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PBand Booster golf outing

The Novi High School Band Boosters will be holding a fund-raising golf outing at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 2 at Tanglewood, 10 Mile Road (three miles west of Wixom Road). The format will be



player (includes gift packet, golf and Hole spon-sorships are \$100:

corporate sponsorships are \$500 (includes four playing spots and hole sig-nage); lunch only is \$30. After the tournament there will be an awards luncheon, and door prize

The Novi Band Boosters is a The Novi Band Boosters is a non-profit organization and the funds are used to support all band activities for the coming year. Entry forms are available on the Novi HS Band web site, http://www.novi.kl2.mi.us/parentscomm/orgs/WebPages/HSBand/HSband.aspx.
For more information, contact Mike Colaccino at Colaccino@

Mike Colaccino at Colaccino@ sbcglobal.net or (248) 880-1919.

Show your garden

"Garden fairies come at dawn, bless the flowers, then they re gone!" If your garden, or that of a friend, has been blessed with a bounty of blooms and/or a bevy of vegetables, The Gardeners of Northville & Novi would like to take a peek. The group will be treading down garden paths for the next few weeks in search of gardens that we will feature in our 2010 and 2012 Garden Walks. our 2010 and 2012 Garden Han If you are interested, please call Audrey Murphy at (248) 349-

E-Newsletter

The Novi News will offer E-Newsletters on Thursdays, and local business and entertainment etters will come out once a week. To sign up, click on the E-Newsletters tab on Hometownlife. com (top left of the home page).

Coffee chat

Come and have a cup of coffee with the Novi News editor, Cal Stone, and discuss the newspaper, story ideas and issues in Novi at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 16 at Biggby Coffee (northeast corner of Novi Road and Grand River

The strive to survive

Business owners optimistic despite rough times

Novi business owners know the lean times they are enduring now don't appear to be easing up any

me soon. That realization leaves them with two options, close or find a way to make it. Most owners are choosing the latter, and while it's not easy,

many are enjoying success.

Ara Topouzian, economic development director for Novi, said the economy has changed how everyone does business, which might be a good thing because business owners are being forced to look at different

options.
"As the economy is down, people are spending less. It's a sign of the times, not indicative of the city or where we are located," he said. "Business is still coming, just com-ing in at a slower rate and it has challenged us all to be more open-



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ARA TOPOUZIAN, City of Novi economic development director

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Some of the main businesses effected by the economy are those in entertainment or recreation

Jerry Harris, owner of Novi Bowl, said business is down by about 10 to 20 percent, and is worse in the sum-mer because people want to spend their time outside.

To combat those factors, Harris has created several specials, including coupons for five out of the seven days a week.
"People still have to recreate and

we offer a lot of value for the dollar, he said. "It's still the cheapest thing in town and it's a family event that

everyone can enjoy."
At Emagine Novi, much of the suc cess revolves around the quality of movies. Ruth Daniels, vice president of sales and marketing, said the year has been good because of movies like Transformers 2, Star Trek and The Proposal.

The theater group even opened a fourth location in Woodhaven recently and plans are in the works to open another in Royal Oak.
"We are pretty much business as usual," Daniels said. "It's more about treating neonlevel and offering a

treating people well and offering a good product at a good price." Sal Afnan, general manager of Bar

Louie, said their success is a result of good prices and making the customers feel welcome.

"In tough economic times, the best way to get people to eat out is to make it cheaper than eating in," he

For Boo Sadikot, owner of Fitness Together, aggressive marketing and networking has been key in keeping his one-on-one personal training

business afloat. Ousmess attoan.
"It has been challenging but we are not at dire straights," he said. "A lot of people still value health and fitness. And when (clients) see themselves moving in the right direction toward their fitness goals, they pass the word on."

the word on."
Another niche business seeing success is Advanced Vein Therapies. The specialty clinic has been in Novi for just over two years, but has increased its staff to 10 and is in the

Please see SURVIVE, A2

Enjoy a day at the gardens

■ Tollgate hosting annual free open house

BY NATHAN MUELLER

A passion for the outdoors led Tom Gray to the gardens at the Michigan State University Tollgate Education Center when he moved to Novi in 2005.

Gray, like many of the more than 150 Tollgate Garden Volunteers, was attracted to the lush landscape and chance to give back to others.

Now he hopes that on July 18, the

entire community will come and enjoy a "tremendous" part of the

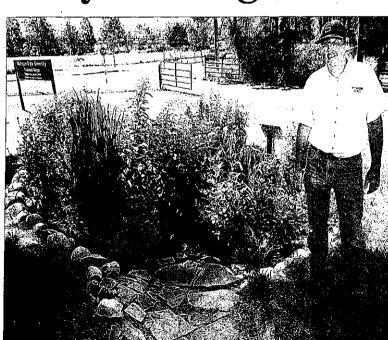
"It is just a wonderful 160-acre piece of rural America right here in metro Detroit," he said. "People are going to see beautiful gardens, activities with women making quilts and a display of the hard work by a

and a display of the hard work by a lot of volunteers."

The garden that Gray works in is called Plant-A-Row. The produce, which ranges from carrois to lettuce to terrate and most aid donated to a terrate and most aid donated to to tomatoes and more, is donated to Forgotten Harvest, a non-profit that takes prepared and perishable food and donates it to emergency food

This is the eighth year Tollgate has hosted the free open house,

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Roy Prentice, manager of the MSU Tollgate Farm, stands near its rain garden along Meadowbrook Road. Tollgate Farm is hosting an open house this Saturday — July 18 — so visitors can explore its various gardens and open spaces.

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Local music fills the air at Fountain Walk

■ Summer Sidewalk Series for everyone

BY NATHAN MUELLER

The economy has been to blame for the cancelation of several events in the Novi area this

But it also is the reason behind the creation of an inaugural event, the Summer Sidewalk Series. The event, which will Series. The event, which will feature live music, artists and more, is a collaborative effort between Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk and ArtsNovi. It is slated to kick off Aug. 1, and will run every Saturday

in the month from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the roundabout in the Fountain Walk. "I think right now with the

economy the way it is people are looking for things to do with their families that are free or inexpensive," said Whitney
McClellan-Stone, president of
ArtsNovi. "This is something
that parents can thing their kids
because it is definitely being to because it is definitely being geared toward families."

With the Michigan 50's Festival canceled this year

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Aug. 15 - Gia Warner & Bobby Lewis (pop)

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the city has seen an increase of more than \$5 million in prop-erty value thanks to new inves-

tors coming to the community.

Some notable names include

expected shortly are Flagstar

Bank and Taco Bell among

rel and are nearing the end.

we are digging ourselves out

Holiday Inn Express, and

Aug. 22 - Grievous Angel

(Americana)

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because of money issues, the Summer Sidewalk Series hopes to fill that void for the community. The music each weekend will range from blues, rock and pop to Americana and jazz. Also the artists on site will not only have pieces for sale, but will be demonstrating how they create their work. Face

painting will be available for kids, and plans to have a magito provide entertainmen that would cater to the earlier crowd who visit the area.
"Our main message is that cian are in the works. "it's going to be a really this series is a way to help our viable event for people to come out to," McClellan-Stone said. neighbors take their mind of the economy and their prob-Kim Peterson, general man-ager of Twelve Mile Crossing, said the increase in foot traffic lems for one day a week," she

SURVIVE

ate the series. She also wanted

process of expanding to another facility on Thirteen Mile and Southfield roads.

economic times you would be cautious of expanding, but we have surpassed everything so far and are moving forward. said director Linda Miller. Our best marketing tool has been word of mouth because we want every patient to leave bappy with our care." Also during the past month,

GARDENS

complete with a garden walk and quilt exhibit. There are more than 20 theme-specific gardens, from a rose garden with more than 200 different varieties of roses to an interactive children's garden. Handmade, colorful quilts made by local quilters also will

be hanging in the gardens. will lead guided tours and workshops will be going on throughout the day. As Stone extrem the practice toward people who enjoy horticulture and gardening, but also for those who enjoy quilts. or a nice walk on a very pleas-

ant piece of property," said farm manager Roy Prentice. "For most people it is going to be a nice way to spend part of the Saturday and learn about one of the aspects of the com-munity they haven't visited

The open house runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is located at 28115 Mcadowbrook Road. For more information visit. www.toligate.msu.edu or call (248) 347-3860 ext. 251.

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Novi resident Bob Stone, and the 40 other veterans headed to the World War II Memorial in July 2008, were greeted by

World War II veterans get to visit memorial honoring them

STAFF WRITER

Bob Stone's memories of his trip to the World War II Memorial in Washington D.C., are still fresh in his mind one

year later.
He remembers shaking hands with retired United Said Sadikot: "Hopefully we have hit the bottom of the bar-States Sen. Bob Dole, standing the memorial and enjoying the entire trip with his brother-in-law and fellow veteran There are signs and glimmers of positive news out there that Raymond Nowicke by his side.

But one memory stands out above the rest, and it hap-pened before he even left the tirport in Washington D.C. As Stone exited the plane he

For a brief moment, he felt like "They just swarmed over us

and hugged us and were so grateful for us being veterans, the 88-year-old Stone said. "It was just overwhelming."
After that warm welcome,
Stone, who served in the Army Corps of Engineers from 1943 to 1946, Nowicke, who served in the Navy and received the

Purple Heart, and about 40

Bob Stone, 88, stands near the pillar at the World War II Memorial honoring the state of Michigan

to the World War II Memorial opened in 2004. The memorial ors the 16 million people who served in the armed forces, the more than 400,000

who died and everyone who supported the war effort from

breathtaking," Stone said The trip was made possible by Honor Flight Michigan, a War Memorial the Arlington National Cemetery and more. "The general feeling of non-profit organization whose mission is to send Michigan's World War II veterans, who

myself and all of us that went appreciate what happened in World War II after all these

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Library group gives people chance to share their work

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Novi resident Karen Kittrell had recently finished writing a manuscript when she came across the Novi Library Writer's Group in 2007.

She knew her work needed editing and thought she might find some guidance through the group. And find it she did as the piece advanced to the finals of a writing contest in

Kittrell, who cites writing as one of her hobbies, is a regular member of the group, saying t has even encouraged her to

This group has been very dynamic in the people it has

hether you're employed or unemployed, chances are the economy has

caused you to think about your retirement accounts over the last year. If you've been laid-off

or forced to retire early, you may have considered rolling

over your retirement account

If you're still employed, you

may have faced a temporary

an employer sponsored 401(k) contribution matching pro-

gram. Working or not, you've

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Whatever your circumstances.

there are some helpful hints

reach its full potential during

No Match? Don't sweat it

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atching your 401(k) con

tributions, you may want to

evaluate how the account

is performing to plan your

next move. Options to con-

sider include converting to a

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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

John J. O'Brien

that can help your 401(k)

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WRITER'S GROUP

The Novi Library Writer's Group meets one Saturday a month. usually the last Saturday, from 10 a.m. to noon. There is no fee to join the group and no attendance requirement.

changing and that change is very stimulating because you get to see a lot of different ideas," she said. "We are all

Making your retirement plan work during a recession

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Richard W. Paul you must meet to be eligible

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waiting for that one day when some gets New York published nd we can say 'we knew you. The Novi Library Writer's Group is coordinated by active Novi resident Kathy Mutch. Mutch has found the group to

have been working on. Anyone who has an interest in writing is welcome, and they must be willing to present their own work for comment or provide helpful feedback for

herself and enjoys heading it

because everyone is so eager to be there and share what they

"Everyone needs some motivation once in a while and that is what groups provide," Mutch said. "While people may tend to learn a lot, it is not intended to be a class. But it is meant to be participatory.

The group, which has about 12 regular writers, is always welcoming new members to its Saturday meetings. They

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Web site, www.noviparks.org.

Organizers expect to surn

and \$33,000 raised. The funds

go to support park enhance-ments, recreation opportunities

and scholarship programs for

and event organizer Angel

Heard says a strong parks sys-tem makes for a strong com-

"In tough economic times like

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

arks system makes for both a

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Early Withdrawal - Monies

critique session is held on the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m., but that is only ope to people who have attended the Saturday sessions and are ooking for additional feedback on work they presented

contemporary pieces, said dur-ing her time with the group she has grown exponentially as a writer.

"It keeps you humble because you keep realizing how much more you have to learn," she said. "It is a very supportive, very encouraging unique group of people. the writer's group, visit www.

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The cast of 'Kwame A River: The Wrath of Conyers' includes Amise, Sharon

Theater serves up second Kwame saga

■ Kwame A River 2: The Wrath of Convers

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The Sam Bernstein family, and

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The Wrath of Convers" are avail-

The Andiamo Novi Theatre has announced the highly-anticipated new revue "Kwame A River 2: The Wrath of Conyers." Previews for the show can be seen Saturday August 1 (7 p.m. and 9 p.m.) and Sunday, August 2 (8 p.m., with opening night slated for

Thursday, August 6 at 8 p.m. Following the criticallyacclaimed success produc tion "Kwame A River: The Chronicles of Detroit's Hip Hop Mayor," the new revu "Kwame A River 2: The Wrath of Conyers," is an original satire that picks up and boldly goes where "Kwame A River" left off. Kwame is out of jail and in exile in Texas, and in his absence the unpredictable Monica Conyers has become presiden of the City Council. "Kwame A River 2: The Wrath of Conver chronicles Monica's tenure as head of council and comically displays everything that hap-pened - from raucous council

wars, Cobo contracts, and fends with eighth graders – and feverything that you didn't know happened (like Monica's secret therapy session with Dr. Phil, her unlikely and passionate Support Novi's parks through putts Aug. 6 affair with Ken Cockrel Jr., and her wacky plans to turn Metro

> This is a show especially for metro Detroiters as dozens of local characters appear in the new show's sketches and songs, including Kwame and Carilta Kilpatrick, Dennis Archer, Coleman A. Young

Martha Reeves, Ken Cockrel

Detroit into a tourism mecca) Gov. Jennifer Granholm, George W. Bush, Jeff Daniels

residing in Los Augeles, Warzecha has appeared on popular television comedi including "MAD TV" and "Reno 911," Warzecha has ing two Joseph Jefferson nominations for "Best Director."

The cast includes Amise Sharon Brooks, Jason Echols, Jamaal Hines, Ava Rodgers and is Jennifer Gale and the Stage Manager is Ed Cosgriff.

Bench trial for exposure case set for Aug. 17

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BELLE TIRE

Sheila Grogan, the Novi woman charged with indecent she was engaged in a sex act outside a con plex with Oakland County commissioner Kim Capello, R-Novi, is to appear Aug. 17 for a bench trial in Novi. On July 6, Grogan waived

District Judge Dennis Powers, according to the court. Last month, Capello was sentenced to two years of probation after pleading guilty to indecent exposure. At the hearing, he denied was urinating.

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A toast to new opportunities

■ Novi's Hotel Baronette gets rebranded. renovated

If you've visited the Hotel Baronette in Novi lately, you may have noticed some changes, Over the next undergo extensive renovations and join the Marriot Renaissance Hotel.

The Baronette has long been known as the standard for affordable luxury in Metro Detroit. After the renovation, the Baronette will be reintroduced as a top of class boutique hotel with several new amenities includ ing Marriott reward points. vice and sensational dining. In addition, greats traveling for business or leisure will continue to enjoy the hotel's close proximity to corpora-, world-class shopping and entertainment.

Managed by the renowned Sage Hospitality Group, the Baronette's transition to the Renaissance family began in tions to the guest rooms and hotel lobby. "When entering the reno

vated lobby, guests will feel as though they have stepped nto a spacious, welco cabin - a crackling fireplace comfortable chairs and Jim Mikula, general manager. "Our helpful concierge taff, known as 'personal hosts,' will do more than just greet guests - they will get to know our visitors."

In addition to changes around the hotel, the resfacelift. While the name is still to be determined, the through the Sage Restaurant



become a Renaissance Hotel (Qf 2010) – rooms, lobby, new restaurant ... you name it, it's changing.

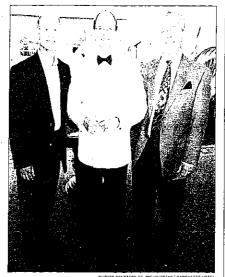
Group. The restaurant will mouth-watering cuisine and a wine market. "With our rebranding.

a modern retreat representing the best of American hospitality," said Mikula. "Sage Hospitality operated hotels deliver one-of-a-kind guest experiences and we are excited to bring that same

Detroit area." With a portfolio ranging vice hotels to select-service suburban properties, Sage Hospitality manages approximately 50 hotels in the United States. Known for exceeding guest expectations Sage has won several awards and recognitions, includ-Travelers Top 10 Hottest Hotels in America listin

Chicago and the Nines Hotel

manager, Jim Mikula



Hotel bwners Pete Hinz (left) and Steve Wickens (right) with the general

House, Senate put health reform plans on the table

Marc Corriveau understands the new administration in Washington, D.C., has a health

He just doesn't think it's going to come fast enough or do enough to help Michigan residents who can't afford the skyrocketing costs of health care or are, worse, completely uninsured.

That's why Corriveau, the second-term Democrat from Northville who represents the state House's 20th District, is a sponsor of a health care reform package Democrats say would guarantee health care access to all Michigan citizens prohibit insurance companies from rejecting or jacking up rates on the sick, and expand coverage for Michigan children. The plan would also rein in the skyrocketing cost of health care by creating a catastrophic health care fund to protect the sickest individuals "We're mindful of what D.C. is trying to do ... I was move and move quickly," said Corriveau, whose district and Northville, "I started to

break it down and look at it as a statewide problem." The House Democrats' plan to guarantee access to health care takes aim at a key element of Michigan's health care crisis. As more and more workers lose their jobs and employerbased health care coverage, many find themselves being panies because they have an existing medical condition than 1.1 million uninsured residents, Michiyan leads the nation in unemployment - 12.6 percent in March according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor

"Some businesses decide to drop it (to save money) and people are suddenly without health care," Corriveau said. According to Corriveau, the House Democrats' plan will,

care by requiring insurance have pre-existing conditions, such as diabetes or cancer.

. Prohibit-insurers from raising rates on individuals who become sick. • Ban unfair market practices like cherry picking the healthiest individuals to cover, which drive up insurance rates

vulnerable residents from obtaining care.
• Expand the state's MIChild program to help cover every

child in Michigan. "Our plan requires all insurance companies to guar antee health care coverage to Michigan citizens, and ends the outrageous practice of insurance co elderly," said House Speaker Andy Dillon (D-Redford reform is too important to wait for Washington to act - we need to take action here in Michigan to guarantee access to protect each and every Michigan citizen."

Senate Republicans have a plan of their own in committee ing to Republicans, are its two programs to expand coverage for the uninsured. MI Access covers uninsured patients carning under 200 percent of the MI Coverage protects those earning between 200 and 300 percent of that level.

State Sen. John Pappageorge, (R-Troy), one of the sponsors, said the MI Health package is an innovaoach that provides sumer protections and has the potential to cover half of the more than 1.2 million uninsured people in the state.

"This legislative package will help expand health care coverage to more of Michigan's uninsured people," said Pappageorge, R-Troy. "The Senate plan also will allow consumers to retain choice while keeping costs down, which is of paramount impor-

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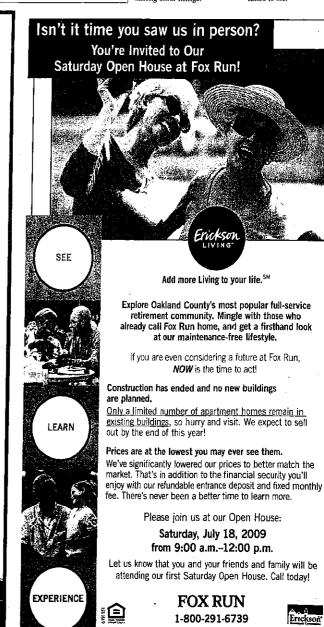
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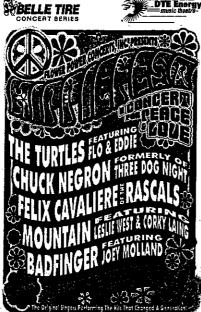
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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Unknown suspect steals from car

A Novi woman had over \$800 in items stolen from her Honda Odyssey between 1 a.m. and 8 a.m. on July 9

The car was parked at the home on Sleepy Hollow Drive when the incident occurred, and the woman said she did not lock her car prior to going to bed for the night.

There was no damage to the vehicle, and the stolen items included a black Coach purse, Sony ligital camera, wireless headphones and more. Police have no suspects at this time.

Window smashed, CD player stolen

A vehicle parked on the east side of the Post Bar, off Grand River Avenue, had a broken window and missing CD player after an unknown suspect stole from the car between midnight and 4 a.m. on July 12.

According to the police report, the driver's side window was smashed and there was damage to the dash where the CD player was located.

The owner of the vehicle, an employee at the

pusiness, said nothing else was taken from the car and he had no idea who did it. Drunk driver arrested

A Novi Police officer arrested a driver for ving at 2:18 a.m. on July 11 in the area of Twelve Mile and Meadowbrook Roads. The officer was on routine patrol when he served the driver traveling 61 miles per hou in a 40 mph zone on Novi Road near the 1-96 ramp. The officer followed the vehicle, observ-

ing it swerving in and out of traffic, before initi ating a traffic stop on Twelve Mile Road. According to the report, the driver smelled strongly of intoxicants and said he was trying to get to his hotel in Farmington. He said he only had one beer about an hour and a half before

the traffic stop. The man failed field sobriety tests and a pre-liminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .14 percent.

He was arrested for operating while intoxicated and taken to the Novi Police Department.

LOCAL NEWS

Radar detector stolen from SUV

An unknown suspect caused \$500 of damage and stole a radar detector worth \$350 from a Ford Explorer parked in the driveway of a home on Coventry. The incident occurred between 12:10 a.m. and 6 a.m. on July 10, and the driver's side window was smashed to gain entry to the vehicle. Police were unable to find fingerprints or evidence on the scene.

Passed out driver arrested for OWI

A 25-year-old man was arrested at 5:13 a.m. on July 10 in the Springs Apartments complex, Pontiac Trail and Beck Road, for operating while intoxicated after he was found passed out at the wheel.

According to the report, police were notified about the man by a driver who tried to wake him up but couldn't. When the officers arrived they saw the man unconscious at the wheel with the car running and the brake lights on. The officers shook the man several times to wake

him up after they gained entry to the car through the passenger door. The man admitted to drinking and said he did not know how he got to the parking lot. He also did not know where he was.

Officers put him through field sobriety tests

that the man started but did not want to finish. He was then administered a PBT that registered a BAC of .20 percent He was taken to the Novi Police Department

and released when sober.







89 and counting

Former Novi Chief of Police Lee Begole (above, left) receives a tanding ovation from a July 9 Rotary Meeting as they celebrate his 89th birthday and decades of dedication to the city of Novi, State Senator Nancy Cassis (left) hands Begote a resolution noting his years of dedication to the city of Novi and its people.

- Compiled by Nathan Mueller

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ROBERT ALAN CURVIN

Robert Alan Curvin, husband to Jo-Anne, father of Kimberly, Todd, Chris, Laurie and Robert Bob Curvin, born Sept. 12, 1937, passed

Bob we miss you and love you and will see you again in time.

"Because I have loved life, I shall have no sorrow to die."

- Amelia Burr

A FRIEND A MENTOR..

In Memory of.

MARICO "MAC" BRUNETTI Age 77 of Miltord, died on July 11, 2009. He is survived by Jacqueline. is beloved wife of tifty years; chil-fren, Anthony, Jeannette, Jennifer, Staven (Angela), and Matthew; ten randchildren, three great-grand-hildren and many dear friends. Mac rorked at Cobo Hall with Teamsters nion 299 for over thirty-five years. l Funeral Lilurgy will be held at St. Mary's, 1955 E. Commerce Rd., Milford, on Wednesday 2-9PM. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit It is with great sorrow the Curvin



NORMAN CHRISTENSEN

Age 46, died on July 10, 2009.
Preceded in death by his brothers,
SSG Thomas W. Christensen and
Chris Christensen. Survived by his
father Thomas and the late Mary
Lou Christensen of Highland, and
mather Jeone Server his eister Heidi nother Janet Sprey; his sister, t Christensen of Scottsdale, AZ, and brother, Norman of Detroit; step-sis profiler, Norman of Defroit; step-sis-ters Ruth Ann (Greg) Stover of Lima, OH, Nancy Clay of Dexter, Barbara (Robert) Betzing of Pewamo, and step-brothers Donald of New Hudson, Richard (Sheila) of Fort Wayne, IN, Peggy (Kirby) Wicks of Grand Prairie, TX; also aunts, uncless nigeses and rephysis. uncles, nieces and nephews Memorial Services will be held privately. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons. www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com









JEAN E. HAGUE

the late Kenneth. A memorial ser

Ford Hospice appreciated.

Curvin, dorn Sept. 12, 1937, passed away on Friday June 12, 2009 after a 3 year battle with cancer at the age of 71. Bob was a life long member of the NRA, an avid outdoors man and successful farmer who lived file fully on his own terms. He will be remembered as a man of great characte and presence and will be missed by all that knew and loved him. The Curvin Family will be holding a cele-bration of Bob's life on September

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Age 62, and a long time resident of Milford, passed away on July 10 at Lynch & Sons, Milford, Tuesda July 14, 2009. For further inform



died suddenly, July 11, 2009 in Deerwood, MN. Age 54. Preceded in death by his parents, James and Margaret Dunleavy and by his brother, Michael (Bridget) Dunleavy. Survived by his brothers and sisters, A resident of Militord, and former respense And Michael (Bridget). James (Janice) Dunleavy, John (Margaret) Dunleavy, Thomas (Patricia) Dunleavy, Salty (Rod) Vernier, Patricia (Michael) Ogg, and Brian Dunleavy, Also many nieces, nephews, and extended family. Funeral from Church of the Holy Spirit, 3700 Harvey Lake Rd., Highland, Friday 10 AM. Fr. Leo Luiko will officiate. Cremation will follow Effects may visit at Lych & follow, Friends may visit at Lynch &



DOLORES JEAN FEIGLEY

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Age 77 of Milford, died peacefully surrounded by her family, June 30, 2009. Funeral Services were held at the Milford United Methodist Church on Tuesday, July 7, 2009, Memorials may be made to the church. For further Information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

Age 95, of Northville, formerly of Zephyr Hills, FL, passed away peacefully July 13, 2009. Beloved wife of

THOMAS J. KATONA, JR.

Age 84, of South Lyon passed away July 10, 2009. A Funeral Service was held last Tuesday at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon.

NONNIE P. (JONES) KIELIAN

Age 85, July 11, 2009. Funeral Services were held at Lynch & Sons, Millord, on Wednesday, July 15, 2009. For further information please phone 248-684-645 or visit:

JUDITH LEE RYAN

Milford, passed away on July 10, 2009, Memorial Services were held www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



Peggy Ann (the late Kevin) Hopkins, ident of Redford and Livonia, fell James (Janice) Dunleavy, John asleep in death on July 6, 2009 at the (Margaret) Dunleavy, Thomas age of 78. He is survived by Kay, his asleep in death on July 6, 2009 at the age of 78. He is survived by Kay, his beloved wife of over 56 years; son, James C. Shollenberger; daughters, Stephanie (fed) Mallires, Rebecza (Joel) Hoffmann, Heather Shollenberger, Holly (Thomas) Wheli; grandchildren, Kyle and Grant Mallires, Dakota, Ariel, and Lacey, Hoffmann and Dulis and Seeth Hoffmann, and Dylan and Sarah Whell, He was preceded in death by Mell. He was preceded in death by his parents, James A. and Marie Mell. He was preceded in death by his parents, James A. and Marie James A. and M

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NOVI COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Tollgate Farms Open House & Garden Tour

M.S.U. Tollgate Farms will be holding a free open house/tour from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday. Located at 12 Mile and Meadowbrook roads (entrance on Meadowbrook), the tour of the extensive gardens that will be decorated with hanging quilts from local quilting groups. Free lectures

given throughout the day with a raffle for beautiful quilt and free refreshments. For more information at www.tollgate.msu.edu or (248) 347-3860.

BBO Rib Contest

Hot and tasty summer family fun is on the menu for the first annual West Oakland Rib Cook Off and Family Fest, Sunday August 9 at the Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave in Novi. Presented in part by Labatt beer and Young Country WYCD 99.9 FM, the all day event will feature as many as twenty BBQ Rib Teams, live music, local restaurant astings, mechanical bull, rock climbing wall and family activities including a furry creature

petting zoo. "Over the past month, interest in the competition has really picked up," says Mary Jane Scott, Director of Sales for the Rock Financial Showplace, "In the world of BBQ, \$1500 plus prizes is a sizable first place purse, and conte tants are really fired up about it. We are also getting a lot of interest from area restaurateurs ho are eager for the bragging rights, as well as first-time local competitors who want to test their skills against seasoned teams. It's going to

be great fun for all!" Experience West Oakland", a committee of the Novi Chamber of Commerce, was granted a sanction from the Memphis Barbeque Network for this inaugural event. A panel of twenty professional and amateur judges will determine the contest results. The Grand Prize Winner will be invited to compete in the "Memphis in May" Barbeque Network Finals, May 2010. More information on the sanctioning body can be found at www.MBNBBQ.com

Registration information for interested conestants can be found at www.experiencewo.

Restaurants located in Western Oakland County are invited to participate in the fun by offering samples of their most popular dishes. Exhibitors featuring cooking and barbeque related products are also welcome.

Also on Sunday August 9, the Rock Financial Showplace welcomes the Mustang Memories All-Ford Car Show, featuring more than 500 Mustangs, and the Your Whip Midwest Showdown, a high performance automotive show offering 150,000 square feet of hot-rod

For more information, please contact Nancy Schoenheide-Phares at (248) 486-3424 o nshow@cablespeed.com.

Road work update

until mid-September.

The Meadowbrook Road bridge over I-96 will be closed for rehabilitation until mid-August. Continuing local construction includes:

* Northbound and southbound Novi Road entrance ramps to eastbound I-96 are closed

* Halsted Road in Farmington Hills is closed over I-696. Full closure between Hills Tech Drive and Howard Street is expected until late August. Halsted traffic will be detoured to

Haggerty Road.
* Ramp from southbound M-5 to westbound I-06 until late July Westbound I-96 traffic will be switched towards the median to maintain three through lanes of traffic during peak travel periods on westbound I-96 from the interchanges with I-275/M-5 to Beck Road.

Chamber golf outing

The Novi Chamber of Commerce's 22nd Annual Golf Onting is Tuesday, Aug. 18 at Tanglewood Golf Course. Fee per golfer of \$145 includes 18 holes of golf, coffee-and-danish breakfast, lunch by Carrabba's Italian Grill and a pig roast dinner; foursomes are \$560. Call the chamber at (248) 349-3743.

'Oliver' auditions Novi resident Barbara Bloom will be directing the Spotlight Players upcoming presentation of "Oliver" at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill (504300 Cherry Hill Road, Canton). Auditions will be held at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, July 12 (for ages up to 16); and at 6:30 p.m. on July 13-14

(ages 16 and older). Performance cates are Sept. 18-20, 25-27. Follow Oliver, an orphan, from the workho of his birth to an upper class neighborhood in London and meet all the strange, wicked, miserly and nice people that enter his life including Fagin, Nancy and the Artful Dodger through wonderful songs and a light hearted

approach to a very dark Dickens tale For more information contact (734) 480-4945 and leave a message for Barbara Bloom and visit www.spotlightplayersmi.orghttp://www.spotlightplayersmi.org.

Input sought regarding Landings Property

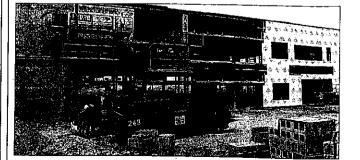
The City of Novi has retained the services of Birchler-Arroyo Associates Inc. to create a comprehensive study of possible uses for the city-owned property commonly known as the "Landings Property" at the northeast corner of South Lake Drive and Old Novi Road. The property totals approximately 11 acres and has substantial frontage on Walled Lake, Presently, the property is vacant, but historically was the site of an amusement park, a dance hall (The Walled Lake Casino) and various public recre ational uses. The city acquired the majority of

the property in the mid to late 1980s A critical component of creating a land-use study is citizen input, which can be shared in a variety of ways including an on-line survey via cityofnovi.org, survey drop boxes located at the Novi Civic Center, Novi Public Library, Senior Center and Ice Arena

Please RSVP to attend a Public Input Sess to the Novi Parks Department at (248) 347-0400.

The comprehensive study will be completed n September and presented to City Council for future decision making discussions. For more information regarding citizen input opportunities or the land-use study process, please con-tact Randy Auler, director of Parks, Recreation

& Cultural Services at rauler@cityofnovi.org or



(248) 347-0405.

Brick by brick

The exterior of the new Movi Public Library is being cinderblocked in this photo from July 2009.

Healthy Tips for Aging Golfers

Dear Savvy Senior I used to think golf was a leisurely game, but at age 68, my back and wrist sure don't think so. Do you have any tips or know of any equipment that can belo seniors? Aching Golfer

Dear Aching, Most golfers don't think much about it, but the game played by about 25 million Americans – can take a surprising toll on the body. And for older golfers especially, who aren't as strong or flexible as they once were, it can lead to multiple aches and pains as well as injuries. Here's what you should know.

SAVVY SENIOR

A Rough Game

strain on lower backs, hips, knees, shoulders, hands, wrists and elbows. And while walking a 9 or 18-hole round of golf over hilly terrain is great exercise, it,

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the body.

According to the Nationa Safety Council, last year golf-ers suffered around 35,000 injuries that required a trip to the emergency room or doctor This is due to the simple fact that golf is a physical game that requires lots of twisting and What to Do turning, gripping and swinging, and bending and stooping which places a lot of stress and

beverages before and during some heart medications, interfere with the body's ability to cool itself - all of which increases the risk of heat sickness.

you play. Older golfers espetheir muscles, focusing on their

play, and aren't aware that pre-scription medications, especially

too, can take a physical toll on

On top of that, many golfers drink caffeinated or alcoholic

tips on golf exercises, stretching and injury prevention. It also offers a searchable database to

You can head of f some of the physical stresses that come with golf by improving your golf fitness and by warming up before cially need to take time stretch

legs, shoulders and back (see Mayoclinic.com/health/golf-stretches/SM00089 for a slide In addition to improving your show of golf stretches). fitness, there's also a variety of golfing gadgets and equipment that can help too. Here are some different items that can help, to improve your golf fitness and reduce injury there's a turn to such as the Titleist Performance Institute (www mytpi.com), where you'll find

(www.golffitness-magazine.

com) is another good resource

articles. There are also dozens

of books that provide tips on

depending on your problem: Stiff, achy back: Because golf is a game that requires a lot of repetitive bending and stooping, back problems are a common problem for older golfers. To address this issue, the Uprightgolf company find a fitness pro, lets you solicit expert advice online and more. (www.uprightgolf.com: 319-Golf Fitness Magazine Web site 268-0939) offers a variety of affordable products that eliminate the bending and stooping that comes with teeing the ball that offers a golf fitness survey, up, repairing divots, marking the ball while on the green, blog, online exercise videos and a wide variety of helpful fitness retrieving the ball, picking a club up off the ground and

"Golf Rx" which you can find

online at Amazon.com.

golf fitness such as "Dr. Divot's Guide to Golf Injuries" and • Hand and wrist pain: Gripping a golf club can be challenging for golfers who have carpal tunnel syndrome, hand or wrist arthritis or limited hand strength. To help, there are specially designed golf gloves (see www.bionic com and www.suregripsportsglove.com) you can purchase you can get larger, softer grips installed on your golf clubs. for around \$5 to \$10 per club which makes them easier and

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COMMENTARY

A community that loses its local paper loses part of its community soul

hat if our local newspaper went out of business? What would we lose as a community the day our newspaper dies? If our local paper dies, could it be resuscitated?
It hit me watching the Fourth of July parade in downtown

Northville. I thought I would enjoy reading the local newspaper, the Northville Record, next week to capture the simple joys of a parade – kids marching, the smiles on young and old faces as the own came by, and the salutes from the war veterans of World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and the recent heroes back from fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan.



But what if our hometown paper ceases to exist? No, I haven't even heard a rumor to this effect

but given what is happening to the newspaper usiness across the county — the thought is not

We are losing great newspapers and writers to budget cuts, What makes us believe our local community paper will be immune? This would be an enormous blow to our collective freedom and our democracy. The great news reporter, Walter Cronkite, remarked, "Freedom of the press is not just important to democracy; it is democracy." We

need to know what is going in our world, nation and state - but no one covers our hometown like the local paper.

What if the Observer & Eccentric and the Hometown weeklies

go the way of far too many good newspapers across the country and disappear with the latest wave of economic bad news? Sure, you will still get the Tigers, Lions and Red Wings scores, the latest problems from our State Capitol and updates on the most recent national scandal. You don't need the local press to be inundated with the Michael Jackson stories of the world — unless you want the "local angle." Our newspapers and our democracy are dependent on the our economy and advertising dollars. Both are in a sharp decline. The

reality is that ad revenue is down for newspapers. Advertising reportedly represents 75 to 80 percent of most newspaper companies' revenue. It is a sad and unfortunate reality that the cost of our freedom and knowledge is dependent on the bottom line But a community that loses its local paper loses part of its com-

munity soul. No, our world will not come to and end if we don't read about the newest flavor at Guernsey's Farm Dairy, that the cow had a new calf at the Farm in Maybury State Park, the Tuscan Cafe's women's softball team made the playoffs (even though all teams that sign up make the playoffs), what's happening at Jack's Barber shop, what is playing at the Tipping Point or Marquis Theater, the father-daughter St. Valentine Day's dance will be held at the Rec Center again this year, or our local schools produce nationally recognized students while struggling financially due to the state's

This is our hometown community, family, friends, connections. The true simple pleasures in life that happen close to home are what truly matters. It is good to see the news about our local businesses, and what our hometown mayor, City Council, Count

The Detroit News, the Detroit Free Press and the Oakland Press all do an admirable job attempting to cover the multitude of small communities that make up southeast Michigan. Yet, as hard as they try, they cannot capture the local culture and makeup, nuances and the small things that make our local communities unique.

Nor will they devote the ink or newsprint to cover the PTA, VFW, Rotary, Optimist, Lions, Moose, new school has routes, police blotter, the new technology at our local library and the many other events that document the wonderful things about our local com-

DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU GOT TIL IT'S GONE

What can you do to help? Do you believe having a hometown newspaper adds value to our hometown? If the answer is yes, I highly encourage you to 1) The first and easiest thing we all can do is to renew or take out

a subscription to your hometown paper.

2) Encourage your neighbors to sign up for a subscription.

3) Advertise in the local paper.
4) Frequent the local merchants that advertise. These businesses give back to our community in many ways and need our support and help to stay in business during these tough economic times. 5) Send news to the local editor. Like most businesses, our local

papers have cut back and don't have enough reporters to "dir un the news — so send it to them. Tell them about how Grandpa is turning 100, that the new baby has arrived, the baseball team went undefeated, how the Robotics or Odyssey of the Mind team 6) Send a letter to the editor telling them how you value your

The time to act is now. Our community newspaper is a business Like all businesses it needs our support to survive and prosper. We should do all we can to help keep our local newspapers alive and covering the good, the bad and ugly to keep us informed about our

Let's not let the ink go dry in our community.

Tom Watkins is a business and education consultant in the U.S. and China. He subscribes to Walkins's recent China/Change blog at: http://pod08.prospero.com/tomwalkins



Susan Rosiek Grace Perry
Executive Editor Director of

COMMUNITY VOICE

What food do you most like to grill?



Salmon. Usually I marinate it in teriyaki and leave the skin on. It's quick and easy.

Politics for sale

and a marinade for the Carolyn Bailey



I like to do beef and lamb kabobs, but separate from the vegetables because they cook at different rates.



Stevoe Maonar

LETTERS

Lafayette St., South Lyon, MI 48178.

Blog: You may also let your opinions be

Deadline: Letters must be received by 9

a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday

ger over her lips ... but with an impish grin. Laree is the only other person besides my mother and three sisters who ever called me "Kathleen." I'll miss her greatly as I miss all of Novi's early

neurs: the Tucks. Harrawoods.

chells, Wards, Gaffneys, Trickeys,

Bells, Harndens, Buttons, Crawfords,

Watsons, Cotters, Klaseners, Trotters

and too many more to mention. Lare

ran the beauty shop on Grand River

where I got my first hair cut, next to Trickey's Hunting and Fishing. Her dad was Mr. Trickey, and her husband,

Duane Bell, ran the bait shop where

I realize now that my values were

shaped in large part by my hard-work-ing farm family who came to Novi try-ing to duplicate the land they left in

Tennessee — but the community and

neighbors I lived with played as much a

role as my parents. Novi raised young-

sters who felt guilty to miss a Memorial

Day Parade and who were taught by example to help people and take and active role in the business of the city as

I don't ever want to go back to the early Novi days where we had to leave the city for virtually everything such as

doctors, groceries, Scouts, schools, etc.

But we are now what we were then, and I will never — nor should anyone else

forget the special people who got us

On June 18, The Detroit News ran

an article under their Tax Watchdog Column titled "Oakland Co. official

owes \$65K in back taxes." The official they were referring to was Kim Capello

former Novi city councilman and pres-

According to the article, the exact

amount of back taxes owed by Mr.

Capello and his wife is \$68,509,00. It

of \$65,220.00 in the Oakland County

June 15. The lien states that the couple

owe income taxes for the year 1998 and the years 2003 thru 2007.
I'm not certain but I sort of think

Register of Deeds Office on Monday

that during a number of those years,

Mr. Capello was a sitting member of

Capello's taxes

Kathleen (Kathy) Cotter Crawford

well as the community activities.

many Novi kids got their first job.

heard with your own blog at hometownlife

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Fax: (248) 437-3386.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Chicken, burgers and

zucchini. We use Montreal

seasoning for the burgers

U.S. House pushes bill to stop GM and Chrsyler from shedding dealer-ships. Now I see why so many were We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and against our government getting involved with the auto companies. With Congress so easily manipulated by lobphone number for verification. We ask vous letters be 400 words or less. We byist and big campaign contributors, it is easy to see this is just another exam-ple of what to expect when our political system is for sale to the highest bidder. may edit for clarity, space and content Submit letters via the following formats Web: www.hometownlife.com Mail: Letters to the Editor, Novi News, 101 N.

Three of Michigan's congressmen signed on to this bill, with our own Thaddeus McCotter of the 11th District among them. Did they do this for the companies, for our economy? No, this was for the benefit of their campaign contributors and their own future cam

We can expect more of the same kowtowing to their true masters on issues like health care reform and alternative energy. This will continuuntil we change our campaign funding and put control of our government back in the hands of the people. In the meantime, you could contact Thad and tell him if he knows better for the auto companies perhaps he should seek employment with them.

Chuck Tindali

Who we are

As many Novi residents enjoyed the holiday with parades, picnics and fire-works on the Fourth of July, I attended the funeral of lifelong resident Laree Bell, age 83. I scanned the faces in the sanctuary of the Novi United Methodist Church and was reminded that "Novi Oldtimers" are leaving us at a rate as accelerated as WWII vets.

The funeral luncheon following the service was lively and loud with ember when" story-telling. We pre-I 96, Twelve Oaks Mall, Novi High and Middle School, a paved Novi Road, Catholic churches and sidewalks.

Most of us "Novi youngsters" in

ittendance at the funeral, are now in our 60s. Growing up, we knew almost everyone who lived in Novi as well as where every street was. We knew who gave out the best treats on Halloween and that regular patrons of the old Novi Inn bar were particularly gener-ous with money on Halloween, if you dared to enter the dark and smelly watering hole. We knew who the "pecu-liar" people were and accepted them as they were but stayed at a safe distance. Our teachers sometimes ate dinner in our homes, and one of my teachers came to our farm with the entire kindergarten class for a party. The two Novi bus drivers took their buses home with them, and we kids thought it a real privilege to be chosen to sweep it out at the end of the school week and

I sat in the church new only a few back from where Laree and a bunch of us old Novi youngsters, including her daughter Kathleen, had been seated for the Christmas By Candlelight program this past December. I said something funny and the entire pew started a muffled chortle. Laree cut her eyes around at us all and said "Kathleen, shush" with the dreaded pointed fin-

our City Council. In that capacity he would probably been active in deter mining the city budget and how and where the funds (taxes) were derived and how and where they would allocated. Nothing wrong with that; after all, that's one of the functions we expect our elected officials to perform. What sticks in my craw is Mr. Capello or anyone else deciding where the taxes would be spent when they haven't even

paid their fair share. Mr. Capello does have an excuse for the bind he's in and feels it's not really his fault. He is quoted as saying "I'm in private practice. I don't always get paid on time or on a consistent basis. If everybody paid me on time, I could pay my bills." In other words, it's those beats who owe him money who are to blame for his tax problems

He further states that his inability to pay taxes on time does not reflect on his ability to serve Oakland County "One has nothing to do with the other," he said. Can you believe that statement? I've often wondered just how damned dumb these politicians think we are? Know what? I think they have us pegged about right. We are awfully damned dumb. After all, we keep elect-ing these clowns to public office.

I've never met Mr. Capello, wouldn't know him if we passed on the street. But if I was a friend of his I'd do what friends are supposed to do and tell him what he needs to hear and not what he wants to hear. I'd tell him that he should give some serious consideration to resigning his office with the Oakland County Commission. The people of Novi deserve better.

Dave Shingler

Watkins columns void of specifics

Tom Watkins' past two columns beg the question: Why is he constantly tell-ing readers of his column about things that need to be radically changed?

Recently he wrote about the need for radical change in state government, and most recently he writes that our schools must be radically changed. There is nothing wrong with improv-

ing a school or a curriculum, a govern-

t, but Mr. Watkins seems to have President Obama's campaign mantra about change you can believe in con-tinually echoing in his head. But his columns are empty and meaningless. Mr. Watkins offers no solutions on how to "radically change" state gov-ernment or public schools. He merely drops that phrase into a column and then quotes other people's opinion about the subject. But he hasn't shown the courage to plainly write who and what he would change in state govern-

ment, or Michigan's public schools. It's easy to repeat what other people say, but perhaps one day Mr. Watkins will be man enough to come out from behind his past titles and positions and

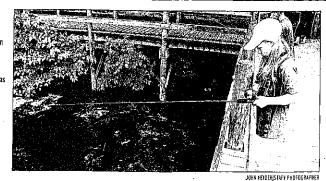
l ask you, Mr. Watkins, what specifically would you change in our govern-ment, our schools, and our economy that would make you happy?

Nathan Menolan

Gone fishing

online at hometownlife.com

Emma Phillips, 7, was one of a dozen Maybury State Park day campers that hit the park's pond on July 10 for some fishing. Armed with rods and reels, bobbers, hooks and worms the kids worked the water along the pond's west side and caught a good amount of bluegill and small argemouth bass.



How should my company be taxed?

ences between corporations, LLCs, partner-ships and sole proprietorships ... except Heft out the discussion on the tax consequences of these entity types.



Dan Hoops

see, an Ll partnership, as an indidual (meaning you report on Schedule C of your 1040), as an S-corporation, or as a C-corporation. A corporation is taxed either as an S-cor-

poration or a C-corporation. That's complicated, so let me break this down. The letters "S" and "C" come from the subchapters S and C in the Internal Revent Code. Subchapter C means that there is a corporate level of income tax. For every dollar the C-corp earns, it must file a tax return and pay income tax at the corporate rate (up to 35%). The left over money is distributed to the shareholders as dividends and they must pay income tax on that money at the capital gain rates. So there are two layers of income tax on

the same dollars. For the S-corporation, the dollars are passed directly through to the shareholders, so the money is only taxed one time at the shareholder's personal income tax rate. LLCs that are taxed like partnerships or under subchapter & pay taxes the same way as S-corps (as a 'passthru entity').

corporations: C-corp. has \$1 million in taxable income (putting it in the 34% rate for corporate income tax) and will pay out its aftertax income as a dividend to Shareholder Shareholder is in the 35% rate and 15% dividend rate (capital gains rate). The tax conse

quences are as follows: Taxable Income

Here's an example of the double tax for C-

\$1,000,000

TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS

ax consequences of	Corporate Tax	\$340,000
	Dividends Distributed	\$660,000
ere do they differ-	Dividend Tax Rate	15%
Taxes? Well, that	Shareholder Tax	\$99.000
rting point, but	Total Tax Paid on Income = \$439,00	
nal answer. You	Total Tax Rate on Income = 43.9%	
LC can be taxed as		

Using the same example, but under the pass-thru tax rules for S-corps or partnershins, see how this works:

Individual Tax Rate Owner-Level Tax \$350,000

Then, for tax purposes, why would anyone want to be a C-corp? Let's change the facts around, assuming instead of \$1 million in tax able income, let's make it \$50,000

Taxable Income	\$50,000		
Corporate Tax Rate	15%		
(corporate tax rate on \$50k)			
Corporate Tax	\$7,500		
Dividends Distributed	\$42,500		
Dividend Tax Rate	15%		
Shareholder Tax	\$6,375		
Total Tax Paid on Incom	ne = \$13,875		
Total Tax Rate on Incor-	ne = 2775%		

As a pass-thru (S-corp or partnership)

Taxable Income \$50,000 Individual Tax Rate \$13,875

So the numbers can be deceiving when it comes to the double-tax.

Other tax reasons for selecting one entity versus another type include whether or not the business will generate losses in the beginning stages. Losses for pass-thru entities are repo ed directly on the individual's return, subject to strict rules based on the type of loss and

type of income or gain the individual intends to off-set those losses against.

For C-corporations, the losses are off-set against the all of the income of the corporation under less complicated rules. If the business generates substantial capital gains, the C-corpis not permitted to use the reduced capital gains tax rates (e.g. O/15%, 25% or 28%) and must report them at its standard income tax

Most pass-thru entities must use the cash method of accounting and must use have a cal-endar year (e.g. 12/31) as its year. Most C-corps may use the accrual method of accounting and

\$1,000,000 select a fiscal year for its calendar year. A C-corp has flexibility in its reporting of items of income and loss, but it also means that when dividends are distributed to share-

holders, the timing may be beneficial to both the corporation and the shareholders (e.g. 9/30 year end for the corporation and 12/31 year end for the shareholders). As I mentioned in last week's column, there really is no right or wrong answer in selecting one entity over another. It all depends. For purposes of taxation, part of the "it depends"

includes the owner's personal income tax pic-In addition, I should point out that this discussion on taxation is very brief and there are many exceptions to many of the rules. It is very important that you discuss any business transaction or entity selection with your tax profes-

sional, every next 'idea' that you may think of for your company ... has probably been tried, tested and extinguished by Congress.

Business College teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in the Business Law and Taxation Department. Professor Hoops holds a Master of Laws in Estate Planning from the University of Miami School of Law, a Juris Doctor from the Michigan State University Detroit College of Law and a Bachelor of Musical Arts from the University of Michigan, Professor Hoops is also a 1987 graduate o Novi High School. He can be reached at Walsh College at 248.823.1334 or dhoops@walshcollege.edu.

Career and life management skills

YOUR NEXT JOB college reunion, and par-ticipated in a discussion of your life to maintain those ments that are positive and

group on Making Meaning & Charting New Courses. As mid-range Baby Boomers, my classmates are transitions

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obs/careers retirement

enough to cover expenses and rebuild retirement funds, and

create a new look to retire-

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doing this is to examine your

current life and identify the areas and roles that are impor-

tant to you and assess how you

stand with them. Start with

is important to you in your

motivators - what you drive

for when performing a job or living your life. If you are in

tent in your work.

Next, look at the impor-

tant areas of your life -Health & Habits, Family &

Geographic Location &

Friends, Career & Avocation,

& Development, Leisure &

Recreation, Money Matters

I believe there is. One key to

80's or 90's?

ning to make a plan? Finally, create your Personal account the work you've done accounts have on your Values, Life/Work been hard hit. balance and Wish Lists. This What do we do next? Is there exercise should integrate your a realistic chance to find a job self-examination findings and in harmony with your inner values, that you look forward serve as a guide for evaluating future choices. If you revisit to each day, that allows you to your personal mission state-

difference, make a salary largemake major decisions, you are more likely to stay on track for your future.
Life is truly a journey. We rarely are able to plan our careers and personal lives in a predictable fashion. Life events happen that take us off course, but the more in touch you are with your true self your Mission - the more you will be able to take advantage

take steps to change those that

Get in touch with your personal wishes and dreams.

These often hold clues to core interests and goals that you yearn to fulfill. Can you real-

stically begin to reach your wishes and dreams by begin-

identifying your Values – what of unexpected opportunities that will help you grow and develop and meet your core work and life. Values are often Martha D. Adamson is a contune with your values, you feel sulting professional with a diverse background in Human Development. She is a Certified Career Development Facilitator, a Writer. She is the co-author of Job Search Navigator, a workbook-style

These areas impact your worklife in many different Taking charge in these areas can help you feel more energized and empowered. Set some achievable short and long term goals in each area

energized, optimistic and con-Certified Career & Job Search Coach, and a Certified Professional Resume quide to assessing yourself and managing your job search (www. jobsearchnavigator.com) which was first published in 1999 by Prentice-Hall and revised and republished by 1996, she authored a monthly column 'Your Job Search" in the Saratoga Springs, N.Y. newspaper - The

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For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Novi Calendar online at oww.hometownlife.com. via c-mail to estone@gannett om; by fux to (248) 349-9832; r by mail to Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette, South Luon, MI 48178. Items must be received. by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's news-

Local events

TOLLGATE FARMS OPEN HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, July 18 LOCATION: M.S.U. Tollgate Farms is located at 12 Mile and Meadowbrook roads; entrance on Meadowbrook. DETAILS: Free tour of the extensive gardens that will be decorated with hanging quilts from local quilting groups. Free lectures given in gardens throughout the day. Take a chance and win a beautiful quilt. Enjoy free refreshments and shop our summer crafts marketplace, CONTACT: Information at www. tollgate.msu.edu or (248) 347-3860



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LOCATION: 12 Mile Cross at Fountainwalk, 44175 W. Twelve Mil-Road Novi **DETAILS**: Five free concerts in August by the roundabout in front of Lucky Strike and Bar Louie, Bring your lawn chair. Schedule includes: The Messarounds, Aug. 1; Randy Brock Group, Aug. 8; Gia Warne

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If you are unable to obtain arring, you may be faced with it uidation of your business. You immediately assess your assets, immediately assess your assets, billings, work in process, projecte one and expenses to develop a tereing full distinction plan. Just leave and the property of the process of the property of the property of the process of the property of & Bobby Lewis, Aug. 15: Grievous Angel, Aug. 23; Spangler/Tope Trio CONTACT: (248) 348-8762

ROCK FENANCIAL SHOWPLACE LOCATION: 46100 Grand River

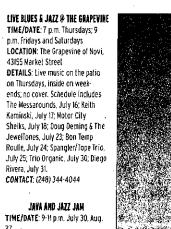
SUMMER MUSIC SERIES

Avenue Novi CONTACT: (248) 348-5600 Hidwest Sports Collectors Show TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. July

DETAILS: Buy, sell and trade sports cards, autographed memorabilia, supplies, collectibles and more: door prizes and raffle. Admission \$5 per day; \$8 for weekend pass; children 10 and under free with paid adult. Free parking. CONTACT: (586) 566-8331

(DC SPORTS) or visit www. didwestsportscollectors.com Novi Rubber Stamp and Paper Arts Festival TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1; 11-4 Sunday, Aug. 2 **DETAILS:** Admission is \$8 at the door Saturday (includes free Sunday pass: \$6 for Sunday only free for children 11 and younger.

Parking is \$5.



LOCATION: Biggby Coffee, 43346 Grand River at the corner of Grand River Avenue and Novi Road DETAILS: Jazz has found a home once a month at Biggby Coffee. Since the New's Years Eve cel ebration, the Tony Lannen Jazz Quartet has entertained a growing crowd of jazz lovers on the last Thursday of every month, Owner Mike Waltersdorf has committed to continuing the jazz jam through the summer months, \$5 music donation, Musicians - bring your instruments and join the jam. Sign up sheet at the door. CONTACT: (248) 596-0100

EVENING IN THE GARDENS FIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

dren under 16. Free parking. sem.com

TIME/DATE: noon-7 p.m., Aug. 9 DETAILS: This is a Memphis BBO Network Sanctioned Rib Cook Off & will feature dozens of contestants cooking their way to be one of the four leams that will share a \$10,000 prize purse. In addition, the 1st place team will have the opportunity to compele in the "Memphis In May" World Championship BBQ Contest in 2010. Other features are Live Entertainment, Kids play area w/inflatables, a petting farm

free parking. CONTACT: www.experiencewp.com Yourwhip.com's Midwest

TIME/DATE: 2-9 p.m. Aug. 9 **DETAILS**: The show will include hundreds of customized vehicles tainment, food and more. We will make this a fun filled family orien tated event for everyone to enjoy Automotive and bike enthusiasts concert, trophies, cash awards, marketplace and childrens craft area. Tickets are \$11 in advance: \$15 day of show. Advance registra-

the exhibition of vehicles, the show will highlight a motorcycle display, tion of vehicles is \$35. Advance VIP tickets are \$22 (\$27 day of show). Registered vehicles VIP is \$45.

Parking is \$5. CONTACT: Sean Street at (313) 995-8477 or visit www.yourwhip.com



Sleight of hand

Zeemo entertains a group from the Novi Public Library with his juggling and yo-yo-ing techniques on July 8 at the Novi Civic Center. The library has been holding some of its summer programs at the center as parking's a bit scarce at the library due to the construction of the new facility.

CONTACT: (541) 574-8000 or visit www.heirloompro.com Mustano Memories All-Ford Car TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday,

DETAILS: Held in the east parking lol. Admission is \$4; free for chil-CONTACT: Mike at (313) 304-5244or or aces16@aol.com; visit www.moc-

West Oakland Rib Cook Off & Family Fest

& other fun activities. Food tasting from Novi's finest restaurants will be available in the "Taste of West Oakland" exhibit area. Tickets are. \$5; free for children 5 and younger

Showdown from across the country. Live enter from across the county will attend to share ideas, showcase their vehi cles and network the best products and services available. Along with

Gun & Knife Show TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Aug. 15; 10·3 Aug. 16 DETAILS: Admission is \$6. Anyone

responsible adult to attend this show. Parking is \$5. CONTACT: Doug Carl at (517) 676-4160 or visit www.migunshows.com Botsford Hospital 1st Annual SE MI EMS Expo TIME/DATE: 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Aug.

under 18 years must be with a

LOCATION: Fleming's Prime 20; 7-5 Aug. 21 DETAILS: This educational conference will emphasize the latest technologies and hot topics in trauma care for pre-hospital care providers. There will be a total of 14 continuing education credits available to attendees including 10 practical (hands-on) sessions. Speakers will include local, regional, and national experts. Credits for certification will be available at the MFR. EMT, EMT Specialist and Paramedic

CONTACT: Bev-Liberty @ 248-

442-5054 or email @ bliberty@

org/ems_expo

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botsford.org or visit www.botsford.

payable at door. levels. One- and two-day registration options are available. Two-day registration is \$80 and includes continental breakfast and lunch both days. One-day registration is Wixom Rd., Novi \$50 and includes continental breakfast and lunch. The online brochure and registration is available at payable at door. www.botsford.org/ems_expo. Registration available at www.botsford.org/ems_expo. Parking is free.

TIME/DATE: Noon every Thursday

41671 W. 10 Mile Road **DETAILS:** Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome, Check Web site

Library Lines

NOV! CHAMBER OF COMMERCE The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an active, progressive chamber offering a variety of events, edu-Library Hours cational programs, an enhanced website and involvement with local LOCATION: 41875 11 Mile Road. #201, -

CONTACT; for more information, call (248) 349-3743 or www.novichamber com 22nd Annual Novi Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing TIME/DATE: 8:30 a.m. registration: 9 a.m. shotgun start on Aug. 18 **LOCATION:** Tanglewood Golf Course

out; \$15 pre-registration; \$20 at Business to Business Breakfast TIME/DATE: 8:9 a.m. Wed., July 22 LOCATION: Davenport University.

DETAILS: Fee per golfer of \$145

includes 18 holes of golf, continen-

(al breakfast, lunch by Carrabba's

Italian Grill, and a pig roast dinner

Please register for sponsorship and

office at (248) 349-3743. Register

early - this event sells out every

After 5 Networking Event

TIME/DATE: 5-7 p.m. Thursday

Steakhouse & Wine Bar, 17400

Haggerty Rd., Livonia

19499 Victor Pkwy., Livonia DETAILS: Join us for a light break fast and summer networking; \$5 Business to Business Breakfast TIME/DATE: 8:9 a.m. Tues., July 28 LOCATION: Sam's Club, 27300 **DETAILS:** Join us for a light break fast and summer networking; \$5

HOVI ROTARY CLUB

LOCATION: Novi Methodist Church. for speaker information; novirotary

HOYI PUBLIC LIBRARY LINES LOCATION: 45245 W. Ten Mile Road SUMMER HOURS: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 n.m.: Friday

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an upbeat, interactive, fun perfor-

by to enjoy some of our new

mance that kids are bound to enjoy. The free program for all ages will

register. Novi Writers' Group DATE: Saturday, July 25 TIME: 10 a.m. noon ment for writers to collaborate. critique and create with other local writer Kathy Mutch. Writers of all genres are encouraged to Registration réquired. Library Tech Time DATE: Monday, July 27 TIME: 7, 7:30 p.m. DETAILS: Fifteen-minute one-on-

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TIME: 3-4 p.m. DETAILS: Come and celebrate the end of an awesome summer Snacks and fun will be abundant! Registration is required.

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in a great discussion of Change of Heart by Jodi Picoult. Please register. Limited to 20 participants. Makino the Band - Craft Edition DATE: Wednesday, July 29 **DETAILS**: Join us for networking and a wonderful summer evening DETAILS: Come and make your

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day cycling journey back to the Fairgrounds the next morning. The ride culminates with the Heroes Hurrah ending celebration on Sunday, Jul 26 when the riders and volun teers cross the finish line and are congratulated by many wish children, dubbed "Wish Heroes," along with their fam

Novi's Jeanne Buscarino

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Buscarino joined WAM in 2003 and has raised over \$10,000 dollars to support the Michigan thanks to the support of friends and family. Buscarino is now the captain for the team famously dubbed "the Biker Babes."

Local hero

Novi bicyclist joins Make-A-Wish tour

"My tennis partner, Debbie Thomas, pat together a team of teacher's from West Bloomfield to ride in 2001 wh called themselves The Biker Babes, 1 love to ride, loved the ity and I was really excited to ioin the team but was unable o ride until 2003 after my twins were born. After that first ride. I was hooked," said

A yearly ritual is for the team to decorate their helmets the eve of WAM. This is a way the team shows their team spirit and a way to bond before the weekens starts. It's also a great way to spot a Biker Babe along the way

"Every year we have the lost amazing team," said Buscarino. "Even though every year the team change still there. We had the great fortune of having a former Wish Child, Lu, ride with us for two years. Her first year riding with us she was just 16 and had previously had knee replacement surgery due to bone cancer. Her sister, Mo and mom. Kathy, rode with u and we were all inspired that

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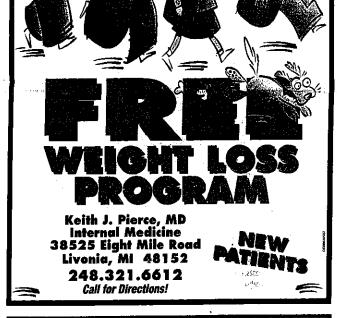
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and II Mile roads) FIRST UNITED METHODIST OF MONTRYALLS CONTACT: Sue (734) 459-0016 A Stephen Ministry church LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. social time: 7:45 p.m. CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or fumcnor thyille opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday.

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TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 6:30 a.m. Tuesday. Wednesday, Thursday, 7 p.m. Tuesday, 5 p.m. Contemporary: 11:30 a.m. Traditional

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a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible ellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's propram. Youth Worship Service uesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Men's

Evening Bible Study Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family, 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group: 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do ST. JUNES CATHOLIC

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LOCATION: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcom-

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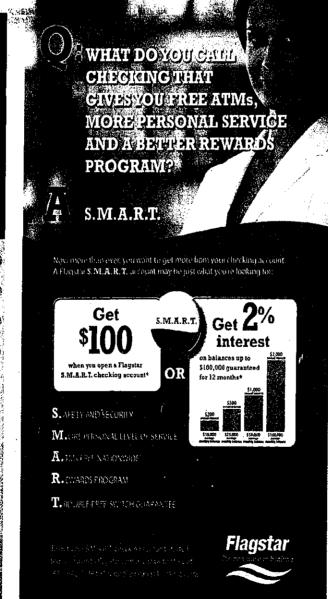
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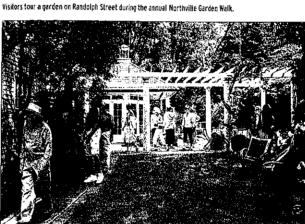
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An asian tily stands above a koi pond at a home off Five Mile Road involved in this year's Northville Garden Walk. Hundreds of visitors went around to the eight gardens



Visitors to Northville's Mill Race Village take a look at some flowers for sale A large white gas ringed with a circle of ivy and flowers sits in the back yard during the gathering for the Northville Garden Walk on July 8. Many vendors set up shop in the village to cater to those in town for the garden tour

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CC's Hall triples up on All-State performances

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central made a run to third place at the State finals, and junior Spencer Hall was a big part of the success.

The junior speedster was on the State champion 4x800 relay, was on the 4x400 team that placed second and finished fourth in the 400

Hall is the 2009 Boys Track Athlete of the Year for his three All-State performances.

"He's a dynamic runner who would always put it all out to win," said CC assistant coach Eugene Grewe. "He had the speed to make up distance on the anchor legs of both 4x400 and

The two relays were in top form at the State meet, setting new school records in both.

The 4x800 team finished in 7:47.57, shattering the old school record by seven seconds.

The 4x400 team placed second in 3:21.67, just a half second behind East Kentwood.

Hall added more points to the cause by finishing fourth in the open 400 (49.73).

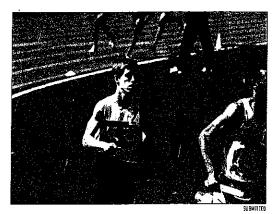
Hall shared the team's top honors for sprinters.

First Team

The All-Area First Team showcases some of the top talent in the State. Most of the athletes not only went to the State finals, but were able to crack the top eight and carn All-State

Scott Sansovich, Catholic Central

The senior hurdler earned all kinds of honors this year, including Team MVP. He was Catholic League, regional and Oakland County champ before finishing fourth at State. He was also league champ in the 300 hurdles, third at the regional and Oakland County champ. Sansovich also helped the 4x400 team to a sec-



CC's Spencer Haff recorded three Alf-State runs at the State finals with the gold-winning 4x800, the runner-up 4x200 and in the open 400 (fourth place).

ond-place finish at State. He will continue his track and field

career at Harvard.

Jake Spuller, Catholic Central
The sophomore broke out in a huge way, being part of the school-record 4x100 team (regional champs), the 4x200 (5th at State) and the 4x400 (2nd at State). He shared the team top sprinter honor with Hall. He also won the 100 meters at the River Rat Relays and was voted male track athlete of the meet.

Brandon Schnelder, Catholic Central The CC senior ran the lead leg of the State champion 4x800 team and qualified for State in the open 800 (1:58.2 at regional). He also filled in

on the 4x400.

Ricardo Galindo, Catholic Central

The junior had a best time of 9:30.75 in the 3,200 meters to place third at the Oakland County meet. He ran 9:32.4 to place eighth at State. He also finished third at regionals, second in the league and first at the Ann Arbor Huron River

Billy Riga, Catholic Central

The sophomore was part of the school-record holding 4x100 and 4x200 teams. The 4x200 team placed fifth at State (1:29.8). The 4x100 team won regionals (43.5). Dylan Young, Catholic Central

The junior threw a season-best 153-2-75 at the Operation Friendship meet to claim first. He was second in the Catholic League and quali-fied for States with a throw of 145-9 at regionals. He was named the Outstanding Field Event Performer

Mike Blaszczyk, Novi
His nickname is Blaze, and it's
obvious why. The junior specializes in the 3,200, where he finished 10th at the State finals. He was the KLAA Conference and regional champion. His personal best was a 9.33.4 this

Brett Kuhn, Rovi

The Wildcat junior had his best day at regionals, flying 21-7.5 in the long jump to capture a title. He placed 22nd at the State finals.



CC's Scott Sansovich competes against a Redford runner in the 110-meter hurdles at the

Ali Arastu, Northville

All Arastu, Northwile
The junior can usually be found
at the front of the pack in the hurdle
events. He finished State runner-up
in the 300 hurdles (37.78) and had another All-State performance with a seventh-place finish in the 110 hurdles (14.52). He was also on the 4x400 team that won at the KLAA Conference meet.

Jack Dalton, Northville

The senior was part of the KLAA Conference champion 4x800 and 4x400 relays. He also finished fourth in the conference in the 800 meters (1:58). The 4x800 team qualified for

Kevin Mantay, Northville
The senior cleared 12-10 and qualified for State in the pole vault. Al Myers, Northville

The Mustang sophomore cleared 6-3 in the high jump and qualified for State. He also placed third at the LAA Conference meet. Robert Swain, South Lyon

The senior distance runner was a

steady force for a team that struggled with inexperience. His top time of 9:55 came at the Oakland County meet. He also competed in the 800, 1,600 and distance relays.

"He was a rock-solid performer for four years of high school," said South Lyon coach Scott Smith. "He was a scoring member of the distance team starting with his sophomore year." Jake Thompson, Milford

The senior leaves the Mavericks as an extremely decorated thrower. He was the Oakland County champ in the shot put, a two-time State qualifier and a three-time confer-ence champion. His throw of 52-11.75

placed him eighth at State.
"We've never had a thrower more
accomplished than him," said coach Brian Salyers. "For four years he competed at a very elite level.
"He's more explosive than he is

size wise He doesn't beat people with brute force. He's very analytical,

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Quake on the Lake to Celebrate 10th Anniversary

The 10th Annual "Quake on the Lake" Inboard Hydroplane Races return to Pontiac Lake, one of the fast-est one-mile race courses in the country, for three exciting days – July 17-19.

The venue for this year's world-class event is once again the beautiful and spacious Pontiac Lake Recreation Area located in White Lake and Waterford Townships at M-59 and Williams Lake To celebrate Quake's 10th

Anniversary, the American Power Boat Association's (APBA) Inboard Hydroplane Eastern Divisional Championships will be contested Race teams from across the United States and Canada will compete for extra divisional points and champion ship trophies.

Quake on the Lake has become one of Oakland County's signature summertime events," said Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson. Over the past nine years, Quake has attracted 300,000 spectators, including 35,000 last year alone." Fifteen APBA records have been

on Pontiac Lake in five differen racing classes since Quake's inception. Drivers compete in eight classes including Grand Prix, Grand National, National Modified, 5 Litre, 2.5 Litre Modified, and 1.5 Litre Stock.

Added attractions this year will be

the J-Hydro Class featuring drivers aged 9-14 and the Vintage Class.

Proceeds from the three-day event will benefit the Rainbow Connection, a charity founded by Patterson which grants wishes to children with life threatening or terminal illnesses, as well as numerous other local grass root initiatives. A special wake boarding competition and exhibition will be held on July 18th. Other highlights of this year's event are the Genisys Credit Union's Family Fun Zone, musical artists performing Saturday afternoon on the Village Lakes and White Lake Marketplace's live entertainment stage, the Mopar Direct Connection rig which allows race enthusiasts to view and interact with tech-savvy tuners and web-based technologies that enhance the performance of vehicles of all kinds and the Navy Accelerate Your Life Tour which provides a first hand look at Navy life.

Saturday evening will also feature the Republic Services / Allied Waste of Michigan Fireworks beginning at

Ever p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Ticket prices are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 5-12 and free admission for kids 4 and under.

For additional information and schedule of events go to www QuakeOnTheLake.org.



Hydroplanes will be featured July 17-19 at the 10th annual Quake on the

High school sports participation above 300K

For the fifth straight year in 2008-09, participation numbers for sports in which post-season tournaments are sponsored by the Michigan High School Athletic Association topped the 300,000 mark, even as overall numbers dropped less than a percentage point. The total for the 2008-09 school year was 304,343,

number that is down 0.9 percent from the 307,112 figure of a year ago and is the fifth highest total in the Association's history. Girls participation was down 1.3 percent from a year ago with 126,366 — its lowest point since 2003-04; and the boys total of 177,977 was down 0.6 percent — its lowest point since 2004-05.
The totals count students once for each sport in which he or she participates, meaning students who are mul-tiple-sport athletes are counted more than once.

tiple-sport athletes are counted more than once.

For the second straight year, records for participation were set in five sports — three for girls and two for boys. Bowling and lacrosse each hit again a high-water mark for both boys and girls; and girls tennis also set a

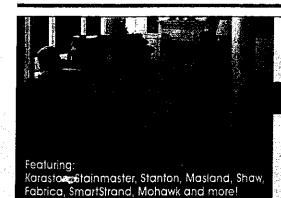
new mark.

Fall participation took the biggest single season dip at 2.7 percent, with foolball and girls swimming and diving each dropping over 1,100. The drop of 1,121 in swimming represented a 17 percent decrease, while the 1,102 slip in football was a 2.4 percent fall. Girls golf participation dropped 6.4 percent. The only fall sport on the plus side was boys tennis by eight players over the previous year.

Winter and spring numbers were relatively stable

Winter and spring nu with a 0.5 percent increase in participation in the winter; and a 0.03 percent decrease in the spring. Girls gymnastics — one of the smallest sports in terms Girls gymnastics of participation - rebounded from a drop a year ago with a 156 increase in student-athletes — a 25 percent

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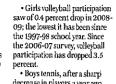
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raise. Boys bowling was up 9.1 percent (309 increase), and girls bowling was up 6.7 percent (170 increase). In the springtime girls tennis had the biggest jump percentage-wise and in raw numbers with an increase of 580 players — 6.1 percent. Between the two seasons, 11 sports saw increases and 9 sports had decreases in partici-

Also of note in this year's surperiod.

Boys golf saw an increase of vey in other sports of interest: Basketball participation from 2007-08 to 2008-09 ined stable. Girls numbers were down 0.2 percent, and

percent; the girls figure of 18,187 the lowest since the Association began tracking the numbers in 1991-92, the boys total of 23,233 the second lowest in that same time span and the lowest in IO seasons. Since the 2006-07 sur-2006-07 participation survey, vey, girls participation is down 5 2.8 percent t and the boys number is



 Boys tennis, after a sharp decrease in players a year ago had an increase of 0.4 percent this past school year. Howe since the 2006-07 survey, the sport has had a 12.8 percent drop girls tennis participation is up 2.4 percent in the same time

238 players over a year ago (3.1 percent) and is on the positive side since the 2006-07 survey, up 0.19 percent. Girls golf nur bers are off 1.8 percent since the

 And to put these numbers in better perspective, enrollments at MHSAA member schools are down 1.44 percent since the and overall participation is down



BOYS TRACK

probably more so than most high school athletes. It makes him very coachable. He really does study what he does."

Kyle Podvin, Milford
The senior leaves Milford as its top leading point scorer of all time. He accom-plished the feat with a seventh-place finish at State in the 300 hurdles (39.25). Podvin broke the old school record 25 times between the 110 and 300 hurdles during his

"Kyle is unbelievably strong and unbelievably tough," said Salyers. "When he is at practice, there is nobody that works harder. He's got a competitive drive that is pretty rial. He is just fun to watch." Nate Huff, Milford

The junior provided the Mavericks with a ton of versatility. He was Oakland County runner-up in the 800 and 1,600. He also competed on the 4x400 and 4x800 teams went to State. He also qualified for State in the open 800.

"The 1,600 is probably his best event." said Salyers. "He's a very versatile athlete. Chris Sherlock, Lakeland

The four-year track and cross country ner won the divisional meet, placed fourth at the conference meet and fourth at the regional meet in the 800, with a best time of 1:57.0. He was voted Most Valuable Distance Runner for the Eagles. He will continue his running career at Oakland

Justin Amara-Parent, Lakeland The senior placed sixth at State, clearing 14-4 in the pole vault.

Jake Rohde, Lakeland The junior qualified for State with a 21-1.5 leap in the long jump for a second-place finish at regionals. He also set a personal best with 6-2 in the high jump

Second Team

The All-Area Second Team features sevral athletes who went to State or put in top efforts in league or other meets throughout

the year. Brandon Bell Milford

The sophomore just missed out on quali-fying for State, finishing third in the region-al 200 meters. He was the KLAA Lakes Conference runner-up. Zac Adams, Lakeland

Robert Galindo (right) runs with Afex Toloff during the cross country season.

The senior scored in several events throughout the year for the Eagles, competing in the 400, 4x200 and 4x400. He had a personal best of 51.2 in the 400. John-Paul Zebrowski, Catholic Central

The CC sophomore ran 4:25.4 to qualify for the State meet in the 1,600. Austin Zebrowski, Catholic Central The sophomore was on the State champion 4x800 relay team.

Alex Toloff, Catholic Central The senior ran distance events and was part of the title-winning 4x800 relay. Jeff Sherman, Catholic Central The junior qualified for State with a throw of 50-3.5 for second place at region-

The senior had a delayed start to the year due to an injury, but returned to win the 200 at the River Rat relay (22.8) and was

second at the league meet. He also ran on the 4x200 and 4x400 relays Anthony Capatina, Catholic Central The junior ran on the 4x100 relay that set

a new school record of 43.5. The team wor the league meet, finished first at regionals and placed fourth at Oakland County. Josh Kyles, Catholic Central The junior was part of two relays that

set new school records. The 4x100 (43.5) and the 4x200 (1:29.8). The 4x200 placed fifth at State, first at regionals and first at Oakland County. Garett Farley, Novi

The senior set a personal best 13-0 in the pole vault Dan Egner, Novi

The junior ran 1:59.7 in the 800.

The senior set a personal best 4:36.13 in Gautum Muthusamy, Novi

The senior had a top throw of 137-9 in the Joe Betro, Novi

The senior set a personal best of 136-8 in David Brown, Northville Brown finished second at the KLAA

nference meet by clearing 6-3. Frank Griffiths, Northville The junior had a personal best of 4:28 in Noel Key, Northville

The senior was part of the 4x800 relay that won the conference meet and qualified for State. He was also on the 4x400 team that won at the KLAA Conference meet

The sophomore was on the 4x800 relay that won the conference meet and qualified Ed Clifton, Northville

The freshman was a member of the 4x800 relay that won the conference meet and qualified for State. Ryan Oliverio, South Lyon East

The junior had a personal best of 20-1 in the long jump. He was a finalist at the conncet and at regionals. Alex Lambi, South Lyon East

The sophomore reached the finals at the Oakland County meet in the 200. Blake Yard, South Lyon

The sophomore had a personal best of 4:45 in the 1,600 and competed in distance events and relays. lan Herman, South Lyon

The sophomore sprinter ran the 100, 200 and 4x100 and 4x200 He had a best time of 11.3 in the 100.

Honorable Mention

Receiving All-Area Honorable Mention are Milford's Shawn Shove, Patrick Niebauer, John Westfal, Sam Darish and Nick Shatney; Novi's Funni Yonemura, Evan Van Buhler and Alex Minghine; Northville's Paul Gibson; South Lyon East's James Smith and Brent Parzuchowski; South Lyon's Jacob Mehr, Jake Sexton, Nick Dyer, Will Hannah, Jacob Uratchko and Ethan Fanning: and Catholic Central's Jerry Yong

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Classified Preview...

FIRST ACE Howell's Bob Kwalton, 63, coorded his first ace on hole 5 East at Links of Novi on July 15 He used a driver on the 170-yard

GIRLS SOFTBALL CLINIC

softball coaches are hosting a clinic for girls ages 6-12 at Power Park. It will teach both fundamental and advanced skills in a

positive and fun environment On Aug. 17, throwing, catch-ing and fielding skills will be the focus. Hitting, buiting and base

ister on clinic day. Registration information is available at www.eteamz.com/ MotorCity or contact Jacqui

NOVI POM CLINIC

Novi pom will be running a week-long pompon clinic for girls in fust grade through eighth grade from August 3-7. More rates can be found in the Nov Community Education Lookbool

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Who's who of Golf Associations Ladies Professional Golf Association This is the professional tour for the

By David Graham

Have you ever wondered who all those golf associations are? The PGA, USGA, LPGA, GAM, PGA of America, Michigan Section PGA, MGCOA, MTF, MIGCSA, R&A, WGA, etc. It seems like we have mor initials and abbreviations that make it "easy" for us in the business to talk in shorthand but confuses the bejabbers out of the vast majority of "golf fans." Who is responsible for what? Here is a quick tour of the statewide and leading national organizations that support our favorite sport in Michigan.

Golf Association of Michigan Classified as a State and Regional Golf Association, the GAM is the only association that is dedicated to interes of the individual golfer. Founded in 1919, the mission of the GAM is to *promote, preserve and serve amateur golf in Michigan." Accordingly, we support a broader range of stakeholders from golf facility operators, to golf professionals, to course

superintendents... all key participants in this industry. The GAM also serves as the licensed representative for the USGA to administer the USGA course rating and handicapping systems in Michigan and GAM administers all of national championships including the U.S. Open and the U.S. Amateur.

United States Golf Association Founded in 1894, the USGA is the national governing body of golf in the USA and Mexico. The USGA including the U.S. Open, writes the Rules of Golf, conducts equipment System, provides a Turf Advisory the Good of the Game" grants program.

Professional Golf Association

The Tour is where the best golfers in the world compete for huge sums of dollars. "The mission of the PGA Tour is to expand domestically and internationally to substantially increase player financial benefits while maintaining its commitment to the integrity of the game. The PGA TOUR events are also committed to generating events are also committed to generati revenue for charitable causes in their communities." In Michigan, we have had the Buick Open contested for over 50 years hosted at Warwick Hills Country Club in Grand Blan

PGA of America and Michigan Section PGA
This is the association of club golf professionals who work at golf facilities, private clubs, driving ranges, teaching academies, et. al. These professional golfers pass rigorous examinations of not only their golf skills, but also facility operations, retail merchandising, staff management, golf instruction, etc. The country is divided into districts and vithin districts, sections. We have the

The MGCOA is "the voice of Michigan's Golf Business." This statewide organization is affiliated with the National Golf Course Owners Association and serves public golf leadership on marketing initiatives. In addition, the MGCOA pursues needed lobbying efforts in Lansing to insure the golf course operator's voice is heard by our legislators. Michigan Section based in East Lansing that serves the member

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stated mission is "to be a leader in the

economic empowerment for our members. We will also serve as role

models on and off the course." The

Oldsmobile Classic was a LPGA

tournament hosted at Walnut Hills

Country Club in East Lansing for a number of years.

Michigan Golf Course Owners

world of sports and to promote

overseeing the Evans Scholar Foundation that has provided college scholarships for deserving caddies who could not afford to go to college otherwise. In addition, the WGA has hosted the Western Open Professional Golf Championship (now known as the BMW Championship) and the Western

Michigan Golf Course Superintendants Association
The newest of the statewide
associations, the MiGCSA serves as the voice of poll course superintendents throughout the state. Until this state

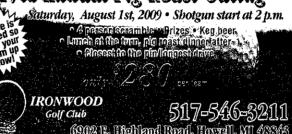
Amateur and Junior Championships.

wide group was established in 2008, the needs of these professionals who really understand how to "keep our courses green" were organized into regional chapters all linked into the national association. The stated mission is "to provide leadership for Golf Course Superintendents and other golf industry partners on the economic ntal and recreational vitality

of golf in Michigan David Graham is the Executive Director of the Golf Association of

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2. How did you first decide to open

I grew up in a retailing environment. My father has a men's clothing store. However, I did not want to have my store, but preferred work in real estate as I thought it would allow me to be more creative. Working in real estate with others was fine in a larger company, but having my own company allowed me a way to shape my own path, which I preferred because I could more asily network with people in many different areas and

3. Why did you choose Novi?

I could see the growth going westward in 1985, so I began to focus my energies in that direction, and when I opened my own business in 1989, I had already had an established climb bear and networks. client base and network of friends and contacts

4. What makes your business

sensitivity of bringing together people who are compatible, be

they landlords and tenants, buyer or sellers. I know the players. I try hard to keep up with changes in developments. I have the experience of working for 25 years in the commercial real estate

5. How has it changed since you

While I could focus on many issues, the biggest is the Internet. The accessing, presenting and transmitting of information has never been easier or better. In the old days, one had to drive areas, take photos, collect brochures on sites, etc. Today, what took week can be done in a few

The days of small retailers and specialty shops is evolving, as well. National chains and big box stores replaced many local companies, but that is changing as some new uses and charming downtowns are giving those with a true entrepreneurial spirit a chance to have a venue to market their service (which also includes those business people finding a way=2 0to use the Internet to market their goods).

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

I met a man at a building who wanted to look at the property I was trying to sell. Following up with a phone call a couple of days later to hear his impression of the meeting, he told me, honestly, that he did not want to buy that building, but that he was impressed by the way I spoke. He ended up having me list a building he was trying to sell, which I was able to sell, and I was able to sell the original building to another person. Sometimes things work out that way!

7. How has the recent economy

affected your business?
Obviously, the number of people opening up new businesses is very limited due to the current situation. However, I am proud of the sales and leases I have done recently, ranging from the Wesley Berry Flowers building on Haggerty in Commerce, to a beautiful medical building constructed on land I sold to Contemporary Imaging near Ten Mile Road and Haggerty Road in Novi on Karim Blvd. and a lease to a workout studio in downtown Plymouth on Ann Arbor Trail.

8. Any advice for business owners?

You can get too low when things are slow, or too over confident when the tempo is hot. Take each day and try to do something positive with the day. Be grateful for the joy of family and friends. Discover when you give how much you

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

I am going to continue my hands-on, positive approach every day, and try to continue to learn something everyday (if it's from my new hand-held, technologically-advanced apparatus or my 15-month-old ughter)!



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Jonathan Brateman is glad to call Novi his business home, citing earlier growth westward, an established client base and network of friends and contacts.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Food vendors sought

The Michigan Department of Agriculture's (MDA) Select Michigan Program is seeking MILAJ Setect Michigan Frogram is seeking Michigan food and agriculture companies to show-case their products in a special Select Michigan Pavilion at the 2009 Michigan Restaurant Show being held Oct. 20-21 at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. MDA's Select Michigan Program is offering exhibit space within the pavilion to Michigan specialty food companies and food processor for a cubetantially discounted rate. The decline for a substantially discounted rate. The deadline foreserving booth space is Monday, Aug. 10.

The Michigan Restaurant Show is a two-day

event with 12 hours of uninterrupted networking attracting buyers from restaurants, bars, and food service institutions.

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20; and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21. Twelve 10-by-10-foot booth spaces are available within the Select Michigan Pavilion. Companies can reserve whole booths or half-booth spaces, which feature a table, wastebasket, backdrop/side rails, chair(s), carpeting, parking, exhibitor bad cooking area, ice, freight handling and limited

access to electricity, and company name sign.

Priority will be given to companies featuring products made from Michigan specialty crops; products made from Michigan specially crops, fruits, vegetables, and herbs. These companies will supplemented by the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant, which is administered by MDA. Non-spe-cialty crop companies are welcome if booth space is available at a slightly higher rate. For more infor-mation, contact Erin Groeb, MDA promotional agent, at (517) 373-2469 or groebe@michigan.gov.

Business workshops

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need sistance are invited to seminars in offered by the Oakland County Business Center, Business Basics workshops are offered in the evenings on alter-nating months at the Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. Call (248) 858-0783.

16: How To Start a Business Workshop (a.m.) 21: Legal & Financial Basics

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Snap's Biggest Loser

Snap Fitness in Novi will be running a "Biggest



Ribbon cutting

Zoup! Fresh Soup Company held a ceremony July 9 at the new Novi Grand River location. Novi City owner Danielle Williams cut the ribbon. The band, Riley, of Novi, set the stage for an evening of fun. food, friends and music. College students and Zoup employees, Dan Nufer, 18 of Walled Lake and Ryan Anderson, 19 of Wixom play in the fivevidence Park Hospital), the new 2,000 square foot Zoup! seats 50 customers and features all of the company's signature menu items.

Loser" Contest this summer to help area residents and workers reach their fitness goals. This contest is open to members and nonmembers, with prizes warded for different categories.

The program ends Aug. 22. All will receive a fit-

essment, nutrition information, water bottle, a workout plan, access to the club, supervis workouts, discounts on personal training, weekly

newsletter, and weekly weigh-ins.

The grand prize winner in each category will receive a free membership. Prizes will also be awarded to the second- and third-place winners in each category. The grand prize winner will be the individual who loses the largest percentage of body weight, plus the individual who loses the largest percentage of body fat. For more information, con-tact (248) 347-1788, visit Snap Fitness located at 41774 10 Mile, Novi, or visit the Web site at www.



