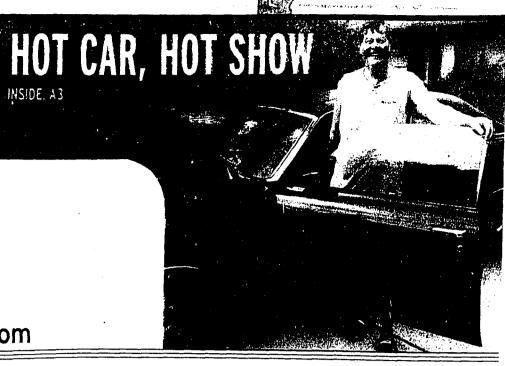
### THURSDAY July 22, 2010

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### **Walled Lake Beach Party**

Calling all beach burns! Get the swim of things with the Walled Lake Downtown Development Authority (LDDA) and the Walled Lake Rarks and Rec as they host the fourth annual Walled Lake Beach Party on Saturday, July

24 from noon-midnight. Adding some flair to the traditional day at the beach, the Walled Lake Department of Public Works plans to adorn the area with an astounding more than 200 tons of sand, transforming East Walled Lake Drive into one big beach.

Cover band Fifty Amp Fuse will make a splash by headlining the gig with classic and contemporary pop and rock hits from 8 p.m.-midnight.

For more information contact the Walled Lake Downtown Development Authority office at (248) 926-9004 or www. DowntownWalledLake.com.

### Pastor celebrates 20th

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

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.

The service will begin at 11 a.m. Rev. Lowell Spencer. from Eaton Baptist Temple, of Eaton, Ohio, will be bringing the message. Pastor Sprencer preached the first message and original charge when Pastor Elfner assumed the responsibility of the ministry.

### 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. Property tax information is available on the City of Novi website at www.cityofnovi.org.

Property taxes/water and sewer payments can also be paid online at www.cityofnovi.org by credit card or electronic check (no fee for electronic check).

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### Positive changes coming to school district budget

### Board must still approve recommendations at Aug. 5 meeting

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STAFF WRITER

The fluid situation that is funding for schools has finally yielded positive results for Novi.

School District Superintendent Peter Dion presented the board with a list of 11 changes to the 2010-2011 budget on Thursday after officials were able to estimate the district was going to have

\$3,426,000 in excess fund

The board set its fund equity parameter at 10 percent, and the approved budget came in at 13 percent or \$2 million over. An additional \$670,000 is coming back to the district thanks to 25 teachers taking the state's retirement incentive; \$136,000 more will return as the result of an \$11 reduction by the state of a \$265 cut and a

\$100 budgeted state aid reduction also is being factored in at \$620,000.

Dion's restoration recommendations total an estimated \$1,109,571, leaving the district with \$2.3 million in excess of the 10-percent fund equity required.

"We are excited to proceed with caution, of course, because

Please see BUDGET, A2

### **EXPENSE RESTORATIONS**

Eliminate transportation fees - \$75,000 Revise class size to 0-2-4 - \$390,000 Add one media specialist at Meadows or middle school - \$80,000 Hire ELL/Title I facilitator - \$\$80,000 Remove request for community donations - \$150,000 Restore student co-op positions - \$52,000 Pay increase of 1% for non-union staff - Incomplete Restore two K-4 special teachers - \$130,000

Reduce non-grant travel to only 50% - \$22,000 Develop elementary/secondary content area leaders - \$24,000 Reduce pay to play by 25% - \$106,250 Total - \$1,109,571

### Resident takes in-depth look at Knapp Cemetery

### Goal to provide records for public viewing

BY NATHAN MUELLER

The history of Novi has intrigued Kathy Mutch since she moved to the city in 1971. As a longtime member of

the Novi Historical Society and Historical Commission, Mutch has gathered a pleth of information about Novi's past and is always sharing it with others because she feels it is part of the continuing

story of the community. "It's as important to know where you've been as it is to know where you are going," she said.

Mutch's latest project has been one of the more difficult, as she is looking at the Knapp Cemetery on the south side of Nine Mile Road near the CSX Railroad tracks.

The small burial ground there dates back to at least 1836, but there is no official record of who is buried on the site. Mutch said she believes it was a family cemetery before being taken over by the city after the late 1960s, but has yet to confirm it.

"It sort of fascinated me to find out who these people were and how they came to be buried there," she said.

While researching the cemetery for the last 20 years, Mutch said she heard it was known as a Quaker burial ground, but has been unable to confirm that.

Some descendents of the families buried there, the Aldriches, Van Dynes and Parmenters, have contacted



Wayne State University Professor Thomas Killion and graduate student Liam Collins use a transit device to identify the geographic location of the gravestones in the Knapp Cemetery.

her with information, and most recently, Mutch partnered with professor and archaeologist Tom Killion and some of his Wayne State University graduate students

to document the site. The group used surveying equipment to document the location and condition of each gravestone and any inscriptions or engravings on them. Many of the stones have been broken or moved, but they were able to map them out on

the site and everything on it. Her hope is to develop a digital record of the cemetery complete with photos of the

grid and create a diagram of

grave site and other available information about the person buried there.

Mutch said she feels the more people know about the cemetery the more they can recognize what it represents in the history of the community.

"The stories of the people buried there are going to be a snapshot of Novi when it was still a pioneering community," she said.

For more information or to share information with Mutch, contact her at (248) 224-4211 or via e-mail at kmmutch@yahoo.com.

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Dan Harrison (left) and Graham Sheckels, graduate students in archaeology at Wayne State University, lay lines to measure the gravestones so they can be assigned an identifying location number that will be part of a digital record.

### Voters to decide on OCC millage renewal

### Tax calls for commitment of 0.8 mills for 10 years

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Oakland Community College's popularity is at a record high as students are searching for a more economical education.

But in order for the college to continue to provide a quality education and the lowest per credit hour rate of all 28 Michigan community colleges, officials are asking for help from

Oakland County voters. On the Aug. 3 ballot is the 10-year renewal

of a 0.8-mill supplementary property tax. The income from the renewal millage makes up about 25 percent of the college's income, and the cost to a homeowner with an assessed value of \$100,000 is estimated at less than \$80 a year.

"If we lose 25 percent of our income we are in dire straights," said George Cartsonis, OCC director of college communications. "It would seriously hamper the college's ability to pro-

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vide services to the people of Oakland County." A perpetual millage, instituted when the college was created in 1964, makes up 26 percent of the college's \$161 million budget, with the remainder coming from tuition and fees (33 percent), state appropriations (12 percent) and investment income (4 percent).

Some opponents of the millage claim that the college should raise rates and institute more cuts instead of asking for a tax renewal.

The college has done that, according to Cartsonis, increasing tuition and fees by 11 percent, the first hike since 2008, and reducing \$11 million through expenditure cuts, employee wage freezes and more.

Still, Cartsonis said without the millage renewal, it would be tough for the college to

Patrick McQueen, treasurer of the advocacy group called Supporters of OCC, said voters should support the renewal because educating people is of utmost importance during the economic downturn.

"We need to have a welleducated base of young people that can go into our workforce," he said. "OCC is the most reasonable and cost effective way of doing that. Not everyone is going to go to Harvard or Michigan or

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### OCC AT A GLANCE

28 community colleges (14th largest in nation). 77,136 students enrolled in the four semesters of 2009. · Campuses in Auburn Hills. Farmington Hills, Royal Oak Southfield and Waterford. OCC has the state's largest freshman class and the 3rd largest undergraduate enroll-

ment, following The University of Michigan and Michigan State More than 11 percent of Oakland

County high school graduates attend OCC. • OCC is one of county's larger employers with more than 850 full-time employees and almost equal number of part-time staff

and adjunct faculty.

Oakland University, but we have to attempt to make OCC accessible to almost anybody. The group recently hired a firm to poll voters regarding the millage renewal, and McQueen said roughly 60 per

"The message is out there

that people are aware OCC is

important to our community," The millage was renewed most recently by voters in 2001, passing by a 2-to-1 vote, and if it passes again, it will

not be levied until 2012.

cent view it "favorably."

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### Time to celebrate

Novi orthodontist Dr. Lawrence Spillane, of Spillane and Reynolds Orthodontics, poses with some of his patients at a July 14 party to celebrate his 20 years in business. Spillane treated his patients and staff to a picnic, sweet treats and many door prizes.

nothing is cast in ston e monetarily with our funding from the state," said board president Ann Glubzinski. "But absolutely any opportunity that is going Kitchens ~ Baths ~ Basements Cabinets ~ CounterTops ~ Tile 1 to benefit our students and families is what we are about." The biggest recommendation from Dion involved two students at the elemen-

440 N. LAFAYETTE, SOUTH LYON changing class sizes from the tary, four at the middle school and six at the high school recommended increase approved in the budget to a 0-2-4 increase. It would require hiring six teachers at an estimat- donations as a source of reved cost of \$65,000 per teacher. enue," Dion said. Other staffing increases

facilitator and restoring two

K-4 special teachers. Those positions amount to an estimated \$290,000. Dion said the ELL/Title

I facilitator is important

ELL population and increasing Title I population. "For the first time we were audited by Title I auditors and were cited on a number of violations that need to be rectified," he said.

because of the district's high

Another change is the district no longer plans to ask the community for donations, a restoration of \$150,000. "We are already asking

parents to pay in other areas, and I don't think it is prudent One area that drew the ire of board treasurer Dennie

to all non-union staff. Dion

mentioned that administra-

tors were the only group who O'Connor also suggested voluntarily agreed to a 1.5 perthat the pay-to-participate fees cent wage cut last year. be returned to last year's level "While I appreciate the instead of just being reduced

and I thought it was great they agreed with the concept tions are) spread throughout of sharing the pain last fiscal the district and still gives year by taking... that 1.5 perus flexibility with the \$2.3 million (left over) if we have cent cut in wages, but I still want to go back to the fact that targeted needs for next year," we are looking at \$3 million in Dion said. deficit spending next year," he said. "And by approving somerecommendations at its next thing like this it sends a mixed regular board meeting on Aug. message based on what we as a 5 and vote on each individual

administrators volunteering,

board have collectively said." Other areas Dion recommended were eliminating transportation fees clubs, athletics and band (\$75,321). restoring student co-op posi-

proceeding with caution and being able to utilize our funds in a way that is going to be best for kids," Glubzinski said. "And also we cannot overspend grant travel by only 50 percent to the point where we would

by 25 percent.

"I think (the recommenda-

The board will review Dion's

"I think the key here is

to give a 1-percent pay increase (124.600) and reduce pay to

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Owners hope Fairlane achieves honors at Concours show

EVENT INFO

What: 32nd annual Concours

Where: Meadow Brook Hall &

Grounds. Oakland University

When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday

Admission: \$25 for general

admission, \$15 for students

sole purpose of drag racing,

but was retired from it after

age until Slevin came across

it in 2006, and featured just

20,000 original miles and no

five years. It had been in stor-

d'Elegance of America

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Challenging. Rewarding. Fulfilling.

Those were the words Northville resident Kevin Sharp used to describe his and Novi resident Larry Slevin's journey to find and restore a 1969 Ford Fairlane Cobra twodoor hardtop.

Challenging because it took them over a year to find the car they wanted.

Rewarding because they took a car that was a rolling chassis and returned it to its original look by themselves in three years.

And fulfilling because the car has not only received a gold award at the Fairlane Nationals, but that it also was invited to the prestigious Concours d'Elegance of America at Meadow Brook this

"It's our hobby and what we do for fun," Slevin said. "And to me it will be an honor to be on that show field with all those wonderful cars."

The Concours d'Elegance of America is an invite-only event, making the occasion more meaningful, and will feature more than 230 cars and motorcycles. Slevin and his wife, Lynn,

who also helped with the Fairlane restoration, also own two other classic cars — a 1969 Firebird 400 convertible and a 1966 Fairlane GT convertible — but the Fairlane Cobra is the prized possession.

The car was created for the

The goal was to be as original as possible restoring the car and keeping its racing

"It's a fairly rare car," Slevin said. "When you go to a car show you might see a fastback, but not a formal roof."

The trio received the car with its triple black paint job and rebuilt the engine, transmission and rear end. The interior also is black. It is listed as having 335 horsepower, but Slevin said it's probably closer to 400.

Sharp said restoring the car "took many paths along the way," but the end result has been worth it.

"It has always been our quest to get Concours gold and we achieved that," he said. "And it will be interesting to see how it's judged at Meadow Brook."

nmueller@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255 horsepower, but Slevin said it's closer to 400.

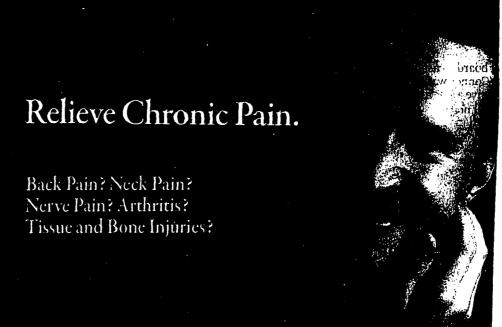


Novi resident Larry Slevin with his 1969 Ford Fairlane Cobra - which he'll display this weekend at the Concours d'Elegance of America car show at Meadow Brook. Slevin and his wife Lynn, as well as friend Kevin Sharp, worked on the car for three years, restoring it to as close to its original look as possible.



Larry Slevin shows off what is under the hood of his 1969 Ford Fairlane Cobra. The car is listed as having 335

Larry Slevin's 1969 Ford Fairlane Cobra car



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Location: Novi Civic Center,

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### **LOCAL EVENTS** Summer Sidewalk Music Series Time/Date: 4-7 p.m. Saturdays

June-August. Location: at Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountainwalk in the center roundabout by Lucky Strike Details: Free concerts and art. ArtsNovi will have 4 artists selling work and doing demonstrations each week. Bring a chair! Bands for July: The Pleasuretones, 24; Grievous Angel, 31. Contact: Twelve Mile Crossing (248)

### 348-8762 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. Frog Force robotics team. 1 - Sheila Landis & Rick Matle 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 — tunity to exhibit and promote to a \$4,000 and a chance to compete in large segment of the population. the Memphis Barbeque Network's The purchasing power of health. national competition in the spring beauty and fitness consumers is an



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Lego camp attendees Abby Church, left, and Grace Dziedzic, both 6, check out their motorized toy car creation on July 15 at the Novi Civic Center. The week-long camp had 20 pupils and was helped by volunteers from Novi High's

of 2011. Restaurants located in Western Oakland County are invited for the show is expected to be to participate in the fun by entering their own BBO cooking team. For registration information and applications please visit www.experiencewo.com or call Shelby Wallach seminars and speakers offering at (248) 348-5600 x 206. Contact: (248) 348-5600 Health, Beauty & Fitness Expo

**Date**: Oct. 16-17 Details: This exclusive event is looking to collaborate with businesses in the Detroit Area to endorse the only expo designed to inspire and encourage individuals to embrace a life of health, beauty, wellness and fitness. The Health, Beauty & Fitness Expo allows exhibitors and sponsors the oppor-

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Monthly Meeting

Location: Rock Financial

between Taft and Beck roads

Details: Comrades and fellow vet-

Evening in the Gardens - Native Plants for Wet and Dry Fitness Expo or to inquire more Time/Date: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. about sponsorship and exhibitor Wednesday, July 27 opportunities visit the website at Location: MSU Extension HealthAndBeautyExpo.net or call Tollgate Education Center, 28115

Meadowbrook Rd, Novi American Legion Post 19 Details: The cost is \$20 per person. Contact: (248) 858-0887; smithlin@ Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. on third oakgov.com; www.msue.msu.edu/ oakland **Botsford Swim Lessons** Showplace, Grand River Avenue Time/Date: Wednesday evenings

> through July 28 Health Improvement, 39750 Grand

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Contact: Call (248) 473-3100 or visit www.botsford.org/bchi.

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 net-

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working environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals to each other. Members learn how to create and refine an 'elevator speech,' develop a broad network of other JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER business professionals in the community and receive training/educa- Entertainment: Pat Kochyan & tion on networking more efficiently. Evan Lian Guests are invited to attend free of charge. Continental breakfast

Contact: For more information, contact Julie Paquette at 248-797-1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com; www.metronovibni.com.

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**Details:** Join us for light appetizers and cash bar; \$10 per person; preregistration required. Business to Business Breakfast Time/Date: 8-9 p.m. Tuesday, July Public Relations at greenspace@ Location: Planet Fitness, 31124 Beck

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Contact: Paulette Alioa, V.P. of

Novi home broken into while owner on vacation A Novi resident had his

online at hometownlife.com

12 Mile Rd.

into and items stolen from inside while he was on vacation from July 3-10. The homeowner reported to police that a Playstation 3, Xbox 360, two Xbox 360 controllers and three games and \$750 cash were stolen

house on Le Bost broken

from the home. There were no signs of forced entry and police have no suspects at this time. Spare tires stolen off Jeeps

Two spare tires were stolen off the back of two Jeep Wranglers over the weekend of July 16-19 while they were parked at the dealership located on Haggerty Road. According to the police report, the complainant saw the vehicles with the tires on them when he left on July 16. The Jeeps were parked in the south lot which is somewhat concealed from view. There also were no surveillance cameras in the area.

The tires are valued at \$600 each and police have no suspects. The complainant also said that 25 vehicles in their storage lot in Farmington Hills was broken into about a month ago, but they had not heard back from Farmington Hills

### Purse taken from locked car

🔁 A 28-year-old woman had her purse stolen from her car between 7:15 p.m. and 8 p.m. on July 15 while it was parked in the parking lot at Planet

Fitness. The woman told police she locked her car and left her purse on the passenger seat when she went inside the gym. When she returned to her car, the front passenger Emagine Theater and one side window was broken and beer at Bar Louie and Lucky and red light. He was then

He failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .13 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is

10 Mile Rd.

9 Mile Rd.

Drunk driver caught by

8 Mile Rd.

her purse was missing.

It contained her wallet,

two money orders totaling

\$668, three credit cards,

driver's license.

a debit card, passport and

11 Mile Rd.

A 26-year-old Trenton 4 man was arrested at 12:20 a.m. on July 16 for drunk driving after he was stopped by police for disobeying a no turn on red sign at West Oaks Drive and Novi Road.

When the officer approached the car, he could smell a strong odor of intoxicants and the driver said he had two beers at the

his vehicle. Car damaged at Novi

8 Mile Rd.

Police have no suspects. .08 percent. The driver was arrested for operating while intoxicated and taken to the Novi

**NOVI POLICE BRIEFS** 

Police Department where he was issued a citation and released when sober. Man busted for weed A 42-year old man was Tarrested at 6:45 a.m. on July 12 at the Beck Road and I-96 entrance ramp for

driving while license sus-Police initially stopped the driver because he ran

arrested for having a suspended license and police found 1.1 grams of the drug during a search of him and

A woman staying at Othe Residence Inn on

Cabaret Drive had her vehicle damaged while it was parked at the hotel between July 17-19. The damage to the car consisted of a broken

windshield and dents and scratches on the top of the trunk. The damage was esti- July 23: Okie Dokie Stompers possession of marijuana and mated at \$3,000. Police have no suspects at

Novi Rotary Club Time/Date: Noon every Thursday Location: Novi Methodist Church. 41671 W. 10 Mile Road Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check Web site for speaker information; novirotary. org.

### Andiamo Novi / Dirty Martini Lounge / Andiamo Theater

Location: 42705 Grand River Avenue, Novi Contact: (248) 348-3838 "My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish & I'm In Therapy' Time/Date: Wednesdays-Sundays,

Aug. 18-29 Details: Steve Solomon's one-man show. Tickets may be purchased at the Andiamo Novi Theatre box office, by phone at (248) 348-4448 (theater box office) or 1-800-745-3000 (Ticketmaster) or on-line at

www.ticketmaster.com. Liauor 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 Bar Louie Location: Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, 44375 12 Mile Road,

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-midnight

July 24: The Pleasuretones

The Post Bar Location: 42875 Grand River - Compiled by staff Avenue, Novi writer Nathan Mueller Contact: (248) 465-9600

Wednesdays: WYLD" Wednesday with DJ Joey "A" & mc Jevon Thursdays: DJ Tommy Holiday

Fridays: Famous Friday with DJ iMix & mc Jevon Hollywood Mixx Lounge Location: 43155 Main Street, Novi

Contact: (248) 347-6499 or mixx-

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) 349-0720 Website: www.novilibrary.org Story Times: Please see the Library

website or story time brochure for There's still time to sign up for Youth, Tween, Teen, and Adult Summer Reading Programs. See the

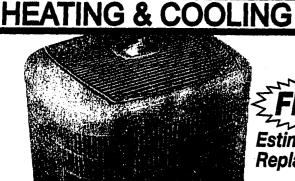
website for details. Novi Writers Group Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon Saturday

July 24 Details: This group will provide a welcoming environment for writers to collaborate, critique and créate with other writers. The group is facilitated by local writer, Kathy Mutch. For 18 years and older.

Please register. Puppets in the Park Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Tuesday, July

Details: Bring the kids and enjoy games, activities and an interactive fun puppet show Tuesday morning at Fuerst Park. The show will be held at the Novi Public Library if there is inclement weather. 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.



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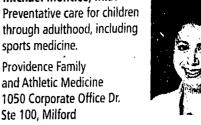
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### Action movie star visitina

Silvio Simac will be coming to the Novi Choi Kwang DO academy July 24-25 for action packed fundraising events aimed at sending Michigan Choi Kwang Do families to Korea in October for the First International Choi Kwang Do Seminar and Exchange, Partial proceeds will benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Simac is a fourth degree Black Belt, martial arts expert, body builder, personal trainer and action movie star. His latest films include "Transporter 3" and "Black Mask 2, City of Masks".

Come get your picture taken with Silvio Simac at the Novi Choi Kwang Do Academy from 9-10 a.m. by Stace Sanchez of KickPcs Photography and then stay for a family fun training session with Simac from 10-11 This event is for children and adults - no martial art experience is necessary.

Dine and dance the night away with Simac at a fundraising banquet, dance and auction Saturday 7 p.m.-1 a.m. Sunday, from 3-4 p.m. is another opportunity to have your picture taken with Simac at the Novi Choi Kwang Do Academy. Then physically fit teens and adults are invited to stay for a 90-minute boot camp by Simac.

Minimum Donation Request is \$5 for photo shoot, \$15 for training session, \$15 for boot camp and \$15 for gala banquet, dance and auction. Visit www.choi4all.com for more details and to register. Or call Master Erin Herman at (734) 604-1801.

Novi Choi Kwang Do Academy is located at 24404 Catherine Industrial Rd. Suite 306. Grand Celebrations Banquet and Auction is at 32905 Grand River Avenue, Farmington.

### Novi Palooza hits July 30

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

PATRICK K. AUSTIN

contact the funeral home for service

time. (248) 437-1616 or visit:

www.phillipsfuneral.com

TINO BOSIO

July 14, 2010, Age 75. Funeral was

Church, Northville. Donations in Mr.

Bosio's name can be made to St.

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JEAN DUDEK

Age 75, of South Lyon, formerly of

Taylor, passed away July 17, 2010.

A funeral mass was held Wed

7/21/10 at St. Joseph Catholic

Church. Arrangements by Casterline

Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon.

DOROTHY B. HUFF

July 17, 2010 age 92. Funeral was

July 20 at Holy Family Church, Novi

Interment Calvery Cemetery, Quincy,

IL. In lieu of flowers, donations may

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### **Sweet treat**

Elizabeth Eiler, 11, makes a cupcake choice at the July 14 party to celebrate Novi orthodontist Dr. Lawrence Spillane's 20 years in the business. Spillane treated his patients and staff to a picnic, sweet treats and lots of door prizes.

a casino tent, BBQ Cook Off, volleyball tournament, ribs for sale, beer tent, portable putput 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.com

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. Youth Toastmasters Club A new Toastmasters club

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Age 67, passed away, July 16, 2010. Age 96, July 10, 2010. Funeral serv-

A memorial service will be held on lice was July 17 at the O'Brien/

PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. Please suggested to Capuchins.

August 7th at 11am. Sullivan Funeral Home. Donations

**LEONA N. JONES** 

Online condolences:

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**MARY GREGORY** 

Age 56 of Novi, July 15, 2010.

Online condolences:

www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

MICHAEL D. STERLING

Age 64, passed away July 13, 2010.

He was born on April 27, 1946. Funeral arrangements entrusted to:

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variety of talented local bands, will meet for eight one-hour sessions within the next few months. Toastmaster members basi-

cally present short speeches to be peer critiqued during the meetings. Organizers are looking for enthusiasm and a positive hardworking attitude from dedicated young adults ages 11-18. The first meeting will be an information session.

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Mural Camp Summer camps Camp Lakeshore will Novi Parks offers camps return this summer under a to meet every child's needs new name, Lakeshore Park Novi Parks, Recreation, and Adventure Camp. The camp Cultural Services is excited to will offer adventures such as offer many engaging camps kayaking, geocaching, climbwith something to meet every ing with a belay harness,

child's interest, close to home, canoeing, and hiking. Annual camper-favorite field trips Center Red Oaks Wave Pool control Safety Town and the Detroit Zoo are emotional, social and intellecincluded. Registration is going tual. "We hope the community on now at cityofnovi.org and online registrants receive a \$5 new offerings this summer. We discount. For more informatruly have something for every tion, please contact the Novi Parks office at (248) 347-

City of Novi superintendent of 0400.

Learn to ride Schoolcraft College\*s continuing education department will hold a series of weekend motorcycle classes for those interested in hitting the

streets on two wheels. Using federal grant money, the school has held the program at Milford High School for several years. Vince

Consiglio, who works for the

this year, but the state allocated some money a few weeks ago for the program.

school, said it didn't look like

the money would be available

The class is open to anyone ages 16 and older and runs three days, including a Friday evening and all day Saturday and Sunday. Sessions run July 23-25. The program costs \$25, and students must provide their own gear -- helmet, boots, gloves, long-sleeve shirt and long pants.

Motorcycles are provided. Those adults who pass the class can waive the state license test to get a motorcycle license, although that test isn't required for all motorcycle

"The skills that are taught in the motor safety class will enhance the riders basic ability to survive on the street and give them the legal cycle endorsement," Consiglio said. Register by calling (734) 462-4452 or register online at

www.schoolcraft.cc.mi.us in

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 every-

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 including the Detroit Science visit cityofnovi.org.

The annual Safety Town will From 10 a.m.-2 p.m. every cover Stranger Danger, Fire Safety, Traffic Safety, Animal Safety and how to handle emergency situations. Safety behavior is taught by roleplaying, projects, stories 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

### 1206 for dates and locations. Clerk's mobile office visitina

\$95 per session. Call 248-449-

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. the continuing education sec-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

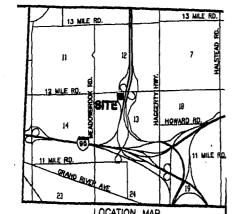
Monterey Institute in 1976. The conference will include managing interpreting in depositions and interrogations, in police, medical and school situations. This conference will be of interest to interpreters and those who use them: court and school officials, hospital administrators and attorneys.

For information, go to http://mitin.Org/conference. Farmers market

Sunday through Oct. 31 on Main Street (east of Novi Road, south of Grand River Avenue), Novi's open-air market will feature over 40 vendors with in-season fruits, vegetables, plants, flowers, arts and crafts, jams, and sauces all grown or made in Michigan. Vendors will offer warm breakfast, pastries, sandwiches, sushi, kettle corn, fudge, toffee, and biscotti, and you can enjoy live music while you eat and shop. For more information, visit www.novifarmersmarket.com or call the Novi Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-3743.

### CITY OF NOVI

Funeral was July 19 at St. James Catholic Church, Novi. In lieu of flow-July 17 at Our Lady of Victory ers, charitable contributions to The Mary Gregory Memorial Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 5004 Southfield, MI 48086-5004. Online condolences:  $www.obriensullivan funeral home.com\\ \\www.obriensullivan funeral home.com\\$ **MILLIE MAHER** (NEE VOGEL) July 17, 2010, age 96. Funeral was July 16, 2010, age 84. Funeral was July 21 at St. James Church, Novi. July 20 at St. Patrick Church, Entombment White Chapel Cemetery Brighton. Burial at Holy Sepulchre



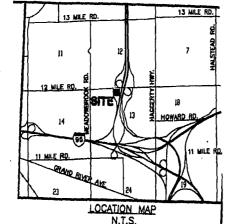
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Deadline: Tuesday at 10 am for Thursd Obituaries received after these deadling will be placed in the next available issue

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. Novi, MI to consider A PROPOSED CELLULAR TOWER NEAR TWELVE MILE ROAD AND THE M-5 CONNECTOR, SITE PLAN NUMBER 08-40D, FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN AND SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 13. AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF TWELVE MILE ROAD AND THE M-5 CONNECTOR, IN THE OST, PLANNED OFFICE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT. The subject property is approximately 2 acres and the applicant is proposing to build a 150-foot tall cellular phone monopole tower, associated equipment shelters and accessory structures.



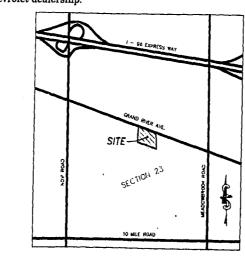
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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Division, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, August 11, 2010. Novi Planning Commission

David Greco, Secretary Publish: July 22, 2010

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Novi Planning Commission David

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CHURCH EVENTS

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 ages

**Details**: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience. Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday

Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays

Eight Mile Road

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

care available 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. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study,

Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of 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 School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 fee, which includes interdenominational a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m.

Contact: (248) 442-8822 or www.newhope-

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. Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast Worship Service Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Alzheimer's Support Group Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of

> Faith Community Presbyterian Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-novi.org

study materials. Childcare will be available Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. in the morning for children through age 5. First Baptist Church of Northville Emmanuel Lutheran Church Location: 217 N. Wing Location: 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross 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 churchofnovi.org

Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. Family Worship: 11 a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth

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Livonia

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sday Midweek Ministries

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> unday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m raning Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.:

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ontemporary Worship, Bible-Based Message

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Sunday Services 9:30 & 11 AM

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Reverend Sondra Willobee

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### ELECTIO

### Six Republicans, 3 Democrats seek nominations for Senate

A number of western Oakland County residents are hoping they will be the next state senator representing the 15th district. The 15th state Senate District is located in Oakland county and includes the townships of

Lyon, Milford, Novi, Rose, West Bloomfield and White Lake, as well as the cities of Northville (Oakland County portion), Novi, Orchard Lake, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Wixom. In the primary election, vot-

ers can cast their choices for

either Republican candidates or

candidate from each party will advance to the Nov. 2 general election, running against one another. The winner of that election takes office effective Jan. 1. The Republican candidates are Kerry Bentivolio of Milford, Paul Graves of Milford, Mike Kowall of White Lake, John Cyrus

Stephens of Milford and Steven Valentini of Novi. The Democrat candidates are Tom Crawford of Milford, Pam Jackson of Commerce and Christopher P. Maloney of Northville. Valentini, Crawford and Maloney did not respond to requests for information.

rently holds the state Senate seat. After 8 years in the position, she is term-limited and is not allowed to run for the position again. Members of the state Senate receive a \$79,650 annual salary, as well as a monthly \$1,000 stipend for office expens

### Family man Graves wants to fix state's problems

BY PHILIP ALLMEN STAFF WRITER

Paul Graves sees the effects of Michigan's economy in his own family. More than a dozen of his nieces and nephews are in school or graduated. Many are struggling to find steady jobs, he said.

"They came to me and pretty persuasive," he said. said, 'What can we do?'," he "Most people like me. I can said. He told his extended explain why things need to family that if they get be done in a certain way to involved in their local combuild a bridge to tomorrow." munities, he'll do what he Things will be difficult for can to help by running for Michigan moving forward, the state Senate District he admitted, but building a 15 seat. He started his team atmosphere in Lansing Republican campaign, he will advance policies quicker, which is imperative in maksaid, in May by visiting more than 6,000 businesses ing changes the state needs, throughout the western he said.

"Anywhere I've ever gone Oakland County district. "What an eye-opener that in business, that's the most was," said Graves. "So many important thing," said Graves. "We all have to put businesses are really on a our egos aside. All 38 have to string. It's not going to take be united, get down to busimuch to put some of those longtime businesses go out if ness and help Michigan." Graves said voters should take all the information

things don't improve." A financial consultant by trade, Graves said his strong personality will work well in

representatives across the state craft policy. "I can

the state sen- decide the best candidate, ate, where 38 adding that he'd rather have issues.

in from across the aisle. I'm

> in the garden. be there one day. Someday I hope someone is looking

> > pallmen@gannett.com

### PAUL GRAVES

from the various candidates

and compare everyone to

I. What is your vision for the state of Michigan in

the next two-six years? By making the right decisions now we can create a vibrant economic future through historic initiatives that will substantially spending, improve education, bring back manufacturing and, most importantly, create jobs, jobs, jobs.

2. Do you support repeal of term limits? I will leave that to the Michigan voters. However if we keep term limits, stagger the vears on the senate side so we don't have such a large turnover in any one year. 3. What are your top three priorities for funding

Before we look at funding key state 4. What are your ideas for improving Michigan's

Shrink government 20-25 percent. Reduce business taxes 50 percent. Reduce senior citizen property taxes at age 70, eliminate at 75. Allow college graduates a 5-year property tax exemption to stabilize housing market and keep educated youth in Michigan, Establish "Right to Work" manufacturing districts for companies with 300 or fewer employees. Move

tax for education funding?

6. Do you agree that tax incentives are the best

Pam Jackson has been eye-

ing the state Senate District

15 seat for awhile. But she

the best candidate for the

iob. After talking to some

they weren't already plan-

and started meeting with

tions to spread the word.

because of me," she said.

Jackson, a math profes-

sor at Oakland Community

ence running a construction

management firm, said she's

She said she's accustomed

to working with contentious

running to help improve

groups, whether through

colleges or construction

Michigan.

voters disagree with his bring people

who is running," he said. say I owe them a favor."

look out after seniors, I'll

after us.'

key state services? services, we need to overhaul all department

public employees to 401K program and set healthcare premiums equal to private

5. Do you support an increase in the state sales

way to attract new business to Michigan?

views instead of not knowing where he stands on the "My program is the most comprehensive of everyone

"People really want something different. When I say I'm not a politician, people say 'good.' I'm not worried about the next election. I'm doing it all on own dime. I don't want to have to pick up the phone and hear someone

When he's not campaigning, Graves said family is his main focus, something that he'd like to see more people embrace. He spends plenty of time helping older relatives around the house or working "I live a very peaceful life. I'm an old soul," he said. "I

AT A GLANCE Name: Paul Graves Age: 51

Married: 12 years Residency: Milford Township ... **Profession**: Financial Consultant **Education**: Graduate of Michigan State University Major: Finance

There many ways to attract business to 1. Reduce Michigan business taxes by 50

2. Give each county the ability to set up "Right to Work" manufacturing districts for companies with 300 or less employees. This would rebuild our manufacturing and keep us competitive with the global economy. 7. Do you support a state constitutional

I need to study this issue before making 8. What specific tax initiatives could you support to enhance Michigan as a place for

entrepreneurs? Reduce Michigan business taxes by 50 percent. Help our Senior Citizens by reducing their property taxes beginning at age 70, and eliminate them altogether at age 75. Allow college graduates to receive a maximum 5 year property tax exemption until the age of 30. This would help stabilize the housing market and keep our educated youth here in Michigan.

### Bentivolio sees smaller government being more self-sufficient. He

BY PHILIP ALLMEN STAFF WRITER

Kerry Bentivolio admits he's frustrated. The veteran of two wars (Vietnam and Iraq) said he's "fed up with what's going on in Washington and Lansing." Bentivolio said he's someone who can make a dif-

the next 15th District state This is his first foray into politics, and the Republican sees himself as one who will take a leadership role in Lansing. "I was a town hall manager in Iraq for 27,000 soldiers," he said. "I know how to lead." In the Army, officers didn't want to hear about problems,

ference if voters select him as

they wanted solutions, he said. There was a problem with contaminated water bottles for soldiers, he said, which he investigated and corrected. It was an "uphill battle to look into," he said. "I'm a problem solver," he

Bentivolio was raises chickens and reindeer, and is a beekeeper. He has 90 recently laid off from grapevines and 10 hop plants his position as a pubon his property. He and his son lic school teacher, have made bio-diesel from used although that came cooking oil at area restaurants, well after he started and he built his solar earth his Senate campaign, home in the 1980s, long before he said. He's certified government started promoting to teach American government, showing

of the political system than most, he added. But seeing public safety personnel and educators being laid off across the state — areas Bentivolio said are essential for Michigan — is a shame when he sees millions of dollars in wasteful spending elsewhere.

he has a better understanding

"I don't mind paying for something as long as I get something in return," he said. "I'm not getting my money's worth. Michigan was hardest hit in this recession. We have some serious problems. We need to cut back on the size of government." Bentivolio can turn to his own home for examples on

"I do as a way to save money," Bentivolio said. "I'm always green, but that shouldn't be the only business in Michigan." There's a number of industries the state can capitalize on, but he said any new industry gets overregulated to the point

"nanny state." "Isn't it about time we star taking care of it myself and make our own decisions? It's time we take responsibility for our own actions," Bentivolio

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### KERRY BENTIVOLIO

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Education: B.A. Social Science/

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5. Do you support an increase in the

I do not support, nor will

endorse, any tax increases to

Michigan citizens. Enough is

enough. Smaller, less intrusive

services. Open to competitive

bidding. A part-time legislature

would save Michigan \$30-100

million. How many teachers and

**PAM JACKSON** 

priorities for funding key state

services? Be specific. Explain.

without slashing essential

We must do everything we

government costs less. Privatize

michigansenate.org

AT A GLANCE

Age: 58

1. What is your vision for the state of Michigan in the next two-six years? With elimination of the MBT and surcharges and creation of a Right to Work state: A diversified economy with less than 6 percent unemployment within 4 years, and business moving

back into the state within one year. Commercial vacancy rates dropping within 2 years. In present situation: Further increased foreclosures and higher commercial vacancy

2. Do you support repeal of term.

Yes, with a part-time legislature. No, if we maintain a full-time legislature. We have 28 percent of California's population with 23 percent more legislature. Why? 3. What are your top three priorities for funding key state services? Be

specific. Explain. A smaller, less-intrusive government and the privatizing of specific government services by competitive bidding to free up funding for schools, police and road improvements. 4. What are your ideas for improving Michigan's economy? Be specific.

Tell us how long before your plan would show results. We will begin to see substantial gains within one year following elimination of the MBT and surcharges with a "Right to Work" state and "FairTax" or similar tax reform proposal enacted after the 2011

police jobs can we save without raising taxes? 6. Do you agree that tax incentives are Name: Kerry Bentivolio the best way to attract new business

to Michigan? Explain. Spouse: Karen, married 33 years Eliminate the MBT and Children: Daughter Kristin, 30, surcharge and creating a Right to married, and son Kevin, 25. Two Work state will attract business. Following these changes, we grandchildren. might want to invest in new Residency: Milford. Resident of signs on Michigan's borders that Oakland County entire life. read, "Welcome to Michigan, Community involvement Returned from active duty Management." I suggest the cost military with Michigan National to construct the new signs come Guard in 2008 with service in from private donations. a maintains

7. Do you support a state & greyonerest Iraq. Retired with 50 percent constitutional convention? Explain injury disability. FIRST Robotics vour answer: competition as a team consul-I do not support a state tant. Milford Historical Society. constitutional convention at this time. The estimated Michigan teacher, owner of Old Fashion taxpayer cost is \$100 million for a convention. Michigan cannot Santa & Company, Owner of small afford the cost. Amend, not vineyard and farm. Manufacture rewrite. It is less expensive to

8. What specific tax initiatives could you support to enhance Michigan as a place for entrepreneurs? Create a 20-year Tax Free zone

for businesses within areas of Michigan bordered by the Great Lakes, Lake St. Clair, the Detroit River and the southern borders touching Indiana and Ohio. We need to diversify our economy by focusing on attracting every business type, including nano, bio-mechanical, green and robotic technology as

state sales tax for education funding? well as aqua-culture, alternative farming like growing hops and others. All business treated

equally and as a favorite.

Children: Melissa 33, Christopher 22

Residency: Commerce Township, 7

Community involvement: Volunteer

Lakes Area Optimist Club and Lakes

Area Rotary Club, Reading to Children

History Month for AAUW, Volunteer for

math tutoring, volunteer for the

in the Novi Schools for Women's

Northville Home Tour AAUW,

**Profession**: Oakland Community

College (Orchard Ridge campus), pro-

fessor of mathematics, professor of

construction management and con-

crete construction management

Education: BA-Mathematics-WMU

AT A GLANCE

Age: 55

Name: Pam Jackson

### Kowall seeks Lansing return as senator

himself as

somewhat

ı reluctant

politician. He

was asked to

said he also

run for the

state House

of Represen-

tatives, a posi-

tion he held for two terms. After

losing a tough primary election

to Nancy Cassis eight years ago

for the same Senate seat, he was

Fownship supervisor position,

first election, and held an over-

whelming majority two years

If Kowall wins the August

primary and November gen-

eral election, he will leave the

final two years in his position

as White Lake's supervisor. He

said such a departure has been

surprisingly well-received with

"I'm getting an interesting

White Lake voters.

think I'm doing a good job,"

Kowall said.

he said He was unopposed in his

"The vast majority of people

asked to run for the White Lake

BY PHILIP ALLMEN STAFF WRITER

online at hometownlife.com

Term limits have introduced a number of new people to state

Mike Kowall, a former state representative and current White Lake Township supervisor, said that the turnover has depleted much of the elected institutional knowledge in Lansing. That's a big part of why he's running for the 15th District state Senate Republican nomi-

"I'm watching what happens with term limits. Only six are coming back with any experience," he said. A number of state legislators, as well as local and county officials have encouraged him to run, he added, because they view him as a former legislator with a strong voting background and common-sense. "They want people there who

Kowall said. "This is not the time for neophytes. With a background as a small business owner, Kowall views

know how everything works,"

where entrepreneurs are discouraged. Michigan, he said, needs to promote bringing new

business instead of becoming a

"I want to restructure how

business to locate here. "Education, not taxes, are the

nesses make on education levels and the pool of candi-

No. 1 reason to

locate some-

said. "Silicon

where," Mohyi

Valley is expen-

Mohyi is using his technological know-how on the campaign trail, too, including an expansive website, social networks and Google Voice, he said, which allows him to talk to his potential constituents all

involved in its potential preservation. "I'm very hopeful with what's happening at the station," he said. An inventor by nature Mohyi said he's constantly which he's implementing in his Senate campaign. Some projects can be implemented right away while others may take

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more time.

### tion," he said. "They're saying, 'We don't want to lose you here. We know what you've done (in Lansing) in the past and know Lansing, too.' So they're happy

about that." Kowall said the political process is a slow one, the way it was designed by Thomas Jefferson. That prevents "knee-jerk reactions" that might create unintended consequences, he said. That's why he's not promoting grandiose plans for new legisla-

reactions to the midterm elec-

we what you can do. We like

you here, but we need you in

tion as soon as he walks through the capitol's door. As township supervisor, Kowall said he has no private life. While working in the position full-time, he spends most of his free time at community events. If he can spare a few moments, he said he devotes it to his young granddaughter.

my face, bring her in here," said

1. What is your vision for the state of -Michigan in the next two-six years? A leaner, more efficient state

government that gets out of the way of entrepreneurs so that they can start and grow businesses and create jobs. I want Michigan to once again become a place where our kids and grandkids have the opportunity to achieve the American Dream. I don't want families separated because our young people cannot find work. 2. Do you support repeal of term

### 3. What are your top three priorities for funding key state services? Be specific. Explain.

I believe approaching the state budget process with "favored" services that are more important than others encourages sloppy government and wasteful spending. I support zero-based budgeting where all departments and agencies must justify their budgets from the first tax dollar. Well-run, efficient departments should be rewarded while poorly run, inefficient departments should be held accountable

Michigan's economy? Be specific. Tell

Ask Alan Stephens what his

focus would be if elected to the

and he'll tell you it's simple: the

that, he said. Michigan needs to

grow, and the best way to do that

is through free-market principles.

"You can't buy your way out of

this mess, and you can't regulate

Everything else revolves around

state Senate District 15 seat,

"You want to put a smile on

### MIKE KOWALI

AT A GLANCE Name: Mike Kowall

Age: 58 **Spouse**: Eileen, 37 years Children: Marissa, 32; Stephanie, 27

Residency: White Lake, 35 years

Community involvement: As supervisor, I'm involved in all township events Profession: Small business owner, White Lake Township supervisor **Education**: Henry Ford High School, Oakland Community College Website: www.kowallforsenate.com

us how long before your plan would show results.

Michigan needs three things in our tax code, our regulatory regime and our budget: simplicity, consistency and predictability. Businesses owners are rational. They'll choose the simple over the difficult, the consistent over the inconsistent and the known over the unknown. Make Michigan a safe business investment and our economy will rebound — but it'll

take time to earn back business'

5. Do you support an increase in the state sales tax for education funding? 4. What are your ideas for improving

6. Do you agree that tax incentives are the best way to attract new business

No. Centralized planning does not work, and state government should not be in the business of trying to pick economic winners and losers. See answer to question

7. Do you support a state onstitutional convention? Explain

No. It is not wise to open our Constitution to powerful special interest group to try to carve out favored status for themselves at the expense of everyone else. 8. What specific tax initiatives could you support to enhance Michigan as a

place for entrepreneurs? None. See answer to question:

### Mohyi focuses on technology in campaign Stephens wants free-market growth

STAFF WRITER

John Mohyi wants to bring fresh, innovative ideas to the state capitol.

Focusing on technology, the state Senate District 15 Republican candidate said Michigan can save billions of dollars and cut the size of government.

Michigan goes, from the bottom to the top," said Mohyi. "A lot of people that are running list five generic goals, but are not providing any corresponding plans on how they're going to achieve those goals." Mohyi said his background in technology and economics

helps devise ways to improve the state. He said he wants to and consolidating wherever he cangStreamlining municipalor functions can cut costs: And a improving Michigan's Educa; 0 tional system will help attract

the time. And analyzing traffic on his website shows him what issues people are drawn to. Mohyi said the actual job of being a senator is not that difficult. The hardest part is comng up with "innovative ideas and implementing them," he said, which includes convinc-

ing colleagues to support those "It feels right that I'm pursuing the Senate race," he said.

for Mohyi, who ran unsuccessfully for the West Bloomfield Board of Trustees two years When not campaigning,

Mohyi spends time heading up the nonprofit Michigan Central Station Preservation Society. He admitted he was unaware of the Detroit train station at first, but when plans to demolish the site became public, he knew he "didn't want to get rid of this piece of history."

He said his efforts centralit," Stephens said. ized the "fragmented grass-Government has failed the roots efforts going on" and residents, according to Stephens, connected different people which is why he decided to run as a Republican for the legislative A certified "green" builder,

Stephens said so much information and technology was learned during the building boom preceding the recent economic down-You Can't Beat the Value of a GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP...

### JOHN MOHY

1. What is your vision for the state of Michigan in the next two-six

AT A GLANCE Name: John Mohvi (R)

completely restructured to be 21st century compatible. Family: Single In two years the majority of Residency: 8 years government infrastructure Community involvement: President and founder of the Michigan Central Station Preservation Society (www.savemichigancentral. digital realm allowing for com); president and founder of the American Organ Foundation; WSU unprecedented economies of scope and scale, thus driving **Undergraduate Economic Association Vice-President** down the cost of government. Related Experience: Chair of the Republican 9th Congressional District Further, consolidation of Technology Board; member of the Republican 9th Congressional District municipalities and services Executive Committee; Republican 6th Precinct Delegate West Bloomfield will decrease bureaucracy and Profession: Investor

johnmohyi.com. 2. Do you support repeal of term No, we need a faster turnover of legislators to increase the number of innovative ideas. Further, public service is a duty and

taxes by shrinking the size

of government. Visit www.

I envision a Michigan

will be shifted into the

should not be made into a 3. What are your top three information. priorities for funding key state services? Be specific. Explain. funding?

1) We need to update and consolidate Michigan's IT infrastructure to save an estimated \$1 billion a year. 2) Education needs to be completely restructured to increase efficiency and quality while cutting costs. 3) The Prison Industry Enhancement Certification Program must be adopted to reduce prison costs among other public safety reforms. Visit www. johnmohyi.com for detailed information.

4. What are your ideas for

of government services

and automate them. Next,

specific. Tell us how long before your plan would show results. First I will transition the IT infrastructure of Michigan's 1.858 incorporated municipalities onto a cloud computing database within one year saving an estimated \$1 billion annually. Then I will digitize the majority

improving Michigan's economy? Be

the services provided by municipalities onto the county level within two years. Visit www.johnmohyi.com for more 5. Do you support an increase in the state sales tax for education

Education: WSU: majors in economics and psychology

Email: teammohyi@gmail.com

Website: www.johnmohyi.com

Phone: (248) 956-1117

I will start consolidating

No, I do not support tax increases and especially when such a large margin for increasing efficiency in government through technology exists. I plan to restructure both government and education in order to increase efficiency and quality. Further, restructuring is necessary to achieve the ideals of a 21st century education. Visit www. iohnmohyi.com for my detailed education reform

'6. Do you agree that tax Economic research

elements is required. Overall, it is important to create a better business environment for everyone in Michigan than to benefit only a handful of business.

constitutional convention? Explain your answer No. I have personally read and analyzed the Michigan Constitution and find no compelling reason to have a convention. The problem with Michigan is not the document, but rather the officials

do more harm than good. 8. What specific tax initiatives Michigan as a place for entrepreneurs? I plan to eliminate the Michigan Business Tax

what promote. Growth, he said leads to discov-"Government

or business or family does certain things that will make your life more comfortable, create opportunity for you, like tax incentives. They can also hinder and oppress," he said. "You need a government that understands how free market works."

Government's role is to protect against fraud and force, Stephens added. It's when government oversteps its bounds and tries to regulate more than necessary that

lem-solver. That's an area where he spends plenty of time in his

problems arise. He said the notion that corporations and CEOs are generally

stewards of the environment is of government unfair, as well. deciding what "I find that offensive, and a lot of to regulate and

businesses do, too," said Stephens. According to Stephens, the more involved people are in the community, the better. It's similar to education. The more involved parents are with the students, the better they tend to do, because there are adults helping with a hands-on approach to guide the kids along, he said.

While a newcomer in politics. Stephens said his work with local government, particularly with uilding departments, gives him a leg up on how government works And he views himself as a prob-

> "I can identify problems and solve them. You have to know how to bring a group of people together

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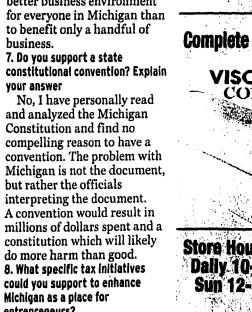
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could you support to enhance



### Jackson aims for Dem's support When people say that, I pose BY PHILIP ALLMEN companies. STAFF WRITER the question, 'why?' or 'why After every-

wanted to make sure she was able to sit other prominent Democrats in the district to make sure consensus. ning to run, Jackson said she ures and research, at the end made her intentions known various groups and organizain Lansing, Jackson added, where partisan politics have They're saying "if (the disbeen a bone of contention in trict is) going Democrat, it's

a "can do" attitude. When College with previous experishe created a construcbetween Eastern Michigan University and OCC, she said the initial reaction was that such a program was not pos-

one proceeds through the opinions and emotions of an issue, she's

"When you bring facts, figthe past. Jackson said her professional experience has shown

meeting with 'we can't.'

sides to reach said. Those skills should help her sense of humor, but

"They started out the

not?" she said. "I can come up with creative ideas to difficult situations. I'm used to working out-of-the box, but conservatively.

Jackson said she's been down with all busy meeting with individuals and groups to find the views of the people living and working in the district. Both liberal and conservaof the day, that wins out," she tive voters, she said, enjoy quickly understand "I'm nononsense when we get down to business." And if she wins the August

primary and November general elections, she will be carrying the voice of the district with her. "I'm representing the district," she said. "I'll take the district's opinion to the state. That's what you're hiring to

me to do."

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1. What is your vision for the state 3. What are your top three of Michigan in the next two-six In 2-6 years Michigan will have diversified businesses;

can to reduce state spending less reliance on auto manufacturing; giving college services. We have to fight to graduates reasons to remain protect essential priorities: (employment opportunities, plus vibrant cities with efficient and effective mass transit for mobility and job creation). Public education will be properly funded so that citizens will be prepared to compete in this global economy. Michigan will be prosperous again. 2. Do you support repeal of term Yes. However, looking a

this election cycle, 29 of 38

senators are term limited

leaving the state void of

experience and knowledge

The terms for the House

should be 12 years and the

allow for a more cohesive

government. If someone is

not doing their job, then come

election time, they could be

Senate 16 years. This would

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### Capello eyes re-election to commission

Former mayor pro tem eager to build on first term

STAFF WRITER

Kim Capello said he feels like his first term as an Oakland County commissioner has been a success. His only complaint - that

the term wasn't longer than two vears so he could see some of his projects and ideas through to the end. "It has taken me a year and

a half to get my feet on the ground and understand those inner relationships (among the commissioners)," he said. "And it's going to take more than a couple years to really know what is going on." That is why Capello is seek-

ing re-election to the District 9 seat, serving the cities of Novi, Northville and Novi Township. Capello has owned his own law practice and consulting business for more than 33 vears, and also has multiple

years of public service experi-

Prior to be elected to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners in 2008, he served as mayor pro tem for three years and on the Novi City Council for seven years. He also served on the Novi

Planning Commission, including three years as the chair, the housing and community development commission, director of the Novi Chamber of Commerce for three years and director of the Novi Parks Currently, as a commis-

committees. "I've done more than any county commissioner in my year and a half than any in the last 10 years," he said. Capello is married to Jodi,

sioner, he is on three of the five

and the couple has three children, Danielle, Dylan and The Novi resident also said

he has moved forward from an

KIM T. CAPELLO

led to him pleading guilty to indecent exposure. According to the police report, Capello and 37-yearold Novi resident Sheila Grogan were both naked and

engaged in a sexual act, which

Grogan admitted was consen-

sual, near Novi's downtown

Capello claims the media

exaggerated" a lot of what

happened, but admitted he

did something wrong and has

been "concentrating on mak-

ing amends with my family

He was sentenced in June

2009 to two years probation,

alcohol treatment and com-

munity service, and said he

are smart enough to know it

had nothing to do with my

missioner)," he said. "... It

ability to function as a (com-

and it wasn't easy."

that same year.

Community involvement: Active member of St. James Church; Oakland County Board of Commissioners two years; Novi Chamber of Commerce three years; founder of Young People with a Solution at St. James Church; director, Novi Parks Foundation; Novi Athletic Boosters

Related Experience: Qakland County Board of Commissioners two years; Novi Mayor Pro Tem three years; Novi City Council seven years; Chairman Novi Planning Commission three years; Novi Planning Commission seven years; Housing and Community Development three years; director,

Professional Experience: Has owned and managed his own law practice and business consulting firm for over 33 years. He shares a small office with his wife, Jodi, on Taft Road in Novi. Consults and represents numerous families and small businesses in southern Oakland County. His areas of expertise include family law, business consultation, contract litigation, zoning matters, land use, municipal law, construction and real estate develop-

Education: Thomas M. Cooley Law School, JD, 1976; Oakland University, BA political science, 1973; Bishop Foley

four at a time, and likes to go

and how do you plan to accomplish

are in college.

E-mail: kim@KTCAPELLOLAW.com Website: KIMCAPELLO.ORG has not had a drink since May

Spouse: Jodi Capello; married 23 years

Children: Danielle, 21; Dylan, 18; Lexie, 14

doesn't affect my job, it doesn't "I believe most of the people affect my ability." In his spare time, he continues to play ice hockey twice a week and spends a lot of time with children, two of whom

"You can't beat Michigan in "My biggest focus right now is on my kids," he said. He also is constantly reading books, sometimes three or

the summer," he said.

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### **O&A WITH KIM CAPELLO**

Why are you seeking this position? Since elected I have continuously updated Novi City Council members on county issues that affect the city. I also brought the Novi Road improvement project

and Grand River Avenue

repaying project back on track. I have established communication lines between the county Parks and Recreation Department, Novi City Council, the Novi Parks Foundation and local

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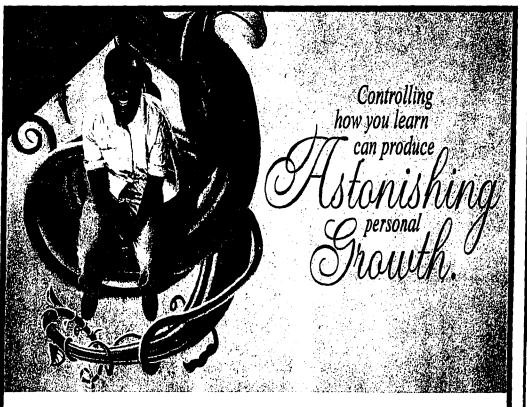
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County? As your county commissioner I have voted to decrease costs and curb county expenditures, while maintaining the same quality of services. Home foreclosures are rising, property values are decreasing and numerous working Oakland County residents. These factors equate to losses in revenues

businesses are laying off hard-To combat these lost revenues we must continue to seek new emerging businesses and entice them to locate and grow to locate in Novi only makes What is your main goal if elected, What qualifies you to serve in this

My political science and

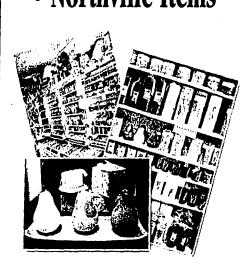
I will continue to monitor law degree, and practical experience as a Novi progress of the road improvements to Novi Road Planning Commissioner, City Councilmember, Novi Mayor and Grand River Avenue. I will continue to pursue the Pro Tem and acting Oakland partnership between Oakland County Commissioner make me the only candidate with County, the City of Novi, the Novi Parks Foundation hands-on experience in and local Novi businesses to dealing with internal and develop and construct a trail external government issues. As an elected official you must system throughout Novi. With learn to deal with the residents the Providence Park Campus located in Novi, pursuit of you represent, government medical-related businesses administration, employees, other elected officials, unions and third-party vendors and

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### Crawford spends time doing talks, programs for seniors

She's an author, speaker, traveler KATHY CRAWFORD

Library Friends, the Library

Jubilee Committee and Novi-

She's also secretary of the

American Business Women's

Association and attended their

"I love doing anything with

regional meeting in Indiana

the public, and since I'm an

author now, I love doing book

Recently, she was in Illinois

attending a book discussion

group, and she and her co-

author stayed at a person's

home, "It was an awesome

She also does workshops

on how to relieve stress in the

"I'm a very optimistic per-

She likes to read all types of

books and used to read a lot of

"I think I have another book

historical romance and books

She's written books for

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experience," she said.

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talks," she said.

Novi Oaks Chapter of the

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Kathy Crawford spends a lot of time traveling, doing workshops and programs for senior senior centers and recreation professionals.

She plans trips for senior citizens and has authored several workbooks for this audience. such as, "Stir Up Some Fun" and "Programs with Pizzazz." "It's sort of like turning the lights on when working with

younger people in this field," she said. She was selected by Attorney General Mike Cox to conduct programs on identity theft and fraud. was appointed by Thaddeus McCotter to be a delegate

in the 2005 White House Conference on Aging and is the author of "Two Broads Abroad" that she co-authored with a friend. She is also an active performer with the Novi Theatre.

Crawford and her hus-

married for 45 years, and have three children and two grandchildren.

She is a member of Novi

band, Hugh, have been

38th District); married for 46 years. Children: Three grown children -- Doug, Amy and

all grew up in Novi and attended Novi schools. Residency: Hugh and I have lived in Novi our entire lives except for a short time right after we were married. Our parents and grandparents were also Novi residents.

SEMCOG General Assembly; Novi Consultant Review Committee; Michigan Municipal League General Government Committee; MML Energy and Technology Committee; Oakland County Senior Planning Coalition-Active Lifestyles sub-committee; charter member of the West Oakland Republican Club; Secretary Novi Oaks Chapter of the American Business Women's Association; active member of the Friends of the Novi Library; past chair and active member of Novi Retirees Association; cast member of Novi Theatre's Performing Arts

years. Worked for Novi Parks and Recreation Department. Started the Novi Senior Center as well as planned Senior Housing. Owner of Kathy Crawford Communications. Authored several workbooks and co-authored memoir "Two Broads Abroad", Selected by Attorney General to conduct programs on Identity theft and fraud and appointed by Congressman Thad McCotter to be a delegate to the Whitehouse

Email: kscraw@msn.com

"I'm a person who's involved not just in one area, and I'm a real supporter of Novi, Crawford said. "I'm always

looking ahead, and I don't like wasted time.

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Spouse: Hugh D. Crawford (State Representative

Kelly -- and two grandchildren -- Alexis and Devin;

**Community Involvement**: elected 2007..member of Novi City Council;

Related Experience: A professional in the field of aging for over 30

Education: Some college classes and courses

Website: kcrawford.org

### **Q&A WITH KATHY CRAWFORD**

Why are you seeking this office? Republican Commissioners including the chairman and involvement in local, regional, vice chair, I will be in an optimal position to have greater is critical to successful representation and influence on the important issues facing and problem solving. I have us all in Oakland County. What qualifies you to serve in this enthusiastically worked on position? projects benefiting Novi my My current and past entire adult life. My lengthy

involvement gives me great insight as well as experience on issues facing older adults, Parks a wide variety of issues facing Oakland county. I support Oakland County's administration, programs and services, which are second to none in the engagement will serve this city nation, despite the challenging economic times. Organizational What do you see as the most pressing skills, optimism, creativity. accountability and integrity are Balancing the county budget very desirable attributes in a commissioner -- and I believe I have all that and more.

vulnerable of our county. What is your main goal if elected, and how do you hope to accomplish it? Much of the work of the Oakland County Board

of Commissioners is done in standing committees. In as much as I have the endorsement and support of 12 of the 13 Oakland County

experience particularly in

and Recreation, operating a

small business, promotion

of the arts, accountability,

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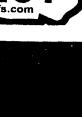
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### Crawford best to represent as 9th District county commissioner

A trio of Republicans — incumbent Kim Capello, Jeff Bowdell and Kathy Crawford - are vying for the Oakland County Commissioners 9th District seat in the Aug. 3 primary. The winner will face Democrat Karen Zyczynski in the November

general election. Capello was elected in 2008, race. replacing Crawford's husband, Hugh, who was elected to the 38th District seat in the state House of Representatives. This newspaper endorsed Capello in that election with the under-

standing that he would represent the 9th District (which and the Oakland County portion of the city of Northville) to the best of his abilities.

In April 2009, he was arrested for having sex on a downtown Novi sidewalk and subsequently plead guilty to indecent exposure. Capello said he was just urinating. The judge didn't think so, and neither do we. It's not the type of behavior Capello's constituents deserved from their representative. And the fact that he still says newspapers "exaggerated" the incident is disap- M. Kowall pointing and reason alone for this newspaper to not endorse him - regardless of any accomplishments he may have made as a commissioner. In challenger **Kathy Crawford**, who is currently serving on the Novi City Council, we find a candidate who will be a strong advocate for Novi, especially its growing senior citizen segment. She has long been a voice for seniors and

tiall-time job that would interfere with her abilty to serve as a commissioner. Crawford says she is a strong supporter of the county's experience at the capital. Automation Alley and emerging sectors that can be expanded.

health issues. As a retiree, she does not have a

missioner can only be a benefit to her. A life-experience. long resident of Novi, she is highly visible and to learn about constituents' issues and needs. Crawford, who already has experience work- impressed with her credentials.

**NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP:** 

Millage: Vote yes

ing on county committees, has the endorsements of the county executive, L. Brooks Patterson, and all (except Capello) of the Republican county commissioners.

"I will show up and work hard to make a dif- University and Oakland Community College." ference," said Crawford. We're confident that to represent the values of the 9th District.

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### 15th Senate: Kowall, Jackson worthy of vote

Voters in the Aug. 3 primary election have a slew of choices for the state Senate District 15

With Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, term-limited, western Oakland County residents will have a renew a 10-year, .8-mill tax for Oakland new face representing them in Lansing. Six Republicans and three Democrats are on this millage renewal.

Residents would be hard pressed to find

Democrat side. in Lansing crafting legislation

Another plus for Crawford is the fact that and November to vote for him. We suspect est of all 28 Michigan community colleges.

public sectors. She worked in construction man-market, or simply to enrich their lives through agement with her own firm, and she's taught higher education. postsecondary classes at both Eastern Michigan

she will, too, and that she is the best candidate She helped develop a construction manage- year. ment program in partnership between the two We recommend a yes vote on the millage Whoever wins will earn an annual salary of schools, a skill that can translate well in the renewal.

Republican voters are best served selecting Mike Kowall. Those casting Democrat votes Parks millage renewal: should select Pam Jackson.

### Renewal for OCC needs support

As part of the Aug. 3 primary election, Oakland County voters are being asked to Community College. Voters should approve

the ballot, each vying to advance to the general This is not a tax increase. Voters are being asked to renew the tax, which produces to most residents. For years, the one exceproughly 25 percent of OCC's annual revenue. better choices than Mike Kowall on the OCC officials say the renewal costs the county, where there were no parks. That was includes all of the city of Novi, Novi Township Republican ticket and Pam Jackson on the owner of a home worth \$200,000 less than addressed in recent years, when the parks

> Kowall, a former state rep- If you think about it, that is a small price to resentative and current White pay for an excellent community college sys-Lake Township supervisor, has plenty of legislative experience, tem, which for many people — including a lot plenty of legislative experience, of nontraditional students — is the first step the kids, some world-class golfing and more already spending four years to obtaining a college education. With property values plunging in recent

and building coalitions among years, OCC is already facing revenue chalhis colleagues to pass some lenges. Losing this property tax would prove common-sense legislation dur- to be "devastating" according to college offi- mills, which supports operation of the parks,

candidates offer some interest- to provide the level of services that Oakland ing ideas and plans for state County residents need and expect in these Even if the millage renewal does pass, the government, but none of them hard times," said Oakland Community budget will be reduced to \$26 million over have previous experience serv- College's Chancellor Timothy Meyer. ing in elected positions. Term As it is, the OCC Board of Trustees recently

imits have forced a number approved an 11 percent hike in tuition and of legislators out of office, and fees effective this fall. While we aren't happy ly in this region where the poor economy has come January all but a handful seeing such a large increase because it will cut the deepest. But this is not a tax increase. of state senators will have any make it that much more difficult for many It will cost about \$25 for the owner of a home students to commit to obtaining a higher worth \$200,000. That is a relatively minor That bodes well for 15th District residents if education, OCC's tuition rate now stands at investment for a top-notch park system that Kowall can convince enough people in August \$66.70 per credit hour, which is still the low- adds to the quality of life residents in this

years. His knowledge and experience as a com- appointments, if elected, because of his previous pay at a four-year Michigan public university. But it is one piece of the puzzle that makes life On the Democratic side, Jackson is the clear community college with five campuses spread is, without this renewal, the parks system as involved in the local community - the best ways choice for voters. Jackson has been making throughout the county - one of the best deals we know it would cease to exist. the rounds throughout the district, and we are out there for those wanting to get their core We recommend voters say yes to the county classes done before moving on to a university, parks renewal Tuesday, Aug. 3.

Jackson has worked in both the private and make themselves more attractive on the job

Oakland Community County is an asset to the residents of Oakland County - one that We appreciate Jackson's "can do" attitude. serves approximately 77,000 students each

### Vote yes

When Oakland County voters enter the polls for the Aug. 3 primary election, they will be asked to renew a 10-year 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 tion has been the southeast portion of the system took over Catalpa Park in Southfield. Recreational opportunities throughout the

park system include camping, boating, fishthan 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 0.2415 as well park improvements and land acquisi-A number of the Republican "Without it the college would be unable tion. The tax provides about half of the park system's total budget of about \$28 million.

> the next two years because of projected lower property values across the county. We realize that times are difficult, especialcounty have come to expect.

her husband served in this position for eight Kowall will be tapped for some key committee It is also about a quarter of the cost students Is a park system necessary? Probably not. That makes OCC — Michigan's largest in Oakland County so desirable. And the fact

to Restore Employment), which provides relief from the employer's share of matching Social Security tax, the "Start-Up" Abatement, MEGA Credit

to maintain services On August 3, the voters of Northville Township will be asked to approve a millage to fund police and fire, general operations, parks

and recreation, senior and youth services. We strongly encourage residents to vote yes. operations at virtually the same level for pubIle, Huron Township, Northville Township, part lic safety (police and fire) to assure the most of the city of Northville, Plymouth, Plymouth election. important function of government -- protecting Township, Rockwood, Sumpter Township,

township citizens. For the Townships Parks and Recreation Department, which includes senior and youth services, the millage will provide the funds to three terms on the Plymouth Township Board deliver the same levels and quality of service, of Trustees, and he's active in the Wayne 11th but incorporates the utilization of some of the Republican Committee. accumulated fund balances. However, these are precisely the types of economic times that necesiob creation. He believes the state should be run

sitate the use of a department's fund balance. In short, the millage proposal will maintain that happen. He has the business credentials. the current millage rate of 5.575 for the next four He managed Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May and years. If approved, there would be no increase in is CEO of his own engineering consulting firm, the current millage rate paid by township land Munfakh & Associates, which he grew to more owners -- everyone will be paying the exact than 150 employees. same millage rate as last year for the services He was elected to three terms on the

These are tough economic times everywhere. the Plymouth Township planning commis-The township has been pro-active in the last few sion and on the executive committee for the years and took steps to trim budgets where possible without jeopardizing service levels. We're (SEMCOG). confident the township will continue to control expenses and seek out opportunities for further budgeting with a two- or three-year plan rathcost savings wherever possible. However, a yes er than the year-to-year haggling it does now, vote Aug. 3 will help maintain the quality of ser- and he thinks each budget year should start at vices currently provided.

### 7th Senate: Munfakh our pick in primary

When Republican voters go to the polls for the Aug. 3 primary in the state Senate 7th District, they'll have a variety from which to choose. The ballot will include two candidates



the Tea Party movement, one 7th District. former state representative (Deborah Whyman) who is the experience, and a local businessman (Abe Munfakh) who has managed a local business

and grown his own. In this primary race we recommend Abe Munfakh of Plymouth Township. The district includes Belleville, Brownstown

Trenton, Van Buren Township and Woodhaven. Munfakh has political experience, though he's painting himself as an "outsider." He's served

He advocates lower taxes, spending cuts and like a business, and that his experience will help

Plymouth Township board and has served on

Munfakh believes the Legislature should be "zero," and build from there, rather than simply starting at whatever number the previous year

He'd eliminate the surcharge on the Michigan Business Tax and change the formula to lower Michigan Business Tax, look at privatizing ser- ily will continue living in Livonia. the tax. He does not support expanding the vices in areas such as corrections, social services state sales tax to include services and he thinks the state shouldn't necessarily focus on particular industries — such as the film industry — but should be advocating for all business to come to

Among the four candidates in this prima-Democrat) and appears passionate about the est of taxpayers.

Patrick Colbeck and Dan ry, Abe Munfakh has the best chance to go to idea of serving.

### only candidate with legislative Helse gets our GOP nod for 20th House

Voters in the 20th state House district (Plymouth, Northville, Wayne and a small portion at the eastern end of Canton) will elect a This millage provides revenue to continue Township, Canton, Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Grosse new state representative following the decision vote Aug. 3. by Democrat Marc Corriveau not to seek re-



Aug. 3 Republican primary, where Plymouth Township attorney Kurt Heise and political newcomer Steve Booher Jr., a manufacturer's representative from Plymouth Township, vie for the right to face Northville Democrat Joan Wadsworth in the general election this fall. In the 20th District GOP

race, we recommend Kurt Heise is the clear choice in the Republican primary. While he's not a career politician — his only other run for public office was a failed bid for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education a couple of years ago — he's spent the majority of his adult life dealing with governmental issues. He spent 15 years rep-family services. resenting various communities on local ordi-

nances and state laws, and he's been a leader in regional environmental issues. He's only lived in Plymouth Township for a few years, but he's lived in Wayne County most of his life, and his career path has given Livonia and is working to get funds for a pedeshim a familiarity with issues facing southeast trian pathway on Sheldon Road in Northville. Michigan that could prove valuable in Lansing. On the issues, Heise wants to eliminate the

and mental health, and cut legislators' pay in half and limit in-session days to 75 a year. He is articulate, believes he can work with Democrats across the aisle (Heise worked well with Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano, a on her track record of working in the best inter-

Osterman) connected with Lansing and be an effective lawmaker for the Arace against Wadsworth, a longtime trustee on the Northville school board, could prove to be an interesting, competitive campaign.

### Re-elect Cox for 10th **County Commissioner**

If you want a say in who will represent you on the Wayne County Commission, you'll need to

Three Republicans are running — incumbent Laura Cox of Livonia and challengers George The process starts with the J. Hartman of Northville and Timothy John Olszewski of Livonia. No Democrats filed so the race will be decided in the primary election. We support Cox because of her experience and track record. The other two are political

> Hartman shares some of the same concerns as Cox about the county's large budget deficit, but Cox demonstrated her



ability to do something about it while on the Commission for the past 5½ years. The lone Republican on the Commission, Cox is chair of the Ways and Means Committee where she helped reappropriate \$10.8 million for important core services such as the pros-

ecutor's office and children's

Cox also led the effort for transparency in Wayne County government and leads by example, posting her expenses for District 10 online. In addition, Cox helped to secure \$150,000 for Veterans Park at Five Mile and Farmington in Cox's husband, Mike, is running for governor. If he and she both win, Laura Cox said the fam-

The 10th District includes most of Livonia, except for south of I-96; the city of Northville south of Eight Mile Road; Northville Township, Plymouth and Plymouth Township. We think Cox deserves to be re-elected, based

### online at hometownlife.com A night on the town with Leyland and Lamont

businesses to urban cities, fixing s far as first dates go, I the tax structure for existing small businesses, diversifying our couldn't have asked for small businesses, diversifying our energy and agricultural portfolios went on a couple weeks ago. will improve Michigan's economy Of course, the girl I took out was pretty and the con-5. Do you support an increase in the versation had few awkward

Gene Lamont.

Kayla and I were ready to

wrap up our night when I

looked over to the bar area

probably would have earned

her more dates if she did). I

skipper to show her I wasn't

The way education is funded highlight of the evening. Yes, I know she may read now no longer works. Over the next several months, there will this and likely will not talk to be many options presented, me again, but when you run and I am sure that an increase into a pair of coaches from one in the state sales taxes will be of your favorite teams and they one option given, but there take care of you for the night, has to be other alternatives. I it doesn't get much better. would like to research other That was the case on June options before raising the state 30 when my date, Kayla (not sales tax to fund schools. her real name) and I spent an 6. Do you agree that tax incentives evening out in Royal Oak with are the best way to attract new Detroit Tigers manager Jim

state sales tax for education funding?

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business to Michigan? Explain. Yes, but we must make changes in the tax structure for existing businesses for their survival and prosperity. No true measurement exists of the degree and saw Levland and Lamont to which programs designed to talking to other patrons. I create, attract or save jobs in the asked Kayla if she knew who state actually do so (Anderson Economic Group, 2009). The state needs to investigate to see which programs are viable. 7. Would you support a graduated

8. Do you support a state

Michigan's Constitution

needs improvement. If any

a place for entrepreneurs?

Extension, Michigan Film Incentives, to name a few.

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your answer.

income tax? Yes. This would be a change On my way to the restroom, in the Michigan Constitution I stopped and shook his hand, requiring a vote by the people. to which he greeted me and I would support a graduated apologized for his team's poor income tax to replace the performance earlier in the day, Michigan Business Tax and the a 5-1 loss on the road to the 22 percent surcharge business Minnesota Twins. We made tax. Low-income earners would more small talk until I left pay a state tax of about 3 percent, to use the bathroom and tell but would cap the top income of Kayla I was right. the highest wage-earners at about Now she knew who Leyland 6.35 percent promoting equality.

and Lamont were because she is a Tigers fan, so we can give constitutional convention? Explain her some credit there, and she wanted to talk to them herself. Kayla's a pretty girl so she caught their attention much important clauses need to be faster and kept it longer than changed, amendments can be I could. She talked to Levland. implemented, through legislative while I talked everything but baseball with Lamont. That was the neatest part

action to place them on the ballot, with the voters having an opportunity to vote in favor or of the night, and probably against. According to research, what they appreciated most, it could cost the state as much as because we rarely talked about the Tigers. We talked about Zumaya. As we talked, Leyland

There are more than 36 business tax incentives defined stepped away to smoke a stepped away to smoke in Michigan law: The Patient cigarette. Anyone who knows Protection and Affordable Care Leyland knows about his Act for employers to provide smoking habit, and when he health care for their employees, excused himself, he asked me HIRE Act (Hiring Incentives if I smoked.

Now I've smoked one cigarette in my entire life, but I was not about to pass up this opportunity. The two of us walked outside, thanks to Michigan's new smoking ban, and he handed me a cigarette

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Detroit Tigers third base coach Gene Lamont (far left) and manager Jim Leyland (far right) made staff writer Nathan Mueller and Kayla's first date a night to

out of his red Marlboro box. At this point my only goal was to not choke on it and embarrass myself, which I was able to do successfully.

When we returned to Kayla and Lamont, Leyland wanted to get some food and the restaurant we were at had just closed its kitchen. (Earlier in and is not cost effective presently. careers, life, family and sports. the night we told them it was 9. What specific tax initiatives could Our only baseball conversation our first date and how we met you support to enhance Michigan as was about the health of Joel at a Tigers game so they said they were going to take care of us). So the four of us headed to another Royal Oak restaurant to order food and continue the

short dance.

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conversation.

despite probably wanting to

After ordering, Leyland took Kayla to the jukebox to pick out some songs. Also those he has a strong appreciation for music and is quite the singer. While we ate, we sang along to several of the songs and he even treated Kayla to a

Throughout the night, people at the restaurant noticed the Tigers manager and,

just relax after a road trip, he

one of my favorite baseball managers because of his passion for the game, but his demeanor off the field has

who know Leyland well, know

endeared me to him long after he leaves Detroit. Many athletes and coaches in this day and age have an aura about them that they

are too good to talk to com-

mon people. But Leyland and

Lamont were the exact oppo-

They were candid in con-

greeted them with a smile and handshake. He never turned down a picture and when people didn't know who they were, site. he simply introduced himself as "Jim" and "my friend, Gene." Jim Leyland has long been

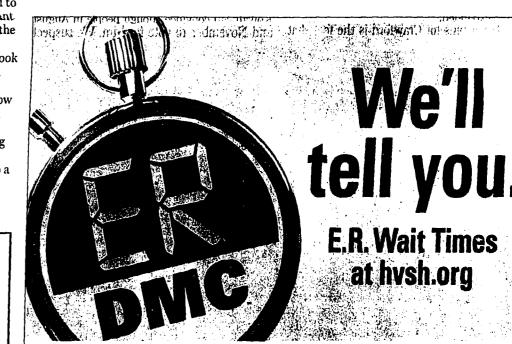
versation, humble in their accomplishments and cordial to everyone at the restaurants including the wait staff. They genuinely made people feel

I told Kayla at the end of the night if I ever got a chance to take her on a second date that she would be extremely disappointed, and sure enough our second date, at a Tigers game nonetheless, wasn't as goo. But I do know that my date

that night with Jim Leyland

and Gene Lamont as my wing

men will never be topped. Nathan Mueller is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at nmueller@gannett.com or (248) 437-





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### Retired teacher enjoys staying active in politics, education, family

She ran against Capello in 2008

in a number of ways," she

Zcvnski has also been

involved with the American

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Zeynski has also found ways Karen Zcynski may be to remain involved in education. For the past three years, retired, but she enjoys staying politically active, whether she has chaired the Michigan working on her campaign or Education Association's retirees' student-teacher mentoring someone else's.

"In retirement, you go through a period of adjustment," Zcynski said. "You ask yourself, 'What do I want to do Association of University with the rest of my life?" Women's Novi-Northville A retired teacher, Zcynski Chapter for about the last 18 left the Livonia Public Schools

"I'm more interested in the system in 2004. fund-raising aspect of the She managed a politigroup and am on their finance cal campaign in 2004 for Joan Gebhardt of Livonia. committee," she said. She has worked on their Remember a candidate for the state House. Although she didn't the Ladies program in which win, she did better than any they raise money to purchase Democrat has done against books and other materials a Republican in Livonia in about women in history, supmany years, according to plying them to elementary school libraries in Novi and

Ževnski went on to work on Northville. U.S. congressional candidate Tony Trupiano's campaign as Mercy Project, a program in the education person on his Detroit for women returning to school to get their GEDs or

"I've been politically active

### KAREN B. ZYCZYNSKI

Spouse: Richard G. Zyczynski; married 45 years Children: Amy K. Denys, 37; David A. Zyczynski, 34 Residency: Novi since 1971

Community involvement: Currently vice-chair of the Democrats of West Oakland County; Finance Committee of the Northville-Novi branch of the

American Association of University Women. Since June 2008 I have become involved with an organization that supports women in the community -- The American Association of University Women Northville

Related Experience: Active in Michigan Education Association --Retired group as Chair of the Mentoring Program Committee and on the MEA-PAC Council. From 2005 to 2008 I served on Novi's Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission and the Greenways/Pathways Committee for a year. Profession: retired educator

**Education**: Master of arts in elementary education, Wayne State University: bachelor of philosophy, Monteith College, Wayne State University; Cody High School, Detroit

going to the movies and to

Peninsula. She is an exercise

enthusiast who enjoys walking

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with her Labrador retriever

and doing yoga.

their cabin in the Upper

She is also the grandmother she and her husband enjoy of three - two boys and a girl, with another on the way. Both of her children graduated from Novi High School and became teachers. She takes care of her grandchildren two days a

Zcynski likes to read, and

### Why are you seeking this position?

I am seeking this position because I want to make a positive difference for Oakland County residents and because, in a democracy, the voters are entitled to have choices when they go

**Q&A WITH KAREN ZYCZYNSKI** 

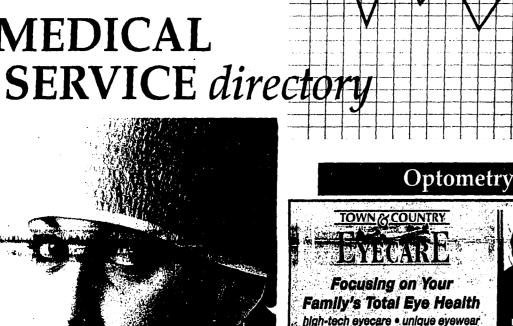
What do you see as the most pressing issue facing Oakland County? Maintaining our bond rating, which impacts how much interest the county pays when it borrows money, and to balance

What qualifies you to serve in this position? I have assumed many leadership roles as a student, on the job, and in the Novi Community. In the school where I taught; I worked collaboratively with colleagues, parents, and students on a variety of projects. As president of a 1200 member teachers union and member of the negotiating team, I worked with teachers and administrators to find solutions and solve difficult problems. Since retiring, I have served on Novi's Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission.



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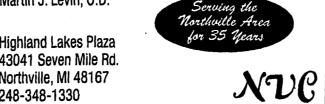
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### **Q&A WITH JEFFREY BOWDELL**

been in Novi political circles for

many residents is that now is the

time for new faces that can take a

fresh look at county government

needs and operations. I have

the background and working

knowledge to provide this fresh

how do you plan to accomplish it?

District would benefit from my

background when elected.

years. The unofficial feelings of

online at hometownlife.com

Why are you seeking this position? I believe that we are in a unique era with the economic problems facing Oakland County the entire region. My opponent's names have

What is your main goal if elected, and how do you plan to accomplish it? My goal is to see that Oakland County continues to be a great place to live, work, and raise our children. To support his concept we need to attract new jobs into Oakland County and provide our children with the educational opportunities to enable them to become the strong work force of the future. We need to continue to maintain our roads, improve county parks, keep our communities safe, and encourage environmentally friendly practices.



### Bowdell sees government experience as a plus

Novi resident seeking public office for first time

### BY NATHAN MUELLER

Jeffrey Bowdell has a wealth of knowledge when it comes to the operation of local govern-

The Novi resident spent

the last 20 years working as What do you see as the most pressing a building, zoning, water and issue facing Oakland County? sewer director for Redford Declining property values; and Commerce townships depressed business climate; and before being laid off late last mass exodus of young talent vear, and now he wants to leaving the area in search of jobs. take that experience to the What is your main goal if elected, and county as the Oakland County

Work with the other 24 commissioners to take a fresh "I fully understand how look at the overall business all the portions of governclimate and encourage new ment work, and thought 'what business opportunities. should I do with my time?" What qualifies you to serve in this he said. "I've spent my whole life in government so it made Having worked 20 years full-

time as a municipal department head at the local municipal level has given me a unique working view of the county's has never held public office, governmental process and the but on top of his full-time job, effect on local government, whom as commissioner I would represent. I am the only candidate with this experience, Check us out on the Web every day and the residents of the 9th

he served for 14 years on the Novi Construction Board of Appeals and is a former member of the State Construction

Code Commission, appointed

by former Gov. John Engler. He currently works as an oncall employee for Wade Trim, an engineering and planning firm, and never sees himself "completely retiring."

Bowdell also has served on the city of Novi Homeowners Association Board of Directors, volunteered for eight years as a Novi High School Band Booster and coached youth basketball in the city.

ence dealing with day-to-day issues of all types," he said. In his free time, he likes to spend time with his family at their cottage in Kalkaska, and Bowdell, who is married to is an avid collector of musi-Laura and has three children cal instruments and has more Courtney, Jeffrey and Gordon, than 1,000 record albums.

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"I've had hands-on experi-

### JEFFREY BOWDELL

Spouse: Laura; married for 28 years Children: Courtney, 27; Jeffrey, 25; Gordon, 23 Residency: Novi, 16 years

Community involvement: Fourteen-year member of the Novi Construction Board of Appeals appointed 1996; former member of the State Construction Code Commission - appointed 1997 by Governor John Engler); served on the Pioneer Meadows Subdivision Association Board of Directors; served one term on the City

of Novi Homeowners Association Board of Directors; eight

years as a Novi High School Band Booster; coached Novi Youth

Baskethall Related Experience: Twenty years full-time experience working in municipal government: 13.5 years in Redford Township; 6.5 years in Commerce Township. Profession: Commerce Township Building, Zoning, Water & Sewer direc

tor (laid off 12-31-2009) Education: Some college; did not complete business management

**Email**: electjeffreybowdell@mich.com Website: www.electjeffreybowdell.com

### **NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS**

### C.A.R.E. now open

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Registration for Nov 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.

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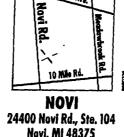
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Case No. 10-029 25750 Novi Road The petitioner is requesting variances on behalf of the property owner to address non-conformity that will result from the designation of additional highway easement for the new railroad bridge on Novi Rd. for parking setbacks, minimum parking space size, parking screening, landscaping and street trees. The property is zoned TC-1 and is located south of Grand River and east of Novi

Case No. 10-030 25345 Novi Road

The petitioner is requesting variances on behalf of the property owner to address non-conformity that will result from the designation of additional highway easement for the new railroad bridge on Novi Rd. for building setback, parking setbacks, parking island size and type, landscaping, parking lot screening, street trees and parking lot lighting. The property is zoned I-1 and is

Case No. 10-031 40798 Ladene Ln The petitioner is requesting a variance from the minimum rear yard requirement to allow construction of a sunroom on the rear of an existing residence. Property is zoned R-3 and is located north of Eight Mile Road and west of Haggerty Road.

Case No. 10-032 23320 W. Lebost

The petitioner is requesting variances to add additions to connect an existing 2 car attached garage to a 3 car attached garage. Property is zoned R-4 and is located south of Ten Mile Rd and east of Meadowbrook Rd.

7.5 FEET

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PROPOSED MINIMUM SIDE YARD SETBACK REQUIRED AGGREGATE SIDE YARD SETBACK

PROPOSED AGGREGATE SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCE REQUESTED Case No. 10-033 40791 Kingsley Ln

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REQUIRED FRONT YARD SETBACK PROPOSED FRONT YARD SETBACK

REQUIRED MINIMUM STRUCTURE SIDE YARD SETBACK

15.9 FEET

The petitioner is requesting a variance to construction a screened porch on an existing deck. Property is zoned R-2 and is located south of Fourteen Mile Road and east of Novi Road. REQUIRED REAR YARD SETBACK

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The DAR is a national society with chapters in nearly every city and

in local volunteer service projects, social events, monthly meetings

Anyone interested in joining the Grand River Trail Chapter of the DAR

should contact Nancy Marshall at nmarshall78@sbcglobal.net or Kathy

more than 70 members in the Grand River Trail chapter.

state in the country. Activities at the chapter level include participation

and coordination with national committee projects. Currently there are

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### **NOVI IN THE SERVICE**

Nathan F. Lunn Nathan F. Lunn 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 experi-

enced 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 Chapter of Milford DAR, she termed Operation Warrior. He is the son of Joseph and

Theresa Lunn of Novi. Lunn is a 2010 graduate of Northville High School.

**Northwood University** The following Novi students earned at least a 3.25 grade point and were named to the Dean's List for the spring term: Ashley Bush, Jason Freeman, Stephanie Jirasek, Shaun Rydzewski,

VOICES & VIEWS: COMMENT ONLINE Patrick Schlenke and Patrick

### Local DAR chapter names new regent

Growing up, Nancy Marshall always wondered what her grandmother's role was in the Daughters of the American Revolution. After being named regent for the Grand River Trail

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in her grandmother's footsteps in more ways than one "My grand-

polishing silverware are a time of the past, Marshall still looks forward to entertaining ladies in the organization at her is my inspirahome in Novi. The role of the chapter regent tion," Marshall is to represent the chapter at

Marshall remembers like it was yesterday polishing silverware and setting the table with fine china in preparation for the DAR ladies monthly meeting at her grandmother's house when she was a child. "I even helped her make delicate desserts to serve," she

Although fine china and

like to encourage new members to join and more members to get involved in the organization. Marshall first joined the DAR last year and had no idea what she would learn about her family just through genealogy.

functions. The Regent also runs

As Regent, Marshall would

the chapter and its meetings.

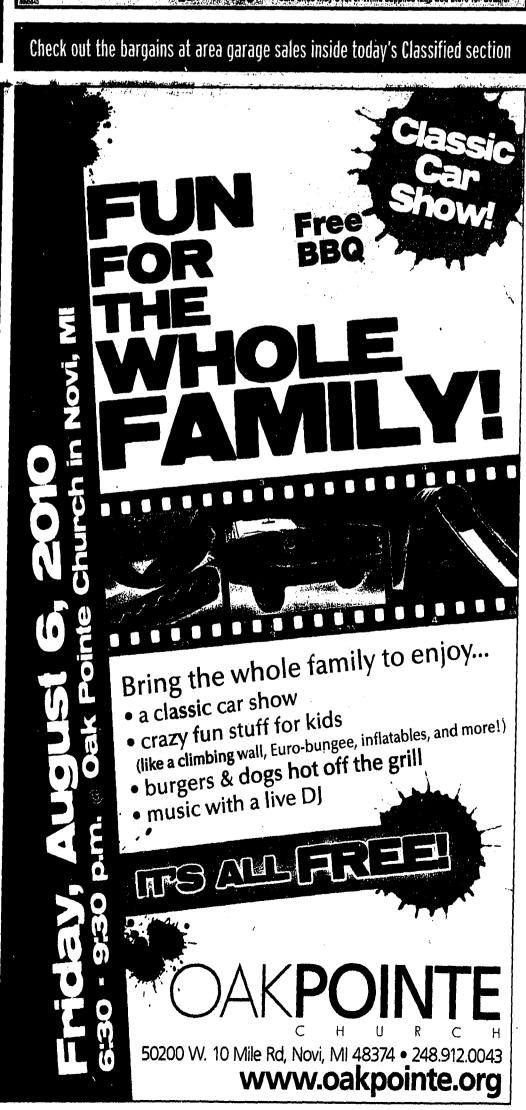
"It's important to document a family's roots and history for future generations," she said. Kathy Huff, registrar and founder of the Milford chapter, nominated Marshall for the position because she is very national, state, and other chapter with and has the type of personality to get things done. "When running a chapter you need these leadership

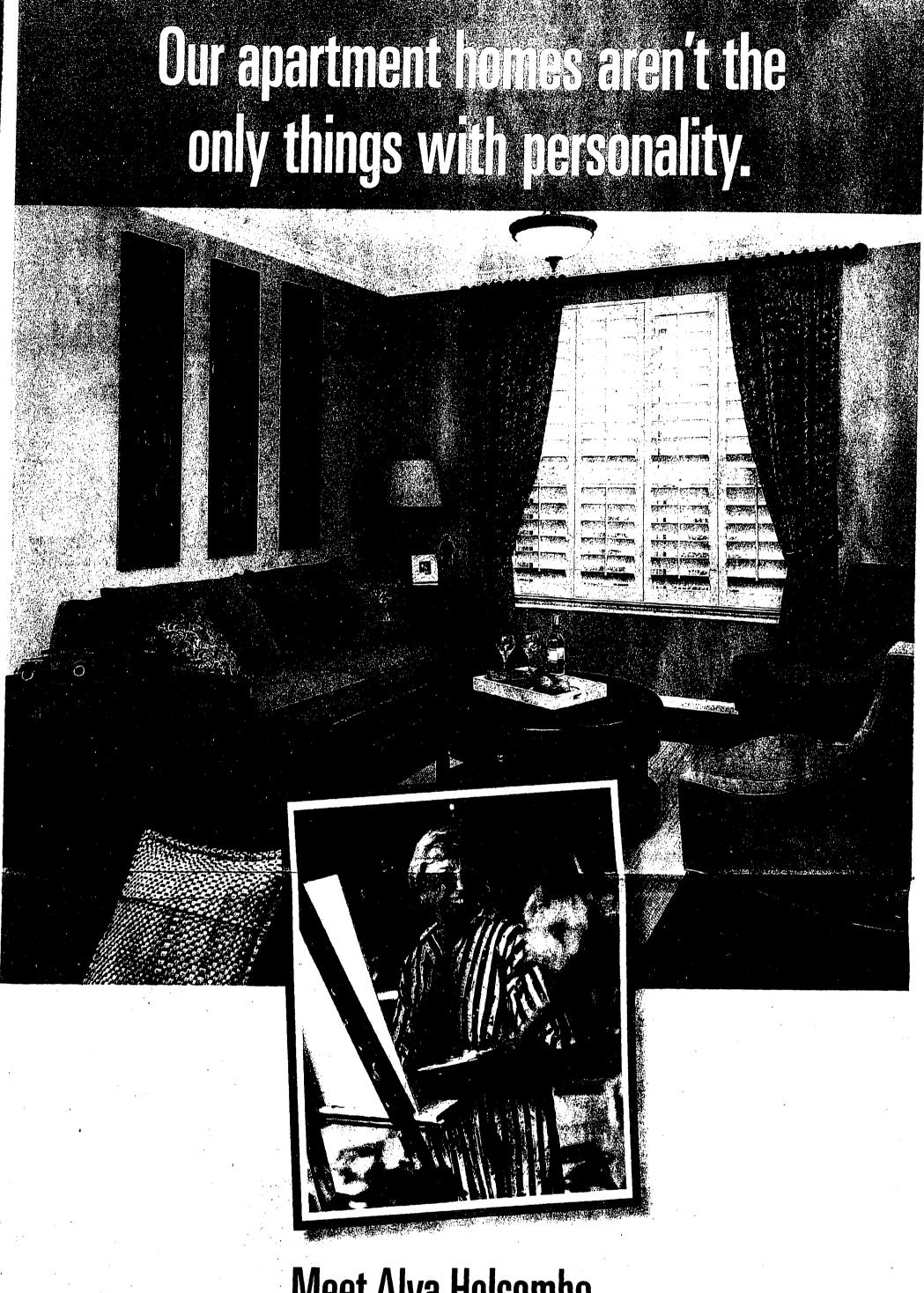
skills," Huff said. Marshall proudly wore her grandmother's DAR American flag pin at a ceremonial picnic when she was











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### Broncos have experience, talent on their side

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

Home-field advantage and World Series experience could give team the edge

The key to winning is team unity, no matter what sport is being played. If a team can't come together and they try to play as individuals, then

they're going to lose. That's a lesson, thankfully, this year's 16U Northville Broncos don't need to be reminded of. Not only do they know how to play as a team, a core group of them have been together

for the past eight years playing ball. "They have great team unity," said coach Chris Schultz. "They've been playing baseball together for so long that they know how to fire each other up and motivate each other. They

know how to make up for each other's in Northville for the past 29 years. weaknesses." That's why Schultz said that despite chance to be national champions his team going up against some of the and standing among them is the nation's best amateur baseball play-Northville Broncos. ers his team still could come away

with some big wins. "We're going to be just fine," he said. "If we come together and play as well as we can, we're going to do fine. It's anybody's game. On any given day, either team could win any of these games."

That's the beauty of the NABF World Series, which has been held Great teams come to play for the

Pitching and defense, said Schultz, are the name of the game this year. If his team's pitching can step up and the team's defense can be bolstered to avoid errors and make the tough plays, then he said he can see his team still standing after the first por-

tion of the tourney. "This team has a lot of talent," he said. "We just need to focus for these

and AABC divisions. In the past, Northville's record four days. We can play with anybody. coming into the tournament may This team has proven it in the past, have been better than it is this year, too. Since 2002, four of the playand they may have won a few more ers have been together on the same tournament championships, but the

squad and eight of them have been Broncos boast home-field advantage the core group since shortly after. and the experience of having been in At U11, this group was 65-5 on the the World Series before. season, qualifying them to go to the AABC World Series in Brooklyn, New York. They played at Cooperstown in the Hall of Fame tournament. They've won the Northville Early

Bird Tournament, the KVBSA

earned the No. 3 USSSA Power

Division championship three times,

"This team can do some great things," said Schultz. "They just have to focus and play to their ability. Who knows what can happen."

state championships in CABA, BPA

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













### Four questions for the Northville Broncos

The following questions were asked of this year's Northville Broncos

1) What is your favorite baseball

2) Who is your favorite baseball

3) Who do you most admire? 4) What is a future goal?

MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN Shortstop/Pitcher 1) Making an unbelievable run at

Cooperstown when we were 12. 2) Dustin Pedroia. 3) I admire Bobby Nayh for his complete dedication to the Bronco's and his love for the game. 4) Play baseball in college and see what happens after that.

JEFFREY GERTLEY Pitcher/Centerfielder/Second base 1) Attending Cooperstown and participating in the Golden Arm.

2) Brennan Boesch. 3) My mom because she is always thinking about other people before herself and is always there to support me during sporting events. 4) To play college baseball.

1) Hitting a home run in Cooperstown. 2) Austin Jackson. 3) My dad for pushing to improve

me and helping with baseball for years and my mom for dealing with

Pitcher/Catcher

1) Winning the states and going to Brooklyn, N. Y. 2) I have always been a Yankee fan but my favorite player is Derek Jeter. I admire his hard work ethic and the way he plays the game. 3) My grandma because she

always keeps a positive attitude and always goes out of her way to help 4) Go to college after I graduate

from high school. **GREG PUTMAN** Second base/Outfielder/Catcher 1) Going to World Series in New

2) Curtis Granderson.

3) My grandfather for teaching me hundreds of life lessons.

4) To prosper in science.

ANGELO LANAVA 1) Hitting a walk-off Grand Slam in the Petoskey tournament.

3) My dad because he works hard to give me and my family a good life--he is always there to help with anything I need. 4) To play college football.

Second base/Pitcher 1) Playing in the AABC World

2) Miguel Cabrera. 3) My mother because she provides a great example of perseverance each day by taking care of our family and being a cancer 4) Play competitive hockey after

**RYAN POWELL** Outfielder

1) Going to Cooperstown and doing

1) Hitting four home runs in one 2) Curtis Granderson.

3) My grandpa.4) Play college football **BRETT MACDONALD** 

3) My grandparents because they have inspired me to be honest and hard working and to always keep a positive attitude.

2) Joe Mauer.

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and an average athlete.

Shortstop/Third base/Pitcher

2) Tim Wakefield, the pitcher,

because he inspired me to throw a

1) Hitting a homerun in

3) My dad because he has always

3) My dad because he is a great guy

taught me more than just sports.

4) To play college baseball.

4) I would like to study at Michigan State University.

Sam Eggleston is a free-lance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville

### NABF World Series comes to Northville for 29th year

2) Miguel Cabrera.

CORRESPONDENT

It's hard to believe that Dave Jerome is throwing out the first pitch instead of directing the NABF World Series in Northville this year. Jerome, a Northville attorney and 13-year veteran as director of the tournament, will be tossing out the first pitch of the World Series today 9:30 a.m. when the Rotterdam Rangers take on the Astro Falcons to

"He's going to be throwing out the first pitch as our way of recognizing his contributions to the tournament over the past 13 years," said Scott Baldwin, who took on the hefty load

kick off the first game of the four-day

of running the national tournament this year. "He did a great job." Baldwin is just the third director of the tournament after Jerome

and Northville baseball legend Bob

"It's a lot of work, but it's been a lot of fun," Baldwin admitted. And the fun is just beginning. As the baseball teams begin pouring into Northville, Baldwin will have the opportunity to help get the ball rolling, so to say. The games wills start today and run in a round-robin tournament until Sunday when the best

four teams square off for a chance to

advance to the championship game, which is slated for 4 p.m. at Hillside

Annual event welcomes new director as well

Teams from across the country are coming again this year. Schenectady, New York is sending the Rotterdam Rangers while West Islep, New York will have the West Islip Lions representing them. From Youngstown, Ohio come the Rondinelli Tuxedo while the Allen Baseball Club hails from Houston, Texas. The Toronto Mets will be traveling this year from--you guessed it--Toronto, Ontario, while the Astro Falcons will make the trip from Ohio and the Severna

Park squad hails from Maryland. From Apple Valley, Minn., will be the Eastview Thunder while the

Jefferson County Blazers will be representing St. Louis, Missouri. Of course, all of them will get a chance to check out the home team, the Northville Broncos. "This is going to be a great tournament," noted Baldwin. "It's such a great way for these teams to see our community and for our community to see such great baseball players and Northville's World Series is being

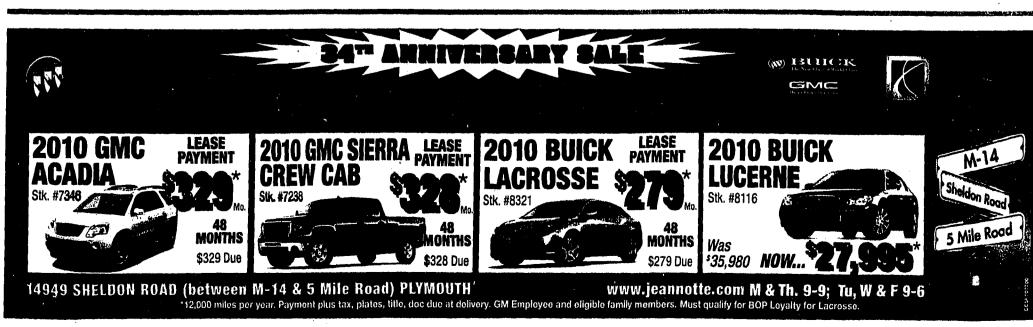
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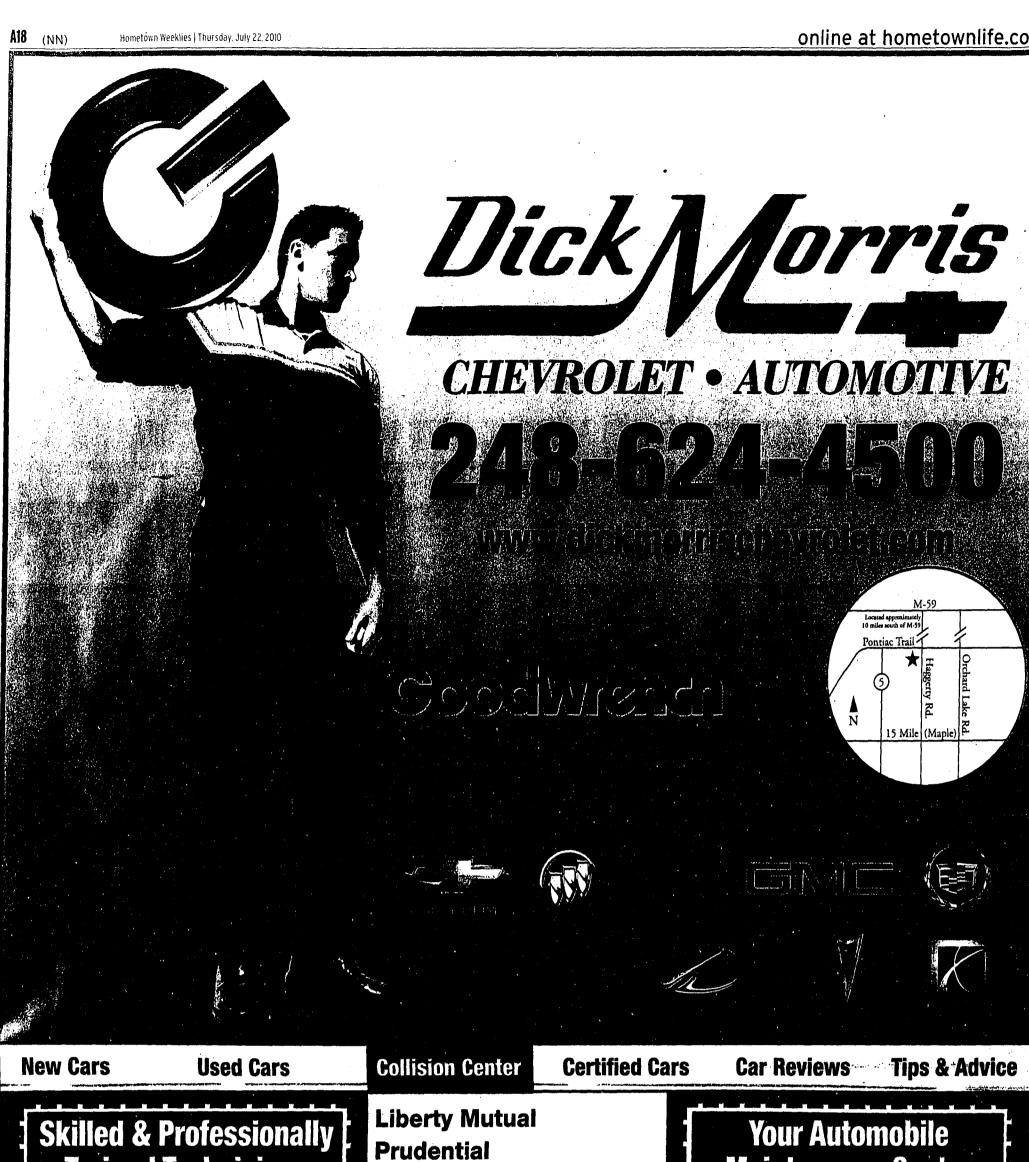
for the teams will be provided by

"We're lucky to have such generou sponsors," said Bladwin. In addition to Northville hosting the tournament, they are also providing bat boys for each team. The bat boys consist of younger players in the Northville Broncos system who will be able to see some of the best players in the country first hand.

"We're proud of Northville and we're proud of this tournament," said Baldwin. "It's going to be a great time for everybody.

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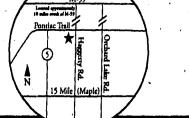
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### Gridiron Greats assistance fund honors football legends July 24

The Gridiron Greats Assistance Fund Michigan Chapter will hold its second annual Hall of Fame Induction Charity Dinner at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 24. The event will honor 14 individuals for their outstanding football careers and contributions to the community. Prior to the dinner, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., many of the former players will be available for an autograph session at the venue. Part of the proceeds from the events will be directed to the Gridiron Greats Assistance Fund. The honorees include Pro Football Hall of Famers Mike Ditka; Joe Schmidt

The Gridiron Greats Assistance Fund: is a 501 c 3 nonprofit corporation dedicated to helping retired NFL players in need of financial assistance for basic needs and medical assistance in large part due to inadequate disability and/or pensions. The organization has provided over \$1.75 million in financial aid and medical assistance to retired NFL

Tickets: for the dinner cost \$125 per person or \$1,100 per table of ten. For tickets, sponsorship, or advertising contact Gridiron Greats of Michigan 28151 Galien Drive South Lyon, Mi 48178, or call (248) 444-2241. Email: gridirongreats313@gmail.com

former Baltimore Colt great Tom Matte; University of Michigan stars Bob Chappuis and John Greene; former U of M coach Lloyd Carr; current Michigan Athletic Director David Brandon; and Michigan State stars Lynn Chandnois and Walt Kowalczyk, "We are thrilled to be able to honor these very deserving individu-

als for their contributions to football but also for their charitable work in the community,' said Ron Rice, president of the NFLPA - Former Players in the Detroit Area.

Detroit Piston play-by-play announcer and the former voice of the Detroit Lions Mark Champion will be the master of ceremonies at the dinner.

### Eclipse's annual Gatling Gun tournament this Sunday

three ballists from each club

will display their individual

prowess by competing for the

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Ford Field, the Eclipse Base Ball Club will host its annual tournament, the Gatling Gun Base Ball Shootout. This popular event features four vintage base ball clubs competing in a

The Wahoos of Royal Oak, the Welkins of Port Huron, the Wheels of Walker Tavern and the hometown Eclipse will rotate, each facing one another an equal number of times at bat and in the field. The similarity between revolving chambers of the Gatling gun and the rotation of the participating clubs on the field Prior to the 1 p.m. game,

early days.

by a score of 37 to 12.

Fling awards.

dation for the Eclipse club which two years later would be cited in one of Sam Little's earliest printings of his new Wayne County Record, later

and 29, and on all three days

September. Learn more about

of the Victorian Festival in

the club via their website at

www.eclipsebbc.com.

The Eclipse Base Ball Club welcomes all spectators (called renamed Northville Record. 'cranks' in the 1860s). Bring In 2003, the Eclipse Base the whole family and watch Ball Club reorganized to play base ball as it was played in its the gentlemen's game it had done nearly 140 years earlier and play a schedule of 20 to 30 matches each season. In addition to the Gatling Gun Base Ball Shootout, remaining home matches will be played on Sundays, August 8, 22

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Building on its successful

and Lem Barney; legend-

Summerall; former Lion

Brown and Tom Nowatzke;

2010 season (11-6-1 in league play), the Northville Cubs 11U baseball team (birth date between 5/1/99 and 4/30/2000) is adding players to its team. The Cubs will play in the 2011 KVBSA league and several weekend tournaments. The Cubs' dedicated coaches focus on building players' fundamentals in a fun environment that emphasizes sportsmanship and teamwork. For a private tryout, please contact Jim Marshall at (248) 348-3981 or email at jim@

Howard to play soccer for Siena Heights

northvillebaseball.com.

Allison Howard, of Novi, has signed on to play soccer for Siena Heights University. Howard was a four-year varsity player. She was part of the Michigan state champion-Howard's high school team won the KLAA district championships in 2007-2010... -Howard began playing club soccer at the age of 8. Her team has been a finalist in the Michigan State Cup Tournament three times. Howard has excelled as a player in the Michigan Premier League and the Midwest Regional League. Her teams have achieved first place in several tournaments and showcases, most recently, first place in the Michigan Challenge Cup and the Force Football Club Invitational. She was also a "spotlight" player in

In the classroom she is a four year allacademic as she has been roll every

on the honor high school. excited to play soccer for Coach Oliver next year. After meeting a few of the girls on the team I realized it was the perfect fit for me. I mean

be known as a SAINT," commented Howard. Fun Run/Walk fundraiser for Maybury Park

come on, who doesn't want to

The annual 8K run/walk and family one-mile run/walk event presented by the Northville Road Runners will be held on the evening of July 24 at Maybury State Park to benefit the Friends of Maybury. The one-mile event starts

at 5 p.m.; cost is \$5 and takes cost is \$20 and is on dirt and paved trails. The 8K participants will receive a pair of coolmax race socks and all children in the one-mile event will receive a finisher's medal. Family fun includes a story hour, face painting and handson activities during the race. Post race activities include Little Caesars Pizza, live

and much more. Application forms can be downloaded at www.northvilleroadrunners.org or participants can register on-line at

music, libations, home-made

baked goods, awards ceremony

is available on race day beginning at 3 p.m.; \$25 for the 8K and \$5 for the one-mile events. Maybury State Park is located in Northville. Use the 8 Mile Road entrance that is one mile west of Beck Road. A motor vehicle permit is required at gate or a one-day pass can be purchased for \$6

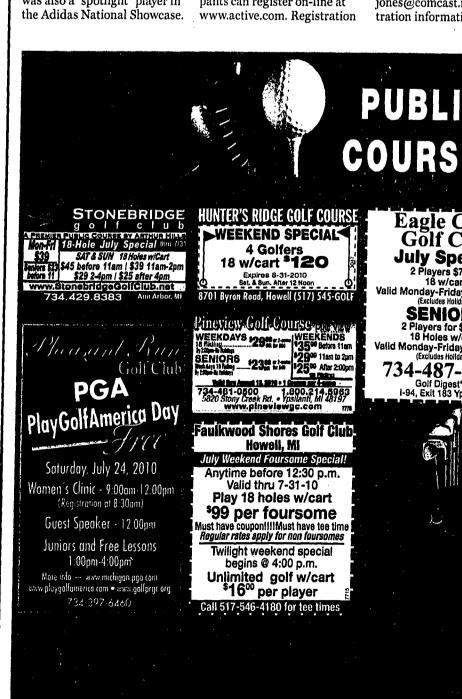
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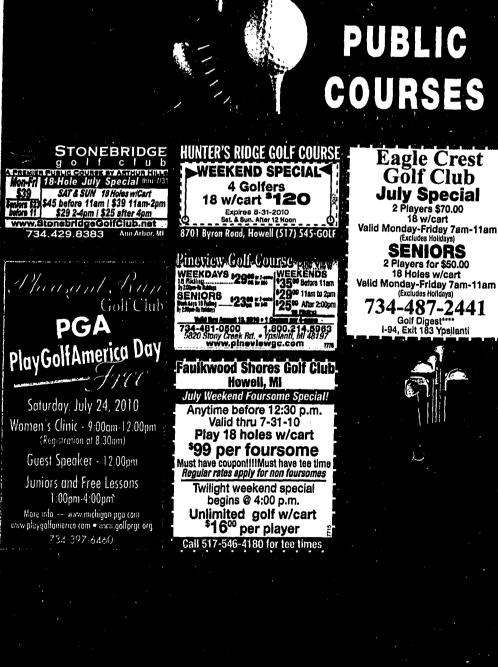
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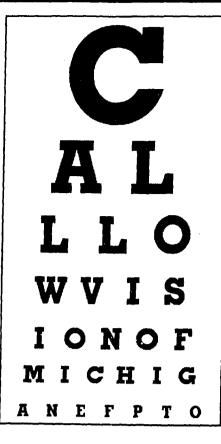
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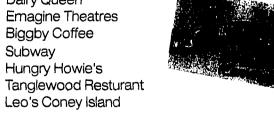


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### Estate planning questions must be asked

ost estate planning attorneys ask clients to attorneys ask commaire prior to an initial meeting. In part, the questionnaire saves important meeting time by asking mundane questions (e.g. your address, your employer, specific assets) and embarrassment (misspelled names or not being able to read their own handwriting). Most importantly, however, it allows the attorney to hone in on more important questions or emphasize various aspects of a client's estate at the first

The questionnaire should be designed to draw out responses that will help in the planning process. The biggest blunder an attorney and client can make relates to not understanding the client's beneficiaries. You may "know' your beneficiary by name, but do you know what their circumstances could entail? Or, is there a possibility that a bequest could end up in the hands of an "unintended" beneficiary?

### QUESTION: CHILDREN FROM PRIOR RELATIONSHIP

If one of the clients has children from a prior relationship, the focus of the estate planning should be on those children. What happens if the biological parent/spouse should predecease the nonbiological spouse? Will the children be financially supported and by whom? What happens to the biological nonspouse? What happens if both spouses have children from prior marriages? Could the biological parent/non-spouse become the decision-maker over the funds intended for the children of the non-biological parent/spouse?

The estate plan should clearly navigate these questions. Multiple trust agreements could be used, designations of specific trustees or guardians should also be made, as well as contingencies based on the order of death for the various parents/spouses and children.

Potential Unintended Beneficiary: Former spouse or



of Business

Dan Hoops

an inquiry into a person's citizenship may not be "politically correct" these days, there

Non-biological

children.

QUESTION:

CITIZENSHIP

Although

are important estate and gift tax planning reasons for this inquiry. Under the federal Estate Tax, a surviving spouse is entitled to receive assets from a deceased spouse free of Estate Tax (the marital deduction). A surviving non-U.S. citizen spouse, however, is not entitled to this marital deduction. In other words, the entire estate of the deceased spouse would pass to the non-U.S. spouse less the entire estate tax. The same rule applies under the federal Gift Tax, where gifts between spouses (if one is a non-U.S. citizen) would be subject to Gift Tax.

With these tax rules established against non-U.S. citizens, additional estate planning is necessary to provide "very similar" tax savings to non-U.S. citizens.

Potential Unintended Beneficiary: I.R.S. (or taxing authority in a foreign nation)

### **QUESTION: NEEDS-BASED ASSISTANCE**

If an intended beneficiary of an estate plan is a recipient of needs-based governmental benefits, such as Supplemental Security Income ("SSI") or Medicaid, a bequest or gift of money or property to that beneficiary could result in a permanent or temporary stoppage in those benefits, SSI and Medicaid recipients are eligible for these programs based on "financial need", so an inheritance could render an individual "ineligible". Although most clients would know that a child or parent is on a needs-based program, they may not be aware of the consequences if that person suddenly inherits assets.

Potential Unintended Beneficiary: State social services or nursing facility

### **QUESTION: INCARCERATION**

This question is almost always the one that garners a good laugh from clients. "None of my children have ever been incarcerated," they chuckle...but, it has to be asked. Individuals incarcerated in Michigan (as well as in other state and federal prisons) are subject to reimbursement to their "jailers" to cover the cost of their housing - up to \$60 per day. This "reimbursement lien" is similar to a lawsuit judgment filed against someone. In addition to the reimbursement issue, if the beneficiary is the subject of an "order of restitution" this too can attach to an individual's inheritance. This question needs to be asked because if such an order is outstanding, it will need to be paid.

Potential Unintended Beneficiary: County/State/ Federal Department of corrections

There are so many questions that must be answered and explored with a person's estate plan. These are only some of the questions that can be overlooked. The core questions are usually known and understood by the attorney and client, but some questions may take repeated asking (and answering) before they are finally understood. And, once they are understood, a person can rest assured that the plan they are making will be followed and honored until their demise.

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A ribbon-cutting ceremony, left by Novi City Councilman Andrew Mutch) was held for the new Rasa Yoga on July 10. The business, located at 25875 Novi Road, is owned by Todd Tesen (fourth from left) and Patricia Keros (far left). Phone (248) 344-YOGA or visit www.rasa-yoga.com for more information.

### Oakland County offering business workshops

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

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Business & Technology Development Center

Thursday, July 29, 2010 from 9 a.m.-noon. The fee is \$40. No refunds.

### **Pre-Business Research**

Are you thinking of starting your own business and want to research your business idea? Are you a business owner who wants to understand which research sources to use for your business plan and where to find the information you need? Presented by The Oakland County Business Center, The Entrepreneur's Source, Oakland County Market Research Department and a business reference librar-

Tuesday, Aug. 3, 5:30-9 p.m. Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills

This workshop is free, but pre-registration is

### **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

### ECCO request approved

The Novi City Council approved a Tool & Die Recovery Zone designation request for ECCO Tool located at 42525 W. Eleven Mile Road in Novi. ECCO Tool is the first to be granted approval in Novi.

"This is a company that has been in Novi for 55 years; certainly no one can question their dedication to the City," said Novi Mayor David B. Landry. "I like it when small businesses band together to create a consortium to enhance operations and compete in larger markets. The way I see it, there are many people on this team and they wanted the City to be on it too."

The Tool & Die Recovery Zone is part of the Michigan Renaissance Zone Program (PA376 of 1996) set up to help save one our economy's hardest hit business sectors -- tool and die manufacturing. If approved by the State of Michigan, ECCO Tool will join a consortium of other tool and die companies located throughout the state who work collaboratively to increase their buying power and generate new business. ECCO Tool intends to diversify its business, specifically targeting the aerospace manufacturing industry.

Companies located in a Recovery Zone are eligible for an exemption, deduction or credit to their taxes for up to fifteen years. The Novi City Council approved a tax abatement for eight years.

According to company owner, Floyd Peterson, "ECCO Tool has been in business in Novi since 1955, and stayed competitive over the last couple of years because of two state of the art machines it has purchased. To remain competitive, survive, and grow ECCO Tool needs to buy another one of these machines. I want ECCO Tool to survive for my family and long-term employees who worked so hard for ECCO Tool."

For more information on doing business in Novi, visit InvestNovi.org.

### Busch's grocer honored

Local grocer Busch's Fresh Food Market was recently honored for its charitable efforts to help raise food and monetary donations for local food rescue programs in the Greater Ann Arbor and Metro Detroit communities.

Busch's has a store located on Ten Mile Road. just west of Meadowbrook Road, in Novi. Food Gatherers, a Washtenaw County food

rescue organization, has acknowledged Busch's with its Gatherer of Plenty Award 2010, while the Oak Park-based Forgotten Harvest organization has recognized Busch's with its 2010

Harvey Award. Both awards recognized Busch's for its longstanding commitment to food rescue and leadership in the fight against hunger.

"We were honored to accept these awards on behalf of the loyal and community-conscious shoppers at all 15 Busch's stores," said John Busch, co-owner and CEO of Busch's Fresh Food Market. Last year's campaign marked a record year for

funds and food given by Busch's customers, totaling the equivalent of just under \$185,000, and the grocer hopes to build on that success in 2010.

### Grede awarded quality certification

Novi-based Grede Holdings LLC, a manufacturer of cast, machined and assembled components for the transportation and industrial markets, announced its Bessemer, Ala., facility was awarded a bronze certification from Caterpillar Inc. as part of its Supplier Quality Excellence Program (SQEP). The Grede plant supplies housings, brackets and supports, hubs and elbows for transmission and hydraulic systems used in Caterpillar industrial equipment.

The company's Bessemer plant is the first Grede facility to receive the SQEP certification and the award means the facility will receive preferred status on new business.

### Walsh Toastmasters hosting open house

Would you like to improve or practice your public speaking and leadership skills? Plan to attend a Toastmasters Open House from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29, at Walsh College Novi Campus, 41500 Gardenbrook Road (off Meadowbrook Road just north of Grand River Avenue) in Novi.

The meeting will showcase a typical meeting of the Walsh College Novi Toastmasters Club, and will feature impromptu speeches by members and interested guests, prepared speeches by members, and evaluations of the prepared speeches.

Newly elected officers for the Toastmasters at Walsh College Novi are President Walt Hickok, of Highland; Vice President of Education Shirley Ho, of Novi; Vice President of Membership Bruce Fette, of Canton; Vice President of Public Relations Linda Hagan, of Novi; Secretary Kristin McMullen, of Farmington; Treasurer Gene Zalubas, of Farmington Hills; and Sergeant at Arms Tim Fitzsimons, of Waterford.

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