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# School enrollment rises again

Unofficial head count up 90 students over last year

**By Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

For a second year in a row, enrollment in Northville Public Schools is looking like it might be up a bit.

Nothing is official, but the school district has hired new teachers at all levels for this new school year in anticipation of more students from kindergarten-12th grade (K12).

"Things are looking 'up.' We are cautiously optimistic as count day draws near," said Dave Rodgers, Northville's Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources.

The numbers given by the school district at this point are head counts only, and not FTE (full time equivalency) which is a more precise process, Rodgers said.

The FTE data are required by the Michigan Department of Education for the purpose of calculating membership and state funding. One big FTE count for schools is in February.

According to Rodgers, the enrollment numbers at this point are: elementary enrollment - 3,107 (up 32 students from the same projections last



Hillside Middle School teacher Alissa Lohman teaches on Sept. 13 in her classroom with its 26 students. Enrollment at Hillside has climbed a bit this year. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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# End of an era



A horse roams the exercise yard of Northville Horse and Recreation at CJM Farms on Seven Mile Road. The property is slated to become a subdivision with high-end homes. Construction is supposed to begin in the spring. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Northville to lose its last horse farm to high-end sub

**By Kurt Kuban**  
Staff Writer

Come this time next year, there will likely be dozens of expensive homes rising from what is today the Northville community's last true horse farm.

Northville Township officials agreed last month to a developer's plan to build an exclusive subdivision on CJM Farms, a 78-acre property on the south side of Seven Mile Road between Ridge and Napier. The barns and pastures where dozens of horses roam today will be torn asunder to make room for 75 homes.

According to the developer, DEI Properties of Shelby Township, the homes in the Montcaret subdivision will be in the \$500,000 range once they hit the market. Construction is expected to take place in the spring.

Some township officials, particularly Trustee Fred Shadko, who is also a member of the planning commission and Northville Township Historic District Commission, aren't real happy about the plan.

Not only will the township lose its last horse farm, the developer is also planning to demolish the old Greek revival

farmhouse located on the property on Seven Mile. Built around 1840, it is one of the oldest structures in the township, according to Shadko.

Shadko and other local historic preservationists initially pleaded with the developer to preserve the home, perhaps as a clubhouse for the new subdivision. However, the way the development was drawn up shows the home straddling two lots, which means it has to go. The developer even hired Finnicum Brownlie Architects, which issued

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# NHS scrubbed down after second MRSA case

New case separate from one reported Aug. 30

**By Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

Northville Public Schools had to deal with two unrelated issues this past Monday, one dealing with a bus and the other a second reported case of MRSA.

The school district was notified Monday of another case of MRSA (Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus) skin infection, which district officials say is separate from the case reported on Aug. 30 at Northville High School, with an individual in Northville's athletic program.

Late on Monday, the school

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# Life of a gem

Northville native making film about coveted stones

**By Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

Orin Mazzoni III, a Northville native, is working on a project that involves two of his life-long passions – gems and filmmaking.

“This is the ultimate dream of combining both of my life’s passions into one,” he said from his new home in California.

He is now putting together a true independent film called “Sharing the Rough” and its meant to be a gift to the gemological community, from the miners and families in East Africa that work to bring these precious gems to the surface, to the final unique piece that is set into a stunning piece of jewelry.

His family still owns Orin Jewelers in downtown Northville and Garden City. He grew up following his father, who was one of the first to receive the prestigious degree of Certified Gemologist from the American Gem Society.

So like his father, Mazzoni studied gemology, obtaining the title of Graduate Gemologist from the Gemological Institute of America, and Certified Gemologist Appraiser from the American Gem Society.

However, after a decade of learning and working at the family business he pivoted to

  
**Orin Mazzoni III,**

pursue his other passion. This took him to the Academy of Art University in San Francisco where he received a masters degree in motion pictures and television.

He is now a director and producer.

“It was hard to give up the family business, but they were very supportive and understanding of me for pursuing this dream,” he said.

According to Mazzoni, this film will be the first of its kind to truly capture the gem process from start to finish. The aim of the film is to capture the realism and appreciation of the world of colored gemstones.

“We will follow it through the hands of the East African miners who bring these treasures to the surface, to the faceter who breathes life into the gems, and finally to the designer who creates the work of art that will accentuate the beauty of the gem,” he said of the plan.

A big part of the film will document the real life experiences of Roger Dery, “The Gem cutter.” Mazzoni said he is not only a world-renowned faceter, but also as a teacher and agent



East African gem miners will play a big role in Northville native Orin Mazzoni’s film ‘Sharing the Rough.’

for growth and compassion.

“I will look to capture him interacting with the miners in a real life way that not only has them looking for that one-of-a-kind gemstone, but also showing the relationships that Roger has built over many visits to East Africa,” said Mazzoni.

The end product should be a film that will be 90 minutes long and could end up on television. Because it is a true independent film, Mazzoni is looking for help from those who want to be part of the project. He is planning on showing the film in Northville upon its completion, which is planned for next year.

To learn more about the film and how to help, go to the web site [www.sharingtherough.com](http://www.sharingtherough.com).

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## Walk/run to send abused children on camping trip

Walkers and runners participating in the Walk-N-Fund Run on Saturday, Oct. 5 will be helping to provide a one-week summer camp experience in northern Michigan for abused and neglected children.

The fundraising event will help raise public awareness and financial support for Royal Family Kids Camp (RFFC) held at a camp near Fenton, sponsored locally by Detroit First Church of the Nazarene (DFC) in Farmington Hills and Northville Christian Assembly (NCA) church.

The Royal Walk-N-Fund Run event will feature a two and four mile walk along with the two and four mile fun run. There will be volunteers at each marker. Registration will be from 8:30-9 a.m. and the walk and fun run events will begin at 9 p.m. at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty north of 8 Mile in Northville. The walk and run will be along the I-275 bike path from the church to Grand River and back.

Participants are encouraged to bring dogs to accompany them during this dog-friendly event that will feature a canine watering hole halfway through the event.

The fee of \$30 per walker/runner will include an event commemorative T-shirt, water and a snack. The event is free to children 12 and younger. Prizes will be available to participants.

Register in advance by contacting Shelly King at 248-348-7600 or via email at [sking@dfcnazarene.org](mailto:sking@dfcnazarene.org) or by contacting Peggy Sanchez at 313-682-1045 or [gap7stander@aol.com](mailto:gap7stander@aol.com).

Registration forms also will be available the morning of the fundraising event. A sponsored walker form is available for those runners/walkers who wish to raise money in this way.

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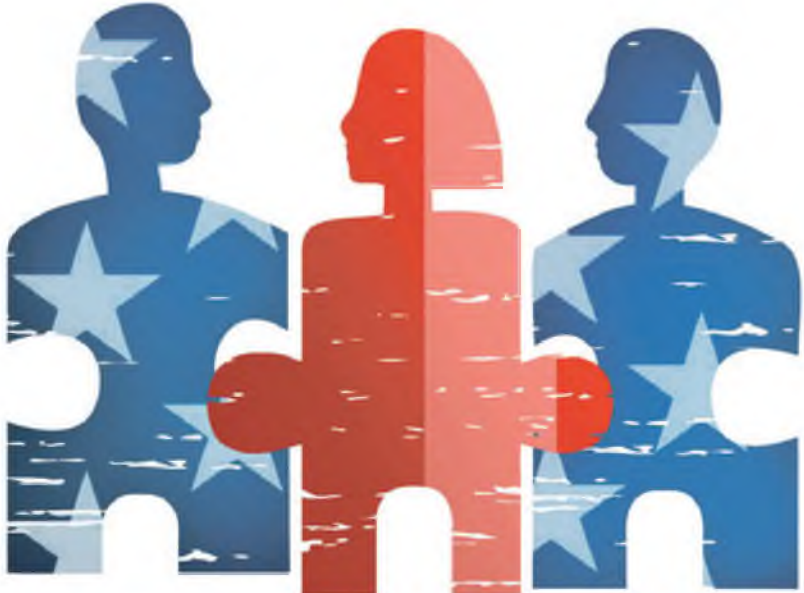
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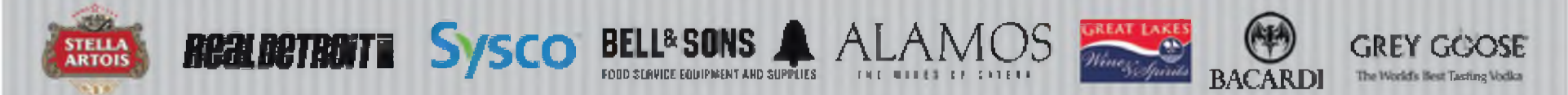
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## And the band played on



The Northville High School marching band plays some school spirit music before the school's Sept. 20 home football game against Salem High. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## INCIDENTS

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district sent out a mass email to inform the school community of this latest case.

According to the school district, the parent of the student, also in the athletic program, appropriately notified officials on Monday, upon receipt of the information from the physician. The parent told the district that the student's wound has remained covered, minimizing the risk of exposure.

With this information, the district has initiated a prescribed cleaning regimen of the athletic areas at NHS that

night as a precautionary measure.

"We appreciate the prompt reporting of this information, and will monitor this concern should there be any additional reports. The district has not received any other reports of MRSA cases, nor was this information known to the district prior to this afternoon," the school district email stated.

The district also sent parents a link to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website at [cdc.gov/mrsa/groups/advice-for-athletes.html](http://cdc.gov/mrsa/groups/advice-for-athletes.html), which contains information on MRSA.

Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher today said parents should not be alarmed.

"Parents should just read the information and just practicing good hygiene is the best way to deal with it," Gallagher said. "Our athletic department does a good job on an ongoing basis."

The bacteria typically causes an antibiotic-resistant skin infection that can be spread by direct contact or by sharing personal items, like towels and razors, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

### Bus issue

The school district also sent out an email advisory on Monday afternoon that stated a bus assigned to Thornton Creek Elementary School's Route H was delayed as a result of a

reported car accident in the area of Curtis Court and Carlington Drive.

The police had detained the bus while a substitute driver was dispatched to complete the run, which is a school district protocol whenever a bus may be involved in an accident.

According to the school district, no injuries were reported and the police subsequently determined that the bus was not involved in an accident. Transportation reported that the last student drop-off occurred at 4:47 p.m.

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year at this time), middle school enrollment - 1,748 (down 3 students from the same projections last year), high school enrollment - 2,350 (up 61 students from the same projections last year).

The current overall projection for K12 enrollment is approximately 7,205, which is an increase of 90 students over last year.

Rodgers said they use the unofficial head count enrollment figures through the summer to monitor our staffing allocations and the respective budgetary implications. The most recent addition was to Hillside Middle School, which has seen an increase.

Some of this enrollment shift is due to the attendance boundary changes.

"Most of the movement or changes in enrollment levels at the individual schools were fairly consistent with those anticipated based on the recent boundary adjustments," Rodgers said.

Last year, to better balance the total number of students at each elementary and middle school building, the school board and district undertook an attendance boundary study. The final outcome was the adjusting of the number of students at each building, except the high school. This gave Winchester Elementary a higher student head count as well as Hillside with some students that would have gone to Ridge Wood and Meads Mill Middle School shifting over.

"Overall, the transitions to the new boundary lines have been very smooth," Rodgers said. "We appreciate the efforts of the administrators, staff and parents in making that transition as seamless as possible for our students."

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A large group of diverse elementary school children in a classroom, all with their hands raised enthusiastically. The children are of various ethnicities and ages, ranging from young children to teenagers. They are all smiling and looking towards the front of the room. The background shows a typical classroom setting with shelves and educational materials.





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
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# Township looking to adjust millage rate in 2014

**By Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

In its coming budget analysis and formulation for next year and beyond, the Northville Township Board of Trustees and various departments will be looking to the future, including a new millage decision in 2014.

According to Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix, next year voters will be asked a millage question on their ballots. However, it's not known yet what that question will be.

He told a gathering of township officials and residents at a special meeting on Sept. 11 that, "whether it's a renewal, whether it's a decrease, or whether it's an increase," will be deter-



Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix said it is likely that voters will be asked to adjust the millage rate. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

mined by a thorough budget review and planning.

A subcommittee has been formed to begin the review process for the millage.

The township's general voted millage, which

started in 2010, is at .01176 mills while the dedicated public safety millage rate is at 5.0 mills. One mill is calculated at \$1 per \$1,000 of taxable value.

Northville Township's finances are still recover-

ing from the recent economic downturn with it losing substantial amounts in tax revenue and value. However, that hasn't slowed it down from maintaining a high level of services and transparency, according to Nix.

Revenues from taxes went from \$12,455,833 in 2012 down nearly 3 percent in 2013.

The township is putting together a three-year projection of costs and expenses for planning both short and long term. This, Nix said, is unprecedented in the township and will play a big part in going forward.

Marina Neumaier, the township's finance director, said the township saw an almost 14 percent decrease in taxable value

from 2007-2013.

An estimated \$2.1 million in tax revenue was lost in that time, which has greatly impacted the Public Safety Fund, among other things.

Tax revenue is the primary source for the township's revenue to help pay for its services.

Nix said it won't be until 2020 that the township would recover the same revenue source that it had in 2007.

"The last four or five years we've been doing everything we could to maintain services without having to raise taxes, and we've done that through cuts and reductions (in staff)," Nix said.

With the hardships, the township has worked hard and made sacrifices to stay sound. For this it

has been been recognized for budgetary and financial excellence by the Government Accountability Office for transparency and fiscally sound practices. Since 2008, the work force in the township has been reduced by nearly 12 percent.

"This budget and multi-year process really builds upon this board's vision for fiscal transparency and excellence in financial reporting," Neumaier said of the upcoming budget.

There will be opportunities for the public to hear budget details and speak on it at township hall meetings on Oct. 9 and Oct. 17.

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Garden club meeting

The Northville Garden Club will meet at 10 a.m., Monday, Oct. 14 in the Cady Inn at Mill Race Village. The is the group's annual Pine Cone and Bow Workshop. Members will be wiring pine cones and making bows to adorn our wreaths for their annual greens mart.

Guests are always welcome. For more information please contact Inge Knoth at 248-348-1835.

### Woman's Club meeting

Northville Woman's Club will begin it's 121st year with a fashion show luncheon at Meadowbrook Country Club beginning at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 4. Tickets are \$24 and must be purchased by Monday, Sept. 30.

Guests are welcome. For more information, contact Susan Struthers at 248-735-4006.

### Crafters/vendors wanted

The 6th Annual Bizarre Bazaar will take place on Saturday, Nov. 9 at the First United Methodist Church of Northville. Organizers are looking for crafters, vendors, and entrepreneurs to take part in the event. Indoor spaces are available to showcase your talents and products to hundreds of local customers. The event is a fundraiser to help women in third world countries start a business with a micro-loan from a Village Bank.

The event includes reasonable entry fees, a friendly community atmosphere, and a great cause. For more information or to reserve your space, visit <http://fumc-northville.org/#/missions-and-service>, send an email to [fumc-bazaar@gmail.com](mailto:fumc-bazaar@gmail.com) or find them on Facebook.

### Fall Fun Day

The Thayer's Corner Nature Area Fall Fun Day will take place from

10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5. Participants will be able to paint pumpkins, make a scarecrow, and go on a hayride.

Cost of the event is \$8 per person, which covers all supplies.

Pre-register by Sept. 28. RSVP by mail to 40138 Bexley Way, Northville 48168.

For more information, contact Marv Ganns at 734-751-1567.

### Meredith to perform

Hawaiian singer Kim-Char Meredith, singer of faith-based and secular music, will sing at Unity of Livonia, located on Five Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster Roads, on Saturday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. Meredith has opened for Melissa Etheridge and has won many awards for her music.

Tickets are \$15. For information call 734-421-1760.

### 'Run 4 the Rouge'

On Saturday Sept. 28, Friends of the Rouge and Canton Township are

teaming up to host the Fourth Annual Run 4 the Rouge. This year's run route was lengthened to four miles and will also include a two mile walk.

Race day festivities kick off with registration, which is slated to begin at 8 a.m. at Connection Church, located at 3855 South Sheldon Road in Canton. The run is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. and will follow a scenic trail along the lower branch of the Rouge River, showcasing the unique natural features of the river. Participants should be prepared for a little mud and uneven surfaces.

The run is timed and prizes will be awarded in age categories. This family-friendly event is open to all walkers, runners, and nature enthusiasts.

Entry fees are \$30 for race day registration. For more information on the "Run 4 the Rouge" or to register online, visit [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org).

### Mom 2 Mom sale

Novi Community Education's Lily Pad Lane Infant Care will host a Mom 2 Mom Sale for items/clothing up to age 12. The event will take place on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 9 a.m. to noon at Novi High School. Admission is \$1 per person. Admission is free to children ages infant to 15 years.

Seller space is available. Tables are available for \$20 each, and rack space is \$10. All baby and toddler items will be accepted, including large items such as cribs, high-chairs, swings and large toys. Extra space will be provided for large items at no cost. Funds raised will go toward equipment for the Lily Pad Lane playground. For more information or to register for table/rack space, call 248-449-1713 or email [goconnor@novi.k12.mi.us](mailto:goconnor@novi.k12.mi.us).

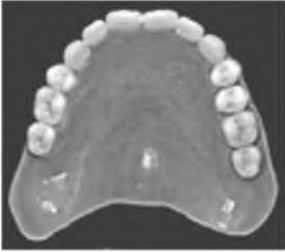
### Friends of Island Lake

The Friends of Island Lake meet the fourth Tuesday of each month (except December) at 7 p.m. at the Island Lake State Recreation Area headquarters at Kensington and Grand River.

The group's purpose is to support, enhance, protect and promote the natural, historic, and recreational features of the park and the Huron River by increasing awareness of the parks assets through the education and outreach activities, encouraging and facilitating communication and cooperation between diverse users of the park and its staff, organizing volunteers and stewardship activities and fundraising through contributions and grants to support these initiatives.

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

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

Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Specialist joins Botsford

Zachary J. Baselle, D.O., has joined the medical staff at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. As a member of Farmington Emergency Medical Associates, PLC, Baselle, a Northville resident, is among the 19 specially-trained physicians who diagnose and treat patients in Botsford's Emergency and Trauma Center.

After graduating from A.T. Still University's Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Missouri, Baselle completed his four-year emergency medicine residency at Botsford. During that time, he served as chief resident of emergency medicine and as an EMS lecturer, providing training for paramedics, local fire departments, and paramedic students. As a resident, Baselle also gave more than 20 lectures to Botsford staff physicians and residents on a variety of topics involving emergency medicine.

Baselle has delivered medical care to the people of Guatemala, one of the poorest countries in Latin America, during two medical missions. As an undergraduate student at Albion College, he coordinated the building of two Habitat for Humanity homes that allowed two families to break their cycle of poverty. Also while at Albion, he served as the 2005 class president, chaired the student affairs senate, and served as president of his fraternity, Delta Sigma Phi.

Baselle is a member of the American Osteopathic Association, the Michigan Osteopathic Association, and the American College of

Emergency Physicians.

### Palushaj joins J.R. Thompson

Northville's Violet Palushaj has joined J.R. Thompson Company as a graphic designer. Prior to J.R. Thompson, Palushaj interned at the University of Michigan Health System where she worked on a variety of projects that ranged from traditional print collateral to new media (video sharing and social networking).



Palushaj

Palushaj holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in graphic design from Wayne State University.

### Attorneys recognized

Six Northville residents from Foley & Lardner's Detroit office have been recognized by 2013 Michigan Super Lawyers.

The Detroit partners named 2013 Michigan Super Lawyers and their primary practices are:

- » Scott Seabolt (business litigation)
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The attorneys named 2013 Michigan Rising Stars and their primary practices are:

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Super Lawyers is a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high-degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The

selection process is multi-phased and includes independent research, peer nominations and peer evaluations.

### Detroit Diesel Retiree Club

The Detroit Diesel Retiree Club will hold its annual luncheon and business meeting on Thursday, Oct. 17 at the Laurel Manor Banquet & Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia. It's primarily a social club that provides information to its members about items which may impact all retirees of Detroit Diesel Corporation from GM, through the current ownership. For the past 33 years the club has held an annual luncheon get together on the third Thursday of October.

Retirees come from all over the country and overseas to renew friendships and get caught up on any new happenings.

Guests enjoy social interaction beginning at 11 a.m., a buffet luncheon at 12:30 p.m. and brief business meeting on topics of current interest to the attending guests.

Cost to attend the luncheon is \$23. The price includes a roster of current membership and a memorial page of those we know who passed. Retirees who cannot attend the luncheon or wish to register for future mailings can purchase the roster for \$3.

For information on the luncheon and pre-registration, contact Robert Pavol, membership director, at 734-455-2668, email jrpa-vol64@prodigy.net or John Leidlein, president, 313-863-8850, email dieseljml@aol.com.



Northville Planet Fitness owner Chris Klebba (right) welcomes back longtime members Mike Malack (left) and Gary Smith to the facility after a recent \$700,000 renovation. The gym added all new exercise equipment, two water massage tables, new tanning booths and new cafe area. Both Smith and Malack have been members of the gym since the early 1990s. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## All pumped up

### Big investment improves area's first Planet Fitness

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

Planet Fitness in downtown Northville got a whole new look this past summer with over \$700,000 in improvements that make the gym an even better spot to break a sweat.

"We've refreshed basically everything here," said owner Chris Klebba. "This was long overdue, but we are now glad to show our members and prospective ones the new equipment and different details that makes this a great place to exercise."

Last week, Planet Fitness announced the completion of extensive remodeling at its club located on Main Street. This club was the first Metro Detroit area gym to open under the Planet Fitness brand in 2006.

The Northville club has been undergoing renovations and equipment upgrades over the past year. Many mem-

bers are happy to see it back open and with better selections.

"This is really cool," said longtime member Gary Smith after using the new hydro massage table. "I'm here almost every day, so I'm glad to see the new fans, televisions and equipment in place."

The modernization of the gym makes it a state-of-the-art facility. New hydro massage tables and chairs as well as four new high performance tanning beds were put in along with more than \$400,000 of new cardio and strength equipment. The locker rooms and restrooms were also updated.

In addition, more than 20 brand new large screen TVs were put in the cardio room. The relaxation zone was also remodeled.

"This is a very special club because it was the first Planet Fitness to open in the Detroit area," said Klebba, owner of seven other Planet Fitness clubs in Michigan. "Our members have been fantastic throughout the re-modeling process, and we're all looking

forward to this grand re-opening; this will make the Northville gym one of the most state-of-the-art gyms in the area."

The 16,000 square-foot Planet Fitness is open 24-hours five days a week, and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekends. It aims to appeal to a broad range of membership, from old to young and everything in between.

The club features an extensive selection of cardio equipment including treadmills, ellipticals, arc trainers, and stationary bikes. Every cardio machine is connected to an entertainment system consisting of multiple wide screen HD televisions.

It also offers a full complement of upper and lower body strength machines, a 30-minute PF Express circuit and a new 12-minute abs circuit.

The club is located at 235 E. Main Street. Prices at Planet Fitness range from \$10 to \$19.99 a month.

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## CHAMBER CHAT

### Annual meeting

The Northville Chamber of Commerce will host its annual meeting from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 16 at Fleming's Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar, 17400 Haggerty Road in Livonia.

Join Chamber members and community leaders for this networking and annual business meeting. Signature hot/cold hors d'oeuvres will be served, and there will be a cash bar. The cost is \$25 per person. Please RSVP by Oct. 11 to traci-sincock@northville.org

The program includes the chamber's annual operational review, recognition of the Northville Citizen of the Year, and naming the election of board members.

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### MILESTONES

#### ENGAGEMENT



Megan Rose Kelly of Northville and Jake Atkinson of Ann Arbor are engaged to be married. The bride to be is the daughter of John and Michele Kelly of Northville. She is a 2009 graduate of Northville High School, and will graduate from Oakland University with a B.A. in communications. She has been working with Doner advertising since May of 2013 and plans to work for Humble Design in the fall. The groom to be is the son of Kevin and Debra Atkinson of Northville. He is also a 2009 graduate of Northville High School. He is on schedule to earn a degree in mechanical engineering and business administration in May 2014 from the University of Michigan. A June 2014 wedding is planned in the Metro Detroit area.

#### ENGAGEMENT



Brooke Lynn Fritz and Craig Torrance, both of Northville, are engaged to be married. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Kathleen Catrine and Stephen Fritz of Kaukauna, Wis. The groom-to-be is the son of Brian Torrance, of Falkirk, Scotland, and the late Margaret Torrance. A wedding is planned for the winter of 2013.

#### WEDDING




Katelyn Marie Sabada, of Canton, and William Michael Streicher, of Northville, were married on May 25, 2013 at the Mystic Creek Golf Course in Wixom. The bride is the daughter of Joanie Sabada, of Canton, and the late Jeffrey Sabada. She is a 2009 graduate of Salem High School, and is currently a senior at Eastern Michigan University studying language, literature and writing for secondary education. The groom is the son of Mark and Michelle Streicher of Northville. He is a 2008 graduate of Catholic Central High School in Novi, and is currently attending Moody Bible institute working towards a degree in Biblical studies. Joshua Wilhite officiated the wedding. Sydney Liedel acted as the maid of honor, and bridesmaids were Christine Salter, Leslie Rose, Sarahbeth Barlas, Jessica Dethloff, and Rachel Reading. Joshua Glenn was the best man. The groomsmen were Noah Salter, Alexandru Butuza, Joshua Pettovello, Stephen Streicher, and Jason Sabada. The couple honeymooned in the Smokey Mountains, and will make their future home in Plymouth.


#### ENGAGEMENT




Lauren Kozak of Northville and Benjamin Keur of Novi are engaged to be married. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Stephen and Jean Kozak of Northville. She is a graduate of Northville High School and Albion College and earned her master's degree from Eastern Michigan University. She is currently an English and theater teacher at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills. The groom-to-be is the son of Brian and Roxanne Keur of Muskegon. He is a graduate of Oakridge High School and has a bachelor's and a master's degree from Ferris State University. He is currently employed as a mechanical engineer at Ford Motor Co. A July 4, 2014, wedding is planned at Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids.




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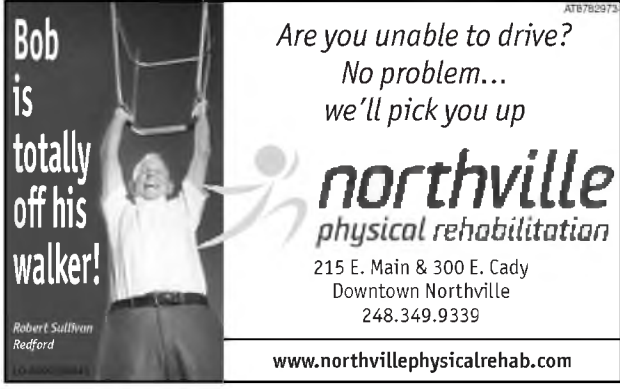


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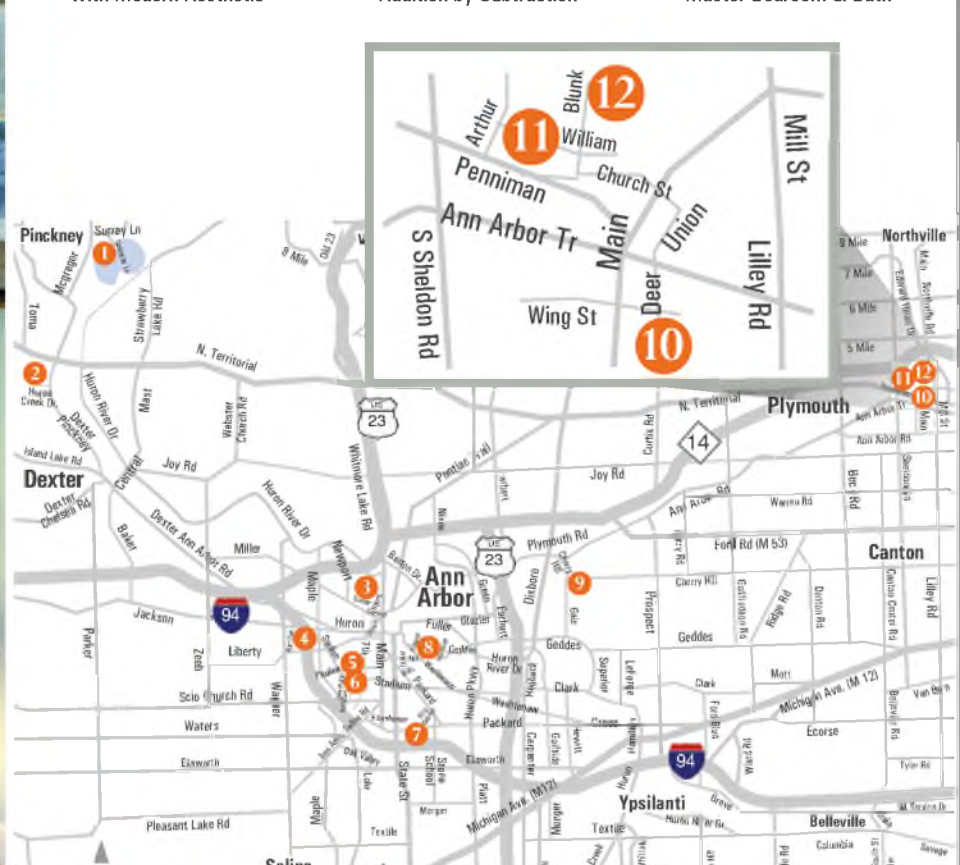
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# Marquis parking lot upgrades ready to begin

## Delays, additions force contractor to up the price

**By Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

On delay until the Comerica walk-way project could be finished, improvements to the Marquis parking lot will go ahead this year, with a price increase.

The Northville City Council approved by a 5-0 vote an updated agreement with the Nagle Paving Company at over \$86,000 to complete work on the parking lot behind the Northville Gallery, Comerica Bank and Marquis Theater.

### Parking lot improvements

The Novi and Livonia based company will improve the plaza area at the rear of the walk-way, and will add new landscaping details and seating along with an accessible sidewalk area.

The project took a boost in costs because of the walk-way project delays and adding some new specifics to the updated agreement. It went from \$54,000-plus to more than \$86,000. This added cost is being shared by the Downtown Development Authority (\$16,548) and city of Northville (\$15,380).

“Because of planned improvements for constructing a new pedestrian walk-thru through the buildings on the north side of E. Main Street, improvements to the Marquis parking lot were placed on hold until such time that the walk-thru project was completed,” explained Public Works Director Jim Gallogly to the city council at its last meeting.

He said the city council in July of 2011 approved and awarded a bid for improvements to the privately owned portion of the Marquis parking lot in downtown Northville. At that time the bid, which was \$29,000 less than the second lowest bidder, was awarded to Nagle Paving Company. The Marquis parking lot bid was submitted with a bid for the reconstruction of the Northville Square Parking Lot, which was also awarded and then constructed in 2011.

However, the walk-way had a few issues including the façade needing an overhaul and walls stabilized after the work had shifted the structure a bit, which put the work on the back lot on hold.

### Price adjustment

“Now that the walk-thru project is substantially complete City Staff has contacted Nagle Paving Company and learned that after two years they are still willing to do the parking lot improvement project,” said Gallogly. “Nagle Paving Company has time to undertake this project this fall, however, they are unable to hold their original 2011 prices and requested a price adjustment.”

Some of the reasoning behind this was in addition to an updated price adjustment, over the past two years the DDA had an opportunity to work with a Volunteer Design Committee for this project. Through these efforts a design has been created and approved by the DDA Board to construct an improved plaza area, which is located at the north end of the Walk-Thru.

These changes add additional items and cost to the original contract amount, according to Gallogly.

He added city staff and its design engineer Uldis Vitins had also negotiated a cost increase with Nagle, and by approving a Change Order the parking lot improvements project can be completed in 2013, at a price believed to be less than what we could expect for spring 2014 work.

The work is expected to begin now that the Victorian Festival has ended.

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# HORSE FARM

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a report on the home. Their conclusion was the home has “no historical significance.”

## ‘Mr. Harness Racing’

Shadko, among others, takes exception with that conclusion, of course. Over its lifetime, the home and surrounding property have been many things, including a dairy farm. In the 1940s, it was purchased by one of the community’s most influential people, Orlo Owen, who converted the property into a horse farm. Owen was a larger than life character, who is considered by many as one of the originators of parimutuel harness racing, which was pioneered at Northville Downs.

“Orlo was known as ‘Mr. Harness Racing.’ Once he bought this home, he completely gutted the whole thing. Back in his day it was just gorgeous,” Shadko said.

Shadko is now holding out hope that someone will step forward and move the home to another site. The developer has agreed to allow that to happen, but the clock is ticking. As of now, the deadline is May of 2014.

“I would love to see them (developer) preserve it right where it is. That’s where it belongs. Or even pick it up and move it over onto its own lot. But it is pretty apparent neither of those options are going to happen,” Shadko said. “My third choice is for someone to pick it up and move it somewhere else so we don’t completely



Northville Township Trustee Fred Shadko and longtime Napier Road resident Jean Bemish walk along Seven Mile Road near a farmhouse built around 1840. The pair are concerned what will happen with the house and its property on Seven Mile Road between Napier and Ridge. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

lose it.”

Jean Bemish, who has spent most of her life living on Napier Road not far from the property, is also upset about the plan to demolish the home and the pastures where she has spent many days. She remembers the Owen family well.

“We used to ride horses there all the time,” Bemish said. “When the nearby Steeple Chase sub went in I cried. This seems like just another piece of our history be-

ing torn away. This has always been such a pretty house. I don’t know why they can’t find a way to save it.”

## ‘Shame to see it go’

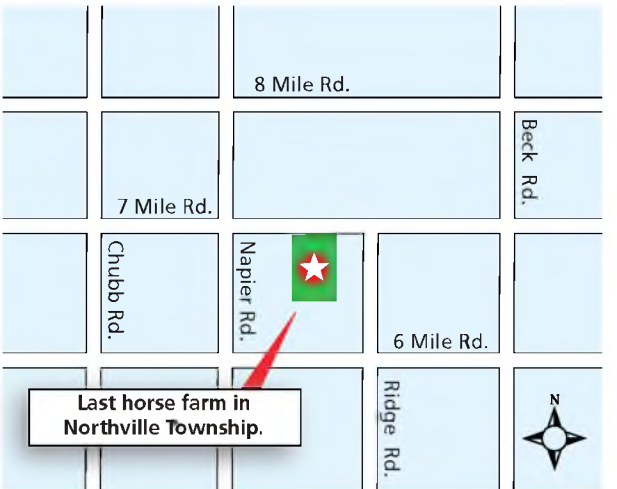
Rick Barnes, who is the farm manager for Northville Horse and Recreation operated by CJM Farms, said the place is still active. In addition to boarding horses (there are about 30 horses there now) and offering sleigh rides in the winter, the business also has a program that

teaches girls how to ride horses.

Barnes currently lives in another home on the property. He is unsure what the future holds.

“This is a beautiful property. We see deer and wild turkey all the time. I’ve even seen a bobcat out here,” said Barnes, who has worked for the business for about three years. “It’s a real shame all of this is going away.”

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Rick Barnes, who manages Northville Horse and Recreation at CJM Farms, is not sure what the future will hold now that the horse stables and boarding operations have been sold to a developer.

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# Completion dates change for Eight Mile resurfacing project

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) has changed the order of the segments of its Eight Mile resurfacing project between Napier and Taft roads on the Novi/Northville Township border and in the City of Northville.

The section between Napier and Beck will be completed in November. The section between Beck and Taft will be completed in 2014.

Originally, RCOC expected to complete this year the section between Garfield and Beck, with the section between Napier and Garfield to be completed next year. The scheduling was changed to

avoid closing the road just before the start of school due to some unforeseen engineering concerns.

The project involves resurfacing Eight Mile with three inches of asphalt. Additionally, the lanes will be widened to accommodate bicycles, and there will be drainage improvements and sidewalks will be completed between Beck and Taft roads.

As part of the project, the traffic signals at the Eight Mile/Beck Road and Eight Mile/Taft Road intersections will be updated. The pedestrian crosswalks along this section of Eight Mile Road will also be upgraded.

## Dog attack

A bulldog attacked another dog, which led to the bitten dog needing medical attention and the bulldog owner with a large veterinarian bill.

On Sept. 14, a Northville woman was walking her husky mix dog along Chigwidden when the bulldog ran by its owner to the sidewalk and attacked the dog. Several bites were inflicted on the dog's back. The medical bill totaled \$630, which the bulldog's owner said he would take responsibility for.

There have been no reported previous complaints regarding the bulldog, according to police.

## NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

### Felony arrest warrant

While investigating a property destruction complaint, the Northville City Police ended up detaining the reporting person for a felony warrant.

On Sept. 9, police were at a location on Linden Street when a check was conducted on the man reporting the MDOP (malicious destruction of property). It came back that the 49-year-old Northville man had a felony warrant out of the Michigan Attorney General's office in Ann Arbor for fraud. The man was later turned over to Michigan State Police.

### Parole violation arrest

A Novi man was arrested on a parole violation warrant

after being stopped for driving a car with tinted windows.

On Sept. 13, Northville City Police were southbound on Center Street when they spotted the man driving along eastbound Cady Street in a vehicle that had the driver's side front window tinted. The man was stopped at the gas station on S. Main Street. The car belonged to the passenger's cousin, but a background check on the driver came back that a warrant was out on him.

The warrant was from the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) Lansing Tether Unit. The 23-year-old man was held until MDOC picked him up.

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OUR VIEWS

# Not your old school

## Technology gives students new learning tools

You might say a whole new day has dawned for Northville Public Schools.

Students have been back in class for a couple weeks now, but the classrooms they are currently learning in are much different than the ones they left last summer. The bricks and mortar may be the same, but the learning environment has changed due to the implementation of new technology over the summer.

Every school in the district, and more importantly every classroom, has been fitted with new high-tech teaching tools after voters in the district last year approved a \$20 million bond to replace aging technology.

After successful passage of the bond, the board of education almost immediately approved spending \$3.5 million for technological upgrades, beginning with replacing older desktop and laptop computers in every classroom throughout the district, including those for early childhood and the Cooke School.

In addition, Promethean boards and supporting technologies have been installed at the high school and middle schools. All the elementary school buildings should have Promethean boards, audio enhancement system and document cameras installed by early fall. These interactive “white boards” give teachers cutting edge tools to connect their students to a world much larger than their classrooms.

While some might call these tools glorified chalkboards, the white boards allow teachers to be innovative in teaching content to their students, while at the same time sharpening the students’ technical skills, which they will need in the workplace that awaits them.

Of course, this new technology would be useless if the teachers didn’t know how to utilize it. That’s why the district trained its teachers over the summer months to understand the Promethean boards. There are also technology leaders in all the buildings to help with this important transition.

In addition to all the new technology, there are also a few more teachers this fall. The district has been forced to hire more teachers due to the fact that Northville remains an attractive place for parents who are looking to get their children the best public education experience possible.

Initial counts show enrollment in the district is up yet again this year, meaning more students are populating the classroom throughout the district.

Early projections for K-12 enrollment has risen above 7,200 students, with an increase of about 90 students over last year. That is good news for the district. Families continue to move to this area for the schools. And that’s why it is so important for the district to be at the forefront when it comes to teaching tools and technology. That’s what parents here expect, especially when so many other surrounding districts already have the new technologies in place.

In the end, the basis of the education model hasn’t changed. Administrators and teachers must engage the minds of their students, and make them want to learn. Now they just have an improved learning environment and new tools to meet that goal.



Dawn McGuffin, left, a sixth-grade science teacher at Meads Mill Middle School sits with other instructors on Aug. 28 as they learn the school district's new Promethean system. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

COMMUNITY VOICE

## What is you favorite fall tradition?

This question was asked in downtown Northville.



Going to the cider mill, of course. It's the best thing, especially at Parmenter's.  
**Stephani Asbury**  
Northville



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**Gary Martin**  
Northville



The trees changing colors.  
**Alex Fisher**  
Northville



The cider mill or Thanksgiving with family.  
**James Luxon**  
Northville

LETTERS

### Build recreation center

I enjoyed reading about the former Scott Correctional site in the *Northville Record* last week (“Township gets ball rolling on plans for prison site”).

For this site, located at Beck and Five Mile roads, I would like to see it developed as a recreation center that Northville could call its own. I would like to see one built like the one in Livonia, but more on a larger scale. I believe Northville would benefit from having its own recreation center. It would be better to have our own instead of using Hillside Middle School.

I also think a walking path with nice landscaping around the center would be a great addition. Others communities have their own recreation center, why not Northville?

**Marla Peters**  
Northville

### Aquatics center needed

In response to your request for opinions in last week's *Northville Record*, let me enthusiastically suggest that Northville could benefit from an aquatics center. I envision not just an indoor pool, but an aquatics facility suitable for hosting revenue-generating USA Swimming events in addition to serving an unmet community need for an accessible recreational pool.

Currently our USA Swimming youth have to travel to Eastern Michigan University for the closest competitions, and often have to travel to the Grand Rapids area to compete in Jenison Aquatics Center. There is an unmet need in the surrounding municipalities for such a venue.

**Susan Greenlee**  
Northville

### What are the benefits?

In lieu of merely saying that she explained the benefits of Obamacare to some relatives and that they were so impressed so as to wonder why anyone would be against it, I wish Ms. Joanne Braund (letters, “War or Insurance?”) would list the benefits in her letter. While she is at it, perhaps she can explain why the union bosses are so against it now they are seeking waivers or exemptions for the union members. Where does that leave the rest of us?

I would also like to know if Obamacare is so great, why has the CEO of the Cleveland Clinic gone on record saying that they will layoff 3,000 of their 42,000 employees due to this wonderful program? The fact is the clinic is being forced to cut back to prepare for increased costs and decreased revenue under the health care reform law.

Also, large corporations such as Walgreens are giving their employees a lump sum in 2014 so they can buy their own health insurance in a health care exchange. Nevermind that President Obama promised that if you liked your current health care plan you would keep it. It all stems from the health plan mandate fee on employers and the mountainous paperwork the plan brings with it. So now the employees will be compelled to figure out what is the best plan for them.

Guess what? Costs will go up for the employees.

With benefits like these, I too am left to wonder why anyone would be against it.

**Ray Ferrer**  
Northville

### Repeal Obamacare

Unions in rebellion, waivers for big business and insurance exchanges ripe for fraud are just three of many reasons to rewrite or replace Obamacare.

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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The House Oversight and Government Reform Committee has already reported numerous instances of scam artists collecting personal data trying to sign up people for a phony Obamacare card.

“Navigators” hired without background checks to guide people through the insurance exchanges will be asking you for personal, financial and medical information they’ll enter into a Federal Services Data Hub stored at the Department of Health and Human Services.

The hub can be accessed by all federal departments you’re linked to such as the VA, Social Security, or IRS et al. We’re assured the system will be secure.

The hub will be virtual one stop shopping for hackers. Navigators will have access to personal information worth big bucks to identity thieves.

Remember, this law was passed with payoffs, backroom deals, waivers for friends of the President, zero support from Republicans and an executive order promising no public funding of abortion. Obama made that bogus promise to Michigan Congressman Bart Stupak and his group of six pro-life Democrats to secure the final votes needed for passage.

Our political elite continue to tell us how much we’re going to like a plan they want no part of themselves. It robs every American of the right to make free market health care decisions. Patient choice and market competition would reduce insurance and medical costs. The Republican alternative American Health Care Reform Act would accomplish that.

It would also eliminate government control. That’s why Democrats will use their patented fear mongering and arsenal of inflammatory rhetoric to keep Obamacare alive.

**Jack Belisle**  
South Lyon

### Privatized intelligence?

I am in agreement with President Barack Obama that we must balance the rights of the individual with the needs of our nation, while recognizing that intelligence never can be 100 percent transparent. I am concerned, however, with what is missing in this debate.

First is the role of privatization in intelligence. Are the private contractors loyal to the company who pays them, or to America? How does a private company determine the trustworthiness of an employee? For those individuals who complain about the cost of government, do they think it is more or less expensive to pay the salary of a public servant or that of a private contractor?

Second is it necessary that millions of individuals have top security clearance?

Third, are analysts checking for context when they hear what is being said or read what is written? For example, someone who bombs a test is very differ-

ent from an individual who bombs a building.

In a participatory democracy, it is of vital importance that citizens debate the role of surveillance in the defense of our nation.

**Denise “Chip” Black**  
Milford

### Gun violence must cease

Another senseless tragedy involving gun violence against innocent people has occurred in our nation’s capital. These mass killings will continue until and unless all American citizens:

» Interpret the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution correctly, as the Founders intended, noting the words, “a well-regulated Militia.”

» Elect reasonable, moderate, state and U.S. senators and representatives.

» Demand and require these officials to enact and enforce logical policies regarding the buying and selling of guns plus types of guns on the market.

» Develop empathy, concern, and help for persons who suffer mental health problems.

» Encourage programs through state and federal organizations which deal with early detection of as well as treatment for emotionally or mentally disturbed individuals.

Sadly, often we Americans occupy ourselves with “getting and spending” as Wordsworth wrote. We sometimes allow hatred or fear to prevent us from participating in local or national activities. We substitute digital means of communication for real time communication via telephones or written messages or face-to-face encounters. We are detached.

However, recently the American public voiced concern over a possible invasion of Syria. Negotiations have begun at least temporarily. Perhaps dialogue and agreement will prevail.

The insanity of all gun violence where ever it happens must cease. Grass roots efforts are crucial. Let us continue to hope.

**Hannah Provence Donigan**  
Commerce

### Ban ‘neonics’

The U.S. EPA has a checkered record when it comes to evaluating pesticides. A case in point is the agency’s slow response in regulating the neonicotinoid insecticides, or “neonics,” despite extensive scientific evidence of the threat to bees, birds and other wildlife.

A 100-page report by the American Bird Conservancy, *The Impact of the Nation’s Most Widely Used Insecticides on Birds*, examined the risks to birds and aquatic systems, including extensive comparisons with the older pesticides that the neonics have replaced. The results reinforce the need for immediate intervention.

Neonics are easily the world’s most widely used pesticides, to the point where it is difficult to find a pest-control product that does not contain at least one of these chemicals. The EPA helped make the neonics best-sellers by approving no less than 595 of these products since the 1990s – including nearly 100 different seed treatments – even though the agency’s own toxicologists were raising red flags about potential environmental threats.

ABC is calling on the EPA to suspend all uses of neonics pending independent review of their effects on birds, terrestrial and aquatic invertebrates, and other wildlife.

**Cynthia Palmer**  
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## Used book sale will benefit library ‘Friends’

It's Used Book Sale time again at the Northville District Library at 212 W. Cady Street in downtown Northville. Book lovers, browsers and bargain hunters are encouraged to take advantage of the Oct. 4-6 sale, which benefits the Friends of the Library.

The sale runs 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday (Oct. 4-5), and 1-3 p.m. on Sunday.

There will also be a special Friends Preview Night from 6-9 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 3 for those who just can't wait to get the first pick of the many bargains in adult fiction and non-fiction, children's books, CD's and DVD's. Not a Friends member? Join that night for admission to the preview.

Hardbacks, DVD's and CD's are \$1, paperbacks \$.50 and children's books only \$.25. Everyday is \$5 a bag day.

This is a major fundraising effort by the Friends who support many of familiar programs, including the adult and juvenile reading programs, Battle of the Books, the Book and Author luncheon, enrichment evenings like

presentations on Michigan Lighthouses, Guernsey Dairy history night, Picks and Sticks, a Thousand Letters Home salute to veterans, and the Twelfth Night Concert.

In addition, the Friends have made the digitization of the *Northville Record* possible as well as the renovation of the teen area and the purchase of five youth computer workstations.

The group also runs the Book Cellar, a used book store, which, beginning Oct. 11, will expand its hours to include Fridays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. every week. This is in addition to its regular Saturday and Monday hours. The cellar will be closed on Sundays.

The Friends is a very busy group and hopes to add newcomers to its rolls. To become a member, fill out a membership application any time you visit the library or download an application from the Friends tab at <http://northville.lib.mi.us>

All proceeds from the used book sale and the Book Cellar go to support the library's programs and service enhancements.

## Nominate someone deserving for 2014 'Citizen of Year'

By Kurt Kuban  
Staff Writer

Do you know someone who often goes above and beyond the call of duty for the Northville community? Someone who is civic-minded and bleeds Northville through and through? It could be a business owner, a philanthropist or just a neighbor who volunteers their precious time.

Well, if you do, the Northville Chamber of Commerce wants to hear from you. The chamber is currently taking nominations for the 2014 Northville Citizen of the Year.

According to Traci Sincock, associate director of the chamber, the nomination process ends Friday, and thus far they've only received less than a dozen nominations. While she said those who have been nominated are certainly quality candidates, she knows there are many others out there who would be just as deserving of the award.

"Let's just say there is no shortage of people



Former Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo was the 2013 Northville Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

out there who are major Northville cheerleaders, who give so much to their community," Sincock said.

The Citizen of the Year award dates back to 1976. Sincock said the award is a celebration to the dedication and commitment shown by so many who make Northville the wonderful community it is.

Over the years, winners have ranged from well-known public officials, like last year's winner Mark Abbo, and business owners, to simple residents who volunteer their time to the community.

In addition to being recognized at the chamber's annual meeting,

which will take place 5:30-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 16 at Fleming's Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar in Livonia, the winner will have a main spot in the upcoming Holiday Lighted Parade and again next year in the Victorian Festival Parade.

The chamber will accept nominations until Friday, Sept. 27. Nominations should include the name of the individual and a brief outline of the reasons (s)he qualifies for Citizen of the Year status.

There are a couple of criteria to keep in mind when considering who to nominate. The nominee must:

- » Be involved in ac-

tively supporting (through time, talent or financial support) an organization that improves the community.

- » Live or work in Northville.
- » Show concern for community, environment and family.
- » Be a role model for community youth and citizens.

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Nominations can be dropped off to the chamber office at 195 S. Main Street. For more information, visit [www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org). Once all of the nominations are submitted, the chamber's board of directors will select the winner.

Tickets for the annual meeting are \$25. The event includes signature hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Reserve a spot by contacting the chamber at 248-349-7640 or [traci-sincock@northville.org](mailto:traci-sincock@northville.org).

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# Church program focuses on values

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

You don't have to be a United Methodist, or even a Christian, to benefit from an upcoming program on values at the First United Methodist Church of Northville.

Veteran journalist David Crumm of Canton will lead the OurValues program for four weeks at the congregation on Eight Mile, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 3, 10, 17 and 24.

"It's sort of a rare opportunity to see this," said Crumm, 58, the former religion writer for the *Detroit Free Press*. In 2007, he took a buyout from the paper to co-found [www.ReadTheSpirit.com](http://www.ReadTheSpirit.com), an online magazine for which he's editor. It includes with founder Wayne Baker, a sociologist at the University of Michigan, the [www.OurValues.org](http://www.OurValues.org) project focused on civil dialogue on values.

ReadTheSpirit.com is also a book publisher that has carried Baker's numerous columns on values. Baker has a book coming out soon, *United America: The Surprising Truth About American Values, American Identity and the 10 Beliefs That a Large Majority of Americans Hold Dear*.

Those at the Northville church program, for which advance registration is needed at 248-349-1144, are eager to be involved.

"We feel like these kinds of discussions about values are really a universal way to engage people," said Sue Craik, Christian Ministries director for the First United Methodist Church of Northville. "It just kind of made sense for us to do that. No matter what your religion or



Crumm



Baker

your background, the values we hold are more in common."

The Northville church has a new lead pastor, the Rev. Marsha Woolley, who is a friend of Crumm's and eager to host the program.

### 'Buzz about it'

"There's a buzz about it," Craik said. She and others hope to encourage dialogue about faith and getting along.

"I think it's really for a lot of different kinds of people," Craik said. The program's intended for adults and high school youth are also welcome.

Baker's research focuses on what Americans have in common. For the second week in Northville, his book will be available. The \$20 book charge is the only fee.

The program is beginning at the First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor, followed by Northville. Crumm and Baker are members of the Ann Arbor church.

"The participants are actually going to help us finalize what we're going to tell other groups," Crumm said of the study guide.

Baker, who holds appointments at U-M's Institute for Social Research and its business school, is known for his research on areas where Americans are in deep agreement. Baker identified 10 values where nine of 10 Americans agree and have for years.

"We're going to start from this point of agreement," said Crumm,

adding Baker will attend one Northville session.

Crumm agreed courtesy can be present in political debate. "I believe that is possible," he said. When ReadTheSpirit.com started, its 10 principles included that peace is possible and we can all come together.

He works with Michigan State University journalism students on books on understanding groups such as Asian Indian immigrants, Arab Americans and native Americans. "We believe very strongly it is possible to find a common ground in our communities," Crumm said.

He earned his bachelor's degree from U-M and returned as a graduate student, as well as a journalism fellow. Crumm has worked as a journalist since his late teens. He's married to Amy and the couple has two grown children, Benjamin and the Rev. Megan Walther, a United Methodist pastor Downriver.

Crumm and his son, then 21, traveled the country for a *Free Press* series on spiritual values. "There are a lot of people who remember that series," David Crumm said.

### Open to all

"My purpose is to help people talk about their values," he said of his journalism. "We welcome people of other faiths."

He's glad to be in both Ann Arbor and Northville. "It's a wonderful community with a wonderful mix of people," he said of Northville.

"This is about sharing those findings and inviting people who come to see how they connect to their own lives," Crumm said.

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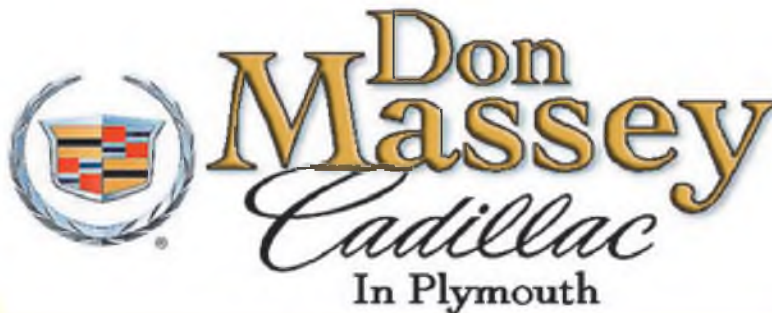
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## Couple holds wedding rehearsal at Novi Bowl

Bowling helped bring a local couple together and to celebrate their love they had their wedding rehearsal at Novi Bowl.

"We met in college back in the 90's in East Lansing," said Brian Roney about he and new wife, Gwen, as the two looked back on their start together.

Brian was going to Michigan State University and Gwen was at Eastern Michigan University, but she lived at home in Northville and commuted there three days a week. Brian roomed in a dorm with several of Gwen's friends from Northville High School. Occasionally, Gwen would go to MSU on the weekends to party and see friends.

They would always chat when she was up there and had a good connection, but they never dated. That changed when they met at a friend's wedding in 2009. They talked and eventually went on a date.

Four years after their first date, Brian and Gwen were back at Novi Bowl to celebrate the wedding with friends and family.

They said they went to dinner on that first date and while at dinner, somehow bowling came up. It turns out both individuals are very competitive and love to bowl. Knowing this, after dinner the two quickly left the restaurant and searched for a bowling alley.

"Naturally, we went to Novi Bowl," he recalled.

Bowling, especially Novi Bowl, holds a special place to them. Gwen's dad used to bowl weekly in a league, and she would go watch. Brian's grandmother still bowls at 86 years old. This bowling tradition occurs in both of their families.

"Four years later it only seemed natural to have our wedding rehearsal at a bowling alley," she said.

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## Mustangs earn two victories at tri-meet

Swimmers beat Walled Lake Northern, Harrison

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs swimmers picked up two more wins in the 2013 campaign during a tri-meet in which they took on Walled Lake Northern and Farmington Hills Harrison. When all was said and done, the Mustangs looked rather stellar, picking up a 120-66 victory over Northern and a 125-61 win over Harrison. "We had another strong

### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls swimming and diving team will be back in action when they swim at home against South Lyon East at 6:30 p.m. today before visiting Salem Saturday. They will then host Novi at 6:30 p.m. a week from today.

performance," said Northville coach Brian McNeff. "This was another meet where I was able to mix some people around and see what they could do in some different events. The girls responded well and it showed how versatile our team is. We have a lot

of girls that can swim any event fast. That really helps out in close meets where you can mix people around and score as many points as possible."

The top Northville finishers in each even were: 200 medley relay: Sabrina Lee, Sarah Lohman, Laura Westphal and Sarah Ptashnik (first place, 1:56.28) and Shannon Hayes, Simone Young, Brittany Nayh and Hope Miller (fourth, 2:08.48); 200 freestyle: Nicki Pumper (second, 2:03.02), Lee (third, 2:07.5) and Natalie Fili-



Northville's Sabrina Lee swims in a tri-meet Sept. 17 at Northville High. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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## Northville dumps Salem

Mustangs take advantage of six turnovers

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

The Mustangs took a step in the right direction last week as they earned their third win of the season and remained undefeated in the KLAACentral Division.

The team, coached by Matt Ladach, notched a 42-21 victory over the winless Salem Rocks. The win gives Northville a 3-1 record overall and a 2-0 mark in division play. It needs six victories to be guaranteed a trip to the MHSAA postseason. "This was a nice win for our team," Ladach said. "Getting off to a

### ON TAP

The Northville football team will be back on the field when it visits Livonia Stevenson at 7 p.m. Friday.

good start was important for us and our special teams helped us out, big-time."

The Mustangs definitely came out of the starting gates with fervor, collecting their first touchdown just 1:58 into the game as they bolted their way to a 34-7 halftime advantage. Joey Hewlett hit Nick Stegmeyer on a 5-yard toss for the opening score, which was followed up with an extra point from Zack Wilds for the 7-0 lead.

Northville added a 26-yard field goal from Wilds and a 46-yard scor-

ing strike from Hewlett to Stegmeyer in the first quarter before tacking on another touchdown on a pass to Jake Slominski from 7 yards out and another to Peter Chew from 18 yards in the second quarter. Wilds hit a 29-yard field goal to put his team up 34-7.

In the second half, Northville had a chance to give some experience to a wide variety of players and it paid off with a touchdown in the fourth quarter, when Aaron Huggins took the snap and handed off to Evan Wieland, who then scampered 13 yards into the end zone for the final Mustangs score of the night.

"We were able to move the ball efficiently

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Northville's Jack Ernst (center) got some help from teammates Ryan Roberts (left) and Lee Moore (right) as they work together to bring down Salem ball carrier Devin Cameron. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Mustangs tight end Ryan Roberts pulls away from a Salem tackler. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Revving up the crowd



The Northville High School sideline cheerleaders work the crowd assembled for the Mustangs' Sept. 20 home football game against Plymouth Rock. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## First-ever volleyball Dig Pink Match coming October to Novi High School

Mustangs, Wildcats will show support for breast cancer awareness

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

There will be a lot less orange and black than fans are used to on the court when the Northville volleyball

team heads to Novi High School for a showdown against its Central Division rival Oct. 10.

The Mustangs and the Wildcats will be showcasing their support for the fight against breast cancer when they play in the first-ever Dig Pink Match.

"To support the fight against breast cancer, the players will be wearing Dig Pink jerseys, the gym will be decorated in

pink and the refs will even be using pink whistles," Northville coach Amanda Yaklin said.

Fans can participate, too, by coming to the game, as all proceeds will be donated to the fight against breast cancer.

Additionally, Yaklin said there will be raffle tickets for baskets that are being made by the two teams, as well as a drive to have everyone

who attends the game wear pink to show unified support from the fans of both teams.

Dig Pink shirts can be ordered from the Northville volleyball website at [www.northvillevolleyball.com](http://www.northvillevolleyball.com) and by visiting the "Dig Pink Match" link.

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

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# FOOTBALL

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and we were successful when we took shots down the field," Ladach said.

Hewlett ended the night with a 14-for-23 passing performance for 209 yards and four touchdowns (14.93 yards per completion), while picking up another 74 yards on 11 carries to lead the team's ground attack. P.J. Schnepf had 58 yards on 14 carries, while Wieland had 55 on 11 runs.

Hewlett's favorite target was Stegmeyer, who hauled in six receptions for 111 yards and two scores, while Sломinski caught three for 41 and Chew had three for 36. Both Sломinski and Chew had one touch-

down each.

Defensively, the Mustangs had a slew of players contribute, with Jack Ernst leading the team with eight tackles and Chris Komorous and Lee Moore picking up six tackles each. Komorous and Jake Cheslik each snagged an interception in the contest. Wilds and Alex Pryzbocki each had a sack.

Salem did pick up 250 yards on the ground on 36 attempts (6.94 yards per carry) and 101 through the air on four completions (25.25-yard average).

Leading the Rocks' offense was Drake Jordan, who picked up 172 yards on 16 carries and scored on a 3-yard run and a 74-yard scamper. Salem also scored on a pass from Alex Nicholson to Michael Hoover. Nicholson ended the



After a fumble by Salem's Jordan Drake, Northville's Gregory Stewart (left) looks to pounce on the loose ball. Stewart got to the ball before the Rocks, making the recovery on the first-half play. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

night with 101 yards passing in a 4-for-17 performance, while running for 86 yards. "Our defense gave up a few big plays, but they

also made some big plays, too," Ladach said. "We're showing improvement in all areas of the game. Now, we've got to continue to do that

on a weekly basis."

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# SWIMMING

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powicz (fourth, 2:08.74); 200 individual medley: Westphal (first, 2:14.25), Marie Gutowski (second, 2:23.94) and Lauren Jarzembowski (fourth, 2:25.04); 50 freestyle: Kelsey Maccadino (first, 26.37 seconds), Ptashnik (fifth, 27.79) and Madeline Wilczewski (seventh, 27.99); diving: Andrew Meister (first, 169.35 points), Claire Ostrowski (fifth, 109.35) and Erin Aquinto (seventh, 121.2); 100 butterfly: Maccadino (first, 1:01.06), Nayh (third, 1:07.29) and Gutowski (fifth, 1:08.10); 100 free: Darby Mroz (second, 58.5), Gillian Zayan (third, 59.76) and Elena Pando (fourth, 1:00.66); 500 free: Jessica Yan (second, 5:33.58), Julia Scavnick (third, 5:45.39) and Filipowicz (fourth, 5:54.04); 200 free relay: Pumper, Maccadino, Lohman and Westphal (first, 1:45.31) and Melissa Clawson, Kelsi Morgan, Nora Orlandea and Analeah Shurtleff (fourth, 1:54.39); 100 backstroke: Pumper (first, 1:03.74), Lee (third, 1:06.58) and Shannon Hayes (sixth, 1:14.76); 100 breaststroke: Lohman (second, 1:09.37), Jarzembowski (fourth, 1:15.53) and Simone Young (sixth, 1:18.30); and the 400 free relay: Filipowicz, Pando, Zayan and Mroz (third, 4:00.85), Allie Pierce, Madeline Chen, Wilczewski and Rachel Mazzara (fourth, 4:15.03) and Arlexis Branson, Claudia Sharp, Natalie Stephens and Shurtleff (fifth, 4:17.97).

"We had a lot more swimmers get their lifetime bests," McNeff said. "For swimmers to be doing that at this stage of the season really shows me how hard they have been working at practice. This team has done a great job at doing the little things at both practice and meets. This is one of the reasons why we have been faster this year."

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# Paddlers needed for first Rouge canoe race

**By Kurt Kuban**  
Staff Writer

Attention, all canoeing enthusiasts. If you are looking for a challenge and want to paddle some relatively unknown water – not to mention have a chance to win some cash – I’ve got the perfect opportunity for you.

The main feature of the Rouge-A-Palooza festival Oct. 12 in downtown Wayne is the inaugural Logjam Classic Canoe Race. Organizers of the event, of which I am one, wanted to do something to celebrate the progress local communities have made in cleaning up the Rouge River in recent years. The city of Wayne has been at the forefront of this movement.

The canoe race covers a three-mile course through the Wayne County-owned Lower Rouge Parkway, which is a green ribbon of forest where trees tower overhead and wildlife makes its home. It is an oasis of nature in an otherwise urban landscape.

Friends of the Rouge has organized a group canoe trip on the Lower Branch of the Rouge each October for several years now and its popularity has continued to grow, with more than 50 people taking part last year.

To raise more awareness to this budding recreational opportunity, we decided to organize the race this year for those looking for a new challenge.

Here are the basics. Our hope is to get up to



Kurt Kuban (left) and Matt Mulholland on a practice run down the Lower Rouge River.

30 canoes in the race. Each canoe must have two partners. Due to the limited size of the river, teams will be sent every five minutes and will be timed. The team with the best time will be awarded cash (the total will depend on the number of competitors) and trophies cut from an actual Rouge River logjam.

The beginning of the race is just east of John Hix Road on Commerce Court behind the Wayne County Department of Environment office, while the completion is at Goudy Park behind Wayne City Hall, where Rouge-A-Palooza will be taking place.

The festival will feature five bands (local favorite Tyrone Hamilton, folksinger Alan Cayn, bluegrass trio Troublesome Creek, alt-country band Corn-daddy, and the bluesy rockers Big Fatty), a

beer tent featuring Michigan brew, a kayak raffle, rubber duck race, build your own miniature boat race for the kids, environmental educational booths, civic group booths, children’s activities and a corn hole tournament. There will also be food vendors on hand (Mean Weenie food truck, Las Cazuelas Grill, Avenue American Bistro, US-12 and Papa Ramano’s).

In addition, Friends of the Rouge will also be organizing its annual paddle trip, which will begin at the conclusion of the canoe race. For more information about how to joining the trip, visit its website at [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org) or contact the group at 313-792-9900. There will be canoe rentals available through Friends of the Rouge.

So as you can see, there will be a lot going on.

For me, however, the race is the main event of the festival. In a day and age with extreme competitions like the Tough Mudder being so popular, the Logjam Classic should be appealing to paddlers who are looking for a tough physical challenge. Despite the name, there won’t be any impassable obstructions in the river, but the Lower Rouge is a fairly technical course. There are logjams to maneuver around (and under, in some cases), riffle areas that must be navigated and lots of bends and turns to the river.

For this reason, we are only allowing experienced canoeists in the race. And you must be in good physical condition to participate.

Our rules are pretty basic: there must be two people in a canoe and any canoe can be used. Unlike the famous AuSable

## LOGJAM CLASSIC RULES/REGISTRATION

The race takes place Oct. 12 in Wayne. Registration begins at 9 a.m. at 3600 Commerce Court in Wayne.

Here are the rules:

- » Two contestants for each canoe. They must remain as a team for the duration of the race, in the same canoe as started with.
- » Any canoe may be used.
- » Competitors must be at least 18 years old.
- » Contestants must have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved P.F.D. (personal flotation device).
- » Commonly accepted rules of sportsmanship will prevail. Intentional capsizing or damaging an opponent’s canoe will mean disqualification.
- » Preregistration is a must due to limited spots. Contact Kurt Kuban at 734-716-0783.

Canoe Marathon, the Logjam Classic is more of a sprint. Winning teams should finish in less than an hour.

Although Michigan Avenue and Ford Motor Co.’s massive Michigan Assembly complex are nearby, competitors in the race will never know it as the river traverses its way through a scenic terrain of large cottonwoods, maples, willows and sycamore trees.

The whole point of the race is to draw more attention to the Lower Rouge and all the efforts that have been made to turn it back into a recreational resource for communities like Wayne, Canton Township, Westland and even Inkster and Dearborn further downstream. In fact, plans are currently under way to have the Lower Rouge designated a national water trail. Water quality of the river has improved dramatically in recent years, as local communities continue to make changes to clean it up.

The best thing about the Rouge River is the fact it’s in our backyard. People who live in the

Detroit area usually have to drive an hour or more to paddle a Michigan river. Our goal is to provide that opportunity closer to home.

If you think you have what it takes, preregister by contacting me at 734-716-0783 or [kku-ban@hometownlife.com](mailto:kku-ban@hometownlife.com). We are only allowing 30 canoes in the race. Cost is \$30 per boat. Each competitor will get a Rouge-A-Palooza T-shirt.

If you don’t have a canoe, but would like to compete, you can rent one for \$35 through Heavner’s Canoe & Kayak Rentals by contacting Jeff Vallender at 248-798-7434.

If you don’t want to compete in the race or participate in the group paddle, but are interested in efforts to clean up the river, head over Oct. 12 to Rouge-A-Palooza as we celebrate our river.

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# Girls harriers continue their impressive season

Squad tops Stevenson, takes second at Jackson Invite

**By Sam Eggleston**  
Correspondent

It was a very competitive week for the Northville girls cross country team and the Mustangs simply thrived off the challenges that were set before them.

Northville, which is coached by Nancy Smith, picked up a KLAA victory Sept. 17 over Livonia Stevenson before running Sept. 21 in both the Jackson and Detroit Catholic Central invitionals with two separate teams.

Against Stevenson, Northville picked up a 15-44 victory, earning a perfect store in the Central Division victory.

“This was a great race for the team,” said Smith, who noted the team rested its top three runners and other harriers who are recovering from illness and injury.

Northville still swept the top five spots and put nine total in the top 20.

Cayla Eckenroth, a freshman, ran to the top spot in 19:49, while Nicole Mosteller took second in 19:58 and Haley Harris was third in 20:32. Tak-

ing fourth was Emma Smith in 20:44, while Chloe Smither ran a 20:53 for fifth. Next in was Katie Cheevor with a 20:58 for seventh, while Taylor Gattoni ran to 15th in 21:50.

This season marks the first year that Emma Smith, a freshman, has competed in cross country.

“Smith is new to the sport and is making huge strides,” Nancy Smith said. “She is excelling each and every meet and is such a competitive and determined runner.”

Eckenroth’s victory was one of pure talent and determination. She ran out to the front of the pack at the beginning of the race and didn’t look back as she led all harriers throughout the entirety of the competition.

“The entire team continues to excel and improve each week,” coach Smith said. “This is, in the most part, due to their dedicated training during the week and trying to make this season one in Northville cross country history.”

Northville’s focus on making history is being helped with the top ranking in the state of Michigan and a No. 3

## ON TAP

The Northville girls cross country team will run again Saturday when it races in the Coaching Legends Invitational before running against Novi at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

ranking in the United States.

## Squad runs in two invitionals

Northville split its team Sept. 21 to compete in both the highly-competitive Jackson Invitational and the Detroit Catholic Central Invitational.

At Jackson, the Mustangs took second with 42 points, while an extremely-talented Saline squad took first with 37 points. Taking third was Salem with 117.

Unsurprisingly, it was the stellar running of Rachel Coleman that led the way as she captured first place in the event with a time of 18:24. Nipping at her heels was Lexa Barrott, who took second in 18:28.

Next in for Northville was Erin Zimmer, who ran a 19:23 for 12th, followed by Eckenroth in 13th, Emma Herrmann in 17th, Mosteller in 22nd and Alison Robinson in 26th.

“I was happy with the re-

sults as we were without (Taleen) Shahrigan today,” Smith said. “If you put her back in, we definitely could beat them.”

Northville also ran a ‘B’ team at Jackson, which finished sixth overall. Hailey Harris took 32nd with a season-best 20:16, while Emma Smith was 43rd and just off her career-best time by three seconds.

Northville also ran in the Catholic Central invite, where it took sixth.

Leading the team was freshman Helena Bryans, who took 14th overall in a career-best time of 22:40.

“Helena did a great job on the Cass Benton course, which is run a little different than our dual meets with an additional hill (during CC’s invitational),” Smith said. “She took the challenge and did great, while also improving her season-best time by 25 seconds.”

Audrey Batez was 18th in the race, followed by Addison Gaines (19th), Sam Karagilis (29th), Madison Oshefsky (32nd), Frances Master (33rd) and Annelie Herrmann (43rd).

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



Northville’s Emma Smith competes at Cass Benton. She finished in fourth place in a meet against Livonia Stevenson. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Mustangs have excellent week against top-notch competition

Boys cross country team beats Stevenson, takes second at Jackson

**By Sam Eggleston**  
Correspondent

Chalk up a victory and one heck of a second-place finish for the Northville boys cross country team – and all of it without its top runner.

The team, coached by Chris Cronin, captured a Central Division victory with an 18-39 triumph over Livonia Stevenson last week before taking second in the Jackson Invitational against some of the top teams in the state.

“Stevenson is a well-coached group,” Cronin said. “The coaching staff stressed the fact that we wanted to dictate the pace of the race.”

Leading the pace in that dual meet was Nick

Noles, who ran a 16:23 to take first place. Right behind him – practically crossing the finish line in stride with him, in fact – was Sean McCullough, who finished second in 16:24.

Taking third was Connor Naughton, who ran a 16:37, while Jason Ferrante ran to fifth in 16:54. Ben Cracraft rounded out the top five with a time of 17:37, which was good for seventh.

“Putting four runners under 17 minutes this early in the season is impressive, but what stands out even more is how fast the times were,” Cronin said.

Noles’ and McCullough’s times now rank them fourth and fifth, respectively, on the all-time Northville list at its home course, Cass Benton.

“The record board is kept in the gym and it’s a big honor to have your name listed among Northville’s cross coun-

try elite,” Cronin said. “Nick and Sean have earned their place on that board and they should be extremely proud of that accomplishment.”

Naughton’s time was a career-best at Cass.

“I had high expectations for Connor this year and I think he is actually ahead of pace. His consistency has given him the confidence to go out and be more aggressive in races,” Cronin said. “Naughton is ready for the next step; I cannot wait to see what he times he will produce in October.”

Northville has been running without all-state harrier Dan Sims, who has been sidelined with an injury.

## Two invitionals

Northville tested its meddle in two different invites Sept. 21, with the bulk of its talent heading to the Jackson Invite and multiple promising runners taking on the com-



The Northville boys cross country team takes off at a sprint at the start of a Sept. 17 race at Cass Benton. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

petition in the Detroit Catholic Central Invitational.

At Jackson, Northville finished second to fellow top-ranked team Traverse City Central, which had 107 points for first. Northville’s 125 points for second put it well ahead of Grand Blanc, which finished in third

with 145.

Leading the way in that race for Northville was Noles, who put up a time of 16:15 for ninth overall, followed by Naughton’s 16:33 for 14th. McCullough ran to 16th place in 16:36, followed by Ferrante’s 28th-place finish in 16:53 and Nick DuFresne’s 17:25, which

was good for 58th. Next in for Northville was Cracraft, who ran to 61st, while Sam Kremke rounded out the competitors with a 93rd-place finish.

In the Catholic Central invite, Northville took eighth with 81 points, while Detroit Catholic Central won with 22 and Southgate Anderson was second with 74.

Leading Northville’s team was Peter Martin, who ran to 12th in 18:23, followed by Joe Craig in 15th in 18:28 and Alex Chevor in 17th in 18:32. Next in for the Mustangs was Jacob Kamm, who was 18th in 18:35, followed by Sean Flanagan in 19th in 18:35 while Peter Bejin was 20th in 18:36. Rounding out the runners was Mark Castellano, who took 23rd in 18:42.

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## REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

### Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will meet Tuesday, Oct. 1, at the Red Lobster, 13999 Eureka Road, near Trenton Road by 7-Eleven in Southgate. Dinner and networking will be 6-7:15 p.m., the meeting 7:30 p.m. Speaker will be attorney Aaron J. Scheinfeld, practicing in bankruptcy and insolvency law as well as distressed real estate issues. For questions, call Wayde Kohler, president, 313-277-4168.

### Seminar

The Meisner Law Group announced that Robert M. Meisner will conduct a four-week course Tuesdays in October from 7-9 p.m. covering “Introduction to Successful Condominium Operation.”

This seminar is designed for board members and officers, managers, developers, and association members living in or working with a condominium, subdivision, cooperative, or community association. Explore the many legal issues involved in the successful operation of an association. Cost is \$95 (\$85 per person when two or more enroll from the same organization). For registration information, contact The Meisner Law Group at 248-644-4433 or 800-470-4433, via email at: bmeisner@meisner-law.com, or visit the seminar page on the website: Meisner-law.com.

### Short sales

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

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

Additional parking across the street in back. Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for additional information.



Professor Mike Bernacchi teaches Business Administration courses at the University of Detroit Mercy. He's seen changes in marketing and advertising since beginning there in 1973.

**By Julie Brown**  
Staff Writer

Professor Mike Bernacchi has seen a lot of changes in marketing and advertising since he began teaching at the University of Detroit, now University of Detroit Mercy, in 1973.

Bernacchi, a Huntington Woods resident, is a professor of Business Administration, teaching marketing management, consumer behavior, marketing communications, research and corporate social responsibility.

Newer technology allows the real estate industry “to hit every crack and crevice that is possible,” Bernacchi said. He added older media also remain effective for some messages.

“It can’t do what digital can do,” the professor said. He added a good market “lifts all boats,” including more traditional media.

“They had to discover dif-

ferent ways to doing business,” including being less costly and more effective. “They were really in a sink or swim position.”

Real estate marketing was hard hit with the market of recent years, and is coming back now with a “mix and match,” Internet, social media and traditional media, too, Bernacchi said.

“The traditional media has become nontraditional. The media has had to reinvent itself as various industries. The local media also has had to reinvent itself. Generally, they’ve done it.”

He agreed newspaper real estate advertising and journalism has found different ways, “having to be more woven into the fabric of their communities because that’s their bread and butter.”

Metro daily papers can’t really compete with that and do it all, Bernacchi said.

“The focus of the local

media has enabled them to succeed and become a part of their communities. I think the local media have done that very well.”

For Realtors and those in related fields, that means developing a credible relationship with customers, “effective, connected, somebody you can trust.”

That’s especially true coming out of a difficult housing market, Bernacchi said.

“You want somebody on both ends, the seller market and the buyer market,” with credibility, he said.

Bernacchi, who’s lived in Huntington Woods since the late 1980s, likes living there although he did notice property values have fluctuated. He earned a Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University, as well as a J.D. from UDM and B.A. and M.A. degrees from Drake University.

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## San Diego’s on the grow

**Q: I know that California as a whole is coming back from a real estate standpoint, but do you have any specific information about San Diego, particularly the downtown area?**

A: There are a number of new condominiums that are being built in downtown San Diego and they are a hot item. Prices have gone up at least 20 percent in the last year and the market is extremely strong as it is a desirable place to live. The increase in residential housing in the downtown area is reflected by the construction of a new shopping and entertainment area near Seaport Village, which will attract even more pedestrians in the downtown area. Getting a deal on a former foreclosure is becoming much more difficult to achieve, but you are best advised to consult with an attorney and good Realtor before making a decision.

**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. 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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## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 20-24, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

### BEVERLY HILLS

31240 E Rutland St	\$208,000
16950 Marguerite St	\$210,000
17022 Marguerite St	\$215,000
30551 Marimoor St	\$285,000
22019 Village Pines Dr	\$370,000
32021 Waltham Dr	\$280,000

### BIRMINGHAM

784 Bird Ave	\$185,000
171 E Southlawn Blvd	\$241,000
272 Harmon St	\$1,200,000
935 Pierce St	\$1,295,000
1389 Pilgrim Ave	\$575,000
662 Purdy St	\$140,000
1726 S Bates St	\$275,000
522 Smith Ave	\$595,000

### BLOOMFIELD HILLS

2583 Rambling Way	\$292,000
35 Cranbrook Ln	\$710,000
3949 Oakhills Dr	\$410,000
182 S Cranbrook Cross Rd	\$251,000
3746 W Maple Rd	\$230,000

### BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

2923 Aldgate Dr	\$238,000
1124 Covington Rd	\$775,000
5825 Crabtree Rd	\$400,000
3033 East Ridge Ct	\$597,000
6061 Eastmoor Rd	\$408,000
5387 Echo Rd	\$363,000
4218 Far Hill Dr	\$195,000
299 N Berkshire Rd	\$114,000
4445 Parklane Ct	\$316,000
611 Pine Valley Way	\$673,000
2792 Plum Brook Dr	\$275,000
5193 Provincial Dr	\$336,000
2240 Sudbury Way	\$378,000
5633 Sutters Ln	\$325,000
2486 Thistle Pointe	\$403,000
284 Tilbury Rd	\$699,000
900 Trailwood Path	\$140,000
4688 Walnut Lake Rd	\$315,000
42342 Woodward Ave # A1	\$80,000

### COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

6050 Balmoral Way	\$370,000
4666 Benstein Rd	\$120,000
9241 Commerce Rd	\$30,000
5015 Fairgrove Ln	\$320,000
150 Liza Ln	\$275,000
2219 Palmetto	\$40,000
5501 Rivers Edge Dr	\$305,000

857 Sherbrooke St	\$585,000
4986 Winewood Ln	\$160,000
<b>FARMINGTON</b>	
31611 Marblehead Rd	\$151,000
<b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b>	
37780 Amber Dr	\$250,000
23140 Ashley St	\$121,000
22313 Atlantic Pointe	\$43,000
37628 Avon Cir	\$237,000
27490 Bridle Hills Dr	\$195,000
22156 Cape Cod Way	\$50,000
26124 La Muera St	\$158,000
29368 Laurel Dr	\$113,000
27655 Middlebelt Rd	\$347,000
22279 Nearbrook Ct	\$315,000
30248 Shiawassee Rd	\$119,000
25629 Skye Dr	\$230,000
32403 Sprucewood St	\$198,000
37991 Stableview Dr	\$257,000
21130 Sunnydale St	\$139,000
23929 Tuck Rd	\$140,000
29870 White Hall Dr	\$285,000
38357 Windsor	\$160,000
<b>FRANKLIN</b>	
31079 McKinney Dr	\$318,000
<b>MILFORD</b>	
2557 Conifer Trl	\$502,000
440 Hickory Ridge Ct	\$55,000
1551 Hunters Lake Ct	\$400,000

1131 Pleasure St	\$115,000
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>	
1047 Abbey Ct	\$375,000
21360 Bridle Run	\$200,000
214 Debra Ln	\$235,000
20948 E Glen Haven Cir	\$99,000
52386 Ferndale Dr	\$385,000
667 River Park Village Blvd	\$120,000
22304 Roberts Dr	\$155,000
21268 Woodhill Dr	\$271,000
<b>NOVI</b>	
31137 Centennial Dr	\$141,000
28346 Clymer Dr	\$99,000
22713 Cranbrooke Dr	\$52,000
23895 E Le Bost	\$117,000
51159 Luke Ln	\$45,000
26348 Mandalay Cir	\$110,000
23512 Meadowbrook Rd	\$175,000
40562 Mill Road Ct E	\$213,000
25614 Portico Ln	\$169,000
24799 Reeds Pointe Dr	\$485,000
45650 South Lake Dr	\$410,000
1127 South Lake Dr Unit 207	\$42,000
25910 Strath Haven Dr	\$292,000
27231 Victoria Rd	\$285,000
42625 Wimbleton Way	\$275,000

### SOUTH LYON

192 Eagle Crest Dr	\$190,000
1066 Equestrian Dr	\$242,000
57491 Hidden Timbers Dr	\$313,000
1066 Paddock Dr	\$211,000
58748 Peters Barn Dr	\$308,000
192 Princeton Dr	\$24,000
857 Stoney Dr	\$180,000

### SOUTHFIELD

27900 Berkshire Dr	\$119,000
29109 Everett St	\$55,000
25900 Franklin Pointe Dr	\$33,000
17403 Gateway Cir	\$90,000
28026 Maitrott St	\$120,000
23620 Philip Dr	\$42,000
20485 Roseland St	\$120,000

### WHITE LAKE

8491 Cooley Beach Dr	\$245,000
55 Glandon St	\$124,000
693 Hilltop Dr	\$459,000
2211 Kingston St	\$207,000
61 Lisa Cir	\$161,000
10240 Mary Lee	\$295,000
1260 Pinecrest Dr	\$120,000
9256 Steephollow Dr	\$155,000
8734 Townsend Dr	\$245,000

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 10-16, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

### CANTON

2567 Barkhill Rd	\$77,000
47899 Cardiff Ave	\$120,000
446 Cherry Stone Dr	\$231,000
533 Concord Dr	\$160,000
49144 Crescent Dr	\$60,000
1732 Crestview Dr	\$275,000
2464 Graham Ct	\$276,000
1116 Heritage Dr	\$160,000
2287 Hogan Way	\$210,000
45209 Horseshoe Cir # 16	\$110,000
1271 Kensington Dr	\$293,000
39962 Kopperrick Rd	\$113,000
1718 Morrison Blvd	\$167,000
45111 N Spring Dr	\$185,000
7788 Oxford Dr	\$155,000
2066 Pinecroft Dr	\$113,000
43823 Proctor Rd	\$155,000
7656 Provincial Rd	\$195,000
3906 Radcliff Dr	\$119,000
44413 Savery Dr	\$55,000

4741 Sherwood Cir	\$240,000
42117 Starlite Ct	\$160,000
1981 Vine Way Dr	\$77,000
48713 Woodson Way	\$363,000
<b>GARDEN CITY</b>	
2041 Cardwell St	\$104,000
842 Deering St	\$55,000
33723 Donnelly St	\$80,000
6778 Gilman St	\$70,000
29916 John Hawk St	\$100,000
30055 John Hawk St	\$40,000
30633 Sheridan St	\$75,000

### LIVONIA

36288 Ann Arbor Trl	\$137,000
15160 Auburndale St	\$65,000
27528 Barkley St	\$126,000
37351 Bennett St	\$252,000
14242 Berwick St	\$153,000
9928 Brookfield St	\$120,000
31981 Cambridge St	\$270,000
9342 Eastwind Dr	\$150,000
35540 Elmira St	\$140,000
15536 Fairfield St	\$150,000
16846 Farmington Rd Unit 51	\$110,000
17570 Floral St	\$132,000
9336 Frederick St	\$145,000
14308 Garden St	\$148,000

29149 Hathaway St	\$148,000
9195 Hix Rd	\$186,000
15562 Hubbard St	\$165,000
8966 Louise St	\$99,000
9741 Middlebelt Rd	\$35,000
9923 Middlebelt Rd	\$17,000
30643 Munger Dr	\$316,000
14266 Nola St	\$165,000
35606 Orangelawn St	\$123,000
9744 Pere Ave	\$75,000
29109 Perth St	\$140,000
32508 Scone St	\$170,000
19387 Southampton Dr	\$275,000
9551 Stark Rd	\$158,000
31554 Summers St	\$130,000
18338 University Park Dr	\$72,000
10457 Wayne Rd	\$215,000
18501 Wayne Rd	\$202,000
9607 Westmore St	\$109,000
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>	
19604 Aqueduct Ct	\$105,000
15348 Bay Hill Dr	\$525,000
17058 Boulder Dr	\$369,000
16831 Brooklane Blvd	\$535,000
20148 E Whipple Dr	\$420,000
17050 Franklin Rd	\$192,000
46807 Greenridge Dr	\$320,000
124 High St	\$520,000

16561 Horseshoe Dr	\$554,000
19300 Pierson Dr	\$380,000
15960 Pine Valley Dr	\$670,000
39657 Southwind Ln	\$275,000
19131 Surrey Ln	\$82,000
20142 Valley St	\$328,000
17640 White Pine Ct	\$590,000
19691 Windridge Dr	\$400,000
419 Yerkes St	\$305,000
<b>PLYMOUTH</b>	
770 Deer St	\$110,000
1020 Fairground St	\$191,000
49031 Fox Dr S	\$448,000
42431 Hammill Ln	\$119,000
45560 Leighwood Ct	\$336,000
39687 Mayville St	\$160,000
40534 Newport Dr	\$88,000
1163 Palmer St	\$153,000
1301 Palmer St	\$280,000
131 Pinewood Cir	\$76,000
331 Pinewood Cir	\$80,000
801 W Ann Arbor Trl	\$520,000
<b>RED FORD</b>	
13540 Beech Daly Rd	\$32,000
17639 Centralia	\$65,000
11755 Farley	\$44,000
20369 Fox	\$53,000
24602 Graham Rd	\$105,000

15474 Lennane	\$8,000
18671 Lennane	\$27,000
15344 Leona Dr	\$10,000
9314 Nathalie	\$75,000
27230 W Six Mile Rd	\$59,000
20453 Woodworth	\$33,000

### WAYNE

4966 Biddle St	\$53,000
4139 Eastlawn Ave	\$68,000
35323 Forest St	\$45,000
5024 Mildred St	\$15,000
33988 Richard St	\$20,000
4162 S John Hix Rd	\$25,000

### WESTLAND

7456 Affeldt St	\$36,000
2545 Barns Dr	\$166,000
35530 Beechwood St	\$45,000
31605 Birchwood St	\$40,000
536 Darwin St	\$86,000
35424 Dove Trl	\$80,000
32361 Fairchild St	\$89,000
35275 Pardo St	\$26,000
644 S Carlson St	\$70,000
35808 Schley Ave	\$77,000
34326 Sheridan St	\$85,000
38185 Sherwood St	\$35,000
671 Summerfield Dr	\$105,000