$28,000
33919 Arrowhead St \$110,000
32960 Audreys Way \$220,000
32646 Avondale St \$89,000
8715 Beatrice \$44,000
7451 Cavell St \$46,000
8083 Coventry St \$45,000
2311 Deerfield Ct \$20,000
7912 Donna St \$100,000
36060 Farragut Ave \$41,000
30565 Hogan Ln \$70,000
8430 N Henry Ruff Rd \$62,000
27554 Powers St \$10,000
715 Rahn St \$62,000
8135 Randy Dr \$120,000
535 S Hubbard St \$97,000
34648 Stacy St \$68,000
412 Summerfield Dr \$149,000