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If you are 50ish or better, love to sing, dance, or be just be a part of a group, you are invited to be part of the Senior Variety Series: Thanks for The Memories: A USO Tribute Show. No auditions required; there are great parts for every-

The first rehearsal is June 4 and registration is \$50 (fee includes the cost of costumes, music, instruction, and set construction). Rehearsals are 12:30-2:30 p.m., Mondays and Fridays through Sept. 9 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, between Taft and Novi roads.

This year's show is a tribute to the music and performers who have entertained our troops for over 60 years. Help us remember the Andrews Sisters, Danny Kaye, Bing Crosby, Betty Grable, and, of course, Bob Hope. We will honor the classics and the armed forces.

The rehearsal schedule is flexible and the production features six performances, Sept. 9-19. For more information about the Senior Variety Series, please contact the Novi Theatres at (248) 735-5615 or visit cityofnovi.org.

#### **Probiotics seminar**

Fifth-generation Master Herbalist Dean Morris, director of Nebo Health, will present an informative seminar on the benefits of taking probiotics for better digestive and immune system health at Better Health Market, 42875 Grand River in Novi on Wednesday, June 9 at 7 p.m. Seating is limited for this and reservations are strongly suggested. Contact Better Health at (248) 735-8100 to reserve seats.

#### All Night Party

Putting on a Senior All Night Party requires many volunteers and many funds. Organizers still need people to help set up on June 4, work the night of the party June 5 (games, raffle, security, food) and to help tear

down and clean up.
Decorations will be moved to the high school on Thursday, June 3 starting in the afternoon at the decorations site. Set-up will begin at 2 p.m. on Friday, June 4. To volunteer, click on the volunteer form at the Senior All Night Party website at www.novi.k12.mi.us/ parentscomm/orgs/WebPages/ SeniorParty.aspx.

## Blaze ruins holiday weekend for Novi family

Charcoal smoker believed to have caused fire on deck BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

A 49-year-old Novi resident and his daughter were forced to evacuate their Paramount Street home around 1:23 a.m. on Sunday morning after it was engulfed in flames.

Investigators believe the fire was started by a charcoal meat smoker that was left on the wooden deck earlier in the day and the fire eventually spread to the house.

The two escaped the house without injuries, but nearly half of the two-story residence was involved in the fire. The house next door also suffered

minor damage from exposure to the heat and flames.

"It was a good outcome based on the fact that no one was seriously injured or hurt," said Jeff Johnson, director of EMS and fire operations.

The homeowner said he smelled something and initially dismissed it, but then the scent grew stronger, waking him up. When he went downstairs the deck was on fire and he got his daughter and fled the home.

They were given vouchers to stay at a local hotel and are in the process of working with the insurance company to figure out how they are going to

Johnson said the situation serves as a reminder to every resident to take caution when cooking outdoors during the summer.

"It is absolutely essential people know how their barbecues, smokers and outdoor fire pits work and they have to be keenly aware of how quickly those things can get out of control if they are not monitored," he said.

He also warns people to keep them off wooden structures and do not use them inside a garage.

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## Mouths drop at sight of new Novi Public Library

#### Facility opens less than three years after voter approval of financing

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

A Sunday morning fire caused extensive damage to the rear of a

house on Paramount Street after a fire that started on the deck

Wow. Amazing. Awesome. Beautiful.

spread to the home.

Those are just a few of the many one-word exclamations people used as they made their way through the new Novi Public Library for the first time Tuesday morning.

A small crowd gathered at the entrance to the building a little before 10 a.m. with Kehong Niu and his wife Hiumiu the first in line. They were greeted by several library staffers who fought back tears as people entered.

"Ît's absolutely amazing," said library director Julie Farkas. "I'm so excited for this community and so excited they are in awe of this place. "It's a dream come true."

The library construction was completed on time and under the \$12.5 million budget voters approved in 2007. It features everything the old library offered and now also includes a drop-off box outside the building that automatically checks in books, double the number of computers, increased circulation, the addition of Blu-Ray movies and video games for check-out, a cafe, an outdoor patio, a specialized children's area and more.

Faye Duckworth, a Northville resident who has been using the library for more than 25 years and has visited hundreds of libraries across the world, said the new facility is "one of the best I've been to."

She called the Friends of the Novi Library store the best used paperback store and was excited to check out all the new library had to offer. She also said her experience at the library is enhanced because of the



Novi Public Library Director Julie Farkas gives some directions to visitors Nick Darskiy and Julie Sarkisona as they visit the library on its first day open - on June 1.

helpful staff.

"I haven't come across an unfriendly person yet," she said. Makayla Smith, 10, was one of the first to check out the new teen area complete with video game systems

and age-appropriate books. She said her favorite part was seeing all the new things, and really liked the seating area in the middle of the second floor.

"This place is a lot bigger and cooler," she said when asked how it compares to the old building. Her mother Lorrie said the library

was "amazing to have in our com-Farkas said the majority of the

facility is up and running, but they are still working on the audio tour of

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Blue skies are reflected in the windows of the new Novi Public Library on its opening day.

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#### Sights and sounds are featured at Fountainwalk

Summer Sidewalk Music Series back for second year

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Organizers of the Summer Sidewalk Music Series had tempered expectations when they introduced the event to the Novi area last year.

But after seeing the success it had drawing people and hearing positive feedback, they decided to not only bring it back for a second stint, but also expand it to run through the whole sum-

The series, which brings together local artists and local music groups, was held every Saturday in August last year

Complete series schedule, A2.

at the Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountainwalk. This year it will run every Saturday from 4-7 p.m. starting this Saturday and ending in August.

It is a free event, something Jenny Dibble, assistant property manager at Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountainwalk, said is helpful during these economic times.

"A lot of people are forgoing vacations and staying home and looking for something to do with their families," she said. "And I think this is something that

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seemed to be catching on and

The shows are held in the center roundabout by Lucky Strike and will feature bands from several different genres including pop, bluegrass, blues, jazz, Americana, folk

"We have a really good mix of bands to make it fun, and people can come out each weekend and see something different," said Whitney McClellan-Stone, president of ArtsNovi.

There also will be four artists set up each weekend displaying their work, including some that will hold demonstrations for the public. McClellan-Stone said she

#### MUSIC SCHEDULE

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June 5 - Gia Warner Duo, Classic rock and pop June 12 - Bon Temp Roulle, New Orleans-style party

June 19 - Catfish Mafia, Bluegrass and beyond June 26 - Michael May & the Messarounds, Jump blues quartet July 3 - Shelia Landis & Rick Matle, Jazz guitar/vocal duo

July 10 - Muledrive, Rockin' blues July 17 - Trio Organic, Jazz organ/guitar/drums combo July 24 - Count Bracey & The Pleasuretones, Blues trio

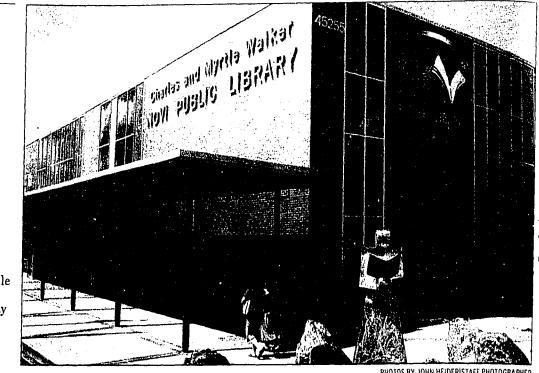
July 31 – Grevious Angel, Americana Aug. 7 - Doug Deming & The Jeweltones, Classic blues quartet Aug. 14 – John Holk & The Sequins, Honky tonk Aug. 21 - Billy Brandt & Sarafina Verlin, Folk duo

Aug. 28 - Big Boss Trio with Barbara Payton, Bluesy rockers

feels the series is perfect for "I think it's helpful in this

economy to have something you can do that doesn't cost a lot of money," she said. The Gia Warner Duo kicks off the series this Saturday,

followed by Bon Temp Roulle families because there is some- on June 12, Catfish Mania on June 19 and Michael May and the Messarounds on June 26. For more information, call



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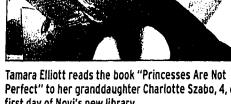
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the Life Tiles and other art work that adorn the walls of the building.

The parking lot also remains under construction, but the hope is to have it ready by Aug. 12.
The grand opening celebration of the facility is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 26 and will feature tours, live entertainment and more. The Read-A-Latte cafe also will be giving out free cookies and offering 10 percent discounts For more information about the library, visit



Perfect" to her granddaughter Charlotte Szabo, 4, on the first day of Novi's new library.

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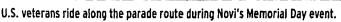
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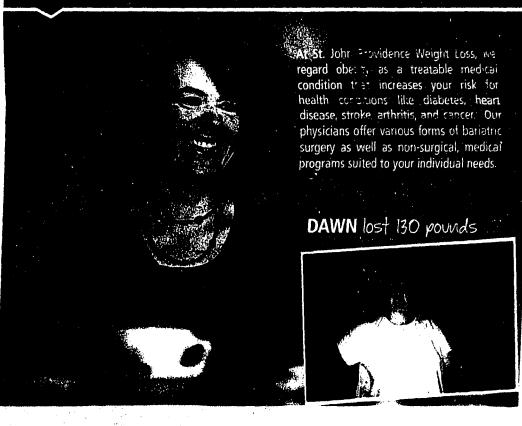
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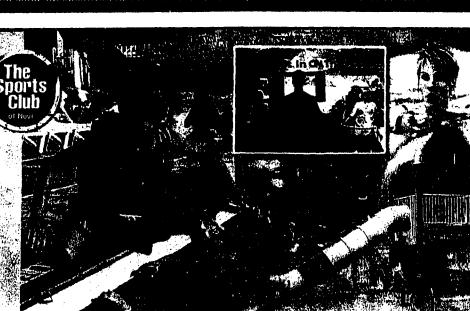


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## Community garden establishing roots at Novi church

Produce being donated to local food bank

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BY NATHAN MUELLER

The solutions to many of June Smith's problems usually come from

So it's no surprise that when the pastor of Novi United Methodist Church prayed for someone to come forward and help create a community garden at the church, her request was granted and member Sarah Sopchak stepped up to the challenge.

"I said 'God, if this is going to come to fruition you are going to have to do this,' and the next day Sarah told me she would take it over," Smith said.

The vision for a garden at the church interest in it. came when Smith walked the property for the first time when she was hired. She saw an unusable area next to the parking lot and thought it would be a

It was not a top priority at the time, but when people started coming to the church asking for food, Smith wanted to make something happen. "My heart went out that we needed

to do something for people on the site," she said. Enter Sopchak, who is a new member of the church and avid gardener. She has put in gardens at previous churches, has one at her home and saw

this as an opportunity for her to give back and "feed Jesus' sheep." The garden at the church is 1,800

square feet and currently contains peas, beets, radishes, lettuce, carrots, onions, sweet corn and different types of squash. There also is a section for seed potatoes and a children's garden

for educational purposes. "Our hope is that for the people in need we will, if they have their own property, teach them how to do this in their own back yard, or if they have a patio we will show them how to put in a pot of patio potatoes," she

Several church members have gotten involved with the garden, donating time and supplies, and Smith's hope is that the community also takes an

The planting period runs from the end of April to plowing in October, and the food grown will be donated to the Novi Community Food Bank at Faith Community Presbyterian

In the future, Smith wants to see the garden expand, including the addition of fruit trees, and see it take root at "We want to fill as much of that soil

would like to see a lot of churches do For more information about the garden or to help, contact the church at

as we possibly can," she said. "And I

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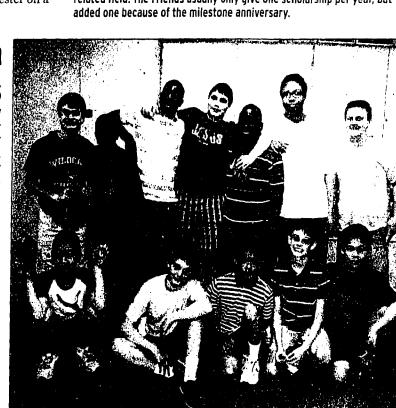
Novi First United Methodist Church Pastor June Smith, and members of her congregation, have begun work and plantings in a newly created garden that lies just south of their building - on their property. The food grown there will be donated to the Novi Community Food Program at Faith Community Presbyterian Church.

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Deerfield Elementary recently held a thankyou celebration for its Clean Sweepers. For most of the year students from the Life Skills classes at

Novi Middle School and Novi High School have been coming to the school to clean the teachers' lounge once a week. Donna Tinberg, director of Student Services for Novi Schools, coordinated this endeavor. Jodie Sikaitis from the High School and Andrea Jacobs from the Middle School came each week







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#### Tryout day

Village Oaks fourth grader Allison Purtell tries out a saxophone with the assistance of Marshall Music's Vicki Davis on May 19. On that day, representatives of Marshall's visited the school and then fourth graders got to try out three instruments to see which they'd like to play the following fall in fifth grade. Elementary band is one of the programs the school board's considering cutting to meet the smaller budget in the fall.

#### **NOVI ON CAMPUS**

Mississippi College

Novi's Elizabeth I. Miller has been named to the list of academic scholars for the spring semester of 2010. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.5 or better grade point average based on a 4.0 system. The student must take a full course load of at least 12 semester hours of undergraduate credit with all academic courses impacting their grade point average. Lake Superior State

Novi's Brittany Newberry included on the Dean's List for the spring 2010 semester. To make the Dean's List, students must be attending full time and achieve a 3.5 grade point 4.0 scale.

A pair of Novi High School students, Jessica Levy (left) and Kelsey Masserant, were each awarded \$2,000 scholarships for their college education from the Friends of the Novi Public Library to commemorate its 50th anniversary. The two students have grade point averages higher than 3.5 and expressed an interest in library science, education, literacy or a related field. The Friends usually only give one scholarship per year, but

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#### **NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS**

To keep the element of sur-

prise for future seniors, no

Class of 2010 Party

The parents of the Class of 2010 have been working for months on the Senior All Night Party. Come over and see how the school will be transformed for graduating seniors at a walk-through from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, June 5 at Novi High School. Please enter through the high school auditorium

C.A.R.E. now open Registration for Novi Community Education's Summer Child C.A.R.E. is now open for all Novi residents ages preschool through eighth grade. The program begins

allowed to enter.

Students will be placed in age one under the age of 19 will be appropriate groups and will participate in crafts, sports, field trips, games and free play. This year's location will be at Village Oaks Elementary School. Registration and weekly session fees are available on the Novi School District Web site at www.novi.k12.mi.us under Community Education C.A.R.E., or call (248) 449-1713

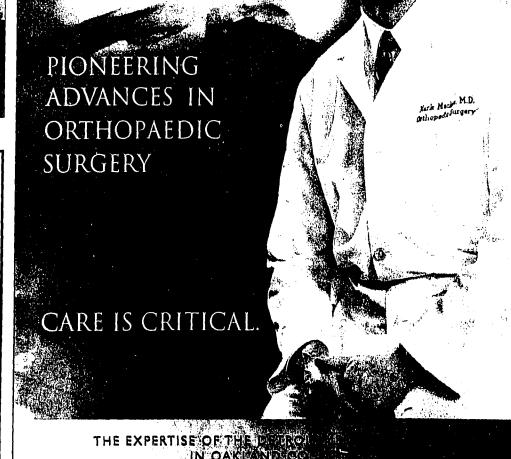
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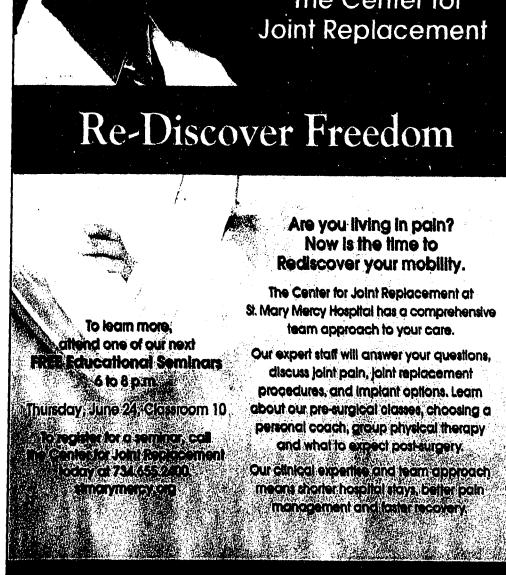
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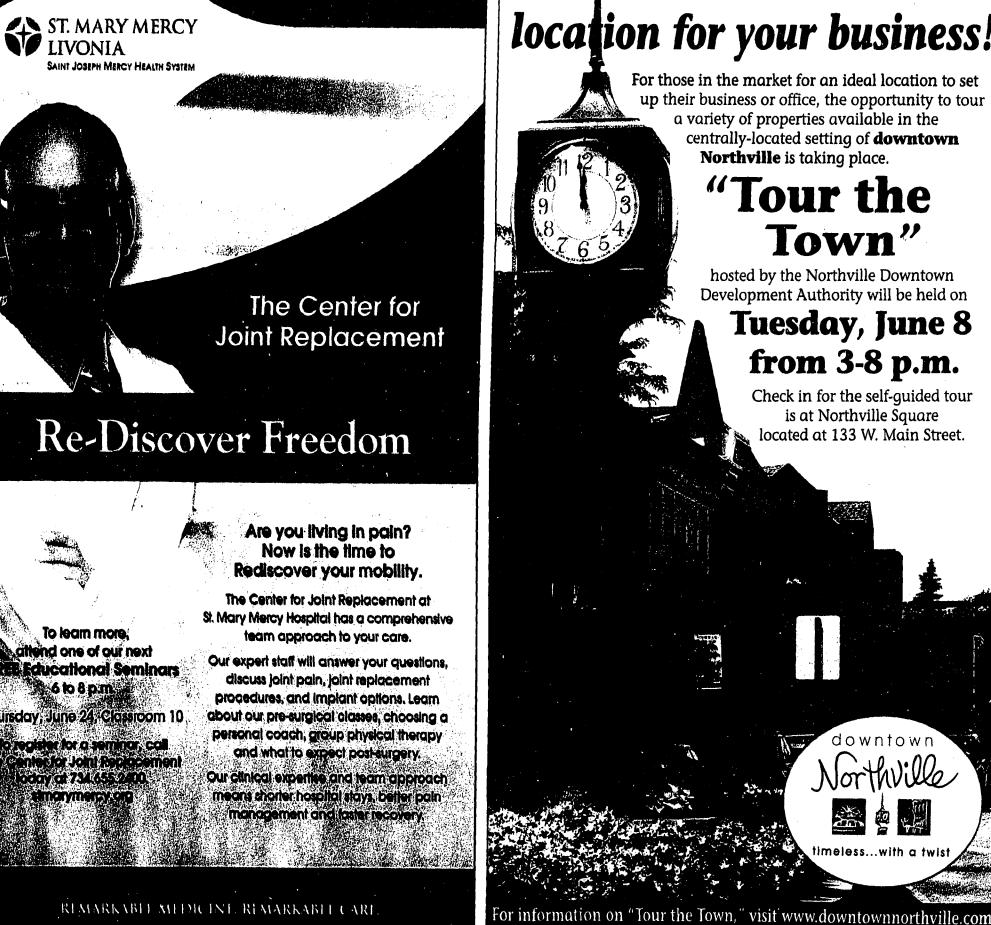


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## MSU hoops coach reaches out to businesses

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Part of Tom Izzo's job as the men's basketball coach at Michigan State University is motivating young men to work together to succeed.

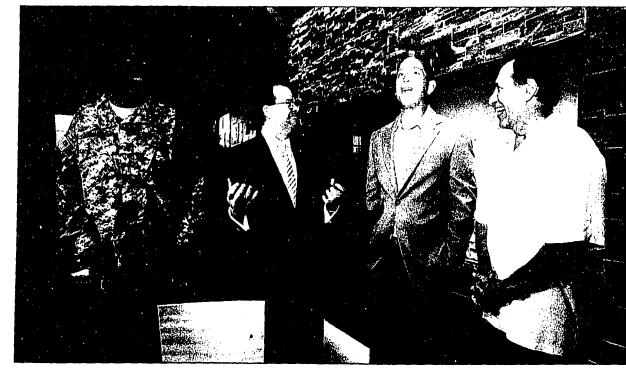
And while his audience was a bit different last Wednesday at the Novi Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the Baronette Renaissance, his message was the same — pushing people to be something very few people think they can be.

"What I appreciate is being around people who are not afraid to do things and do things other people might not do," he said.

The 260 people in attendance at the luncheon, which included business owners, city and school officials and more, greeted Izzo with a standing ovation. He kept the crowd entertained with his sense of humor and also passed on some words of

"People that lead by example are not good enough anymore. When you lead by example you are selfish," he told the crowd. "I like people that lead by not being afraid to drag people with them."

Izzo was in Novi as part of the grand reopening of the Baronette



Baronette Renaissance Hotel General Manager Jim Mikula (second from left) is joined by Michigan State University basketball coach Tom Izzo (right), Detroit Lions head coach Jim Schwartz (second from right) and recently injured military veteran Sqt. Robert Samuel (left) in welcoming guests during the hotel's grand re-opening on May 26. Samuel was presented with an autographed basketball from Izzo at the event.

Renaissance Hotel. He is close friends with co-owner Steve Wickens, and said he came to the event because he "loves to meet peo-

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Survived by his wife Janice. A pri-

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Family Church, Novi. Interment Holy May 21, 2010. She was 90 years old.

Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Eltrym is survived by her son Gary

Memorials to Novi Lions Club or (Virginia) VanValkenburg, grand-

Alzheimer's. Online condolences daughters Michele VanValkenburg

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St. Patrick Catholic Church, White DOUGLAS J. VANWORMER

Age 41, of White Lake, passed peace-

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24, 2010. Funeral Mass was held at

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husband, George, on May 23, 2010

after a valiant battle with lung can-

cer. She was 56 years old. She is

survived by her beloved husband

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Steven Robinson: brothers, Mat

Rice of Chagrin Falls, OH, Edward

(Donna) Rice of Houston, TX; sister,

Janet (Paul) Reins of Harrisville, MI;

nephews and nieces. Chelsea

Lindsey, Haley, Mattie, Matthew.

Kristine, and Kimberly Rice, and

Dominic and Joseph Magliocco; her

mother-in-law, Mary Ellen Robinson,

and many dear friends. Patricia's

family would like to offer a special

thank you to Nancy Peter for all of

the love and care given to her best

friend of forty-five years, and to

thank all of the employees of the Red

Dog for their abundant support.

Patricia had retired from EDS, where

she worked as a Director of sales for

many years, and for the past four

years has enjoyed operating the Red

band. A Memorial Service will be

held at the family home, 2950 Ford

Road in White Lake Twp., on

Sunday, June 6, from 2-3PM (casual

attire please). A celebration of her

Memorials may be made in her name

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life will follow from 3-5PM.

Dog Saloon in Milford with her hus-

ple and be around exciting things." He said he visited the hotel a couple times during the renovations and complimented the food at

the Toasted Oak Grill and Market located adjacent to the hotel. He also shared some good words about

"I love this area, the Novi area is great," he said. "But I would appreciate one or two more 7-footers coming

Dawn Peters, project manager for the chamber, said the luncheon was one of the largest the chamber has ever held and thinks Izzo's message hit home for the many people in attendance.

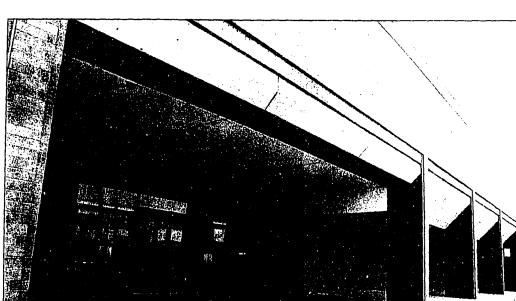
"He was saying that being good is not good enough and that resonates with business owners," she said. Izzo, who was born and raised in Michigan, closed his speech by taking questions from the audience and stayed after the luncheon to pose for pictures and sign auto-

He also talked some basketball. saying point guard Kalin Lucas' just got the boot off his foot and is expected to be "full go in August," and believes his team could have another deep run in the NCAA Tournament next year if they can stay healthy and

get through a tough schedule. The chamber is taking 11 basketballs that Izzo signed and donating them to Relay for Life in Novi and Livonia as well as the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

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## Wal-Mart looking at Novi site



## Plans still in

The Novi Town Center has a new look with a recent facade upgrade, new management with Simon Company and a new business could be on the horizon as Wal-Mart appears to have expressed interest in ocating a store there.

Novi's Community Development Department received a request in early May for a pre-application meeting with representatives from Novi Town Center and Wal-Mart to discuss building a Wal-Mart Superstore where the Mervyn's building used to be located.

lot of traffic to the Novi Town

the plans, connecting a new building providing additional tenant spaces to the existing TJ Maxx building.

leasing opportunities," he said. When asked if Wal-Mart would be a big boost to the Novi Town Center, Russo said "I think anything would be." The proposed location is zoned Town Center, and the store would fit in that zoning classification. If a pre-application meeting takes place, the next step would be for the preliminary site plan to go before

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TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday Friday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays

Crosspointe 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.crosspointe-

meadows.org. Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m. Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional

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Evening Bible Study Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do Women of the Word Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m.

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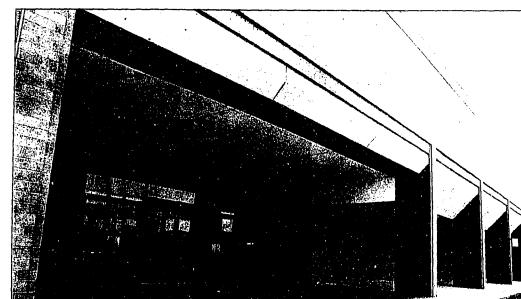
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### early stages BY NATHAN MUELLER

City Manager Clay Pearson

said last week a meeting had yet to take place, and the proposed project is in the very He did say, however, that if it happens it would bring in a

"Properly done it could be a very good generator for the area and help other businesses," he said.

The preliminary plan the city received calls for demolishing the Mervyn's building and adjacent spaces to construct a 149,854-square-foot store on roughly 12.8 acres. The Wal-Mart Supercenter is larger than a regular Wal-Mart because it combines a full grocery line with general mer-

Other work also is shown on

Steve Russo, president of Russo Communications which handles the Novi Town Center, could not confirm the possibility of Wal-Mart coming to the "The owners are certainly

pursuing all types of exciting

the Planning Commission prior to heading to the City Council

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structures help contractors

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He also said customers are

seeing 30-to-60 percent cost

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employs four, but Whirley

said he hopes to increase that

number in the future as more

"Customers who do not have

contractors start to use their

this moving forward are not

going to be competitive," he

tractor is they can lower their

cost, and my guess is that it

will continue to grow."

services.

less and Internet-based infra-

tion in the state.

## New Novi business helps contractors save money



SITECH, a distributor of construction technology systems for heavy and highway contractors, officially opened its first Michigan dealership in Novi. (Pictured from left) General manager Steve Whirley and Jeff Roulo, sales and service.

SITECH to serve entire Lower Peninsula

BY NATHAN MUELLER

The market for contractors has become extremely competitive in this current economic climate, and they are looking for any advantage to get on

That is where SITECH Michigan comes in. SITECH is a distributor representing Trimble and Caterpillar machine control systems for heavy equipment, and their systems are intended to make work more efficient and save contractors money. "It's interesting to see the

contractors in Michigan, the ones winning the work, are the ones using this stuff the most," said Steve Whirley, general manager of SITECH. "You can see who the trend setters are and the ones who are making

The business opened on Novi Road just south of Grand River—said. "The relevance to the con-Avenue in late April, choosing the area because "southwest Michigan is a hot spot with a lot of contractors," and there are "a lot of synergies created

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#### Novi team participates in annual, educational Mayor's Exchange

A team of Novi elected officials and staff participated in a "Mayor's Exchange" with representatives from Westerville, Ohio on May 24. The annual exchange provides City leaders a whirlwind educational opportunity to learn best practices, share experiences, and gain insight to the operations of a similar community.

A suburb of Columbus. the City of Westerville is a growing, dynamic community that prides itself on safe, friendly neighborhoods: quality parks (at two-time gold medal winner from the Association); public safety

program and shared best practices throughout the day. "What better way to learn than actually experiencing first-hand the day-to-day operations of a similar community," commented David

"Visiting a team of experts

who share a common vision of

to citizens and businesses and

hearing how they achieve this

goal, including the obstacles

challenges they face, is a win-

they have overcome and the

A two-time gold medal

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Westerville representatives

showed the Novi team some

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National Recreation and Parks

Westerville's Mayor Kathy Cocuzzi and City Manager David Collinsworth hosted the

Novi is working on a similar path along the ITC corridor. Westerville parks also featured solar powered emergency telephones; something Novi is investigating to possibly place at strategic locations in several Landry, mayor, City of Novi. of its recreation areas.

The Novi team also recognized the value in creating a fully functional training center for staff, Boards, and Commissions and learned of several new, creative community programs to enhance citizen engagement. The exchange with Westerville was the fifth such

annual interaction for the Novi team, having previously traveled to Wyoming, Mich.; Portage, Mich.; Dublin, Ohio; and Orland Park, Ill.



Westerville Mayor Kathy Cocuzzi welcomed Novi Mayor David Landry to her city in Ohio on May 24 for

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WALLED LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD

NOTICE OF CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING

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OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

Notice is hereby given that the Walled Lake Improvement Board,

Cities of Novi and Walled Lake, County of Oakland, will meet at the

Novi City Hall located at 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi,

Michigan 48375-3024 on Thursday, June 17, 2010, 7:00 p.m., to

continue its review, to hear any additional objections to, and to

consider confirming a five-year Special Assessment Roll for the

purpose of implementing a Lake Improvement Program to control

weeds in Walled Lake for the years 2010 through 2014. Residential

riparian parcels with up to 96 feet of lake frontage are proposed to

be assessed at one unit of benefit for each year of the Project.

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are proposed to be assessed at one and one-half unit of benefit for

each year of the Project. Commercial riparian parcels are proposed

to be assessed at three units of benefit for each year of the Project.

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assessed at 0.2 unit of benefit per property serviced for each year of

the Project. Waterfront condominium properties located directly on

the lake are proposed to be assessed at 0.75 unit of benefit for each

year of the Project. Condominium properties that have indirect lake access are proposed to be assessed at 0.1 unit of benefit for each

year of the Project. The estimated assessment for one unit of benefit is approximately \$191.97 for each of the five years. The

Special Assessment Roll will be on file at the City of Novi Clerk's Office, City of Walled Lake Clerk's Office and available on the internet at www.cityofnovi.org/lakeboard for public

Any person may appeal and be heard at the said Hearing, which is

called pursuant to the provisions of Section 30913 of Part 309 of Public Acts No. 451 of 1994, as amended, which provides that the

special assessment must be protested at the hearing held for the

purpose of confirming the special assessment roll before the

Michigan Tax Tribunal may acquire jurisdiction of any special

assessment dispute. Appearance and protest of the special assessment at the time and place of review is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner of or party in interest in property to be

assessed, or his or her agent, must appear in person to protest the Special Assessment or must protest the special assessment by letter filed with Brian Coburn, Walled Lake Improvement Board Secretary, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan

48375-3024, prior to the time of review, in which case personal appearance is not required. If the special assessment is protested as provided above, the owner or any party having an interest in the real property may file a written appeal of the special assessment

with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 30 days after the

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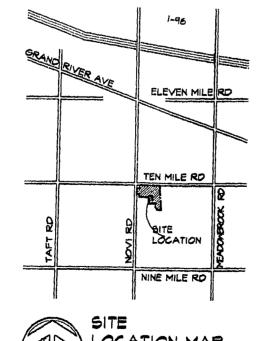
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 23, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI, to consider WEISS MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT. SP09-26A AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.690 TO REZONE PROPERTY FROM I-1, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AND OS-1, OFFICE SERVICE TO B-2, GENERAL BUSINESS AND OS-1, OFFICE SERVICE WITH A PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY (PRO). THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 26, EAST OF NOVI ROAD AND SOUTH OF TEN MILE ROAD. The subject property is approximately 28.7 acres. The property consists of Sidwell parcels 22-26-101-021 and 22-26-



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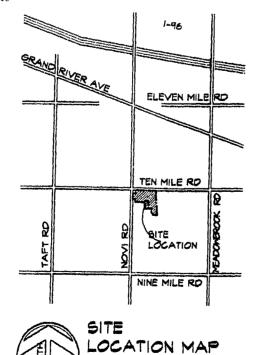
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Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month First Presbyterian Church of Northvill Location: 200 E. Main St. Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresn ville.ora

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 meet for lunch afterwards.

Contact: Sue (734) 459-0016 Single Place Ministries Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday.

Details: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details singleplace.org.

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Coffee Hour: 10: 15 a.m. Sunday Sept-May: 9:30 a.m. Memorial Day-Labor Day Healing Service: 4 p.m. first Mondays of Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesday for

fourth-12th grade Oct.-April Men's Club: 8 a.m. second Saturdays Career Ministry: 7 p.m. first and third Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi Contact: (248) 349-0565

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia **Contact**: For further information, please contact NSO Douglas K. Wells at (313) 964-

Meadowbrook Congregational Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org. Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Sermon: Having a Plan Church School: 10-11 a.m. Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.

Merry Widows Luncheon Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month Pilgrim Fellowship Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays Asking Questions adult education class Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays Northville Christian Assembly Location: 41355 Six Mile Road

Contact: (248) 348-9030 Sundays 9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children 9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multipurpose gymnasium 10:15 a.m. Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the

every Wednesday second level (208/210) Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study 8:45-10:30 a.m. (café) Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; jr. and sr. tact the church office. high student ministries; children's programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Location: 23455 Novi Road Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program

on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Preschool/Kids Choir Northville Christian School (day care: Time/Date: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday preschool through eighth grade) - contact Details: For ages three to six; ongoing (248) 348-9031 event; no need to pre-register; all are Summer Vespers welcome. Time/Dates: 7:30 p.m. June 20, July 18 Our Lady of Good and August 22 Novi - Northville Center

Details: A Jewish center with events, pro-

grams and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday Our Lady of Victory school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events.

Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com Novi United Methodist Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.

Sunday Worship Time: 9:45 a.m. Healing Service and Holy Communion Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every

Peace Vigil Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every **Location**: In front of the church Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer

Advent Service Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday Oak Pointe Church Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oak-

Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday ReNew Life Group Ministries Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday

**Details:** Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning, change from a Christian perspec-Women's Life Groups Ministries

Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 a.m Men's Life Groups Ministries Time/Date: 6 a.m. every Friday morning at various locations For both Women's and Men's Life Groups Ministries, please con-

Orchard Hills Baptist Church Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665

Counsel Catholic Church Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road. Contact: (734) 453-0326, ext. 221 Catholic Church **Location**: 770 Thayer, Northville Contact: (248) 349-2621 or olynorthyille.

Saturday Worship Time: 5 p.m. Sunday Worship Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m. Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellow-

ship and food after service St. James Catholic Location: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi Contact: (248) 347-7778 Mass Schedule

TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; a.m. Monday-Tuesday: 7 p.m. Wednesday: 5 p.m. Saturday St. John's Episcopal Church Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

St. John Lutheran Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills Contact: (248) 474-0584 or visit stjohnlutheran.com Saturday Worship **Time**: 5:30 p.m. Sunday Worship

Time: 9, 11:15 a.m. Sunday School **Time**: 10:15 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 Unitarian Universalist

Church of Farmington Location: 25301 Halstead Road, Farmington Hills Contact: www.uufarmington.org Youth Interfaith Journey Time/Date: 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays **Details**: This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. The UUCF Interfaith Journey curriculum encompasses the

with a study of the World Religions that are practiced around the globe. This program compliments the mission of UUCF Religious Education of teaching youth inclusion compassion and peace and provides the environment to live and learn in a cultural ly diverse community. Classes are grouped into grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 with age specific education materials for all. Contact: Jennifer Teed at 248/478-7272 or

dre@uufarmington.org Lifelong Learning Forum Time/Date: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays Details: Six weeks exploring different topics like religion, philosophy, science, health, social and political issues. No advance registration necessary; a \$5 dona tion suggested. Drop in and pick the class that interests you most. **Contact**: (248) 478-7272 or uufarmington.

org/uucf/re-lifespan Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church Location: 40000 Six Mile Road Contact: (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-5978

Sunday Worship Time: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Traditional; 9:30 and 11 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 WRDT-AM 560. The WMUZ Word Station. Single Point Ministries (45 and older) Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday for fellowship

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over age 50, fellowship, friendships and

more. Contact the number below for more Contact: (248) 374-5920 Learner's Bible Study Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays Room A101 Men's Bible Study Time/Date: 6:30 a.m. Wednesday Single Adult Ministries office

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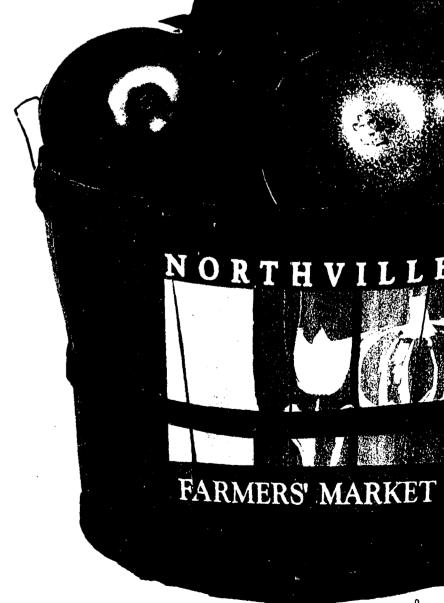






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**OUR VIEWS** 

## Road work slows with few options

There is good news and bad this summer. First, road construction has begun. Second, road construction has not begun -

enough. Anywhere you travel in this region, roads are in deplorable condition, whether they be local, county or state-owned.

Road commissions every-

where are saying that

there just isn't enough

money to do what must

be done eventually. Then

the topic of taxes comes

up, with some suggesting

gasoline tax increases or

One group recently said

No one really argues

roads attract **businesses** to the state, but **h**igh gasoline

other subsidies. taxes could be a deterrent to that it would take a doubling of gasoline taxes **bus**inesses that to garner enough money to fix the roads. It added that Michigan's economy would not recover until **people** looking to the roads were fixed. relocate here.

with the need, but the idea of increasing taxes has few publicly embracing the idea at a time when every function of government and school districts is hurting because of lost tax revenue. Every local government unit and every school district can make an excellent case for increasing taxes.

And those who pay the taxes can make an equally compelling case for not raising them, given the poor economy and continuing loss of jobs. Certainly goods roads attract businesses to the state, but high gasoline taxes could be a deterrent to businesses that move goods or for people looking to relocate here.

So what's to be done? There are no easy or obvious answers to that one. We may have to just bump along for the short term.

And long-range? Doing correctly at the outset road repair and reconstruction will allow cost savings that will translate into more money available for other road work.

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#### **COMMUNITY VOICE**

What do you think of Wal-Mart possibly coming to Novi Town Center? We asked this question at the shopping plaza on May 28.



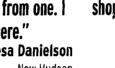
"I don't know how the other tenants would feel, and I don't know if it's a good fit



much. It's kind of a low-end store. It's a bad fit."

ever, even though I'm a hop, skip and a jump from one. 1 couldn't see it here."

"I try not to shop there





"I would not like to see one here. I like more of the little

**Janis Leidlein** West Bloomfield

### Awards provide a look at future of our state

day I'm going to tell you about one of the best and most exciting things hap-

pening in Michigan. It's called the Great Lakes Entrepreneur's Quest awards — and on June 10, some of the smartest, most entrepreneurial people in our state will be gathered in one room in East Lansing, waiting to see who's going to take home how much of a total in \$250,000 in prizes. In a state still struggling to find ways to grow and diversify its economy, the success of the Great Lakes Entrepreneur's Quest — the spon-



high-tech, high-growth companies in Michigan, The GLEQ awards are a statewide competition to pick the best business plans prepared by high tech and life science startup companies. And the prizes aren't shabby.

cause for admiration and hope.

The Quest is an engine

designed to help form new,

The winner of the SmartZone Award will take home \$100,000, while winners of the Best of Biotech Entrepreneurship Awards will win cash prizes of up to \$40,000.

The idea is to connect early-stage, high-technology ventures with the capital they need to move forward. The competition helps entrepreneurs to get themselves and their business plans in front of venture capitalists and potential angel investors."

This has been going on for a few years now. I spoke at the GLEQ awards event a couple of years ago, and the buzz of smart people pitching their ideas and companies to other smart people with money to invest was mind-numbing.

The person responsible for running GLEQ. Executive Director Diane Durance, is a 51-yearold powerhouse of high energy and enthusiasm. She's a one-woman band pushing entrepreneurs forward, grabbing the attention of investors and helping shove the state into the 21st century.

I reached her over the weekend, just after she dropped her daughter off for a volleyball tournament in Ann Arbor. "I love what I'm doing, and I really believe GLEQ can play a big part in revitalizing our state," she says. Durance is a serial entrepreneur herself, having started several businesses, including one designing long-distance telephone networks. After living elsewhere for a while, she moved back to Michigan to help take care of her father, started vet another company. and then was hired to run GLEQ in 2008. A spin-off from the University of Michigan,

GLEQ was founded a decade ago and managed for a time through the Zell-Lurie Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies at U-M. A year ago, it got a terrific shot in the arm from the Southeastern Michigan Community Foundation and the state's 21st Century Jobs Fund.

Additionally, GLEQ was given a Strategic Service Provider grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation of \$250,000 a year for two years. That's the money being used to provide the big cash prizes that brighten the eyes of entrepreneurs and provoke a frenzy of competition and investor interest.

Here's how it works: Companies interested in competing prepare a draft business plan. GLEQ puts each in touch with a business coach who specializes in their particular field and can help hone the plan into shape to present precisely and compellingly to investors. Revised plans are then submitted to panels of professional investors for more feedback and improvement before being

competitively scored. A total of 10 plans are presented live — "elevator pitches" — by company founders at the Awards Event.

"We've got a total of 90 investors who volunteer their time to serve on the panels, and it's their involvement that's so crucial for the success of the program," says Durance. "It's not some abstract activity like a term paper in college. It's real business plans being critically reviewed and improved by real investors who put their money where their mouths are."

Durance says something like 300 people volinteer their time to make GLEW work. The program is growing rapidly, in part because the prospect of a \$100,000 investment in your company turns on any entrepreneur worthy of the name. Last year, 175 firms registered to compete; this year, it's 302. About 70 percent of those that register actually get a business plan written and enter the competition, Durance

GLEQ already has resulted in a fair number of successful startups. Among them are TJ Technology, a company recently acquired by A123, a leader in the hot field of designing batteries for electric automobile power trains, and Adaptive Materials, an Ann Arbor startup that makes portable fuel cells.

So — anyone interested in this year's Awards Event — which will be held on the afternoon of June 10 at the MSU Faculty Club — should contact GLEQ's website or call Diane Durance at

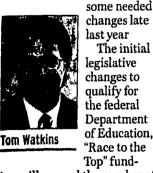
Phil Power is also the founder and president of The Center for Michigan, a bipartisan centrist think-and-do tank which is sponsoring Michigan's Defining Moment, a public engagement outreach campaign for citizens. He welcomes your comments at ppower@thecenterformichigan.net.

## Michigan's public schools need to innovate, change or die

part column by Tom Watkins.

hange is avoided until it can't be any longer. We are reaching that point in Michigan and our schools

The governor, legislators and state Board of Education made some needed changes late last vear



"Race to the Top" funding will expand the number of high-quality charter schools, begin to tie teacher evaluations to student performance, raise the dropout age from 16 to 18, give authority to the state superintendent to take over 5 percent of the state's worst failng schools and create two new

'cyber schools." The changes Race to the Top enabled are a good start on what must be an ever-rolling wave of reforms our schools need to adopt to remain rel-

One of the most promising reforms the federal competition has created is in the area of cyber schools and e-learning. While Michigan has the second largest virtual education program after Florida, there is much more we can and should do to tap this exciting, progressive educational

Elizabeth Bauer is a member of the state Board of Education who chaired the board's Embracing the Information Age Task Force, a job she took over from Michael Warren when he was appointed by Gov. John Engler to fill a vacancy on the Oakland County Circuit Court. She said, "E-learning liberates educators and learners from the industrial model that chains the teacher and

students to a six-hour day that is structured within the confines of the four walls of a classroom and the two covers of a textbook." Bauer went on to say, "learning has become multidimensional with music, sound, visuals and can and does happen 24/7 at any time

Youth of today, who have grown up on the Internet and learning mobility, see the world differently and learn differently than a generation ago. Mark Prensky, in his book Digital Natives, Digital Immigrants, argues: "Our students have changed radically. Today's students are no longer the people our educational system was designed to teach." Jamey Fitzpatrick, president of Michigan's Virtual University (www.mivu.org),

Michigan's leading provider of online learning solutions, explains the power of e-learning and cyber schools this way: "Fortunately, online learning is no longer viewed as an experimental way to deliver educational services to K-12 students. We have provided

70.000 online course enrollments to middle and high school students in Michigan since 2000. During the next five years the use of online learning will continue to grow dramatically for all Michigan school districts, regardless of

their size or location." are forcing districts to become Dan Redford (www.shanghai-exposed.com), currently a more creative and innovative

in International Relations and Chinese at Michigan State University, will be spending the last two months of

his undergraduate studies in Shanghai, China, representing the United States at the Shanghai World Expo (www. en.expo2010.cn). He and his MSU professors understand that education and knowledge are not chained to a "place" they are seamless and can happen any time, anywhere, globally. Redford will be educated a world away using the Internet/e-learning as his

tether to MSU. On the national and international level, Susan Patrick, president of the International Association of K-12 Online Learning (www.inacol.org), a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit advocacy organization with more than 3,400 members, notes that online learning has the power to support personalization in ways never

pefore possible. Have the majority of our schools kept pace with these changes? In far too many cases, the answer is no. Budget cuts from the state

• Senior year outside the confines of a classroom, where a student volunteers in a local nursing home, works in a team es the need for brick-and-morhelping to design alternative energy solutions or a new car, and travels around the world connected via technology, developing a portfolio of knowledge in the real world.

A time when all parents

and students are not trapped

The tragedy is that the debate

being wrapped around budget

about online instruction is

cutting and "savings," rather

has demonstrated to be.

than the quality alternative it

Yet, it is the budget squeeze

that is the catalyst to achieve

the necessary changes in

public education. To pursue

change we need to keep this

impossible isn't?"

question in mind: "What if the

What would a 21st century

school environment (not nec-

imagination, innovation, tech-

nology and creativity, might

• Gaining knowledge not

just in a local school class-

room but using a network of

learners connected around the

essarily a brick-and-mortar

building) look like? Using

but have access to the best learning in the world. · Actually living in a Tom Friedman "flattened" world rather than just talking about

• Michigan transforming itself from the automotive capital of the world to the brain bank of the world — a place where anyone might tap into it for knowledge deposits and withdrawals.

· Laws, policies and regulations related to education are measured against how they "help teachers teach and children learn" vs. protecting the "system, adults and the status

 A technology infrastructure that trumps new buildings. Prior to any major renovation or new school being built, a technology impact statement must be prepared assessing how technology optimizes learning and reductar, place-specific learning.

Tom Watkins is an education and business consultant in the U.S. and China and served as Michigan's state superintendent of schools from 2001-05. He can be reached at: tdwatkins@

online at hometownlife.com

## Putting the sizzle into summer

Art series expands to include jazz nights, more movies

good quality entertainment

Sorrentino said the series

has grown every year and,

Mathnasium, can be offered

thanks to sponsors like

The series kicked off

for free to the public.

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

There will be no shortage of free, family-friendly events in Novi this summer as the Sizzling Summer Art Series returns with even more to

This year the events will all be held in the city's newest park, Fuerst Park, with four days worth of events ranging from live music and puppet shows to the always popular movie nights. Lauren Sorrentino, perform-

ing arts coordinator for Novi Parks, said she hopes that moving the series to the center of city attracts more people to the various events. "It's a great chance for com-

munity members to show their pride in the community, to enjoy something together and have a fun family even in their city," she said. "They don't have to leave to go to Northville or Plymouth because we have

From 10 a.m.-2 p.m. every

Sunday through Oct. 31 on

Road, south of Grand River

market will feature over 40

vegetables, plants, flowers,

sauces all grown or made in

Michigan. Vendors will offer

sandwiches, sushi, kettle corn.

fudge, toffee, and biscotti, and

you can enjoy live music while

you eat and shop. For more

nformation, visit www.novi-

farmersmarket.com or call the

Novi Chamber of Commerce at

The Mobile Office for the

Clerk's mobile office

(248) 349-3743.

warm breakfast, pastries,

arts and crafts, jams, and

vendors with in-season fruits,

Main Street (east of Novi

Avenue), Novi's open-air

Farmers market

Also on Wednesday nights, people can catch out classic movies at 8:30 p.m. The films are "Singin' in the Rain" on June 16, Breakfast at Tiffany's on July 21 and Rear Window

Wednesday with Sunset Jazz in the Park featuring Paul Keller's Trio. The jazz concerts will be held at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month. Whitney McClellan-Stone, president of ArtsNovi, helped

the jazz music was to appeal more to couples. "It's something people can do that doesn't cost a lot of money," she said, while encouraging people to bring a

on Aug. 18. Tuesday's at Fuerst Park is

and The Troublemakers on organize the jazz concerts this year. She said the idea behind 15 and The Candy Band on Aug. 12.

picnic basket and blanket to have dinner on. Future concerts include the

Don Swindell Quartet (July 7); The Royal Garden Quartet (Aug. 4); and Sheila Landis & Rick Matle (Sept. 1). Call the Novi Parks Hotline

for the kids as three puppet

And closing out the week 25, "Monsters vs. Aliens" on

first movie is "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" on June July 23 and a Viewer's Choice movie on Aug. 20. People can vote for the movie online at

shows will be held at 10 a.m. on June 29, July 27 and Aug. 24. The Thursday lineup is the family concerts in the park at 7:30 p.m., featuring Mr. Seley June 24, Toppermost on July

on Fridays is another night at the movies at 8:30 p.m. with flicks for the whole family. The www.cityofnovi.org.



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The Royal Garden Quartet will play at Novi's Fuerst Park on Wednesday, Aug. 4. Members include (I to r) Brian Delaney, guitar; Ben Lutermoser, bass; Mike Karoub, cello; and Tom Bogardus, tenor guitar, clarinet and soprano sax.

for updates, or in case of inclement weather, at (248) 347-0473. In case of inclement weather, all performances will be held at the Novi Civic

Center except for puppet shows. They will be held at the Novi Public Library.

**NOVI COMMUNITY BRIEFS** 

Oakland County Clerk and Register of Deeds Office is heading is a no-frills operation. Employees set up shop in borrowed space with laptop computers and printers so they can provide customers with on-the-spot copies of birth certificates, death certificates or 501-DOCS (3627) other public records. Normal

seminars hosted by Providence ing new ground for 2010

copy fees apply. The pilot project, modeled after a successful program in Macomb County, will offer many services. Upcoming Mobile Office visits include 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19 at the new Novi Public Library, 10 Mile Road and Taft. Staying active with

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Hospital and Providence Park Hospital during the month of June. Hear about the symptoms and causes of arthritis, as well as diagnosis and various treatment strategies. Light refreshments will be served. To RSVP, please call 1-888-These free seminars will

take place 2-4 p.m. June 8 at Providence Hospital Southfield (Nine Mile and Greenield), Fisher Center; 3-5 p.m. June 14 at Providence Park Hospital, Novi (Grand River Avenue and Beck Road), Conference Rooms A B and C; and 2-4 p.m. June 16 at Providence Medical Department of Special Center, Livonia (7 Mile and Newburgh), Classroom Lower

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Downtown Farmington. The dates for Art on the Grand are June 4 from 5-8 p.m. for the Pre-Glow, June 5 from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and June 6 from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Art on the Grand is a collaborative effort with the Farmington DDA and the City of Farmington Hills

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Services. For more information on events in Downtown

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Botsford Hospital will hold a Blood Drive for the American Red Cross on Friday, June 4. Blood donations will be accepted between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room located in Botsford Hospital's Administration & Education Building, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills.

For questions, please contact Botsford's Employee Services

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SOUTHFIELD June 8, 2010 2pm - 4pm **Providence Hospital** (9 Mile and Greenfield)

Fisher Center

NOVI June 14, 2010 3pm -- 5pm Providence Park Hospital (Grand River Ave and Beck Rd) Conference Rooms A, B and C

LIVONIA June 16, 2010 2pm – 4pm Providence Medical Center (7 Mile and Newburgh) Classroom Lower Level

Light refreshments will be served. To RSVP, please call 866-501-DOCS (3627)



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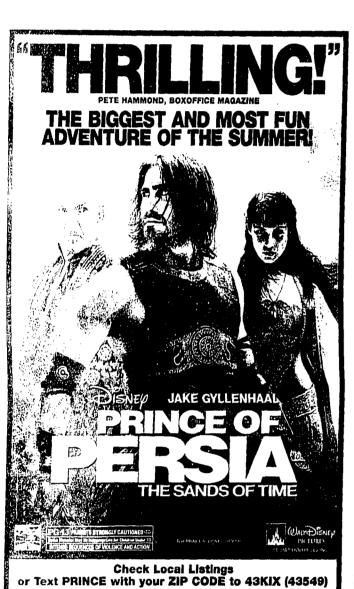
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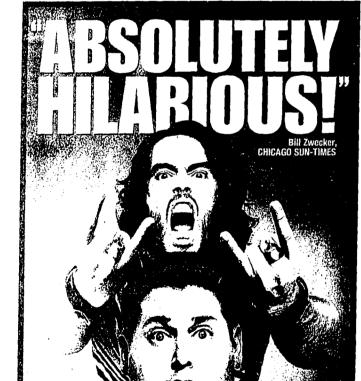
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WAVES of Harmony, a Women's Community Chorus, is looking for ladies to join the group this summer to learn

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WAVES will meet 7-9 p.m. The same concepts and curricon Mondays, starting June ulum will be covered in each 7, at the United Commerce session. Parents are asked to Methodist, 1155 N. Commerce attend a 15-minute orienta-Road. Call (248) 887-2455 for tion on the first day. Children should bring a snack or lunch more information. whatever is appropriate for Safety Town the time they are attending. The annual Safety Town will They will also need to bring a cover Stranger Danger, Fire helmet. Students must be 4 by Safety, Traffic Safety, Animal the start date of class. Cost is

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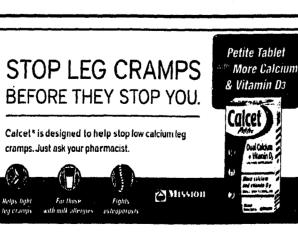
Registration for this camp is limited to 110 children, so register early. Contact Seth Furlow, Camp Director, at (248) 449-1600 or sfurlow@ novi.k12.mi.us for more information. You may also visit Camp Invention's Web site at www.campinvention.org to find out more.

#### Casting for 'Leaving lowa'

The Farmington Players are casting for "Leaving Iowa" at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 9 at the Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile and Farmington roads). Show dates are Oct. 1-3; 7-10 and

For more information or to request a script, please call Nancy Harrower at (248) 554-0782 or Marge Wetzel at (248) 231-3291. Anyone wishing to audition, but unable to make the scheduled date, must arrange to audition prior to





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#### **NOVI POLICE BRIEFS**

Playhouse damaged at Novi preschool

¶In what appears to be a regular occurrence, the playhouse at the Novi Co-op Preschool on Ten Mile Road was Smell damaged again on May 13. According to the president of the preschool, this is the third time the playhouse on the playground has been damaged in the last several months and this time the walls were kicked out.

The president also said that it appears neighborhood kids are using the playhouse to hang out in at night as pizza boxes, pop bottles and cups have been found inside.

Police have no suspects at this time but plan on increasing night patrol in

Truck damaged by unknown

A 37-year-old man had his Chevrolet Silverado damaged

around 5:58 p.m. on May 26 while he was driving on M-5 near Twelve Mile

He said he noticed two cars occupied with teenagers goofing around, driving side-by-side and waving to each other. He said he got in the middle lane between the cars when something was thrown from one of the vehicle and shattered the driver's side rear window. SUV He was unable to get the license plate numbers on the car, but identified one of the vehicles as a Ford Mustang.

He was the only person in his truck at

the time and suffered minor marks on

Police have no suspects at this time. Rare parts stolen off Mercedes

→ A Mercedes-Benz E350 Sport was **5** vandalized between the days of May 22-24 while it was parked in the lot at the dealership on Grand River Avenue. According to the report, a sales manager was checking the cars at the end of the day when he noticed the rocker/

sill moldings missing from the vehicle.

The body style on the vehicle is

unique to the E350 Sport model and do not fit any Mercedes-Benz except for it. Police have no suspects at this time. Novi Woods evacuated due to

4 Students at Novi Woods Elementary got on early start on their holiday weekend after an electrical odor caused the school to be evacuated around 9:15 a.m. on May 28.

The Novi Fire Department arrived on the scene to determine the cause of the odor, but after several hours of unsuccessful searching, school district superintendent Peter Dion decided to send the students home as a precau-

The smell was said to be coming from the area of the media center and fire fighters checked the lights and HVAC units at the school, but neither exhibited signs of malfunction. They also checked for carbon monoxide and damaged electrical cords in nearby

Students were held at the gym and cafeteria until they could be picked up

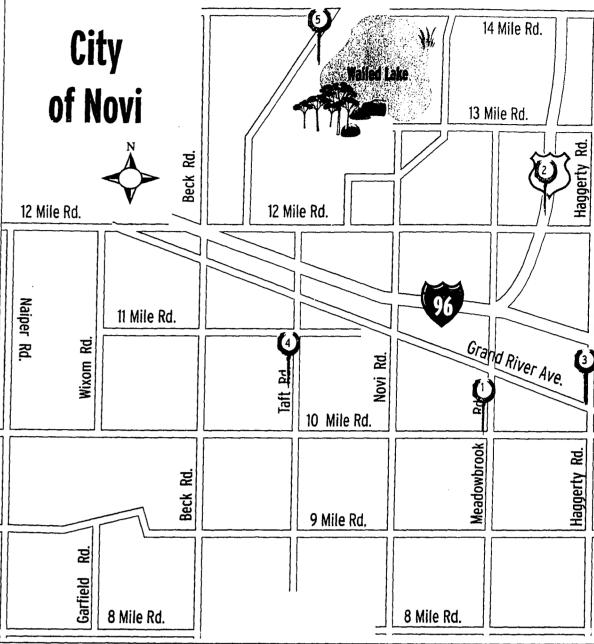
The school reopened Tuesday after the cause of the problem appeared to be an electrical socket that melted. Navigation system jacked from

A GMC Yukon was broken into and 5the in-dash navigation system was taken from it overnight on May 26 while it was parked in the driveway of a home on Cobblestone.

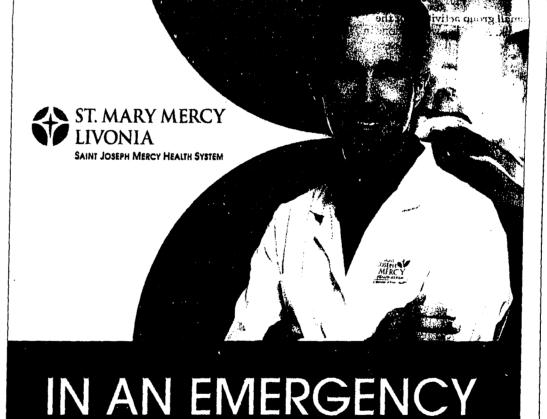
The owner of the SUV said the vehicle was locked and the suspect gained access to the vehicle after breaking the sunroof. A green-handled screwdriver was found on the front seat, but no prints could be found inside or outside the vehicle.

The leather seats also suffered damage from the broken glass. Police have no suspects at this time.

- Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller







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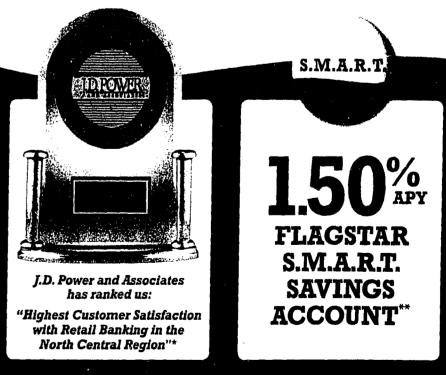
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Former Novi grad denied entry into Israel

More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Novi Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com, Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to estone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 349-9832; 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

Family Support Group Meeting Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 8 Location: Providence Hospital Outpatient Center Conference Room E 47601, Grand River Ave., Novi.

Details: Follow the signs to the Heart Institute and park in that lot. Enter through the southeast entrance near the heart institute and follow the signs to the NAMI Metro Family Support Group Meeting. Family Support Group meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month. Contact: (248) 348-7197.

#### Deerfield Elementary 10th Anniversary Celebration

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Friday, June 18 (Celebratory Program at 6:15 p.m.) Location: Deerfield Elementary Details: Looking for current and former students, parents, teachers, and staff to come celebrate Deerfield's 10th

Contact: DeerfieldTenYearCelebration@ hotmail.com to RSVP by June 6. Please include family name and number attending

Northville-Novi Garden Walk Time/Date: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, June

Details: The Gardeners of Northville & Novi (No-No's) present "Beauty and Bounty", a self-guided tour of seven exceptional gardens in Novi; rain or shine. Tickets are \$10 (cash or check) and will be available on the day of the tour at the main venue. Novi Civic Center, 45000 W. 10 Mile Road. This year's gardens were selected for their outstanding blend of flowers, shrubs and water features combined with a section devoted to vegetables and/or herbs. The gardens featured will also participate in the state-wide "Yellow Ribbon Garden" program to honor and support our military men and women - a tradition dating back to 1945 to pay tribute for their service and Contact: For advance ticket purchase

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dance is needed to maintain and grow the

Contact: Commander Dennis Strikulis

fime/Date: 7:30 p.m. Mondays and

**Location**: The Botsford Center for Health

Improvement, 39750 Grand River Avenue.

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Novi Senior Center's Jan McAlpine, right, helps to transfer some Focus Hope food supplies into the car of Hyrthol Harsh on May 11. The Novi Senior Center is a distribution point for the Detroit-based charity which provides food to income-eligible seniors. The Novi Senior Center can be reached at (248) 347-0414.

Novi High School Class of 1990 20-Year

Location: 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi Location: Bar Louie, Novi (12 Mile Crossing Contact: (248) 348-5600 at Fountain Walk) Gem & Jewelry Show **Details:** Reconnect with Class of 1990 TIME/DATE: noon-6 p.m. Friday, June 25; alums. Dinner and two drink tickets includ-10-6 Saturday, June 26; 11-5 Sunday June

Time/Date: 7 p.m.-close Saturday, June 26

Contact: tiffdobson@comcast.net to have an invite emailed to you.

Summer Sidewalk Music Series Time/Date: 4-7 p.m. Saturdays June-

**Location**: at Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountainwalk in the center roundabout by Lucky Strike **Details**: Free concerts and art. ArtsNovi

will have 4 artists selling work and doing demonstrations each week. Bring a chair! Bands for June: 5 - Gia Warner Duo; 12 - Bon Temp Roulle; 19 - Catfish Mafia; 26 -Michael May and the Messarounds. Contact: Twelve Mile Crossing (248) 348-

Sunset Jazz @ Fuerst Park Time/date: 7-9:30 p.m. first Wednesdays of June, July and August

Location: Fuerst Park, southeast corner o Taft and 10 Mile roads

Details: Free live jazz -- bring a picnic basket and make it a date night. July 7 - Don Swindell Quartet; August 4 - Royal Garden Quartet; September 1 - Sheila Landis & Rick

Contact: (248) 473-3100 **Details**: Zumba is a fusion of Latin and International music combined with highenergy, simple to follow, low impact Latin dance moves to create a dynamic, fun and effective workout. These Zumba classes are targeted for beginner to intermediate level. Diane Quigley, a fitness specialist, physical therapist and certified Zumba instructor, teaches both classes. The class is \$2 for Botsford Center for Health Improvement members. Non-members may purchase a punch card for 10 sessions for \$99 or pay a drop-in guest fee of \$15.

Registration is not required. **MSU Extension** 

Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Rd, Contact: (248) 858-0887, email smithlin@ oakgov.com or visit www.msue.msu.edu/ Evening in the Gardens -Hydrangeas:

**Location**: MSU Extension Tollgate

Classic Beauty Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June

**Details**: course for all gardeners interested in learning how to get that perfect pink or beautiful blue, planting, pruning and plant selection to make the most of these superb performers in your garden. Instructor is long time metropolitan Detroit resident and owner of Black Cat Pottery, Cheryl English. The cost is \$20 per

Evening in the Gardens -Small Fruit Production Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June

**Details**: Ever wish you could grow your own strawberries, raspberries, grapes, blueberries or other small fruit? Join MSU Extension District Fruit Educator, Bob Tritten, as he helps explore all of the aspects of producing your own delicious healthy, fruit. Plant selection, matching the plant to your site, training and pest management will be covered. The cost is \$20 per person.

#### BUSINESS

Metro Novi BNI

Time/Date: 7-8:30 a.m. every Wednesday Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road (north of 8 Mile), Novi **Details:** BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals to each other. Members learn how to create and refine

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an 'elevator speech,' develop a broad network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/ education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited to attend free of charge. Continental breakfast provided. Contact: For more information, contact Julie Paquette at 248-797-1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com; www.metronovibni.

Novi Chamber of Commerce The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an active, progressive chamber offering a

variety of events, educational programs, an enhanced Web site, and involvement with local charities. Location: 41875 11 Mile Road. #201, Novi Contact: For more information, call (248) 349-3743 or www.novichamber.com.

Networking Luncheon Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 15 Location: Bonefish Grill, 43304 11 Mile Rd.

**Details**: Guest speaker will be Kathy Tosian, an engaging and experienced trainer from Dale Carnegie, speaking on "Working A Room". Learn an easy way to generate conversations that will help you leave a lasting impression. Discover communication do's and don'ts when working \$20 per person. Pre-registration required

by 4 p.m. Monday, June 14. Novi Farmers' Market & International Street Fair

fresh and tasty produce, gorgeous plants

and flowers, yummy baked goods, honey

and iam, sensational crafts and works of

Commerce, Bright House Networks and the

Asparagus, sugar peas, tomatoes, onions

spinach, radishes, mushrooms, strawber-

ries, fresh eggs, bedding plants, flower

baskets, herbs baked goods, coffee, jams

**Entertainment**: Michigan Center for

Capoeira and Novi Concert Band

Face painting and artisans

flavored butters, pickles, sandwiches, and

Garden Walk and Dinner Tour tickets will be

art. Presented by the Novi Chamber of

June 6 Market Day featuring:

Toasted Oak Grill.

other concessions

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays, through Oct. 31 Location: Main Street, between Grand River Avenue and Novi Road **Details:** An open-air market featuring

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Dawda, Mann, Mulcahy and Sadler, PLC, Schultz was at

Butzel Long for 31 years until May 2009.

the trip that once held so

appointment.

much promise ended in dis-

"The whole reason why

I wanted to go on this trip

answers and see if there is

country," she said. "I wanted

side and share that with my

Arab people and say maybe

there is a chance and more

"But what I went through

makes me question how pos-

sible is it under these condi-

Afana was one of three

students stopped at cus-

toms when the group of

seven arrived, which also

included Jews and Arabs,

but she was the only one sent

home because of her expired

co-existence than people

a chance for peace in that

to learn about the Israeli

was to go seek truth and

Prior to obtaining his law degree, Schultz spend many years in construction and real estate development where he developed feasibility analyses, prepared pro forma financial statements, and analyzed tax aspects of real estate

Schultz is a graduate of Wayne State University and the Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University. A member of the American Bar Association and State Bar of Michigan, Schultz is also a member of the Construction Law, Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), Real Estate, and Litigation sections of the State Bar of Michigan.

Palestinian passport, she

She knew she was going

to get questioned when she

arrived in the country, but

never expected the events

that transpired to happen.

several different people.

She was asked the same

questions multiple times

approved as a student at

versities.

and even told them she was

Israeli and Palestinian uni-

Her luggage was taken

undergo a body search.

from her and run through X-

ray machines and she had to

in when she was escorted to

a van, with no knowledge

of where she was going.

Eventually she arrived at

the airport jail and sat there

Then the fear really kicked

Questioning took place

for roughly three hours with

Officers of the Delta Dental of Michigan Board of Directors were elected to serve one-year terms during the board's recent annual meeting

Lisa A. Dancsok of Novi was re-elected member-atlarge. Dancsok is executive vice president of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation in Lansing.

for about three hours until her flight back to the United Expired Palestinian passport reason for refusal

> "They didn't tell me much during the whole process and the fact I didn't know anything made it more mentally exhausting," she said. "I did take it personally being Arab and Palestinian. I knew it wasn't going to be easy for me and the other Arab students to get in, but I didn't think it would be to the point where they would send

me back." According to the U.S. Department of State's consular affairs website, "American citizens whom Israeli authorities suspect of being of Arab or Muslim origin are likely to face additional, often time-consum-

through, Afana still wants to

"If I had the chance I would pack up my suitcase

denied entry into Israel."

home she had a message

When Afana returned

from her instructor apologiz

ing for what happened and

was greeted by her parents

who shared her frustration.

attention of Arab-American

and civil rights groups which

held a news conference on

May 27 outside Detroit's fed-

eral court house in support

But despite all she went

Her situation also drew the

take the trip. and leave right now," she

ing, and probing questioning nmueller@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255

#### **NOVI NEWSMAKERS**

#### Schultz joins Varnum

Novi resident Abeer Afana, 21,

Arab American groups after she

because her parents were from

Palestinian passport.

has received a lot of support from

was denied entry into Israel in May

the Gaza Strip and she once held a

online at hometownlife.com

Dennis B. Schultz, a litigator who has practiced law for more 30 years in southeast Michigan, has joined the Varnum law firm and will be based in its Novi office.

Dennis has joined the firm,' complement to the services we Schultz' arbitration and lead

counsel experinumerous trials and litigation of major business disputes including claims on

STAFF WRITER

This was supposed to be

the trip of a lifetime for Novi

High School graduate Abeer

State University student was

The 21-year-old Wayne

heading to Israel on May

16 to study the tensions in

of her own.

the Middle East as part of a

study-aboard program when

Afana encountered a conflict

Born in the United States

of two parents who were

from the Gaza Strip and

was met at customs in

once holding a now expired

Palestinian passport, Afana

Ben Gurion International

Airport in Tel Aviv, Israel.

She was told she was not

allowed to enter the country

because of those issues, and

major construction projects, shareholder class actions, corporate hostile take-over actions, commercial contract disputes and trade secret/ intellectual property cases. Most recently at the firm of

Dancsok re-elected

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Novi sluggers win three to wrap season, B2

NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP



Wildcat golfer Stevan Rajkovic tees off at Walnut Creek on Ten Mile.

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Senior Tyler Manning was dominant last week, helping

Novi's golf team to a dual meet victory, a second-place finish in the KLAA Kensington Conference and a Regional Manning tied a school record with a nine-hole double eagle (three under par) at Walnut

Creek Country Club in South Lyon during a 163-175 victory over South Lyon East on May He repeated the performance the next day at the conference tournament at Pheasant Run Golf Course in Canton, shooting three under par for an

18-hole score of 69 to lead the Wildcats to a 302-point finish. wasn't limited to Manning, but All-League honors were also earned by juniors Johnny Walker (77), Sam Palmer (78)

and freshman Jason Carless

Manning's 18-hole performance at the conference meet Combining with his one-under par May 20 against Northville, the trio of consecutive underpar performances is a new school record in itself for three

in a row. The success of the Wildcats' leader carried over to last Thursday's District 7 tournament at Tyrone Hills Golf Course in Fenton. Manning shot a 73 while all of his teammates shot 80 or above. Through his last four meets. Manning is a combined six under par through 54 holes of

Novi's team score of 317 at Districts edged out White Lake Lakeland (318) and Howell (319) for the sixth and final spot to advance the 'Cats into nament at Farmington Hills

A top team finish or an high individual finish from Manning could get part or all of Novi's squad into the June 11-12 state meet at Michigan State University's Forest Akers

Ranked No. 3 in Division l, Novi's girls soccer team

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The All-League performance defeated Walled Lake Western 3-0 last Thursday in a battle for fifth place in the KLAA, improving to 14-2-2 overall (8-1-1 KLAA Central). Sophomore Jessica Jarvis

had two goals and junior Nicki Caruso added one as the Wildcats held a 20-5 shot advantage. Seniors Courtney Laux, Taylor Pyden and sophomore Kelli Timar were credited 41.92 seconds. with assists and junior Gabby Novi got their final few points Gauruder earned her 13th shutout of the season.

The 'Cats were scheduled to face Walled Lake Northern (9-6-3, 8-1-1 North) Tuesday for a spot in tonight's District 9 semifinal at Farmington tonight would set up a district

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Lakeland winner. A win

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championship contest 1 p.m.

A 10-4 playoff-opening victory over No. 39 Clarkston (8-9) during Novi's Lacrosse Community Appreciation Day today's MHSAA Region 4 tour- last Thursday had the No. 26 'Cats (9-6-1) set for regional semifinal against No. 29 Bloomfield Hills Andover (10-5) last night.

> A victory over the Barons would put Novi into the regional final 6 p.m. Friday at Walled Lake Northern to face the winner of No. 1 Birmingham Brother Rice (18-1) and No. 38 Northern (11-7). A regional title would place Novi as one of

## Blaszczyk wins association and county 3,200 titles

Novi tuned up for state meet

CORRESPONDENT

Solid performances at both the KLAA and Oakland County meets have kept Novi competitive, but the team has been unable to crack the top two.

At the Howell-hosted KLAA meet May 25, the Wildcats finished tied for third of 24 teams with Pinckney at 84 points. Novi followed that with a fourth-place finish at Milford for last Friday's Oakland County meet.

Senior Mike Blaszczyk claimed the lone first-place finish for Novi at the KLAA meet, winning the 3,200 run in 9:38.7 while finishing second in the 1,600 run in 4:26.39, behind Grand Blanc's Zachary Kughn (4:26.12). Junior Joe Schubring took fifth in the 3,200 run (9:53.5) and senior Dan Egner was ninth in the 1,600 run (4:33.33). Walled Lake Central's dominance in winning three of four relays helped the

title with 143 points. Novi was second in the 4x200 in 1:30.94 and second in the 4x100 in 43.64. WLC won the 4x200 in 1:29.39 and the 4x100 in 43.16. The Wildcats also took fifth in the 4x400 in 3:39.50 behind WLC's winning 3:31.80. Plymouth won the 4x800 in 8:08.30, as Novi finished fourth

Vikings secure the association

The 'Cats got some crucial points from the hurdle events. Junior Derek Kim took third (15.25 seconds), sophomore Derek Cingel was fifth (15.68) and sophomore Lance Lilla was sixth (15.74) in the 110 hurdles behind WLC's Joe Nodge (15.10).

Central's James Walker won Egner was third in the 800 run (1:56.59) behind WLC's Kyle the 300 hurdles in 39.66 seconds. but Cingel took third in 41.29 and senior Mark Zheng was fifth in

with a strong long jump from senior Brett Kuhn, who took second with a 21-foot jump. Walled Lake Western's Dominique

Novi's track and field team takes to the state meet 8 a.m.

Saturday in Rockford, Senior Brett Kuhn (long jump for the second-straight year), junior Derek Kim (110 high hurdles), senior Dan Egner (800 run), senior Mike Blaszczyk (3,200 run for the third-straight year) and the 4x200 relay team of Kuhn, Kim and senior Justin Hopton and sophomore Mike Jocz all qualified for the state meet.

Terrell won in 21-feet, 4.76-inches Kuhn was also fifth in the 100-meter dash in 11.416 seconds, behind Grand Blanc's Tony Jones

Sophomore Mike Jocz was seventh in the 200 dash in 23.39 seconds, behind WLC's Ramon Alexander (22.16).

Blaszczyk was on a roll last week. After winning the 3,200 at the association meet in 9:38.7, he won it at the Oakland County meet in 9:23.69. Despite fewer student-athletes placing, the 'Cats managed to finish similarly, land ing fourth of 21 squads with 37 points. Detroit Catholic Central won with 94 points. Walled Lake Central (60) and Holly (42) were

Kuhn again saw success in the long jump, landing in second after a 21-foot, 9.5-inch hop. Bloomfield Hills Andover's Ed Hur won in 22 feet, 5.5 inches. Kim was third in the 110 hurdles (14.95 seconds) behind Oxford's Aaron Stuk (14.73) and

Roche (1:55.7). Zheng managed an eighthplace finish in the 300 hurdles in 41.57 seconds (WLC's Walker won again in 38.69) and Novi finished third in the 800 relay (1:29.63) behind West Bloomfield



well as the 100 M and the 4 x 200 M relay (which broke the school record). He was also the runner-up in long jump at the Oakland County meet.

## Wildcats trackers win KLAA

Association title prepares Novi for state meet Novi's tra

CORRESPONDENT

Placing in 14 of 17 events - with five firstplace finishes - is a good way to earn an association crown, and that's exactly what Novi's girls track and field team did May 25

After Livonia Churchill won the KLAA Kensington Conference meet over Novi a week prior, the Wildcats weren't about to let first in the 100 hurdles in 15.81 seconds. a repeat occur at the association meet. The 'Cats racked up 113.5 points, one more than Northville and well ahead of Brighton (92) and Churchill (86).

"It went down to the wire in the association meet between us and Northville again. We ended up winning the meet that day," Novi coach Marsha Reid said.

The Wildcats' success was largely in part to their dominance in the hurdles. Sophomore Kelly McCloskey took second in the 300-meter hurdles in 47.12 seconds and third in the 100 hurdles in 16.09 seconds to lead Novi in both events.

Northville had two different studentathletes take first in each hurdle event. Chelsea Ciampa got first in the 300 hurdles in 46.34 seconds and Jaclyn Konopka was Just like the rest of the meet, Novi's team got the best of the Mustangs as a whole. Northville didn't have anyone else place in the 100 hurdles' top eight, but Novi earned a total of 15 points with finishes by senior

Barbosa (sixth in 17.53) and sophomore

Dominique Felice (eighth in 18.24).

Novi's track and field team takes to the stat meet 8 a.m. Saturday in Rockford. Seniors Kaitlyn Shelar (pole vault), D'Mya Davis (100 dash), sophomore Jasmine Ward (200 dash), freshman Jackie Mullins (3,200 run). sophomore Kelly McCloskey (100 hurdles, 300 hurdles) and the 4x100 relay team of Davis,

Freshman Lina Davis took sixth in the 300 hurdles in 49.58 seconds and freshman Claire Reynolds was 10th in 51.12 seconds. "This meet was particularly fun because it was all about the team. There were no individual awards," Reid said. "The girls did Annie Irvin (fourth in 16.65), senior Regina an excellent job of performing as a team.

Ward, senior Courtney Milon and freshman

Janee Hood are all Rockford-bound.

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## Novi sluggers win three to wrap regular season

#### 30-win season and district title within reach

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

The final three regular season contests for Novi's baseball squad led to three more victories as the No. 8 Wildcats improved to 29-5 on the season In a doubleheader at Berkley May 25, Novi outscored the Bears 27-6 in two victories rescheduled from a May 1 rain

Singles by senior Kevin Zak and sophomore Jim Eloff got the Wildcats off to a 1-0 firstinning lead. Novi added four in the second

on a leadoff single from senior Brett Jewell, a walk to senior Alex Engebretson, a two-RBI double from senior Matsaru Nogami and an RBI single from senior Chris Slack, who later came in on a passed ball. Singles from Nogami, Slack senior Nick Regnier and Eloff brought in three more runs in

the fourth before a Nogami single, walk to Slack, fielder's choice for Zak, two-run double for Regnier and single from Jewell put Novi even further Another run in the seventh one run crossed the plate, but

inning put Novi ahead 12-2 for the final score as Regnier got the win on the mound, allowing two hits, three walks, six strikeouts and two unearned runs in six innings of action. Sophomore Logan Regnier pitched a scoreless seventh for the 'Cats. Novi brought just as much

firepower to the plate in the second game. Nogami drew a walk and Slack and Zak followed with singles. Nick Regnier produced a run with a 's choice and Floff drove the second run of the first inning home with another hit for an early 2-0 lead. Senior pitcher Alex Karas

had two strikeouts, two walks and allowed two runs in the first inning to tie the game at A Nogami double, sacrifice

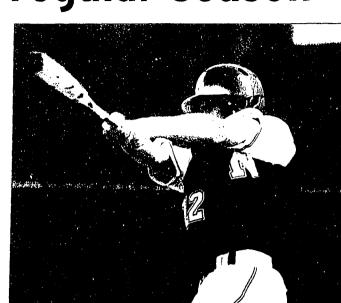
bunt from Slack and a passed ball, followed by a third-inning single from Nick Regnier and an RBI double from senior Garrett Jewell, gave Novi a 4-2 lead midway through the third

A walk, an error and two hit batters got Karas in trouble in the bottom of the third as

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The 'Cats (29-5, 13-3 KLAA

Central) rode their success

against Berkley (21-9) into a

Novi got a two-run first-

gle from Eloff and an error.

the Eagles scored one in the

fourth and four in the fifth

for 5-2 advantage. The 'Cats

responded with an eight-run

Nick Regnier started with a

single and scored on a double

by Eloff. Karas walked and

Engebretson doubled two in

scoring Engebretson. Slack

singled, Zak was hit by a pitch

to load the bases, Nick Regnier

walked to force in a run, Eloff

singled and Karas finished the

inning's scoring with a single to

Lakeland brought four more

A seventh-inning single from

across the plate in the bottom

of the sixth to cut the lead to

Ahead 15-9, Zak took the

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put Novi ahead 10-5.

before Logan Regnier doubled,

sixth inning.

walk to Nick Regnier, RBI sin-

The game stuck at 2-0 until

fifth place in the KLAA.

Wildcat James Eloff takes a cut.

#### ON TAP

Ranked No. 8 in Division I. Novi (29-5) kicked off District 31 action Tuesday in Northville against North Farmington. A win would tie the program's bestever win total at 30 and advance the Wildcats into the semifinal 10 a.m. Saturday against Detroit Catholic Central and then the district title game at about 3 p.m. Saturday. The Wildcats' district also

includes No. 10 Farmington (24-6), Northville (22-9) and Farmington Hills Harrison on the other half of the bracket.

junior Tyler Root came in with two outs and bases loaded to end the inning as the Bears grounded out. Root shut the Bears out in the

fourth and fifth innings, but a hit, error and two walks got another run for Berkley in the sixth inning. Novi was already ahead 10-4 at that point after strong fourth

Logan Regnier, walk to Nogami and fifth innings of their own. and a dropped third strike for Logan Regnier had a leadoff Slack brought up Zak, who Slack doubled and Nick Regnier Regnier brought another home the meet." belted a long ball in the fourth. with a sacrifice fly, Eloff (4-for-Junior Marshall Howard got his 5, four RBIs) singled and Karas work for the relay races, either. finished the scoring with his second home run of the season in the fifth inning over the right second single and RBI. center fence and Nogami, Slack and Zak produced another run mound in a seventh-inning with a walk, double and single. relief showing and Novi held on Slack (4-for-4, four runs, for the victory.

three RBIs) cracked a single in the seventh, followed by a Zak single, Nick Regnier walk and junior Chris Valade two-run single. Garrett Jewell hit a tworun double before senior Brett Jewell entered the game and tossed a scoreless, two-strikeout seventh inning to secure the

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## ROUNDUP

the final four teams left in the

Novi's softball squad fell 4-0 at Pinckney on May 26 in a battle for 17th place in the

KLAA. "We ran ourselves off the bases one time. We had bases loaded, no out and we popped up two in the air in the infield and that was our big threat," Novi coach Bob Lulek said. "Overall, we played hard, but just made a few mental mistakes. They were a decent

Junior pitcher Rebecca Richter allowed one earned run, while five Wildcats got on base. Juniors Colleen Kolis, Meaghan Robinson and Katie Marra each had a single, while junior Maddy Sinkovich had a double and senior Allyson Hrit nailed a triple.

"We just had so many things on our mind. Ours seniors were going to awards night. May 26 battle with White Lake We just didn't play very well; Lakeland (17-11, 10-6 North) for but we hit the ball hard, we just happened to hit it right at somebody," Lulek said. "It inning lead on a single by Slack, was a good wakeup call for the Districts. I think we'll play a lot better."

> The Wildcats (15-14) kicked off District 31 action Tuesday in Northville against North Farmington (23-11). A win advances the Wildcats into the semifinal 12:30 p.m. Saturday against Farmington Hills Mercy (28-7) and then the district title game at about 3 p.m. Saturday. Novi's district also includes Farmington, Northville (18-

12-1) and Farmington Hills

Harrison on the other half of

#### and Kelsey Masserant earned Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan Academic All-State honors last week, adding to the girls basketball program's post-season honors resume. The team also earned BCAM honors for their combined academics in April, while Johnson, Masserant and

coach Bill Kelp earned honors for their on-court performances last winter.

Seniors Caroline Johnson

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tion will be done online at the Novi Athletics Web site and the ticket tracker program at www.novi.k12.mi.us/athletics up until the first day of camp. Contact Kelp at bkelp@novi. k12.mi.us for more informa-

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and former Novi News staff writer.

in the pole vault at 11-feet, 3-

Katlyn Shelar winning the

pole vault and setting the meet

went for the school record at 11-

feet, 7-inches and just missed it

on her first attempt over," Reid

Several other Wildcats had

strong performances. Ward

was third in the 200 dash in

25.44 seconds, just behind

Baisden, who won in 24.39

seconds. Mullins was impres-

sive in the 3.200 run, finish-

ing fourth in 11:22.66 behind

Rochester's Megan Goethals

place finishes from junior

Brooke McMahan in the 800

run (2:24.95) and McCloskey

800-relay squad took eighth

in 1:47.79, behind first-place

in the 300 hurdles (46.45). The

Novi also got a pair of sixth-

(10:00.15).

Detroit Country Day's Kendall

record at 11-teet, 3-inches, She

"The highlight was definitely

the bracket.

They were all very focused and

Novi wasn't short on team-The 'Cats took first in the 4x100 relay in 50.37 seconds and second in the 4x200 relay in 1:47.13 behind Northville, who took first in 1:46.67. Novi also took third in the 4x400 in 4:11.87 (Northville was first in 4:04.17) and fifth in the 4x800 in 10:18.56 (Churchill was first in 9:27.19). Dashing through the pardad Randy Root for keeping the

Novi News updated with results tial-lap events, Novi took first place in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes. Sophomore Jasmine Ward was first in the 200 dash in 25.53 seconds and senior D'Mya Davis was first in the 100 dash in 12.80 seconds.

followed by freshman Janee

Mosley also took seventh

in the 400 dash in 1:04.25,

Hood in sixth at 13.32. Taylor

Curtis, who took first in 59.75. Freshman Jackie Mullins was impressive in the distance events, taking first in tne 3,200 run in 11:41.47 and fourth in the 1,600 in 5:22.88 behind Churchill's Sara Kroll (first in 4:54.25). Junior Bridget Myers was ninth in the 3,200 run in 12:31.80.

behind Brighton's Amanda

Senior Kaitlyn Shelar was solid in the field events, taking first in the long jump (16feet, 3.5-inches) and second in the pole vault in 10-feet, 6-inches, behind 11-feet, O-inches from Northville's Michelle Steslicki. Northville's Beth Roach was first in the high jump at 5-feet, 2-inches, as sophomore Nicole Hill and junior Alyssa Armiak were among six student-athletes filling the six-10 slots with

a 4-foot, 8-inch jump. Last Friday's Oakland County meet at Milford didn't go as smoothly for Novi's girls, who finished seventh of 20 squad with 32.25 points. Shelar led the way with a

meet-record, first-place finish

Rochester's 1:43.61. Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former Novi News staff writer.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Cooper-Standard exits bankruptcy protection Novi-based auto supplier Cooper-Standard

emerged from bankruptcy protection May 27 under the ownership of its bondholders. "The company has emerged with an exceptionally strong balance sheet that will enable us to maintain our leadership position and grow in the industry," said James McElya,

Cooper-Standard, which filed for Chapter 11 in August, cut its long-term debt by nearly 60%, to \$480 million, from \$1.1 billion before its bankruptcy filing.

Cooper-Standard's chairman and CEO, in a

The supplier, which makes automotive seals, products to insulate against noise and vibration and systems that carry fluid throughout the vehicle, employs 16,000 people around the

In Michigan, Cooper-Standard employs 900 at its headquarters and plants. The company leaves bankruptcy with \$450 million from a bond sale this year.

Cooper-Standard also lined up a \$125-million credit line and raised \$355 million by selling preferred and common stock to its bondholders, primarily hedge and private equity

The company formed a new board of directors, which includes three members of the former board: Stephen Van Oss, chief operating officer of electrical products manufacturer Wesco; Kenneth Way, former chairman of Lear, and McElya.

Bondholders nominated four other members. They include Glenn August, president of private equity fund Oak Hill Advisors, and former Honda executive Larry Jutte.

#### - By Jewel Gopwani, Gannett News Service Seven-7 rejuvenates Novi library

Woman-Owned branding and design firm Seven-7 Graphics LLC of Farmington Hills (www.seven7graphics.com), owned and operated by Kristin Mauck, has been selected to rebrand the Novi Public Library in conjunction with the city's new library facility, which opened to the general public on June 1.

#### Busch's celebrating 35th anniversary Local grocer Busch's Fresh Food Market

will celebrate its 35th Anniversary with a weeklong extravaganza through Sunday, June 6. Activities for children as well as adults are planned throughout the week at each of its 15 Michigan stores, culminating in a 35th Anniversary storewide party on Saturday, June 5 and Sunday, June 6. "We're going all out to show our gratitude to

our community, which has supported us for the past 35 years," said John Busch, co-owner and CEO of Busch's Fresh Food Market. The Novi store is located on the northwest

corner of Ten Mile and Meadowbrook roads. Among the activities planned is the Summer Salad Recipe Contest, in which guests submit an original and unique recipe for a deli salad. One winner will receive an Ecolution Artistry 8-piece Cookware set and the winning recipe will join the Busch's Deli all-star salad squad and will be available in all Busch's stores. Three runners up will win a \$25 Busch's gift card. Recipes may be submitted in store or via e-mail to recipecontest@buschs.com.

For the kids, a 35th Anniversary Coloring Contest will be held and each entry rewarded with a complimentary treat from the Busch's bakery. Coloring pages featuring Busch's 35th Anniversary logo will be available for kids to pick up at the Service Desk, and completed pictures will be hung up in stores as part of the celebration. On Sunday a drawing of all entrants will be held for three Summer Fun Prize Baskets. Meanwhile, a myriad of vendor demonstra-

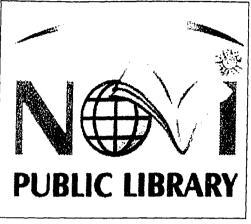
tions will convene and free food samples will be available throughout the week at various store departments including Busch's deli, bakery, produce and dairy. In addition, from May 31 through June 6, select items throughout the store will be featured in a 35th Anniversary "Buy One, Get One for 35 cents" sale. Finally, on Saturday and Sunday, June 5-6

from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Busch's invites its guests to a birthday party complete with complimentary Busch's signature cake samples. There will also ties included. Wednesday, June 30, from 7:30 be free Busch's giveaways upon entering each store while supplies last. Learn more at www.buschs.com.

#### Novaetus named approved vendor

Novaetus, Inc, a marketing and customer experience agency based in Novi, was recently named as an approved survey vendor to conduct patient satisfaction surveys by the Center for Medicare Services (CMS) throughout the United States. The surveys are a recent requirement by CMS that will affect 10,000plus Medicare home health agencies throughout the United States and the 96 million people enrolled in Medicare and Medicaid. It is part of the quality initiative that was launched within the United States Department of Health and Human Services in 2002 to ensure quality health care for all Americans through accountability and public disclosure. As a survey vendor, Novaetus will be

responsible for issuing a satisfaction survey to Medicare and Medicaid patients who have recently had service from a Medicare home care provider and reporting those results to the Center for Medicare Services (CMS). Results of the survey will be publicly reported on the



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#### Oakland workshops offered

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months Seminars are held in the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road (west of Telegraph), Waterford. For pre-registration and location specifics, visit oakgov.com/peds/calendar, or call (248) 858-0783.

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is a workshop for small business owners who are developing a plan to serve as their road map to success. Thursday, June 24, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The fee is \$40, which includes all materials; no refunds. Business Workshop Series #4: The TOOL Kit That Keeps On Working - Obtain tools

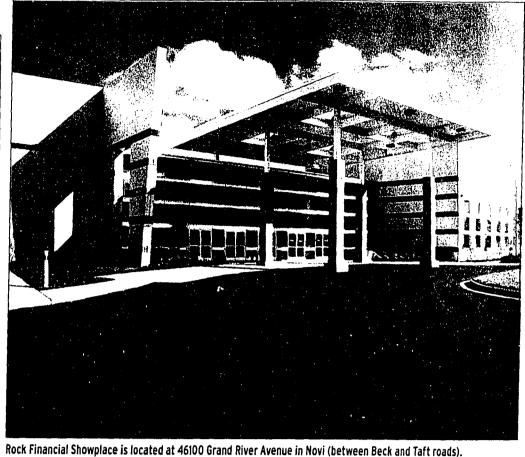
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Oxford For pre-registration and location specifics, visit www.downtownoxford.org, or call (248) 770-8587. The fee is \$20; no refunds. QuickBooks® Essentials - This introduction to small business financial management provides an overview of accurate recordkeeping, report interpretation and utilization, and management of the variety of tools provided in this system. Presented by Kildal Services, LLC. Session I - Basic accounting terminology • New company file setup • Customizing forms and letters • Working with bank accounts Session II - Invoicing customers • Receiving

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## **Rock Financial Showplace to be renamed**

TBON, LLC, owner and operator of the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi, announced the facility will be renamed effective on or before the 1st quarter of 2011. The exposition center has operated since its grand opening in 2005 as the Rock Financial Showplace under a naming rights agreement with Rock Financial, now Quicken Loans Inc.

Blair Bowman, manager of TBON, LLC, said it is unclear at this time what the new name will be for the facility. "We will consider several options over the next few months which could include

ing to a new non-commercial and has been considered for branded name or a return to major local, regional, national the use of Novi Expo Center. and even international events." Another alternative we're con-Emerson said. sidering is to ask the public "Quicken Loans/Rock to suggest a new name, which Financial is a first-class orgamay be done in some form

nization and strong commuof a social marketing camnity partner," Bowman said. paign utilizing sites such as "We have been proud to bear their name on this building. According to Bowman, Quicken Loans, said the Rock the new name for the overall facility would not affect the continued branding of the served the company well durbanquet and conference por ing its naming rights agreement. "We have been proud tion of the facility, known as to have our name associated the Diamond Center, which is with a state-of-the-art facility the 60,000 square foot statethat has hosted thousands of of-the-art banquet, conference and meeting facility attached family-friendly conferences, to the exposition halls. conventions and social events,





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### 6 Job Market Trends to Watch

Matt Ferguson, CEO of CareerBuilder

Since the start of the recession in December 2007, the United States has lost 8.4 million jobs. Yet, employers are finally feeling a renewed sense of hiring optimism, according to a new survey from CareerBuilder and USA TODAY. For the third consecutive quarter, more hiring managers and human resource professionals are projecting they will increase headcount in the next three months while fewer are expecting staff cuts. The nationwide survey of more than 2,700 professionals was conducted by Harris Interactive.

Both the survey and hiring activity are signs of employers' confidence in the healing economy and that they are ready to reincorporate growth strategies. The rise in online job listings and resurgence in temporary hiring are strong leading indicators of a stablizing market and the creation of more permanent jobs down the road. On CareerBuilder.com, for example, job listings in 2010 have increased both consecutively and year over

While the job market recovery will take some time as employers face new market realities and weigh staffing needs, this is a positive sign for job seekers. In addition, it is also welcome news to workers

who have been strained by heavier workloads and longer hours caused by their employers' staffing reductions.

In the first quarter of 2010, 23 percent of employers reported they increased their full-time, permanent staff, up from 13 percent in the same period last year and up from 20 percent in the fourth quarter. Employers decreased headcount by 12, down from 26 percent year over year and down from 13 percent in the fourth quarter. Another 64 percent of employers reported no change in their number of full-time, permanent employees while percent was undecided.

Over the next three months, 23 percent of employers plan to add full-time, permanent headcount while 8 percent plan to downsize staffs. The majority (64 percent) anticipate no change in staffing while 6 percent are undecided.

Here are six trends hiring managers and human resource professionals said they foresee regarding staffing in the second quarter of 2010:

1. Hiring contract workers - Be open to job listings that indicate "contract" or "freelance" work. Still cautious of hiring of permanent staff, 25 percent of employers expect to freelancers in the second quarter

to help fill productivity gaps. Thirteen percent said they are likely to hire these workers on a

— No matter your age, consider applying for an internship for responsibilities. the experience and exposure. Employers are upping their number of interns to costeffectively add resources in the interim. Nearly one-quarter of employers said that they will be hiring interns at their location in 3. Hiring for social media

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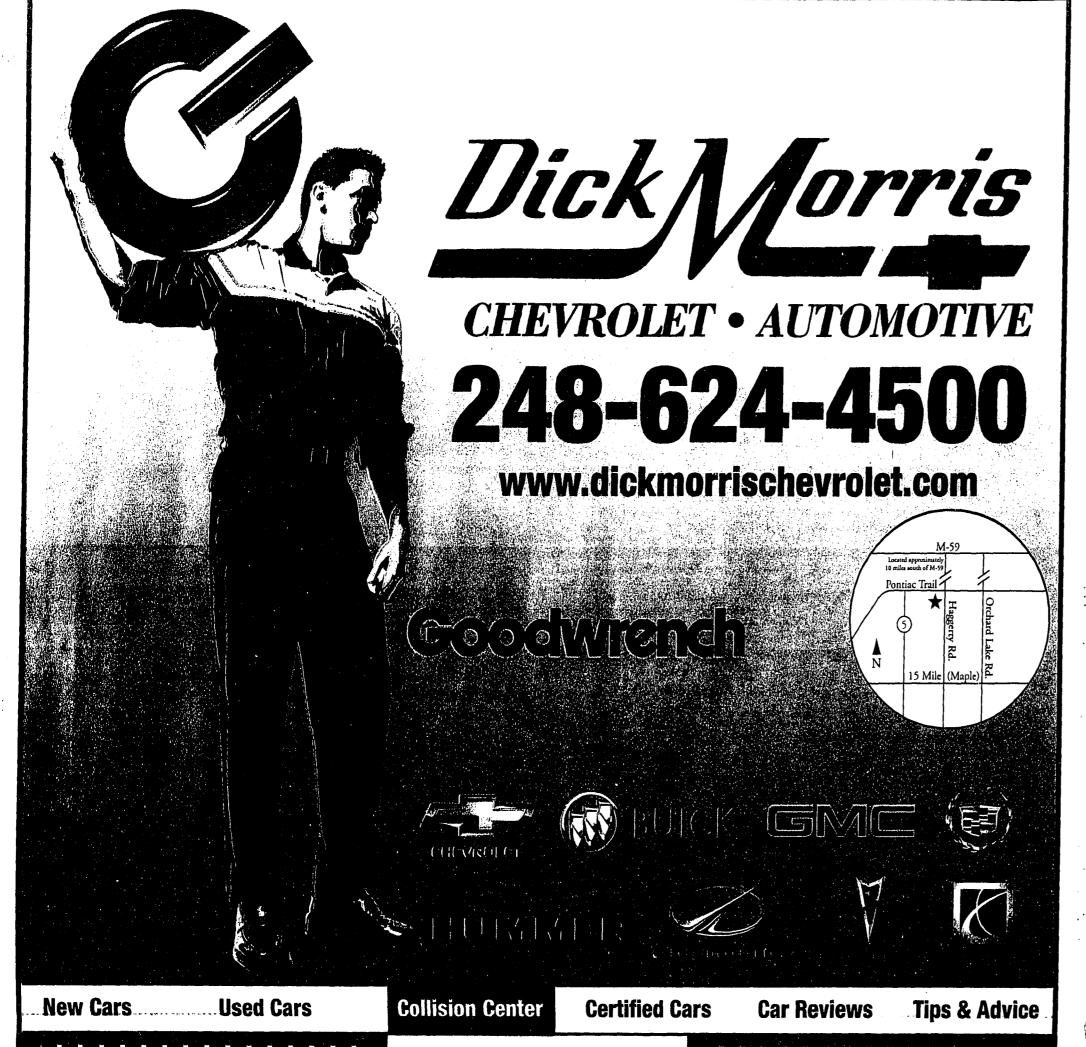
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their organizations in the next few months as market conditions improve. To help retain workers, 14 percent are offering more flexible work arrangements, 14 percent are investing more in training, 10 percent are promising future raises or promotions and 9 percent are offering more performance-based incentives such as trips and bonuses. Another 5 percent are providing a higher title without the salary

Matt Ferguson is the president and CEO of CareerBuilder, the solutions. Working with the nation's top employers on a daily basis, Ferguson is an expert on emerging trends, the effect of the economy on the job outlook and advice for job



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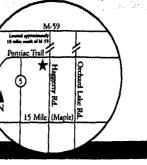


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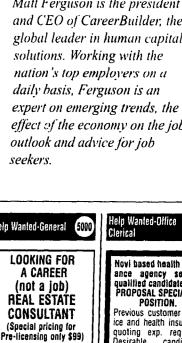
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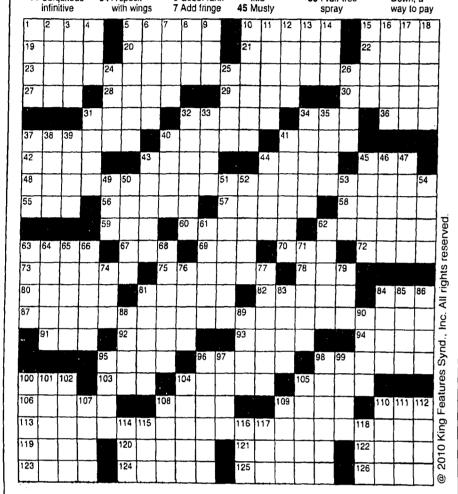
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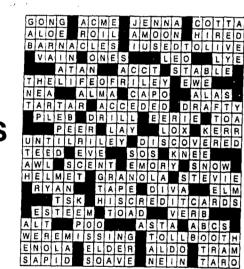
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## REAL ESTATE

## Flowers, plants: June busting out all over

O&E STAFF WRITER

online at hometownlife.com

Frost isn't generally much of a concern for gardeners in southern Michigan past Memorial Day. "May 15 is our average las frost date. We're clear of tha now and good to go," said Andrew Collins, nursery manager for the English Gardens store on Ford Road at Outer Drive in Dearborn Heights. Local gardeners know we're in Zone 5, which doesn't matter for annuals, he said. The zone's a concern for shrubs, trees and perennials. He agreed people are stay ing put and investing in local gardening. "Landscaping is doing well, too," Collins said "I guess it makes them feel

"They're spending more time in their back yard instead of going on vacation." Collins recommends shallow planting for trees and shrubs, noting they're some times planted too deeply. He also recommends use of mulch, good to keep water from evaporating.

good," he added of warm

weather splashes of color.

Use of a root stimulato to encourage root growth is also a good idea, he added. For bedding plants, English Gardens sells Super Blossom for longer-lasting and more

Collins recommends gardeners check plants before watering. "Feeling the soil is your only sure way to know" if water's needed. New this year at English Gardens is the Bloomerang

lilac. set to bloom all summer long. There are also new hydrangeas, including the white Incrediball with potential for basketball-size blooms There's also the Invincebell. Spirit, similar but pink. Both are in the Annabelle category. English Gardens has a website at englishgardens.com.

These are the area residential real estate clos-

ings recorded the week of Feb. 16-19, 2010, at

the Oakland County Register of Deeds office.

Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales

2139 Hempstead Ro

30396 Stellamar S

499 Catalpa Dr

1320 Latham St

4238 Antique Ln

5395 Hollow Dr

3960 Lincoln Rd

2451 Bradway Blvo

3225 Devan Brook Dr

1020 N Cranbrook Rd

7828 Brookpines Dr

7199 Deer Lake Ct

6856 Northcrest Way E

6095 Carroll Lake Rd

8480 Hummingbird 5541 Leafwood Cl

779 Upper Scotsborough Way

17977 Buckingham Ave

well-drained organic matter in their soil and do some fer-"Herbs are a big thing right

"Once it slows down we do," Collins said. "This time of year it's very busy." Also busy is the staff at Plymouth Nursery, on Plymouth-Ann Arbor Road at Gotfredson. Its website is built, Parker said, so that plymouthnursery.net. Tim Parker, Plymouth Nursery general manager, said, "We're certainly safe to get rolling"

Area nurseries are busy

these days, but staffers will

find time to do their own

home gardening eventually

after the frost date. "Full

8429 Pine Cove Dr

5460 Birch Dr

8942 Wild Iris Ct

32190 Loomis Dr

\$90,000

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HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

34555 Ramble Hills D

22300 River Ridge Irl

38213 Saratoga Cir

35860 Springvale St

29414 Woodfield Ct

25875 Balsam Rd

2142 Willow Beach S

2821 Glenwood Ct

985 Indian Ridge Dr

1062 Key West Ct

3917 Red Root Rd

48030 Bellagio Ci

21000 E Chigwidden S

24503 Christina Ln

51011 Glades Ct W

1935 Rowe Rd

Lake Orion

37284 Rosedale

speed ahead.'

Heather Glenday of At Plymouth Nursery in flats and vegetables, having earlier in May put in containers that are easier to cover on cool nights. Parker is bordines.com. recommends gardeners have

now," Parker said. "People want to do more of the culinary stuff. When it's sunny out, it's great business." Landscaping's doing well, he Fewer homes are being

makes a difference. "We've ing you money," she said always specialized in garden renovations. The jobs aren't as big. That's enough to keep us

Bordine's Nursery is also busy, working mostly out of Bordine's location. Its website "It's an excellent time to

41753 Hemoshire S

40736 Kingsley Ln

24906 Reeds Pointe D

23679 Stonehenge Blvd

25810 Shoreline Dr

3597 Oakmonte Blvd

3981 Anache C

514 Springview D

174 Bellshire Ln

2747 Eastern Av

2280 Flanders Dr

2571 Harrison Ave

1686 Ridgecrest

149 Woodfield Wa

61261 Richfield St

23925 Lee Baker Dr

2256 Garland St

5157 Collington Dr

2631 Lovington Di

2970 Roundtree E

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plant all your annuals," she said. Shrubs, trees and perennials can be planted as well:

basically anything now.' Glenday finds more people fixing up landscapes, with trees and shrubs and with containers on decks. Some gardeners grow vegetables as well as fruit trees. "The main thing is sav-

"It's a great time to plant

of homegrown produce. Gardeners also like knowing where produce came from, and can go organic if they want. "It's a great chance to

She agreed more people are gardening, especially on the edible end. "They're look-The younger generation

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2077 Holly Berry Lo

109 Lake Village Dr

1496 Mariner Dr

770 Anonka St

2342 Briggs St

1 Crescent Rd

70 Exmoor Rd

447 Grixdale Ln

3957 Lawley Ave

6494 Forestside Dr

1091 Joangay Bivd

5514 Lockwood Dr

5225 Cedarhurst Dr

5985 Glen Eagles Dr 6806 High Ridge Rd

7435 Silver Leaf Ln

8168 E Huron Ct

919 Moldovia Dr

1001 Delmonte SI

13102 Egret Ln

2276 Mentone St

6306 Orchard Woods Dr

7615 Woodview Or

035 Colonial Oaks D

375 Cooley Lake Rd

1866 Colonial Village Way

wants color, often through easy combination containers which are popular.

"This really is our passion," Glenday said of the crew at Bordine's. "We do have gardens" at home. "They may get a little neglected this time of year." She finds walking in her garden and even weeding after work relaxing. Glenday recommends

the Speedzone product for lawn weeds, which is good about not damaging grass. As weather warms, insects will appear. She recommends bringing in a damaged plant specimen to a nursery to get the right products. "As the weather gets warm, they'll come out with a vengeance," Glenday said of

\$44,000 \$40,000

\$244,000

Q: I live in a condominium complex. Recently satellite dishes have been appearing,

and where the satellite are located on a general common element, the association does have or not they belong there. If they are on a unit or a limited common element the association may not be in a position, nor may you, to restrict the use of installation of a satellite dish. It all depends upon condominium documents You are best advised to

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33027 Hennepin St

14083 Blue Skies St

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42296 Old Bedford Rd 46381 Academy Dr 590 Blunk St 42424 Bradner Ct 9495 Collins Dr 49276 Fox Dr S 13440 Glenview Dr 12327 Howland Park Dr 14133 Meadow Hill Ln 42223 Old Pond Cir 11861 Sycamore Dr 24531 Elmira 19568 Imperial Hwy 17424 inkster Rd 20528 Lennane 26265 Southwestern Hwy 19491 Wakenden 869 Autumn Ridge Dr

2521 Hawley Blvd

7545 Melvin Ave

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9085 Deering St

11755 Hunter's Park Ct

44140 Deep Hollow Cir

44638 Oak Forest Dr

17887 Westbrook Dr

p.m. Thursday, June 17, at 40600

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company profit share, commis-

RE/MAX kudos Three Southeastern Michigan-based RE/MAX brokerages are celebrating after being named among the largest brokerages in the U.S. by a

Career Seminar The Real Trends 500 Survey, Keller Williams Realty will which ranks the top 500 brokerhold a Career Seminar 6:30-7:30 ages in the U.S. on size based on

Sales for 2009, placed RE/MAX Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. Call (734) 459-4700 Classic in Farmington Hills as the 135th largest Brokerage in Looking for people that are: the USA. RE/MAX Acclaim positive-minded, highly ethifrom Roseville was placed 211th cal, service-based, self-starting, and RE/MAX Suburban Inc. in eager to learn and professional in appearance. Candidates would Carol Boii, owner of RE/MAX benefit from previous experiing and inspiration have our ence or successes in: service Our agents understand the ment, retail sales, small business Outstanding Results, RE/MAX planning. Seminar includes: cost offers high quality training and

> agents, allowing us to offer the best service to our clients." Rob Shaffer, owner of RE/

MAX Acclaim, said: "This ranking in the RealTrends survey is a tribute to the professional agents and staff at our company. I am proud of the hard work and proessionalism our agents and staff

have demonstrated this past year David G Tuscany, co-owner of RE/MAX Suburban Inc. along with Dave Kwasny, said: "The power of the RE/MAX Brand

s great support for the efforts of

our sales team in the field. We

are proud and excited to be recognized within this exemplary group of Realtors." RE/MAX brokerages held 122 spots, or 24 percent, on the list of the top 500 positions, more than any other national brand. RE/MAX also led the rankings in total transaction sides and sales volume, according to the report's top 500 rankings based on transaction sides.

In the participating offices, RE/MAX agents averaged 14.4 transaction sides, 46 percent higher than the next closest competitor. Individual RE/MAX agents averaged \$2.98 million in

Real Estate Sales and

the sense of being able to purchase a condominium with

Raton, Fla., regarding real estate, it appears tha he market is almost at the bottom if you talk o Realtors there. On the other hand. Robert Meisner the problem for anyone purchasing a condominium, particularly

for investment or as a second home, is that the lenders are not lending any money particularly on units where they have foreclosed and now own the unit. Specifically, you will probably need cash in order to buy a condominium although single family homes may be easier ir terms of getting credit. There is still substantial inventory both with respect to property with a water view of the Atlantic and/or the inter-coastal and you are in a buyer's market in terms of offering to purchase the units particularly where the units have been owned by the seller for a number of years and have some built in equity. It is always important, however, to gain access to a knowledgeable Realtor, mortgage lender and condominium lawyer before making any commitments.

unfortunately, in front of my condominium. Do I have any

A: It depends upon your dishes are located. If they some control over whether that particular area for the the circumstances and your consult with an attorney t assist you.

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Among the most popular sites online these days are newspaper websites. Yes, Newspaper sites. Maybe that is because newspaper sites are trusted, cherished and informative local content destinations.

\*\* Newspaper websites are locally dominant as the number one local website in 22 of the top 25 U.S. Markets.

74 Million. In September 2009, 74 million unique visitors went to a newspaper website. That represents 38% share of visitors

3.4 Billion. Visitors looked at 3.4 billion pages and spent 43 million hours on newspaper sites in September 2009.

26.9%. Newspaper share of local online advertising is 26.9% exceeding yellow pages, TV sites and radio sites combined.

\$3.1 Billion. Advertising on newspaper websites exceeded \$3.1 billion per year

online revenue is more than that from all other local media combined (2.8x directories; 2.9x that of local tv; 12x radio station sites, 20x business and alternative papers and 28x magazines)

**46%.** People do more than visit a newspaper site. 46% of adults visiting a newspaper website took some action. More newspaper website users took action after seeing online advertising than all other local sites, and portals according to OPA research.

29%. The percentage of newspaper websites visitors who go once a day or more frequently.

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一层	S. of Cherry Hill, W. of Beck, Subwide Sale, Juni		rel. Sale, Brookston	PLYMOUTH - ROLLING OAK	pointe Estates. June 3-5, 9-4 18 April. Wildwood & Barker, 1/4	antiques, 3 TV cabinets, dining, tables, etc. 1875 Winthrop Lane. Big Beaver & Maple.  Greenfield, 5 blk Beaumont. Toys.	ks W of women's
	3-5, 9-4pm. Furniture household, clothing, misc	LIVONIA - TOPS Garage Sa Housewares, antiques, furn	include furniture, children's clothes, toys, and house	Thurs-Sat., June 3-5	mile W. of US-23. Lots of stuff.  Call to place your ad at	HOWELL. 1564 Chelsea bed, play set, house Circle, M-59 & Old 23. June 3, June 4-6, 9-5pm. C	ehold, etc. Coming to
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household goods. 6/5 & 6/6 9- 4pm. 20305 Plantation, o Evergreen, South of 13 Mile.	if   321 South Ridge Rd., Canto   48188. Great assortment	Brookwood Estates	ware & some antiques. Jun 3rd-6th, 9am-5pm.	Furniture, kitchenware, jewel-	to Posey Dr., then south. Household items, clothes,	Rd. 4. Baby toys & clothing to age	INF
Birmingham BEST OF	merchandise, NO CLOTHE June 4 and 5th, 9am to 4pr Bag sale Saturday Afternoon	n. 6 Mile & Merriman	NORTHVILLE QUAIL RIDGI Sub - June 5th, 9am-2pm. Si Mile, W Meadowbrook, Home	Ann Arbor Tr & Haggerty. Sat-	ers to mention! Fri., Sat. & Novi Rd.		
BIRMINGHAM 3+ Families: Something for a	CANTON-HUGE 3 SUB SALE	June 5th & June 6th, 9-5p Check out Brookwood	items, toys, clothes, plants collectibles			7-000-373-3512(1333)	=
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BIRMINGHAM HUGE SALE!! 667 Greenwood St. Thurs. 8	Lanton-Mointyre Gardens	Furniture, clothes, toys, vin tage, etc. 6/3-6/5; 9-6pm 14000 Block of Hubble St., N	June 3, 4, 5, 9am to 5pm. 791 Bradburn, Taft, N. of 8 Mile,	S. LYON/GREEN DAK TWP.			
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ture, Clothing, Children's Items, Household Items, Baby Items, and much more!		glass, jewelry, paper stuff post cards, trade cards, mag	Riviera Dr. Kids clothes/toys,	Over 20+ homes participating.			
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Maple, E. of Lahser. Clothes, jewelry, furniture, golf clubs, household items, lots of purs-	btwo. Lilley & Haggerty.	truck. 6/3-6/6, 9-6pm. 1103 Melrose, 2 blks W o Merriman, S of Plymouth Rd.	MODTHWILL C. 400CO L. Marie	SOUTH LYON - Huge Sub	The state of the s		
es & more. June 3-5, 9-5PM.  BRENDA- Subdivision Garage	Commerce LAKE SHERWOOD SUB SALE	LIVONIA- Furniture, house-	5 & 6, 9-4. No Early Birds. Off Bradner, blwn. 5 & 6	Salet Fri. & Sat, June 4 & 5, 9am-3pm. Salem Farms Estates, 7 Mile Rd., 1/4 mile	Now is the time to clea & garages and turn those it Observer & Eccentric New	n out those closets, basements ems into cash! Place your ad in the spapers and Hometown Weeklies	
Sale- North of 5 Mile & West of Farmington Rd. in Coventry	surrounds Sleeth & Commerce Roads, east of Duck Lake Rd.		I NUNTITALLE: Washer, dryer,	E. of Pontiac Tr.	UDSERVER & ECCENTRIC NEW to reach thousands of bargain h	spapers and Hometown Weeklies unters & receive some <u>FREE</u> items too!	
Gardens Subdivision. This Saturday & Sunday June 5th & 6th		Middlebelt, N. of Joy.  LIVONIA: KIMBERLY OAKS	apt. size refrigerator, drafting table, exercise equip, bikes, household goods & much	SOUTH LYON- Bikes, genera- tor, furniture, stroller, tools, pool table, grill. 6/4-6/5; 9-	GARAGE SALE KITCHE		
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9am to 4pm. Woodvale Trail, off Pleasant Valley, btwn.	COMMERCE TWP- Huge	LIVONIA: Moving. June 4- 5,	NOVI SUB SALE. June 3, 4, 5, 9am to 4pm. Echo Valley	SOUTH LYON- HUGE SALE! 6/4 & 6/5; 8-4pm. 59007	• Inventory Sheets		
Kensington & Newman.  CANTON - Nottingham Forest	Garage/ Yard sale, June 4th & 5th! 5244 Oak Hill Trl between Duck Lk and Carey. Antiques,	Fri. 9-4. Sat. 9-3. 11011 Oxbow. Corner of Oxbow & Orangelawn. Household items.	Estates, west of Beck, south of Ten Mile. Not all houses all days. Bikes, air conditioner,	Cobblers Ct., S. of 11 Mile, E of Martindale, Carriage Club Sub	• 1 pass for 2 to Emagine Theatre		
Sub Sale. Thurs-Sat, June 3- 5, 9-5. E/ Morton Taylor, W/ Lilley, N/ Ford, S/ Warren.	collectables, folk art, antique bottle collection, books, house-	ciothes, lawn equip & MORE.	furniture, leather sectional, chest freezer, bedding, drapes, light fixtures, dishes,	SOUTH LYON- Huge Sub-wide sale! 8-10 familes! 6/4-6/6. Woodwind Village Sub on 10	• Froe 4 Square Buddy's Pizza • Buddy's Food Discount Card		13 P
CANTON	wares,hunting/fishing, sport- ing goods.Quality stuff, bar- gains galore!	Men & Women's plus size clothes, household, guy's	kitchenware, table linens, designer clothing, holiday	Mile, 1 mile E of Millord Rd. Kids/baby, TVs & much more!	• Ad placed on homeworking from		
CHEARY HILL VILLAGE Is having it's Annual Sub- Wide Yard Sale - Garages,	DEARBORN HEIGHTS: 8255 Kinmore, 2 blks. E. of Beech,	stuff, 100's of drawer knobs. Fri-Sat, June 4-5, 9-3, 115 W. Washington, Huron & Main.	decor, perennials. New Items daily, priced to sell.	SOUTH LYON: Subdivision Garage Sale		Call	
porches, alleys and yards will be filled with one of a kind treasures. This is a	btwn. Joy/Ann Arbor Tr. Crafts, sewing, jewelry, cake decorat-	MILEOND AND COMMON	NOVI ~ Addington Park Sub Sale, Thurs-Sat, 8-5pm, S. of 10 Mile, W. of Taft,	Thur-Sat., June 3-5, 9am-5pm. Orchard Edge Estates. Silver Lake & Pontiac Trail.	Place your ad online at	OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC NEWSPAPERS	(4.50 (4.50
HUGE Sale - 22+ homes are participating, Location; S. of	ing, La-Z-Boy lift chair, misc. items. June 3, 4 & 5, 9-5pm.	135 Noble St. on the corner, across from post office.	NOVI - VILLAGE DAK SUB	SOUTH LYON: 2 SUB SALE.	hometownlife.com & receive	TIOMETOWN	34.4. 334.52
Cherry Hill and Denton Rds in Canton. The Sale is June 4 and 5, 2010 from 8 a.m. to	FARMINGTON HILLS Old Farm Colony Sub Sale - Sat., 6/5, 9AM. S. off 10 Mile, btwn	MILFORD: Multi-Family Garage Sale, 1552 S. Creek	Thurs, Fri & Sat, June 3, 4 & 5, 9-5pm. Off Nine Mile, between Meadowbrook & Haggerty.	Nichwagh Lake (Hammer- stone Dr). Evergreen Pond (Gorget Dr). Fri-Sat. June 4-5,	2 PASSES for 4	11WEEKLIES	
3 p.m. Maps of homes par- ticipating will be available.	inkster/Middlebeit. Many Homes - Misc, Household &	Dr. Hickory Ridge & Commerce, Thurs., Fri. & Sat. 9-3. Outdoor Bar Set, toddler	NOVI- Multi family sale! Household items, baby items,	9-4. Sun. June 6, 12-4. 9 Mi, btwn. Rushton & Pontiac Tr.	ALL PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY O	1-800-579-7355	
CANTON Fairways West Subdivision	Vintage Collectibles.  HARTLAND - SUB SALE	bed, lots of outdoor kid's play structures & household items.	designer clothes & lots more! 6/3-6/5, 9-5pm. 25924 Island Lake Dr. 10 Mile/Wixom;	WESTLAND DEERHURST CONDO ASSOC. SALE.	49,000,000	OI AISIT	
Garage Sale (Beck & Cherry Hill), Thurs., Fri. & Sat.	Autumn Wood Sub off M59. 1 Mile W. of US 23. June 3, 4, 5, 9am to 4pm	NEW HUDSON - Church Garage Sale, Thurs-Fri, June 10-11, 9-4, New Hope	Island Lake of Novi.	Central City Pkwy.  Btwn Ford & Warren. Fri.  June 4, Sat. June 5, 9-4pm.	MANUAL MA	U WE I O M VIVE COM	
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#### GM MOVES TO STRAIGHTEN OUT, STREAMLINE ITS BRAND IDENTITIES

CAReport



By Dale Buss

Joel Ewanick demanded and got nearly complete autonomy over General Motors' North American marketing because the new chief marketing officer of GM's U.S. operations clearly saw the difficulties he would be inheriting.

Straightening out the Chevrolet brand obviously is at the top of Ewanick's to-do list. Cadillac remains well-defined as GM's luxury marquee; Buick is coming on; and GMC seems to be transitioning to a position as the main repository for the company's pickup trucks and larger SUVs.

Popular new vehicles including the Equinox crossover and, to a lesser extent. the Camaro are keeping Chevy top of mind with American consumers, and GM executives believe the new Cruze subcompact due later this year -as well as first sightings of the Chevrolet Volt plug-in hybrid - will continue to kindle enthusiasm.

But GM also would like to help Chevrolet with some effective marketing at long last. After decades of having to differentiate and peddle eight distinct brands, now the company's marketing culture is still adjusting to valuing the Chevrolet brand – as "the franchise".

That's one reason they still haven't come up with effective positioning for Chevrolet. The latest advertising theme is, "Excellence for All".

"What is that"? asked Rebecca Lindland, head automotive analyst for IHS Global Insight, in Boston. "Chevy is such a great, iconic American brand that GM may be better off embracing it rather than trying to run away from it".

Maryann Keller suggested that GM might even consider reviving ancient advertising themes that at least effectively connect consumers to the mainstream of Chevrolet's brand. "Is it time for 'See the U.S.A. in Your Chevrolet' again"? said the long-time industry consultant and former securities analyst.

Ewanick already has ordered an abrupt shift in creative duties for the \$600-million Chevy advertising account to Omnicom Group's Goodby, Silverstein & Partners -which handled Saturn marketing in the mid-2000s -- only weeks after it was consolidated at Publicis Groupe's Publicis.

That move had followed by only a few weeks GM's neutron bomb: taking the Chevy account away from Campbell-Ewald after 91 years on the job and the agency's delivery of classic campaigns ranging from "Like a Rock" to "Heartland of America".

On the other hand, Buick already has made some progress in refining its

brand identity after it was adrift for decades. Even GM's decision a decade ago to jettison the overlapping Oldsmobile brand didn't allow Buick to settle clearly in the minds of American consumers. For several years, the biggest association Americans made to Buick was its association with Tiger Woods which, fortunately, the brand ended early last year, before the golfer's personal meltdown.

Now, however, the demise of Pontiac leaves only Buick to occupy for GM the vast demographic and psychographic turf between Chevrolet and Cadillac. So Buick brand stewards have been pressing the envelope with new products and advertising that position Buick as a near-luxury threat to upscale brands such as Lexus, with a lineup exciting enough to attract much younger buyers than the Buick of old.

Buick already brought down the average age of its buyers from the early 70s to today's 66 with new products including the Enclave crossover and the LaCrosse sedan. And the target for the upcoming Regal is someone in their 40s

Consumers today "are making more rational choices" of autos in the wake of the Great Recession, Craig Bierley, director of Buick advertising and sales

The 2010 Cadillac SRX has bolstered the brand's standing in the luxury segment.



GM is counting on the 2011 Chevrolet Cruze to leap-frog the competition and provide some luster to the Chevy brand.,

promotion, recently told MediaPost. That bodes well for a Buick brand that is trying to position itself, he said, as "unpretentious luxury".

Actually, the most problematic bit of brand management for Ewanick may be Ed Whitacre. The new CEO seems to have a bent for using advertising to provide the American people with broad updates about GM's comeback. And there has been speculation that Ewanick whose career took off after he came up with Hyundai's Assurance marketing campaign past year -- might be capable of crafting an effective corporate marketing message for his new company.

But Keller is among GM observers urging Whitacre to become a scarce marketing presence. "Those kinds of campaigns are disingenuous, and people either don't believe you or they hate you," she said. "Besides, no one has ever heard of [Whitacre]; he's not comfortable in front of a camera; and he has no credibility as a car person. "Stick with your four brands".

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