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Tollgate celebration

Tollgate's Summer Celebration a yearly event where everyone is invited to come and enjoy the beauty of the Tollgate Farm and Gardens, will be held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, July 17. Most of the gardens will also have homemade exceptional quilts beautifully displayed for your enjoyment. The Tollgate Quilters have made a garden quilt which will be raffled off at the end of the day.

This year's garden market vendors will include perennial plants, herbal wares, jewelry, fine art and pottery. Free light

refreshments will be provided. MSU Tollgate Farm and Gardens are located at 28115 Meadowbrook Road, Novi.

Novi Palooza hits July

The long-running Novi 50's Festival has merged with last summer's West Oakland Rib Cook Off and Family Fest as Novi Palooza on July 30-Aug. 1, adjacent to the Rock Financial Showplace.

Fun for the whole family will include live music from a wide variety of talented local bands. a casino tent, BBQ Cook Off, volleyball tournament, ribs for sale, beer tent, portable put-put golf and more.

The event producers are committing a donation of at least \$2,500 to the Novi Library. Details about the event are available at www.novipalooza.

The West Oakland Rib Cook Off is currently seeking BBQ competitors who want to test their skills for prizes totaling \$4,000 and a chance to compete in the Memphis Barbeque Network's national competition in the spring of 2011. For registration information and applications please visit www.experiencewo.com or call Shelby Wallach at (248) 348-5600 x 206.

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District, teachers union at impasse

State funding issues cause hangup

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Talks between the Novi Community School District and the Novi Education Association regarding possible concessions from the teachers union have stalled.

Tom Brenner, NEA president, said the sides were "close," but Bob Schram, assistant superintendent of human

sources, did not like a condition Brenner's members wanted in the deal.

"We asked if the amount of money from the state foundation allowance was different than what (the district) budgeted for, we would like to not have to concede as much money," Brenner

Schram agreed that both he and Brenner had something to take to their respective boards initially, but the modifications the NEA made were not within the parameters established. "Their conditions were unacceptable

to me and the board," he said. Schram also noted that the fluid situation with state funding "changes the whole dynamic any ways.'

The two sides have been talking about possible concessions since late last year, when the district was looking at an initial deficit of \$6.7 million. But the elimination of programs, laying off of employees and changes in state funding appears to have changed the

Brenner also said a recent retirement plan from the state that forces public school employees to contribute 3 percent of their salaries toward their eventual retirement also played a fac-

Both sides said they are open to continue talks, but it is unlikely anything will happen until the state budget is approved Oct. 1

"We hesitate to do more without knowing what the numbers are," Brenner said.

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and recreation department

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559 acres, but also has won

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applying again).

Clay Pearson, city

manager for the city

of Novi, said Auler

"genuinely" loved the

city and praised him

notch parks and rec-

reation department.

"He has done a

Pearson said. "And

tough to replace."

During Auler's

tenure as director.

the park system has

to over 1,000, been

grown from 600 acres

he is going to be very

great job for us,"

for creating a top-

the gold medal for Excellence in Parks and Recreation

that not only features 46



Fore!

Total Golf Adventure camper Alex Wobrock, 9, tees off at a July 13 session at Novi's ITC Park. Counselor Jamie Coley, left, looks after camper Rushil Narang, 5, behind Wobrock. For more information on summer camps through Novi Parks and Recreation, call 248-347-0400.

Parks director calls leaving Novi 'toughest decision'

Auler to lead nationally recognized Westerville, Ohio, parks department

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

for Randy Auler.

But at the end of the day, the opportunity was too good Auler, who served as the

director of parks, recreation and cultural services for the city of Novi for the past nine years, accepted a job last week to head the parks and recreation department in Westerville, Ohio, and will start there the

"It was probably the second toughest decision I've had to make in my life and the toughest career decision I've had to make," he said. "At the end of the day, I really enjoy Novi, our team and the community. But, by the same token,

end of this month.

the opportunity to work with another great team that has been nationally recognized... I'm excited about that opportunity as well." Auler was one of 11 candidates to interview for the position in April, saying at

the time he accepted the

"it's worth looking at it."

interview after being contact-

ed by a search firm because

awarded more than \$3 million in grants, seen programs and participation increase drastically, had parks created or renovated and more.

He said he is extremely proud of the improvements made to Ella Mae Power Park, which is attracting numerous state and national tournaments to its fields, and

Please see AULER, A3

School cut gets small reprieve

Change amounts to estimated \$68,000 for Novi

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Novi Community School District Supt. Peter Dion does not want the public to get the wrong idea after the Michigan Legislature recently approved giving back \$11 per pupil to school districts as part of a new \$12.8 billion school funding plan.

The \$11 is not an increase, Dion said, but rather improves an already present cut from \$165 to \$154. It amounts to roughly a

\$68,000 difference for Novi, a number he said is negligible. "Should we jump up and down for \$68,000?" he said. "No, it's not significant in a \$70 million budget. And the disappointing thing to me is

that it is being portrayed as an increase, when at the end of the day our revenue is still going to be down \$154 per student."

The new school aid budget takes effect Oct. 1, and Bob Schram, assistant superintendent, said local officials "applaud" the Legislature for

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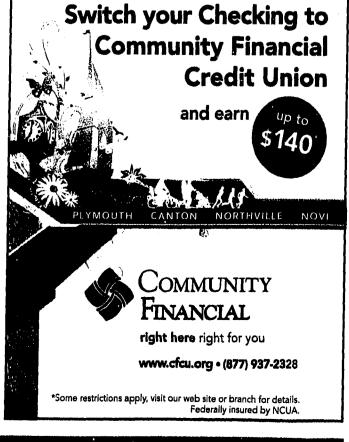


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said volunteers will man each taking place throughout the

Father, stepson rescue woman from burning home

Neighbor: 'I couldn't let someone die'

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STAFF WRITER

Ron Roberts didn't have much time to think when he saw smoke and flames coming from his neighbor's house across the street on July 3. He knew people were inside the home, specifically the 73-year-old homeowner who struggled to walk without her walker, and he had to get her

Going on instinct and adrenaline. Roberts rushed across Meadowbrook Road to the back of the house where he could hear Donna Honeycutt yelling. Roberts said "the smoke was pouring out so bad you couldn't even see," but he went in regardless, finding Honeycutt and carrying her outside.

His stepson, Anthony Daniel, who was visiting from Atlanta, also joined Roberts in the backyard to get Honeycutt away from the home before it was completely engulfed by

"It's just what neighbors do, Roberts said. "I couldn't let someone die, and when you see someone in trouble it's just how you react."

Anthony said he "wasn't even thinking of himself" at the time he ran across the street in his socks to help his father carry the woman, and he spent the rest of the night by her side before she was ran inside to help his mother. transported to the hospital to be treated for smoke inhala-

"I have no idea where I got the strength from," he said, "It was pretty crazy. I had no idea I was coming home to save a



A late night blaze on July 3 at a Meadowbrook Road home could have had a much worse outcome as an elderly woman was stuck inside before a father and his stepson helped get her outside.

According to Jeff Johnson, director of EMS and fire operations, the fire started in the garage after a firework that was not fully extinguished caught debris inside a garbage can on fire.

Kurtis Crowell, 39, Honeycutt's son, was lighting off fireworks earlier in the night and at a neighbor's next door when the fire started. He said he was grateful Ron

"I told him I really appreciated it because she could have easily got burned or I would have," he said. Roberts said he didn't feel like he was "in any danger" at the time and was inside the

house for 30 seconds at most.

Ronald Roberts (left) and his stepson Anthony Daniel helped an elderly woman who was trapped inside her burning home get to safety before the entire house was consumed by flames.

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home was involved in the fire as well as a vehicle that was

parked out front. The remainder of the home sustained A fire that started in the garage of a Meadowbrook home on July 3 quickly heavy smoke damage.

COMPLETE A SOCIETY some good people out there who want to help and put. Johnson commended the two men for their quick response and giving an

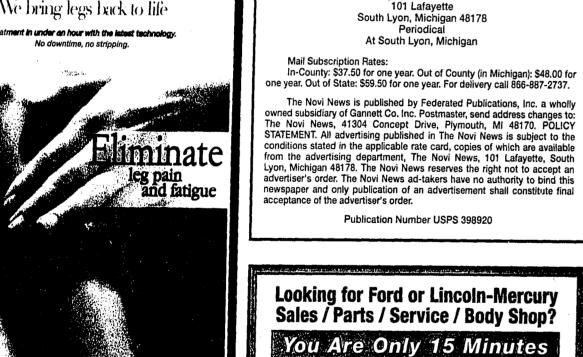
already dire situation a happier ending. "It goes to show there are

themselves in harm's way," he

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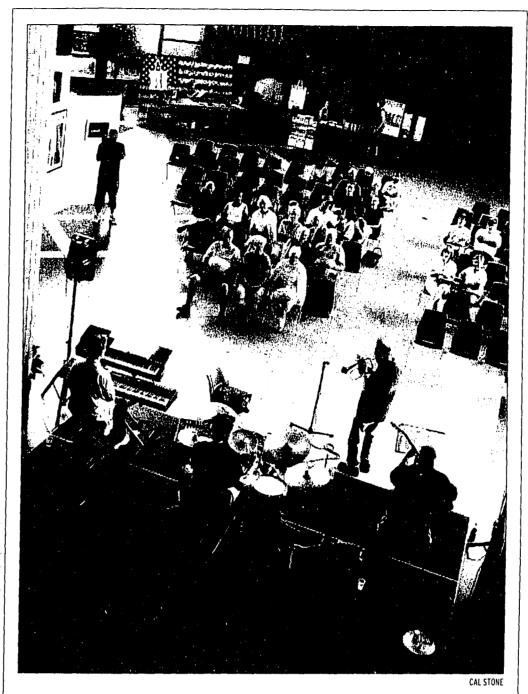
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Spend a summer day at the farm

Tollgate hosting annual garden open house

of the gardens and tours of

the property will be given four

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

The MSU Tollgate Farm in times throughout the day. Novi is a gardener's paradise. Spanning more than 160 acres, the farm features 20 theme-specific gardens that will be the highlight of the free Summer Celebration, taking place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Roy Prentice, farm manager,

more of a gardener or quilter focused event," he said. "But children are definitely welcome." The gardens, which range from rose to an interactive children's garden, will feature quilts made by local quilters,

and there will be workshops

event usually draws between "It's not a young kid event, but 500-600 people. Tollgate Farm is located at

28115 Meadowbrook Road. For more information visit, www. tollgate.msu.edu or call (248)

own gardens.

day to help people with their

Prentice said the annual

NOVI CITY COUNCIL BRIEF

approved several expenditures at Monday's regular city council meeting, with the total nearing a half million dollars. Some of the big ticket items included awarding construction and engineering contracts totalling \$155,339 for the Beck Road

The Novi City Council

and Cider Mill Road Traffic Signal Installation project, as well as a \$134,323 contract for the Energy Efficiency Improvement Project at the Novi Ice

The ice arena project is using Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funds to make it more energy efficient. The city expects to save an estimated \$20,906 annually as a result. Other items of note

include \$92,072 for the printing of the annual calendar and for the design and printing of Engage! and Enhance; \$19,000 for the 2011 Appreciation Dinner; and \$42,229 for the creation of gardens at Fuerst Park. The money for the gardens was donated to the city by

the Novi Parks Foundation. appointed to various commissions: Andrew Gutman, David Greco and Leland Prince to the planning commission; Samuel Ray to the beautification commission; Charles Staab, Harold Wingfield and Matthew Tecklenburg to parks, recreation and cultural services; Gwen Leapheart to public access promotion commission; and Victor Cassis as the planning commission liaison to the zoning board

High temperatures forced the monthly Fuerst Park concert, presented by ArtsNovi and the City of Novi, inside the Civic Center last Wednesday, but the Don Swindell Quartet provided cool sounds for the audience. The

Dion said the most recent

trigger immediate action, but

amendment to the budget the

school board already approved

will come in November, when

the district knows its student

\$11 change is not going to

programs and staffing will

be looked at as a result. An

making the decision now and not during the school year. However, he is still concerned that it might not hold up as prorations have come in three of count.

the last five election years. "Obviously right now it is tion," he said. Novi schools are still expecting

the creation of Fuerst Park

opment, commitment and

near the civic center campus.

"I'm really most proud of the

people I work with, their devel-

dedication," he said. "From the

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Including the now \$154 cut, to be reduced by \$280, including the 20(j) funding, an additional \$100, a number officials are predicting based on figures

FEWER LAYOFFS EXPECTED ments, coupled with improved funding projections, is going to save jobs for several school

from the Revenue Estimating

another great team."

incentive also played a big role. them, but there is going to be a difference (financially) district employees. Initially, 75 staff members between the person retiring

were being cut to help the district cope with a \$6.7 million deficit, but at tonight's school board meeting, many of those

and the one we are hiring," he nmueller@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255

employees are being brought

remain laid off.

were key.

back as only 28 are expected to

Dion said a combination of

"being fiscally responsible and

not spending every nickel and

dime" as well as changes in

the per-pupil allowance and

restructuring some positions

and programs in the district

The fact that 25 employees

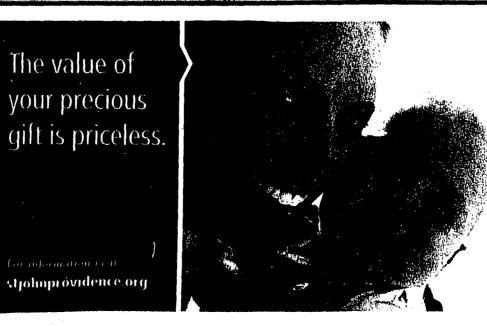
"We are going to replace

parks and recreation commisbe July 23, and Nancy Cowan, sion to city staff to city council, superintendent of recreation, those are the people who made will serve as acting director until a new hire is made. "I'm going to miss Novi Pearson indicated the search and the people -- that is what for a new city manager started makes the community great,

this week, and once that person is in place the search for a but ... I'm looking forward to the opportunity to serve with new director will take place. Auler's last day in Novi will

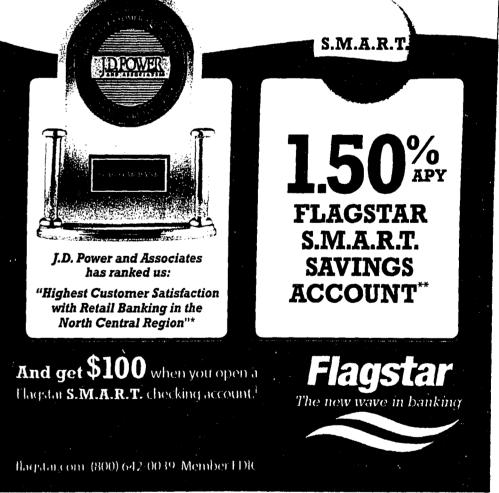
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Cab company chooses not to renew contract

Van service hours being expanded

It looks like the city of Novi's subsidized cab program is going away after all. The city council discussed making changes to the older adult transportation program by eliminating the cab service and relying solely on the van program to transport residents during budget talks a few months ago. However, just prior to budget approval, city officials made a change to

keep both around. But now, because Community Cab declined to renew its contract with the city and no other cab services submitted bids, the cab service appears to be going away for

"Our main goal is to service all of the users and residents that are part of the program, and I think we will still be able to do a good job of meeting their needs," said Nancy

van transportation service to ensure the riders have a similar level of service. Currently the vans run from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. The new plan, which

The new plan calls for

expanding the hours of the

way ride within the city and \$6 for a one-way ride outside the city but within a 10-mile radiis effective July 19, calls for us for medical appointments. the service to expand hours to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday and 5 For more information, conp.m. Saturday for employment tact the transportation desk at or medical appointments that (248) 735-5617. cannot be made during regular transportation hours.

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notice for transports during

will be no rides on Sundays.

the expanded hours, and there

"There still will be taxi ser-

vices available, just not subsi-

dized," said City Manager Clay

A total of 51 riders used the

program last year, and 70 per-

during the same time the vans

remain the same: \$4 for a one-

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cent of the cab riders used it

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scholarships, from \$1,000 to \$1,250

"The generosity of the Fox Run resi-

dents is unprecedented," said Michael

McCormick, executive director at Fox

Run during a consecutive two-year

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Novi's Fox Run awards scholarships to student staff

Katy Williams of Northville and 18 other recent high school graduates shared a pretty special evening on June 21 with their families and the men and women who live and work at Fox Run Village in Novi.

They all gathered to honor the graduates -- all student staff members at Fox Run-and to present them with four-year scholarships they earned through the Fox Run Scholarship Program. They also were gathered to celebrate the relationships students and residents have formed and to hear about the students' continuing education and career plans.

Williams' fond memories began with having dinner with her mother, Katie Williams, and her grandmother, Dorothy McGinn, who lives at Fox Run. They continued as the 19 student staff donned their high school graduation caps and gowns for the scholarship awards ceremony right through the myriad hugs and applause they received throughout the evening.

"Thank you to all residents at Fox Run for donating to the Scholarship fund, your generosity, thoughts and support," Williams said. "Working here and developing relationships with the Fox Run community has enriched my life in many ways."

The 2010 program has many hallmarks and has broken several records since the first \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to nine students in 2004, according to Marianne Mikkelsen, philanthropy manager at the continuing care retirement community.

"This year, a record number of residents and staff members donated to the fund, more funds were raised than ever before and the scholarship amounts are larger for recipients," she

amount of the four-year scholarships

The 2010 scholarship program realized \$143,250 in donations, exceeding the \$95,000 goal for scholarships for 19 eligible student staff. As a result, the resident-led Fox Run are nominated by a resident and who work a minimum of 1,000 hours at Fox Philanthropy Committee increased the

period. Scholarships are for tuition at an accredited college, university or trade school. The program is funded primarily by Fox Run residents, staff and memorial gifts. This year, 97 percent of Fox Run residents contributed to the fund, with 37 residents contributing the equivalent of one year in a

four-year scholarship in memory or

Katy Williams of Northville pauses during the Fox Run Scholarship Awards Ceremony with her mother, Katie Williams, and grandmother and Fox

Run. "The men and women who call honor of a family member or friend. Fox Run home greatly appreciate the "The outpouring of support is students who serve them daily and have unmatched among Fox Run residents developed wonderful relationships. who are making an investment in the future of these students," Mikkelsen logether the residents and staff make Fox Run a truly unique community." said. "And for the young dining servers, The Fox Run Scholarship Committee they not only receive financial support administers the program that is open from residents, they also receive resito Fox Run student staff members who dents' encouragement, guidance and

affection. Fox Run residents and staff are family to each other." During the awards ceremony, after Mikkelsen introduced each student scholar, Bill Moran, resident and Philanthropy Committee chair, shared his thoughts on the important role this generation plays in supporting our future. Scholarships then were presented by Chadrick Mena and Shail Menon, managers of the restaurants on campus, followed by remarks by Doreen Poupard, president of the Resident Advisory Council.

In addition, resident Lynda Park-Nielsen led the National Anthem and student scholar Ambia Allay performed "Hero" by Mariah Carey.

"The Fox Run Student Scholarship Fund is just one of the many programs that bring our mission to life, by demonstrating how residents and staff share our gifts to create a community that celebrates life." McCormick said.

NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

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 ends Wednesday, August 25. Hours of operation are 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Students will be placed in age 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 for more information.

NOVI ON CAMPUS

Drake University

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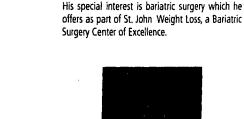
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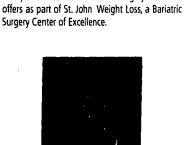
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Thursday's newspaper. Church of the Holy Family Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit

holyfamilynovi.org Mass Schedule 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

BONNIE JEAN (KEMP)

BROWNLEE

Age 66, of Munising, MI, and former-

ly of Marquette, Northville, MI and

Melbourne, FL, died Saturday July 3.

ness. Bonnie was born on August 6.

Graduated from Highland Park High

School in 1961 and later went on to

earn a Bachelor of Arts in Business

Administration from the University of

Central Florida in 1992. Bonnie was

a talented artist, seamstress and

pianist. She worked with computers

throughout her career. She loved all

forms of music and dancing. She

birds, and, most of all; she loved her

friends and family. She is survived by

son Larry Edward Smith, Jr.; daugh-

ter Kimberly Ann Smith-Potts; grand-

children Abigail Smith Potts and Seth

Michael Smith Potts; brothers

William Thomas (Linda) Kemp.

Johnathon Russell Kemp, and James

(Sally) Kemp; sisters Patricia Ann

Nicholson, and Kathleen Lillian

Niedzwiecki: and numerous nieces.

nephews and cousins. Bonnie was

proceded in death by her father and

step-mother William A. and Myrtle

Kemp; mother and step-father lyv

Lillian nee Corcoran and William

www.bowermanfuenralhome.net

Age 97, of Milford and formerly of

Holly, died peacefully in the care of

her family on July 9, 2010. She was

the beloved wife of the late Charles

(d.1991) and is survived by their

children. Patricia (Gary) Erhard,

Mary (the late Edwin) Vallieres, Joan

(Rov) Marks, James Caldwell,

Thomas (Kathleen) Caldwell, Linda

(John) Preuss, Sheila (Richard)

Lengel, Elizabeth (Daniel) Kekich,

Teresa (Earl) Smith; 32 grandchil-

dren. 56 great-grandchildren, five

great-great-grandchildren and many

loving extended family members and

dear friends. A Funeral Mass will be

held at St. Mary Catholic Church,

1955 E. Commerce, Thursday, 11 AM

with Fr. Ron Anderson officiating.

Burial Milford Memorial Cemetery.

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Funeral Home, Milford, Wednesday

evening. For further information

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Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m.

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Saturdays or by appointment 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. crosspointemeadows.org. Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m. Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all

Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory p.m. Tuesday; 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 worship experience.

WILFRED G. MANLEY

2010, at the Tendercare Health Center be made to Emmanuel Lutheran further information.

1943 in Highland Park, MI to the late Association, 35200 W. 8 Mile,

William A. and Ivy L. Kemp. Bonnie Farmington Hills , MI. 48335.

in Munising, following a lengthy ill- Church, 23425 Lahser, Southfield, www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

MI. 48034 or to the Finnish Center

www.Thayer-Rock.com

STEVE P. MARKOVICH

Chapple; husband Leroy Brownlee was born December 7, 1924 in time together on their Harley. He was

Jr.; brother Robert Kemp; and broth- Detroit, Michigan to Eli and Katie admired by his daughters, especially

er-in-law Daniel Nicholson. There will (Dinga) Markovich. Steve spent his for his wise advice and counsel he

be a memorial service for Bonnie on childhood in Detroit and later went would often lovingly give to the both

Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. on to raise his own family there. He of them. Brad was a very charismat-

at the First Presbyterian Church in proudly served his country as a ic man that was always supportive of

Northville, Michigan. Memorial Master Sergeant with the Army durthe South Lyon community and was

donations in memory of Bonnie may ing both WWII, where he was in a father figure to many young adults.

be made to the Marquette County charge of a platoon stationed in the He will be missed and always Humane Society, P.O. Box 842, Philippines; and the Korean War remembered by his loving family and

Marquette, MI 49855. Bonnie's obit- where he provided artillery training many dear friends. He is survived by

uary and guestbook may be viewed for soldiers in the U.S. who would be His beloved wife of 27 years, Susan,

especially enjoyed the Oak Pointe

Church band. He supported the

music department at Northville High

School in many ways, from attending

practices to never missing a concert

he was affectionately called "Grandpa

Steve" by the choir. Mr. Markovich

loved the town of Northville and liv-

ing at Allen Terrace; he will be

remembered by many from his daily

was his mission in life to make peo-

or story with everyone he met. He is

survived by his beloved daughter

parents, and sister. A funeral service

was held Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at

Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. Pastor

Bob Shirock from Oak Pointe Church

officiated the service. Mr. Markovich

was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery

in Northville. Full military funeral

honors were rendered by the Army to

thank Master Sergeant Markovich for

his service to our country. The fami-

ly would appreciate memorial contri-

butions to Oak Pointe Church, 50200

W. 10 Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48374.

Age 52, of Plymouth, Friday, July 9, Mary Kay (Wayne) Pryce; his grand-

2010. Funeral Mass was held July children Kati Pryce and Steven Pryce;

14th at St. Genevieve Parish, and many sisters-in-law, brothers-in-

Livonia. Friends visited at Lynch & law nieces, nephews, and friends. He

Sons Funeral Home, Milford. For was preceded in death by his wife,

breakfasts at Dandy Gander. He felt it

assages

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Age 97, July 8, 2010. Beloved hus- Of Milford, July 10, 2010, age 82

band of Eleanor for 67 years. Loving Beloved husband of Mary; dea

father of Kathleen (George) Nutwell father of Margaret (Rick)

of MD, Elaine (Charles) Lada of New Wadsworth, Thomas (Linda) Niepoth

Hudson and Alice Manley of and Peter (Trinh Phan) Niepoth. Also

Westland. Cherished grandfather of four grandchildren and five great-

Christopher Lada of NJ. Also surgrandchildren and one sister, Maxine vived by several nieces and Taylor. Many nieces and nephews.

Manley Sr. Wilfred was a resident of 1855 E. Commerce, Milford, Friday

South Lyon for over 30 years. 11AM. Fr. Ron Anderson officiating

Funeral Services were held at the Burial St. Mary's Cemetery. Friend

Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 may visit at Lynch & Sons, 404 E

Grand River Ave., downtown Liberty, Milford, Thursday 2-9PM

Farmington (1 blk w of Farmington Parish prayers 7PM. Memorials to

Rd.). Memorial Contributions may St. Mary's Church appreciated. For

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email: HTWobits@hometownlife.com

Detroit First Church of the

Nazarene Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m.

Worship service with Praise Band. children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service 9:30-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available

GEORGE W. NIEPOTH

PHIL SMITH

Age 75. Of Northville, Ml. Loving

husband (Connie) and father Marty

(Colleen), Tim (Susan), Elaine

Monagle (John), Neal, Paul (Libby);

Grandchildren, Jon (Kate), Chelsea,

Charlotte, Gabriel, Kelly & Kyle

Monagle, Graham, Hannah, Sean

and friend to many. Memorial serv-

ices at Northrop Sassaman Funeral

Northville, July 17th, 11am, also vis-

itation July 16th, 5-9pm. Memorial

contributions to Angela Hospice and

BRAD L. WHITE

Age 50, passed away, July 7, 2010.

He was born on November 3, 1959.

in Detroit, son of Donald & Janet

White. Brad was a simple, unique

and selfless man that was known for

U of M Cancer Center.

Age 85, of Northville, his infectious sense of humor, his

passed away peacefully at great intuition and his generosity to

going overseas. He was united in his loving daughters, Samantha &

marriage to Mary L. Mush on Jaquelin White, his parents, Donald

January 14, 1950; and they spent 56 and Janet White and his siblings,

loving years together until her death Chuck (Sue) White, Sharon (Greg)

on March 17, 2006. He retired from Bellefleur. He is also survived by his

Norwood Precision Products as a mother in-law Lynn Dransfield and

retirement he was the owner of Dransfield and many nieces and

Steve's Restaurant in Brighton. Mr. nephews. He was preceded in death

Markovich has been a resident of by his sister in-law Sandy Murphy in

Northville for the past 10 years; he 2009. Visitation was on Friday, July

was formerly a resident of Hamburg 9th and Saturday, July 10th at

and after officially retiring he was a PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W.

resident of Florida. He was a member Lake St. South Lyon. Funeral servic-

of Oak Pointe Church in Novi and the es were conducted on Sunday, July

VFW in Hamburg. Steve was the ulti- 11th at the funeral home. Memorial

mate family man; he truly cherished contributions may be made to: The

his daughter, son-in-law, and grand- American Cancer Society (Melanoma)

children. He was a music lover and Research). Online Guestbook:

Quality Control Inspector. After his his father in-law Gale (Carol Be

nome on July 9, 2010. He others. Brad and Sue loved spending

19091 Northville

Livonia Contact: (248) 442-8822 or www. newhopecenter. **Episcopal Church of the Holy**

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service Alzheimer's Support Group Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month

Faith Community Presbyterian Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-novi.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing Contact: (248) 348-1020 Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible, Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7

p.m. Tuesdays Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church

Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org Family Worship: 11 a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

First Presbyterian Church of Northville Location: 200 E. Main St. Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresnville.org Sunday Worship Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.

Walking in the Park Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. every Location: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads) **Details**: Group meet for lunch

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. 18th annual Sharing the Gift Fine

Art Show Oct. 1-8 **Details:** The juror will be MaryAnn Wilkinson, a scholar and curator and a Northville resident. Entry forms are available at the church at 200 E. Main St., Northville or by calling the church. Deadline for entry

is Sept. 17. Age 46, July 2, 2010. Visitation: First United Methodist O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Church of Northville 41555 Grand River, Novi, 248-348-1 1800, Sat., July 17, 9:30am until A Stephen Ministry Church memorial service at 11:00am. Mem-Location: 777 W. 8 Mile Road at orial donations to: Suncoast Humane Taft Rd. ple laugh and smile; he shared a joke www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

fumcnorthville.org

Sunday worship:

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KATHERINE A. WILCOSH

Or fax to: 313-496-4968 Attn: HTWObits For more information call Char Wilson 586-826-7082 Liz Keiser 586-977-7588 The first seven "billed" lines of an obituary are published at no cost. Ali additional lines will be charged at \$3 per line. You may place a photo of your loved one for an additional cost of \$25. Symbolic emblems may be included at no cost (example: American Flags, religious symbols, etc.)

Obituaries received after these deadlines will be placed in the next available issue.

for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m.

Saturdays Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per Contact: Heather J. Wallas, comfamily; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, munications director, (248) 349-Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult 1144, Ext. 26, or email hwallas@ Classes, Youth Blast fumcnorthville.org Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, cor-

(Sept.-April)

Men's Club: 8 a.m. second

ner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi

Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and

Contact: (248) 349-0565

Bible Study; 10 am. Worship

Lakes Baptist Church

Sundays

Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do Women of the Word Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m. **Details**: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Book of Exodus. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children

Livonia Church of Christ through age 5. Location: 15431 Merriman Road. Emmanuel Lutheran Church Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit Location: 34567 Seven Mile Road, www.livoniachurch.net

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m. Meadowbrook Congregational Location: 21355 Meadowbrook

Road, between Eight and Nine Mile 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 Pilarim Fellowship Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays Asking Questions adult education class

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays Vespers Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Details: This traditional-contemporary service is led by Reverend Ritter with musical accompaniment of guitar and piano.

Summer evening Vespers Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. July 18 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 multi-purpose gymnasium 10:15 a.m. Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible 8:45-10:30 a.m. (café) **Wednesday Family Night** 7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; jr. and sr. high student ministries: children's programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031 Summer Vespers Time/Dates: 7:30 p.m. July 18 and

Aug. 22 Novi - Northville Center for Jewish Life **Details**: A Jewish center with events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs. community social events. Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or

rabbi@noviiewishcenter.com; www. novijewishcenter.com Novi United Methodist Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com Sunday Worship Time: 9:45 a.m. Healing Service and Holy Communion Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday

of every month Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www. Peace Vigil Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month Times: 8:30 and 10 a.m. (Memorial Location: In front of the church Day weekend through Labor Day Details: Members of the congregaweekend); 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. (Sept.tion and the community will stand united in prayer for peace. Pastors: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, Advent Service

senior pastor and Rev. Jeff Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday Sturgeon, associate pastor Oak Pointe Church Coffee Hour: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, ((Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend): 10:15 a.m. Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit Sundays (Sept.-May) oakpointe.org Healing Service: 4 p.m. first Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Monday of every month Saturday: 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m.

Wednesdays for fourth-12th graders 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 perspective. Women's Life Groups Ministries Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday 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 contact the church office.

Orchard Hills Baptist Church Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Location: 23455 Novi Road Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-

> Preschool/Kids Choir Time/Date: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday Details: For ages three to six; ongo ing event; no need to pre-register; all are welcome. Our Lady of Good

Counsel Catholic Church Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Contact: (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221 Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church Location: 770 Thayer, Northville Contact: (248) 349-2621 or olvnorthville.org 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) 927-0891 Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m. Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with

> fellowship 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; 9 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 stjohn-lutheran.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 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.

program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. The UUCF Interfaith Journey curriculum encompasses the Unitarian Universalism philosophy of individual worth and the power of community 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 culturally 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

Details: This religious education

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 donation suggested. Drop in and pick the class that interests you most. Contact: (248) 478-7272 or uufarm-

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ington.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.

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Nursery and Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. Service Broadcast

560, The WMUZ Word Station. Single Point Ministries (45 and older) Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday for fellowship and Bible study.

Details: 11 a.m. every Sunday on WRDT-AM

Single Point Ministries (35-50 years old) Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday to deepen your personal relationship with Christ.

Single Purpose Connexsions (20-30 vears old)

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday in the Chapel fo singing, Bible study, and fellowship. **Details:** For single adults. Active ministry offering various Bible study classes, volleyball, bicycling group, tennis group, support groups, support group for widowed over age 50, fellowship, friendships and more. Contact the number below for more information.

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 Single's Bible Study Time/Date: 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays, Room C309 New Hope Center for Grief Support Summer Workshop

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, July 17

Details: This workshop will be presented by Cathy Clough, Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. All adults who are learning to cope after the death of a loved one are encouraged to attend. There is no charge for the seminar. Registration is not necessary

Contact: Barb Brace at Ward Church at (248) 374-5943. For information about New Hope Center for Grief Support's other age and loss specific groups, call (248) 348-0115.

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Highland

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> **NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN** FELLOWSHIP ff Milford Rd., 2-7/8 miles N of M-5 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
> Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
> Bible Study Wed, 7:00 p.m.

HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 0 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 4835 248.887.1311 • www.mvh nday Worship 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.n Kids Church 8:45 & 10:30 a.m. Youth Night - Wed. 6:45 - 8:00 p.m

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> Holy Day, 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.; First Saturday 9 a.m.
> Confessions - Saturdays 11 a.m. & 6:15 p.m
> or by appointment

Livonia

ELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Services held at: Saint Andrews Episcopal Church 16360 Hubbard Road - Livonia South of Six Mile Road Sunday School 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a. Childrens Sunday School 10:30 a.m. James N. McGuire . Nursery Pro

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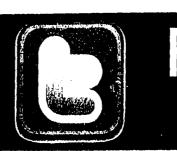
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Vote 'Yes'

Millage renewal needed for Oakland County parks

When Oakland County voters enter the polls for the Aug. 3 primary election they will be asked to renew a 10year millage for the Oakland County parks system. We believe that vote should be YES.

Oakland County Parks provide county residents with some outstanding recreational opportunities. The county's 13 parks cover nearly 7,000 acres of land and are spread out across the county making them accessible to most residents. For years, the one exception has been the southeast portion of the county where there were no parks. That was addressed in recent years, when the parks system took over Catalpa Park in Southfield.

Recreational opportunities throughout the park system include camping, boating, fishing, nature centers, sledding, waterparks for the kids, golfing and more than 68 miles of trails. The parks are also well used, playing host to about 1.5 million visitors annually, according to parks officials.

Voters are being asked to renew the .2415 mills, which supports operation of the parks, as well park improvements and land acquisition. The tax provides about half of the park system's total budget of about \$28 million. Even if the millage renewal does pass, the budget will be reduced to \$26 million over the next two years because of projected lower property values across the county.

We realize that times are difficult, especially in this region where the poor economy has cut the deepest. But this is not a tax increase. It will cost about \$25 for the owner of a home worth \$200,000. That is a relatively minor investment for a top-notch park system that adds to the quality of life residents in this county have come

Is a park system necessary? Probably not. But it is one piece of the puzzle that makes life in Oakland County so desirable. And the fact is, without this renewal, the parks system as we know it would cease to exist.

Need for blood critical this summer season

It's the middle of summer and vacation time is in full swing. But while we're off enjoying fun in the sun, someone somewhere may be in need of something you have - your blood.

According to figures provided by the American Red Cross, some 32,000 pints of blood are used every day in the United States. It could be a child battling cancer, a person having emergency surgery, a mother giving birth or a young man injured in a car accident who need that blood, but unfortunately only 5 percent of the 60 percent of adults eligible to give do so.

In the summer, blood donations are at their lowest. People are out of town, busy with their friends and families. The idea of donating blood is the furthest thing from their minds. But summer is when the Red Cross truly needs people to role up their sleeves and give the gift of life.

People have many reasons not to give. For some the idea of donating a unit of blood is scary; for others, the idea never crosses their mind. If all blood donors gave at least twice a year, it would greatly strengthen the nation's blood supply. Giving blood will not decrease your health. Quite the contrary, it'll make you feel good about yourself and the three people that unit of blood will help.

Each unit of blood can be broken down into its components - red blood cells, plasma, platelets and cryoprecipitate which is used to treat hemophilia and other clotting disorders. An adult undergoing heart surgery uses an average of up to six units of red blood cells, four units of plasma and 10 units of platelets. The average liver transplant needs up to 10 units of red blood cells, 10 units of platelets and 20 units of plasma. An average bone marrow transplant may need hundreds of platelets and more than 20 units of red blood cells. One car accident victim alone can require up to 100 units of blood.

Every two seconds someone in America needs blood, and it's volunteer blood donors who provide nearly all of the nation's blood supply for transfusion. Anyone in good health, who is at least 17 years old and weighs 110 pounds or more may safely donate blood. Any company, community organization, place of worship or individual can host a blood drive.

While all blood types are needed during the critical summer months, Type O negative is always in high demand because it can be transfused to patients with any blood type, especially in emergency situations. Type O negative donors can make the difference between an adequate blood supply and a summer

You can donate at a Red Cross Blood Donation Center or stop by a mobile blood drive. We urge you to make for a blood donation. It only takes about an hour -- not much time when you think about three people you'll be helping. Call the Red Cross at 1-800-RED-CROSS to schedule an appointment.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What do you do on a hot summer day to keep cool?



Staying in the airthe pool. Sarah Ehlers

I wear loose clothes and tie my hair up and keep cool with ice water and chilled fruit. Freda Ansara



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Adam Parsons



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I wear my hat and sunglasses to keep cool. Lizzy Mendelsohn

LETTERS

Wal-Mart makes sense

I am not a fan of the Wal-Mart corporation and never shop there. However, I am a fan of Novi and being environmentally responsible. As much as I would prefer to see another company express interest in the Town Center, I'm glad there is an opportunity to bring a major store to a shopping area that has been visibly struggling for years. It makes environmental sense for Wal-Mart, or any retailer, to make use of our city's abundance of existing retail space as opposed to chewing up vacant land. I'm confident that any current Town Center residents that might be displaced in order to make room for Wal-Mart will be able to successfully relocate within Town Center.

As long as they keep the best interests of Novi residents front and center, I would like our city council and planning commissions to continue to explore the viability of Wal-Mart at

Bentivolio, a new kind of statesman

The American people are being steam rolled by an out of control government. In the words of Thomas Jefferson, "A government big enough to give you everything you want is strong enough to take everything you have."

Kerry Bentivolio, a candidate for the 15th Michigan Senate District, is in favor of a part-time Legislature, repealing the Michigan Business Tax and downsizing government. This is a breath of fresh air to hear a candidate favoring smaller, less intrusive government. Michigan is a minority state in that it is one of a handful of states that still has a full-time Legislature. If you consider Michigan has less than a third of California's population but has 25 percent more legislators you have to wonder why. When legislators only have time to legislate the absolute necessities, the citizens of Michigan are all winners. When legislators have time to sit around and write oppressive tax policies and burdensome regulations, it only forces businesses and college graduates out of the state.

Mr. Bentivolio (he insists on being called Kerry) is a true patriot, having fought in two wars and truly cares about his country and state. He lives in Milford and has worked in the automotive industry, is a small business owner and a school teacher. You can hear the passion in Kerry's voice when he talks about downsizing government and making a business-friendly environment in Michigan. Without businesses Michigan will continue to lead the nation in unemployment, house foreclosures

and the exportation of college graduates. Kerry is a rare gem and Michigan would do well to elect him to the state Senate. When you consider all the professional politicians that have been sent to Lansing and that Michigan has one of the worst economies in the nation, the citizens of Michigan must be questioning the choices they made. The citizens of this state must start electing a different kind of person. I have seen Kerry bristle at the very title of politician. He would rather be known as a statesman. The dictionary defines statesman as "one who exercises political leadership wisely without narrow partisanship." I think the operative word here is "wisely." It seems like wisdom is a rare commodity in our government leaders today. Kerry understands the role of

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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government and isn't interested in legislating every aspect of citizen's lives. I believe we have found a statesman who has the wisdom and courage to bring Michigan back to a vibrant and productive economy.

If you want to be part of the solution for Michigan please consider Kerry Bentivolio for state senate in the Aug. 3 primary. David Lloyd

It's election time

Is this an election year, do we have an open primary election less than a month away? Some will say this is just the vote by the parties to pick their candidates, but this is an election funded by all taxpayers and open to all registered voters. It would be nice to know who all of the candidates are and where they stand on the issue, some background, some facts to check -- something more than the lawn

signs and their paid adds. The big newspapers have run stories about the candidates for governor and statewide offices, but what about the local papers and the local candidates? Seems to me there has been little information and little encouragement being sent out by the local press to the citizens. But I would not be surprised to see an editorial after the election about low voter

It is our government only if "we the people" take part. Like the bumper sticker said, "If you don't vote, don't b----."

Wal-Mart would help Novi

Are all those people that are against Wal-Mart willing to accept a very large tax increase??? Wal-Mart will provide an enormous amount of taxes to Novi that the present empty buildings do not. The taxes paid by a business such as Wal-Mart can only benefit our schools, police and fire department, etc.

Many of our residents have lost their jobs or been forced to take cuts in pay. Jobs would not only be added, but a store with a record of low prices would help many of our citizens. Can't anyone see the benefit of a Wal-Mart in

Honoring nurses, students National Nurses Week is celebrated in all 50 states of the United States each year from

May 6-12. This year, 2010 is designated by the

are enjoined to host gatherings to honor and celebrate our colleagues, speak at schools and civic meetings about the value of nurses, write about NURSES and NURSING to make the general public aware of the value of nurses in the United States and throughout the world. We are all acutely aware of the shortage of nurses, and how many nurses have left the profession, are getting too tired to handle the 12-hour shifts that is now commonplace in many health care facilities, or getting old enough to retire. The patient population likewise is getting older

International Council of Nurses (ICN) as The

International Year of the Nurse. All nurses

and sicker, so the demand for skilled care is even greater. The Philippines, a small country in southeast Asia is a steady source of nursing manpower. Hospitals periodically send recruiters in the Philippines, and entice nurses to come to the U.S. on a working or H-1 visa. However, the gravity of the nursing problem has gone global. Because Philippine nurses are attracted to go abroad (U.S., Canada,

U.K., Saudi Arabia, and other countries), the Philippines itself is in short supply of qualified nursing faculty to teach in their schools and colleges of nursing. Some Filipino nurses are now going "home" during their vacation, or after retirement, to teach at their alma mater. Such is the case in my College of Nursing, Mary Johnston College of Nursing, a department of the Philippine Christian University in Manila. Last year, I participated in naming the

theme for National Nurses Week. My entry

was short and simple: "NURSES - Building a Healthy America." I thought of this theme for two major reasons: the aging population and their chronic medical problems, and the young people and the growing incidence of obesity among our young people. Was I surprised when my entry was chosen by ANA! In 2010 the theme is closely related to last year's: "NURSES - Caring for a Healthier America." Nurses do care for a healthier community. But how can we take care of our community when there is a dwindling supply of care providers? It is my earnest hope that by hosting the "Open House and Nursing Career Fair" during Nurses Week, that we will inspire and motivate many young people, high school students, even elementary and middle schoolers. to consider a career or lifetime vocation in nursing. After serving as the first president of the Philippine Nurses Association in Michigan (in 1974), I made it my life mission to encourage, support, and provide avenues, for men and women who have the aptitude and compassion, to consider this career choice. I also continue to urge and nursing colleagues who have baccalaureate degrees to go back to school for a master's or doctoral degree, or even a teaching certificate in nursing, in order that they can teach full time, or even part time, at the schools of nursing or community colleges in their city or hometown. Even nursing faculty in Michigan colleges are aging, and most are approaching retirement age. We need qualified, experienced nursing educators to teach in the classroom and in the clinical setting, so our young nurses will learn the ABCs of caring and healing from seasoned practitioners.

To find out more how you can participate in the International Year of the Nurse, go to the website: www.2010ivnurse.com.

Georgianna Rose Tutay, M.S., R.N. Mary Johnston College of Nursing Alumni Association, Michigan Chapter, Novi



Learning to golf

Jamie Coley of Total Golf Adventures works with golf camper Rushil Narang, 5, at a session at Novi's ITC Park on July 13. The week-long camp gave youngsters a basic introduction to the game of golf and its rules and set them up swinging with clubs. For more information on summer camps through Novi Parks and Recreation, call 248-347-0400.

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Richard and Jeanette Smith of Farmington Hills, announce the engagement of their daughter, Holly Anne, to Kevin Orr, son of Dawn Orr and David Orr, of Sterling Heights. The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan where she received an undergraduate degree in education. She is pursuing a master's specialist degree in school psychology in Chicago, Ill. The groomelect also graduated from the University of Michigan and received a degree in cellular and molecular biology. After attending medical school in Chicago, he began his residency in anesthesiology at Loyola University Hospital. They plan a summer 2011 wedding.

NOVI IN THE SERVICE

Curtis C. Berenguer Curtis C. Berenguer has

entered Basic Cadet Training at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., in preparation to enter the first academic year at the academy. The six-week, two-phased orientation program must be successfully completed by the cadets prior to entering their freshman year. The training prepares men and women to meet the rigorous mental and physical challenges experienced by new cadets.

Phase one involves personal in-processing, orientation, and training in the fundamentals of being a cadet. Cadet trainees are prepared to adjust from civilian to military life and

disciplines, and learn proper wear of the uniform, saluting policies and procedures, drill and ceremony, marching, and living quarters standards. During phase two, cadets train outdoors living in tents while learning to function in field conditions. Cadets apply and practice team work, cohesion and learn to deal with physically and mentally demanding situations. They complete the obstacle, confidence, assault, and leadership reaction courses, and participate in a rescue mission termed Operation Warrior. He is the son of Gilbert and Janet Berenguer, of Novi. Berenguer is a 2010 graduate of Novi High School.



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Pastor Elfner celebrates

On Aug. 1. First Baptist Church of Novi will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of Dr. Gary Elfner becoming

The Elfner family began their ministry following Rev. Richard and Mrs. Burgess. The Burgesses began their ministry in 1976. During their tenure they founded Novi Christian School which is still in operation. The Elfners assumed the ministry in July of 1990. become the nation's leading The service will begin at provider of preventive screen-

11 a.m. Rev. Lowell Spencer, from Eaton Baptist Temple, For more information of Eaton, Ohio, will be bringing the message. Pastor Sprencer preached the first message and original charge when Pastor Elfner assumed registration is required. the responsibility of the min-

There will be a meal/reception immediately following the service.

Stroke and Osteoporosis screening Residents living in and around the Commerce Township community can be screened to reduce their risk of having a stroke or bone fracture. The Commerce **United Methodist Church** will host Life Line Screening on July 19. The site is located

begin at 9 a.m. Screenings identify potential cardiovascular conditions such as blocked arteries

at 1155 North Commerce

and irregular heart rhythm, and hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease. A bone density screening to

> assess osteoporosis risk is also offered and is appropriate for both men and women. Many sites offer finger-stick blood tests to check for cholesterol and glucose. Packages start at \$139. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Life Line Screening was established in 1993, and has since

regarding the screenings or to nity embraces our returning schedule an appointment, call and new offerings this sum-1-800-697-9721 or visit www. mer. We truly have something lifelinescreening.com. Pre-

Summer taxes due 2010 summer property tax bills have been mailed. Taxes are due and payable July 1-

Aug. 31 without penalty. New this tax season, informational copies of tax bills will not be mailed if you have an escrow account established with your lending institution. This "green" initiative will also save taxpayers approximately \$7,000. Property tax information is available on the City of Novi website at www. cityofnovi.org. Property taxes/water and sewer payments can also be

Road. Appointments will paid online at www.citvofnovi.org by credit card or electronic check (no fee for electronic check). Please contact the

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Treasurer's Office at (248) 347-0440 if you have any questions, or if we can be of further assistance. Postmarks are not accept-

Summer camps

Novi Parks offers camps to meet every child's needs Novi Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services is excited to offer many engaging camps with something to meet every child's interest, close to home, and at economical prices. Summer camps provide benefits in a broad variety of areas including physical, emotional, social and intellectual. "We hope the commu-

receive a \$5 discount. For more information, please confor every child" said Nancy tact the Novi Parks office at Cowan, City of Novi super-(248) 347-0400. intendent of Recreation. Learn to ride "Beyond the fun of a Project Schoolcraft College*s con-

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Broadway where kids are introduced to the advanced techniques of performing arts; a Sports Camp like basketball or tennis where basic skills are learned and enhanced; or a traditional day camp such as Lakeshore Park Adventure Camp, children create memories and skills they will carry with them forever. The camp experience is truly like no other and one every child should have an opportunity to enjoy.' Great Camps for 2010

The class is open to anyone * Musical Theatre Camps ages 16 and older and runs * Horseback Riding Camps three days, including a Friday evening and all day Saturday * Sporties for Shorties-preschool sports camp and Sunday. Sessions run July * Sports Camps including: 9-11, July 16-18 or July 23-25.

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tinuing education department

Using federal grant money,

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gram at Milford High School

Consiglio, who works for the

school, said it didn't look like

the money would be avail-

able this year, but the state

allocated some money a few

weeks ago for the program.

will hold a series of weekend

motorcycle classes for those

interested in hitting the

for several years. Vince

streets on two wheels.

gloves, long-sleeve shirt and * Lego Camps long pants. * Painting Camps including Motorcycles are provided. Mural Camp Those adults who pass Camp Lakeshore will the class can waive the state return this summer under a license test to get a motorcynew name, Lakeshore Park

cle license, although that test Adventure Camp. The camp isn't required for all motorwill offer adventures such as cycle riders. kayaking, geocaching, climb-"The skills that are taught ing with a belay harness, in the motor safety class will canoeing, and hiking. Annual enhance the riders basic abilcamper-favorite field trips ity to survive on the street including the Detroit Science and give them the legal cycle endorsement," Consiglio said. Center, Red Oaks Wave Pool and the Detroit Zoo Register by calling (734) are included. Registration is 462-4452 or register online going on now at cityofnovi. at www.schoolcraft.cc.mi.us org and online registrants in the continuing education

Variety Series

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 everyone.

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. Safety Town

The annual Safety Town will cover Stranger Danger, Fire Safety, Traffic Safety, Animal Safety and how to handle emergency situations. Safety behavior is taught by and songs. Field trips will be made to the fire department. There will be "mini traffic lanes" that aid in the traffic safety lesson. Children will be split up into small groups and assigned a high school student as a counselor for

all of the small group activities for the week. Activities will be done in large and small groups. Each child will receive a T-shirt.

Classes are eight days for two hours each day or four days for four hours each day The same concepts and curriculum will be covered in each session. Parents are asked to attend a 15-minute orientation on the first day. Children should bring a snack or lunch whatever is appropriate for the time they are attending. They will also need to bring a helmet. Students must be 4 by the start date of class. Cost is \$95 per session. Call 248-449-1206 for dates and locations.

Clerk's mobile office visitina

The Mobile Office for the 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 other public records. Normal 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. Interpreting conference

A world-class regional conference on interpreting will be held in Novi on Saturday, Oct. 2. The conference will feature Holly Mikkelson, one of the world's leading educators of interpreters. Mikkelson is the director of the International Interpretation Resource Center at the Monterey Institute of International Studies in California. She has been a professional court interpreter since she received her master's degree from

Monterey Institute in 1976. The conference will include managing interpreting in depositions and interrogaschool situations. This coninterpreters and those who use them: court and school officials, hospital administrators and attorneys. For information, go to http://mitin.Org/conference.



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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 cstone@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. **Details:** Family Support Group meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month. Contact: (2480 348-7197. Summer Sidewalk Music Series

Time/Date: 4-7 p.m. Saturdays June-Location: at Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountainwalk in the center roundabout by

Details: Free concerts and art. ArtsNovi will have 4 artists selling work and doing demonstrations each week. Bring a chair! Bands for July: Trio Organic, 17; The Pleasuretones, 24; Grievous Angel, 31. Contact: Twelve Mile Crossing (248) 348-

Sunset Jazz @ Fuerst Park Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. first Wednesdays Location: Fuerst Park, southeast corner of Taft and 10 Mile roads Details: Free live jazz -- bring a picnic basket and make it a date night. Aug. 4 - Royal Garden Quartet; Sept. 1 - Sheila Landis &

Contact: ArtsNovi@yahoo.com or Facebook ArtsNovi

Novi Palooza Dates: July 30-Aug. 1 **Location**: Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi

Details: The long running Novi '50s Festival has merged with last summer's West Oakland Rib Cook Off and Family Fest as the Novi Palooza. Fun for the whole family will include live music from George Bedard & The Kingpins, Beth Stalker and Some Kinda Joe, a casino tent, volleyball tournament, ribs for sale, beer tent and more. The West Oakland Rib Cook Off is currently seeking BBQ competitors who want to test their skills for prizes totaling \$4,000 and a chance to compete in the Memphis Barbeque Network's national competition in the spring of 2011. Restaurants located in Western Oakland County are invited to participate in the fun by entering their own

BBO cooking team. For registration infor-

mation and applications please visit www.

experiencewo.com or call Shelby Wallach at

Wednesday, July 27 Location: MSU Extension Tollgate Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Rd, Details: The cost is \$20 per person. Contact: (248) 858-0887; smithlin@oakgov. com; www.msue.msu.edu/oakland

> **Botsford Swim Lessons** Time/Date: Wednesday evenings through Location: The Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River Ave. in

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(248) 348-5600 x 206. level. Parent supervised through advanced Novi Toastmasters Club Contact: (248) 348-5600 stroke development groups are available. Health, Beauty & Fitness Expo The cost is \$60 for Botsford Center for Date: Oct. 16-17 Health Improvement members and \$75 for Details: This exclusive event is looking to non-members. Times vary by swim level. collaborate with businesses in the Detroit Contact: Call (248) 473-3100 or visit www.

botsford.org/bchi.

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

Guests are invited to attend free of charge.

Contact: For more information, contact

Julie Paquette at 248-797-1665 or juliepa-

quette67@gmail.com; www.metronovibni.

The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an active.

progressive chamber offering a variety of

events, educational programs, an enhanced

Location: 41875 11 Mile Road. #201, Novi

Contact: For more information, call (248)

Web site, and involvement with local charities.

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Contact: For general information about The Health, Beauty & Fitness Expo or to inquire more about sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities visit the website at HealthAndBeautyExpo.net or call (866) 625-6161.

American Legion Post 19 Monthly Meeting

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. on third Tuesdays Location: Rock Financial Showplace, Grand River Avenue between Taft and Beck roads Details: Comrades and fellow veterans, please join these monthly meetings; attendance is needed to maintain and grow the

349-3743 or www.novichamber.com. After 5 Networking Contact: Commander Dennis Strikulis Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, July 22 (248) 378-7841 or dstrikulis@twmi.rr.com or Location: Buca di Beppo, 38888 Six Mile Rd., Service Officer Paul Erickson (248) 344-7193 or pnerick@aol.com. **Details**: Join us for light appetizers and

MSU Extension cash bar; \$10 per person; pre-registration Evening in the Gardens - Native Plants for Wet and Dry Novi Farmers' Market & International Time/Date: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Street Fair **Time/Date**: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays, through

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Garden Walk and Dinner Tour tickets will be available Face painting and artisans List of vendors available at www.novifarm-

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first and third

Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375 **Details**: Novi Toastmasters is a communitybased club which is part of Toastmasters International. Our diverse group provides a mutually supportive atmosphere in

which all can develop and refine their public speaking and leadership skills. Our members also have fun while building confidence in day-to-day communications and mentoring toward professional and personal excellence. Guests are welcome - and bring a friend. Visit www.novi.freetoa-

Contact: Paulette Alioa, V.P. of Public Relations at greenspace@mi.rr.com or (248)

Novi Rotary Club

mation; novirotary.org.

Time/Date: Noon every Thursday Location: Novi Methodist Church, 41671 W. Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check Web site for speaker infor-

NIGHTLIFE Andiamo Novi / Dirty Martini Lounge

Andiamo Theater Location: 42705 Grand River Avenue, Novi Contact: (248) 348-3838 Andiamo Lounge: local entertainers 8 p.m. Wednesdays; Old Vegas Night 6:30 p.m. and Dave Croon 8:30 p.m. Thursdays; Pete Dimascio 8:30 p.m. Fridays; Laurie Johnson

8:30 p.m. Saturday. Dirty Martini Lounge: Killer Flamingos 10 p.m. Thursday

Liquor Store Location: Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, 44325 Twelve Mile Road, Novi Contact: (248) 305.8135

Location: Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, 44325 Twelve Mile Road, Novi Contact: (248) 374-3420

Location: Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, 44375 12 Mile Road, Novi Contact: (248) 662-1100

The Grapevine of Novi Location: 43155 Market Street, Novi Contact: (248) 344-4044; www.thegrapevineofnovi.com Live blues Fridays and Saturdays: 8:30

Location: 42875 Grand River Avenue, Novi Contact: (248) 465-9600 Wednesdays: WYLD" Wednesday with DJ Joey "A" & mc Jevon Hollywood Thursdays: DJ Tommy Holiday Fridays: Famous Friday with DJ iMix & mc

Mixx Lounge Location: 43155 Main Street, Novi Contact: (248) 347-6499 or mixxnovi.com Thursday-Saturday: DJ

LIBRARY LINES

Novi Public Library Location: 45255 W. Ten Mile Road Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.: closed Sundays (through Labor Day) **Details:** Unless noted below, all programs

take place at the Library, Contact: (248) Website: www.novilibrary.org Story Times: Please see the Library website or story time brochure for details.

There's still time to sign up for Youth, Tween, Teen, and Adult Summer Reading Programs. See the website for details Tour of the New Novi Public Library Time/Date: 11 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-2 p.m. Saturday, July 17 and 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Wednesday, July 28

Details: All ages welcome to meet at the Welcome Desk for a tour of the new Novi Public Library. Please register on the Library website

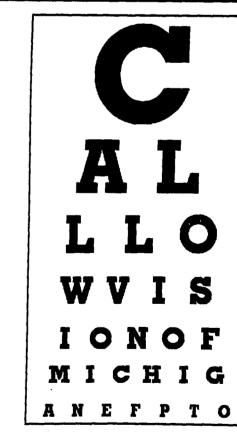
Tech Time Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m. Tuesday, July 20; and 3-3:15 p.m. Wednesday, July 28 **Details**: One-on-one tutoring with either a librarian or computer tech on a topic of your choice. Investigating your family tree? Microsoft Word have you stumped? We have the tools to help.

Solashy Flower Arrangement Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 20 Details: A presenter will demonstrate how to beautifully arrange flowers for a home

Super Smash Bros. Video Game Tournament & More Time/Date: 3-5 p.m. Tuesday, July 20 Details: Show off your fighting style with our Super Smash Bros. tournament. You will be able to use your own GameCube controller for the tournament, so please bring it

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Agua-Kadabra with Doug Scheer Time/Date: 10:30-11:30 a.m. and 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 21 Details: What happens when a great magician has a great show? You guessed it -everybody has a GREAT time! Join magician extraordinaire Doug Scheer performing world class tricks to amuse and delight you! All ages welcome! Library Board Meeting

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Details: The Library Board meets the third Wednesday of the month at the Novi Civic Center Council Chambers.

Novi Historical Commission Meeting

July 21 Details: Public is always welcome. Meetings discuss ongoing and future projects of the Novi

Time/Date: 7-8:45 p.m. Wednesday

Historical Commission. Novi Writers Group Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, July 24 **Details**: This group will provide a

welcoming environment for writers to collaborate, critique and create with other writers. The group is facilitated by local writer, Kathy Mutch. Writers of all genres are encouraged to participate. For 18 years and older. Please register.

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Tuesday, July **Details:** Bring the kids and enjoy games, activities and an interactive fun puppet show at Fuerst Park.

The show will be held at the Novi

Public Library if there is inclement

Puppets in the Park

Wizard School Workshop Time/Date: 3-4 p.m. Tuesday, July

Details: Want to be the talk of the next party and amaze your friends? Come and join us as a professional magician teaches the secrets to some amazing magic tricks that you can do; 5th grade and older please. Family Martial Arts Time/Date: 1-2 p.m. Wednesday,

Details: Discover the realistic, practical style of martial arts that is Isshinryu Karate at a demonstration and lesson provided by Novi's Family Self Defense Center. Appropriate for children in grades K-4.

Walled Lake City Library Location: 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake Phone: (248) 624-377

SENIORS

Novi Senior Center Location: 25075 Meadowbrook Contact: (248) 347-0414 Blood Pressure Checks Time/Date: 11-11:45 a.m. Wednesdavs

Details: Every Wednesday blood pressure checks are offered. Check yourself regularly and stay healthy. Your blood pressure record will be on file at the Senior Center so you can track your health. No charge.

Time/Date: 8:15-9:30 a.m. Tuesdays **Details**: With thanks to Panera for a great partnership, every Tuesday is Panera Bread Day. Enjoy bagels, rolls, bread, sweets, coffee and con-

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays and

Details: Try your luck and get those cards filled up. A great way to socialize and meet new people. Price: \$.50 per card at the door.

REGIONAL Hawaiian Luau

Saturday, July 10

Time/Date: 7 p.m.-midnight **Location**: Tanglewood Dining and Golf Club, 53503 W. Ten Mile Road,

Details: The Island Event will be complete with tropical appetizers, hula dancers, a whole roasted pig, flaming dessert, fruity cocktails (umbrellas optional), dancing and a special aloha performance by "The King"! Advance Tickets are \$35/person all inclusive of food, four beverage tickets, entertainment and taxes. Seating is limited and advance reservations are

Contact: (248) 486-6217. Village Center Concert Series Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Thursdays through Aug. 12

Location: Sibley Square Park, 48900 Pontiac Trail, Wixom Details: July 8 - Paisley fogg; July 15 - Gia Warner (5-10 p.m. Showcase Wixom); July 22 - Justine Blazer; July 29 - Randy Brock Group; Aug. 5 - Global Village; Aug. 12 - Shawn Riley Band

Contact: (248) 624-2850 Women's Network Source **Time/Date**: 6:30-8:30 p.m. second

Location: Real Estate One office, 346 N. Lafayette, South Lyon **Details:** Networking and education meetings; \$5 (includes refreshments).Women's Network Source was established to empower, motisuccessful entrepreneurs. WNS welcomes women curious about exploring whether to start a new business or learning how to grow their current business to attend an upcoming meeting.

days are gone. What happens in China no longer stays in Contact: Debra Downing at (248) 252-2952 or downingddd@aol.com.

to China, Michigan is like the proverbial nine blind men holding an elephant. Each individual describes the aniing on the part he is holding. There is no shared vision, no

The county executives from Wayne and Oakland, Robert Ficano and L. Brooks Patterson, along with Paul Gieleghem, chairman of the Macomb County Board of Commissioners, together with Commissioner Ed Bruley, Ken Lampar and State Representative Fred Miller are doing their part to build

bridges. The have organized multiple trade missions, set up offices in China and encouraged their local community schools to begin to offer Mandarin Chinese to their

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tan this rich vein of potential investment in ways to create jobs for our citizens and assure world by Deng China's rise does not come at Xiaoping, the

Here are some steps that could be taken to enable Michigan to tap the rich China 1. First, drop the China

rhetoric that is not conducive to building positive relationships (what the Chinese call "guanxi"), conclude China is not going away and ask how to make its rise work for our 2. Seek advice from knowledgeable individuals inside

other states and nations are doing that we should emulate and what is uniquely Michigan that the Chinese want or need. 3. Convene a cross section of Chinese American community leaders from such groups as the Chinese Association of Greater Detroit, Chinese American Association, Asian and Pacific Islanders Chamber

and outside Michigan on what

of Commerce, and Detroit Chinese Business Association and ask how the state can leverage their existing China relationships. 4. Brainstorm with all the

various China experts and pull together an action plan that can position Michigan to take full advantage of the continuing rise of China, with emphasis on economic, cultural, agricultural, tourism and education initiatives.

The China wave will continue to come, we can do nothing and be swamped -- or learn to surf and ride the wave. Remember the ancient Chinese saying about beginning with a single step? It is time Michigan broke into a

Tom Watkins of Northville is a business and educational consultant. He served the citizens of the state as superintendent of public instruction (2001-2005) and mental health director (1986-1990) and an elected member of the Wayne County Charte What is missing is a compre- at tdwatkins@aol.com.

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policy right is essential. low we resolve our mutual tensions will impact both nations -- and all human-

My lifelong interest in China and my more than 20 years of travel there leads me to conclude that if we want to thrive economically in the 21st century we need a global plan that exceeds the Chinese in terms of hunger for success, willingness to adapt to new ideas and change - and not on a dime, but on a Chinese Yuan!

Michigan lacks an aggressive plan to make China's rise and globalization work for us. China can and must be part of the ingredients necessary to reinvent and revitalize

Michigan's economy. Sadly, there is no such plan in Michigan today or the will at the highest levels to begin crafting one. This is unacceptable in a day and age when ideas and jobs can and do move across the globe effort-It is clear that when it comes

mal quite differently dependoverall direction, no common It's high time Michigan's leaders stopped using China

for division and subtraction and started developing vate and support women to become a plan to assure that China's rapid rise results in addition and multiplication of jobs in There was a time when what happened in China had minimal impact on our lives. Those

> The Asian behemoth is underwriting U.S. debt to the tune of \$1 trillion and growing, has the fastest-growing large economy in the world, is producing more autos than America, and is intent on winning the race for clean, alternative energy technology.

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opening of China to the

followed Mao is a rising eco-Tom Watkins nomic superpower. The Chinese economy has grown by double digits for the past

20 years and the auto market remains in its infancy with an enormous growth potential. It all adds up to countless business opportunities in China for Michigan companies willing to be creative and innovative. Further, the Chinese will continue to seek places to invest throughout the world we should be bending over backwards to make

Michigan a hospitable place for such investment. State government has an important role to play, once it stops looking at China through a rearview mirror and recognizes the reality of the situation and the enormity of the opportunities.

The Chinese market, with 1.3 billion people and a rising middle class, is the mother lode of 21st century global commerce. More than 300 million Chinese people have risen out of poverty in the last quarter century.

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 Children who are eight vears old but less than sixteen years old must use a safety belt no matter where they are riding in the vehicle.

The Novi Fire Department has two Certified & Licensed Child Passenger Safety Technicians on staff ready to provide the most updated information, a free check of your child seat and, if necessary, perform a complete child seat installation. Both technicians were recently certified through the State of Michigar Department of Community Health and the National

Child Passenger Safety Board (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) after completing an intensive, 80hour course.

"This is a life-saving, community service the Fire Department team members can offer Novi residents. Motor vehicle injuries are the leading cause of death among children in the United States." notes David E. Molloy, director of Public Safety/Chief of

Police, "but many of these deaths can be prevented. Properly installed child safety seats reduce the risk of death in car crashes by 71 percent for 29. infants and 54 percent for tod-

dlers ages one to four. ' The Novi Fire Department team will share: • The steps of restraint as the child grows: The value of the three items 1 rear- to forward-facing car

2 forward-facing harnessed seat to a booster seat 3 booster to an adult safety from purse

· The benefits of riding properly restrained, including all adults. in and around the vehicle (never leaving children unattended, walking around the

vehicle before moving, etc.). State laws and best practice recommendations for occupant safety. Community members are asked to bring the following items to the inspection: vehicles owner's manual; car Seat owner's manual;

 the child who will be Nothing else was taken from "properly secured" in safety the car, and police have no Please allow 25 minutes for the installation and the safety

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mailbox Please contact the Novi Fire Department at (248) 349-2162 **7** A Novi couple had a lateto schedule an appointment. ight fireworks show as For more information on the

Tools stolen from trailer

A backpack blower and two chain saws were taken from a Jorge's Landscape trailer while it was parked near the business on Grand River Avenue some time between June 25-

trailer was attached to a unlocked. Only the gas-powered items were taken.

is \$1,500. Police have no suspects at this time.

car broken into and some money and a debit card were taken from inside the vehicle while she was working at the store on West Oaks Drive

According to the report, the woman said she left her purse on the passenger seat while she worked and the window was cracked. The vehicle was still locked when she returned to it, strewn across the yard. but her wallet was moved from

Firecracker blows up

The owner told police the truck at the time, but was left

Money, debit card taken

▲A Best Buy employee had her between noon and 5 p.m. on

her purse to the glove box.

a residence on Pheasant Run.

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

an unknown suspect blew up their mailbox at their

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Shadybrook Drive home overnight on July 4. The force of the explosion completely dismantled the mailbox and pieces of it were

mailbox base, but there was no evidence to process. GPS taken from car A new Garmin GPS was

Police did find a firework

attached to the bottom of the

Club of Novi. Stolen from an unlocked vehicle overnight on June 29 while it was parked in front of

8 Mile Rd The owner said she got into her car to go to work when she

noticed the item missing. Its estimated value is \$249. Police have no suspects. Purse stolen after window smashed

A woman had her purse stolen from her locked vehicle between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on July 6 while it was parked in the parking lot of the Sports

According to the report, the woman returned to her vehicle after using the gym to find the passenger side window broken and her purse was taken from under the seat. She took her wallet inside, so the purse only contained her work ID card, pager and a

The purse is valued at \$600, and an iPod and GPS were not Police have no suspects at

this time. Minor arrested for drinking

A 19-year-old girl was arrested at 11:30 p.m. on July 8 for minor in possession after she was spotted running across Grand

River Avenue near the CSX Railroad bridge. When police arrived the woman was sitting with a man on the north side of Grand River Avenue near Flint, and the man told police she had shown up at his house "very

drunk" before running out-The woman said she had gotten in a fight with her father earlier in the night, and smelled strongly of intoxicants. She agreed to take a preliminary breath test which regis-

of .24 percent. She was arrested and taken to the Novi Police Department where she was issued a citation for MIP and released when

tered a blood alcohol content

 Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller



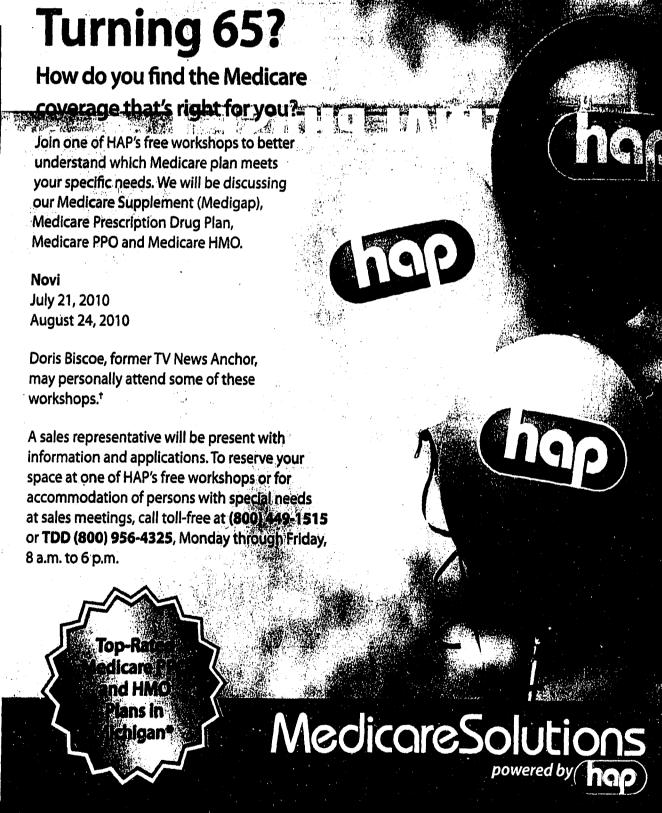


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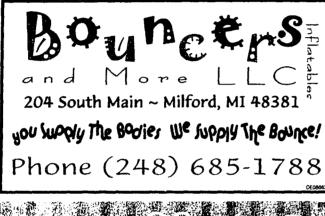
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Milford's Cupp a rock at or behind the plate

It didn't matter the side of the plate Milford's Sara Cupp was on, she was going to make an impact.

The senior catcher ripped opposing pitchers for a phenomenal .567 average and a .654 on base percentage thanks to 26 walks. Cupp is the All-Area Softball Player

"She was obviously the leader of our team on the field and off the field," said coach Vaughn Richmond. "She was a very scary batter. A lot of people were afraid to pitch to her." Cupp finished the season 59 for 104.

slugging percentage. "She spends hours on hours on hours hitting," said Richmond. "If she

She knocked out 12 doubles, three

triples and two home runs for a .798

doesn't have a batting cage available, she's using a tee or hitting soft toss. She swings constantly. It's just like golf, if you do a lot of it, you get natu-

rally better at it. "It helps she's a very strong girl." But the other impact was limiting the running game of opponents. She threw out 18 of 26 attempted steals. "With her. I had faith she was going

to stop anything in the dirt, so I had faith to call any kind of pitch with her back there," said Richmond. Cupp will take her career to University of Detroit. Richmond isn't sure where she will play in college, but

he said she may be at third or first. As happy as Richmond is to see her play in college, he knows her graduation leaves a huge void. "She's one of the best all-around

players I've ever dealt with," he said. "She's a leader. Whatever it would take

FIRST TEAM Kelsey Johnson, Lakeland

The junior catcher made the All State First Team after hitting .385, scoring 43 runs, knocking in 25 and swiping 27 bases. Only two of nine attempted steals were successful

"Your catcher usually is not a real quick kid, and she was real quick," said coach Joe Alsup. "This year, she had nine triples. The year before she had 13. In order to get triples, you have to have tremendous speed. All around, she's very, very talented." Kelsey Cleary, Lakeland

The junior centerfielder also landed a spot on the All-State First Team. As a leadoff batter, she hit .441, had a .520 on base percentage, scored 40 runs, knocked in 29 and stole 36

"She causes all kinds of problems, said Alsup. "She can bunt, or if they come in on her she can drive it past them. She runs like a deer and can chase down a bunch of things for us. She's probably the fastest girl I've ever

"She's going to be even better next

Carlee Meek, Lakeland The senior was all over the field for the Eagles this year. She pitched 17 wins, played at short when an injury effected the infield positions and moved to third for the playoff run to

the State Finals. Meek batted .398, knocked in 22 runs and scored 22 runs. As a pitcher, she compiled a 1.59 ERA with 105 strikeouts in 101 innings with just 26

"She had a great year," said Alsup

She did a lot of different things to help us out. In the tournament, she made a lot of great plays at third. "She's actually an outstanding

catcher. They may in college use her as a catcher. She's a total athlete. She has great instincts no matter where you

Sierra Burke, Lakeland The sophomore proved to be a huge

asset at the plate with a .400 average. She also played a strong right field. Her biggest hit of the year was the two-run homer against Troy in the state semifinals. "She's a big-league hitter," said

Alsup. "You may not think it because she's a small girl, but she can hurt you

Colleen Kolis, Novi The junior third baseman held

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Novi sends 12 to national championships

110-meter shuttle hurdle team wins All-America honors

> BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

Anyone who knows very much about the sport of track and field knows that Novi is one of the best at cultivating talent.

That fact has been shown in years past with some of the best athletes in the state and this year it was punctuated with 12 Wildcats heading down to North Carolina to compete in the national champion

The New Balance National Track and Field Championships, which were held in Greensboro, found the Novi Wildcats turning in some impressive performances. The most impressive came from the 110-meter shuttle Hurdle team of juniors Davante Greer and Derek Kim and sophomores Lance Lilla and Derek Cingel took fifth overall with a time of 1:02.4. Their time was just three seconds shy of the fastest team in the country. Also at the national championships, Novi's mile relay team placed 16th with a time of 18:23.

Running in that event were seniors Dan Egner and Mike Blaszczyk and juniors Brett Giampa and Joe Novi also competed in the 4x200 relay, in which the Wildcats finished 12th in the country. Representing the area were senior Michael Jocz,

junior Derek Kim and sophomores Brett Kuhn and Justin Hopton. They finished in 1:29.73. In the 800 spring medley championship, Jocz, Kuhn and Hopton were joined by junior DeAndre Fordham-Johns as they raced to 13th overall in a time of 1:34.41. Racing individually was Kim, who ran the 110 hurdles in 15.41 seconds to finished 29th in the nation. Taking first was Jalen Walker of Burlington, Penn., who inished in a blazing 14.55 seconds.

Sam Eggleston is a free-lance writer and ormer staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.



Legacy U16 Wolfpack defeated a top Minnesota team for a place in the top championship bracket at the AAU National Volleyball Tournament in Orlando, Fla. June 22. The local team is comprised of Lakeland, Novi, Walled Lake Northern and Mercy athletes. They finished ninth overall in their age division in the nation. Their division was comprised of 150 of the best teams from all 50 states. Pictured are Coach Sarah Schmitt, Aly Ryan (Novi), Annie Bodien (Mercy), Isabelle Glancy (Novi), Courtney Scott (Northern), Victoria Rose (Novi), Brooke Mayrand (Northern), Leslie Harrington (Novi), Molly Marzonie (Novi), and Lindsey Hansard (Lakeland).

CC's Alex Moore defends Shamrock program

When it comes to lacrosse, few areas are as blessed with talent as

Between Catholic Central and Northville this season, an All-Area team of their own could have been formed. Throw in Novi, Huron Valley and South Lyon and the teams are just about as good as they get short of the All-State squad.

This year, the Catholic Central Shamrocks stood out if for no other reason than taking second place in the state. Their teamwork was outstanding and their individual play was noteworthy. That's why the Shamrocks were able to secure the All-Area Player of the Year with defender Alex Moore.

Moore, a senior, was a first-team All-State unanimous selection as well as an All-American. His ability to shut down the opposing team's best attackman made him the player everyone always had their eye on, and

his work ethic was second to none. "He's an intense, hard-working player," said Catholic Central coach Dave Wilson. "He's a 'Hoover' on ground balls and will take the ball from you and clear it up field him-

Moore will be taking his talents to Michigan State next year where he will be playing for the Spartan

ALL-AREA FIRST-TEAM **Kevin Lerg** Senior, Detroit Catholic Central

There's a reason the Shamrocks ended up 18-4 with two losses coming against state champion Brother Rice and the others from out of state teams: Amazing goaltending.

Goalie Kevin Lerg showed that it's impossible to beat a team if you can't score against them. His efforts this year earned him First-Team All-State unanimous voting and an All-American nod. "He's got the best hands in the

state," said Wilson. "He's an exceptional shot stopper in tight and is very good on clears and controlling the defense." **Ashok Selby**

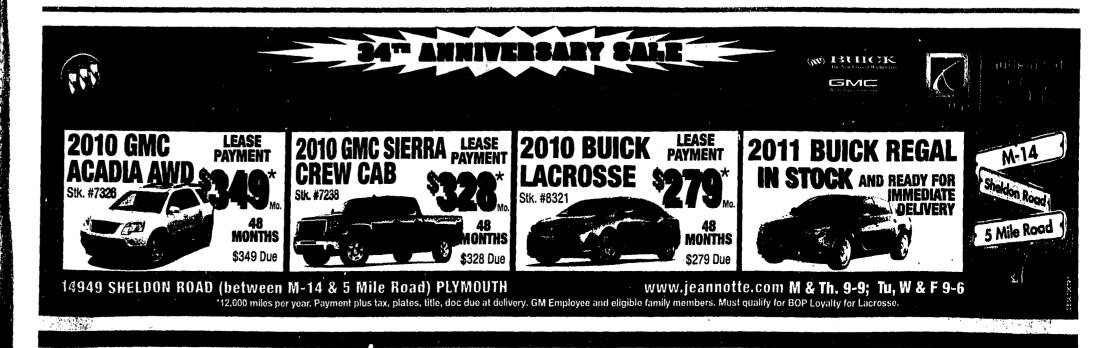
Senior, Northville defense When it comes to defense, few people are as good in the state as Northville's Ashok Selby. The senior defender snagged 107 ground balls

this season and collected three goals "He is a quick, takeaway type of defenseman that scored two huge goals on our extra man with the long stick against Walled Lake Northern noted Northville coach Greg Durham. "Ashok has some of the best stick skills on the team." Selby will be playing at Albion

College in their inaugural lacrosse Cody Muirhead Senior, Huron Valley defense Huron Valley has always been known for having scrappy defenders and senior Cody Muirhead embodied

that tradition this year. The three-time letterwinner collected 96 ground balls this year and had three assists as he helped the

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down the No. 2 spot in the lineup, hitting at a .344 clip. She earned All-District and All-Conference honors. "Best all around athlete I have ever coached," said coach

Katie Fenech, Northville The junior led the Mustang bats with a .375 average while also producing a .539 slugging percentage. She also led the team in doubles while holding down first base in the field.

Erin Schopa, South Lyon The senior second baseman scalded the ball for a .510 average (61-119). She also swiped a team-high 40 bases to help earn All-District honors.

"She's a leader," said coach Jeff Hankins, "She comes to play every day and works hard. She's a great leadoff hitter. What made us tick was her. She's the one that made us go. She's an outstanding athlete. "South Lyon is going to miss

Danielle Boore, South Lyon The senior pitcher was the No. 1 in the 1-2 pitching punch with teammate Danielle Godair. She threw a pair of no-

25 runs and was 25 of 26 in "She was a workhorse on the -stolen bases. mound," said Hankins. "She works hard out there. When she gets on the mound, she gets came through with a 22-3 serious and gets it done. record and pitched throughout "She had a great fastball the playoff run. She logged and a great breaking ball that 148 innings of work with a would get you with two strikes. 0.80 ERA and just 29 walks Olivia Richvalsky, South

Lyon East The sophomore outfielder slapped her way to a .514 batting average (54-105). She scored 28 times and knocked in after posting a .385 average with 21 runs scored and 24 15 runs. She only struck out 11 times. Richvalsky was a captain runs batted in. and carries a 4.0 GPA.

"She knows the game She's very knowledgeable and always wants to know more," said coach Katie Duncan. "A lot of kids don't have leadership

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Devan Olah, Lakeland

Gwen Hittle, Milford

proved to be troublesome for -

21 off 66 runs scored against

153 strikeouts in 119 innings

with only 27 walks. She also

batted .389 for third on the

SECOND TEAM

team and knocked in 40 runs.

Ashley Landin, Milford

ted leadoff for Milford and set

The junior power pitcher

Devan Olah, Lakeland

All-District, All-Region and

All-State Honorable Mention

The senior brought the big

bat for the Eagles. She hit .361

with four home runs and 26

runs batted in. She will con-

Anna Armstrong,

Lakeland

The junior infielder earned

The senior centerfielder bat-

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qualities to go with their talent. tinue her career at Alma. She's a great role model for the other kids on the team.'

The senior pitcher went 11-10 a 13-13 record with 118 strikewith a stellar 1.24 ERA. Errors outs and just 19 walks allowed. She had a 3.32 ERA. Nelson the defense behind her, as only also led the team with 25 runs batted in on offense. her were earned. She racked up Kristen Niloch, South Lyon

the table with a .418 average for pitchers. She also led the Lions second on the team. She scored in RBIs

Michelle Stiltner, Lakeland The second part of the 1-2 pitching punch for the Lions. Godair also switched with fellow pitcher Boore at first when the other was pitching.

Maddy Sinkovich, Novi awarded All-Conference and All-District honors after batting .298 batting in the No. 3

The junior Mustang hit at a .304 clip while leading the team in runs and runs batted

"She transitioned to catcher this year for three pitchers with for he is a very exceptional no varsity experience and did an exceptional job," said coach

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Olivia Nelson, South Lyon

The freshman pitcher posted

The junior catcher batted .260 with 19 runs batted in and 15 runs scored. She was rock solid behind the plate with a .964 fielding percentage. Olivia Wenzel, South Lyon The junior catcher was the

Danielle Godair, South

rock behind plate for both

The junior centerfielder was hold for the Wildcats. Mary Rounsifer, Northville

athlete and very physical," said Durham. Stern earned Third-Team All-State honors and was an All-KLAA selection.

> Mitch Burgin Junior, Detroit Catholic Central attackman He may just be a junior. ch Burgin plays offense years. Burgin collected 67 goals and 25 assists this year as he helped his team finish

second in the state. "Mitch has an uncanny ability to put the ball in the net," said Wilson. "It goes in high, low, around people, under people - whatever. It just goes

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Junior, Novi attackman He's quick, he's accurate and he's determined - all of these factors make Taylor Howell of Novi a threat when the ball is

The junior attackman plays the game like he only has one goal in mind, and that's getting the win. "Taylor was a great on-field

coach Yusef Yanikoglu said.

leader and role model for our team," said Novi assistant

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The Northville varsity and JV pom pon teams attended pom camp at Davenport University from June 26-30. Both teams received a Grand Champs trophy for outstanding performances each night at camp. The JV team received the Peppy Pom award for showing the most enthusiasm and spirit of any JV team at camp on Sunday. The senior kickline routine took third place out of seven with their 'Genie In a Bottle' routine. Madde Evasic and Liz Allen dazzled campers and staff with their fabulous lip syncing skills taking first place overall. Varsity is coached by new head coach Caitlin O'Connell and new assistant coach Meghan O'Connell. JV is coached by new head coach Amy Mnich.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

FIRST TEAM

Alex Moore, Catholic Central

Kevin Lerg, Catholic Central

Cody Muirhead, Huron Valley

Mitch Burgin, Catholic Centra

Ashok Selby, Northville

Dan Stern, Northville

Taylor Howell, Novi

Huron Valley Titans take on some of the area's best players this year. His scrappy style of play made him an invaluable part of Huron Valley's defense this year. Dan Stern

a key leader on defense, but

what mattered most while he

gibles: Stern was guaranteed

to show hustle and heart in

seman that we put on the

other team's best attackman,

every game.

was on the field was the intan-

"Dan was always that defen-

Dylan Gelven, Northvill Jason Roberto, Huron Valley Robby Brzezinski, Catholic Central Senior, Northville defense lan Meador. Northville Take your best attack and SECOND TEAM put him on the field against Tony Jokinen. South Lyon Northville and the guy who Dan Griesbeck, Huron Valle was likely going to be sticking Vince Gasparatto, Novi Eric Tamm, Huron Valler on him like white on rice is Jakob Kippola. Northville senior defender Dan Stern. Jeff Janer, Catholic Central Northville's top athlete was Mike Birney, Catholic Centra

> "He showed excellent sportsmanship as well as a high level of skill at the attack position. We look forward to his return next year as a captain and All-State candidate.' Dylan Gelven Junior, Northville attack-

As a junior, Dylan Gelven earned Second-Team All-State honors, a selection to the All-KLAA team and was the top point scorer on the team, in the KLAA and in the region with 109 total points off 48 goals and 61 assists. but Detroit Catholic Central's The best part? He's back next

"Dylan is by far one of the most talented players I have ever coached," said Durham. "He is a student of the game and is the number one reason our offense did so well this year. He would draw a doubleman constantly, feeding others on important goals. We look for him to be even better next

replace next season when Jason Roberto he heads to Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio Senior, Huron Valley mid-

Want to know why Jason Roberto stands out on the Huron Valley Titans team? It's simple: He's a midfield who plays the game with an attack-

Roberto was all over the field this year, helping the defense and boosting the offense as he collected 36 goals attack and 23 assists in his senior campaign. It's no wonder he's a four-year letter winner with Robby Brzezinski Senior, Detroit Catholic

Central midfield The comment his coach

ALL-AREA BOYS LACROSSE made about him said it all when it comes to senior middie Robby Brzezinski. "There wasn't a better guy around," Wilson said. That sums it up. Brzezinski

was everywhere at once and had key moments whenever his team needed it. That's why he earned unanimous All-State First-Team selection this

The team's faceoff specialist won 63-percent of his team's draws, a talent that will no doubt serve him well when he plays at Trine College in Indiana next vear. Ian Meador Senior, Northville midfield

Meador won 67 percent

of his face-offs this season,

picked up 90 ground balls

"I am not taking away

from the other captains that

best that I have had since my

Durham. "He works extremely

tenure at Northville," said

hard and leads by example,

and pushes the others on the

team to do their best. He was a

significant part of our success

this season in possessing the

Meador will be tough to

ALL-AREA SECOND TEAM

Dan Griesbeck, Huron

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Jakob Kippola, Northville

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and had nine goals and seven

"This is my hometown and I don't want to give up on There's been talk about Ian Meador in Northville for Michigan and I'm not going to years - and for good reason. give up on Novi." Ansara has been preparing The senior midfielder earned himself First-Team All-State for the opening of the salon for honors as a face-off specialist the last two years, and wanted last year and this year as well to make sure it had its own as All-KLAA selection and a building to not conflict with member of the Elite 8 in the Faces by Freda, which is two National Face-Off Classic this doors down.

Faces by Freda offers cosmetic services ranging from make-up and waxing to skin care consultations and treatment. Salon Freda will special-"I always knew I wanted to

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reach even more with last

Freda opened.

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and after traveling the country

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found that workers are

more productive, with some employees reporting that

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of work-life improves from "quiet" peri-

ers more time to concentrate,

think, and possibly become

an internal survey that found the average executive received 20 hours per week managing emails -- and this information was from a survey conducted in 2006! Basex reported that interruptions from the exces-

that some business people end

sive information overload cost

U.S. companies \$650 billion per year in lost productivity. According to Entrepreneur Magazine, a study by RescueTime, a time-management software company, cited

Freda Ansara, center, recently opened Salon Freda near her 41460 Grand River Avenue cosmetic store, Faces by

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up checking their e-mail 50 times per day. Over-attending to e-mails, texts, and phone calls not only cost time and

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Novi grad grows business Art Is In Market opens in Twelve Oaks

Freda Salon joins Faces by Freda on Grand River Creative investing in Michigan is the goal for Debbie La Pratt of Sterling Heights, Michigan, as she opens her second Art Is In Market location in the Twelve Oaks Mall (near Macy's). The success of the Laurel Park Mall store since 2005 provides a model for LaPratt and her artist friends to open in Novi.

Over the past five years Art Is In Market has provided a place to show and market their artistic goods for over 100 Michigan artisans. The Novi location will provide an opportunity for an additional 45 artists to prosper through their artistic efforts. The Twelve Oaks location will include artisans of pottery, floral design, watercolor, canvas photography, nature photography, oil painting, charcoal drawing, steel sculpture, hand painted art wear, jewelry and other art media. According to LaPratt, "the wide array of art gives the store an uncommon appeal to custom-

ers who are looking for something different. The art pieces range from \$7-\$1,000 with the average price of \$40. This makes unique art objects both affordable and acces-

La Pratt, an architectural pottery artisan, found that a big issue for artists is having a place to show and market their work on a regular on-going basis. Those shopping for unique gifts and one-of-a-kind' items are also limited.

Caribou Coffee helping to fight hunger

Yesterday was the kick-off and launch of a series of rallies supporting the local hunger relief efforts of Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan and Forgotten Harvest. The hunger relief agencies are teaming with ConAgra Foods and Feeding America on their nationwide Child Hunger Ends Here campaign, focused on providing food to children throughout the summer when the school breakfast and lunch programs they rely on for meals, aren't operating.

Through the public rallies, the organizations aim to involve the community in helping to end childhood hunger. Caribou Coffee locations, including Novi, are participating in individual rallies through July 26, serving as collection sites for food and cash donations. Caribou Coffee will give donors \$1 off any large cold beverage of their choice. At each rally, Caribou will also donate 10 percent of the stores proceeds after 3 p.m. to Gleaners and Forgotten Harvest.

More information can be found on the Child Hunger Ends Here program by visiting www.childhungerendshere.com.



New law allows for quiet time

and Luna Studio, Timothy

Sometimes it takes leg-islation to keep us from doing things we should not do, let alone keeping us

from doing something that can be outright dangerous and life threatening. On July 1, a law took effect in the State of Michigan that bans texting while driving. It is now illegal to read, type or send text messages while operating a motor vehicle on a street or highway. Getting caught doing so is a civil infraction resulting in a fine of \$100 for the first offense

and \$200 for repeat offenses. Michigan is the 24th state to ban texting while driving. The law stops not just teens from texting while driving, but all drivers, many of whom may have been business people checking and responding to text and e-mail messages.

Perhaps there is a hidden benefit in this legislation in that it will force business people to take a break from the constant bombardment of texts, emails and calls during periods of the day. Interestingly, the law parallels what some companies are putting in place to help

reduce the distractions and

and phone calls cause. Over

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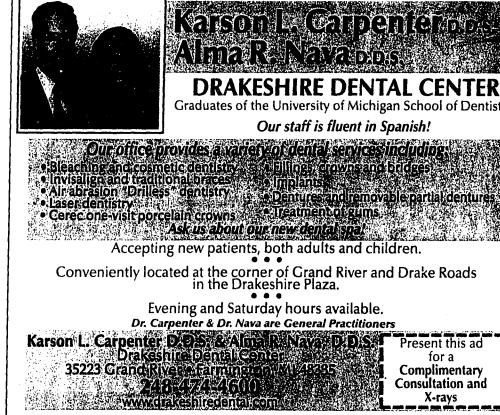
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Professor Leslie Perlow studied the positive effects that quiet time can have on work-Quite time can be a few hours times of the day when employees put a hold on responding allowing information work-

ronments, Intel conducted 300 messages per day and the average employee spent

and e-mails just a couple of hours each day. At the very while driving. It is now the Linda Hagan, Ph.D., is a profes-

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