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Toastmasters forming

Walsh College is forming a Toastmasters Club at its Novi Campus and will be holding an informational session from 8:15-9:15 a.m. on Tuesday. This club is open to the public.

Biggest Loser duo in Novi

Father and son duo Mike and Ron Morelli of South Lyon lost over a combined 400 pounds in their nineteen-week quest on 'The Biggest Loser' to regain their health and quite possibly save their lives. Mike, this season's runner up, and his father Ron will appear at Better Health Market in Novi, 42875 Grand River, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday to share their dramatic Biggest Loser Success story.

Seating for this event is limited and reservations are strongly suggested; call (248) 735-8100.

Ella Mae Power Park gets a face lift

Upgrades make facility one of best in southeast Michigan

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Gone are the cement-like infields. Gone are the patches of brown grass burnt by the sun. And gone are the complaints about an all-around subpar facility.

The 23-year-old Ella Mae Power Park has been rejuvenated and looks nothing like its age after a more than \$1 million project to improve the entire facility from irrigation to surfaces to fencing to lighting and more.

"It has gone from being a pretty ratty place to play to being a high-quality ball field and state-of-the-art facility," said councilmember and former member of the parks commission David Staudt.

Staudt remembers playing on the fields when they were in bad shape, and said that playing on them now is not even comparable.

The upgrades to the park started



CAL STONE | EDITOR

Randy Auler, director of parks, recreation and cultural services, addresses the crowd gathered at Ella Mae Power Park on Monday for the grand re-opening of the facility. More than \$1 million was spent to improve the fields, lighting, restrooms and more.

about five years ago and culminated Monday with a grand re-opening. The improvements were not only to the playing fields, but new concession and restroom facilities also were built.

Randy Auler, director of parks, recreation and cultural services, said the facility is now one of the premier sports complexes in southeast Michigan, and also is more cost effective

for the city from a maintenance and energy efficient standpoint.

"Not only does it improve the quality of play and experience for our customers but also enables us to be competitive in the tournament market which will have a tremendous economic impact for our community," Auler said.

And the renovations have already attracted the attention of the Amateur Softball Association of America, which will be playing the 2009 Michigan Girls Fast Pitch State Finals at the park from June 25-28. More than 70 teams and 1,000 athletes will be in Novi that weekend, and the tournament could generate up to \$1 million for the local economy.

"All of our projects are focused on improving the quality of life for our citizens and having a positive economic impact on the community," Auler said.

Ella Mae Power Park, which is home to the adult softball program and other tournaments, is located at 45175 Ten Mile Road, behind the Novi Civic Center.

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Pomp and circumstance

Novi High's class of 2009 sits during the commencement exercise at Eastern Michigan University Saturday. See the B section for more photos; Novi's Top 10 students; a complete list of Novi graduates; photos from Catholic Central's graduation; and a list of CC's graduating class.

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Proposed Catholic high school is searching for a new order

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

The Saint Catherine of Siena Academy Foundation has encountered another bump in the road in regards to starting an all-girls Catholic high school in the Novi/Wixom area.

First it was finding a location for the school. Now it's finding a Catholic order handle the administrative duties of running the school. The Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, have pulled out of the project citing economic reasons among others, said Janet Filip, director of development for Saint Catherine of Siena Academy.

"Certainly it's a setback but

not something we feel we cannot overcome," Filip said. "We have been battling some uncertain economic times the entire project, but our foundation board is fully committed to bringing this school to fruition."

The board still sees a need for an all-girls Catholic high school in the western portion of the Archdiocese of Detroit, and the plans are to open the school in the fall of 2010. The board is currently looking at purchasing 34 acres of land in Wixom at Grand River Avenue and Napier Road.

Filip said the hope is to have a new order on board and get the project started by mid-July. The estimated original cost of the project was about \$34 million.

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Capturing the Craft

Three Novi artists - Peggy Kerwan, Daria Fileta and Mary Stop - are participating in the exhibit "Capturing the Craft: Theatre Portrayed Through the Artist's Brush," a Northville Art House & Tipping Point Theatre Collaboration. The exhibit was at the theatre during May and reopened last week at the Art House, where it will run through June 20. Other artists participating are Candace Branic (Milford), Jeff Cangelosi (Northville), Linda Logan (Huntington Woods), Barbara Eio Murphy (Northville). The seven artists are part of a group called the Muses, who meet every Tuesday at a private home studio in Novi to create from live models. The Northville Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street; visit the web site www.northvillearts.org.

Jump start the summer
Summer Teen Center gives students options

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

The summer before his eighth grade year, Collin Hinman started going to the Novi Summer Teen Center. And he hasn't stopped going since.

Hinman, 19, just finished his freshman year at Central Michigan University but is coming back to the center to be a counselor. He volunteered for the position when he no longer could attend as a student, and when he saw the difference the counselors made in his life he wanted to return the favor.

"The staff was always nice and you built a relationship with them," he said. "There were always a lot of kids involved and it was a good way to make friends and keep me busy during the summer."

TEEN CENTER

What: Novi Summer Teen Center
When: Noon to 5:30 p.m. Mon-Thurs., June 22-July 3
Where: Novi High School cafeteria
Other: Registration is \$80. Sign up by calling (248) 347-0410.

The teen center runs from noon-5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday starting June 22 and ending July 3. Registration costs \$80 and the program, sponsored by Novi Youth Assistance and the Novi Police Department, is only for students going into sixth grade through going into ninth.

It is a drop-in center so kids can come and go as they please. Some of the daily activities are sports, video arcade games, swimming, arts and crafts and for the first time

this year, tutoring also is available. There also will be special day trips to Cedar Point, a Detroit Tigers game and more that costs extra on top of the registration fee.

Kendall Ziegler, program director, said the purpose of the center is to give kids something to do during the summer, keep them out of trouble and make sure they are not bored.

"Instead of bugging their parents to do something every day, which can get expensive and has to be figured out, they can come and see us and we have all kinds of things going on," she said.

Kids can register for the Summer Teen Center by calling the youth assistance office at (248) 347-0410.

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CLARIFICATIONS

In last week's article "Destination Imagination, there is a correction regarding the paragraph about the third grader achievers. The DaVinci Award was independent of the place they ranked. They did not receive that award for 15th place.

It should have been indicated that last week's front page photo of Andre Pekalski was courtesy of Steve Ficht Photography in Northville, a photographer who has been an invaluable resource to both the Novi News and the Northville Record over the years.

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A Good Eater

Dear Good Eater, Just as our body changes as we age, so too should our diet. Research tells us that as the years pile up, we need to consume fewer calories but more nutrients - and that's not always easy to do.

SAVVY SENIOR

amid.gov you can develop your own healthy eating plan by plugging in your personal information into their online tools. But in the mean time, here are some dietary tips that all seniors should know.

EAT FEWER CALORIES

As we age, we tend to be less active, our bodies lose muscle and our metabolism slows. As a result, we need fewer and fewer calories in order to maintain our weight. It's estimated that our calorie requirements drop by as much as 20 percent between the ages of 20 and 60.

FOCUS ON FIBER

A fiber-rich diet can help lower cholesterol, reduce the risk of heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure and gastrointestinal problems like

constipation, hemorrhoids, diverticulitis and irritable bowel syndrome - all problems that are usually linked to aging. To get the recommended daily fiber (21 grams for women, 30 grams for men - over age 50), eat lots of whole grains, fruits and vegetables and lots of beans and legumes.

HOPE YOU LIKE FISH!

Boost your omega-3 fatty acids by eating fatty fish (mackerel, lake trout, herring, sardines, salmon and albacore tuna) a few times a week. Omega-3s help reduce inflammation and hypertension, decrease triglycerides, raise HDL (good) cholesterol and can even help with dementia. If you aren't a fish eater, other food sources that provide omega-3s are walnuts, soybeans, flaxseed and canola oil, or fish oil supplements.

BOOST YOUR CALCIUM

Women, in particular, need more calcium as they age (at least 1,200 milligrams

a day). After menopause, women lose bone density as a result of hormonal changes, which puts them at risk of osteoporosis. Work on your calcium intake by consuming more fat-free or low-fat dairy products, such as yogurt and cheese. White beans, broccoli and almonds will also help. And talk to your doctor about taking a supplement.

DON'T FORGET VITAMIN D

You also need to watch your vitamin D intake which is critical to the absorption of calcium. To increase your intake try consuming more fortified milk, cereals and egg yolks and try soaking in a little sunlight each day. And everyone over 50 should take a daily vitamin that contains at least 400 IU (international units) of vitamin D. After age 70, you need to bump it up to at least 600 IU per day.

B12 TOO

Another side effect of getting older is a tendency to absorb less vitamin B12, which can lead to anemia

and make you feel weak and tired. Because aging can lead to low stomach acid, which interferes with absorption of the nutrient through food, a supplement might be necessary.

DRINK UP

As we get older, we may have a harder time recognizing that we're in need of fluids. So drink up even when you're not thirsty, particularly during the summer months. Food that's high in water content, such as lettuce, vegetable juice and soup, is also a smart choice.

Savvy Tip: The National Institutes of Health also offers some healthy eating and shopping tips in their Senior Health section at www.nih.gov/seniorhealth - click on "E" then on "Eating Well as You Get Older."

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit www.savvysenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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Novi parks heat up with summer art series

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER



Organizers expect to surpass last year's totals of 160 golfers and \$33,000 raised. The funds go to support park enhancements, recreation opportunities and scholarship programs for local children in need.

Support Novi's parks through putts

It's one of the most popular golf outings in the city, and best of all, everyone in Novi benefits. The 5th annual Novi Parks Foundation golf outing is set for Thursday, August 6 at The Links of Novi.

Solo golfers can play for \$125 and foursomes are \$500. The price includes breakfast, lunch, a steak dinner, golf and lots of prizes. Registration and sponsorship information can be found on the foundation's Web site, www.noviparks.org.

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LEARN MORE

For more information about this year's golf outing, sponsorship, volunteer opportunities or corporate naming rights information, contact Angel Heard at (248) 767-4156 or visit the foundation's Web site at www.noviparks.org.

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"In tough economic times like these, it's comforting for a lot of families to know they have a great park system they can use any time, at very little cost," Heard said. "Best of all, a good parks system makes for both a higher quality of life and often means higher property values!"

The Novi Parks Foundation is a charitable organization run by local volunteers to help support the city's parks and recreational facilities through fundraisers like the golf outing and a naming rights program which allows sponsors to purchase the naming rights of city recreational facilities.

"Recreational programs and services are particularly strong in Novi, and we must continue to find ways to support, enhance and maintain our facilities to better serve residents," said Randy Auler, Director of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services. "We're fortunate in Novi to have a volunteer group like this raising money and awareness for both a higher quality of life and helping people improve their public speaking skills."

The Sizzling Summer Art Series 2009 is going to be hotter than ever with added performances and more events for the entire community.

From the puppet shows, to the international-themed concerts, to the kid-friendly movies, Lakeshore and Power parks are the places to be this summer.

Lauren Sorrentino, performing arts coordinator for Novi Parks, said the new format this year, which includes the addition of three concerts, two puppet shows and a movie, is sure to entice more families to come out.

"It's free entertainment all summer and gives people

a chance to enjoy the parks and be outside," she said.

The series kicks off at 7 p.m. on June 25 at Lakeshore Park with a performance by the Island Guys Trio. The other four concerts throughout the summer also have an international flavor.

"We really wanted to promote other cultures through our concerts and make it something for the parents to enjoy too," she said.

The first puppet show is on June 30 at Lakeshore Park, while the first movie is on June 26 at Power Park. Food vendors also will be on-site at each event.

For more information about the series, call Novi Parks at (248) 347-0400.

SERIES LINEUP

- Puppets in the Park**
Darren Dundee, 10 a.m. June 30
Pippin's Puppets, 10 a.m. July 28
Brad Lowe's Fantasy E-Flex Puppets, 10 a.m. Aug. 25
 - Concerts in the Park**
An Island Party, 7 p.m. June 25
American Extravaganza, 7 p.m. July 9
Spicy Latin Night, 7 p.m. July 30
Cultural Fusion, 7 p.m. Aug. 13
Japanese Summer Celebration, 7 p.m. Aug. 27
 - Movies in the Park**
Madagascar 2, 8 p.m. June 26 (Power Park)
Shark Tale, 8 p.m. July 17
Viewer's Choice, 8 p.m. Aug. 21
- * All events are at Lakeshore Park unless otherwise noted

Toastmasters Club starting up at Walsh College in Novi

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Brenda Miller knows first hand how important the Toastmasters clubs were to her when she was searching for a job.

And she wants others to reap the benefits as well. Miller, who is president of the Warren club and a member of a Troy one, is helping form a Toastmasters Club at the Walsh College Novi campus.

Toastmasters is a public speaking organization focused on helping people improve their public speaking skills

and also on developing and refining communication and leadership skills.

"From a job seekers perspective there is a good networking aspect to meet other people in the club and the metro Detroit area, prepares you with the ability to think on your feet for tough interview questions and gives you a sense of continuity," said Miller, marketing manager at Walsh College.

The newly forming club is having an informational meeting from 8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday at the Novi campus. Miller said the club is for everyone, job seekers and

the employed, who want to continue professional development and get the chance to meet new people with similar interests.

Each meeting is structured with ample time for education and chances to work on the skills being taught.

For more information on the club and to register for the information session, e-mail Miller at bmiller@walshcollege.edu or call (248) 823-1205. The Novi campus is located at 41500 Gardenbrook Road.

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Novi author garners global award from her native Italy

Novi author Pierette Domenica Simpson was honored by her native country of Italy for preserving her roots with the prestigious award, "Piemontesi Protagonisti," bestowed annually to someone who emigrates from Northern Italy and contributes a cultural, literary, and patriotic work reflecting one's heritage.

Simpson, author of "Alive on the Andrea Doria, The Greatest Sea Rescue in History," was honored by the Museum of Emigration (Museo dell'Emigrazione) in Frossasco, Italy, on May 23.

The goal of The Museum of Emigration of Frossasco, Italy is to highlight the importance of preserving one's native roots in a multicultural world. Because emigration is a historical study revealing character, culture, and civilization, the annual award of "Piemontesi Protagonisti" congratulates those who put these values in action through literature or other noteworthy projects.

Simpson explained to the audience of about 100 her goal in documenting her personal emigration to America on the ill-fated ocean liner, Andrea Doria.

"I wrote Alive on the Andrea Doria on behalf of justice, with data showing that captain and crew of our liner had been maligned in the tragic collision with the Swedish liner Stockholm in 1956. I documented humanistic and scientific data which proves that the Italian crew had acted competently and honorably—but were inaccurately blamed for the collision due to negative stereotypes against Italians. My book also includes my personal family story of emigration, like that of millions who sought fortunes in the New



Author Pierette Domenica Simpson of Novi (center) among Italian government and museum dignitaries during her award presentation on May 23.

World." The Italian audience, comprised of civic and media leaders, was delighted to hear the honoree deliver parts of her speech in the native language and dialect, decades after her emigration. Simpson was treated to music by the local band and a multicourse luncheon with typical dishes of the Piedmont. The author was interviewed by Italy's broadcasting company, La Rai; her interview was televised on the same day.

The festive ceremony was attended by key executives of the Italian media, provincial and local government officials, Museum of Emigration executive board members, as well as family and friends of the honoree. The event was held in conjunction with The Feast of the Piedmont (La Festa del Piemonte) and the 35th anniversary of Michigan, and my town of Novi."

Simpson will be a keynote speaker at the American Library Association in Chicago on July 11.

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Gone fishin'

Chris Paize, 13, was one of the many people who took advantage of some fishing opportunities at Northville's Fish Hatchery Park recently. The pond there was stocked with trout for the Rouge River Celebration. The festival also included volunteer clean up opportunities for fans of the river and its Johnson Drain, free T-shirts and hot dogs, wild birds from the Howell Nature Center and tours of the new pathway that winds along the river starting at Fish Hatchery Park.

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LOCATION: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads)
DETAILS: Group meets for lunch afterwards.
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TIME/DATE: 1:30 p.m. social time 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday
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CHRIS CHRISTENSEN
Age 52, died on May 18, 2009.
Funeral Service at the Highland Congregational Church, 1605 N. Hickory Ridge Rd., Highland, on Sat. June 20th at 11AM. For full obituary & service info please call Lynch & Sons, Milford, 248-684-5845 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

LAWRENCE S. KILLEWALD
Age 89, passed June 8, 2009.
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RUBY R. EBERHART
Age 85, of South Lyon, previously of Northville, passed June 14, 2009.
Funeral service will be Wednesday at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon 248-446-1171.
Contributions to the First Salvation Union Campaign appreciated.

KATHLEEN "KATHY" P. GOUDREAU
Age 69, of Northville, MI, passed away suddenly in the early morning hours of Saturday, June 13, 2009 at Providence Hospital as the result of a heart attack. Her loving family was with her when she went to be with the Lord. Kathy was raised in St. Ignace, MI by her parents, Bernard and Gertrude Crouch. She graduated in 1957 from La Salle High School. She started college at Northern Michigan University but left to attend her high school sweetheart, Wilbur "Pud" Goudreau and to raise her children. They moved to the Detroit area and she began her career in the 20's selling Huberman's and Gap and later worked for the Society of Automotive Engineers ("SAE") in New York City as editor of their "Proceedings". In 1968, the SAE recognized Fran as the first woman to have been a member for 50 years (60 years at death). In New York, she met Harold J. Gibson and they were married in 1961. They started a new life together at his home in Farmington Hills, Michigan. Fran and Harold traveled widely both for business and pleasure in the U.S. and abroad. Most memorably they traveled to China and Tibet. Fran was awarded the SAE's lifetime achievement award for her lively photographic record she kept in Farmington Hills. Fran was very active in community affairs including the AAUW and the Heritage Area of the local library. She inherited a number of educational courses and pursued a life-long interest in genealogical research. As a dedicated volunteer, she also did public relations work on a consulting basis for the SAE and also served as an engineering editor for the American Concrete Institute. Fran was always a true friend of Brown University and attended reunions and conferences. From 1967 to 1972 she served as a trustee. During this time she was instrumental in the founding of the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. Fran was also an Emerita Member of the Corporation of Brown University. Various relatives, including her father (1904) and her grandfather (1870), also attended Brown University. Fran was a devoted member of the Witom Michigan Historical Preservation Committee. After the deaths of Harold and his sister, Mildred, Fran was instrumental in transferring to the City of Witom a permanent historical museum the Gibson homestead which was built in 1871 and occupied by family for 123 years. Fran was extremely proud that she could trace her maternal and paternal family back to several generations before Rhode Island became a state and the country gained its independence. One line could be traced to Roger Williams. Fran had an extensive collection of family memorabilia, photos, documents and letters going back to the early 1700s. Harold preceded Fran in death. Fran maintained an active life until her retirement in 2005 to the Fox Run Community in Novi, Michigan. Her life ended quietly on March 28, 2009.

SHIRLEY JEAN (MCCOY) TURKO
Age 86, passed away March 24, 2009 surrounded by her family in Grandville, AZ. She was born October 21, 1942 to Jim and Martha (Lindsay) McCoy. On January 20, 1962 she married Michael Eugene Turko of Detroit. She lived in Argonia, Shilley worked for the Huron Valley Schools for 25 years after which she retired, and also taught C.C.E. at Church of the Holy Spirit in Highland, MI with the last seven of the Holy Spirit, 3700 N. Harvard Lake Road, Highland. Interment of ashes at Highland Cemetery will follow on June 17, 2009 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. A funeral service will be held Thursday, June 18, 2009, 11 a.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. She will be laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, or Michigan Humane Society.

DOROTHY M. JEROME
Age 83, passed away June 11, 2009.
Survived by daughter, Kathy Jerome.
A funeral service was held on June 15 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

THOMAS L. JONES
Age 68, longtime resident of New Hudson passed away May 28, 2009 from cancer. He was born Nov. 13, 1940. Thomas is survived with his wife, Ruth Pittman Jones of his mother, GA, daughters, LeAnn Roper of South Lyon and Amy Bloom of Alpena; sons, Thomas W. Jones of Alpena and Kirk Jones of Morganport, GA; sister, Peggy Dilbeck of Morganport, GA; brother, Terry Jones of Morganport, GA; and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by father, Luther Jones. Thomas loved to make music and will leave his family and friends with that fond memory.

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Business sculptors need to use new skills, tools, points of view

You've ever tried to sculpt a clay figure in the middle of a fog, then you have the unique insights necessary for understanding the role of business during an economic recovery. Something out of the ordinary is to be expected.
Whether it leads to newly discovered industries that emerge from an industrial cocoon, the teaching up of an established work of art or a complete departure from the tried and true, the sculptor being formed all has business as the base upon which success can be shaped by so many contributors. The infusion of stimulus dollars, bailout loans and restructuring mandates are only tools in the hands of sculptors familiar with only one style of creating. While the cookie-cutter style of sculpting served the business community in an efficient and profitable manner, much of its contemporary success can be attributed to operating

without an obstructed view of the goal. When the fog settles in, it requires a different approach to sculpting.
What does any artist do when a certain approach to success no longer is a waiting audience?
What does any business do when a certain approach to success no longer has a waiting market?
The business, the artist, and everything needed to create a different approach will have to change. It might be a slight change (i.e. outsource the payroll system) or a major change (i.e. discontinue a key product) but no longer profitable brand, but the approach has to change perception and make a profit.
It is at this point that new tools must be aligned with new skills, and a different way of thinking about the end result. The individual artist is now faced with a transitional dilemma. There is comfort and security in holding on to the skills that have allowed for the steady creation of products and services that were the foundation of individual success. Like any pair of

bell-bottom jeans that should have been discarded, you hang on believing that a time will come when they will be needed again. It is an immobilizing belief that a certain style grounded in a certain time will preserve if you will it so.
Style and skills are unified around a set of life experiences and rarely abandoned once another during times of critical change. For example, the business community sculpted a world in which personal style, when writing in shorthand, endured a long and profitable existence. At what point does the master shorthand sculptor recognize that there must be a transition to computer skills? The recognition that a change is needed poses the dilemma in which a new artistry takes shape or the seduction of the previous art form takes over.
There is a familiar Chinese proverb that states, "May you live an interesting time." Toward that end, the proverb has been accurate and insightful in its present day observation.
However, there is a less familiar, rarely quoted

proverb from the North End in the city of Detroit that asserts, "May you live through interesting time."
Toward that end, the lesser known proverb has implications for both business and individuals for how you sculpt a form in a fog of economic recovery. New skill sets, redesigned tools and broadened points of view are the essential factors that, when used in combination, signal the beginning of individual transition and business transformation.
The energy generated by the collective application of new skills and broadened focus will generate the breeze that will blow away the fog and allow us to see the work of art being sculpted.
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OUR VIEWS

Don't lose cool in summer driving season

Dangerous driving comes in all forms. Driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs is a recognized threat to public safety. So is reckless driving. More and more people are coming to the understanding that fatigue plays a significant role in many traffic accidents.

Now comes AAA Michigan with the news that aggressive driving is a major cause of serious traffic accidents. AAA says that more than half of fatal car crashes involve some form of aggressive driving — speeding, running another driver off the road, tailgating or yelling profanities.

That probably concerns you. A 2008 survey by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety found that 80 percent of respondents consider aggressive drivers to be a serious traffic safety problem. But does it bother you enough to change your habits? Maybe not. The same survey said that many of those 80 percent of respondents admit that they, too, drive aggressively.

Blatantly reckless driving is an obvious hazard. But AAA notes that even minor infractions — changing lanes without signaling, following too closely, driving too slowly, honking at other drivers — can escalate into potentially dangerous altercations.

As the summer driving season heats up — and gas prices climb — you as a driver will likely have ample opportunity to lose your temper. In fact, AAA says that 60 percent of motorists admit losing their temper while driving. Such road rage is dangerous.

AAA offers a number of recommendations to curb aggressive driving.

First, don't be an offender. Use common courtesy and practice the skills taught in driver's education. Signal when you are changing lanes and merging. Avoid cutting off other drivers.

Don't drive slowly in the left lanes. Move carefully to the right if faster traffic wants to pass.

Don't tailgate. Keep a distance of two to four seconds between you and the car ahead of you.

Keep your hands on the wheel. An obscene gesture can incite other drivers.

So, then, what to you do if someone else is trying rudely or recklessly? AAA says the answer is easy: Don't engage. Don't take the other driver's actions personally. Maybe it was an honest mistake. Perhaps the driver has a reason for his erratic behavior.

If there is an aggressive driver on the road, give him lots of space. Don't make eye contact. If necessary, get help. This part is scary and likely rare, but don't drive home if another driver has focused in on you. Don't let a violent driver know where you live.

Most important, don't get out of your car. Which leads to a key point listed by AAA: Don't try to win; driving isn't a contest.

Adjust your behavior. Give yourself plenty of time to get to your destination to avoid the need to rush. Adjust according to weather conditions.

Put yourself in a calm place. Relax. Concentrate on driving. It's a full-time activity. Don't let distractions interfere with your attention to the road.

If you find that anger is a regular part of your driving routine, ask for help. Anger management courses may help your attitude.

Above all, drive safely. Cars are safer, and driving fatalities are generally trending downward.

But most days, driving is likely the most dangerous thing you will do. The risk can be greatly reduced by how well you perform. Calm down, pay attention and stay alive.

For more information, visit www.aaafoundation.org.

COMMUNITY VOICE

If the Auto Show does not stay in Detroit, should it come to Novi?



Yes. There is already a convention hall that can be readily expanded. The infrastructure is there. The land was acquired way back that would lead itself to the project being done and fast. That said, I do favor that Detroit would get it together and keep it at Cobo and expand.

Vic Cassis

Yes, assuming that Cobo doesn't work out. The facilities here are outstanding, and Novi has a history of automobiles and racing. And we're ready to expand if necessary.

Ernie Aruffo

It's a great opportunity with what we have to offer — lodging, food, easy in and out — for the auto show.

Rachel Zaaroli

Yes. It would bring more business to Novi. It would be a great opportunity economically for the city of Novi.

Gary Sabotta

LETTERS

Why the News is needed

Welcome back, Mr. Stone. The editorial from the June 4 issue [The Novi News is still here, but we need you] was thought-provoking and very true. I would like to add that not only does the Press need us [readers] but we as a democracy very much need them. Recent doings of papers here and around the country should also be seen as the loss of our access of information, to be an informed citizen, and the local paper is the best way to keep up with what is going on in the community.

A personal example of the difference the Novi News made dates back to 1996 when I read how the then City Council was ignoring the few citizens that came to late announced meetings dealing with the possible use of property purchased for park use. As this property was purchased with voter approval, I thought it would be good to let the voters in on the decision. So I took up a petition to show that the citizens did not care for the City Council's plans for use of the land. I also researched earlier editions of the Novi News and proved that the city was not sending any advanced notice of meetings on the park property use. All this got me ignored by the council at their twice-monthly meetings. But the Novi News didn't ignore me, so more citizens became informed and got involved.

We would speak and ask questions at the council meetings and receive no response. After their meeting, they would talk and answer question for the Novi News (politicians can't seem to resist talking to reporters). Their statements appearing in the paper gave the citizens something to respond to. There was another petition, signatures were gathered, a proposal was placed on the ballot and the people got to decide. The proposal passed with overwhelming support. I doubt this would have happened without the Novi News there informing the public. Now some might think our elected officials would like to see the press go away, but then who would they have to try to shift blame to when they are caught lying in court or drunk and compro-

Is Bob Gatt kidding?

In last week's Novi News, Bob Gatt took Chuck Tindall to task for opposing the possibility that the North American International Auto Show might move to Rock Financial here in Novi. Bob, I hate to have to be the one to tell you this, but there are an awful lot of Novi residents that want no part of the auto show coming out here — and you can include me in that group.

Do you honestly believe that the financial bonanza you predict would actually stay in Novi? Where? At Twelve Oaks Mall? At the Town Center? Main Street? No, if there really is all of this money being tossed around, and I don't believe there is, it will go just where it has always gone: to the three casinos in Detroit and the casino and strip clubs in Windsor.

By the way, Bob, I think Rock Financial would expand to one million square feet, not three million. But let's assume they do get the show and expand to a million square feet, what do they do with all that extra space the rest of the year? That's like building a church to handle the Easter crowd and watch it set nearly empty the other 51 weeks. And how do the Novi police handle all that massive traffic, pickpockets, prostitutes and the rest of the problems that go with crowds that size? Do we hire extra cops for that week or two then lay them off or do we keep them on the rest of the year doing nothing?

You stated "does Mr. Tindall think that

City Council wouldn't fight for, and get, a number of amenities for our citizens if this happened?" I can't speak for Mr. Tindall, but I for one don't believe that the average citizen of Novi would see one benefit of any kind by having that show move here. Trust me on this one, Bob, the inconvenience and problems would far outweigh any benefits we would see. And what are some of these amenities you and your fellow council members would get for us? I think it would be about the same number you've already gotten from Rock Financial, which is zero. And I hope you remember that they did receive a tax abatement to build there, and as far as I know the abatement is still in effect.

In a letter you wrote May 6, 2009, you pretty well chastised nearly everyone in the city because the story about Kim Capello actually got published in the paper. What do you think newspapers are for? To publish inane letters from people like you and me?

Their very existence is to print news that is important and pertinent to the audience they hope to reach and to try and keep our public servants as honest as possible. You are right when you say that had it been an average guy doing what Mr. Capello is accused of doing it wouldn't have caused much of a stir. Don't you understand that because Mr. Capello is a public figure, that is what makes it such an interesting story? One more thing, do you expect us to believe that if I or any other average Novi citizen got caught in the same situation as Mr. Capello that the cops would have given us a ride home? You know better than that; we would have been taken straight to the city jail. You see, Bob, rank does have its privileges as well as its responsibilities.

You signed your letter as candidate for Michigan Senate, 2010. If you are really serious about running for the Senate, I'd suggest that you show a little more intelligence in choosing your friends and your fights.

Dave Shingler
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Chuck Tindall

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ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues. In Your Voices, on the Web at hometownlife.com.

■ **Capello sentenced for indecent exposure**
He should resign.
2fartodrive

■ **Support Novi Parks through putts**
I don't know of any money spent by the foundation on enhancements. Did they give any money for the Fuerst Farm or the Tim Pope play structure? What has this foundation done to benefit any enhancements whatsoever? I'd like to see a listing.
2fartodrive

■ **Mayor facing competition; six vie for three council seats**
A rather full slate of persons running for City Council in Novi this time (two mayor, six council). Will be interesting to see how much the failed May park vote effects this election. Of the candidates, three supported the failed park initiative. For the Park — Incumbents Landry, Margolis and Burke all promoted the park. Both Burke and Landry penned very strong support commentaries. Other candidates offered no opinion during the vote — Incumbent Mutch, and candidates Coordas, Fischer and Wrobel. And only one candidate was vocally against the proposal — Mayoral Candidate Lorenzo. I can't say I've always agreed with Ms. Lorenzo. On this issue, however, she clearly understood the needs of Novi and had her finger on the pulse of popular opinion. She supported the citizenry that voted over 2-1 against. While being interesting to see if she can continue to hit the nail on the head between now and November.
GostaFarm
Novi99

Does everything you post have to be of negative nature? I could think of tons of ways you could have rephrased your post. Yes, they have spent money on enhancements. Just because you don't know or keep up does not mean it doesn't happen.

Using Job Posting Sites Effectively

YOUR NEXT JOB

Are you spending most of your job search time cruising job posting sites? Are you frustrated with the resume you post on job sites that you are probably not using the sites as well as you could AND you are relying too heavily on them for your search?

First the good news — online job posting sites have made it a lot easier to find jobs locally, regionally or even internationally. The sites are easy to use and convenient. To get the most out of the job posting sites, choose a few sites to focus on. If you are an unemployed in Michigan, you are required to post your resume on the Michigan Talent Bank site — http://www.michworks.org/mth/uses7/MTB_EMPL_EntryMainPage. You might as well include it as one of your job search tools. There are hundreds of other sites to choose from. The Riley Guide, an excellent online resource for jobseekers, has links to many of them that you can explore from this link — <http://www.rileyguide.com/jobs.htm#gen>. From this site, you can search through the list of major job posting sites, specialty sites of various kinds and state and federal sites. Craig's List for a specific urban area is popular for smaller employers.

You should select a few job posting sites that consistently have the types of jobs you are interested in. Take a day or two to try them out. Go to the job posting site and search the jobs using the key words that are associated with your job target. Key words are nouns that describe knowledge, skills, duties, responsibilities and abilities that are required by the job. Sometimes these key words are pretty straightforward — for example, a Human Resource Manager job would be expected to include the words "recruiting, training, employee relations, policies and procedures" in their resume. To describe areas of experience and expertise. Sometimes the key words are specialized for a field, in other words, jargon. In Human Resources this could include EEOC, ADA, AA, and HRIS.

If after a few days you are clearly finding job opportunities that match your target, that is a good site for you to use. You will probably find that popular sites like Monster, Career Builder, and HotJobs will work for you. An efficient way to search multiple sites at once is to use a consolidator site such as Indeed, which searches major job posting sites and delivers all the results together — <http://www.indeed.com/>.

Another strategy is to set up a job search agent on the major sites. To set up an agent, you determine the key words that you want to use to find jobs, tell the agent how frequently to search the site, and how often you want the results emailed to you. For example, you can set up Careerbuilder to search weekly and deliver results to you on Monday. Then you can set up Monster to search weekly and deliver results to you on Tuesday. You can even set up slightly different searches using different key words to fit a different job target. By quickly scanning the results that day, you can streamline the time you spend searching for jobs online.

If you want employees to be able to find you, then post a resume on the job posting sites that select for your job target. Make sure that the resume you post on job sites contains the "key words" appropriate to the type of job you are seeking. When recruiters search for candidates for positions they hope to fill, they will search the databank of resumes to find ones that include those key words. If you have not put them in your resume, your resume will not be selected. You often can post up more than one version of your resume on the site, which can either target different jobs, or be a way for you to evaluate which version of your resume works best for you.

The resume that you post on an online job posting site should be formatted as a text file, with no italics, underlining, bold face or other specialized font features. This ensures that the information included in the resume can be translated correctly into the job posting site's database. Font features that make your resume look attractive to the human eye may not be interpreted correctly by the computer.

You should also save a basic cover letter to your job posting site. When you find a job online, you will usually be given an option to include a cover letter. Don't ignore this. Some employers use cover letters to check your writing skills or evaluate your interest level in the job. Pull up your saved cover letter, but then customize it to fit the job you are applying for.

Keep track of your User Name and Password on various sites. Keep a log on your computer or by hand which lists the name of the site, the URL, the User Name, and Password and any special notes about the site you want to remember.

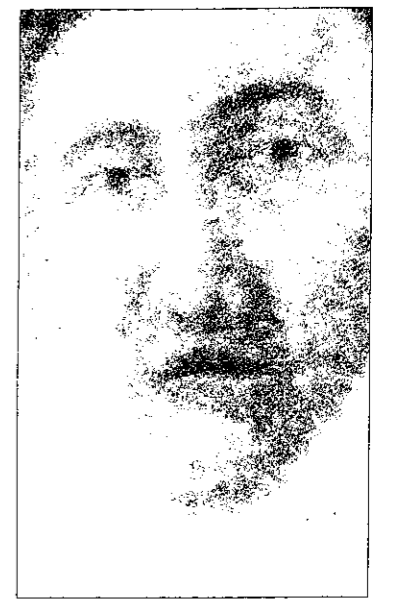
You may also have identified specific employers that

you want to search on a regular basis. The employment or careers link on their website may allow you to set up an account, post a resume and cover letter and even set up an agent. If not, schedule a time each week in your planner to do a search of those employers to keep on top of changes in their recruiting.

Now, the bad news. None of the sites tell you what their success rate is for matching jobseekers with jobs. Employer surveys suggest that big job boards like Careerbuilder or Monster are used to fill up to 12 percent of the jobs. Some informal jobseeker surveys report a 1 to 2 percent success rate for landing jobs. Another problem is the competition you face on the online sites. Right now on Michigan Talent Bank, there are about 40 jobseekers to each job posted.

Job posting sites should be part of your job search strategy, but not all of your strategy. If you are spending 30 to 40 hours a week on your search, your time spent with job boards should be 3 to 5 hours a week. The majority of your time will be most productive if you are networking and contacting employers directly.

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First place

Northville's Jeff Cancellosi earned first place at the Grosse Pointe Art Center juried show "Art Beat: rhythms of the creative mind." The juror, Rebecca Mazzei, is an assistant Dean at College for Creative Studies. The winning piece is "Portrait of No One" can be viewed at the show, which runs through June 27. Visit www.grossepointeartcenter.org.



Green posters

Chip Snider, township manager, by one of several posters in the Northville Township Beautification Commission's "Go Green Now!" Poster Contest designed to encourage residents to be environmentally conscious. Winners from township elementary schools, middle schools and the high school were recognized at the May 28 board meeting at township hall.

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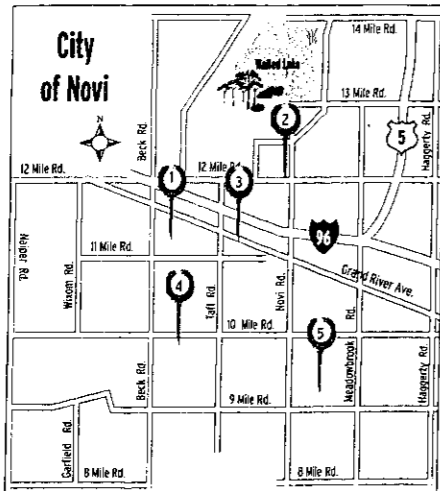
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PUBLIC SAFETY

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Drunk driver arrested
 1 Novi Police officers arrested a driver at Eleven Mile and Lansing roads for operating while intoxicated on June 11. According to the police report, the driver, whose eyes were blood shot and watery, failed field sobriety tests and was given a preliminary breath test which registered a blood alcohol content of .13 percent. The limit for drunk driving in Michigan is .08 percent. The driver was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department.

Speeder caught drinking and driving
 2 A driver, who was stopped for speeding, ended up being arrested for operating while intoxicated at Novi and Twelve Mile roads on June 9. According to the report, an officer in the area observed the vehicle traveling 70 miles per hour in a 40 mph zone. The driver did field sobriety tests and a PBT registered a BAC of .10 percent. The limit for drunk driving in Michigan is .08 percent. The man was transported to the Novi Police Department and released after posting bond.



Snow plow taken off truck
 4 A snow plow worth approximately \$2,500 was stolen off a GM/Chevy truck between June 8 and June 8 from a parking lot on Heship Drive. According to the report, the owner said the incident occurred over the weekend and the truck had not been moved for a long time. The plow did have a quick connect feature that did not require tools to remove it. The owner said that a truck with a similar bracket would be required to take it. Police could not find any physical evidence of the theft and have no suspects at this time.

Fusion found on blocks
 5 Four tires and wheels were stolen off a silver Ford Fusion between midnight and 5 a.m. on June 8 parked on Edgewater. The owner of the car said he heard nothing suspicious throughout the night and nothing else was taken from the vehicle. The car was left on two landscape blocks and the lug nuts were left behind. Police have no suspects at this time.

Batteries stolen from cars

3 A car battery was stolen from a Ford Taurus between 6 p.m. on June 8 and 7:15 a.m. on June 9 in the parking lot of the Pavilion Court Apartments. The report stated the owner locked her vehicle when she left it on June 8 and when she returned the next

morning the driver's door was unlocked and the window pulled outward. Nothing was missing from inside the car, but it would not start. She then discovered that her battery was missing from under the hood. Police said the unknown suspect used the hood release inside the car to get access to the battery because there was no access otherwise.

Police academy looks to educate youths

Local kids can get an inside look at how the Novi Police Department operates by taking part in the Youth Police Academy in July. The program, which is for Novi residents and students between the ages of 13-18, features hands-on firearm training, investigation of a crime scene, work with the K-9 officer, daily briefings and much more. Novi Police Department

Det. Mike Wilson said the five-day program is not just a benefit to the students but to the department as well. "It is designed to give kids and understanding of the department - from the road patrol to the detective bureau - and show them how we operate, and deal with the community and how they can help us by being better witnesses," he said. The academy runs from noon to 4 p.m. July 13-17, and this year is the last time it will be offered for free. Next year it will cost \$50.

One of the highlights of the academy is the crime scene where the students work the scene from start to finish and come up with a conclusion. The officers then show them how they would have done the investigation and report their findings. Other topics covered are patrol operations, use of force, traffic laws and stops, the judicial system and law enforcement requirements. "They get to see how our police department is operating, what we are looking for

when we go to calls, how police officers react to certain calls and why they do certain things," Wilson said. Working with the kids at the academy has also helped Wilson, who is the school resource officer at Novi High School, form better relationships with the students. For more information or to register, call Wilson at (248) 347-0538. Deadline to register is July 1.

Extending a helping hand

Novi firefighters, Holzer Ford donate car to family of ill child

By NATHAN MUELLER
 STAFF WRITER

Tim Lucas admits that he and his family have not had a lot of good days since his seven-year-old son Trevor was diagnosed with a stage three brain stem tumor eight weeks ago. But June 9 was one of those days. That day the Lucas family received a Ford Taurus courtesy of the Novi Firefighters Burn Drive and Tom Holzer Ford to help transport Trevor back and forth from their Lincoln Park home to the Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit. "What the Holzer family and the fire department did with that car is unbelievable," Lucas said. "There is no way I can put into words how grateful we are." The family had two cars but could not afford to fix one of them when it broke down because of money issues since Lucas has been laid-off since just before Christmas. His wife Anita works the other car to go to work. Transportation was a major issue considering Trevor's condition, and when the Burn Drive, the charity arm of the Novi professional firefighters, heard about the situation from Trevor's uncle and Novi fire protection officer Phil Duczynski, they immedi-

ately got to work. The group raised money at the Michigan International Women's Show and that is also where they met Connie Holzer, wife of Tom Holzer. Connie was diagnosed with the stage three brain tumor and the two groups came together to get the Lucas a vehicle. "It was nice to be able to put a smile on their face with all they are going through," said Josh Bause, chairman of the Burn Drive. "Those of us that can help, we want to help." Duczynski was taken back by the assistance his family received, which also included \$250 worth of gas cards from the Holzer family. "I felt pretty good to see our union come together to support our family," he said. "This has been one of the roughest things my family has gone through, and I don't think anyone knows what it's like until they have to deal with it." Trevor finished radiation treatments the end of May and his motor skills have improved a lot, but the prognosis for the future is still uncertain. But for one day, the family is all smiles. More information can be found at www.novifirefighters.com.

Novi teen to spend summer living, working in Guatemala

Her two-week mission trip begins June 29

While many of her friends are busy searching for summer jobs, and looking forward to a relaxing break from school, 17-year-old Ashley Bowne will be joining over 500 teens from around the world, hoping to have a positive impact on people living in some of the poorest sections of Guatemala. The Novi High School junior will be attending "Brio 'Never the Same' 2009 Mission Trip" to Guatemala City, Guatemala from June 29-July 12. Bowne had been considering the possibility of going on a mission trip for some time, but only recently decided to take the plunge. The application process was quite intense. "I got the 17-page application of the Brio website pages, and had to complete it. I also had to get a recommendation from the pastor at my church," Bowne explained.

Bowne received her acceptance after Christmas, and then the real work began. She had to raise over \$2,300 by the middle of April. Raising the necessary funds proved to be a challenging lesson in faith. "With the current economic recession, some people weren't able to donate as much as they wanted to. I had to send in payments at different time periods after my application was accepted. And at first, I wasn't sure I was going to be

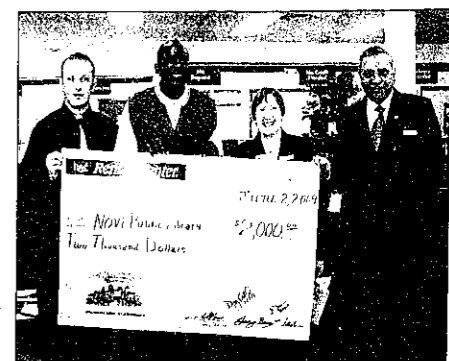


Novi High School junior Ashley Bowne will be attending 'Brio 'Never the Same' 2009 Mission Trip' to Guatemala City, Guatemala from June 29-July 12.

able to raise enough money to go." Especially when the time came to send in the first installment - Bowne hadn't raised quite enough money, and had to request an extension. "But then, money would start to show up from unexpected sources," Bowne said. "Like when our plumber came to work in our bathroom one day. He started asking me questions about the trip, and when he was done working, on his way out, he gave me a donation and said something like 'it's never wrong to do

God's work.' In the end, it all pulled together and I was able to raise enough money to go on the trip." Bowne and the rest of the teens will be accompanied to Guatemala by over 100 adult team leaders. The entire group will be broken up into smaller groups of about 30 to 40 people. The trip starts in Miami, Florida, where the group will receive training, and learn their roles in an evangelistic drama they will be presenting called, "Spellbound: Toymaker

and Son." From Miami, the teens travel to Guatemala, where their days will be rotations of drama ministry performed in public schools - this is allowed in Guatemala - neighborhoods, local parks, and open-air markets. They will also volunteer in orphanages and impoverished neighborhoods, help churches and villagers with work projects like painting, moving dirt, washing windows, and whatever else needs to be done. "We will also be washing the hair of children who have never had their hair washed before in their lives," Bowne said. The students are coming from all over the world: California, Alaska, Canada, even as far away as Australia. Bowne is excited about meeting the other members of her team. "Brio sent out the list of team members names and so via Facebook and e-mail, a lot of us have started talking to each other. We're trying to learn a little about each other before we will be living together for the two weeks in Guatemala." Although traveling to a foreign country alone, and performing the duties of the mission trip are causing Bowne a little anxiety, what is she most nervous about? "The bugs! They have really big bugs there," Bowne said. "They've told us to bring lots of bug spray with 40 percent DEET." Bowne hopes the entire experience will help her fulfill the motto of the trip, "Never the Same." "I hope to affect the people of Guatemala's lives, helping to change them for the better; and I also hope spending two weeks in a foreign country will change me in ways that I can't even imagine right now."



(From Left) Rent-A-Center Assistant Manager Billy Barrett and Customer Accounts Manager Luther Blue present the \$2,000 check to Novi Library Assistant Director Mary Ellen Mulcrone and library board of trustees vice president Ramesh Verma.

Rent-A-Center opens in Novi, gives donation to library

By NATHAN MUELLER
 STAFF WRITER

Patrons to the Novi Public Library will soon have more resources related to financial literacy thanks to a \$2,000 grant from Rent-A-Center. Rent-A-Center, a new Novi business that rents and sells brand-name furniture, appliances, electronics and computers, gave the grant to the library, said the grant is for conducting credit checks and having flexible payment options to work with anyone's financial situation. Barry said 95 percent of what they do is rent-to-own, but customers also can terminate the rental agreement without penalty anytime after the initial rental period. As part of the grant opening, the store will be having a coming a lot good because people are relying on the public library more. "This is an added bonus that helps us give people more of

what they need," she said. Rent-A-Center has 106 locations in Michigan, and is focused on making buying and renting merchandise easy for the customer. They do not conduct credit checks and have flexible payment options to work with anyone's financial situation. Barry said 95 percent of what they do is rent-to-own, but customers also can terminate the rental agreement without penalty anytime after the initial rental period. As part of the grant opening, the store will be having a coming a lot good because people are relying on the public library more. "This is an added bonus that helps us give people more of

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Novi fire marshal's tips for a safe summer

The warm weather is here and many are taking advantage of the outdoors. The Novi Fire Department offers the following safety tips when grilling:
 • The Fire Prevention Code prohibits the use of open flame cooking appliances on decks, patios and within 10 feet of any combustible construction in multi-family dwellings, apartments and condominium buildings. While this does not pertain to single family homes, it is still a good idea to maintain a minimum of 10 feet between the grill and the house.
 • Gas and charcoal barbecued grills must only be used outdoors. If used indoors, or in any enclosed spaces, such as tents, they pose both a fire hazard and the risk of exposing occupants to toxic gases and potential asphyxiation.
 • Position the grill away from siding, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
 • Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas and foot traffic.

• Keep children and pets away from the grill area; declare a minimum 3-foot, kid-free-zone around the grill.
 • Use long-handled grilling tools to provide plenty of clearance from heat and flames when handling the food.
 • Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below grill so it cannot be ignited by a hot grill.
CHARCOAL GRILL TIPS
 • Purchase the proper starter fluid and store the can out of reach of children and away from heat sources.
 • Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals or kindling have already been ignited, and never use any flammable or combustible liquid other than charcoal starter fluid to get the fire going.
GAS GRILL TIPS
 • Check the gas cylinder hose for leaks before using it. A light soap and water solution applied to the hose will quickly reveal escaping propane by releasing bubbles. If you determine your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department.
 • If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not attempt to move the grill.
 • Use only equipment bearing the mark of an independent testing laboratory. Follow the manufacturer's instructions on how to set up the grill area.
 • Never store propane gas cylinders in buildings or garages. If you store a gas grill inside during the winter, disconnect the cylinder and leave it outside.

This column was written by Mike Evans, City of Novi Fire Marshal.

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Nasser joins Botsford

Kamal Nasser, M.D., has joined the medical staff at Botsford Hospital. Nasser is board certified in Pulmonary Disease, Critical Care Medicine and Internal Medicine. He is a member of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, the American College of Chest Physicians, the American Thoracic Society and the Society of Critical Care Medicine.

Nasser practices at Pulmonary & Critical Care Specialist located at 39650 Orchard Hill Place, Suite 100 in Novi. The office number is (248) 449-7010.

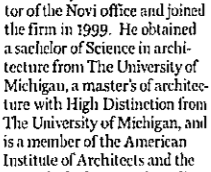
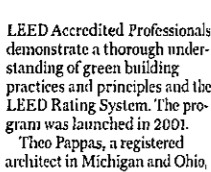
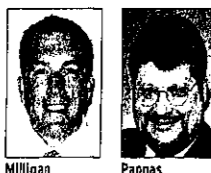
Nasser received his medical education from the American University of Beirut. He completed a residency in Internal Medicine at Wayne State University. Afterward, he served a chief medical resident. Nasser also performed a fellowship in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine and a fellowship in Sleep Medicine at Wayne State University.

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Lia sophia recently announced top honors for its Excellent Beginnings Program. Nasser received his medical education from the American University of Beirut. He completed a residency in Internal Medicine at Wayne State University. Afterward, he served a chief medical resident. Nasser also performed a fellowship in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine and a fellowship in Sleep Medicine at Wayne State University.

Fanning Howey trio certified

Fanning Howey Architects announced that Theodore G. Pappas, AIA, NCARB, executive director/principal; Tracy Petrella, AIA; and David Milligan, AIA have obtained their LEED certification. LEED certification is a mark of distinction for the firm's commitment to sustainable building practices.



Petrella Nasser
Milligan Pappas

LEED Accredited Professionals demonstrate a thorough understanding of green building practices and principles and the LEED Rating System. The program was launched in 2001. Theo Pappas, a registered architect in Michigan and Ohio, is currently the executive director of the Novi office and joined the firm in 1999. He obtained a bachelor of science in architecture from The University of Michigan, a master's degree in architecture with High Distinction from The University of Michigan, and is a member of the American Institute of Architects and the Council of Educational Facility Planners International. Pappas resides in Birmingham with his wife, Geri.

Keeping the faith

Churches band together to help the unemployed deal with feelings of hopelessness

BY VICTORIA MITCHELL
STAFF WRITER

After losing her job as a customer service representative and purchasing expert, it took Novi resident Andrea Line about a year to face the outside world.

"For the first nine months I sat home and cried because I didn't know what was going to happen," she said. "I never left the house."

Line's sister provided encouragement to at least go small walking, but she kept thinking that it was money.

Now Line, 56, and others feeling hopeless while seeking employment have a reason to rally — their faith.

A number of South Lyon churches have answered the call to help out residents during a time when the Michigan unemployment rate has reached 12.9 percent as of April 2009, according to Michigan Labor Market Information.

The South Lyon churches are hosting a weekly Wednesday gathering with coffee and bagels for people who are unemployed, providing support and the opportunity to connect with others in the same situation.

"To be honest, I can really relate to this," said Rev. Pamela Hansen, South Lyon Power & Light.

Hansen greeted attendees at the inaugural unemployment breakfast held June 3 at the First Presbyterian Church in downtown South Lyon. All meetings will be held 10-11 a.m. with a light breakfast sponsored by the rotating group of churches.

Hansen said after completing her schooling, she was told she may not receive a call for 10-15 years. And like Line, she found depression sinking in and her ability to get out dwindling.

Hansen said in times like this, it is important for churches to be there for their parishioners.



Rev. Pamela Hansen leads Andrea Line and Dave Royce in prayer during the inaugural weekly unemployment group that will run through the fall.

WEEKLY UNEMPLOYMENT COFFEES

The 10-11 a.m. Wednesday breakfasts will be hosted in South Lyon by:

- First Presbyterian Church, 205 E. Lake Street, in June
- First United Methodist Church, 640 S. Lafayette, in July (wireless internet provided)
- Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 22200 Portiac Trail, in August
- South Lyon Power & Light, 304 N. Lafayette, in September

Coffee and bagels will be provided.

"We care, and God cares definitely," she said.

THE FACE OF UNEMPLOYMENT

Line came prepared to the first unemployment breakfast in the lower-level church meeting space, bringing with her a resume, business cards and the ability to maintain a positive attitude despite waking every morning with the thought of somehow supporting herself and her son.

going to be tougher now with the closing of the GM plants," Line said.

She resorted to credit cards for daily living, and prays, like fellow unemployed parishioner, Dave Royce, that zero emergencies will pop up.

Royce explained at the Wednesday meeting he is on break-even mode, but he too has not lost faith.

Royce lost his job at the end of April. His background is in engineering, but he was working in project management for FEV in Auburn Hills.

"If I could just click my heels like Dorothy, I would be back there this afternoon," he said.

Royce was unconsciously laid off from his job and now spends his time learning the ins and outs of USAJobs.gov.

"I'm putting my eggs in the basket of government jobs," he said.

Royce and Line traded stories of survival and prayer. "I wish someone had started doing these things a year ago," Line said. "I think this is a really good idea."

is very important. And, she encourages those without work to broaden their job search location.

Line started her search 10 miles from her home, before expanding to 20 miles, 30 miles, and finally out of state.

"I'll go anywhere but below the Mason-Dixon line because I don't like the heat," she said.

Royce advocates personal finance pro activity. He called 211 immediately, to review lending alternatives to avoid foreclosure on his White Lake home.

Royce explained dialing 211 connects callers immediately to the United Way, for localized assistance.

"I'm in survival mode," he said.

Royce played a leading role in organizing the weekly Wednesday unemployment breakfast meetings.

"It serves a value beyond just its utilitarian value," he said. Line and Royce plan on attending future breakfast meetings provided by the South Lyon area churches.

Line believes networking

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Hope College

Amanda L. Sutton, Nicole E. Nordstrom, Megan R. Campbell, Kelsey A. Laux and Andrew F. Haggerty were named to the dean's List at Hope College for the second semester of the 2008-09 school year. To be named to the Dean's List a student must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

DePaul University

Three students from Novi — Michelle A. Behr, Samantha I. Perry and Charles W. Adams — were named to the Dean's List for the 2009 Winter quarter. To receive Dean's List commendation, full-time students must earn a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or above on a four-point scale.

Michigan Technological University

Michigan Technological University honored the achievements of nearly 900 graduates May 2 at Spring Commencement. Among them were the following local students (from Novi): Eric D. Joseph, bachelor of science in mechanical engineering; Anthony J. Nowicki, bachelor of science in biomedical engineering; James J. Simon, bachelor of science in computer science; (Walled Lake) Rebecca L. Klank, bachelor of science in biomedical engineering — summa cum laude; (Wisom) Justin C. Ayers, bachelor of science in computer engineering; David J. Walters, bachelor of science in mechanical engineering — cum laude.

Mississippi College

Mississippi College has named Elizabeth F. Miller of Novi to the list of academic scholars for the 2009 spring semester, according to Dr. Ron Howard, Vice President for Academic Affairs. To be eligible for the President's List, a student must maintain a 4.0 or straight As, based on a 4.0 system. The student must take a full course load of at least 12 semester hours of undergraduate credit with all academic courses impacting their grade point average.

NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

NEF Golf Outing

The Novi Educational Foundation is sponsoring its 14th Annual Charity Golf Scramble 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 24 at Salem Hills Golf Club. Golf and dinner is \$130, or dinner only is \$35. Both contest and hole sponsorships are still available. The NEF is a non-profit organization devoted to expanding educational opportunities by supporting student enrichment programs, staff development, classroom equipment and teacher minigrants.

Camp Invention

Invest Nov Kids and The Discover Program present

Camp Invention coming to Novi Middle School 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. July 20-24. The summer camp will include the themes of Viking Treasure Trek: The Quest Begins, Comic Book Science: Fyjack and Jill, LandSled X-Treme, I Can Invent: Fantasy Inventions & Complicated Machines II and Recess Remix. The popular program is once again directed by Novi Middle School science teacher Selh Furuh. The base price is \$220, but if you register three or more siblings, receive \$40 off the base price. Daily snacks and a Camp Invention T-shirt will be provided. For more information, call (248) 448-1600 or e-mail sturlov@novi.k12.mi.us.

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT TSLUP 09-016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the petitioner for Kruger's of Novi is requesting a Temporary Special Land Use Permit for the outdoor seasonal display of merchandise necessary to the business to be located on the sidewalk adjacent to the store front located in the West Market Square Plaza at 47650 Grand River Avenue north of Grand River Avenue and west of Beck Road from July 12, 2009 through November 1, 2009.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a temporary special land use permit.

This request will be considered at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 7, 2009 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to Melinda Martin and must be received prior to July 6, 2009.

Melinda Martin Senior Customer Service Rep. (248) 347-0459

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT TSLUP 09-017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the representative for Tankers Inc. is requesting a Temporary Special Land Use Permit for placement of an exhibition trailer to be located at 42925 W. Nine Mile Road, south of Nine Mile Road and east of Novi Road from August 1, 2009 through October 1, 2009.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a temporary special land use permit.

This request will be considered at 10:15 a.m. on Tuesday, July 7, 2009 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to Melinda Martin and must be received prior to July 6, 2009.

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EDUCATION

Achieving perfection

Catholic Central student scores a perfect 36 on ACT

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Perfect. That is the score Detroit Catholic Central High School senior Matthew Nicholas got on the ACT in March, putting him in a category with only a select few other students in the state and nation.

"I am incredibly happy with the score and it opens up a lot of new possibilities for me," he said. "I knew how good I could do because I took a bunch of practice tests and a course at school, but I didn't think I was going to get a perfect score. It was really a surprise."

According to research from www.act.org, the proportion of 2008 graduates to score a perfect 36 was 1-in-3,300. And while it may have been a surprise to Nicholas, his counselor at school knew it was possible because of how hard



Detroit Catholic Central High School senior Matthew Nicholas joined rare company by scoring a perfect 36 on the ACT in March.

he works. "Matthew is as nice and respectful as he is brilliant. And he is brilliant," said Shawn Mather. "To get a score like that is very exciting, but

he is very humble about it and does not flaunt it at all."

On top of the perfect ACT score, Nicholas carries a cumulative grade point average of 4.725, was a member of

the state champion quiz bowl team, plays the trombone in the jazz and symphony bands, writes for the school newspaper, was recently elected to the Novi Youth Council and much more.

"We are very proud of him," said his mother Maria Nicholas.

Matthew still has a year left of school, but his plans are to attend the University of Michigan if he stays locally or go to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and study business and engineering.

"We are going to be hearing about him and it's going to be wonderful to have a young man of his caliber as one of our future leaders in whatever area he decides to go into," Mather said.

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Novi high schoolers help with Habitat

A group of 17 Novi High School students spent Saturday, May 30, volunteering at two Habitat for Humanity houses in Pontiac through the Youth United program. The students, along with teachers Barb Clift and Debra Harris and parent Brian Murray, worked all day on landscaping projects at two Habitat house sites. They cleared the lots of weeds, stones, and debris. Then they planted bushes and trees and prepared the yards for grass seed.

The student who attended were: Tressa Antony, Jacob Carless, Jacque Carless, Shital Chauhan, Ale DiNuccio, Neelima Goyal, Melissa Hulverson, Zoe Jenkins, Catherine Leszcz, Kara Ludke, Rachel Manes, Elizabeth Miller, Alyssa Murray, Michela Sivum, Hailey Spillane, Marie Steinbock, and Matthew Thimm.

This is the fifth year that Novi High School students have worked with the Habitat for Humanity group. They students plan and implement various fundraisers during the year and send the proceeds to the organization. This year the group donated over \$1,100.

The Manager of Youth Programs, Collet Jackson, commented that Novi High School was one of the leading schools with donations this year.

Novi High School was one of the first schools to join the Youth United group of Habitat



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for Humanity of Oakland County. The group consists of several high school in Oakland County who have formed clubs or teams working on this project. During the school year the team organizes and conducts fundraisers in the school to raise money to help build a Youth United home. The homes are built in Pontiac financed by funds that the schools have raised in addition to grants, corporate sponsors, etc. When enough money is raised a

home is built and the students from the various high schools involved work on the project.

This year the Novi High's Habitat Leadership Team held four fundraisers. They sold Compliment Cards at both Parent Teacher Conference

nights during the school year, and they sold roses at the two dance recitals. In addition, Novi High School Student Council collected donations during this year's car show event. In total Novi's team donated over \$1,100 this year alone toward the house.

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Terry and Davis Margolis, of Novi, announce the engagement of their daughter, Beanyne Elaine Heppner, to Michael Ryan Falor, son of Robin and Michael Falor of Perrysburg, Ohio. The bride-elect earned her bachelor's degree in marketing from Miami University in 2005, and she is a talent agent with Stewart Talent in Chicago. The groom-elect earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics from University of Notre Dame in 2004, and a master's in mathematics with a concentration in computational finance from Purdue University in 2006. He is an equity options market maker on the Chicago Board of Equities, DRO/WST Trading. The couple are planning an Aug. 8 at St. John's Chapel and Inn at St. John's, Plymouth.

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Crawford & Pawlak

Michael Crawford, son of Jeff and Hilby Crawford of Novi, and Maureen Pawlak, daughter of Patti and Ron Pawlak, were married on May 15, 2009 at the Walnut Creek Country Club. Michael was a 2002 graduate of Novi High School, 2006 graduate of The University of Michigan and received his master's degree from Michigan State University in 2009. Maureen was a 2004 Novi High School graduate and 2009 graduate of Michigan State University. They spent their honeymoon enjoying the sights in Paris, France. They now reside in Lawrence, Kansas. Maureen is pursuing a teaching career and Michael is working on his PhD in educational psychology and research at the University of Kansas.

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT TSLUP 09-017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the representative for Tankers Inc. is requesting a Temporary Special Land Use Permit for placement of an exhibition trailer to be located at 42925 W. Nine Mile Road, south of Nine Mile Road and east of Novi Road from August 1, 2009 through October 1, 2009.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a temporary special land use permit.

This request will be considered at 10:15 a.m. on Tuesday, July 7, 2009 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to Melinda Martin and must be received prior to July 6, 2009.

Melinda Martin Senior Customer Service Rep. (248) 347-0459

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requirements a Public Hearing will be held by the City of Novi Council on Monday, July 6, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. EST, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, for the purpose of hearing public comments regarding the reprogramming of Community Development Block Grant Program Income Funds as follows:

Proposed (From) - Activity Description: Program Income Agreement for the Disposition of CDBG Property located in the City of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, described as the West 13720 feet of the East 108720 feet of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 10; formally known as Parcel 22-10-300-005, now known as part of Parcel 22-10-000-019. December 5, 2003. \$137,873.83 Remaining Balance: \$34,472.83

Proposed (To) - Activity Number: 2009 Program Year 172170-731227

Activity Description: Minor Home Repair

Amount: \$34,472.83

All interested citizens are requested to attend this Hearing. Comments will also be received in writing or in person at the City Offices, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 5:00 p.m., July 6, 2009. Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs, including handicap accessibility or interpreter will be made upon receiving 72-hour advance. Contact Maryanne Cornelius at 248-347-0576 for special services.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS City Clerk

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Kurt Heise, Wayne County Drain Commissioner and Secretary, Quail Ridge Intercounty Drain Drainage Board

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Signed and sealed

Novi guard Chantel Hill brings the ball upcourt against South Lyon. She has signed to play at Dearborn Henry Ford Community College next year.

ALL-AREA

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opponents down throughout the year. She made All-State Second Team after making the third team last year.

The Mustang captain will continue her career at Western Michigan after producing a stellar 3.95 grade point average.

Jeanette Dolmetsch, Northville The senior defender was another force in a team led by its defense. She also found time to score three goals and chip in three assists.

Dolmetsch received All-Conference honors and will continue her career at Long Island University after carrying a 3.42 GPA.

Camille Junca, Northville The senior scored four goals and recorded four assists out of the center-mid position. She also co-captained the team with Baskins. She carried a 3.6+ GPA and was voted to the KLA All-Conference team.

Megan Morad, South Lyon It was no secret who was going to receive extra defensive attention for South Lyon. But the senior still found time to notch 14 goals and six assists for a team-high 20 points. She was in on 20 of the Lions' 31 goals.

Morad holds school records for goals in a season (14), points in a season (20) and goals in a career (44). She is second all-time in points with 55, only two points back of the record. Morad was a four-year varsity player and led the team in scoring all four years.

She was All-Conference and All-District all four years, All-Region since her sophomore year, All-State Honorable Mention her sophomore and junior years and All-State Team as a senior.

"Megan is the not only the fastest player I have had the privilege of coaching, but the most resilient," said South Lyon head coach Tracee Senter. "She always strived to be better and fought through pain, double and even sometimes triple teams to help her team succeed. I wish her the best at the next level."

Morad will continue her career at Saginaw Valley State on a scholarship. Katie Walker, South Lyon East Walker led the young Cougar team with 10 goals and two assists for 12 points.

Michelle Dant, Milford If a Maverick goal was scored, it was a safe bet Dant was involved. She had 12 tallies to lead the team.

"She pretty much scored all our goals,"

said Milford head coach Mike Gilmore. "She had an outstanding season."

Tess Zasawa, Milford The junior defender was the steady force for the Mavericks. Both Zasawa and Dan received All-Conference honors.

"She's an outstanding defender," said Gilmore. Katie McNulty, Lakeland The senior forward scored 10 goals and provided three assists. She was a direct part of 13 of the 27 goals scored by Lakeland. McNulty received All-Conference and All-Region honors.

"Katie is the best player I've coached at Lakeland and will be strongly considered for our Hall of Fame," said Lakeland head coach Curt Whitefield. "She has a variety of technical tools that demands a defensive double team. Her ability and field leadership has been a main contributor to Lakeland's strongest season in many years."

Sam Miller, Lakeland The senior goalie delivered five shut-outs and only allowed 32 goals all year, which is 40 less than what was allowed in 2008. Miller earned All-Conference and All-KLAA Academic honors.

"Sam has been Lakeland's varsity goalie for four years," said Whitefield. "Her amazing play in goal gave Lakeland a chance to win in more than 10 games when we were out shot by a ratio of 2 to 1. She has great positioning awareness and toughness with better technical skills than seen by 99 percent of the teams we've played."

Kristine Graham, Lakeland The sophomore chipped in three goals and two assists from the outside midfielder position. She was voted All-Conference and All-District Honorable Mention.

Lauren Dahl, Lakeland The senior defender scored a goal and passed out a pair of assists while helping the defense to five shutouts. She earned KLA All-Academic and was voted All-Conference Honorable Mention.

Jillian Parsons, Lakeland The sophomore played center defender and earned All-Conference honors and was voted All-District Honorable Mention.

Sam Sturgeon, Milford The sophomore center-midfielder scored a pair of goals and voted All-Conference.

HONORABLE MENTION Receiving All-Area Honorable Mention are Northville's Amy Sweetapple (Sr), Stacey Clough (Jr), Mallory Weber (Fr) and Tori Wright (Jr), South Lyon East's Katie DeVergilio, Chelsea Evasic and Ainsley Crum; Milford's Hayley Bensen (Jr), Alyssa Adams (Jr) and Adrian Allward (Jr), and Lakeland's Amy Carroll (Jr), Jillian Draheim (Jr), Lauren Klapek (Sr), and Kelsey Peyton (Sr).

Chelsea Budlong, Novi The senior placed center defense for the Wildcats. She helped the Novi defense stymie opponents to only 14 goals in 22 games. In the four games she missed, the Cats allowed three goals. She will play at Madonna University next year.

Katie Caruso, Novi The senior defender started every game on the right side. She will continue her playing days at Adrian next year.

Taylor Fyden, Novi The junior sweeper was one of the fastest players for Novi and also one of the most durable. She led the Cats by averaging 73 minutes a game. She earned All-Conference and All-District honors.

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TEE TIME Your local golf guide

The U.S. Open 2009 is June 15-21 Online Poll: Who will win this year? We want your vote! Go online to www.hometownlife.com/section/sports25 to take part in our online poll. We'll compare your predictions with the final results on June 25!

Is a golf course slope rating of 130 always really tough?

By Doug Henderhat

With nearly 900 golf courses in Michigan, there is certainly a wide range of golf course and slope ratings to select from. With this many courses you can find any degree of difficulty you choose. And with some knowledge of the USGA Course Rating System, it is possible to find that special "hidden gem" that suits your game and makes the golfing experience even more fun.

The USGA Course Rating of a golf course (not slope rating) is designed to ensure that the rating of a golf course is in proper relation to the ratings of the other courses. This applies to your local courses, as well as courses throughout the entire United States.

OK, so now you have your list of courses that may be suited to your playing ability. It's time to take a closer look at both the course ratings and slope numbers to get a better feel for the type of poison you are about to be encounter. Through the collection of data on thousands of golfers and thousands of golf holes, the factors that affect the difficulty of a golf hole have been evaluated and assigned numerical

values that yield an accurate course rating and slope rating when applied to an entire course. The slope rating is an indicator of the relative difficulty of a course for players who are not scratch players. Since the vast majority of golfers are not scratch players, we will now take a closer look at what really makes a tough golf course.

With permission from the author, the following are excerpts from an article, "Setting the Record Straight," by David Pausigan:

"What do the ratings Mean? Many golfers and golf magazine editors believe 'slope' is the best indicator of difficulty. This is incorrect. Slope allows the golfer to accurately determine the number of handicap strokes they are entitled to on a given golf course. That's it! The true key to fulfilling your need for self-punishment is course rating.

The USGA has weighted all of the factors for effective playing length and obstacles, and adjusted those weightings for how they affect the scratch and bogey player differently. Plugged into a formula with this weighting, the factors result in a different course rating for the scratch and bogey golfer.

Now we are ready to put it all together, the course rating represents the average of the better half of the scores of the scratch or bogey golfer under normal course and weather conditions. On a course rated 69.0 with a par 72, a scratch player will shoot that score one out of four times. So where does slope come in?

Slope simply measures how much more difficult a course is for the bogey golfer than the scratch golfer. The higher the slope, the greater the relative difference in difficulty between these two golfers. So, if you perfectly fit the criteria

for a bogey golfer, slope is a reasonably good measure of difficulty. But a better one is to use the course and slope rating to determine the bogey rating. Below is the formula for men. Once you've figured out the bogey rating, you'll know that a bogey golfer will, on average, shoot that score only one out of four times.

Course Rating (Bogey) = Course Rating (Scratch) + (Slope Rating divided by 5.381), for women, just replace 5.381 with 4.24.

Now that I have empowered you with course rating knowledge, you can look at both the USGA slope and course rating to decide if a "130 Slope" is really that tough. Hint, "Remember to look at the course rating."

Doug Henderhat is the Golf Association of Michigan's Director of Course Rating.

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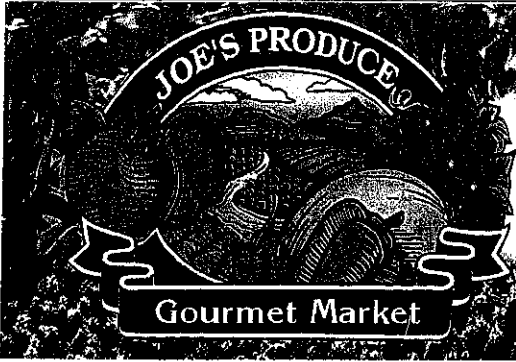
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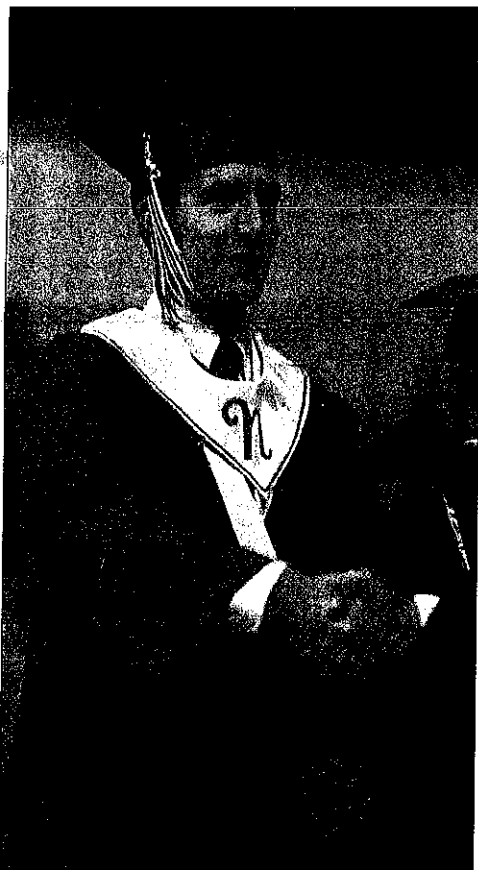
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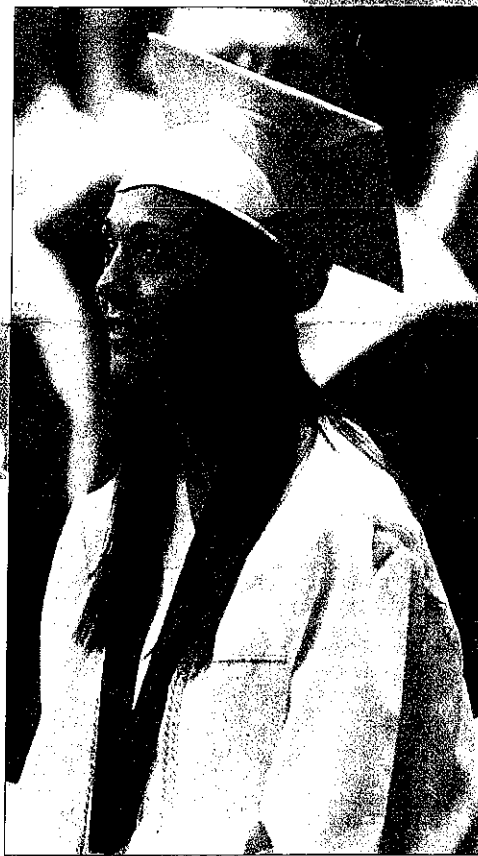
The Novi High School class of 2009 commencement.

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Con-grad-ulations!



Tyler Vincent is a member of the class of 2009 at Novi High.



A member of Novi High's class of 2009 waits to receive her diploma at last Saturday's commencement.



TOP 10 NOVI HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS — 2009



NAME: JACOB CARLESS
PARENTS: Tim and Lorraine Carless
SIBLINGS/AGES: Jacque, 16 and Jason, 14
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Cross Country captain, track captain, National Honor Society secretary, Habitat for Humanity, Youth United League, SADD, French Club, CATS freshman mentor.
ACADEMIC HONORS: National Merit finalist, Michigan Math Prize Competition finalist, Academic All-Conference.
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Running in the Cross Country State Meet my senior season and seeing my name up in lights on the MIS big screen.
POST-GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan college of engineering to study chemical engineering.
CAREER PLANS: Undecided
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST IN YOUR ACADEMIC CAREER & HOW: Mr. O'Leary. His calculus class was the biggest challenge that I had in high school. He really made me work for everything I got in that class.



NAME: SUDHARSHAN MOHANRAM
PARENTS: N.R. and Vidya Mohanram
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Bamboo Flutist, Math Club president, Quiz Bowl, National Honor Society, Science Olympiad, researcher at Proshiyaker Lab in MSU.
ACADEMIC HONORS: USA Math Olympiad finalist, USA Biology Olympiad semi-finalist, Chemistry Olympiad national nominee, ranked 4th in the state in the Michigan Math Prize, National AP scholar, National Merit Scholarship winner.
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Overall meetings so many awesome people throughout my high school career and making friendships.
POST-GRADUATION PLANS: Yale University
CAREER PLANS: Biochemistry major, thinking of Oncology as a possible career.
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST IN YOUR ACADEMIC CAREER & HOW: My parents. My parents gave me the opportunity to succeed in my academic career, motivating me to aim for the best and to never give up.



NAME: SRILAKSHMI KADIYALA
PARENTS: Kumar and Satya Vijaya Kadiyala
SIBLINGS/AGES: Akhila, 10
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Model United Nations - Treasurer, Science Club secretary, National Honor Society, one-act play, Fall play, Forensics, International Club, piano classes, employed by Panera Bread.
ACADEMIC HONORS: National Merit finalist, AP scholar with honor, U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad, 30th Annual Great Lakes Regional Contest - piano, Certificate of Merit for Excellence in Sales Speaking, Certificate for High Mathematical Achievement.
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Homescoming dances.
POST-GRADUATION PLANS: Wayne State University as part of the MedStart program.
CAREER PLANS: Medicine.
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST IN YOUR ACADEMIC CAREER & HOW: My dad. He taught me to always work hard and never give up in order to achieve anything I wanted.



NAME: AMEYA SOHANI
PARENTS: Sumil and Medha Sohani
SIBLINGS/AGES: Priyanka, 22
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Varsity tennis-captain, all state 2007 and 2008.
ACADEMIC HONORS: AP scholar with distinction, National Merit commended scholar, summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa.
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: In my senior year, I made the state semifinals for the third year in a row.
POST-GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan - engineering.
CAREER PLANS: Work as an aerospace engineer.
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST IN YOUR ACADEMIC CAREER & HOW: Father. My father is an engineer and he helped me become academically through suggesting classes and helping me with school.



NAME: THOMAS BUTLER
PARENTS: Tom and Sandy Butler
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Cross Country, Marching Band, Winter Drumline, Track and Field - captain, Holy Family Youth Group Leadership.
ACADEMIC HONORS: Summa cum laude, commended National Merit scholar, ADS semifinalist, U of M Regent's scholar.
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Prom, good time, Cross Country State Meet my senior year.
POST-GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan - Ann Arbor to study biology.
CAREER PLANS: Research.
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST IN YOUR ACADEMIC CAREER & HOW: Parents. Pushed me to do things that I didn't like, but ended up helping me with school.



NAME: SUBRAMONIAN MAHADEVAN
PARENTS: Mythili and Subramonian Mahadevan
SIBLINGS/AGES: Vidya, 25
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Varsity Tennis, Ping Pong Club-treasurer.
ACADEMIC HONORS: U.S. Chemistry Olympiad honorable mention, National Merit scholar finalist, AP scholar with distinction, summa cum laude.
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Making the finals of the State Tennis Finals Division I.
POST-GRADUATION PLANS: College.
CAREER PLANS: Entrepreneur.
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST IN YOUR ACADEMIC CAREER & HOW: My parents. They trusted me to follow my own path and had faith I would do well.



NAME: TIMOTHY OH
PARENTS: Dan and Kay Oh
SIBLINGS/AGES: Audrey, 21
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: National Honor Society - president, Student Council Treasurer, Spanish Club secretary, Varsity Tennis, Freshman Mentor, Botsford Hospital volunteer.
ACADEMIC HONORS: Honor Roll, summa cum laude, Novi Youth Assistance Outstanding Youth of the Year 2008, Presidential Academic Award, Phi Beta Kappa.
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Having some great laughs with my friends. There are too many moments to choose from.
POST-GRADUATION PLANS: Davidson College to go into pre-med.
CAREER PLANS: Become a doctor.
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST IN YOUR ACADEMIC CAREER & HOW: My family. My family has taught and show me how having a strong work ethic, living with integrity and trusting God will lead you to success in anything you do.



NAME: RYAN POLLARD
PARENTS: Tom and Carolyn
SIBLINGS/AGES: Lauren Pollard, 14
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Marching Band, Varsity Wrestling captain.
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: When the wrestling team won team districts against Northville - junior year.
POST-GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan college of engineering.
CAREER PLANS: Engineering.
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST IN YOUR ACADEMIC CAREER & HOW: My parents. They always encouraged me to do well and set high goals for me.



NAME: DEXTER ZHUANG
PARENTS: Huijun Zhuang and Xinhui Yu
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Debate Team - captain, Forensics Team captain, Model UN president, Novi City Youth Council, Ben Franklin Transatlantic Fellows Initiative.
ACADEMIC HONORS: summa cum laude, AP scholar with distinction, National Merit finalist, Phi Beta Kappa, Presidential Award, Four year Academic Honor roll, National Honor Society.
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Attending the Ben Franklin Transatlantic Fellows Initiative and making friends from Europe and Eurasia.
POST-GRADUATION PLANS: Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH.
CAREER PLANS: Lawyer - attorney for U.S. Federal Government.
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST IN YOUR ACADEMIC CAREER & HOW: Mother. As cliché as it is, my mother has been constant source for encouragement and optimism, especially when I encountered difficult obstacles.



NAME: STEPHANIE CHEN
PARENTS: David Chen and Jing Zhao
SIBLINGS/AGES: Eric, 14
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Destination Imagination, captain, Quiz Bowl, Logistics, vice president, Teen Court - vice president, Science Club vice president, Piano, Garlic Mustard Pull Coordinator.
ACADEMIC HONORS: National Merit commended scholar, AP scholar.
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Qualifying for DI Globals freshman year, the judges almost tricked us into thinking we didn't.
POST-GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan - Ann Arbor environmental science.
CAREER PLANS: Undecided.
WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST IN YOUR ACADEMIC CAREER & HOW: My dad. He pushed me to do things that I didn't like, but ended up helping me.

HOW THE RANKING IS DETERMINED

The following formulas are used to figure out the Top 10 Novi High School students:

- 1. GPA (Convert to a 4.0 scale - 7 semesters). Include only mathematics, English, science, social science and foreign language. Round GPA to three decimals then multiply by 250.
2. Combine either SAT (composite score divided by 1.6) or ACT (composite score multiplied by 2.2779).
3. Total score is the GPA + SAT or GPA + ACT.

Novi High School Class of 2009

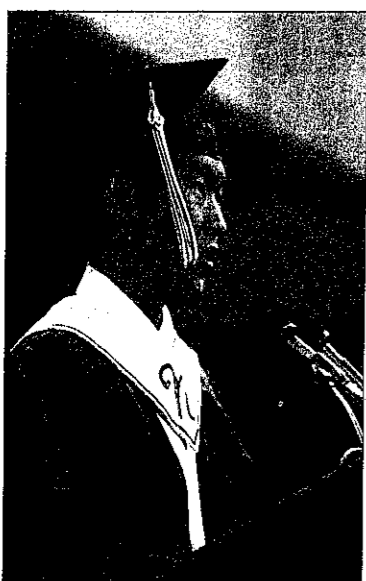
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Advertisement for Novi graduates featuring congratulatory messages and local business listings. Businesses include: ADVANCED DENTAL, GJETO Salon & Day Spa, KEFORD COLLISION & TOWING, READ IT AGAIN BOOKS, PROVIDENT DENTISTRY, SUBURBAN CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE, TWELVE OAKS MALL, DAVIS BP, CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, DENNIS LELAND, O'BRIEN SULLIVAN FUNERAL HOME, Mizerowski & Associates, NOV AUTO PARTS & HARDWARE, NOV FAMILY DENTAL CENTER, BORDER CANTINA, LARSON JEWELRY DESIGN, NOV ORAL SURGERY, NOV YOUTH ASSISTANTS, NOV AUTO PARTS & HARDWARE, NOV FAMILY DENTAL CENTER, and NOV YOUTH ASSISTANTS.



The class of 2009 of Novi High School.

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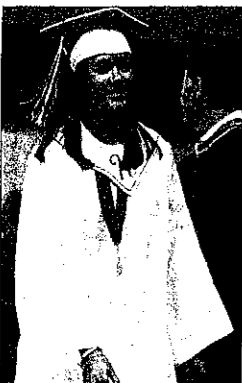
Novi High class of 2009 treasurer Timothy Oh addresses Saturday night's commencement.



Members of Novi High's class of 2009.



Novi High Class of 2009 president Danielle Fahoome addresses her fellow students.



Novi High graduate Laura Tollis.



A Novi High grad grins as her portrait is taken after she's received her diploma.



John Abbo receives his diploma.



Chanel Hill walks away with her diploma from Novi High during last weekend's commencement.



Zachary Troiman graduates last Saturday night at EMU's Convocation Center.



Members of Novi's class of 2009 play 'King Fishers Catch Fire' during last weekend's commencement.

Catholic Central High School Class of 2009

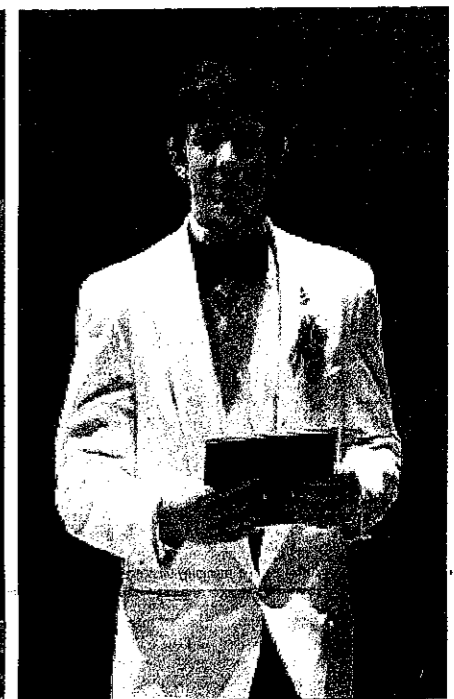
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- Joseph Pomponio
- Jacob Porter
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- Bryan Raycraft
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Catholic Central's graduation ceremony took place at Hill Auditorium on May 28.



Ryan Zarras



Justin Hoomalan



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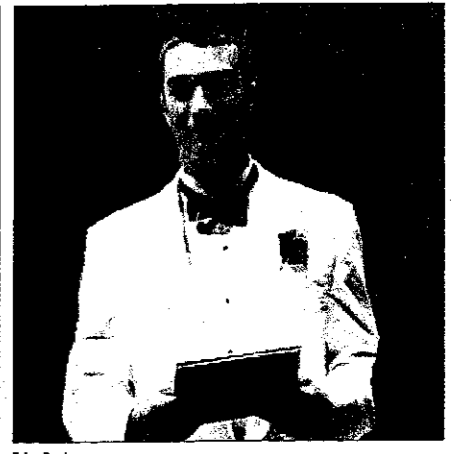
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Strictly Business

IT'S YOUR NOVI BUSINESS - Q&A WITH STEVE & ROCKY'S

1. Tell us about your business, including types of services and/or products you feature.

We are a full-service restaurant serving lunch and dinner seven days a week. We cater to your home or office for two to 500 people. We also offer in-house banquets. All food that we serve is chef-prepared, made from scratch with the freshest, highest quality products available.

2. How did you first decide to open your business?

The American dream is to own your own business. We believed we had the knowledge and a good idea, and the timing was right.

3. Why did you choose Novi?

An up-and-coming neighborhood, we thought they would appreciate what we do.

4. What makes your business unique?

We are chef-owned and on premise daily. Our priority is making people happy. We love what we do and, hopefully, it shows in the final result.

5. How has it changed since you opened?

We understand the economy of Michigan and our guests' budget crises. We are trying to produce meals that are more affordable, while maintaining our standards for quality.

DETAILS

Business Name: Steve & Rocky's
Address: 43150 Grand River Ave., Novi, MI 48375
Your Name/Title: Steve Allen - chef/proprietor
Your Hometown: Hartland, Mich.
Business Opened When: January 1998
Number of Employees: 50
Hours of Operation: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday; noon to 11 p.m. Saturday; 1-9 p.m. Sunday
Your Business Specialty: Fresh fish and seafood, poultry and beef, prepared from scratch with the freshest and finest quality products available.
Phone: (248) 374-0688
Web site: steveandrockys.com

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

We are fortunate to work in a business that is centered on people having a good time. We are able to find a reason to smile with our guests and staff on a daily basis.

7. How has the recent economy affected your business?

No one can hide from it. You have to accept it. Bear down and keep producing a high-quality product, maintain high standards, and offer it at a reasonable price point.

8. Any advice for business owners?

We do our best to accommodate any guest

request; we know that they are our lifeblood. Watching pennies and taking care of our staff are also very important.

9. What's in store for the future of your business?

We are constantly evolving to meet our clientele's needs. With the economy being what it is, we are trying to make the restaurant more affordable by doing promotions on a regular basis. We are currently running a special offer of filet mignon and your choice of shrimp, scallops, salmon or perch. We are also promoting our Celebrated Guest program (for more information, please visit us at steveandrockys.com).



Steve and Rocky's of Novi's General Manager Duane Brady (left) and chef Steve Allen.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Bright House's battle

Bright House claims it has received reports that agents of AT&T have been claiming cable customers will be unable to receive local broadcast stations after the transition unless their homes undergo a costly rewiring and/or receive special equipment.

"The confusion that has been created is unnerving customers who know that they're ready for the digital transition," said Robert McCann, president of Bright House Networks Detroit Division. "Nobody likes to argue with pushy door-to-door sales people, and since these misleading sales tactics have continued, our customers have contacted us and we have tried to have these practices stopped."

Bright House claims AT&T has resisted repeated efforts and requests to take the necessary steps to put an end to these misleading tactics by their sales contractors and set the public record straight. Bright House Networks says it was forced to file a complaint in April with the Federal Communications Commission, and it is currently under review. Bright House Networks is considering additional legal remedies.

Zoup! comes to Novi

Zoup! Fresh Soup Company has opened a new location at 47996 Grand River Ave. in Novi (across from Providence Park Hospital). The new 2,000-square-foot Zoup! will seat 50 customers and feature all of the company's signature menu items.

An independently owned franchise, this is the first store for franchisee Danielle Williams. According to Williams, she was first attracted to the Zoup! concept because it is unlike anything else she had seen. "With its unique brand identity, fresh and healthy menu, Zoup offers cost-conscious consumers tremendous variety and a strong value," said Williams. "I know we have a product sure to please and I can't wait to provide Zoup! to our customers."

Zoup! Fresh Soup Company, LLC was started in 1998.

The company currently operates six company-owned stores, 16 franchises and two licensed locations, throughout Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania, with New Jersey, Indiana and Connecticut currently in development.

Country Inn's 'Sweet Deal'

Country Inn & Suites By Carlson Novi, located at 21625 Haggerty, announced a "Sweet Deal" promotion for summer that provides 15 percent off each night of a stay of two or more consecutive nights in a standard room and a valuable offer from T.G.I. Friday's restaurants when staying at locations in the U.S. The offer, which requires a three-day advance reservation, is available through Sept. 13.

"This summer, we expect that a greater number of leisure travelers will try to stretch their vacation budgets by driving to their vacation destination or simply taking advantage of attractions that are closer to home," said Travis Nokes, general manager of Country Inn & Suites By Carlson Novi. "With more than 450 hotels in the U.S., Country Inns & Suites has a variety of great properties to choose from and our 'Sweet Deal' promotion makes it easier for families to get out the door and explore this great country."

Gorman's carrying Lillian August collection

Gorman's Home Furnishings and Interior Design announced the retailer of fine home furnishings and accessories is now offering the Lillian August Fine Furniture Collection. Produced by North Carolina furniture company Hickory White, Lillian August pieces will be offered at their three traditional furniture locations: Novi, Troy and Lakeside.

Gorman's will be stocking bedroom, living room and dining room pieces from the collection. Known for her hand-crafted antique reproductions called Antiquaire, August's pieces are comfortable, colorful and evoke an engaging, classical European lifestyle. Lillian White offers more than 33 finishes, designer fabrics and signature upholstery frames defined by distinctive shapes and softened with curved silhouettes.

Preh Wins GM Supplier of the Year Award again

Preh received the General Motors 2008 Supplier of the Year award for the fourth consecutive year for its significant contributions to GM's global product and performance achievements. The 17th annual award was given during ceremonies June 5 at the GM

Heritage Center in Warren.

Preh Executive Vice President-Sales and Marketing Christoph Hummel said, "Being recognized once again as one of GM's top suppliers is proof that our commitment to excellence in the development, manufacturing and supply of climate controls has been the right strategy from the beginning."

The award recognizes the significant contributions of GM's suppliers in 2008 as part of the company's global product and performance achievements. The Supplier of the Year program started in 1992, and each year a global team of purchasing, engineering, quality, manufacturing and logistics executives determines the winners. The decisions are based on supplier performance in the areas of quality, service, technology and price.

Preh was founded in Germany in 1919. As a full-service supplier, Preh works directly with major automakers in the development and manufacture of complete interior control systems, sensors and electronic control units. The company maintains in-house capabilities for plastics injection molding, precision mechanics, light-pipe design, electronics hardware, surface finishing, laser etching and software development.

With sales of \$448.1 million in 2008, Preh employs more than 2,000 people located in Germany, Portugal, France, Romania, Mexico and the U.S. More than 90 percent of Preh's annual revenue comes from its automotive business. Preh's U.S. customer service center is located in Novi.

Business workshops

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford.

For location specifics and pre-registration, call (248) 858-0783.

FUTURE WORKSHOPS

JUNE 2009
 18: How To Start a Business Workshop (p.m.)
 24: QuickBooks Essentials
 28: How To Write a Business Plan Workshop (p.m.)

CHAMBER CHAT

• The Novi Chamber of Commerce would like to thank our June 2009 Event E-mail Sponsor - Lotus Bank located at 44350 12 Mile, Novi 48377.

— Aug. 18.
 — Race in Amazing Novi — Sept. 19.

To reach a Lotus Bank representative, call (248) 735-1000 or visit lotusbank.net.

Save the Date
 • West Oakland Rib Cook-off and Family Fest on Sunday, Aug. 9.

• Novi Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing — Aug. 18.

• Race in Amazing Novi — Sept. 19.

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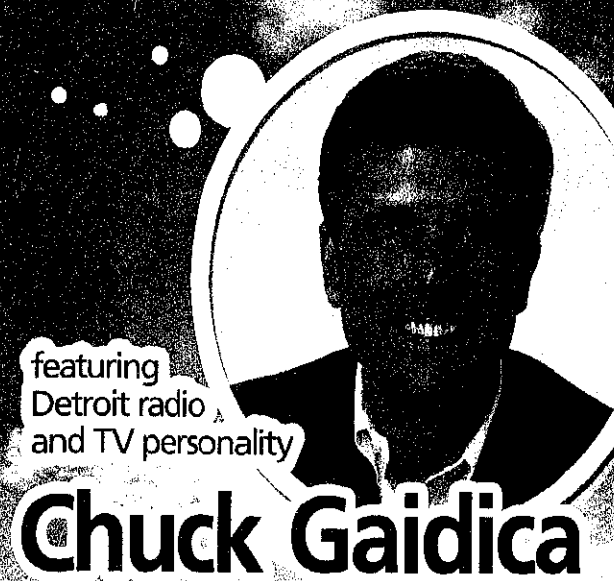
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"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."

- Henry Ford

For over a century, Ford has stood for people working together - on the line, in the communities, and on our showroom floors. Now more than ever, teamwork and strong partnerships are essential for success. And it is the strength of these partnerships that will continue to propel Ford Motor Company, as well as Hines Park Ford, into the future.

While Ford Motor Company has aligned with its partners to produce segment-leading vehicles, Hines Park Ford remains focused and committed to create a partnership with each and every customer and deliver a best-in-class ownership experience to each and every individual.

In fact, it brings us great pride to mention that we were recently awarded the coveted "President's Award" for the ninth time, as well as the "Partners in Quality" award for the third time. These awards recognize excellence and dedication to providing customers with an outstanding ownership experience. In addition, we were also awarded a spot in the "Top 100," putting us in the top three percent for overall sales volume. None of which would have been possible without the partnerships we've built with our customers.

Today, as in the past, I'm proud to say that we are part of the Ford tradition that is building the future.

CEO Alan Mulally assured all of us when he said, "The real difference is in our plan, the strength of our great new products, and our quality, fuel efficiency, safety and value." And with more five-star safety ratings than any other automaker, the most fuel-efficient SUV in the world, most fuel-efficient midsize sedan in the U.S., and plans for a 2010 electric vehicle launch, it appears that we are doing just that.

As you can see, it is an exciting time at Ford. Innovative new products are partnered with a renewed sense of optimism and teamwork ethic that is recreating the future of Ford, and the entire auto industry for that matter.

I invite you to stop by Hines Park Ford today and drive the Ford difference.

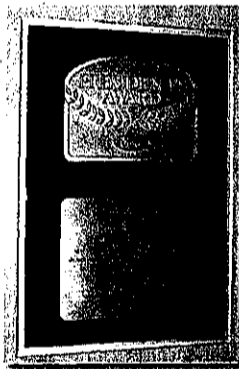
Sincerely,

Dave Kolb, President, Hines Park Ford

About Dave Kolb

Dave serves as the President of Hines Park Ford. While the I-96 and Milford Road dealership opened in 2000, his father began the family-operated business in 1970 when he founded Hines Park Lincoln Mercury. Then approach to business can be summed up in the mission statement originally crafted by his father:

"If it is the truth, honest and fair, then it is good for both of us and therefore the basis upon which our relationship can long endure."
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