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New nightclub

The Novi City Council granted preliminary site plan approval on Monday to the owners of a new Main Street nightclub.

29 Park, which has locations in London and Windsor, Ontario, would be located in the south part of the Main Street complex in the old Steak on Main suite.

The 10,000-square-foot building will have a maximum occupancy of 681 people, and the nightclub is believed to cater to an upscale crowd.

Between \$500,000 to \$750,000 has been budgeted by the owners for improvements, and they are expected to hire 30 to 40 people. No information was available as to when the club would open.

Mobile clerk

Oakland County Clerk Ruth Johnson is taking her show on the road with a new Mobile Office that will provide clerk services - including access to millions of birth, marriage and death certificates, court records and property documents - in an effort to reach out to all of Oakland County communities.

The pilot project kicks off 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28 when the Mobile Clerk's Office stops at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.

Mobile Office employees will have computer access and printers so they can provide customers with on-the-spot copies of birth certificates, death certificates or other public records. Normal copy fees will apply. The pilot project, modeled after a successful program in Macomb County, will offer many services.

Antil staying

City of Novi Assistant City Manager Pam Antil will continue in her position in Novi after not being offered the city manager job in Troy.

Antil, who interviewed for the job July 7 and 8 after being contacted by a recruiter, was one of five candidates for the open position.

The city council in Troy decided to stick with interim city manager John Szerlag, who previously served in that role in Troy from 1999 to 2006.

Chamber golf outing

The Novi Chamber of Commerce's 22nd Annual Golf Outing 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.

Parks Foundation continues support of scholarship

Group donates \$2,500 to assist children

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

The members of the Novi Parks Foundation want every child in Novi to have the opportunity to participate in recreational activities in the city.

And with money being tight for several families, the non-profit corporation continues to donate money to the City of Novi's Parks,

Recreation and Cultural Services Scholarship Program so that children from families who demonstrate a need are not left out.

The foundation recently donated \$2,500 to the program, pushing the total amount of money donated by the foundation to the program over \$10,000 since 2007.

"It's important that every child is given the opportunity to participate in parks and recreation," said founda-



Auler

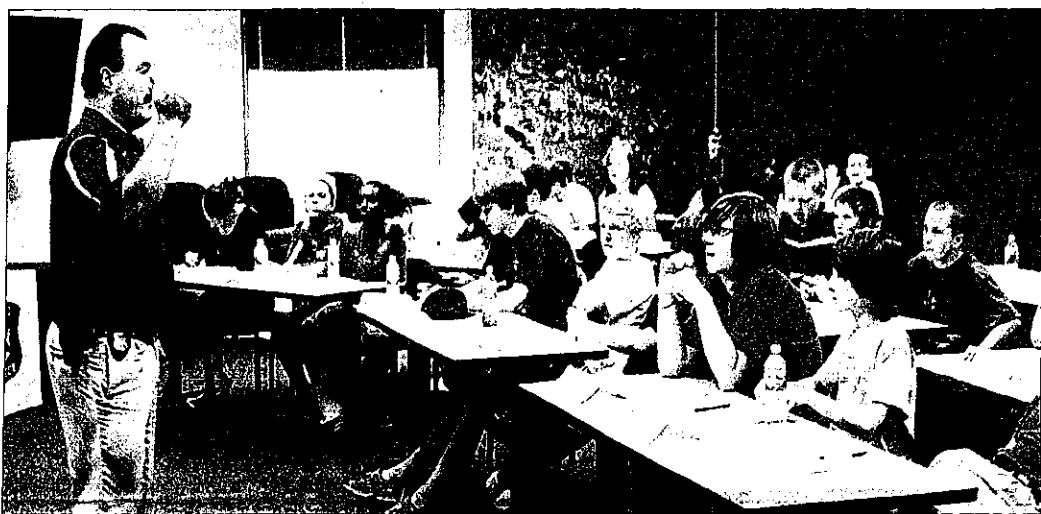
tion treasurer Justin Fischer. "It builds character and is critical to the development of children." Each qualifying Novi family can receive up to \$500 to be used toward city-run recreation programs, and since last year, 23 children, who qualified for more than \$4,500, have benefited from it.

Randy Auler, director of parks, recreation and cultural services, said

the income requirements to receive money are similar to the school lunch program, and since its inception three years ago, the program has gotten a favorable response from residents.

"We want to make sure that youth are not turned away or not able to participate because they or their families cannot afford it," he said. For more information about the Novi Parks Foundation, visit www.noviparks.org.

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Novi Police Det. Mike Wilson talks about making traffic stops to a class full of Youth Police Academy attendees.

Youth get up-close look at law enforcement

Academy graduates largest class in four years

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Mariah Smith, 14, and Elisabeth Moore, 13, agreed that the Youth Police Academy comes at a perfect time in teenagers' lives for many reasons.

For some it helps them as they think about what they want to do for a career, while for others it shows them what is right and wrong and the punishment that comes from making bad decisions.

"We face tough decisions as teens every day and this helps us make the right ones," Moore said. "There is no way you walk out of this academy not having learned something and having it affect your life."

Moore signed up for the Novi Police Department-led academy because she wanted to learn more about law enforcement considering she wants to one day become a pros-

ecuting attorney. She said the variety of what they learned was a major help, and she appreciated that the officers did not mince words around the students.

"They gave us everything straight up," she said. "And the amount of information we received, we got to see how it ties into our community."

This was Smith's second time at the academy, and she was amazed by how much more she learned.

"It is never something that gets boring," she said. The 45 graduates were the most in the history of the four-year program, which Det. Mike Wilson said is "refreshing" for himself and the other officers involved.

During the week-long academy, students investigated a mock crime scene, saw K-9 dogs at work, learned about tasers, conducted a traffic stop and had classroom time dedicated to other areas of law enforcement.



Novi Police officer Tony Avant shows Youth Police Academy student Trevor Malarkey, 13, the proper positioning to have when making a traffic stop.

Wilson, who is the school resource officer at Novi High School, said the program "really builds relationships" with the students going into the school year.

This also was the last time the academy will be held for free. Next year it will cost \$50 per child.

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Residents weigh in on uses for 'Landings Property'

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Once a popular location for entertainment in the metro Detroit area, a portion of property on the northeast corner of South Lake Drive and Old Novi Road has been vacant for several years.

The majority of the property - commonly known as the "Landings Property" and home to an amusement park, the Walled Lake Casino dance hall and other public uses in the 1940s and 1950s - was acquired by the city of Novi in the mid-to-late 1980s.

Nothing has been done to the property, which has frontage on Walled Lake, since the city acquired it, but that could

change pending the outcome of a land-use study.

"It is obviously well-regarded property on Walled Lake, but it is not being used to its full potential in one way or another," said city manager Clay Pearson. "It is publicly owned property and could stand to have some direction toward a plan to be used by the public that owns it."

To get resident input, the city has put a survey on its Web site, drop boxes at locations in the city and held two public input sessions last week. Currently the property is mostly open space with a grassy area that has picnic tables and a sidewalk.

Novi resident Cathy Shore, who has lived near the property

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Home Depot gives Old Village a facelift

Store's Team Depot crew gives back to community

BY KATE SALVADORE
INTERVIEW

As Jessa Brocker of Brighton worked on raking dead leaves along the entry sidewalk of Old Village School last Thursday, a smile crept up on her face that seemed contagious. Her partner for the small task, Eva Gomes, smiled shortly after.

"It just feels good helping the community. Home Depot is founded on these principles and we believe in them," Brocker said.

"It's about helping your community," Gomes, a volunteer from Okemos confirmed. Brocker and Gomes were two of around 65 volunteers from the state that took part in the Team Depot project at Old Village School on July 9. The team's project included activities of all sorts to give the school an outdoor "facelift" with an updated landscaping makeover.

"We heard of this opportunity originally from Chuck Gaidica. He sent out e-mails about Team Depot and The Old Village School responded," said Fuzzy Stott, the Team Depot captain for the Northville Home Depot store.

Gaidica is the acclaimed Michigan news anchor and weatherman who is active in the Northville community. Stott coordinates different projects for the Northville store on 7 Mile and Haggerty Road.

He works with Mike Stuber, director of operations for the



Gail Langford, Jen Sciberras and Marcia Greiner roll out weed matting for Old Village School on July 9. The school got new landscaping as part of a Team Depot project that included about 65 volunteers.



Eva Gomes of Okemos and Jessa Brocker of Brighton rake the entry of Old Village School on July 9. The two were volunteers for Team Depot which supports quarterly projects around the state. "It's about helping your community," Gomes said.

store, on quarterly projects around the community. Both men were getting their hands dirty on Thursday. "We certainly had a nice day for it. We've worked in the rain before!" Stuber said, a little sweaty.

There are seven Home Depot stores and communities that make up the Team Depot area district: Northville, Novi, Brighton, Howell, Okemos, Fenton and Okemos. All seven stores were represented by volunteers at Old Village School.

Although Stuber and Stott were the major organizers for the project at Old Village, many other people from the

entire Team Depot district got involved. Chris Barker and Steven Preston, volunteers from Okemos, worked on putting in new picnic tables for the kids to use and revamped the surrounding landscaping. "It's my first time, and I had fun," Barker said.

Preston has done many projects and likes the overall camaraderie of the events. "You get to meet different people that might help you out in the future. It's just fun," he said.

Gary Malak, store manager for Okemos, was also helping. "It's good for everybody, the volunteers, the directors, Home Depot, the community. It's a win-win," he said.

Team Depot has been involved with communities for

several years and their projects range from helping schools, to churches, supporting classes for adult education, helping soup kitchens, building playgrounds, and more. Just about anything community related is fair game. Gene Fleszar, calls himself the Michigan Team Depot historian, and with photography he has been involved for about eight years. "It's nice because we have a core of volunteers that give back and that's what we're all about," he said. "We feel that Home Depot doesn't pay us, the community does. This is our chance to give back. All the volunteers do this on their day off -- for free."

It's a great way of showing passion for community work and motivating people to get involved. And when it's in our

own backyard it makes it more meaningful. Home Depot employees made up the bulk of the volunteers, but Northville community members were there too to show their appreciation and support. Jeffrey Bentley, a student at Old Village School, was excited to receive his orange shirt from the staff. "There's so much dirt! It looks nice," he said, asking to hurry and go see the other workers. He and his mother, Beth, were there to start getting things ready for the workers' lunch, donated by the school's PTA.

Mark Zerial, whose daughter Mia goes to Old Village School and wife works with the school, was working a shovel diligently. "Business in Northville have always been helpful with this school, donating this and that," he said.

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Obama invite excites Schoolcraft's Jeffress

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Schoolcraft College President Conway Jeffress got a call from the White House July 13, he wasn't sure he should take it seriously.

"The call turned out to be legit, and Jeffress was on his way at lunchtime the next day to see President Barack Obama during a visit to Macomb County Community College in Warren. The president was in town to unveil a \$12 billion program to improve U.S. community colleges."

"I enjoyed them even though we sat in the sun four hours," said Jeffress of Obama's remarks. "It was worth the wait." He was about 12 feet away and able to take photos of the president with his cell phone.

"The programs he proposed are fine," Jeffress said of the community college funding, primarily financial aid through Pell grants. Obama hopes to boost community college graduation rates. The U.S. president sees many job opportunities requiring two-year degrees, and hopes to better link community colleges to successful job training.

Completion rates at Schoolcraft depend on the program, Jeffress said, with nursing and culinary arts around 90 percent. "We can't really track people who come in and take one or two courses" and move on, he said, noting that's easier for four-year universities. Schoolcraft has a main campus as well as a Garden City campus, and serves a number of western Wayne communities.

When students apply to Schoolcraft, they get a flier with job information, such as pay and the employment picture. "We try to give them as much information as possible," Jeffress said. Obama's speech cited his goal by 2020 of the U.S. having the highest proportion of college graduates worldwide.

The community college Challenge Fund cities dual enrollment with public schools, and tutoring to help students graduate, Jeffress said. "He wants to concentrate on completion rates and I think that's great." Employees like to see that students were able to complete a program.

Obama cited loans and not grants for facilities. "It doesn't bother me either way," Jeffress said. "You have to stay current." Students site buildings as part of their satisfaction with the school, he said, and expect up-to-date facilities.

"Actually, any money is wonderful," Jeffress said. "I'll take it in a brown bag."

The president's plan also calls for \$500 million for online learning. Schoolcraft's already a leader in that area, either No. 1 or 2 among community colleges statewide. Jeffress hopes to "invest in the robustness of that." He envisions more interactive content, beyond that of a PowerPoint presentation.

Jeffress said he and colleagues have discussed what would happen if the flu pandemic strikes this fall and shuts down classrooms. "What would happen if you couldn't come to school? You have to invest in that," he said, adding that online learning would be an asset.

Jeffress was pleased with the online learning component, citing universities like Harvard and Yale providing free courseware to students. "I think the online environment is a natural," he said.

Younger people now use Twitter and YouTube, not common to Jeffress and his generation. "That is the means by which young people communicate," he said.

Jeffress was surprised to get the call of "We have a ticket for you, come pick it up." As an African American, he was additionally excited about being in the audience.

"It's really the opportunity to be there and play a little part in history," Jeffress said.

He noted funding must go through Congress and its committees. Schoolcraft will take steps to be ready. "We'll start setting up things that make our ability to take advantage of these funds easier when they get here."

He recalled when President George Bush Sr. visited Schoolcraft, and the Secret Service and other preparation. "It's always lots and lots of excitement. It's really rather exhilarating," said Jeffress, who found Obama a charismatic speaker. Jeffress also appreciated seeing other officials he works with regularly on college matters.

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Novi 7-Eleven owner Viktor Dedukaj is circulating a petition in his Meadowbrook Road store to ask congress to stop credit card companies from charging "unfair transaction fees."

Local 7-Eleven owner looks for support to fight credit card fees

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Viktor Dedukaj is tired of credit card companies increasing interchange fees every year without negotiation.

And the franchisee of 7-Eleven in Novi and his counterparts across the United States hope to help do something about it.

About 6,300 7-Eleven stores nationwide, including 39 in Oakland County, are hosting a million-signature petition campaign to ask Congress to reform unfair and excessive credit card interchange fees. Interchange fees are set privately by credit card companies and charged to store owners when customers pay with a credit card.

"It's getting out of control,"

Dedukaj said. "We just want a chance to negotiate with credit card companies because ultimately these fees are passed on to the customer when we try to price our products and have to factor in higher interchange fees."

According to a study by the National Association of Convenience Stores, an average store owner will pay almost twice as much in transaction fees as they earn in profits. Dedukaj, who has been running the store for three years, said depending on how busy the store is, interchange fees could average about \$28,000 a year. He said it's even worse now with so many customers using credit cards for small purchases.

"We just think it's time to try to do something," he said.

"Every relationship I have with other business partners I can negotiate, but not with credit card companies."

The petition drive at 7-Eleven stores will continue until Aug. 10, and select owners will be flown to Washington D.C. to deliver the signatures to Congress.

"We're not asking for a bailout, we simply want to negotiate in good faith with credit card companies in the same manner we negotiate with thousands of our business partners," said Darren Rebelez, executive vice president and chief operating officer of 7-Eleven in a press release.

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Trailer, other automobile items stolen

A car hauler and several other automobile related items were stolen from a business some time after October.

According to the Novi Police Department report, the owner of the hauler said he was storing the hauler at a business on Twelve Mile Road in October when it was taken. He thinks it happened during that month when the business owner went on vacation.

The business owner saw the trailer was missing when he returned from his vacation, but assumed the owner of the hauler picked it up. It was not recognized by the hauler owner until last month when he went to the business to pick it up and it was gone.

Stolen along with the hauler were two sets of racing tires, one set of wheels and tires, miscellaneous tools and more. The total amount stolen was about \$16,450.

Police have no suspects at this time.

Car broken into at Total Sports

A woman had various personal items stolen from her vehicle between 9:25 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. on July 14 while it was parked at the Total Sports Complex at 41500 Grand River Avenue.

According to the report, the driver's side front window was broken and the suspect took the woman's purse which included credit cards, gift cards, money, checkbook, driver's license and more.

The woman said she put her purse under the seat before locking her vehicle and going into the store. She said that when she parked her car she observed an unknown man in his early 20's, wearing shorts and a T-shirt standing on the sidewalk just east of where she parked her car.

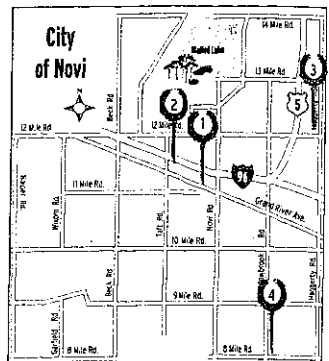
Novi police also were later informed by dispatch that when the woman returned to her home in Farmington Hills, it also had been broken into.

Two-time drunk driver arrested

A drunk driver was arrested for the second time at 12:08 p.m. on July 17 while parked at Providence Park on the 47000 block of Grand River Avenue.

Novi police officers were dispatched to the location on a report of a suspicious person, and when they arrived they found the man visibly intoxicated and with security personnel. The security guard called police because he was concerned the man was going to drive away with his elderly mother.

According to the report, the man said he stopped drinking around midnight and was fine to drive. The man failed field sobriety



tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .33 percent. He was arrested for operating while intoxicated and transported to the Novi Police Department. The case has been submitted to the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office for warrant review.

Police catch drunk driver

A call from a witness in the area of Twelve Mile and Haggerty Roads helped Novi police catch a drunk driver around 11:45 p.m. on July 16.

Police were dispatched to the location for a car that was driving westbound in the east-bound lanes on Twelve Mile. When the officer approached the driver, he noticed there was a large amount of vomit on him and inside the vehicle.

The driver failed field sobriety tests and a PBT registered a BAC of .17 percent. He was taken to the Novi Police Department where he was arrested for operating while intoxicated and held pending bond payment.

Drunk driver causes accident

A woman attempting to turn left onto Eight Mile Road from Meadowbrook Road was hit by a drunk driver around 11:05 p.m. on July 18.

According to the report, the driver of the car that caused the accident said the other woman pulled out in front of her, but while speaking to the woman, the officer detected a strong odor of intoxicants. The woman admitted to drinking one glass of alcohol, but she was unable to complete field sobriety tests.

A PBT registered a BAC of .19 percent, and the woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

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A group of Novi High School students dressed up last Wednesday for the release of "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince." Pictured: (Back row from left) Matthew Johnson as Ron Weasley, Ryan Dougherty as Harry Potter, Makena Bauss as Hermione Granger, Joseph Leppek as Neville Longbottom, Stephen Sorensen as Colin Creevey, (middle row) Kira Okray as random Gryffindor student, Courtney Morelock as Fleur Delacour, Kristina Pouliot as Gabrielle Delacour, Laura Lodwick as Molly Weasley, Jamie Crist as Ginny Weasley, Margery Gang as Cho Chang, Brianna Blossfeld as Luna Lovegood, Hannah Gregoire as Katie Bell, Michelle Quenon as Rita Skeeter, (front row) Chelsea Radgens as Lavender Brown, Nina Stockman as Pansy Parkinson, Lauren Drew as Nymphadora Tonks, Chole Ketchum as Bellatrix Lestrange and Amy Spliz as professor Sybill Trelawny.

Harry Potter takes over Novi

Thousands attend midnight show at Emagine

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Makena Bauss, 16, and her friends were at the heart of "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" mania last Wednesday as Emagine Novi transformed into a world of wizard and muggles, excited for the release of the sixth movie in the popular series.

Bauss, or Hermione Granger as she was known as on Wednesday, and about 18 of her friends dressed in character for a photo shoot and party at a Harry Potter-themed Northville home prior to getting to the theater two hours before the midnight show. They made their costumes themselves and reenacted parts of previous movies to keep themselves entertained.

"I have been a Harry Potter fan since second grade because it is what I started to learn to read on," Bauss said. "We all have grown up with the series and thought it would be fun to dress up because we all know who Harry Potter is and the costumes are easy to do."

Jason Vollmer, manager at Emagine Novi, said more than 3,000 people packed all 18 theaters at midnight with the vast majority in costume.

"I think the general public feels like they know the characters personally," he said about why they dress up to come to the movie. "It's comparable to a baseball or basketball team, and they want to feel like part of the team."

The movie, which is based on the books by J.K. Rowling, made \$58.4 million nationwide on its opening day, including \$22.2 million for midnight showings alone.

Nina Stockman, aka Pansy Parkinson, said dressing up "adds more to the magic of the night." She, like Bauss, has grown up reading the books and was hooked from the first one.

"It is such a vital part of my generation's life," she said. "It's a place to escape to, but so grounded in reality that everyone can relate to it."

Bauss said the movie was "the best so far," and with the seventh book being split into two movies, "we are lucky we get to drag it out a little longer."

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(Clockwise from top) Ryan Dougherty as Harry Potter, Stephen Sorensen as Colin Creevey, Chelsea Radgens as Lavender Brown, Jamie Crist as Ginny Weasley, Matthew Johnson as Ron Weasley, Makena Bauss as Hermione Granger, Joseph Leppek as Neville Longbottom and Hannah Gregoire as Katie Bell dressed up as the Gryffindor group from "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince."



Matthew Johnson as Ron Weasley and Chelsea Radgens as Lavender Brown reenact a scene from "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" as Makena Bauss as Hermione Granger watches on.

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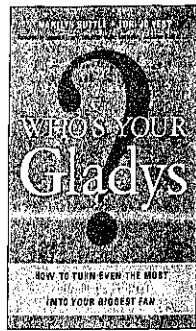
Book explains how to manage difficult customer relationships

In today's sputtering economy, where every company needs every customer they can get, properly managing those who are demanding and complaining can mean the difference between staying afloat and closing the doors.

To help companies manage those difficult customers, metro Detroit authors Marilyn Suttle of Novi and Lori Jo Vest have written "Who's Your Gladys? How to Turn Even The Most Difficult Customer Into Your Biggest Fan," and are preparing for its launch in September. AMACOM Publishing of New York will publish the book, which focuses on managing business relationships with challenging customers.

"Gladys is the poster child for difficult, vocal customers," explained Suttle. "With social media and all of the new technology available to consumers these days, if Gladys isn't happy, she can quickly text, twitter and tell thousands of people about it. Our book will show readers how to manage any Gladys properly so that she tells everyone how happy she is. Once she's getting what she needs, she can become a vocal advocate and make a huge difference in your company's sales."

"Who's Your Gladys?" shares real world stories and strategies from ten companies in a variety of industries, all of which have exceptional customer service. It is targeted to both front-line employees and their management. Featured organizations include Singapore Airlines, Sky



Lakes Medical Center, Paul Reed Smith Guitars, ISCO Corporation, Communicore Visual Communications, Professional Movers, ClearVision Optical and the Jack Canfield Companies.

Suttle is the founder and president of Suttle Enterprises, a personal & professional growth training firm in the metropolitan Detroit area. She is a frequent television news guest on Detroit ABC affiliate WXYZ's Financial Survival Series with Bill Spencer, and the 2008-2009 President of the National Speakers Association, Michigan chapter. Her relationship-based emotion management expertise has made her a repeat trainer for Fortune 500 companies like Pfizer, and Ford Motor Company. Lori Jo Vest has twenty years of relationship-based sales and currently serves as managing director of Communicore Visual Communications, a Birmingham, Michigan-based television production studio that is growing, in spite of the region's struggling economy.

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PROPERTY FROM PAGE A1 for five years, attended one of the public input sessions and said she does not want to lose the nature-like feel.

step is for an outside consulting firm to begin the study phase of the report, which should be completed in September and presented to city council.



Ribbon cutting A ribbon cutting ceremony was held July 14 at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites. Pictured (l to r) are Raad Ayar, partner; Novi Mayor David Landry; Mike Shammani, general manager/partner; Novati Shammani, partner; and (behind Mayor Landry) Gary Ward, director of sales.

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LARRY J. BALL Age 70 of Milford, July 15, 2009. Survived by his beloved wife, Sylvia; mother in law, Jane; son, Brian (Kris) Ball; daughter, Brenda (Leroy) Ball; Wood; grandchildren, Mandy (Mark) Rosa, Jessica Ball, Faith Conesky and great grandchildren, Ashton & Ava.

NORMAN J. FRID Age 81, died July 13, 2009 at his residence in Northville. Mr. Frid was born and raised in Northville. Prior to his retirement he was a school teacher. He was also a veteran of the United States Army. Mr. Frid is survived by his wife Marcia Frid, three sons, Mark Frid, Eric (Joanne) Frid and Kirk (Kimberly) Frid; four grandchildren, Eric (C.J.) Frid, Jr., Nicole Frid, Michael Frid and Chelsea Frid and two siblings, Kent and Dorothy Frid. Services and military honors were held at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville on Friday July 17th. Memorials to the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

GLADYS MAY MURNOCK Age 84 of Highland Twp., formerly of White Lake, July 17, 2009. Preceded in death by her beloved husband, George M. Murnock, son, George J. Murnock and brother Arthur Wright. Survived by her children, Greg (Sharon) Murnock, Don Murnock, Catherine Campbell, Joyce Darrov, Nancy (Terry) Hawkins; 17 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren; sisters, Marilyn Johnson and Betty (Albert) Konigors. Also survived by many foster children from the Oakland County area and many dear friends in Florida and Tennessee. Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 East Liberty, Milford on Tuesday, July 21 at 1PM. Burial Highland Cemetery. Memorials may be made in Gladys's name to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac, MI. For further information please call 248-684-6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

ROBERT "BOB" C. CABLE Age 78; was born September 8, 1930 in Detroit, Michigan; and died in Highland, Michigan on July 18, 2009. Beloved husband of Carole for 56 years; Loving father of Richard, Robert, Linda, Dale (Marlene), Dawn, Jeffrey & Margaret (Douglas) Shevby. Cherished grandfather of seven grandchildren & five great-grandchildren. Funeral Service will be held at Highland Chapel of the Elton Black & Son Funeral Home 3295 East Highland Road Highland, MI, Thursday July 23rd, 2009, at 11 AM. Family will receive Friends Wednesday July 22nd from 1-8PM. Memorials appreciated to the Highland Lions Scholarship Fund. To share an everlasting memorial, please go to: www.MelM.com

JAMES JOHN INGLIS Age 63, of Northville passed away July 14, 2009. Beloved husband of Mary. Dear father of James and Michael (Julie). Adored grandfather of five. Arrangements by Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville.

CHARLOTTE ELAINE STURDAVANT Age 82, passed away July 11, 2009. She was born on May 19, 1927 in Cleveland, Ohio, to the late Frank and Adele (Giddings) Taylor. Charlotte was raised at 304 E Lake St. in South Lyon and lived in Bloomfield Twp., she then moved to Hawaii in 1971 and lived there until 1999 when she moved back to South Lyon, and was a member of the New Hudson United Methodist Church. Charlotte is survived by four children: Dana (Sharon) Sturdavant of Commerce Twp., Diana Jimenez of Hawaii, Dennis (Frances) Sturdavant of St. Clair (Mary) Sturdavant of TX, 10 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson. She was preceded in death by her husband Donald Sturdavant in 1976 and two brothers. A Memorial service will be held at a later date at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 West Lake Street (Ten Mile), South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made South Lyon Senior Care & Rehab Center, 700 Reynold Street Parkway, South Lyon, MI 48178 or New Hudson United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 803, New Hudson, MI 48155. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

KENNETH DONALD LEVOKSA SR. Age 70, passed away suddenly July 11, 2009. He was born on June 22, 1939, in Detroit, to the late Donald E. and Elma J. Levoksa. Ken was a beloved and proud father, with an unconditional devoted love for his family. Thoughtful, grounded, witty, and unique; an avid sports fan, passionate about fishing and traveling "up north", he loved the outdoors, and cooking for his loved ones. He was a dedicated engineer of metallurgy at General Motors for over 30 years. Ken will be forever missed. Kenneth is survived by his wife, Roberta "Bobbi" Levoksa, children: Kenneth (Janet) Levoksa Jr., John Levoksa, Julie Levoksa (Travis) Swope, Donald (Megann) Levoksa; grandchildren: Julianne, Alexander, Taylor, Devon, Jordyn, siblings: Jack, Bob, Linda and several nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held on Friday, July 17 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon.

VIOLET G. PILON Age 103, of South Lyon, passed away July 14, 2009. Survived by granddaughter Linda Galdes. A service was held July 17 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

KATHLEEN MARIE (BENDERNAGEL) RANKIN Age 57, July 19, 2009. Beloved wife of Gregory. Dear mother of Matthew (Kathleen) Bendernagel, Michael Bendernagel, Kelly (Adam) Herberger and David (Allie) Bendernagel. Stepmother of four and stepgrandmother of one. Daughter of Dorothy & Joseph Brett. Loving grandmother of Drew. Sister of Deborah (Harrie) Chew, Pamela (Michael) Williams and Mary Ellen (Steven) McDonnell. For the funeral times call O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home 1-248-348-1800. Donations to Lung Association. On line sympathy message at: www.oabriensullivanfuneralhome.com

NORMAN CHRISTENSEN Age 46, of Detroit, 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 mother Janet Spray of Scottsdale, AZ; his sister, Heidi Christensen of Scottsdale, AZ; step-sisters, Ruth Ann (Greg) Stover of Lima, OH, Nancy Clay of Dexter, Barbara (Robert) Becking of Pawama, Peggy (Kathy) Wicks of Grand Prairie, TX and step-brothers Donald Clay of New Hudson, Richard (Sheila) Clay of Fort Wayne, IN; also aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Memorial Services will be held privately. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons Funeral Home in Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

JAMES (JIM) BURN LYKE Age 74, of New Hudson, Michigan, passed away on Monday, July 20, 2009, at Carlet Lines, Brighton, Michigan. Jim was born on March 27, 1935, in Salem Township to James and Margaret (Whitney) Lyke, and was a lifelong resident of the South Lyon area. Jim graduated from South Lyon High School and attended Michigan State University. He proudly served in the US Army and was stationed with Elvis Presley in Germany. Jim was relieved from Qualex (aka the Tube Mill). Throughout his life he enjoyed farming, music, ceramics, traveling, and most importantly, chocolate! He will be remembered as having an inquiring mind and a smile on his face. Jim was preceded in death by his parents and siblings Orville Lyke, Phyllis Cogers, Eleanor Carter, and Leonard Lyke. He is survived by his siblings Lulu Witt, Lawrence Lyke, and Richard Lyke; and many nieces, nephews and friends. A Graveside Service will be held on Saturday, July 25, 2009, 11:00 a.m. at Thayer Cemetery, 6 Mile and Napier Roads, Northville Township, MI. Arrangements made by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to In-House Hospice, 204 W. Grand River, Suite 150, Howell, MI 48843, in memory of James E. Lyke. A special thank you to the wonderful and caring staff of Carlet Lines of Brighton and In-House Hospice of Howell.

ROSEMARIE T. VAN INGEN Age 78, died July 15, 2009 in Providence Hospital. Mrs. Van Ingen graduated from Michigan Normal College and taught art for five years. Her last two years of teaching were at Northville. She then changed careers and became a Enterodermatologist and practiced at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Mrs. Van Ingen is survived by her husband Donald L. (Dutch) Van Ingen; two children, Lisa and Mark (Patii) Van Ingen and two grandchildren, Matt and Taylor Van Ingen and several nieces and nephews. Services were held at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 East Main Street, Northville and burial was made in Rural Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions to the First Presbyterian Church of the Cahn's 3. Colitis Foundation of America, 31313 Northwesterly Highway, Suite 204, Farmington Hills, MI, 48334 would be appreciated. Arrangements by the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home (Northville).

MARK LINN DOANE Age 52, of Grass Lake, passed away July 13, 2009. He was born on September 26, 1956, in Belleville, to Roy and Barbara (Garnel) Doane. He was formerly of South Lyon and was employed with Federal-Mogul Corporation for 32 years. Mark is survived by his mother Barbara Doane; his brother Matt (Amanda) Doane; and Viola Streight and dear friend Doreen Rice. He was preceded in death by his father Roy W. Doane. In 1991 and his brother Miles Doane in 2008. A Memorial service will be held on July 26, Sunday at 11 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon with the Rev. Annemarie S. Kuder officiating. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

STEPHEN E. SIMON Age 77 of Milford, July 15, 2009. Survived by his beloved wife, Helen Simon; loving daughter, Frances Marie (Michael) Tasselle; grandchildren, Jack Tasselle, Adam Tasselle, Michele (Andy) Erod, Manianne Ehlinger; great-grandchildren, Luke and Elisabeth Erod; sisters, Rita (Mike) Sharkey, Betty (Joe) Farrell, Edith Simon; numerous nieces, nephews, daughter-in-law, Jeanne Giga and dear friends. Mr. Simon was preceded in death by his son and daughter in law, Richard & Elisabeth Giga. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Mary Catholic Church, Milford, July 20, 2009. Memorials are encouraged to the Kidney Foundation of American Diabetes or Heart Associations. For further information contact Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors at 248-684-6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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GERTRUDE FREE Age 70, of South Lyon, passed away July 20, 2009, of the late Mrs. Leo Esper. Mother of Deborah (Terry) Lynch, Diane (Norm) Paszko and Pam Free. Preceded in death by two sons, Richard and Norman. Grandmother of David & Katie Lynch and Lauren & Lindsey Paszko. Sister of Donna Pyle & Robert Esper. Mrs. Free was active in Wayne/Westland Genealogical Society, an elder of Wendotte of Anderson, Detroit River Wyandotte; Visitation at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Nov. 248-348-1800, today at 10 AM until the funeral service at 11 AM. Donations may be made to: American Lung Association or American Lung Association. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

Pay Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One

BBQ 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, Aug. 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 a wide array of food including Popcorn, Nancy and the Artful Dodger through wonderful songs and a very dark Dickens tale.

GERTRUDE FREE (continued) Mrs. Free was active in Wayne/Westland Genealogical Society, an elder of Wendotte of Anderson, Detroit River Wyandotte; Visitation at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Nov. 248-348-1800, today at 10 AM until the funeral service at 11 AM. Donations may be made to: American Lung Association or American Lung Association. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

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BBQ Rib Contest (continued) For more information contact (734) 480-4945 and leave a message for Barbara Bloom and visit www.spotlightplayersml.org

NOVI COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Botsford Offers Swim Lessons for Kids Ensure safe swimming for your kids with American Red Cross swim lessons at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement in Novi. Swim classes take place on Saturdays from Aug. 1 through Sept. 12. There is no session on Sept. 5. Group classes are split up by age and swim level. Parent supervision during advanced stroke development groups are available. The cost is \$60 for Botsford Center for Health Improvement members and \$75 for non-members. Times vary by swim level.

Cassis sponsors measure to ensure Michigan receives vital federal transportation funding State Sen. Nancy Cassis recently sponsored a resolution to help ensure Michigan receives critical transportation funds. She is imploring the governor to convince President Obama to grant the state a two-year waiver from federal matching requirements for bridge and highway projects. "Michigan's economy has been especially affected by the collapse of the domestic automobile industry. This has impacted the ability of the state and local governments to afford the required matching funds," said Cassis. R-11.

Road work update 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 until mid-September. * Halsted Road in Farmington Hills is closed over I-696. Full closure between Hill 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-96 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.

'Oliver' auditions Novi resident Barbara Bloom will be directing the Spotlight Players upcoming presentation of 'Oliver' at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill (504-3300) 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 dates are Sept. 18-20, 25-27. Follow Oliver, an orphan, from the workhouse 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 very dark Dickens tale.

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Reducing rehospitalizations

Michigan facilities identified for national project Ten independent Michigan hospitals and select hospitals within five Michigan hospital systems are chosen for the pilot. Hospital systems include: Health System Hospitals Detroit Medical Center: Sinai-Grace Hospital, Detroit Receiving Hospital & University Health Center, Harper/Hutzel Hospital, Detroit MidMichigan Health: MidMichigan Medical Center-Midland, MidMichigan Medical Center-Gadwin MidMichigan Medical Center-Care: Gratiot Medical Center, Alma Spectrum Health System: Spectrum Health St. Joseph Hospital, Grand Rapids Spectrum Health Butterworth Hospital, Grand Rapids Helen DeVos Children's Hospital, Grand Rapids Spectrum Health Reel City Hospital, Spectrum Health United Hospital, Greenville St. John Health System: St. John Hospital & Medical Center, Detroit St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital, Warren Providence Hospital Medical Center, Southfield Providence Park Hospital, Novi St. John River District Hospital, East China University of Michigan Hospitals & Health Centers, Ann Arbor Individual Hospitals: Allegiance Health, Jackson Gerber Memorial Health Services, Fremont Battle Creek Health System Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills Mecosta County Medical Center, Big Rapids Charlevoix Area Hospital/Pennock Health Services, Hastings Crittenton Hospital Medical Center, Rochester Portage Health, Hancock

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Your Invitation to Worship

Grid of church listings for various locations including Brighton, Milford, Farmington Hills, Highland, New Hudson, Northville, Livonia, White Lake, and Whitmore Lake. Each listing includes church name, address, phone, and service times.

For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Novi Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com. Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 349-5832; or by mail to Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

Local events

LIVE BLUES & JAZZ @ THE GRAPEVINE
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursdays, 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays
LOCATION: The Grapevine of Novi, 43155 Market Street
DETAILS: Live music on the patio on Thursdays, inside on weekends; no cover. Schedule includes Doug Deming & The Jewelfones, July 23; Son Temp Route, July 24; Spangler/Tope Trio, July 25; Trio Organic, July 30; Diego Rivera, July 31.
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JAZZ AND JAZZ JAM
TIME/DATE: 9:11 p.m. July 30, Aug 27
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 Years Eve celebration, the Tony Lannen Jazz Quartet has entertained a growing crowd of jazz lovers on the last Thursday of every month. Owner Mike Watersdorf has committed to continuing the jazz jam through the summer months. 55 music donation. Musicians - bring your instruments and join the jam. Sign up sheets at the door.
CONTACT: (248) 596-0100

EVENING IN THE GARDENS
TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Thursday, July 9
LOCATION: MSU Extension

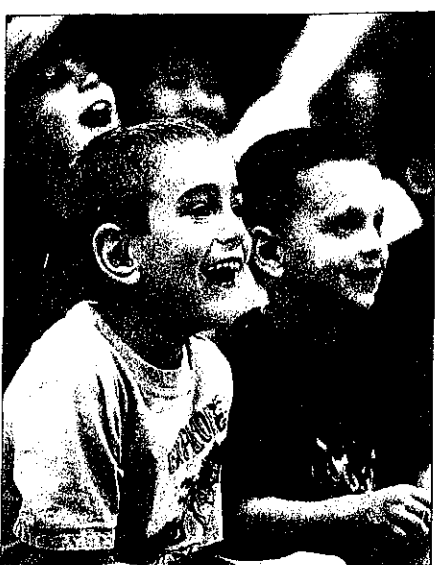
Tollgate Education Center, 26115 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
DETAILS: A course for all gardeners interested in learning how to grow rhododendrons and azaleas with instructor Dennis Grah, cost is \$20.
CONTACT: Call (248) 858-0887 or email smith1n@oakgov.com.

SUMMER MUSIC SERIES
TIME/DATE: 4-7 p.m. Saturdays
LOCATION: 12 Mile Cross at Fountainwalk, 44715 W. Twelve Mile 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, G&A Warner & Bobby Lewis, Aug. 15, Grievous Angel, Aug. 23, Spangler/Tope Trio, Aug. 30.
CONTACT: (248) 348-8762

ROCK FINANCIAL SHOWPLACE
LOCATION: 4500 Grand River Avenue, Novi
CONTACT: (248) 340-5600
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 family only; free for children 11 and younger. Parking is \$5.
CONTACT: (248) 574-8000 or visit www.hieroompro.com
Mustang Memories All-Ford Car Show & Swap Meet
TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9
DETAILS: Held in the east parking lot. Admission is \$4 free for children under 16. Free parking.
CONTACT: Mike at (313) 304-5244 or acs66@aol.com; visit www.mcsme.com
West Oakland Rib Cook Off & Family Fest

TOWNSHIP OF NOVI
The Township of Novi seeks bids on the reconstruction of road system including about 2 miles of road or a portion thereof. Interested parties must respond by August 1 to Township of Novi Supervisor, P.O. Box 924, Northville, MI 48167.
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NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Rules and Procedures - Personnel
EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AND NONDISCRIMINATION
Grievance Procedures for:
Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
Age Discrimination Act of 1975
Title II of the Americans with Disability Act of 1990
Section I
Any person believing that the Novi Community Schools or any part of the school organization has violated the laws or regulations of (1) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (2) Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972, (3) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (4) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and (5) Title II of the Americans with Disability Act of 1990 may bring forward a complaint, which shall be referred to as a grievance to:
Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
Novi Community Schools
25545 Taft Road
Novi, Michigan 48374
248-443-1300
Section II
The person who believes a valid basis for a grievance exists shall discuss the grievance informally and on a verbal basis with the Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, who shall then investigate the complaint and reply with an answer within ten (10) business days. If the complainant feels the grievance is not satisfactorily resolved, they may initiate formal procedures according to the following steps:
Step 1
A written statement of the grievance signed by the complainant shall be submitted to the Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services within ten (10) business days of receipt of answers to the informal complaint. The Assistant Superintendent shall further investigate the matters of grievance if he/she believes further investigation is warranted and reply in writing to the complainant within ten (10) business days.
Step 2
A complainant wishing to appeal the decision of the Assistant Superintendent may submit a signed statement of appeal to the Superintendent of Schools within ten (10) business days after receipt of the Assistant Superintendent's response. The Superintendent shall meet with all parties involved, formulate a conclusion, and respond in writing to the complainant within ten (10) business days.
Step 3
If unsatisfied, the complainant may appeal through a signed, written statement to the Board of Education within ten (10) business days of receiving the Superintendent's response in Step 2. In an attempt to resolve the grievance, the Board of Education shall meet with the concerned parties and their representatives within forty (40) days of the receipt of such an appeal. A copy of the Board's disposition of the appeal shall be sent to each concerned party within ten (10) days of this meeting.
The days noted above for purposes of this policy are days when the School Districts business office is open for business to the general public. The time limits noted above may be extended by the Assistant Superintendent if warranted.
Anyone at any time may contact the U.S. Department of Education/Office of Civil Rights for information and assistance at 216-322-4870. If the grievance has not been satisfactorily settled, further appeal may be made to the Regional U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, 600 Superior Ave. East, Bank One Center, Suite 750, Cleveland, OH 44114-2611.
Inquiries concerning the nondiscriminatory policy may be directed to Director, Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave., SW, Washington D.C. 20202.
The Compliance Officer, on request, will provide the complainant with a copy of the district's grievance procedure and investigate all complaints in accordance with this procedure.
A copy of each of the Acts and the regulations on which this notice is based may be found in the Assistant Superintendent's office.
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Jugglers and clowns

Kids in the audience of Zeemo laugh at some of his antics during the juggler's July 8 visit to the Novi Civic Center.
TIME/DATE: noon-1 p.m., Aug. 9
DETAILS: This is a Memphis BBD Network Sanctioned Rib Cook Off & will feature dozens of contestants cooking their way to be one of the four teams that will share a \$10,000 prize purse. In addition, the 1st place team will have the opportunity to compete in the "Memphis In May" World Championship BBQ Contest in 2010. Other features are Live Entertainment, Kids play area, winiflatables, a petting farm & 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.
CONTACT: www.experiencewva.com
Yourship.com's Midwest Showdown
TIME/DATE: 2-9 p.m. Aug. 9
DETAILS: The show will include hundreds of customized vehicles from across the country. Live entertainment, food and more. We will make this a fun filled family oriented event for everyone to enjoy!
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NOVI ROTARY CLUB
TIME/DATE: Noon every Thursday
LOCATION: Novi Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
DETAILS: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check Web site for speaker information; novirotary.org.

Library Lines
NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY LINES
Library Hours
LOCATION: 45245 W. Ten Mile Road
SUMMER HOURS: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Standard hours resume after Labor Day
DETAILS: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the library. CONTACT: (248) 349-0720
WEBSITE: www.novipubliclibrary.org
Library Hours
LOCATION: 45245 W. Ten Mile Road
SUMMER HOURS: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Standard hours resume after Labor Day
Adult and Youth Summer Reading Programs
DATE: Now-August 3
DETAILS: See our website for more details on these exciting summer reading programs!
Spelling Bee Preparation
DATE: Tuesday, August 1
TIME: Starting at 10 a.m.
DETAILS: Prepare for the 2nd annual Novi Public Library Spelling Bee by obtaining a word list at the library or on the Youth and Teen Services page on web site. Register now - The Spelling Bee is for grades 3-6 on Aug. 25 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Summer Reading Finale with Josh and Roy
DATE: Monday, August 3
TIME: 11-11:45 a.m.
DETAILS: Josh and Roy will provide a valuable style performance that is sure to delight all ages. Please note this free performance is being held at the Novi Civic Center. Register for the Teen Talent Show
DATE: Monday, August 3
TIME: Anytime
DETAILS: Register by August 3 for your spot in this year's Teen Talent show on August 11 at 3:00 p.m. Acts are required to attend the dress rehearsal on August 4 at 3 p.m. If you have any questions contact the youth & teen services department. Grades 9-12.

Business
NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an active, progressive chamber offering a variety of events, educational programs, an enhanced website, and involvement with local charities.
LOCATION: 4875 11 Mile Road, #201, Novi
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
DETAILS: Fee per golfer of \$145 includes 18 holes of golf, continental breakfast, lunch by Carrabba's Italian Grill, and a pig roast dinner. Please register for sponsorship and golfing by calling the Novi Chamber office at (248) 349-3743. Register early - this event sells out every year!
Business to Business Breakfast
TIME/DATE: 8:30 a.m. Tues., July 28
LOCATION: Sam's Club, 27300 Wom Rd., Novi
DETAILS: Join us for a light breakfast and summer networking; \$5 payable at door.

City of Novi Public Hearing Notice
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road to consider:
Case No. 09-030-25876 Novi Road - Site 124
The petitioner is requesting a variance of 23 square feet to allow installation of a 48 square foot wall sign located at 25876 Novi Road - Site 124 at the City Center Plaza. The property is zoned TC-1 and is located west of Novi Road and south of Grand River Avenue.
Case No. 09-031-40398 Grand River Avenue
The petitioner is requesting a variance to permit the installation of a proposed generator in the interior side yard of the existing Kruger Company offices located at 40398 Grand River Avenue. The property is zoned I-1 and is located on the south side of Grand River Avenue, between Joseph Drive and Bashian Drive.
Case No. 09-032-21355 Meadowbrook Road
The petitioner is requesting a variance to permit the installation of a preschool/day care center accommodating less than 50 children at existing classroom space at the Meadowbrook Congregational Church located at 21355 Meadowbrook Road without providing a fence in recreational area. The property is zoned R-1 and is located on the western side of Meadowbrook Road between Nine Mile Road and Eight Mile Road.
Case No. 09-033-26964 Novi Road
The petitioner is requesting a variance to allow installation of one (1) additional 50 square foot wall sign on the elevation of the multi tenant building located at 26964 Novi Road for Bagger Dave's. The property is zoned TC and located north of Grand River and east of Novi Road.
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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 12, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT 18-208, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 87-18, AS AMENDED, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE 16, B-3, GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICTS, SECTION 1602, PRINCIPAL USES PERMITTED SUBJECT TO SPECIAL CONDITIONS, ARTICLE 16, GENERAL PROVISIONS AND SECTION 2605, OF STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER TO CLARIFY STANDARDS AND PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS IN THE B3 DISTRICT.
IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCL 125.3103, THE MANAGER OR OWNER OF A SINGLE STRUCTURE CONTAINING MORE THAN 4 DWELLING UNITS OR OTHER CENTRAL SPATIAL AREAS OWNED OR LEASED BY DIFFERENT PERSONS, IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO POST THE NOTICE AT A PRIMARY ENTRANCE TO THE STRUCTURE(S).
All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48376 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, August 12, 2009.
Novi Planning Commission
David Green, Secretary
Publish: July 23, 2009

NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT Bid Proposal
Classroom Presentation and Sound Enhancement Systems
Novi Community School District is accepting sealed bids for Classroom Presentation and Sound Enhancement Systems.
Two (2) copies of the sealed bid along with one (1) original, and three (3) electronic copies should be submitted to Gail Credi, Novi Community School District, located at Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, MI 48374 by 2:00 p.m., Local Time, Tuesday, August 11, 2009, when the bids will be publicly opened and read. Bids received after the specified date and time will not be considered or accepted. Fixed or emailed responses will not be accepted. Proposals must contain the wording "NCSDD - Classroom Presentation System RFP #NCSDD0907 Response" on the envelope/package. A vendor's conference and building walk through will be held on July 27, 2009 at 1:00 PM at the Educational Services Building.
Your bid proposal form shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the Owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board or the Superintendent of the school district.
The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals, either in whole or in part. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bidding and to accept bid alternatives. The Owner also reserves the right to award a contract in any manner deemed by the Owner, in the Owner's sole discretion, to be in the Owner's best interests.
For a copy of the Request for Proposal, please visit: http://rip.plantemoran.com. If you have not previously registered with this site, you will need to do so to access the files.
Please contact Anna Barber at Plantie & Moran, PLLC, 248-223-3214 or Anna.Barber@plantiemoran.com, if you have questions about obtaining the RFP.
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School district shines on Michigan Merit Exam

The biggest jump for students was in math where they improved from 72 percent proficient in 2008 to 77 percent in 2009. Beels attributes that increase to a focused effort by the district to get students started in math in kindergarten. "We are working at the district level to get all students into algebra by eighth grade and we aren't there yet," she said. "But when that happens, our scores are going to continue to increase." Other areas of improvement in the district were in science from 76 percent to 78 percent and writing from 64 percent to 67 percent.

The only drop was in reading, which went from 82 percent to 79 percent. According to the Michigan Department of Education, math and writing scores increased statewide from 46 percent to 49 percent and from 41 percent to 44 percent, respectively. "This is good news for writing and math scores," said state Superintendent of Public Instruction Mike Flanagan in a press release. "But we still are not where we need to be overall, in getting all students to be college-ready." Of nearby school districts - Northville, South Lyon, Plymouth-

2009 MICHIGAN MERIT EXAMINATION

District	Math	Reading	Science	Writing	Language Arts
Novi	81	79	75	77	79
Northville	77	85	82	82	85
South Lyon	54	76	67	65	73
Plymouth-Canton	62	76	71	71	74
Oakland County	54	66	61	56	63
State of Michigan	43	60	52	49	56

Source: Michigan Department of Education

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OUR VIEWS

Buy Michigan and support your local businesses

It seems every time you turn around here in Michigan there is more bad news on the economic front.

The most recent news came last week when a pair of University of Michigan economists forecast that the state is still hemorrhaging jobs. The economists, Joan Crary and George Fullon, say Michigan will shed another 300,000 jobs this year, which would be the most in any single year in more than a half century.

If there is a silver lining in their forecast, it is that this trend of job loss will cease in 2010. Hopefully that's the case, because it can't come soon enough, especially when you consider over the last 10 years the state has lost 950,000 jobs, due mainly to the troubles at the Big 3. That's nearly a million people who have had to pick up the pieces and try to move on. If you add their families into the equation, you can begin to grasp what a tremendous impact this recession has had on our state. Businesses have closed and storefronts have been shuttered in nearly every corner of the state.

But we here in Michigan are a proud lot. This is not the first time we have faced adversity, and it certainly won't be the last. We will persevere. In fact, it seems nearly everyday you hear stories about how people in our state have circled the wagons and are helping one another through these difficult times. Because in the end, it is the people of this state that make it so special.

One thing we can all do to help out our neighbors is to support local and state-based businesses. Buying Michigan-made products helps ensure people keep their jobs, which helps us all.

If you were ever wondering how to find Michigan-made products, you may want to visit an upcoming event — The Buy Michigan Now Festival to be held July 27 to Aug. 2 in downtown Northville. The intent of the festival is to celebrate and promote Michigan businesses, and how we can all work together toward rejuvenating the state's economy. Michigan-based vendors and exhibitors will be on hand all week to describe their services, offer tastings, and to demonstrate and sell their products. Entertainment, seminars and discussions are also in store and have been themed to draw special attention to specific emerging industries and opportunities.

Be sure to read our special section promoting the event. As your community newspaper, we are dedicated to providing you the most local coverage available. Each week, we're at your children's high school sports games, at your civic meetings and rooting on local businesses new and old. That's why we're proud to support the Buy Michigan Now Festival. This special section will help generate awareness of the cause and educate our readers on how they can support the local economy by purchasing products and services made in Michigan.

Because in the end, we're all in this together.

Join the discussion

Do you think a national health care plan would work, and what would it need to succeed?

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Are there any Michigan-made products that you make an effort to purchase?



There's a Dearborn brand sausage. I try to buy that, and I try to seek out Michigan products.

Michele Mamo



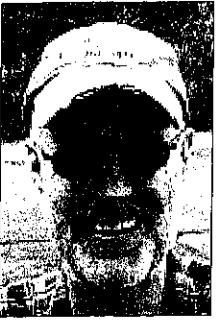
Cars, of course, come to mind and produce.

John Tingvall



My dad has worked for Ford his whole life, so I make it a point to always buy a Ford. I'm a big Fayo guy, too

Michael Krygier



I do go to the Better Health Food Store on Grand River that has a lot of Michigan products that I watch out for.

Mike Raviolo

I don't make a point of it. If there were two items side by side with a sign for one that said "Made in Michigan" I probably would. I guess it's a matter of marketing, isn't it?

Paul Olsen

LETTERS

Service group kudos

The Novi and Lyon area Rotary clubs wish to thank the following for their generous support of our recent golf outing: Direct Buy, Edward Jones, Varsity Lincoln-Mercury, Wells Fargo Advisors, Embassy Suites Livonia, Bob & Carol Limbrikt, Carrier & Blackman, Clark Hill P.L.C., Fantastic Sams, State Farm Insurance, Stuart's Ice Cream, Stephen J. Minas, D.D.S., A.I.C., Hoffman Filter, Golf Tech, Floyd White, Dick's Sporting Goods, Mark Whitfield, Terri Defina, Mulligan's Golf Center.

In addition, the Novi and Lyon area Rotary clubs wish to thank the golfers and sign sponsors who made our event at Northville Hills a great success. We use these funds to support worthy community organizations, high school and college scholarships and international projects.

Gary Kelher
Rotary

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We 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. Lafayette St., South Lyon, MI 48178; Fax: (248) 437-3386; E-mail: cstone@gannett.com; Blog: You may also let your opinions be heard with your own blog at hometownlife.com. Deadline: Letters must be received by 9 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

Michigan's new Big Three - Michigan, Wayne State, MSU

OK, Michigan, we are swimming the backstroke, going upstream in a roaring tsunami — but we will make progress. I promise.

We have yet to reach economic bottom in this state. We have lost a million good, high-paying, middle class jobs in the last decade. We have seen our property values plunge if

we are among the fortunate who have not had our home repossessed by the bank. Our children are fleeing the state in search of the same American Dream that was the magnet that attracted our parents and grandparents to these two beautiful peninsulas. In short, the people of Michigan are hurting.

The good thing about ultimately hitting bottom is that you can fall no further and the opportunity exists to rebuild from a new foundation.

State government is attempting to pick the new winning industries with tax breaks for the movie industry, windmills and battery makers. Let's hope these expenditures have a ROI, or return on investment, for the citizens of this state.

Yet, I suspect the next big idea, the new innovation, or the spark of creativity will not be hatched in the political offices but in the mind of a budding entrepreneur sitting in a middle school, high school, community college, retraining program or university. It won't come as a big bang but rather several sparks of brilliance that will illuminate Michigan's future for the 21st century.

The 21st century

Our three major state research universities — the University of Michigan, Michigan State and Wayne State, ably led by Drs. Coleman, Simon and Noren — are working together and have created the University Research Corridor to help rebuild Michigan. The University Research Corridor (www.urcmich.org) is an alliance to promote and leverage the research university's collective assets and

to encourage collaboration among our universities and the state with a goal of accelerating statewide economic development.

While the "New Big Three" will lead, our other universities and community colleges are also capable of unleashing the next innovation to spur Michigan's growth.

The recent political shenanigans in Lansing to cut education and scholarship funding, given the importance of knowledge and talent in the global economy, is the 21st equivalent of a farmer eating his seed corn. Knowledge and talent are the commodity that matter so we can move our economy forward.

We must strive to make Michigan's public and tax policies attractive to create an environment where Michigan can become the fertile ground for innovation, creativity and change.

Clearly, our elected leaders will need to make some tough budget decisions as the state budget that goes into effect Oct. 1 is nearly \$2 billion out of whack — and that shortfall is growing.

Yet, budgeting in this economic meltdown cannot be accomplished using the historical methods of cuts and tax increases alone. To put it another way, we cannot simply cut or increase taxes significantly enough to solve our problems. While we may ultimately need revenue to invest in education and talent there is NO appetite, outside the Lansing lobbyist, for increased taxes at this time. It will be a tough slog to capture more tax revenue even by closing "tax loopholes" or shifting to a graduated tax increase without the actual enactment of major government reforms.

The New 3 R's

Until such time the taxpayers see that their elected leaders have cut, Restructured, Reformed and Reinvented in ways that make government more effective and efficient, any attempt to raise taxes should be met with the full force of 10 million pitch folks marching on the State Capitol. Giving more money to government

without reform would be like expecting that the auto industry would have changed if only they had a guarantee they could charge \$2,000 more per vehicle.

Restructure, reform and reinvent and then — and only then — will the elected leaders of our state have earned the opportunity to ask the taxpayers for more of their hard-earned money. No reform — no new taxes. Period.

We may be getting close to Michigan's economic bottom. Yet, without reform the bottom will not be reached and we would be attempting to rebuild our future on a cloud.

Michigan has been marginalized by the intertwined, decade-long erosion and recent implosion of the domestic auto industry and its supply base. Today, we need to right-size and revitalize government to meet this new reality.

The pillars that have built and supported all that have made Michigan great in the past are mere shadows of themselves. Shadows don't pay taxes and support community charities as we are learning.

The governor and Legislature have a bigger job than their constitutionally mandated one of balancing the state budget. It's about creating policies and laws that encourage business growth and investing in our students and workers to ensure a competitive workforce for today's and tomorrow's global economy. We should demand that they make decisions that focus on the other three R's — recovery, rebuild and reinvent.

Yes, Michigan will come back strong but only when we accept our new reality, build on a solid foundation and be willing to seek creative, market driven, entrepreneurial, bold new paths to success in this state.

Attempts to rebuild Michigan without constructing it on bedrock will only prolong our pain.

Tom Watkins is a business and educational consultant in the United States and China who was Michigan's state superintendent of schools, 2001-05, and president and CEO of the Economic Council of Palm Beach County, 1996 to 2001. See his change blog at http://pod08.prospero.com/tomwatkins.

NORTHVILLE / NOVI AREA CHURCH EVENTS

- 6000 SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**
LOCATION: 4145 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi
CONTACT: (248) 349-0565
Sunday Schedule
TIME: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship
DETAILS: The annual Community Bazaar Bazaar to benefit Village Banking at First United Methodist Church Northville. This is a great opportunity to showcase talent or business to hundreds of local customers. As cost is nominal, booth space is filling up fast.
CONTACT: For details and reserve a space email Pat Breslin at: BazaarBazaar@care2.com. For more information regarding Village Banking: www.villagebanking.org.
- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**
LOCATION: 200 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or visit: firstpresby.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:30, 11 a.m.
Walking in the Park
TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday
LOCATION: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile Roads)
DETAILS: Group meals for lunch after wards.
CONTACT: Sue (734) 459-0016
Single Life Ministries
TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8:5 p.m. program, every Thursday.
DETAILS: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details single-please.org.
- OKA PINE CHURCH**
LOCATION: 5000 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 912-0943 or visit: oka-pine.org
Worship Services
TIME: 9:15 a.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 10:15 a.m. Sunday
ReNew Life Ministries
TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday
DETAILS: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective.
CONTACT: For more information or to register call (248) 912-0943 or visit: oka-pine.org.
Charmed Influence
TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday
DETAILS: Studying the book "Surviving a Spiritual Mischief in Marriage".
CONTACT: Joy Bidy at joy@okapine.org or call the church.
- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**
A Stephen Ministry church
LOCATION: 777 N. Eight Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or fuchnorthville.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 8:30 and 10 a.m. through Labor Day
DETAILS: Pastors Rev. Dr. Steve Buck and Rev. Steve Daniel
Coffee hour at 10:15 a.m.
Healing Service
TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month
Radical Joy
TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. first and third
- Thursday of every month.
DETAILS: All women seeking to strengthen their faith and connect with other women are invited to attend, irrespective of church affiliation.
Crafters and Vendors are needed
TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 24
DETAILS: The annual Community Bazaar Bazaar to benefit Village Banking at First United Methodist Church Northville. This is a great opportunity to showcase talent or business to hundreds of local customers. As cost is nominal, booth space is filling up fast.
CONTACT: For details and reserve a space email Pat Breslin at: BazaarBazaar@care2.com. For more information regarding Village Banking: www.villagebanking.org.
- NOVI UNITED METHODIST**
LOCATION: 41571 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit: umc-novi.com
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month
Peace Vigil
TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of every month
LOCATION: In front of the church
DETAILS: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.
Advent Service
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. Sunday
YARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-7400 or (248) 374-5978
Sunday Worship
TIME: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Traditions: 9:30 a.m. Contemporary, Nursery and Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.
Service Broadcast
DETAILS: 11 a.m. every Sunday on WRBT-AM 560, The WMJZ Word Station.
Single Point Ministries - 45 and older
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Sunday for fellowship and Bible study.
Single Focus Ministries - 35-50 years
TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. Sunday to deepen your personal relationship with Christ.
Single Purpose Connections - 20-30 years
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Sunday in the Chapel for singing, Bible study, and fellowship.
DETAILS: For single adults. Active ministry of serving various Bible study classes, volleyball, bicycling group, tennis group, support groups, support group for widowed over age 50, fellowship, friendships and more. Contact the number below for more information.
- ST. JAMES CATHOLIC**
LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi

- CONTACT: (248) 347-7778
Mass Schedule
TIME/DATE: 8, 9:30 and 1:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**
LOCATION: 217 N. Wing
CONTACT: (248) 348-1020
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays
Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month
- FIFTH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN**
LOCATION: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit: fifth-community-novi.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
- ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**
LOCATION: 201 Elm St., Northville
CONTACT: (248) 349-3140
Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. Blended; 11 a.m. Contemporary; 11:30 a.m. Traditional
- MEADOWBROOK CONVENTIONAL**
LOCATION: 21855 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads
CONTACT: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757; visit: mbccc.org or e-mail: office@mbccc.org.
Evening Vespers
TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 19
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Yoga/Fitness Classes
TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. every Monday
DETAILS: Eight weeks, \$55 continuous or \$9 per drop in session.
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TIME/DATE: 1:30 p.m. fourth Thursday of each month
Spiritual Journey's
TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. every Sunday
- OURLAYS OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH**
LOCATION: 770 Thayer, Northville
CONTACT: (248) 349-2621 or olv-northville.org
Saturday Worship
TIME: 5 p.m.
Sunday Worship
TIME: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.
- GRACEPOINT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
LOCATION: The Novi Civic Center, Council Chambers
CONTACT: Rev. Brian C. Sleeth, Pastor (248) 497-3178 or gracepoint@mac.com, and gracepointpea.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 10 a.m.
DETAILS: Nursery staffed by Nancy Poppitz.
- OUR SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
LOCATION: 140 N. Center, above Tuttle's in Old Church Square, Northville
CONTACT: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service
- FIRST TRAPIST CHURCH OF NOVI-FAMILY**
CONTACT: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptist-churchnorthville.org
Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.
Family Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible Study: 6 p.m.
Family Weekly Meet: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month.
- CROSSPOINT MEADOWS CHURCH**
LOCATION: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit: www.crosspointmeadows.org
Sunday Worship: 11:45 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
DETAILS: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.
- NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY**
LOCATION: 40555 Six Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 348-9030



Shaw Headley, age 4, takes aim during a family fun horseshoe pitching event at a recent campout at Maybury State Park. The horseshoe pitching was sponsored by the Friends of Maybury. A second campout is planned for Aug. 15, contact Northville Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 349-0203 for details.

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Are you a Job Beggar or a Resource Provider?

During tough economic times, you may believe that job are so scarce that you need to take anything you can find - that any job is better than no job. But there are great risks with this seemingly logical approach.

You may find yourself in a position in which you have no interest, or no talent, or where you simply don't 'fit in' with the other employees.

Martha D. Adamson

You may dread going to work, go through your day simply trying to endure the situation, experience stress leading to medical problems and end up leaving the job either due to poor performance or because you can no longer tolerate the working situation.

Even in a recession, jobs of all kinds are available and often are not advertised publicly. Until you exhaust all possibilities for the work you want to do, it is worth your while to spend at least half your time each week exploring these hidden jobs. It often does not take any longer to find a job you love than to find a job that just brings in money.

How can you make this happen? First you need to change your mindset from someone 'begging' for a job, to someone who has specific strengths and talents to offer an employer. To do this, you need to shift your thinking from "employer - please hire me" to "employer - I have the ability to solve your problems."

Every employer has basic needs:

- How can I save money?
- How can I make more money?
- How can I expand my customer base?

YOUR NEXT JOB

How can I get a competitive edge by adding a service or product?

How can I add a natural extension of what I already offer?

How can I improve my business' image in the market? Figuring out how you can meet one or more of these needs for which employers are the key to becoming a resource person. Start with your dreams and interests.

Have you always had a fascination for certain professions, subjects, areas of knowledge? Those are the industries or fields in which your ideal job may lie.

Next, examine your values. In whatever work you've done in your lifetime, you've been driven by values to perform that work in a specific way. For example, it may be important for you to achieve the highest quality, or to always meet deadlines, or to make a contribution to society, or leave a legacy. When your values are reflected in the culture and mission of the employer, there is a good fit and you feel motivated and inspired.

Your skills are the final piece - what do you naturally do well and enjoy doing? Where is your particular genius? The difficulty in discovering your strengths is that you rarely notice them because they do come easily and naturally to you. Try working through each job you've held, starting with the most recent, and ask yourself "What did I do in this job that made an impact for the employer? Look at the list of employer needs and identify times when you met one or more of those needs while performing your job. Examine your accomplishments and you will find your skills and strengths being used over and over again.

Now that you know your interests, values and strengths, you need to find the employers you need you but don't know it yet. Start by asking yourself "What is my favorite problem to solve?" Then look around your area and ask "What employers have that problem and don't know it yet or don't know me yet? Use your network to generate ideas for you. Read the local business news and learn about employers that are unfamiliar to you. Drive around the business parks nearby and see who's there then go to the library or Internet to learn more about them.

Approach the employers that you identify with an introduction from a contact or a letter of proposal. Get a face to face meeting with the person who is most interested in what you can offer. Get a face to face meeting before you ever send a resume. Offer your services as a trial or for a specific project if you have to.

If you can fill the employer's needs they'll want to keep you around.

Thanks to Denise Bissonnette for her presentation at the National Career and Development Conference and to Elizabeth Sanders-Park of WorkNet for the ideas and inspiration for this article.

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Plein air
Models pose for plein air artist Peggy Kerwan's acrylic finger painting outside the Northville Art House during the Northville Garden Walk on July 8.

Getting all your tasks in order

Before spending too much time on this reflective question -- "Is it me, or my workload?" -- consider the possibility that the answer 'Yes' applies to both parts of the question.

The workload part of the equation is the easiest part to start. Keep in mind that the current round of organizational layoffs are the latest ripple started by a stone thrown in pond back in the 1980's. Over the years the pink slip runway has begun to buckle under the weight of hundreds of employees being escorted out of their cubicles. They take with them the trove of memories, experiences and relationships that were woven into the social fabric of the organization's culture. They were told to take everything and leave nothing behind. The total meaning of that edict was not realized since all of the tasks they performed were not given the same exit strategy.

It is a well-documented fact that organizations, as a rule, have little trouble letting go of performers, but clinging to their tasks. Unlike the apparitions that haunted Ebenezer Scrooge, these tasks do not float around the organizational setting waiting for clarifying moment in which to appear, but descend on the desks of those who are left behind to watch their workload morph

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Prioritize the urgent tasks: Keep in mind that your direct supervisor thinks that all of your tasks are urgent. Consequently, the tendency is to believe that all urgent tasks can be completed simultaneously. An over abundance of incomplete tasks should be a catalyst for a conversation with someone about what constitutes urgent.

Put it away until it's missed: Organizations are self-archiving museums in which every task is preserved for historical retrieval. It is the direct result of the 'you never know' philosophy of clinging to something that is a size too small and tattered beyond repair. If no one asks about it, then it is no longer urgent.

The real challenge to staying afloat is to not be weighed down by the pressure of too many urgent tasks. It is not enough to say, "That's just the way it is!" without asking "Is that the way you want it to be?" Sometimes it's not the big things that get in the way of being highly productive, but the 1,001 little things that congregate around the cube and get in the way of the tasks that really need to be accomplished.

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Health Insurance Options for Pre-Medicare Retirees

Dear Savvy Senior
What are my options for finding affordable health insurance? I was recently forced into early retirement and need to find some health coverage until Medicare kicks in. What can you tell me? Early Retiree

Dear Early,
For you and others like you who need to find health insurance on your own - because of early retirement or a layoff - various options are available, depending on your circumstances. Here's what you should know:

COBRA
If you worked for a company that had 20 or more employees, you can stay with your company's insurance plan for up to 18 months under a federal law called COBRA. And now, thanks to the

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new economic-stimulus law, it's a much more affordable option. If you were involuntarily terminated between Sept. 1, 2008, and Dec. 31, 2009 the government will now subsidize 65 percent of your COBRA costs (you pay the other 35 percent) for up to nine months. If, however, the company you worked for had fewer than 20 employees, you may still be able to get continued coverage through your company if your state has "Mini-COBRA" (39 states offer it). And if you do decide to go with COBRA, once it expires, you'll be happy to learn that you become eligible for HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act), which gives you the right to buy an individual health insurance policy from a private insurer that can't exclude

or limit coverage for pre-existing medical conditions. (You'll need to purchase a policy within 63 days of your COBRA expiring to take advantage of HIPAA.) To learn more, contact the U.S. Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration at 866-444-3272 or visit www.dol.gov/ebsa/cobra.html.

Individual Policies

Buying an individual health insurance policy is another option to consider, but keep in mind that in most cases, costs are based on the applicant's health history and can be very expensive. Any preexisting condition such as heart disease, diabetes, cancer, etc., can drastically increase your premiums or can mix your chances of being accepted at all. To search for policy options and costs in the state you live go to www.health-

insurance.com or call 800-977-8860. If you need some additional help, contact a licensed independent insurance agent in your state. See www.nahu.org/consumer/finadagent.cfm to locate one.

High-Risk Pools

If you can't purchase an individual health policy because of a preexisting medical condition, you may still be able to get coverage through a high-risk pool. This type of coverage is available in 34 states, but it's more expensive with premiums costing about 1.5 times the cost of private insurance. To find links to your state high-risk

Health Savings Accounts

If you're relatively healthy and don't spend a lot on medical care, another affordable option is a health savings account (HSA). How it works is you purchase a high-deductible (low-premium) health plan with a deductible of at least \$1,150 for an individual or \$2,300 for a family. Then you open a HSA (see www.sainsider.com), which is a tax-sheltered savings account, similar to an IRA, that you can withdraw from anytime, tax-free to pay for medical expenses, and whatever money you don't use rolls over from year-to-year. And once you hit age 65, you can spend the money on anything you want.

For 2009, the contribution limit is \$3,000 for individuals or \$5,950 for families, and if you're 55 and older, you can make an additional \$1,000 catch-up contribution. Once you turn 65, you can no longer contribute. For more information, visit Treasury.gov and click "Health Savings Accounts."

Savvy Tip: To help you find and research your options go to www.coverageforall.org. This is a comprehensive site that provides information and links to all private and public health insurance programs in each state, and offers a short quiz that you can take to help you identify the best insurance option for your particular situation. You can also call for help at 800-234-1317.

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

PROJECT FROM PAGE A7

Hospitals in Michigan, Washington and Massachusetts are participating in the STAAK project and Michigan's efforts are being coordinated by MPRO (Michigan's Quality Improvement Organization) and the Michigan Health & Hospital Association (MHA). Keystone Center for Patient Safety & Quality. Technical assistance is being provided by the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), whose efforts are supported by a grant from The Commonwealth Fund.

Specifically, the project aims to reduce avoidable hospitalizations by improving patient care transitions (the process of moving a patient from the hospital setting to home care or another health care setting) through enhanced patient communication and timely follow-ups after hospital discharge. The collaboration is unique in its community-wide approach to find solutions to improve patient care and safety across all health settings," said MPRO President & Chief Executive Officer, Robert Yellan. "This project is about removing silos of care so that different types of facilities and practitioners communicate effectively and work together with patients and their families to ensure treatment, follow-up visits, and appropriate management of care."

"Michigan hospitals realize that the recovery process has only just begun when patients leave our facilities and return to their lives," said MHA President Spencer Johnson. "How patients transition from hospital care to their home or long-term-care facilities is key to the effectiveness of their treatment. By identifying and working to reduce avoidable hospitalizations, Michigan hospitals will benefit not only our patients and communities, but other states will be able to learn from this initiative."

The criteria used to select the participating hospitals was based on regional representation, representation by rural/urban, teaching/non-teaching; critical access hospitals; ethnic diversity in hospital service area; representation by independent and system hospitals; willingness to recruit post-acute care partners (long-term care, home health, etc.); and will-ness and capacity to collect data.

The pilot project hospitals have pledged to commit significant staff time, resources and leadership at all levels of their organization to reduce avoidable hospitalizations. Each hospital will focus on achieving:

- enhanced assessment of post-discharge needs
- enhanced teaching and learning for patients by the acute-care team
- enhanced communication at discharge between the hospital and the provider assuming care for the patient

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Improvements, familiarity key to second year of KLA

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

The first year of the KLA could be described as a bunch of firsts.

Expect year two of the four-division super league to be improved, thanks to some small tweaks and much more familiarity. "We have a few tweaks in terms of schedule formats, but all in all, it was a great start," said Novi Athletic Director Curt Ellis.

The KLA came into fruition last year after the mergers of the Kensington Valley Conference and the Western Lakes Activity Association - responsible for 20 of the teams.

Two teams from Waterford and two new schools were supposed to fill out the KLA. South Lyon East started varsity play last season, but Parker (in Howell) never got fully off the ground and did not compete in the new conference.

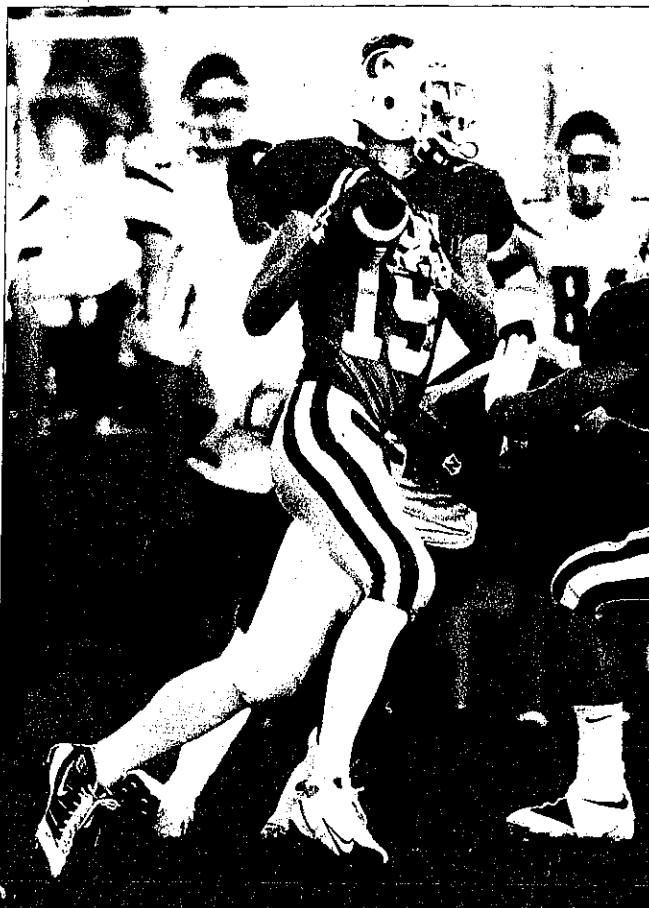
The plan of having four divisions containing six teams left only the West Division with five teams.

The hole was filled with Grand Blanc signing on to begin competition this fall, giving every division an even amount of teams.

"As a former football coach, I used to say that the biggest improvement used to come between game one and game two. I believe the same will be true for our conference," said Ellis. "The elements which were well received will continue to be strengths for us and those elements which proved to be problematic - most significantly having only 23 schools - have been addressed with the addition of Grand Blanc."

INAUGURAL CHAMPS

The Wildcats started the new league with a few titles. The football team stunned Stevenson on the road to capture a Central Division title. The tennis team kept rolling after dominating the KVC and captured a divisional title and the school's first KLA Kensington Conference title. The switch to the new league also brought the rivalry with Northville to a level higher than just bragging rights. The games now have an outcome in divisional and conference titles, along with other schools



Wildcat Will Mikkelsen takes a reception and heads upfield.

within the Central Division. "The opportunity to establish some new, geographic rivalries while maintaining many of our old ones proved to be very exciting," said Ellis. While the competition and rivalries heat up in the KLA, the league showed it is among the State's best with impressive postseason runs in fall sports.

- Stevenson made a run to the final four in football
- Churchill made the final four in volleyball
- Pinckney was eighth at State in boys cross country
- Brighton was fifth and Churchill eighth at State in girls cross country

- Novi claimed fifth at State in boys tennis
- Stevenson finished runner-up, Salem in the final four and Northville made the final eight in boys soccer - all three are in the Central Division.
- Northville was third at State in girls golf
- Novi placed third, Brighton fifth and South Lyon 10th in the swimming finals

TRAVEL DOWN, STUDY TIME UP
One of the biggest positives for the merger of the two leagues was to make divisions based on the proximity of the schools.

The Central Division has very close drives, with

Northville about six miles away, the two South Lyon schools within 15 minutes and the same with Stevenson and Salem.

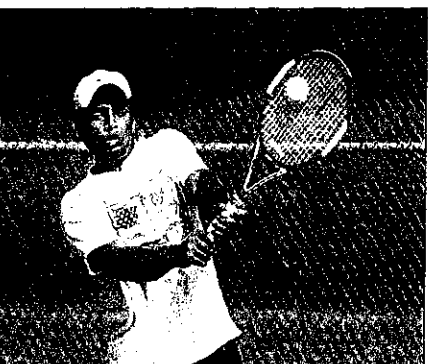
"Feedback from coaches, students and parents was very positive," said Ellis. "Getting home by 9 p.m. instead of 10:30 or 11 on a school night is significant in terms of academic development."

SLIGHT CHANGES IN STORE
With anything new, some bumps in the road were exposed. But improvements are already being worked on. Sports such as swimming,

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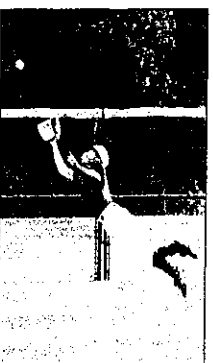
With a smile on her face, Wildcat Laura Subject prepares for substitution against Northville.



Novi's Vishnu Venugopal works out during a practice.



Novi's Ryan Carter, left, and Joel Bowser contain Hartland's James Naughton.



Over the weekend, the U16 Northville Bronco baseball team won the Gold Glove Classic II Tournament in Battle Creek Michigan. Center fielder Caleb Rankins makes a diving catch.

Stars of tomorrow come to Northville

Bats ready to swing at ABF National Championship World Series

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

The annual National Amateur Baseball Federation's under-16 National Championship World Series will descend upon Northville for the 27th straight year July 30, showcasing some of the nation's best young talent. Teams from nine regions across the U.S. will join the host Northville Broncos in two divisions of pool play, and the top two teams from each pool will face off and play for the title Aug.

2. All games will take place at Hillside Middle School and Northville High School. All games are open to the public and free of admission costs. "A Northville team is lucky to win one game, great to win two. Northville has never won the tournament, never made it to the finals," said Northville-based attorney David Jerome, who serves as president of both the NABF and Northville Baseball Softball Association. "The Northville team is at a tremendous disadvantage because we choose from the Northville area,

while the New York team chooses from a 200-300 mile area. The reason we host it is that it's a great experience." Northville gains an automatic bid to the tournament as the host city, while the other teams all fight through regional tournaments across the country the weekend prior. The North Farmington West Bloomfield team will represent the local district at the July 23-26 regional at Angola, Ind. If NFWB wins the regional, they would join Northville the following weekend at the World

Series in Northville. Players winning regional tournaments in St. Louis; southern Minnesota; eastern New York; Bowie, Md.; Dayton, Ohio; Kings Park, NY; Lufkin, Texas; and Struthers, Ohio will join the Angola and Northville teams for the 2009 title race. The Summit City Sluggers of the Angola region won last summer's junior championship, as well as the 2005 title, but the bulk of the 2008

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Day 6	37. Novi vs. 38. Novi	38. Novi vs. 39. Novi	39. Novi vs. 40. Novi	40. Novi vs. 41. Novi	41. Novi vs. 42. Novi	42. Novi vs. 43. Novi	43. Novi vs. 44. Novi
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players for the Sluggers and the rest of the competition have moved up to the 17 age group.

Only two players from last year's Northville squad return, having played up an age group last season. Pitcher Colin Gerish and catcher/third baseman Joey Close - who was named to the NABF All-Tournament second team in 2008 - will bring experience to the Broncos as they play against the best teams in the country.

"It's something kids in this community grow up looking forward to. A lot of the kids grow up as bat boys" at the World Series, said Broncos coach Tom Close. "We expect to work hard, support each other and come away with two or three victories."

The Broncos beat the odds last year, coming away with two victories in pool play. This season, the team is 15-9 with six games remaining before the tournament.

"We started slow, are building up, hoping to reach our pinnacle during the Series," Close said. "It depends who shows up from outside the region. We can only have two or three players from outside Northville."

Longtime Northville baseball contributor Todd Sander will throw out the first pitch of the series and Michigan State University head baseball coach Jake Boss, Jr. will hope to inspire the Broncos as they face the tall order of playing in the World Series.

The Junior World Series showcases some of the finest developing talent in the country right around the corner in Northville. Mobil Alabama pitcher Jake Peavy won the MVP in 1996, beating Lexington outfielder Austin Kearns. Both now have successful careers with Major League Baseball, Peavy with the San Diego Padres and Kearns with the Washington Nationals. Tony Giarratano, Tony Graffanino and Northville's own J.J. Putz have also passed through the Northville tournament on their way to the major league.

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SPORTS SHORTS

Girls softball clinic

The Motor City Madness girls 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, catching and fielding skills will be the focus. Hitting, bunting and base running will be taught on Aug. 18.

Clinic time is 6-8:30 p.m. Pre-registration is \$30 per day or \$50 for both. Additional \$5 fee to register on clinic day.

Registration information is available at www.wcteamz.com/MotorCity or contact Jacqui Schulte at (248) 374-0343.

Novi pom clinic

Novi pom will be running a week-long pom clinic for girls in first grade through eighth grade from August 9-7. More information about times and rates can be found in the Novi Community Education Lookbook (page 17).

Novi Heat tryouts

Novi Heat travel baseball tryouts for the 2010 season begin 9 a.m. Aug. 15 at ITC Community Sports Park in Novi. The rain/make-up date will be 9 a.m. Aug. 16.

Contact Dave Benton at djbenton@shcglbail.net with any questions.

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cross country and tennis are potentially dropping a divisional meet in favor of a conference meet, which will also allow another meet to be scheduled during the year.

Mixing the two former divisions brought up some differences in how things were handled, but Lakeland Athletic Director Greg Midmead said working with the other ADs has been a positive rather than a challenge.

"With any change comes challenges," he said. "The group of individuals who govern the KLAA are talented leaders with sound vision. They will continue to work through any challenges that arise and make sure students remain at the forefront of these decisions."

GAME ON BEGINS SOON

The summer may feel more like fall, but the schedules shows the 2008-09 season isn't that far away either.

Football practice begins Aug. 10, with all other sports beginning two days later.

The first contest date allowed belongs to golf and tennis with Aug. 19. Volleyball, swimming, cross country and soccer can all begin scheduling games beginning Aug. 21.

Football kicks off Aug. 28, highlighted by a pair of last year's playoff teams and former KVC teams with Novi traveling to Milford.

Also opening football season on the same night are South Lyon at home vs. Walled Lake Central, Lakeland travels to take on KLAA newcomer Grand Blanc, South Lyon East hosts Calvin Christian and Northville travels to Pinckney.

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TEE TIME

Your local golf guide

Clarifying the rule of a provisional ball

By Jeanne Myers

I suspect every golfer who has ever played the game at one time in their golfing life has proceeded incorrectly when he or she cannot find their ball. We all know the correct procedure and the penalty for a lost ball. The player must take a stroke penalty and return to the spot from which he last hit a shot and hit again. We call it "stroke and distance."

You know all the excuses - "I'll just drop here and add a stroke to save time," or "Somebody coming down the other fairway must have picked it up," or "I don't want to walk all the way back there."

If there has been virtual certainty that the ball has been moved by an outside agency, the player is entitled to drop on the spot from which it was moved. However, in the absence of that virtual certainty, the player is required to take the stroke and distance penalty. If he or she drops

and plays from the spot from which they "think" their ball was moved by an outside agency (without virtual certainty), they have played from a wrong place. In match play, the player just lost the hole. In stroke play, the player must add one stroke penalty for the lost ball, two strokes for playing from a wrong place and they must go back to where they hit their last shot and correct the mistake or be disqualified.

This is the most severe penalty in golf and this is probably the most abused rule in golf. If all players would just play a provisional ball when they think their ball might be lost, this kind of situation can be avoided. But don't forget to announce that you are playing a provisional, because if you do not announce it, then the ball you play is not a provisional, but is the ball in play under penalty of stroke and distance. "I'm going to reload," or "That might be out of here," or "That's in the next zip code" do not constitute announcing! A player really has only two options in announcing. Since I have never heard a player say, "I am proceeding under Rule 27-2a," which is the first option, I believe we are all stuck with actually saying the word "provisional."

A player may play any number of shots with the provisional, until he reaches the place where the provisional ball is likely to be. If he plays a shot with the provisional ball from the place where the original ball is likely to be or from a place nearer the hole than that place, the provisional ball becomes the ball in play and the original ball is lost. If the provisional ball thus becomes the ball in play, and then the original ball is found, any further shot played with the original constitutes playing a wrong ball.

After playing a provisional, if you then find your original ball and it is in bounds, you must abandon your provisional - you do not get to choose. Even if the original ball is in a water hazard or unplayable (situations that include stroke and distance as one of the options), you must abandon the provisional. If you then select stroke and distance as an option for the ball that is in the water or unplayable, you must take the stroke penalty and go back to the place from which you hit your last shot. The provisional ball must be picked up.

Always remember though, that if you play a stellar provisional, you are under no obligation to look for your original ball. Hitting out a provisional on a par-3, for a 3, will probably make the best of us blind when looking for the original or even keep us from wandering in its original's direction at all!

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How did you first decide to open your business?

TK - After practicing for nine years and driving to Troy or Monroe daily, I decided a 1.5-mile commute sounded pretty good. I also had learned a lot from different offices and had an idea of what would be the ideal private practice. My dad owned his own pharmacy for years and my five brothers and sisters all own their own businesses so I guess it was destiny.

Why did you choose Novi?

TK - I've lived here since 1988 and there was no doubt that between the explosive growth of Novi and historical stability of Northville this would be the perfect community for a progressive eye care practice. There was also an unmet need for eye care services when we opened, let alone for the projected growth.

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TK - I opened cold in 1994 with no patient base and only one employee who did everything. We've added seven more full-time staff that brings our shared eye care experience to over 100 years. We have reinvested tens of thousands of dollars to keep up with high-tech diagnostic technology and the latest designer eyewear. Our biggest and best addition was adding my partner, Dr. Crissman, in 2002 with her unique expertise in primary care, contacts and low vision so we could serve more patients. In 2004, we moved to our current building to double our space, add an in-house glasses lab and make it more convenient for patients.

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

TK - About 1997 for our Partnerships in Education with Novi and Northville schools, I was teaching a Village Oaks second-grade class about their eyes. My throat was getting dry from talking so when their teacher, Kathy Siarto, handed me a Styrofoam cup I naturally took a sip only to spit it out when

I saw the sheep's eye for the dissection still soaking in the bottom of it! I may never let her live that one down, even though she wasn't really trying to trick me.

How has the recent economy affected your business?

We've grown each year for the past 15 years, including 2008. The community support is humbling and surely not to be taken for granted, especially with the recession. Daily, we hear the hardship stories of lost jobs and insurance and try to help when we can. People are definitely more cautious with spending.

Any advice for business owners?

AC - Stick to quality and do what you do very well. Make it a common thread throughout your business and marketing. If you offer quality people will appreciate it and return for it year after year.

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

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Bright House launching new product

Bright House Networks (BHN) announced that Caller ID on PC is scheduled to be launched at the end of July on its Home Phone (HP) product in the Detroit area. The Caller ID on PC function alerts customers, regardless of where they are connected to the Internet, when someone calls their Bright House phone so that they never miss an important call again, and is exclusively available to Bright House Networks Home Phone customers at no additional cost.

Caller ID on PC is part of a new series of features found on Bright House Networks easy gadget, an innovative messaging application that allows users to monitor their home phone services through a control panel on their Windows and Macintosh personal computers. The cross-platform service combines the benefits of a BHN customer's bundled high-speed data and phone services, providing them with access to many features and conveniences that might not otherwise be available, including personalized contacts, recent call history, voicemail on PC and text messaging. Customers will be able to download and install the Bright House Networks easy gadget with Caller ID on PC and all the above features by visiting www.bright-house.com. With Caller ID on PC, Bright House customers are unique in being able to take advantage of Caller ID across their phone and PC.

The 2009 Walsh College Distinguished Lifetime Service Award recipient is N. Patricia Kurtz, Walsh College trustee.

The 2009 Walsh College Distinguished Graduate of the Last Decade Award recipient is Todd Hohaus, president and COO, Harvey Hohaus & Associates.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m. and dinner is at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$250. Silent and live auctions and the proceeds benefit the Jeffery W. Barry Scholarship Fund and the General Scholarship Fund.

Bonefish fights MD

Bonefish Grill announces a community fundraising program, in conjunction with MDA, to help fight muscular dystrophy diseases. Now through Aug. 6, guests from your community can support muscular dystrophy research and help make a difference for this important cause with a private donation at the end of their meals. This year, the Bonefish Grill restaurants aim to raise \$250,000 to benefit MDA.

Bonefish Grill is located in the Novi Town Center shopping plaza, northeast corner of Novi Road and Grand River Avenue.

Food vendors sought

The Michigan Department of Agriculture's (MDA) Select Michigan Program is seeking Michigan food and agriculture companies to showcase 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 substantially discounted rate. The deadline for reserving booth space is Monday, Aug. 10.

The Michigan Restaurant Show is a two-day event. 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, back-drop/side rails, chair(s), carpeting, parking, exhibitor badges, cooking area, ice, freight handling and limited access to electricity, and company sign.

Priority will be given to companies featuring products made from Michigan specialty crops, fruits, vegetables, and herbs. For more information, contact Erin Groebe, MDA promotional agent, at (517) 373-2469 or egroebe@michigan.gov.

Walsh College honors leaders

The Walsh College Leadership Awards (formerly the Jeffery W. Barry Tribute Dinner) will be held on Friday, Nov. 6, at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester.

The event's new name encompasses the leadership, achievements and service of outstanding alumni. Three new awards will be given honoring alumni, distinguished lifetime service, and the distinguished graduate of the last decade.

This is the 10th year that the Jeffery W. Barry Awards for Educational Excellence & Community Service Awards have been given to community leaders. They are named for Jeffery W. Barry, third president of Walsh College, who oversaw 21 years of significant growth for the College. An undergraduate accounting scholarship is named for Barry, who died in 2006. A scholarship recipient will speak at the Leadership Awards event.

The 2009 Barry Award recipients are Beth Clappell, president and CEO, Detroit Economic Club; and Daniel Kelly, retired managing partner, Deloitte & Touche; The 2009 Walsh College Distinguished Alumni Award recipient is Richard DiBarotolomeo, managing principal, Rehmann.

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Urgent Care reopens

Meadowbrook Urgent Care, P.C. recently held a grand reopening and ribbon-cutting ceremony. The facility is located on the east side of Meadowbrook Road, just south of 31 Mile Road. Pictured (from left) are Mendra Plotner, Mark Boyd, Dr. Naz Haque, Dr. John Feenster, Joe Lombardo, Nate Gardin and Dr. Rona Wadle.

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