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# Watkins to lead mental health agency

By Kurt Kuban  
Staff Writer

Northville resident and former state schools superintendent Tom Watkins has been named president, CEO and executive director of the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency, the public mental health system serving the county and its largest city. The agency currently provides services for about 72,000 people with mental illness, developmental disabilities, serious emo-



Watkins

Associates, brings much experience to the job, having served as deputy director of administration, chief deputy and director of the State Department of Mental Health under Gov. Jim Blanchard. He also served as state

tional disturbance and substance use disorders.

Watkins, who is currently the president of his own education consulting business TDW and

superintendent of education under Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

Watkins is looking forward to the job because he will be able to advocate for people who need a helping hand.

"This role captures my professional career, providing a voice for people who are often voiceless in our society," he said. "It puts me in the middle of the state's and nation's health care reform and taps my administrative, leadership, and health care background and political skills in a way that can help

people with mental illness, substance abuse and developmental disabilities. I cannot think of a higher calling in life."

The Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency is currently a Wayne County agency. However, on Oct. 1 it will be converted into an authority similar to the Wayne County Airport Authority. The authority will be run by a 12-member board. Six members will be appointed by the mayor

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## A soggy kickoff



Northville Mustangs head football coach Matt Ladach talks to his team on Aug. 12 as the team began its first practice for the fall season in a rainstorm. For a story and more photos about the season's kickoff, see page B1. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Students to learn about nature on city lot

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

Amerman Elementary students will be taking their class work outdoors to learn about animals and plants that call home a plot of land not far from their school and owned by the City of Northville.

At its Aug. 5 meeting, the Northville City Council granted a request by fifth-grade teacher Dave Babich to use open space property owned by the city as a natural laboratory for his students. This public land is located south of Maplewood and east of Grace Street.

"This looks like an excellent idea," Mayor Chris Johnson said.

Babich envisions taking his class to this parcel of land some four to six times throughout the school year to do research and study plant and animal life in this undeveloped area.

"There are a lot of different activities we can do out here that involve multiple disci-



Amerman Elementary fifth grade teacher Dave Babich wants to get his kids involved in exploring, mapping and analyzing this patch of forest near the school at Horton and Hill in the city. The area includes some paths through the woods and features many good-sized trees and plants native to Michigan. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

plines," he said.

Because of this he along with other fifth-grade teachers envision having subjects like language arts, science, social studies and math getting in on using the land as a resource for

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## Keeping local connections

Northville actress stars in MTV hit 'Awkward'

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Northville native Jillian Rose Reed enjoys playing Tamara in the MTV high school hit *Awkward*.

"I love playing Tamara," the 21-year-old Los Angeles area resident said in a recent phone interview. "She's very different from me and she's also similar. She's been so much fun to play."

Reed is the daughter of Lisa Reed-Tucker and Robert Tucker. She was born in Hollywood, Fla., and moved with her family to Northville.

"I grew up at the Marquis Theatre doing all the plays." She was about 12 when they moved to California and she came back to Northville for the early part of high school at Northville High.

"I wanted to have the experience," said Reed, whose family has a vacation-type home still in Northville.

Her acting began at age 7 with playing Charlotte in *Char-*

*lotte's Web*, following dance lessons at a younger age. By 12, Reed had been in some 27 musicals or plays in Michigan.

She also did commercial work, including for the Ford Motor Co. Reed graduated from Options for Youth Charter School in the L.A. area.

Her mom owned Michael's Angel Attic in downtown Northville, selling the business when they relocated.

### 'No other option'

"As a career, there was really no other option for me," said Reed, who loves TV and film work and didn't want to try New York City. "I chose L.A. to kind of broaden my horizons."

In Michigan, she was more the big fish in the little pond. "It's so completely different," she said of L.A. "There's a lot to

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# CHEF JOHNSON

## The mayor cooks up a tailgate classic

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

The Northville Farmers Market introduced its “Celebrity Chef at the Market” this past Thursday morning, and for Mayor Chris Johnson it was an experience that was, well, sort of new.

“I was a little apprehensive at first, but I do a lot of grilling and cooking at tailgates. So I thought why not play to my strengths,” said Johnson, who was the day’s first “Celebrity Chef.”

There are guest chefs throughout the farmers market season, which runs from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays from May-October. The Rusty Bucket, Chefs Jeff Zak of Zak Catering, and Paul Penney of Hap are just a few of the chefs that have been cooking up some ideas for market attendees.

The decision to add this feature was a simple one for Sher Watkins, Farmers Market manager. She said having Johnson as the first chef came to her after being told he was a great grill chef.

“Having the chefs come here is always an interesting showcase, so we thought we could add another fun part to it by

having a local celebrity demonstrate a recipe,” Watkins said.

A crowd of people gathered to watch Johnson put together “omelettes in a bag” which is a specialty he often makes at University of Michigan home football games. He along with other U of M alumni who live in Northville have a tailgate gathering at the corner of Edgewood and Snyder avenues in Ann Arbor on Saturdays in the fall.

It is there this recipe gets cooked a lot, especially on those early mornings when they meet for a noon game.

“The fun thing about this recipe is that everyone gets to pick their own ingredients and to have what they want in it,” he told the crowd about the different ingredients from bacon to vegetables that can be added.

His recipe is a tailgate and campfire classic. It’s basically cooking the omelet in a resealable freezer bag in hot water that is heated in a pan. Along with it are various chopped up meats, vegetables, cheese that can go in it, and some salsa and tortillas that can add a twist of flavor.

Johnson said a lot of this recipe can be pre-



Northville Mayor Chris Johnson wears his favorite tailgating attire as he cooks up an omelette in a bag at the Northville Farmers Market. This is a classic Saturday morning pre-football game recipe at the Northville/University of Michigan alumni tailgate.

pared ahead of time giving the chef the chance to have a beverage while talking with friends as it cooks.

“It’s always fun to get together with friends,” he said of the tailgating experience, which he said others from Northville should visit if they are in Ann Arbor on some upcoming Saturdays.

The next chef at the market will be Chef Tom Lin of Szechuan Empire and this year will be closed out again with Cook Andy Genitti of Genitti’s Hole-in-the-Wall.

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Northville Township firefighter/paramedic Mike Obermiller looks for donations on July 27 during the "Fill the Boot" fundraising campaign benefiting the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA).

# Public helps Northville firefighters 'fill the boot'

Over the weekend of July 27, firefighters from the Northville Township Fire Department participated in the "Fill the Boot" fundraising campaign that benefited the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). Firefighters collected \$2,905, beating last year's total by more than \$900.

The MDA is an organization dedicated to finding a cure for muscular dystrophy. The

money collected will go to finding a cure for 40 neuromuscular diseases, as well as medical treatment, research and adaptive equipment and summer camps.

Through the annual "Fill the Boot" event, firefighters across the United States and Canada have been major contributors to the Muscular Dystrophy Association since 1952, raising more than \$350 million. The event is successful

thanks to hundreds of motorists who stop to put money in fire boots.

Firefighter Jeff Sims, who is the secretary of the Northville Township Professional Fire Fighters IAFF Local 3961, said the union members appreciate the public's help in their annual campaign.

"We would like to thank all of the citizens, commuters, and local businesses for helping us fill the boot," he said.

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# Board resolution supports common core

## Northville board urges adoption

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

A state Legislative committee studying whether Michigan should abandon the common core curriculum it adopted for public schools three years ago is scheduled to make a recommendation some time in September.

But Northville Public Schools officials aren't waiting. The Board of Education was expected to pass a resolution Tuesday night urging the state to continue implementing and funding the common core standards.

Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said education "standards" define expectations of what students should know at the conclusion of a course of study. Standards do not dictate curriculum or prescribe a particular method of instruction.

"The continual 'moving target' for standards takes Northville Public Schools time and focus off of the more critical need for redesigning modern learning environments to provide more authentic, connected, flexible learning opportunities to more fully prepare students for the future," Gallagher said.

"Our focus needs to be on redesigning instructional practice and assessment in a manner that promotes learn-

ing readiness, student ownership over the learning process, and leadership capacity within our students — these are essential components within a common set of standards aligned with college and career readiness."

Northville isn't alone. Other districts, including Plymouth-Canton, are also passing resolutions in hopes the state stays the course.

The P-CCS Board of Education Tuesday unanimously passed a resolution supporting the common core standards, adopted by the state in 2010 and for which school Supt. Michael Meissen said the district has already paid some \$500,000.

"I think common core is a good thing," said Meissen, who began his tenure July 1. "We as an educational system have to have clear and coherent standards of learning. Having an alignment of curriculum instruction and assessments to these rigorous international benchmark standards is helpful in establishing the direction for a school district."

Michigan's Board of Education adopted common core in 2010. Pushed by a bipartisan group of governors and educators led by Georgia Republican Sonny Perdue, Common Core spells out the math and language skills K-12 students need to succeed in college and the globally competitive workplace that awaits them after graduation.

The common core's language arts standards, for ex-

ample, assert that, by the end of eighth grade, students should be able to write an essay that includes "a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented."

The math standards suggest that students preparing to enter fifth grade should know how to use addition, subtraction, multiplication and division "to solve word problems involving distances, intervals of time, liquid volumes, masses of objects and money."

Plymouth-Canton Board of Education President Dr. John Barrett, a former principal in the Farmington district, said the board supports the common core standards, and not just because "we've invested a lot of money into developing curriculum to support common core."

"(Common core) is going to increase the standards and the expectations of our students," Barrett said. "I think it's going to make a difference in the success rate of Plymouth-Canton student, and it'll have an impact on teaching and learning across the state."

But the standards, considered by supporters as more rigorous than those currently in place in many Michigan public schools, are under the gun this summer as a subcommittee continues hearings designed to help develop a recommendation to the Michigan Legislature on whether to halt common core here or continue to move forward.

That group was formed

after state Rep. Tom McMillin, R-Rochester Hills, successfully added language to a budget bill barring the Michigan Department of Education from spending money to implement common core standards.

State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, whose district covers both Plymouth-Canton and Northville Schools, said the state has to do something legislatively to either fund common core (Northville's Board of Education also approved a resolution supporting common core Tuesday night) or "chart a new course."

Heise, noting both Plymouth-Canton and Northville schools have spent some half-million dollars on implementation, said he supports the common core.

"I want to make sure when doors open in September teachers know what they're supposed to teach," he said. "I want one national standard so I can see how Michigan students are doing compared to other states."

But state Sen. Pat Colbeck, R-Canton, isn't so sure. He said he hasn't seen anything "other than marketing material" that convinces him common core implements higher standards.

Colbeck said the movement to fully adopt common core is "just another attempt to set up a new slate of materials people are going to have to pay for."

"I think we need to be taking a look under the hood at common core," Colbeck said. "We've got a standard in there

right now, and we've got to continue with that until we find something better. I'm not sure common core is it. If they truly are higher standards, I would love higher standards for our kids. If folks can prove it, let's do it. But there's nothing right now that demonstrates that to me."

Common core supporters point to statistics that indicate only 18 percent of Michigan's high school juniors are deemed college-ready, based on ACT criteria.

And Michigan continues to slide behind other states on the National Assessment of Educational Progress, a national exam given to a representative sample of students in each state.

"We don't want to sentence any young person to poor preparation for life and work," said John Austin, president of the state Board of Education. "If we walk away ... that's what we would be doing."

McMillin said Michigan's exit would be the "right thing to do."

"I'm very confident that if we have honest debates over these next couple of months and we hear from the grass roots and the people that are affected, the Legislature will decide ... to stop the funding permanently," McMillin said.

Gannett News Service contributed to this report.

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## GETTING A CLUE

### New Morning Super Sleuths learn detective skills

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

Students became Super Sleuths, honing their observation and critical thinking powers as well as learning about the technical skills used by real detectives and forensic scientists, at New Morning School in Plymouth Township last week.

New Morning's Super Sleuths day camp, for students going into grades two through six, involved working through games and puzzles to get them thinking analytically, plus learning about processing and interpreting evidence like footprints, fingerprints, invisible ink, handwriting and tire tracks.

The week-long camp culminated Thursday when the students examined a "crime scene" and put their new skills to use and their minds together to solve the "homicide" of a giant stuffed teddy bear.

#### 'Detective stuff'

"I really liked it," said camper Amanda Holmes, 10, a student at Bird Elementary. "It was cool to learn about detective things." Amanda also participated in another New Morning camp, Let's Build, in which campers used paper to build a three-dimensional model city, among other construction projects.

"It's fun," said Ellie Vasquez, 11, a New Morning student during the regular school year. "I like how there was detective stuff this week."

Super Sleuth campers used hand-on projects to learn about dusting for fingerprints, estimating a person's height through footprint size, detecting counterfeit money, distinguishing different tire tracks and analyzing handwriting.

The footprint and handwriting evidence at the crime scene, Amanda said, proved helpful in solving the "crime." Stephen Kim, lead counselor for the Super Sleuths camp, proved to be the culprit.

"His foot only fit the



Dan Herriman reaches into a bag and tries to identify the contents by feel alone. Gavin Williams and Chaz Eden report that he did "pretty good, but not perfect."

**"I really liked it. It was cool to learn about detective things."**

**AMANDA HOLMES**  
10-year-old camper

footprint," Amanda said. A person's foot length is about 15 percent of his or her height, campers said. Campers also made plaster casts of the footprint.

"We actually had like a little court thingy," Amanda said later. "It was actually like a real court."

#### New 'agents'

There were other things found at the scene, like a bell, a toy clock and cash, but those either were of no value in solving the crime or set there to throw detectives off the trail, Amanda said. The cordoned-off scene, though, provided an observation and memorization exercise for campers.

On Friday, Super Sleuths campers demonstrated their detective knowledge for parents and other visitors and received their "agent"

badges from Kim as the camp wrapped up. Super Sleuths was one of several camps offered at New Morning during five weeks this summer.

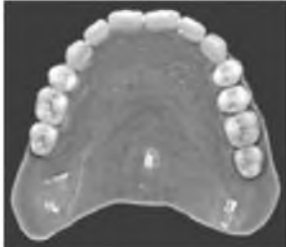
"It was a lot of fun, especially when the kids have so much fun," said Jonathan Hop, a Super Sleuths co-teacher who led the LEGO Robotics, Let's Build and Slippery, Slimy Science camps. Scholarships were provided for some campers, with support from Northville Youth Assistance, the Community Foundation of Plymouth, the Wilcox Foundation and the Plymouth Rotary Club.

New Morning is a certified, not-for-profit school for students in preschool through the eighth grade that stresses hands-on, individualized learning and relies on parental involvement.



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# No-fault insurance debate rages on

**By Larry Ruehlen**  
Staff Writer

Erica Coulston knows the value of Michigan's no-fault insurance system better than most.

She was in a serious car accident 12 years ago and became a quadriplegic. Years of medical treatment and physical therapy have made her not only more independent, but more upbeat about the future.

"My attendant care costs \$200,000 to \$300,000 per year," she said. "I know (accident victims) on Medicare, Blue Cross, Medicaid, who get zero for attendant care. Their families must provide it and if they don't, they go into nursing homes."

Coulston is co-founder of Walk the Line to SCI Recovery and was honored as Oakland County "Elite 40 Under 40" winner in February.

Coulston was a panelist at a town hall meeting on no-fault auto insurance reform held July 25 at Greater Grace Temple in Detroit. The event was

organized by state Rep. Phil Cavanagh, D-Redford Township.

"I wanted a serious discussion and we certainly had one," Cavanagh said. "This bill was so bad ... there was enough for everyone to find something in it to hate. I think we need reform. I have heard universally that people want no-fault to stay. If you put a fraud, waste and abuse commission in place, maybe it will lower costs."

Cavanagh called the town hall meeting because he is upset that Michigan drivers pay a \$186 fee to the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association for every car. He wants the agency to explain why the fee keeps going up and is demanding that the MCCA be more open and accessible to public scrutiny.

"I will introduce a package of eight bills in September," Cavanagh said. "We need reform."

Gov. Rick Snyder has publicly backed a Republican plan to abolish the requirement that

consumers purchase unlimited lifetime medical coverage in auto insurance. The proposal caps coverage for catastrophic accident victims at \$1 million.

Tom Shields, of the Coalition for Auto Insurance Reform, supported the plan.

"Unlimited medical coverage is hurting our Michigan companies," Shields said. "Medical costs are three times higher than our closest state."

Shields said the \$1 million cap would cover 99.8 percent of all claims in the state. He was also frustrated with different costs for treatments depending on who is paying for it – auto insurance companies, worker's compensation insurance or Medicare.

"A broken arm is a broken arm," he said. "It shouldn't cost more just because an auto insurance company is paying the bill."

Coulston talked about the plight of a friend she referred to only as Jeremy. She said he was in an accident in 2010 and didn't have the same benefit of Michigan's no-fault insurance

with unlimited medical coverage.

His insurance money ran out fast, his parents had to take him in and the exorbitant costs were ruining his family's finances.

Plaintiff attorney Ven Johnson the same fate would happen to accident victims in Michigan if the proposed changes become law.

"If Erica's accident had happened a day after this bill went into effect," Johnson said, "they would find a doctor to say her treatment isn't necessary."

The bill in question is still in committee in the Legislature and is losing support, even among some key Republicans in Oakland County.

Pete Kuhnmunech, executive director of the Insurance Institute of Michigan, explained why reform is necessary: "We are trying to address a growing problem before it becomes a major issue. Detroit's bankruptcy happened because people kept kicking the can down the road ... we

can agree auto insurance rates are too high ... we can't close our eyes to it."

He said 20 percent of motorists drive around without insurance because they can't afford it.

"No-fault is the right system, but we have to be responsible for how we pay for it and how we structure it. ... Let's sit down and try to negotiate. If we do nothing, no one will be able to afford the system we have today," Kuhnmunech said.

After more than two hours of heated debate in which both sides rarely agreed, Melvin "Butch" Hollowell, NAACP general counsel, said one thing is certain.

"It's not like accidents won't still happen," he said. "They will, but once the \$1 million cap is reached and the victim is broke, the costs will be switched over to the Medicare system."

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# Student shows there's life after diabetes diagnosis

**By Julie Brown**  
Staff Writer

Jeff Hewlett, 19, of Novi was diagnosed at age 4 with Type 1 diabetes.

"It was certainly a shock at first," recalled Hewlett, now a sophomore at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and a Northville High School graduate. "It certainly never slowed down anything I did."

He grew up with brother Joey, 17, a Northville High senior, with parents Rich and the late Chris Hewlett. Chris died in 2012 following a lengthy battle with ovarian cancer.

The family decided in the late 1990s when Jeff was diagnosed to do fundraising for JDRF (formerly the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation). This year's golf outing, their fifth, raised some \$65,000, with a total of over \$280,000 raised by the outings.

The family's in the "Noville" area where people have a Novi address but children and teens attend Northville schools. "At that time, we didn't have much experience with Type 1," dad Rich recalled of their son's diagnosis.

They got involved with Jackson, Mich., friends in the JDRF Western Michigan Chapter, with a walk that included former University of Michigan football coaches Bo Schembechler and Lloyd Carr. Rich Hewlett played under Schembechler 1979-83.

They later put together their own team for an



University of Michigan football coach Brady Hoke (left) introduces Rich and Jeff Hewlett during a fundraiser.

Ann Arbor fundraiser, rapidly becoming the top team. In 2006-07, they were asked about hosting an event for the U-M Comprehensive Diabetes Center, where Jeff gets his care.

"There was a real interest in getting those two organizations more closely aligned," said Hewlett, an attorney with the Grand Rapids-based Varnum law firm. Varnum has been the presenting sponsor for

their golf outing the last three times.

The family appreciates support of the Northville-Novu community. Rich serves on the JDRF board for southeast Michigan. They transferred Jeff's care to U-M in adult endocrinology, and the younger Hewlett is in an upcoming clinical trial there.

The study is funded by the JDRF and led by Dr. Massimo Pietropaolo, M.D., of U-M. Dr. Max,

as he's called, is studying the pancreas in those with long-term diabetes, seeing if it can be stimulated to produce insulin and cut down on injections.

"I've always been comfortable with the injections," said Jeff Hewlett, who generally gives himself four a day. He also checks his blood sugar with a finger prick.

"It's just something that has been an added

aspect of my life," said Hewlett, who played high school football and basketball. "It hasn't really changed anything for me."

He volunteered a couple summers back at U-M and now works in a renal pathology lab there, a job he'll continue part time when school resumes.

Jeff is taking mostly U-M prerequisites now, not yet decided on a major.

"It's something we are very personally vested in," he said, with his father agreeing they like reaching out to others who don't have their resources.

The Hewletts have a website,

www.swingtocure diabetes.org, on their efforts. They also recommend the JDRF's, www.jdrf.org, especially for those newly diagnosed.

"We do feel blessed," Rich Hewlett said.

"We are in a situation where we can hopefully show there are ways to live with it. Jeff's always been a great ambassador."

Their supporters include coach Brady Hoke, former coach Carr, his former teammates, Jeff's coaches and teachers, Rich's clients, friends and family.

They had to skip the golf outing one year, due to Chris' illness and the economy.

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# Fending off ‘big foot’

Randolph Street rebuild has some neighbors howling

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

From the seat of one's car, the house at 412 Randolph, which is currently under construction, looks like it will eventually be a beautiful home.

The homeowners there, Kim and Harvey Brossoit, came to Northville to raise their daughter in a community with great schools and family atmosphere.

However, for one neighbor, the home's construction has been an issue of concern. Specifically, that it's too big for its lot and is a "big foot" home.

This debate, whether or not a home is too big for its lot, has been going on for at least a decade in Northville and other neighboring towns.

Neighbor Maureen Hayes, whose home sits to the west of the Brossoit home, believes it's a big foot, while the architect for 412 Randolph, Greg Presley, and homeowner Kim Brossoit disagree.

**‘Big foot’ homes**

For both sides, the size of the lot makes this an unusual case. The lot is 44 feet wide and the home, which is now partly built, is at least 29 feet wide.

"It may end up being a beautiful home, but it's not on an appropriate size lot," Hayes said.

Presley, on the other hand, said they could have actually gone bigger. He said that particular lot is narrow and required variances to be explored in order to help make it a pretty home that fits in with the neighborhood. He said they could have designed it to fit 35 percent of the lot, which he said was permitted, but instead has it at 27 percent.

"As far as this being a big foot home, this is not one," he said.

Brossoit said it's misnomer to call it a big foot home because the square footage is still under the allowed lot percentage.

Hayes is now in litigation against the Brossoits in Wayne County Circuit Court in an attempt to get the home within compliance.

It's this angle of big footing, among other details, that was discussed during the July meeting of the Northville Board of Zoning Appeals. It was at that meeting the owners and planners of the home asked for three variances or



Some residents near a new home at 412 Randolph have been critical of its construction and size. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

approval from the BZA of design details that did not fit into city code.

**Variances**

According to city consultant Carlisle Wortman, during construction it became evident that three elements of the project did not meet the city's zoning requirements and would need variances to move forward.

These included a 0.3-foot, east side yard variance. The new home is being constructed on the foundation of the previously existing home and the existing foundation is 7.7 feet from the east side lot line. Next, an eight-inch variance for the roof overhang on the west side of the house and a 6.6-inch variance for the roof overhang on the east side was requested and, finally, a nine-inch variance for the chimney.

The side yard setback was tabled, the eaves on both sides were granted by a 5-2 vote, while the chimney variance was not.

The Brossoits are seeking an agreement with the neighbor

to the east in order to bring the first variance into compliance. They have also rebuilt the chimney. The Historic District Commission recommended the BZA approve the eaves because it was essential to the overall look.

**Two sides**

This particular case has been basically a year in the making after its demolition and construction plans were received by the HDC, which approved them because the home replaced the old dilapidated home on the site. Formerly a 630-square-foot unoccupied home stood on the lot. In addition, the HDC thought it would be a beautiful home fitting in with the town's Victorian-era architecture.

This was one reason why the Brossoits were attracted to the plan.

"It's a great historical representation and exemplifies the look of many other homes in Northville," Brossoit said.

However, Hayes contends the home's plan changed from the time it was reviewed by

**WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

Do you think the foes of a large rebuild, or "big foot" home, on Randolph Street should stand in the way of its construction? Or should the city enforce its zoning laws and not give the homeowners the variance they need to build the home? Email your opinions to Editor Kurt Kuban at [kkuban@hometownlife.com](mailto:kkuban@hometownlife.com).

HDC to when it reached the BZA. She points to the HDC minutes as an example of this.

During conceptual discussion at an HDC meeting in June 2012, Presley said it would be 2,000 to 2,100 square feet, but as it stands now that has increased to 2,500. This was a point of contention that Hayes brought to the city's attention as the home began to take shape over the last year.

Much of the planning and design, if not all, happened before the Brossoits bought the home, which happened earlier this year. They said when they purchased it, the design had already received HDC approval.

For Hayes and some of her neighbors, another main contention point was the process of its approval. They feel as if

the problems or needs for variances were self-created and could have been avoided.

As for the Brossoits, who were represented by their attorney at the BZA meeting, they say a strict application of the zoning ordinance provisions will result in exceptionally undue hardship upon them because of the unique physical characteristics, or other extraordinary or exceptional conditions, of the property.

They expect to fix any remaining concerns or issues, so they can move on with their new life in Northville.

It's expected the BZA will soon get an update on the status of the first variance request in the coming months.

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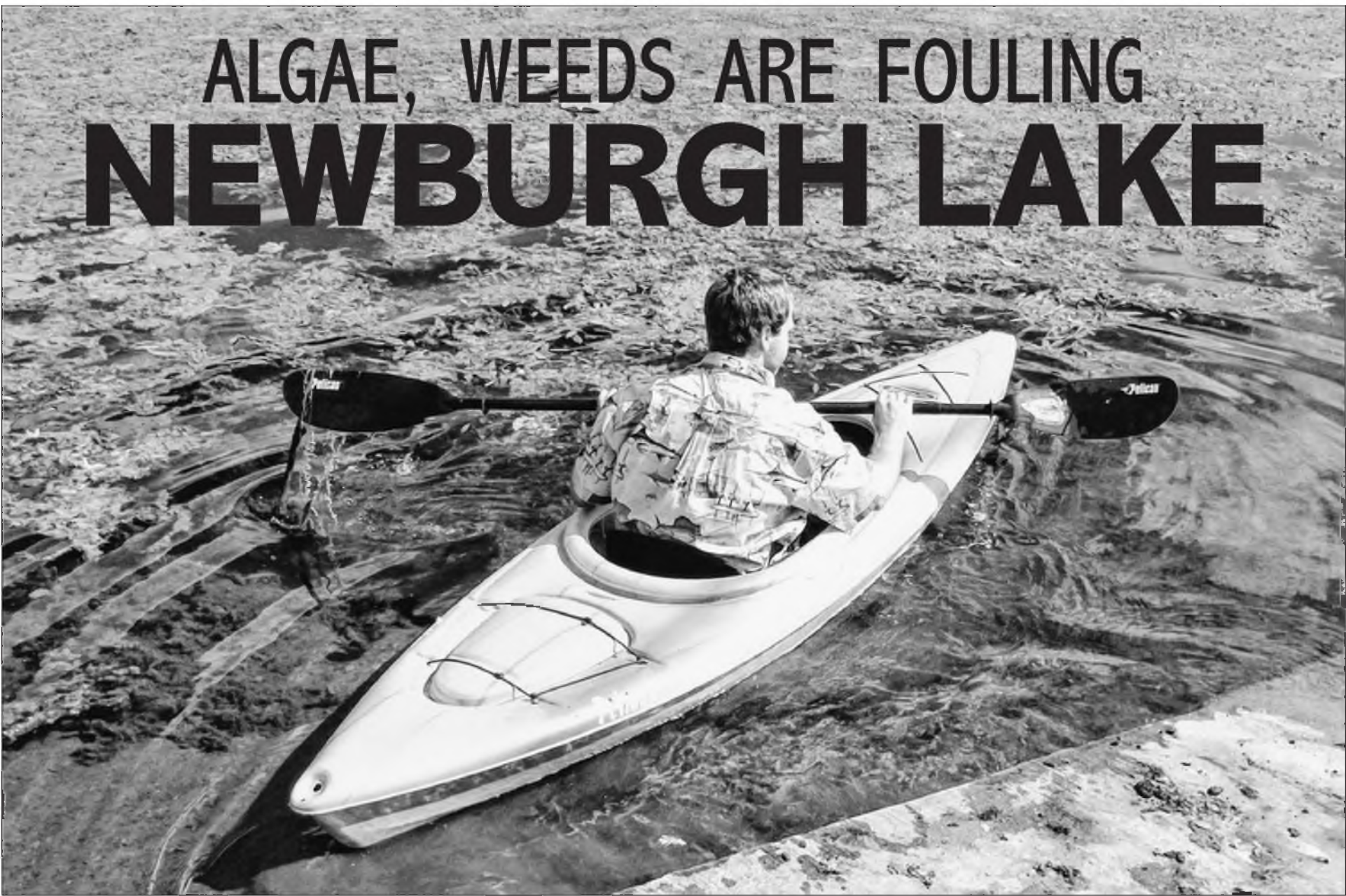
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A kayaker pushes off into Newburgh Lake's weedy, mucky mess July 25. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Friends of the Rouge member Mike Darga, right, takes a group of interested neighbors on a tour of Newburgh Lake on July 25. Darga is looking to improve conditions on the lake, which lies along Hines Drive - and is part of the Rouge River system.

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It's been about 15 years since Wayne County completed a nearly \$12 million restoration of Newburgh Lake, which for decades was one of the crown jewels of the Wayne County Parks system. The project, paid for through a federal grant and completed in 1998, was an attempt to resurrect the once-popular destination for fishing and boating.

Yet, today, the lake is not safe to swim in and probably never will be. Canoeists and kayakers use the lake but have a difficult time plying its waters due to excessive amounts of algae growth and invasive Eurasian watermilfoil, which found its way into the lake about 10 years ago and has now spread throughout most of the western portion of the lake. As a result, there is a large green mat covering a lot of the lake's surface, which harms the aesthetic value of the park.

County officials know what is causing the problems, but are trying to figure out what they can do to mitigate them. The algae growth is largely a result of storm water runoff after rain events that carries sediment loads and lawn fertilizers from upstream areas into the lake. The Eurasian watermilfoil is a separate issue and certainly not unique to Newburgh Lake. Once in a lake, it is very difficult to control.

Still, despite these challenges, county officials say the lake is still safe for fishing and boating, and remains a great recreational resource for those who live and work in Wayne County.

"Newburgh Lake is a wonderful amenity for our Wayne County residents," said Kelly Cave, director of Water Quality Management Division for the Wayne County Department of Public Services. "We have many, many species of fish. And the lake is home to many birds, salamanders, right down to the bugs and aquatic insects. It is a success story."

**The cleanup**

At the time of the restoration project, the 145-acre lake was basically on life support. As population and industry began moving into the western suburbs, Newburgh Lake, created in the 1930s by damming up the Rouge River, became plagued by pollution fed to it by the river upstream. The lake bottom was contaminated by large amounts of toxic PCBs, creating a dangerous public nuisance. Fish surveys in the late 1980s indicated high concentrations of these PCBs in the lake's fish.

More than 400,000 cubic yards of sediments, containing 3,400 pounds of PCBs, along with 28,000 pounds of contaminated fish were removed from the lake. Fish and wildlife habitat were also created. The lake was stocked with many species of fish, including those desired by anglers like bluegill, catfish, northern pike, bass, walleye and perch. The project was declared a success.

Many of the issues that once plagued the river — industrial run-off and sanitary overflows — have been eliminated and are no longer the issue, according to Mike Darga, who serves as president of Friends of the Rouge, an organization that has spearheaded efforts to clean up the Rouge River for decades.

"The fish are safer to eat. It's safer for residents to use.

Sanitary outflows have been eliminated," said Darga, a Northville resident.

About two weeks ago, Darga guided a tour around Newburgh Lake that was attended by about a dozen people. He talked about the lake's storied history, which includes figures like Henry Ford, who built a dam on the lake for his village industries. Of course, the industrialization ultimately had a negative impact on the lake and the Rouge River as a whole.

**Measured improvements**

Kelly Cave first came to Michigan in 1993 when she was with a consulting firm working on the Rouge River restoration plan. Soon thereafter she hired on with the county and has seen firsthand the improvements to the Rouge River, along with Newburgh Lake. The county and state have been monitoring water quality in the lake and Rouge River for years, and there has been major improvements in water quality, including higher dissolved oxygen levels and much lower E.coli bacteria counts caused by sanitary overflows.

"Just like the rest of the Rouge

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# Rain garden workshop aims to stop pollution

By Kurt Kuban  
Staff Writer

You might say the headwaters of the Rouge River and all its tributaries really begin on streets, parking lots, driveways and lawns. The water that flushes down storm drains after every rain event finds its way into local creeks and streams, and ultimately into the Rouge River and the Detroit further down stream. That storm water – laced with the fertilizers, car fluids, pet waste, and everything else it picks up – is the main source of pollution that impacts the Rouge watershed, which stretches from Wayne and Canton all the way up to Birmingham and Rochester.

More than 1.5 million people in 47 different communities live in the Rouge watershed, making it one of the most urbanized river systems in the Midwest. That is why it is so important for homeowners and businesses to take steps to reduce this storm water pollution. A growing trend, and one of the most effective methods to do this is the construction of rain gardens. They are generally built in wet areas, so they can capture and naturally filter rain water through the ground rather than having it go into a storm drain. Most rain gardens also include native Michigan plants that also do a better job than turf grass at filtering storm water.

Friends of the Rouge, an organization dedicated to restoring the river, is inviting home and business owners interested in installing a rain garden to a workshop on Aug. 20 at Northville Township Hall. The group will describe how rain gardens help protect water quality in local

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*“The more rain gardens we can get on the ground in the watershed, the more we can reduce flooding and stream bank erosion.”*

**CYNDI ROSS** the river restoration program manager for Friends of the Rouge

rivers and how people can create a rain garden of their own.

According to Cyndi Ross, the river restoration program manager for Friends of the Rouge, retaining rain water where it falls helps reduce surges in stream flow during rainy weather, which reduces streambank erosion and sediment from washing into the stream. That preserves fish and other aquatic life.

“Rain gardens are a low cost, effective way to deal with one of the leading problems in the Rouge River today – the problem of too much rain water rushing from parking lots, roads and subdivisions through storm sewers directly to the river every time it rains,” Ross said.

Ross said people will learn how to select the best spot for rain gardens, how to choose the appropriate size, and where to get native Michigan plants and what kind to install.

Ross said rain gardens

are becoming more popular as people realize how much of an impact storm water does have on the Rouge.

“The more rain gardens we can get on the ground in the watershed, the more we can reduce flooding and stream bank erosion,” Ross said.

A good example of a successful rain garden is at Northville Township’s fire station on Six Mile. The township built the rain garden as its Rouge Rescue project this year. It was built in an area that had poor drainage. Ross said the project “turned out really good” and is a good example for Northville residents because of the fact that Johnson Creek – one of the only streams in the watershed that is clean and cold enough for trout – runs through the community. However, she said anyone living in any watershed would benefit from the workshop.

“We really see in the Rouge River how storm water can be a problem,” Ross said.

For more information about the workshop or about rain gardens, visit the Friends of the Rouge website at [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org) or <http://therouge.org/index.php?id=696099>. Funding for the workshop is provided by the Michigan Association of Environmental Professionals.

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A rain garden – with many native plants and flowers – was constructed earlier this year the Northville Township Fire Station on Six Mile. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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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.

**Theater auditions**

The Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville will be holding auditions for its upcoming production of "Pinky the Flying Ghost" for children 8-15 years old. The auditions will take place at 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 25 at the theater.

Those auditioning will be asked to sing "Do-Re-Mi" from the Sound of Music (accompanist will be provided), and read a poem or a monologue no longer than 90 seconds (it does not have to be memorized).

There are no auditions fees. For more information, call 248-349-8110 or visit northvillemarquistheatre.com.

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**Back to school drive**

The Eagles #2504, located at 113 S. Center St. in Northville, is hosting its Back to School Drive on Aug. 17.

There will be a mosaic dinner for \$5 between 5-7 p.m. In addition, there will be entertainment by Brian Bosman Extraordinaire beginning at 8 p.m.

All attendees are asked to bring a school supply donation (book bags, black, and blue pens, #2 pencils, notebooks, washable marker sets, pocket folders, three-ring binders, protractors, compass, pencil sharpeners, colored pencils, 64-set crayons, pencil pouches and boxes, erasers, wide-ruled loose leaf paper, college-ruled loose leaf paper, glue sticks, highlighters, calculators, dictionary with thesaurus, flash drives, scissors, and black/white composition books).

There will be \$5 basket raffle, and all attendees will receive a \$2 drink ticket with a donation from the school supply list.

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**Emergency food**

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mances are \$9 each. Concessions will be available. Group rates and reserved seating for groups of 20 or more available.

Special weekday school performance dates and rates also available. Birthday parties and Scout days available. No children under the age of three.

The Marquis Theatre is at 135 E. Main, in downtown Northville. For more information, call 248-349-8110 or visit [www.northvillemarquistheatre.com](http://www.northvillemarquistheatre.com).

**Blood drives**

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

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

First United Methodist Church, 7 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 18, 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville. Donors can contact

Diane at 313-549-7052 or [Diane.Risko@red-cross.org](mailto:Diane.Risko@red-cross.org) to set up an appointment.

Remember, the need for blood increases during the summer. All blood types are needed, but type O negative and B negative are in high demand.

**Robotics meeting**

The NBOT Novi Robotics Booster is having a Novi Robotics "Team Up" meeting from 7-8:30 p.m. Aug. 15 at Novi Civic Center.

The purpose of the meeting is to inform parents and kids on how to start a team, become part of a team, learn what the robotics programs are about, information on grants and more.

Last year the meeting was slated at the Novi Public Library and more than 200 parents and kids attended.

A new venue was reserved this year to accommodate the expected crowds.

Last year, local teams made it to world competition in St. Louis in April.

If you can't make the meeting, email [novirobotics@gmail.com](mailto:novirobotics@gmail.com) for information.

**'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 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. to 4 p.m.



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One of the most popular segments of India Day was the performance stage featuring traditional Indian dances, here performed by a group of youths.

# India's celebrates Independence Day

Thousands gather in Novi to commemorate country's birthday

By Cal Stone  
Staff Writer

Novi hosted India Day 2013, an all-day event Saturday celebrating India's 65th Independence Day. Held at the Suburban Collection Showplace, the event highlighted rich dance forms, arts and crafts, colorful clothing and jewelry and Indian cuisine.

"This is by far the only mega-event attracting tens of thousands of Indians and Americans," said Ramesh Gudapuri, chair of India Day 2013. "Organizing an event of this magnitude is a huge task for me and all the other volunteers. However, we are able to pull it off successfully simply because of the tremendous support and hard work put in by the countless number of volunteers that you see all around here. ... This is a mini-India in Michigan!"

Gudapuri said the independence is a "golden moment" in history because of its unique non-violent approach.

"It is also a salute to



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our great leaders for their many sacrifices in the freedom struggle," he said. "Today, while we have integrated ourselves into the American mainstream quite efficiently, we cannot afford to forget our roots and heritage. India's rich culture and noble traditions have been our trademark and we are still a large, compassionate family."

The country is the seventh largest by area, second largest by population at 1.2 billion and most populous democracy in the world. India got its independence from

the British on Aug. 15, 1947.

"Many of us Indians, who migrated to the U.S. and have adopted this country as ours, should feel quite at home in America," said Yash Pal Lakra, president of the India League of America, which is celebrating its 35th year. "Modern India's constitution is based on the Bill of Rights enshrined in the Constitution of the U.S. We are fortunate that we are the inheritors of most valued principles of equality, secularism and freedom of India."

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## Beautification commission looking for members

The Northville Township Beautification Commission is looking for individuals with that proverbial “green thumb.” Members of the commission are all volunteers that work to enhance the appearance of the community.

The commission currently has several initiatives that it promotes:

- » The commission annually recognizes and gives awards to businesses which beautify their property.
- » It supports the environment through the annual free seedling giveaway at Township Hall in April.
- » It provides a secure means of disposing identity-sensitive documents for residents at the annual Shred-It Event. Each year, tons of documents are shredded. These materials were recycled, thereby easing the strain on landfills.
- » The commission planned and maintains the Friendship Garden at Northville Township Hall, at Six Mile and Sheldon. It created and maintains a brick recognition patio within the Friendship Garden, providing a means by which people can recognize life achievements and commemorate the memories of loved ones.

The commission is always looking for residents who may be interested in joining, or who would simply like to help out on any of these projects. If you would like more information, contact Commission Chair Marie Barr c/o Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville Township 48168.

## Beautification commission recognizes Asher’s



Northville Beautification Committee member Karin Amrein (far left) and Northville Township Beautification Committee member Jim Morche (third from left) congratulate Northville's Asher's Citgo station on Seven Mile and Rogers for winning this year's award for a business that contributes to an eye-pleasing appearance. Asher's won this award last year as well. Employees include Jeff Herren (second from left) then Chris Bennett, Austin Pickard, Jessica Kerry, and Janine and Rick Asher. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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## A little summer reading



Brandon Stalsbuerg, 7, tucks into a book during an Aug. 7 visit to the Northville District Library. Though it's almost time to go back to school, well, in another month, kids like Brandon can still take advantage of the library's summer reading program and earn rewards for books they check out and enjoy. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Community Reads program coming to five local libraries

The Neighborhood Library Association announced its fourth annual Community Reads book selection. *Detroit City Is the Place to Be: The Afterlife of an American Metropolis* by Mark Binelli, is a compelling biography of a city as well as a profound commentary on postindustrial America. Binelli was born and raised in the Detroit area and is a contributing editor for *Rolling Stone*. "We are very excited about this year's selection, which we feel is particularly timely given the city's historic bankruptcy filing," said Julie Farkas, Novi Public Library director. "In light of all the national and

international news swirling around about Detroit, this book should prove to be a very thought-provoking read and an intriguing book discussion." *Detroit City Is the Place To Be* is a nuanced portrait of a once-great American industrial city that fell into decay decades ago, but which recently is experiencing a ray of hope despite the current financial situation. Binelli provides an easily-read tour through Detroit, from Henry Ford's auto and steel boom and the race riots of the 1960s and early '70s, to the dark ages of widespread crack addiction and the current resurgence led by en-

terprising idealists, urban farmers and do-it-yourself go-getters. Five neighboring libraries are hosting book discussions and programs related to the book, culminating in a visit by the author Nov. 14 at Novi Public Library. The goal of the NLA's Community Reads is to bring communities together to read and discuss the same book. The NLA is composed of Lyon Township Public Library, Northville District Library, Novi Public Library, Salem-South Lyon District Library and Wixom Public Library. Copies of the book are now available for checkout at each library.

Book discussions and related programs begin Sept. 4. "I like Mark Binelli's book a lot," author Elmore Leonard said. "He covers the shrinking of Detroit, its downfall from the lofty peak as Arsenal of Democracy, with clear, expository prose and no ax to grind. A firefighter asks the author, 'You going fiction or nonfiction?' Binelli answers, 'Non.' And the reply comes back, 'No one's going to believe it.'" Binelli will be available for a meet-the-author event at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at the Novi Public Library. Call to register at 248-349-0720.

## Shooting for a record

### Diaper drive aims to shatter donation mark

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

With a lack of diapers playing a role in keeping poor children out of day-care, mothers off the job trail and lonely seniors shut in their homes, Marybeth Levine understands the economic and emotional toll. That's why Levine, a Canton mother of three and founder of the non-profit Detroit Area Diaper Bank, hopes to collect a record-shattering 250,000 disposable diapers by Thanksgiving to help over 50 partner agencies across metro Detroit. Levine and her helpers collected just over 200,000 disposable diapers last fall, but she set a higher goal for her fifth campaign as she fills a need not covered by government food-assistance programs and Medicare. "We felt like 250,000 diapers would be a good challenge," Levine said. "That will help us get a little further into the winter." Carol Smith, a volunteer at the Wayne-based St. Mary's Community Outreach Center, said it has received thousands

of diapers for children and adults across western Wayne County who come to the agency for food, clothing and household goods. "We would not be able to provide diapers without the help," Smith said. "We have families with children and adults who need incontinence products. What Marybeth does is just unbelievable. It's out of the goodness of her heart, and it takes a lot of her time." A new study published in the journal *Pediatrics* found that one in three mothers reported a need for disposable diapers for their children. Nearly 10 percent admitted they had left a wet diaper on a child as they tried to make their supply last longer, raising concerns about hygiene and health problems. Studies have indicated diapers, costly even when they're on sale, have become a major source of stress for parents. The report in *Pediatrics* found that "an adequate supply of diapers may prove a tangible way of reducing parenting stress, a critical factor influencing child health and development." Levine has drawn

criticism from some who say parents should use cloth diapers. Yet she said many people don't have laundry facilities at home or they are worried they can't pay water and other utility bills — if they even have detergent. "Can a mom who works two or three jobs just to make ends meet get on a bus and go to a laundromat that might not let them wash dirty diapers for health and sanitation reasons?" Levine said. Levine has compiled some revealing statistics: » An average infant can use up to 12 diapers per day, a toddler up to eight. But in low-income homes, a baby may be in a single diaper all day or longer, increasing the risk of health problems and abuse. » The number of Michigan residents living on food-stamp programs rose 60 percent between 2007 and 2009 — but programs don't pay for diapers. » Most daycare centers require parents to bring disposable diapers with their children, meaning parents who can't afford them often can't go to work or school — a scenario Levine said continues poverty. » A healthy change of diapers at many retail prices can cost \$100 or

more a month. Anyone who wants to donate diapers or money can visit [detroitareadiaperbank.org](http://detroitareadiaperbank.org) to find dropoff locations and other information. The site has contact information for businesses and other organizations that want to start a diaper drive. "We have bins we can give them to collect the diapers," Levine said. "We have fliers we can give them." One of the diaper bank's biggest supporters has been the Canton Public Library, which is hosting another Stuff the Truck campaign 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 20-21. The truck is loaned by Fat Chef in a Little Coat. Last year, Stuff the Truck brought in 38,000 diapers. "We're going to try to beat that," Levine said.



The Detroit Area Diaper Bank benefits from donations like this one from Ford, which volunteers Lisa Jacobi, Dave VanHoet, Vince Amore and Diaper Bank volunteer Bruce Will helped unload last year. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Marybeth Levine hopes to get a record-shattering total of 250,000 diapers donated to the Detroit Area Diaper Bank, which the Canton woman runs, by Thanksgiving.



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This project includes milling, resurfacing and improvements to South Ely Street and Ely Court.

Bidding Documents may be examined at the City Clerk's Office, City of Northville, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167. Electronic and paper copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained by contacting the office of the Engineer, Zeimet Wozniak & Associates, 55800 Grand River, Suite 100, New Hudson, Michigan starting on August 14, 2013. A \$35 non-refundable deposit will be charged for paper copies. An additional, non-refundable charge of \$15 will be required for mailing Bidding Documents.

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**Time/Dates:** 7 p.m. Mondays

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## CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

**Location:** 24505 Meadowbrook Road  
**Contact:** 248-349-8847 or visit [hollyfamilynovi.org](http://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)  
**Holy days:** 9 a.m., 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.  
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## CROSSPOINTE MEADOWS CHURCH

**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](http://www.crosspointemeadows.org).  
**Sunday worship:** 11:15 a.m.  
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## DESTINY WORSHIP CENTER

**Location:** Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile, Northville  
**Contact:** DestinyW3C@gmail.com or visit [www.DW3C.org](http://www.DW3C.org).

## EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Location:** 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia  
**Web:** [www.emmanuel-livonia.org](http://www.emmanuel-livonia.org)  
**Contact:** 248-442-8822  
**Sunday worship:** 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.  
**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  
**Youth group:** 7:45-9 p.m. Tuesdays

## FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Location:** 44400 W. 10 Mile  
**Contact:** 248-349-2345 or visit [www.faithcommunity-novi.org](http://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.  
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**Location:** 45301 W. 11 Mile  
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**Family Bible Hour:** 9:45 a.m.  
**Family Worship:** 11 a.m.  
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**Location:** 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile  
**Contact:** 248-348-7600 or visit [dfcnazarene.org](http://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

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**Wednesday schedule:** 6:30 p.m. Bible Study  
**Thursday schedule:** 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group and Bible Study

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE

**Location:** 200 E. Main  
**Contact:** 248-349-0911 or visit [www.fpcnorthville.org](http://www.fpcnorthville.org)  
**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.

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**Location:** 205 E. Lake Street (corner of Wells and 10 Mile), South Lyon  
**Contact:** 248-437-2875

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE

**Location:** 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville  
**Contact:** 248-349-1144 or [www.fumcnorthville.org](http://www.fumcnorthville.org)  
**Summer Sunday Worship (Memorial Day-Labor Day):** 8:30 and 10 a.m.  
**Summer Sunday School (Memorial Day-Labor Day):** 8:30 a.m. - Nursery; 10 a.m. - Nursery - sixth grade  
**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

## GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Location:** 41415 Nine Mile, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi  
**Contact:** 248-349-0565  
**Sundays:** 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship

## HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Location:** 40700 W. 10 Mile  
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## MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

**Location:** 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile  
**Contact:** the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister, 248-348-7757, visit [mbccc.org](http://mbccc.org) or e-mail to [office@mbccc.org](mailto:office@mbccc.org).  
**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.  
**Church 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 multipurpose 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.

## NOVI-NORTHVILLE CENTER FOR JEWISH LIFE

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**Contact:** Rabbi Avrohom & Leah Susskind at 248-790-6075 or [rabbino@novijewishcenter.com](mailto:rabbino@novijewishcenter.com); [www.novijewishcenter.com](http://www.novijewishcenter.com)

## NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Location:** 41671 W. 10 Mile  
**Contact:** 248-349-2652 or visit [umcnovi.com](http://umcnovi.com)

**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

**Peace Vigil:** noon, first Sunday of every month in front of the church. Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

## OAK POINTE CHURCH

**Location:** 50200 W. 10 Mile, Novi

**Contact:** 248-912-0043 or visit [oakpointe.org](http://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

**Details:** Overseen by TrueNorth Christian Counseling, offering a variety of support and relational groups: Divorce Care; Grief Share; Life Disrupted (Doing Well At Being Sick); Restarting; Setting Boundaries with Teen & Adult Children; Single and Single Again; Men's Integrity; Cross Current; Her Story-Partner Care; Growing Seasons (for children); and two new groups are Caretakers and Knitted Together (Adoption/Foster Care) Workshops.

**Contact:** 248-912-0043; [www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups/renew/index.html](http://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.

## ORCHARD GROVE COMMUNITY CHURCH

**Location:** 850 Ladd Road, Building C, Walled Lake  
**Web:** [www.orchardgrove.org](http://www.orchardgrove.org)  
**Contact:** Amanda Rehm at 248-926-6584 or [aman-da.rehm@orchardgrove.org](mailto:aman-da.rehm@orchardgrove.org).

## OUR SAVIOUR APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Location:** 54899 Eight Mile, Northville

## ORCHARD GROVE COMMUNITY CHURCH

**Location:** 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake  
**Contact:** 248-926-6584; [www.orchardgrove.org](http://www.orchardgrove.org)

## ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

**Location:** 23455 Novi Road  
**Contact:** pastor Jon Hix, 248-349-5665

**Preschool/Kids Choir:** 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday

**Details:** For ages 3-6; ongoing event; no need to preregister; all are welcome.

## OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Location:** 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township  
**Contact:** 734-453-0326, Ext. 221

## OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Location:** 770 Thayer, Northville  
**Contact:** 248-349-2621 or [olv-northville.org](mailto:olv-northville.org)  
**Saturday Worship:** 5 p.m.  
**Sunday Worship:** 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

## OUR SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**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

**Location:** 54899 Eight Mile, Northville

## PENTECOSTALS OF NOVI

**Location:** Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile  
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**BILLER, CARMELA**  
Age 89, passed away Aug. 11, 2013. Graveside service Aug. 16, Hollywood Cemetery, Union, NJ. [phillipsfuneral.com](http://phillipsfuneral.com)



**BROWN, JOHN M**  
Age 85 of Commerce Twp., passed away on August 7, 2013. He is survived by his beloved wife, Barbara and their loving children, Pamela Cotcher, Keith (Margaret), Lori Brown; grandchildren, Johnathan, Savannah, Sirena, Sandy and Keith Jr. Memorial Service arrangements will be made at a later time. In lieu of flowers, Memorials are encouraged to: [www.birdiesforthebrave.org](http://www.birdiesforthebrave.org). For further information, please contact Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, Milford, 248-684-6645 [LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://LynchFuneralDirectors.com)  
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**CARLSON, GORDON R.**  
Age 75, Aug. 8, 2013. A private family service will be held at a later date. [phillipsfuneral.com](http://phillipsfuneral.com)

**DYKAS, ROSE**  
May 7, 1915 - July 24, 2013  
[obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

**HOLLON, HAROLD**  
Age 74, died Aug. 11, 2013. Visitation Aug. 14, 3-9 p.m. Funeral Aug. 15, 11 a.m. Phillips Funeral Home. [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



**MARBLE, GLENN R.**  
Age 73, born on March 13, 1940 in White Lake, Michigan, passed on August 10, 2013 in Detroit, Michigan. Beloved husband of Janet L. Marble for 12 years and preceded in death by his first wife Susan P. Marble; Loving father of Richard (Victoria) Marble, Robert (Christina) Marble, Bonnie (Ron) Osborne, Matthew (Paula) Peters, Grace Carter, Benjamin Peters, and Adam (Shanon) Peters; Cherished grandfather of 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; Brother of Lynn Robert (Andrea) Marble, Norma Jean (Gary) Melton; Dear brother-in-law of Sharon Marble; Glenn will be missed by many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; Glenn retired from Ford Motor Company after 35 years and became a farmer during his retirement. He also enjoyed traveling and was an avid pilot. Funeral Service will be on Friday August 16, 2013 at 11 AM with a gathering beginning at 10:00 am, at the Highland Chapel of the Elton Black & Son Funeral Home 3295 East Highland Road Highland, Michigan 48386. Visitation will be on Wednesday August 14, 2013 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm and on Thursday August 15, 2013 from 1:00 - 8:00 pm. Memorials are appreciated to the White Lake Library and Be the match Foundation.  
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**MARCINIAK, BARBARA JOAN**  
Age 69, of Milford, passed away on August 9, 2013. Survived by her beloved husband, Ken Marciniak and their children, Dan (Glenna), Holly Montes; grandchildren, Charlie, Austin, Madison and Anthony; sister, Marilyn (Larry) Rapes; nieces, Debbie (Mike) Maveety, Kathy (Jerry) Hall; sister-in-law, Leslie (Burt) Job. Also survived by her extended family members, many dear friends and her Parish family at St. Mary Catholic Church in Milford where she worked as Secretary for many years. A Funeral Liturgy was held at St. Mary Catholic Church, Milford, Wednesday, August 14. Burial followed at St. Mary's Cemetery. For further information please contact Lynch & Sons Funeral Home 248-684-6645 [LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://LynchFuneralDirectors.com)  
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**MELVEDT, MABEL**  
103, of Coldwater, formerly of South Lyon, passed away on August 4, 2013. A memorial luncheon will be held on Sunday, August 25, 2013 at 12:30 PM at the Coldwater Township Hall, 319 Sprague Road, Coldwater. Arrangements are being cared for by Dutcher Funeral Home in Coldwater. Mabel was born in Edmore, North Dakota, on April 25, 1910 to Jim and Ethel Gjesdal. At the age of 18, she began a teaching career that would span six decades. While working at Yellowstone National Park in the summer of 1932. She met her future husband, Edward Melvedt. They played bridge and went to dances, activities they would continue to enjoy throughout their long marriage. Edward and Mabel were married in Denver, Colorado, on December 24, 1934. Carolyn Kay was born in 1940 in Spokane, Washington and Janna Dee, was born in 1947 in Detroit. In 1979, Mabel and Edward retired to Centennial Farms in South Lyon to be near Carolyn and her family. She is survived by her daughters Carolyn (Jerry) Duncan of Quincy, Janna Gjesdal (Jonathan Bixby) of Jackson Heights, NY, her grandsons Richard Scott Duncan of Crown Point, Indiana, Jamie (Laura) Duncan of Winnipeg, Canada, her granddaughter Cassandra Ritas (Josh Rooke-Ley) of Jackson Heights, NY, and 7 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Edward, and her sister Vivian Johnson. Memorial contributions may be made to Maple Lawn Medical Care Facility or The American Diabetes Association. [www.dutcherflh.com](http://www.dutcherflh.com)

**MITCHELL, NANCY**  
May 1, 1927 - July 29, 2013  
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**PANACKIA, VIRGINIA**  
October 20, 1922 - July 31, 2013  
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**OBERTI, WILLIAM "BILL" JOSEPH**  
85, died, August 7, 2013. Born in Haverhill, Massachusetts on October 21, 1927, Bill was the son of the late Frank A. and Margherita M. (Gastaldi) Oberti. Bill graduated from Haverhill High School in the class of 1945. Bill then served his country honorably in the U.S. Navy, and, when his active service was complete, he moved back to Haverhill, and continued to serve in the U.S. Naval Reserves. Bill attended the Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston, Massachusetts, and obtained an Associates Degree in Building Construction in 1948. Bill also courted, and, on June 3, 1956, married, the love of his life, Lenora "Lee" Oberti. After their wedding, the two of them moved to Michigan to start a family. Over the following years, Bill and Lee built a family of three children, all of whom survive him: Pamela (Michael) Husson of Canton, Michigan, Mark (Gracie) Oberti, of Houston, Texas, and Lawrence Oberti of Wilmington, North Carolina. As a homebuilder, Bill also personally built and sold many homes in New Hudson, where happy families are living to this day. Bill also generously volunteered his time and expertise to the Lyon Township Fire Department as a volunteer fireman, and served as the township's Building Inspector. In addition to his three children, Bill is survived by four grandchildren, Xavier, Melisa, Dante, and Camille Oberti, of Houston, Texas. Bill's beloved wife of 51 years, Lee, passed away in 2008, and Bill was also predeceased by his brothers, Louis J. Oberti and Frank A. Oberti, and his sister, Margaret M. Masera. Bill's burial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 17, at the New Hudson Cemetery, located on Milford Road in Lyon Township, Oakland County, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to Angela Hospice, 1400 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, Michigan 48154.  
Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

**SHARPE, MALCOLM ANTHONY**  
Age 73, of South Lyon, passed away Friday, August 9, 2013. He is survived by his loving wife, Margaret of 48 years; their children, Leah (Tom) Hogsed, James (Tara) Sharpe; and two grandchildren, Tyler and Alexis. He is also survived by his sister, Veronica (Terry) Smith. Malcolm was preceded in death by his parents, Jack & Hilda Sharpe and his son Noel Anthony Sharpe. Malcolm was born in Nuneaton, Warwickshire, England and retired from Ford Motor Company after 34 years as an engineer. He will be remembered for his love of music, woodworking, trains, and RC aeroplanes. Those who knew him best will remember him for his sense of humor, energetic personality and sharp mind. The family received friends on Monday, August 12 from 4:00pm-9:00pm with Rosary prayed at 7:00pm at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral Mass to celebrate his life was held on Tuesday, August 13 at 11:00am at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Donations may be made to the Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott St., Detroit, MI 48207.  
Online guestbook at [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)


**SMITH, GLORIA**  
May 23, 1931 - July 25, 2013  
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NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

**Urinating in public**

A Northville Township police officer was driving northbound on Hines Drive near Six Mile when he reportedly spotted a man standing in some tall weeds looking suspicious, walking with his hands down around his waist.

The man was ultimately ticketed for urinating in public.

After noticing the 27-year-old man, the officer stopped and got out of his squad car.

As he did, the man's female companion yelled "hey" to get his attention. According to the police report, the man then turned towards the offi-

cer and zipped up his pants.

The man produced an Illinois driver's license, but told the officer he was currently staying in a local hotel after having recently returned from Germany.

When asked what he was doing, the man reportedly told the officer, "I had to go to the bathroom."

When he was told that was illegal to do it in view of the public, the man allegedly said he was in the woods.

He was ticketed for urinating in public, which is a misdemeanor crime.

He is expected in 35th District Court on Aug. 28.

**Car break-ins**

A Northville woman had her car broken into while watching a game at Ford Field.

On Aug. 9, the woman told Northville City Police that she went back to her car and found the passenger side window broken.

She then discovered her hand purse with \$200 cash inside had been stolen as well as an iPad mini.

There were no witnesses.

A similar incident occurred at Planet Fitness on Aug. 9 as well. However, nothing was taken in this case.

A Northville woman

told police she parked the vehicle at the location and worked out. Afterward she found a rear window had been shattered.

The car was locked and an iPad inside the center console was not touched.

There were no signs as to who or what was used to do this.

**Marijuana possession**

Two Novi teenagers were cited for marijuana possession and paraphernalia in the city.

On Aug. 9, Northville City Police were patrolling and found a car with five subjects inside parked at the building at 777 E. Baseline Road. Police noted this has been a place in the past for trespassing and conducting drug use. The occupants said there was nothing illegal inside and consented to a search. The police immediately discovered a bong and other marijuana paraphernalia inside the vehicle upon searching it.

A 19-year-old Novi man and 18-year-old Novi woman were cited.

**Warrant arrest**

The Northville City Police nabbed a 25-year-old Livonia woman for an outstanding warrant for felony probation violation.

The police stopped the vehicle she was in for making an illegal right hand turn at Center and Main streets. She admitted to having three warrants out on her. The driver was released at the scene.

**Mailboxes damaged**

Northville Township Police took reports on two more damaged mailbox incidents. Both cases occurred Aug. 7. One of the incidents took place in the 16400 block of Old Bedford Road and the other in the 42200 block of Ladywood Drive.

In both cases, police believe a baseball bat or something similar was used to destroy the mailboxes.

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## OUR VIEWS

# 50 years later, we have yet to fulfill King's dream

Later this month, the nation marks the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s *I Have a Dream* speech, a speech that is often credited with pressuring Congress into passage the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

On Aug. 28, 1963, Dr. King stood at a podium in front of the Lincoln Memorial and spoke about his dream.

The speech came at the end of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. More than 250,000 people stood before King and listened to his assessment of the status of blacks in America from the Emancipation Proclamation, issued in January 1863, to the push for civil rights 100 years later.

For King, the Emancipation Proclamation broke the shackles of slavery for millions of Negroes, but the freedom that decree supposedly brought had not materialized. One hundred years later, blacks still did not have their freedom. They remained "crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination."

His speech became known as the *I Have a Dream* speech and in the 50 years since he delivered it, it has become one of the most quoted and most read speeches of modern times. King eloquently painted a verbal picture of a life where color was absent, where all people were equal, and everyone shared in the American dream.

The civil rights movement of the 1960s succeeded in getting the federal government to do more to fight poverty and create opportunities for African Americans to get a college education. The racial equality that it brought to America was short-lived, and 50 years later, the gap between blacks and whites remains

In his speech, King said that 100 years after the Emancipation Proclamation, "the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later, the Negro is still languishing in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land."

Add on another 50 years.

As much as we would like to think that some of King's dream has come true, sadly, the color line remains. It may not be as obvious as in 1863 or even 1963, but it is still here. In a report in *Business Insider* in April 2013, two professors, John Logan and Brian Stults, identified the 21 most segregated cities in the country using 2010 U.S. Census data. The two men determined that "the average black person lives in a neighborhood that is 45 percent black. Without segregation, his neighborhood would be 13 percent black."

Of the 21 cities identified, more than half were north of the Missouri Compromise Line that divided the country prior to the Civil War. In the top 10, according to Logan and Stults, are the northern cities of Boston, New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Newark and Milwaukee. The No. 1 spot went to Detroit, where they described the inner city as "almost exclusively black."

King's dream 50 years ago was aimed at African Americans who, 100 years after being freed from slavery, were fighting for those unalienable rights spoken about in the Constitution. It is a dream we all need to embrace. The color of a person's skin should not determine whether they are a have or a have not. Nor should it limit their ability to live in a nice neighborhood, have a good education and a decent job.

In 1987, President Ronald Reagan told Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to tear down the Berlin Wall. It happened two years later. In 2013, we need to commit to tearing down the color barrier that impedes our progress as a people and as a nation. We, too, need to tear down the wall that continues to divide us. We need to walk the walk and talk the talk to secure equal rights for every American. Only then can we preach equality to the world.

Now is the time that we all need go to that mountain top. "Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood." Securing equal rights is a challenge we must face now not later. We truly can't wait another 50 years.



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stood on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial to deliver his famous speech.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

# What's the one thing you still want to do before summer ends and school starts?

This question was asked in downtown Northville and at the Novi Public Library.



"Lay in the hammock."  
**Christian Oglesby**  
Northville



"Tour the University of Georgia."  
**Emily Garchow**  
Livonia and employee of Northville Roast Coffee House



"Go Up North to Traverse City."  
**Rebecca Romero**  
Novi



"Go surfing."  
**Melanie Bunio**  
Novi



Demolition crews clean up the last vestiges of the old powerhouse on the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital grounds on Seven Mile. FRED SHADKO

## GUEST COLUMN

# Demolitions move township closer to a better tomorrow

If you've taken a drive along Beck Road near Five Mile in the last couple weeks you may have noticed something is different. In fact, there is a big difference. One of Northville Township's biggest eyesores is no more.

The only reminders of the former prison once known as the Robert Scott Correctional Facility, which housed thousands of female inmates in its lifetime, are two pole barn-like structures that are currently being used by the township for storage. The rest of the prison – the guard tower, the cells and even the menacing barbed wire – is gone. Demolition crews completed the work a couple weeks ago – and ahead of schedule.

It is one of two demolition projects the township completed this month. The same contractor – the Adamo Group – moved their impressive building flattening equipment over to Seven Mile and also tore down an old powerhouse on the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital property. While that structure wasn't overly visible to most people, the homeowners in the Lakes of Northville subdivision closest to the structure are sure glad it's gone.

Northville Township owns both properties, which were formerly owned by the state of Michigan. Township officials believe both sites are very important to the community's future. But there are big hurdles still in the way before achieving any of their goals at either site.

At the former prison property, which is now an open field covering more than 30 acres, the township has to make some decisions about what they want at the site. The township could sell the land to a developer for some kind of mixed use development, which some township officials have touted as the best use of the site. However, in that scenario, the state has the ability to nix such a plan and take back the property for \$1 (the amount they sold it to the township for) if state officials don't like the plan.



*Kurt Kuban*

The township could also develop the site for some kind of public use, like a park or recreation center, which the state says is fine.

Township officials have been working with state Rep. Kurt Heise to make sure whatever their plans ultimately are, the state will be on board and be a partner rather than a roadblock. That is important because the site is one of the gateways into the community, and is also at the eastern edge of a lot of undeveloped township-owned property along Five Mile.

It is safe to say, now that the economy is picking up steam again, in the next decade or so, there are going to be some major changes in that section of town. It's important to get it right, and that means making sure the residents play an active role in creating a vision for the gateway and ultimately all the township-owned land along Five Mile.

Just like they did with the master plan for the Seven Mile property, which includes many recreational and public uses. Of course, there are some large hurdles in the way before the township can see the Seven Mile plan come to fruition. Much larger, in fact, than the remaining obstacles for developing the prison property. Even with the powerhouse now gone, there are still about a dozen buildings of varying size still standing, including the very large, nine-story hospital structure that everyone sees as they drive by on Seven Mile.

It could be years before all those building are gone. A big piece of the puzzle is how quickly the commercial land at the corner of Haggerty and Seven Mile can be developed and start producing property taxes. The township approved a brownfield authority on the land, which can

capture tax dollars as the property values rise, similar to the way a Downtown Development Authority works.

The plan is to use those captured taxes to pay for demolition costs on the remaining buildings, which will cost millions. This could take a decade or more, which is a shame because this 330-acre property is going to be something township residents come to cherish – once they are actually able to use it.

The good news on that front is that township planners have approved a site plan for much of the corner, which includes a mix of non-big box retail and restaurants called Northville Park Place. The developer has said they would like the development built and filled with tenants (though they aren't saying which ones) by the time the University of Michigan medical facility that is rising quickly on the property opens in 2014. So things are happening at the site, just not as fast as some residents might hope.

Getting the powerhouse demolished, though, creates a little more light at the end of a very long tunnel.

Tearing it down was a priority because it contained a lot of hazardous asbestos and was a public health threat. The township was able to get a federal EPA grant to pay for most of the powerhouse demolition, but township officials also used some money out of a healthy general fund because they felt like this was a good investment for residents.

And that's really what both of these demolition projects were – investments for the future. It may be a while before residents see a real return with either property, but things are definitely moving in the right direction. If you don't believe me, just take a drive past Five Mile and Beck. No more prison. That, in itself, is something to celebrate.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Committed to safety

I was most pleased to read the comments of Northville High School head football coach Matt Ladach in last week's *Record* regarding player safety. The coach is unequivocal in his commitment to safety.

In the coming years, scholastic football is going to be increasingly scrutinized and criticized over safety issues. This is proper.

Unfortunately I believe in an overreaction to this, the game may fade out over the years as participation is reduced over safety concerns. There is already discussion of collegiate programs being dropped.

The only way the game can survive and flourish is if football leaders take aggressive and proactive positions on safety.

Tackle football is a robust contact sport. It does not, however, have to be overly injurious. There is no need to lead with the head in blocking, tackling or running. There is no need to tackle or block defenseless players above the shoulder or below the thigh.

One of the greatest middle linebackers in the history of the sport, Willie Lanier, after having a head injury, went through the rest of his pro career deliberately avoiding head contact. His nickname changed from "Contact" to "Honkeybear" because of his change in tackling technique.

He is in the NFL Hall of Fame. In Michigan, recently enacted laws and policies promoting safety are a great step in the right direction.

Northville is fortunate to have a coach who is a leader on safety and who, by the way, also happens to be successful on the scoreboard.

**Jim Porterfield**  
NHS varsity football  
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Northville

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An 'uphill slog'

You are right, Jack Belisle, our elected president does talk a lot about the middle class ("Obama hurts middle class," letters, Aug. 8). So do John Boehner and Mitch McConnell, but what these two have done since President Obama was elected is do everything possible to thwart any attempt to pass programs designed to help the middle class. The day our president took office, Mitch McConnell was meeting with his right-wing friends plotting the demise of the president, and their stated goal of "making him a one term president." Jobs programs – not in Boehner's Congress. Not unless you can override a filibuster in McConnell's Senate.

Your real problem, Mr. Belisle, is that you can't stand democracy. Your Fox News talking points about "higher taxes" (not actually true, because we have basically been under the Bush tax policy since President Obama took office), "food stamps", "renewable energy," and on and on have little if any basis in fact. If the American public didn't like, understand, or support the proposals of the president, and realized what they would have

faced if they had voted differently, they wouldn't have re-elected President Obama.

If the majority of the American public wanted children to go to bed hungry, and for our country to be in endless wars, and for us to continue to breathe dirty air and drink dirty water, and die from lack of health care, and let Wall Street rob from the poor and middle class and give to the the well off, they would have elected John McCain and Mitt Romney.

Unfortunately, with the unprecedented lack of cooperation from those in Congress, it has been quite an uphill slog for President Obama to turn around the legacy of Reagan and Bush and their crafty assault on the working poor and the middle class; but the American people are behind our president. They elected him – twice.

**Steve Lawrence**  
Northville Township

Empanel grand jury

In regard to the City of Detroit and bankruptcy, I feel that will play out the way it should.


What I find troubling is the complete lack of compliance with our state constitution. The framers of this document specifically spelled out the rights of government retirees.

Now, Gov. Rick Snyder and his appointee, Kevyn Orr, are attempting to subvert our constitution through the federal court. The Michigan Constitution is etched in stone and can only be altered by a majority of our state voters.

Gov. Snyder is relying on a law passed by right-wing zealots to justify his actions. However, the governor and Attorney General Bill Schuette both took an oath, and are required by law, to uphold and defend the entire constitution, not just the parts they approve of.

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# LAKE

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River system, we have seen great improvements in Newburgh Lake. In terms of having the lake and Rouge River as recreational resources, we have seen some staggering numbers as far as improvements to water quality go,” Cave said.

The improvements have been so great that Alan Heavner, who has rented out canoes on the Huron River for 60 years, approached the county last year about operating a livery on the lake. For the second summer in a row, Heavner is doing just that. The company has 25 canoes and a couple kayaks for rent Fridays through Sundays each week.

“Everyone we talk to is just thrilled about us being here,” said Jeff Vallender, a Heavner employee who coordinates the rentals at Newburgh Lake. “People see this as a great opportunity for recreation in an urban area, a unique area.”

Still, Vallender admits the unsightly algae and excessive weed growth are problems. He said it scares away a lot of potential canoeists. He said it was so bad last summer that they had to shut down for three weeks because they were worried it was too dangerous



Even though most of Newburgh Lake is weed-choked, there are parts of it still open to boaters. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

for people to paddle through.

“It isn’t attractive. The concern I have is the number of people who don’t come up and talk to us. They see the green out there and they don’t want to get into a canoe. The impression it leaves is it is polluted. People don’t realize it’s a natural issue,” said Vallender, a Farmington resident. “This certainly isn’t a clean, cold water, spring fed lake. But it is a

unique place, where a lot of people can be introduced to canoeing for the first time. So we think it’s pretty neat and unique.”

**Residents must help**

Darga said the big challenge that groups like Friends of the Rouge and the county have is to convince people to be more aware of the impact they have on water quality. Storm water runoff from lawns as far away as Salem Township, Novi and Northville Township ultimately finds its way to Newburgh Lake.

“Today, it’s more of the man-made issues — the fertilizers, the oils off of our cars. These are things Wayne County can’t really control,” Darga said.

Cave agreed.

“The algae grows when you have excess nutrients in the water, which comes from the runoff. So the solution for the algae is people need to help us,” she said. “They need to properly fertilize their lawns. They need to use river-friendly practices at home.”

The county lists things people can do at home on its website. Visit [www.waynecounty.com/doe\\_wqm\\_res\\_pp.htm](http://www.waynecounty.com/doe_wqm_res_pp.htm) for some tips.

As for the Eurasian watermilfoil, Cave said there a couple courses of action the county could take, but it is important to find the right one. For example, she said the county could take a harvester out on the lake, but she said that would only be short-term and could make the problem worse if the chopped up weeds make their way downstream. Other solutions could be a herbicide or the use of small weevils that target the plant.

“People need to know these weeds are very invasive, and they have only been in Michigan for about 10 years. Now that they are here, we are trying to come up with a plan that will work. There is no easy solution, because everything you try is going to have unintended consequences,” she said.

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# Fighting the demons

Local center helps addicts build new life

**By Brad Kadrich**  
Staff Writer

His real name, the one he uses at Personalized Nursing LIGHT House-Plymouth, means “freedom.”

And that’s what Freedom (his real name is being withheld to protect his privacy) thinks he found at PNLH. A self-professed five-time failure in rehab, Freedom believes the sixth – and what he hopes is the final – time is the charm.

Freedom just completed his intensive rehab program with PNLH earlier this week. PNLH is a treatment center for addictions, primarily drug and alcohol. At any given time the center is treating some 70 people in one program or another.

“This place saved my life, in all ways,” said Freedom, who admitted to addictions to alcohol and crack. “It helped me with my addictions, and it helped me with my core issues. I failed the other times (in rehab), and I hit my very bottom. I was defeated, and this place picked me back up.”

PNLH uses three full-time therapists and eight other Masters-prepared therapists who do group therapy sessions and see outpatient clients. There are three case managers, and four peer recovery coaches (most of them former clients who’ve been clean several years).

**One of five**

The Plymouth office, opened in October 1990, is one of five PNLH locations (Dearborn Heights, Farmington, Detroit and Lakeland). It offers day treatment,

an intensive outpatient treatment program that includes housing, and an outpatient program for adults seeking treatment for addiction.

But, according to co-founder Joe Paliwoda, PNLH is about more than just the addiction.

“We do more than basic addiction treatment,” Paliwoda said. “We incorporate mental health therapy, as well.”

When PNLH was founded, Paliwoda said, there was a “huge gap” between residential and outpatient services, and the success rates of people who either didn’t have transportation to and from treatment, or didn’t have a supportive home environment.

PNLH introduced its intensive outpatient therapy with domicile, providing housing to allow clients who were learning coping and life skills in treatment to practice them in a safe, supportive home environment. PNLH uses designated apartment complexes around the area to give clients a place to go.

Paliwoda called the housing element “crucial” to the success of the program.

He cites Johns Hopkins research that says while relapse rates for people leaving detox range from 65 to 80 percent one month after discharge, those provided drug-free recovery housing coupled with an intensive day-treatment program may be up to 10 times more likely to stay abstinent than those released from detox with minimal assistance.

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Passes provide entry into all high school and middle school regular home sporting events. Individual sports passes are \$60, and family passes for all family members living in one

household may be purchased for \$180. Regular gate admission for high school events is \$5, and adult admission for middle school events is \$3.

All-sports passes are sold as a fundraiser for the Novi Athletic Boosters, a nonprofit organization with a sole purpose of providing gifts of equipment, uniforms and athletic training to all Novi high school and middle school athletes and teams. Only by purchasing an all-sports pass can Wildcats fans guarantee that all of the proceeds will be directed to Novi Athletics. Regular gate admissions proceeds go to the Novi Community Schools General Fund.

EQUIPMENT

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professional athletes who are trained by Kielbaso and Total Performance made donations to the fund to help ensure the project came to fruition.

Kielbaso also got a little help from Novi High School. Not only did the school sell the equipment, they also provided movers and trucks to get the equipment loaded out of Wildcat country and unloaded in the land of the Polar Bears.

Now, the real work is just beginning for Highland Park. Kielbaso, who

is friends with the coach of the Polar Bears' football program, will develop a program for the student-athletes at the school to use to help bring up their competitive edge.

"They didn't really have the resources over there (for a strength and conditioning program), but they have the heart," said Kielbaso before the new equipment arrived. "Every kid I talked to about participating was eager, and they all wanted to be a part of it."

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MHSAA

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ting all-time records. Boys lacrosse had 5,065 participants and girls lacrosse boasted 2,501, while boys cross country totaled 8,744 participants and girls cross country had 8,378 last year.

Both lacrosse totals have climbed annually during the past nine seasons while boys and girls cross country both increased for the fourth-straight season.

The sports experiencing the most growth was boys swimming

and diving, with an increase of 5.6 percent to 5,612 athletes, while wrestling took a large drop with 4.8 percent, totaling 10,513 – the fewest in the sport since the mid-1990s.

The participation figures are gathered annually from MHSAA member schools to submit to the National Federation of State High School Associations for compiling its national participation survey. Results of Michigan surveys from the 2000-01 school year to the present may be viewed on the MHSAA website at [mhsaa.com](http://mhsaa.com).

PRACTICE

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and is carried out of bounds by a defender will be ruled a legal catch. If the airborne receiver is contacted and driven out of bounds, the result of the play is an incomplete pass.

» Following a penalty on the kicking team for kick catch interference

on a fair catch play, the receiving team can opt to take a free kick after the 15-yard penalty has been enforced.

This year, the majority of varsity teams will play their opening games on Aug. 29. Northville will play at Lakeland to open the season while Novi plays at Brighton. Catholic Central will open its season Aug. 30 against Detroit Cody.

The first day of com-

petition in cross country, tennis, soccer, swimming and diving and volleyball this year will be Aug. 23.

Soccer has the only other significant rule change this fall. Michigan has adopted the National Federation rule involving the disqualification from a game when a player receives a second yellow card and the subsequent red card.

Now, in addition to the player being ejected, that

team will have to continue the game a player down.

A player receiving a yellow card must leave the game immediately, but now may reenter at the next available opportunity, and no longer have to sit out for 10 minutes.

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# Waza: 19 compete in Junior Olympics meet

Waza Track Club completed its outdoor track season at the AAU Junior Olympics National Championship Track meet with its strongest finish in the club's short history. A record 19 Waza TC athletes competed at JO Games this year. The club produced three AAU All-Americans (previous club record was one) and a total of six medals (previous club record was two), which are awarded to the top eight finishers in each age group and event. Most athletes set at least one personal record at the Junior Olympics meet and/or improved their meet rank based on qualifying marks, which is quite an accomplishment at the national stage.

The AAU Junior Olympics were held at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti from July 27 to Aug. 3. Athletes representing 49 states from across the U.S. were represented and competed. The Junior Olympics is an AAU-sanctioned event modeled after the Olympic Games. Track and field events generally comply with Olympic distances and events. Athletes from under 8 to 18 years old can compete. Some modifications are made to events to accommodate younger athletes. Athletes must first qualify at the district and regional levels in order to enter the competition.

Waza TC's throwers cracked the All-America and medalist barrier for the first time in a big way.

Jordan Turner (11, Highland Park) performed at the highest level. She earned All-America honors in the shot put, discus, and turbo javelin, placing eighth, sixth and fifth, respectively, and setting personal records in each event.

Jordan Weekley (12, Farmington Hills) earned All-America honors in the shot put and turbo javelin, placing seventh and third place, respectively, and setting personal records in each event.

Waza's runners also performed well, with one athlete earning All-America honors. James Weekley (15, Farmington Hills) placed seventh in the



Waza Track Club members (bottom, from left) Bo Anderson, Brooklyn Durfield, Kellen Fife, Bella Haynes, Nyla Griffin and Matthew Brown; (second row, from left) head coach Doug McDowell, Kyle Samluk, Autumn Nickell, Melanie McDowell, Marisa Sailus, Elizabeth Pall and assistant coach Cathy Momeyer; (third row, from left) Jordan Turner, Robert Irwin, Josh Momeyer and Jordan Weekley; (fourth row, from left) hurdle coach Andrew Crechiolo, Josh Holcomb, Michael Brown Jr., Andrew Bill, James Weekley, Ammar Chishti, Nathan Geddes and Omari Davis. Also part of the team are jump coach Becka Knox, throw coach Brian Richotte, Claire Ford, Joost Plaetinck, John Hamilton, Haley Rathwell and Andy Schweers.

3000 meters with a time of 9:28.93.

While the following athletes did not earn medals or All-America status, they did set personal records or else moved up in meet ranking based on their performances. Some of the performances were astounding in comparison to their qualifying times/marks:

Bella Haynes (9, Dearborn), 800 meters PR improved qualifying mark by over 6 sec., improved rank from 59th to 54th. 1500m PR improved qualifying mark by over 5 sec, rank from 21st to 20th.

Kellen Fife (10, Bloomfield Hills) Turbo javelin - PR by over 5', improved rank from 21st to 11th.

Melanie McDowell (12, Novi) PR in the turbo javelin, improved rank from 26th to 25th; 1500m PR, improved qualifying mark by over 8 sec, improved rank from 59th to

37th. Kyle Samluk (12, New Hudson) - Phenomenal performances - 1500m improved rank from 66th to 59th; 3000m new PR improving qualifying mark by 1m 28 sec, improved rank from 25th to 17th; turbo javelin PR by over 33', improved rank from 32nd to 10th just missing a medal and All-American status.

Josh Momeyer (13, Livonia) - Long Jump set PR, improved qualifying mark by over 1', improved rank from 69th to 46th; 400m set PR, improved qualifying mark by over 1 sec., improved rank from 72nd to 54th; 800m improved rank from 33rd to 26th.

Robert Irwin (13, Farmington Hills) - 1500m improved qualifying mark by over 6 sec, rank from 32nd to 20th; 3000m PR improved qualifying mark by 15 sec.

Michael Brown (13, West Bloomfield) - Javelin PR im-

proved by over 16', improved rank from 32nd to 19th.

Marisa Sailus (15, Commerce Township) - 3000m PR improved qualifying mark by over 40 seconds and finished with a rank of 13th .

Josh Holcomb (15, Novi) - Javelin PR by over 11', improved rank from 46th to 33rd.

John Hamilton (15, Northville) - Triple Jump PR by over 1'6", improved rank from 73rd to 53rd. Matched PR in High Jump.

Ammar Chishti (16, Canton) - 1500m PR improved qualifying mark by over 1.5 sec, rank from 36th to 25th; 3000m PR improved qualifying from by over 20 sec., rank from 15th to 9th just missing a medal and All-American status.

### Complete team results

Melanie McDowell (12, Novi) - Turbo Javelin - 25th Place - 40'11" 1500M - 5:43.33 - 37th Place

Elizabeth Pall (12, Novi) - Turbo Javelin - 40'10" 26th Place

Jordan Weekley (12, Farmington Hills) - Discus - 63'6" - 21st Place Shot Put - 30'9" - 7th Place Turbo Javelin - 83'5" 3rd Place

Kyle Samluk - (12, New Hudson) - 3000m Run - 17th Place - 11:26.48 1500M - 5:36.83 - 59th Place Turbo Javelin - 76'2" - 10th Place

Jordan Turner - (11, Highland Park) - Discus - 6th Place - Discus - 64'6" Shot Put - 28'3" - 8th Place Javelin - 59'10" - 5th Place

James Weekley - (15-16, Farmington Hills) - 800m Run - 25th Place - 2:03:05 3000m - 9:28.93 - 7th Place 1500m - 4:21.57 - 14th Place

Josh Momeyer - (13, Livonia) - 800m Run - 2:26.09 26th Place Long Jump - 13'10" 46th Place 400m - 1:00.36 54th Place

Josh Holcomb - (15-16, Novi) - Javelin - 78'1" 33rd Place

Bella Haynes (9, Dearborn) - 1500M - 6:05.65 - 20th Place 800m - 3:04.94 - 54th Place Long Jump - 7'10" - 66th Place

Bo Anderson (10, Clarkston) - 1500M - 5:42.26 - 32nd Place 800m - 3:04.94 - 54th Place

Kellen Fife (10, Bloomfield Hills) - 1500M - 6:19.58 - 42nd Place 800m - 2:54.97 - 56th Place Turbo Javelin - 40'10" - 11th Place

Autumn Nickell (11, Flushing) - 1500M - 5:46.13 - 27th Place 800m - 2:50.55 - 51st Place

Michael Brown, Jr. - (13, West Bloomfield) - Javelin - 67'5" - 19th Place

John Hamilton - (15-16, Northville) - Triple Jump - 35'2.5" - 53rd Place High Jump - 5'6" - 27th Place

Robert Irwin (13, Farmington Hills) - 1500m - 4:56.84 - 20th Place 3000m - 10:25.22 - 11th Place

Marisa Sailus (15-16, Commerce Twp.) 3000m - 11:40.23 - 13th Place 1500m - 5:39.28 - 38th Place

Ammar Chishti (15-16, Canton) - 3000m - 9:38.53 - 9th Place 1500m - 4:27.84 - 25th Place

Andrew Bill (15-16, Berkeley) - 3000m - 10:14.15 - 24th Place

## Runners-up



The 2013 KVBSA Advanced Harwell Division Novi Heat Black team shows its second-place league trophies. Pictured (front, from left) are Michael Jecmen, Matthew Halash and Brendan Britz; (back, from left) coach Chay Halash, Nathan Wicks, Kyle Klosterman, Nilay Patel, Dylan Murray, Dominic Gatson and coach Vimesh Patel. Also on the team are Jonny Davis and Reggie Spencer.

## World Series champs



The U13 Broncos culminated an incredible baseball season by taking the 2013 USSSA AA World Series Title in Canton. The Broncos finished 8-1 on the weekend, including two thrilling victories over the Mid Michigan Tigers and back-to-back wins over the Lapeer Outlaws to secure the title. The U13 Broncos finished the season with a 49-12-2 record. Team members included (front, from left): Cameron Chabot, Nick Fegert, Joe Wozniak, Offensive Tournament MVP Scott Granzotto, John Jeannotte and Matt Granzotto; (back, from left) coach Fred Stinebiser, Tournament MVP Matt Stinebiser, Jake Osen, Coach Mike Wozniak, Cooper Smith, Stephen Ernst, coach Mike Granzotto, Jack Sargent, John Lobbia and coach John Lobbia. Also on the team are Jay Hesse and Carson Nichols.

## All-State



Three of Northville's U13 Broncos, Jack Sargent (from left), Matt Stinebiser and Johnny Lobbia, participated in the USSSA All-State Team tournament, showcasing the talents of U13s throughout southeast Michigan.

## Work pays off



Ciara McCliment, a fifth-grader at Hickory Woods Elementary, has been hard at work all summer training for the Michigan Diving State Championships, which recently took place in Kalamazoo. McCliment did very well, taking first place in the 1-meter and 3-meter for girls age 10-11 years old. She was named Michigan Diver of the Year for her age group and scored a personal best in the 1-meter dive. In order to prepare for the championships, McCliment has been practicing around the clock, sometimes twice a day at Eastern Michigan University. McCliment and her family were set to travel to Minneapolis, Minn. so she could compete in the Speedo National Junior Olympics on Aug. 9.

## Brazil-bound



Kenyon College sophomore Meredith Williams (a Northville High School graduate) and senior Maureen Hirt will wrap up their summer schedules as members of the USA D-3 Women's Basketball Team. The USA D-3 basketball teams (men and women) began their Brazil Tour 2013 in Orlando, Fla., Aug. 4. The tour runs through Aug. 13. The teams are made up of selected NCAA Division III players from across the U.S. The teams consist of players that have been recognized as All-America, All-Region and All-Conference. Players and coaches have led their teams to regular season, conference and region championships.



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**Record: How did you first decide to open your business?**

Tita Daskal: I lived in town, saw the building going up and thought it would be a great place to start Utopia.

**Record: Why did you choose this area for your business?**

Tita Daskal: We thought it was a growing area and besides that it was a beautiful town and we had serviced most of our clients in the Northville, Novi area.

**Record: What makes your business unique?**

Tita Daskal: It's a place where you can unwind for some

spa services to getting your hair and make-up done to picking out something to wear for a night out.

**Record: How has it changed since you opened?**

Tita Daskal: We doubled our space since we opened and we are in the new building next door. We occupy two stories and the salon is on the second floor, which gives it that New York feel. We have also created a career path for our employees, so it's not just a job.

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

Tita Daskal: As a business owner, never have a salon pet. We got a fish for our grand opening, not sure how long we had him. Everyone had to help take care of the fish, well one day someone noticed that the fish wasn't there anymore. One of the employees took him home. She told us he had been gone for a month. It took us a month to notice that the poor fish was gone.



The staff of Utopia Salon and Spa gather in front of their Main Street location in downtown Northville. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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### Grand opening

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The new store is more than 3,600 square feet and features Redford Jewelry & Coin's signature offerings: high-quality jewelry, including diamonds, engagement rings, bracelets, earrings and watches coupled with investment

grade coins and precious metals.

The store will host a grand opening and ribbon cutting from 2-6 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 16.

"We are just ecstatic about our move to the Plymouth/Northville area and are so excited to be part of this growing community," said Redford Jewelry & Coin owner Cathy Scabassi. "We had many wonderful years in Redford Township and established a well-know reputation for our customer service, quality products and expertise in jewelry and coins. We are looking forward to estab-

lishing a long-lasting relationship with the Plymouth/Northville community."

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For more information, visit [www.redfordjewelryandcoin.com](http://www.redfordjewelryandcoin.com) or call 734-667-1204.

### Book signing

The Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro, voted Northville's top bookstore, will welcome

crime novelist Patricia Bellomo from 4-5:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24.

Bellomo will be signing copies of her latest thriller, *Louie Morelli's Mistress*.

For avid readers who have not yet read any of Bellomo's books in the Louie Morelli series, *Louie Morelli's Mistress* is a good one to start with. As Bellomo says, "You don't need to read my books in order, but I'd recommend starting with *Louie Morelli's Mistress*. Chronologically, it takes place before *Stella di Mare* and *Louie Morelli's Daughter*. It also adds a mysterious twist and is set in New Orleans, as opposed to South Florida."

Bellomo refers to her books as mob thrillers, and the novels have a definite appeal for fans of mob books and movies.

For more information, visit the author's website and blog at [www.patriciabellomo.com](http://www.patriciabellomo.com).

Bellomo's books are available at The Next Chapter Bookstore, 141 E. Main, Northville.

## Dentist offering free athletic mouthguards



Northville Orthodontist Dr. Danial Rangel is working to make sure that every local athlete who needs a good customized mouthguard has one before the upcoming fall season. The Rangel Orthodontics dental team will fit athletes with a custom made upper mouthguard free of charge on Friday, Aug. 16, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the downtown Northville office on 125 CadyCenter Street. Appointments are recommended and appreciated, by calling 248-348-8400. Rangel is pictured with patient, Ellie Cotter, 12. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## CHAMBER CHAT

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# Realtors extol savvy to buyers, sellers

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Mary Vellardita bought her Westland condominium in May 2010, working with Realtor Noel Derr-Johnson of Century 21 Dynamic of Westland.

“I’d never consider buying a home without going through a licensed Realtor,” said Vellardita, co-owner of C&M Printing and Imaging in Westland. Derr-Johnson was helpful in pinpointing properties, as well as giving advice on any issues with condo construction.

“It was just very helpful,” said Vellardita, who had met her Realtor through Westland Rotary and the Westland Chamber of Commerce, and knew of her professional reputation.

“Find someone you enjoy working with,” added Vellardita, noting your Realtor’s personality should be a good fit with yours.

Buyers of all ages gain many benefits from working with a real estate professional, according to a recent survey by the National Association of Realtors. Among the age groups, younger buyers are more likely to want an agent’s help understanding the homebuying process, presumably because many are buying a home for the first time. Younger buyers were most often referred to their agent by a friend, neighbor or relative whereas older buyers were increasingly likely to work with the same agent they previously used to buy or sell a home.

When it comes to choosing an agent, reputation was important to buyers of all ages; however, younger buyers more often cited an agent’s honesty and trustworthiness as the most important factor compared to older buyers who most often cited the agent’s knowledge of the neighborhood – perhaps because older buyers tend to move further distances and may have less familiarity with area.

The trends were noted in the recent

NAR Home Buyer and Seller Generational Trends evaluation of generational differences of recent homebuyers and sellers.

The median down payment for Millennials was 5 percent, considerably less than older generations of buyers whose down payment ranged from 8 percent for Gen X buyers to 22 percent for Silent Generation (older) buyers. Younger buyers who financed their home purchase most often relied on savings for their down payment whereas older buyers were more likely use proceeds from the sale of a primary residence.

“An interesting finding is that Older Boomers and Silent Generation buyers found the mortgage application and approval process more difficult than expected compared to younger buyers,” said Paul Bishop, NAR vice president of research. “This underscores the ongoing challenges that many credit worthy home buyers face with today’s tight credit standards.”

The largest group of recent home sellers was from Generation X, comprising 30 percent of recent sales, followed by Younger Boomers (21 percent), Older Boomers (21 percent) and the Silent Generation (19 percent). As the age of sellers increased, the share of married and unmarried couples declined and the percentage of single female homebuyers increased, from 4 percent among Millennials to more than 17 percent among Boomer and Silent Generation sellers, perhaps due to death or divorce.

Like buyers, older sellers tend to move greater distances, and are more likely than younger generations to move out of the state or region. While younger buyers typically moved to larger, higher priced homes, the data shows a clear trend of downsizing to smaller, less expensive homes among the Older Boomer and Silent Generations.

Typically the older the seller the

longer the tenure in the home, while Millennials had been in their previous home for a median of five years, Gen X-ers stayed eight years, Younger Boomers owned their home for 11 years, Older Boomers stayed for 13 years, and the Silent Generation kept their previous home for 15 years.

The reasons for selling a home also varied among the generations. Younger buyers were more likely to move to accommodate job relocation or desired to upgrade to a larger home. In comparison, older buyers were often looking for a smaller home due to retirement and because upkeep was too difficult due to health or financial limitations, or to be closer to family or friends.

When it comes to negotiating, older sellers are often more willing to reduce their home’s asking price but are less likely to offer buyer incentives such as home warranty policies or assistance with closing costs.

Of sellers working with real estate agents, the study found that older generations of buyers are more likely to use full-service brokerages in which agents provide a broad range of services. While more than two-thirds of Millennials used full-service brokerages, they were more likely than other generations to choose limited service, which includes discount brokerage, or minimal service, such as simply listing the home on a multiple listing service, presumably because they have less equity in their home.

Sellers of all ages typically found a real estate agent through a referral or friend; however, younger sellers were more likely to use the same real estate broker or agent for their home purchase, 59 percent of Millennials used the same agent compared to 42 percent of Older Boomer sellers.

The NAR website contributed to this report.

## Check documents to determine rights

Q: I live in a beautiful subdivision of detached condos but in a recent notice of the upcoming meeting, we were informed that the board has decided that because a few of the exterior light fixtures on some of our neighbor’s homes are peeling; they want to replace all the fixtures at each homeowner’s expense. A vote will be taken on the matter at the annual meeting. What do you think?

A: It all depends upon your documents. Presumably, the board can make this modification if the documents so allow and pass the costs onto the individual co-owners. On the other hand, it depends upon whether the documents require a vote of the co-owners and sometimes associations request a vote even if it is not required by the documents which may or may not be a good idea. Get your neighbors together and retain an attorney to check your rights.

Q: I heard Sicily, and in particular, Palermo, is a great place to retire. Is it affordable in terms of residential housing?

A: As with many big cities, living near the center of Palermo with its parks and boulevards can be very costly. However the recession and economic turn down in Europe has also affected pricing in Palermo and its suburbs. Real estate offices abound with the showcasing of homes frequently on the Internet. If you are looking for a home near a gorgeous beach town, look up Chefalu which looks like a French Rivera enclave, and is around 75 miles from Palermo and an hour by train or bus.

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## REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

### Real Estate Careers

A free Real Estate Career Seminar will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15, at Keller-Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. Learn about the \$50,000 income guarantee.

For information on the Real Estate Career Seminar, call Mary Beth Kaljian at 734-459-4700 or [mb@marybethk.com](mailto:mb@marybethk.com).

### New associates

Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel (CBWM) has recently welcomed a number of new sales associates to the company. They are: Birmingham – Dennis Kozak; Commerce – Dennis Bugeja; Grosse Pointe – Montreche White; Ionia – Fred Hogle; Macomb – Greg Ciesielski, Paula Gruba, Aaron Lappe, Jo Ann Lappe; Northville – Sarah Goodman, Kathy Manley; Plymouth – Kellie Smith, Cheryl Johnson; Rochester – Jeff Hurst, Mary Hoste.

“We are pleased that these exceptional people have chosen Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel,” said John North, CBWM COO.

“We are always excited to welcome associates who share our core values of integrity, a passion for service, a positive attitude and a drive for results.”

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 8-12, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>BEVERLY HILLS</b>	
31115 Pickwick Ln	\$365,000
<b>BIRMINGHAM</b>	
659 Ann St	\$970,000
848 E Lincoln St	\$180,000
1570 Northlawn Blvd	\$478,000
825 Norwich St	\$197,000
1700 Pembroke Rd	\$156,000
1171 Ruffner Ave	\$355,000
1668 S Eton St	\$215,000
1051 Woodlea St	\$314,000
<b>BLOOMFIELD HILLS</b>	
4304 Antique Ln	\$280,000
1411 Kensington Rd	\$485,000
2830 Theford Rd	\$390,000
1745 Tiverton Rd Unit 24	\$150,000
<b>BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP</b>	

5916 Blandford Rd	\$202,000
866 Edgemont Run	\$274,000
759 Half Moon Rd	\$740,000
65 Hillsdale Rd	\$325,000
1916 Long Pointe Dr	\$715,000
3810 Mystic Valley Dr	\$561,000
620 S Cranbrook Rd	\$186,000
1629 S Hill Blvd	\$88,000
4410 Stony River Dr	\$384,000
6300 Wing Lake Rd	\$2,090,000
<b>COMMERCE TOWNSHIP</b>	
1959 Alpha St	\$452,000
2411 Baltimore Ct	\$282,000
4863 Turtlewood Ct	\$245,000
<b>FARMINGTON</b>	
23119 Cass Ave	\$183,000
<b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b>	
29615 Eastfield St	\$160,000
29759 Fox Grove Rd	\$205,000
28660 Grayfield Dr	\$127,000
26105 La Muera St	\$233,000
21247 Randall St	\$75,000
22012 S Brandon	\$58,000
33427 Shiawassee St	\$50,000

36814 Tanglewood Ln	\$191,000
23158 Tuck Rd	\$55,000
22738 Walsingham Dr	\$295,000
28567 Wintergreen	\$400,000
<b>LATHRUP VILLAGE</b>	
18466 Middlesex Ave	\$157,000
<b>MILFORD</b>	
520 E Huron St	\$265,000
573 Napa Valley Dr	\$2,850,000
1061 Riverstone Cir	\$270,000
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>	
100 Ely Dr S	\$155,000
821 Grace St	\$190,000
<b>NOVI</b>	
43050 12 Oaks Crescent Dr	\$150,000
22282 Edgewater	\$97,000
44575 Ellery Ln	\$180,000
44577 Ellery Ln	\$181,000
44581 Ellery Ln	\$182,000
25626 Gina Ct	\$470,000
40842 Lenox Park Dr	\$275,000
24018 Lynwood Dr	\$145,000
30291 Pennington Ln	\$345,000

45603 South Lake Dr	\$388,000
23519 Stonehenge Blvd	\$61,000
41658 Tera Ln	\$139,000
39842 Village Wood Cir	\$61,000
41295 W 13 Mile Rd	\$192,000
<b>SOUTH LYON</b>	
1370 Drury Ln	\$276,000
714 Kestrel Ct	\$132,000
59233 Peters Barn Dr	\$148,000
24753 Purlin Ct	\$83,000
24755 Purlin Ct	\$83,000
24781 Purlin Ct	\$88,000
26690 York Ct	\$236,000
<b>SOUTHFIELD</b>	
28199 Fontana Dr	\$82,000
25873 Greenfield Rd # 4	\$40,000
19148 Hilton Dr	\$40,000
24751 Pierce St	\$127,000
25540 Saint James	\$77,000
<b>WHITE LAKE</b>	
2419 Gale Island St	\$31,000
595 Red Bank Dr	\$302,000
2615 Tackles Dr	\$175,000

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 29 through May 3, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>CANTON</b>	
43554 Amber Ct	\$160,000
47125 Ashley Ct	\$310,000
1373 Colonade Ct	\$425,000
3915 Cornerstone Dr	\$116,000
46490 Creekside Ct	\$228,000
3455 Empire State Dr	\$248,000
43603 Emrick Dr	\$129,000
50601 Federal Blvd	\$78,000
50715 Federal Blvd	\$77,000
50829 Federal Blvd	\$77,000
50981 Federal Blvd	\$78,000
51095 Federal Blvd	\$77,000
4350 Forest Bridge Dr	\$200,000
48377 Gyde Rd	\$540,000
7006 Harvard Ln	\$40,000
4464 Hunters Cir E	\$77,000
1069 Kings Ct	\$186,000
354 Kings Way	\$140,000
44890 Lemont Rd	\$221,000
42420 Majestic Ct	\$187,000
249 N Corrine Blvd	\$170,000
3942 Norwich Dr	\$180,000
45484 Oakland Ct	\$315,000

1980 Paddock Ln	\$186,000
7225 Peachtree Ct	\$228,000
43809 Proctor Rd	\$116,000
44808 Ridgefield Rd	\$180,000
44893 Seabrook Dr	\$262,000
47573 Torrington Dr N	\$390,000
1293 W Crystal Cir	\$187,000
2012 Woodmont Ct	\$155,000
<b>GARDEN CITY</b>	
31751 Cambridge St	\$107,000
7006 Helen St	\$63,000
31412 Hennepin St	\$45,000
31763 Hennepin St	\$77,000
6635 Inkster Rd	\$38,000
<b>LIVONIA</b>	
38651 Eight Mile Rd	\$252,000
20118 Angling St	\$35,000
14901 Arcola St	\$147,000
11035 Arden St	\$167,000
11025 Berwick St	\$105,000
13956 Cardwell St	\$98,000
9333 Eastwind Dr	\$143,000
15158 Fairfield St	\$30,000
11126 Garden St	\$120,000
31290 Grandon St	\$150,000
15551 Ingram St	\$199,000
19714 Ingram St	\$127,000
16815 Inkster Rd	\$72,000
35912 Leon St	\$124,000
37930 Margareta Dr	\$264,000

9037 Melvin St	\$86,000
31625 Myrna St	\$227,000
14919 Paderewski St	\$85,000
34960 Perth St	\$145,000
29172 Pickford St	\$98,000
33134 Scone St	\$180,000
14055 Sunbury St	\$18,000
19632 Sussex Ave	\$237,000
36301 Vargo St	\$136,000
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>	
18999 Bella Vista Ct	\$322,000
17048 Boulder Dr	\$374,000
44415 Broadmoor Blvd	\$385,000
15574 Dorchester Ct	\$577,000
16694 Dover Dr	\$145,000
17201 Lake View Cir	\$300,000
16328 Mulberry Way	\$329,000
39473 Springwater Dr	\$166,000
17940 W Northville Trl	\$400,000
40067 Woodside Dr S	\$418,000
<b>PLYMOUTH</b>	
12937 Andover Dr	\$297,000
41427 Crabtree Ln	\$225,000
41218 Greenbriar Ln	\$190,000
41507 Greenbriar Ln	\$179,000
11511 Hillcrest Dr	\$310,000
44725 Lynn Dr	\$80,000
40669 Newport Dr	\$64,000
51391 Northview	\$265,000
45131 Pinetree Dr	\$238,000

801 W Ann Arbor Trl	\$715,000
<b>REDFORD</b>	
9208 Columbia	\$51,000
25755 Deborah	\$65,000
14216 Fenton	\$45,000
18498 Fox	\$33,000
19560 Olympia	\$49,000
9356 Sarasota	\$70,000
19485 Seminole	\$24,000
11744 Tecumseh	\$78,000
9344 Winston	\$55,000
15962 Winston	\$43,000
20572 Woodworth	\$26,000
12819 Wormer	\$29,000
<b>WESTLAND</b>	
8721 August Ave	\$112,000
230 Carson Dr	\$90,000
7370 Central St	\$15,000
30605 Cooley Blvd	\$114,000
238 Fischer Dr	\$128,000
1731 Leslie Dr	\$65,000
451 N Harvey St	\$68,000
37600 N Rhead Cir	\$93,000
37155 Norene St	\$110,000
205 S Norma St	\$85,000
1167 Shoemaker Dr	\$28,000
8425 Terri Dr	\$96,000