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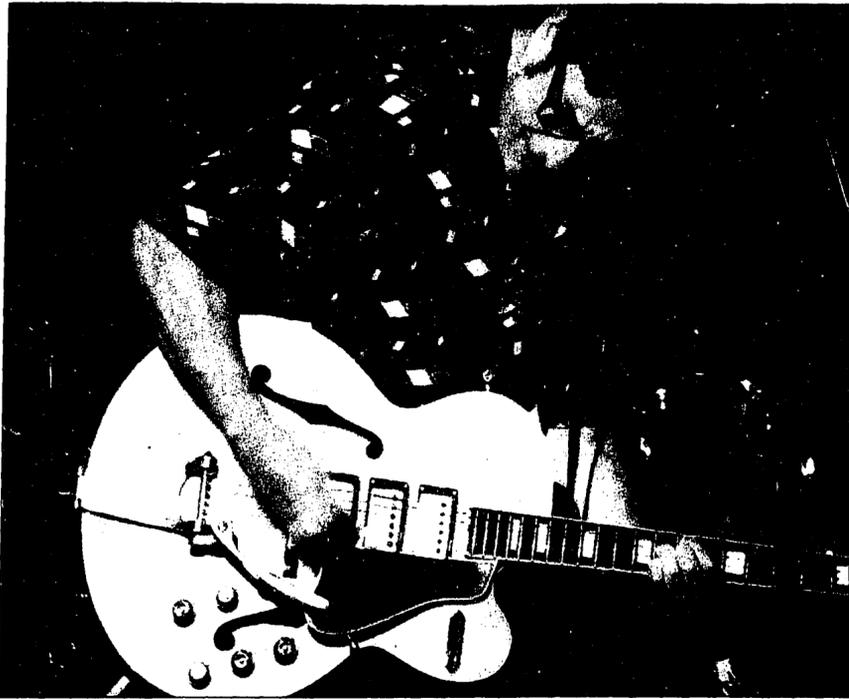
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**Novi Palooza hopes to bring town together**



CAL STONE | EDITOR

The first ever Novi Palooza takes place this weekend and will feature plenty of entertainment including George Bedard and the Kingpins, who are performing from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday.



**EVENT SCHEDULE**

**Friday**  
Craft Show - 7:30 p.m. to dusk  
Inflatables - 7:30 p.m. to close  
Portable Putt-Putt - 7:30 p.m. to close  
Face Painting - 7:30 p.m. to close  
Music (Some Kinda Jones) - 7:30-11 p.m.  
Millionaire's Tent - 8-11 p.m.  
Fireworks Display - 10 p.m.

**Saturday**  
Charity Car Show - 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
-Vehicle Registration - \$10  
-Public is FREE  
Craft Show - 11 a.m. to dusk  
Inflatables - 11 a.m. to close  
Portable Putt-Putt - 11 a.m. to close  
Face Painting - 11 a.m. to close  
Music (Earth Angels) - Noon to 1 p.m.  
Music (Bloomill) - 1-3 p.m.  
Music (Beth Stalker) - 5-6 p.m.  
Music (George Bedard and the Kingpins) - 6:30-9:30 p.m.  
Music (Zydecrunch) - 10 p.m. to midnight  
Millionaire's Tent - 7-11 p.m.

**Sunday**  
Charity Car Show - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
-Judging at 4 p.m.  
Craft Show - 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Inflatables - 11 a.m. to close  
Portable Putt-Putt - 11 a.m. to close  
Music (Earth Angels) - 1-2 p.m.  
Music (Novi resident Josh White Jr.) - 2-2:30 p.m.  
Music (Bloomill) - 3-5 p.m.

end will feature craft areas, inflatables, putt-putt, face painting, food from Epoch Catering, BoCo Catering and Chili's of Novi and a Millionaire's Tent with casino games.

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**Event fills void of Michigan '50s Festival**

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

A summer celebration is going to take place in Novi after all.

Three months after the Michigan '50s Festival Board of Directors said it could not put on its annual event due to a lack of funding, even after taking a year off to raise money, the weekend festival is back under a new name — Novi Palooza.

Blair Bowman, president of Rock Financial Showplace, spearheaded the charge after speaking with former festival board members and offered up his parking lot to host the event that will take place Friday through Sunday.

"It's a huge part of community spirit," he said. "We are part of this community and there are all kinds of challenges in the economic world and the business world and in people's lives, so to have a small community related event we can

help start and allow to grow I'm hopeful for it.

"It should be something people will really enjoy."

Bowman is not charging patrons a parking fee or entrance fee, but there are some costs associated with the various activities, including \$5 to enter the entertainment tent after 7:30 p.m. on Friday and after 6 p.m. on Saturday.

The Novi Palooza kicks off at 7:30 p.m. Friday, and throughout the week-

**Board mulls decision on assistant superintendent**

Choice is between interim or 2-year deal

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

Novi Community Schools district officials have yet to conduct interviews to hire an assistant superintendent for academic services following the departure of Monique Beels in June.

And before the district moves for-



"This board has always told us that they want to attract the best person for every single job and this job is no different. You won't attract the best and you won't get someone to leave another school district for a one-year interim position."

BOB SCHRAM, Novi assistant superintendent

ward in the process, the Board of Education has to decide the type of contract it is going to offer.

Of the four administrative positions in the district, three of them — Superintendent Pete Dion and Assistant Superintendents Gail Credit

and Bob Schram — will be gone at the end of next school year.

The board faces a dilemma because members have to decide if they want to offer a two-year contract to the new hire, despite having a new superintendent, or if they want to hire a person on

a one-year interim basis. Schram said a two-year contract is a no-brainer.

"This board has always told us that they want to attract the best person for every single job and this job is no different," he said. "You won't attract the best and you won't get someone to leave another school district for a one-year interim position."

The board is debating the decision because there is a possibility the person might not match up with the new

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**Novi taxable value now 3rd largest in county**

Economic development key in city's fiscal health

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

The city of Novi is faring better than many of its peers as taxable values across Oakland County continue to fall.

According to the 2010 Oakland County Equalization Report, taxable values across the county dropped by 11.75 percent, and the city of Novi saw a 9.86 percent decrease.

However, Novi's taxable value of \$3.2 billion

is enough to pass Rochester Hills and be the third largest city taxable value in the county behind Troy and Farmington Hills.

"One reason we fared better than other communities is that Novi is still in the growth stage," said City Assessor Glenn Lemmon. "It has been a little stagnant like every place else, but we are still healthier than other communities."

Taxable value is the amount from which tax revenue is collected, and Novi has been able to weather the bad economic storm because existing property taxes have not fallen as much and new development is coming to the city.

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# Republican write-in candidates in their own words

Editor's note: Republican primary voters in the Oakland County Commission's 8th District will have to write in one of six names when they head out to the polls on Tuesday. The candidates who have stepped up and filed their names as official write-in candidates since the death of Jeff Potter are Patti Maida, Joe Shigley, Phil Weipert, Frank Christopher, Adam Chalmers, and Sean Walsh. Of the six, Maida, Shigley, Weipert and Christopher answered a questionnaire we sent out. We hope it helps our readers see where the candidates stand on the issues.



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**Name:** Frank Patrick Christopher  
**Age:** 39  
**Spouse:** Lynn Christopher  
**Children:** Frankie, 7, and Abigail, 3  
**Residency:** Walled Lake resident since 1999. Oakland County resident since 1983. Born in Lincoln Park, Michigan.  
**Community Involvement:** Parishioner, St. William Catholic Parish, Walled Lake. Active volunteer in Walled Lake Elementary School.  
**Related Experience:** I spent 6 years as a Walled Lake planning commissioner. Before that, I was active in the Oakland County Young Republicans. I have owned and



Christopher

operated my own computer consulting business since 1993, which I still run today with my five employees, so I believe I have plenty of experience with everything involving budgets, expenses, fiscal responsibilities and effective business practices.  
**Education:** Graduate, Detroit Catholic Central, 1989. Graduate, Michigan State University, Bachelor of Science in Building Construction Management, 1994. Graduate, Michigan State University, Master of Science in Building Construction Management, 1995. Microsoft Certified Professional.  
**E-mail:** Frank@FrankChristopher.com  
**Website:** FrankChristopher.com

**Why are you seeking this office?**  
To help work through the neighborhood shopping areas open again. You often hear about multi-million dollar tax abatements to big corporations who open up in our local area, but not all job providers are large corporations. Small businesses can generate real jobs that provide incomes and purpose to our citizens. I support tax breaks for new ventures of all sizes, not just multi-million dollar corporations. I believe this has been overlooked, I think it's hurting our quality of life, and I will do what I can to generate jobs.  
**What qualifies you to serve in this position?**  
I have the passion for it. I want to help our community. As someone who has owned a small business for 17 years now, I know firsthand what it means to provide jobs that

Too often. One thing I want to focus on is rehabilitating our neighborhood shopping centers.  
**What do you see as the most pressing issue facing Oakland County?**  
Job losses. Three years ago my company purchased a local business list for marketing purposes. There were about 3,000 businesses listed. We re-purchased the list a couple months ago, and were stunned when it came back with under 1,000 businesses listed. These were private sector companies (and associated jobs) that have simply vanished. To call that "tragic" is an understatement.  
**What is your main goal if elected and how do you hope to accomplish it?**  
Small business job growth. I believe the county can do more to foster small business growth. We need to get the neighborhood shopping areas open again. You often hear about multi-million dollar tax abatements to big corporations who open up in our local area, but not all job providers are large corporations. Small businesses can generate real jobs that provide incomes and purpose to our citizens. I support tax breaks for new ventures of all sizes, not just multi-million dollar corporations. I believe this has been overlooked, I think it's hurting our quality of life, and I will do what I can to generate jobs.

**Name:** Patti Maida  
**Age:** 50  
**Residency:** South Lyon  
**Community Involvement:** President of Pumpkinfest, chair of Pumpkinfest Parade, Farmers Market Committee, chair for Relay for Life, Co-Chair of Abby's Army, President of South Lyon Area Substance Abuse Coalition, Pelican Foundation, Chamber of Commerce for the South Lyon Area, Operation Injured Soldier, Kiwanis  
**Related Experience:** South Lyon City Council, Michigan Municipal League, South East Michigan Council of Government  
**Education:** Cousino High School, MML Leadership Program  
**E-mail:** pmaida@sbcglobal.net  
**Phone:** (248) 921-1080  
**Why are you seeking this office?**  
I have always been actively involved in the community in which I live. I understand the needs and desires of the people. I have worked side by side on numerous activities



Maida

and represented the people on several levels throughout the years. This is a natural transition for me. South Lyon, Walled Lake need strong leadership at the county level, and someone who will continue to be an aggressive liaison.  
**What do you see as the most pressing issue facing Oakland County?**  
The commitment to the people of Oakland County to continue to address fiscal issues. Under L. Brooks Patterson's leadership, Oakland County remains one of a handful of counties in the United States with a triple AAA bond rating. The AAA bond rating allows Oakland County to continue to offer a higher level of service and remain fiscally healthy.  
**What is your main goal if elected and how do you hope to accomplish it?**  
To help in maintaining the fiscal responsibility in Oakland County by being part of preserving the 3-year rolling budget. Being part of the Finance Committee will give me that opportunity.  
**What qualifies you to serve in this position?**  
My driving desire to serve the community, a recognized leader in the community, my diverse range of experience in the community would qualify me to be the strong leader and aggressive liaison that District 8 deserves.

**Name:** Joseph E. Shigley, Jr.  
**Age:** 65  
**Spouse:** Vickie L. Shigley (Bakhaus)  
**Children:** We have two children, Justin, 32, and Jessi, 25, who both work and reside in the South Lyon area. Also, a daughter-in-law Laura and two grandchildren, Jonathan, 8, and Leah, 8 months.  
**Residency:** New Hudson  
**Community Involvement:**



Shigley

President, Chamber of Commerce, 2005 Paul Baker-Citizen of the Year, 2010, 2009, 2008 People's Choice Award, Charter Member-The National WWII Museum (D-Day), CROP Walk, NRA-National Rifle Association, MCRGO-Michigan Coalition Responsible Gun Owners, Knights of Columbus and Parish Council; Member - St. Joseph Catholic Church, Huron River Watershed Council, Nature Conservancy, Rebuilding Together Oakland (formerly Christmas in April), Supporter of Active Faith in South Lyon, Arbor Day Society, Chaperon - South Lyon Area Youth Assistance, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Volunteer Legal Counselor (Senior) Center for Active Adults, Board Member - Pumpkinfest of the South Lyon Area, Institute for Continuing Legal Education (ICLE), Chaperon-Challenge Day, Member Howell Gun Club, Legal Counsel/Supporter-Operation Injured Soldiers and South Lyon Early Childhood Center, Furry Friends Rescue Good Pet Person Award.  
**Related Experience:** Attorney with 20 years experience dealing with all aspects of county government, chairperson of City of South Lyon Zoning Board of Appeals, member of City of South Lyon Building Authority, member of City of South Lyon Compensation Committee, member of South Lyon Beautification Committee, State Bar of Michigan - Public Corporation and Government Section Member.  
**Education:** Juris Doctor, Thomas M. Cooley Law School, 1988; BA, Political Science major, University of Michigan, Dearborn, 1983, Detroit Catholic Central High School, 1978.  
**E-mail:** pjweipert@gmail.com  
**Why are you seeking this office?**  
After the sudden and unexpected death of Jeff Potter, a number of friends, family and colleagues encouraged me to consider filing for Jeff's position. Seeing that the county commission was in need of an experienced and knowl-

edgeable candidate, I filed as a write-in candidate for the upcoming primary.  
**What do you see as the most pressing issue facing Oakland County?**  
Most certainly, the most pressing issue is the economy, which is affecting the county's budget, property values and services. Twenty-five commissioners will manage a \$382.6 million budget in 2011. This is down \$31 million from 2010 mainly due to declining property values, health care costs and less state revenue sharing.  
**What is your main goal if elected and how do you hope to accomplish it?**  
My main goal is to represent the residents of Walled Lake, Wixom, Lyon Township, South Lyon and parts of Novi in the county legislature to insure that their tax dollars are spent wisely; costs are maintained to preserve county services to residents, to encourage programs to maintain property values, and stimulate jobs. These policies can be accomplished by planning and implementing 3-year budget cycles, and balancing the budget without tax increases.  
**What qualifies you to serve in this position?**  
With my background in law and a commissioner on the Zoning Board of Appeals, Building Authority, Historical Commission, and Compensation Committee, I have the knowledge and experience to serve as a county commissioner. For 20 years, I have had experience with the Prosecutor's Office, Sheriff's Department, Clerk's Office, Treasurer's Office, courts/Judges, and Water Resources Commission. I have served in leadership roles in community and charitable organizations. I also attended both state political and organizational conventions. This position requires a person who can work with 24 other commissioners as the legislature for Oakland County to pass laws, policies and to manage a \$382 million budget. I am ready, willing and able to assume this role for the residents of the 8th District and would be honored to have their vote.

# CANDIDATES

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**What is your main goal if elected and how do you hope to accomplish it?**  
My main goal, as county commissioner is to reduce taxes, period. High taxes have contributed to foreclosures, and failing businesses. As to foreclosures I believe we need to add to existing programs that Oakland County already has in place, and that is to help with property tax relief. To improve our business environment, I am determined to eliminate personal property tax. I also will strongly advocate a tax credit for businesses that hire and pay their employees a realistic and liveable wage.  
**What qualifies you to serve in this position?**  
I have served our community for over 30 years. I know how to get things done. I know the obstacles that local government face and I know exactly how to get around them. I will be the most efficient choice for voters, simply because I will waste no time figuring things out. I am confident that I am the most qualified candidate, with the most experience to represent the district.  
I believe local government should be available to assist local residents in everyday situations also believe in the concept of free men and women, engaging in free enterprise, unhampered by restrictive government policies will provide the greatest opportunities for the creation of wealth and progress for our county.

**Name:** Philip J. Weipert  
**Age:** 50  
**Spouse:** Pamela Weipert  
**Residency:** South Lyon since 1988.  
**Community Involvement:** Member - South Lyon Beautification and Historical Committee and Kiwanis; Distinguished



Weipert

President, Chamber of Commerce, 2005 Paul Baker-Citizen of the Year, 2010, 2009, 2008 People's Choice Award, Charter Member-The National WWII Museum (D-Day), CROP Walk, NRA-National Rifle Association, MCRGO-Michigan Coalition Responsible Gun Owners, Knights of Columbus and Parish Council; Member - St. Joseph Catholic Church, Huron River Watershed Council, Nature Conservancy, Rebuilding Together Oakland (formerly Christmas in April), Supporter of Active Faith in South Lyon, Arbor Day Society, Chaperon - South Lyon Area Youth Assistance, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Volunteer Legal Counselor (Senior) Center for Active Adults, Board Member - Pumpkinfest of the South Lyon Area, Institute for Continuing Legal Education (ICLE), Chaperon-Challenge Day, Member Howell Gun Club, Legal Counsel/Supporter-Operation Injured Soldiers and South Lyon Early Childhood Center, Furry Friends Rescue Good Pet Person Award.  
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# Voters must write in county commission candidate

## 8th District up for grabs

BY VICTORIA MITCHELL  
STAFF WRITER



ELECTION 2010

Voters will need to bring a pencil to the polls Tuesday, writing in their Republican choice for District 8 County Commissioner.  
The unexpected June 21 death of County Commissioner Jeff Potter, R-South Lyon, left the district in a unique situation. Potter's name will appear on the ballot, but Oakland County voting officials said any votes cast for the deceased candidate will be invalidated during the certification process.  
Potter was set to run unopposed for the Republican nomination. The only other official candidate in the 8th District commissioner race is Democrat Michele Berry of Wixom.  
The scenario has prompted six hopefuls to run as write-in candidates for the Republican nomination. The candidates are Adam Chalmers, South Lyon; Frank Patrick Christopher, Walled Lake; Patricia Sue Maida, South

in order for a Republican candidate to declare a victory on Tuesday, they must be the top vote getter and meet a minimum number of about 200 votes.  
Roszell said in a primary, write-ins must meet a threshold based on a formula determined using the exact number of votes during the election. Roszell estimates it would be about 200 votes.  
"In a district this size and the fact that this is well publicized as far as there is write-ins and this commissioner has passed away, I really don't think that meeting that threshold is going to be an issue," he said. "So really it will just be that top vote getter."  
If the write-in vote is split in such a way that no candidate meets the threshold, there will not be a Republican candidate on the ballot in November for the 8th District. Any Republican interested in running at that time, would have to file as write-in again for the general election.  
The 8th District includes Lyon Township and the cities of South Lyon, Walled Lake and Wixom, along with a portion of Novi.  
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Lyons; Joseph E. Shigley, Jr., New Hudson; Sean Walsh, Novi; and Philip Weipert, South Lyon.  
In order to be on the ballot and the oval next to the name must be darkened. Any names written on the ballot of people who did not officially file with the County as a write-in candidate will also be invalidated during the certification process.  
County Commissioners have said they want to maintain the Republican majority, and are hoping for a strong District 8 candidate to face Berry in the November general election.  
But securing the Republican nod may not be cut-and-dried. Oakland County Elections Director Joseph Roszell said

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Items stolen from car

**1** A blue Pontiac Grand Am was broken into between 1 a.m. and 3 a.m. on West Lake Drive while it was parked in front of a residence. The vehicle owner said he was at the house for about two hours before leaving and noticing several items were stolen from his car including an iPod, laptop, backpack, skateboard and cash with a total estimated value of \$1,295. Police checked the vehicle and area, but did not find any evidence to process. They have no suspects at this time.

Two cars broken into at Lifetime parking lot

**2** A pair of SUV's were broken into around 5 p.m. July 26 in the parking lot at Lifetime Fitness on High Pointe Boulevard. According to the police report, the first incident was reported after the woman

went inside to pick her children up from day care and when she returned the passenger side window was shattered and her purse was taken. The woman had grabbed her wallet, but the purse still contained her driver's license, a canceled gift card and a \$100 gift card.

In the second incident, the woman said she put her purse in the rear of her Ford Edge and when she returned the driver's side window near the rear hatch was broken.

The purse contained several items including credit cards. Police have no suspects in either case.

Kids arrested for curfew

**3** Three juveniles were arrested at 3:30 a.m. July 21 for curfew violation after police were called because they were allegedly trying to break into vehicles on Wilshire Court. When police arrived they were hiding in a vehicle because they were scared, police said. No vehicles on the

street were entered and they denied attempting to break into cars, police said. The juveniles were taken to the Novi Police Department before being released to their parents.

Police: Drunken driver caught with pot

**4** Novi police arrested a man at 2:07 a.m. July 26 for drunken driving and possession of marijuana after he was stopped for reportedly swerving and speeding on Ten Mile Road near Glenda.

According to the report, the vehicle was swerving back and forth and traveling 60 mph in a 45 mph zone. The man admitted to drinking and smelled strongly of intoxicants, police said.

He failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .13 percent, police said. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent. While police were searching

his vehicle they also located a bag of marijuana in the sunshade above the driver's seat, police said.

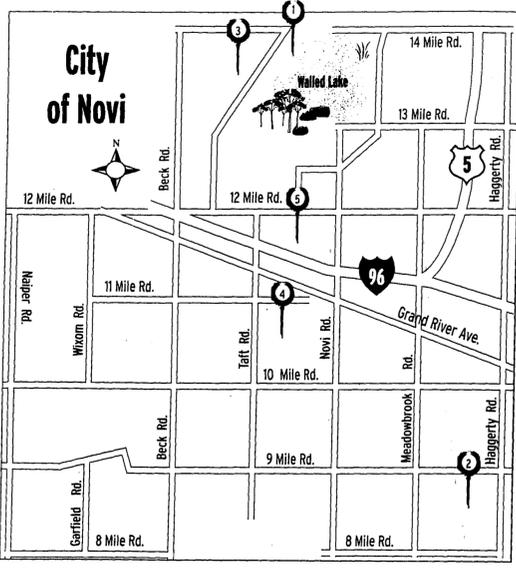
The man was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department where he was issued citations for operating while intoxicated and posses-

sion of marijuana.

Music device stolen

**5** A Novi man had his Nissan Infiniti broken into overnight July 25 while it was parked in its parking spot on Fountain Walk Drive. The man said it's possible he

left the car unlocked, making it easy for the suspect to steal his mp3 player that was connected to his radio. The damage to the radio is estimated at \$100. Police have no suspects.



NEWS BRIEF

Variety Series

If you are 50ish or better, love to sing, dance, or be just be a part of a group, you are invited to be part of the Senior Variety Series: Thanks for The Memories: A USO Tribute Show. No auditions required; there are great parts for everyone. Registration is \$50 (fee includes the cost of cos-

tumes, 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, contact the Novi Theatres at (248) 735-5615 or visit cityofnovi.org.

# Private university calling Novi home

## South University to cater to diverse population

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

South University has finally come north.

The private institution, which has seven campuses in South Carolina, Alabama, Virginia, Georgia and Florida, is establishing its first roots in the Midwest when it opens its doors to students in Novi on Oct. 2.

South University was established in 1899 and serves more than 20,000 students, offering associates, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in various fields.

The Novi campus will serve roughly 1,000 students, a number South University President William Bradford said is important because it keeps the student-teacher ratio low.

"One of the keys to our opportunity is having intimate knowledge of our students and working with them to make sure we service our student population properly," he said. "The real substance is the individual attention they obtain. We know our students and what is going on with them."

Bradford said expanding to Novi "makes sense" because their program offerings match

up with what Michigan residents want.

The Novi campus will offer bachelor's degrees in business administration, criminal justice and health care management, as well as graduate programs including a master's in professional counseling and business administration.

Steven Yoho, system vice president for Academic Affairs for South University, said the school is addressing the non-traditional student market, which is mainly the student who is working or returned to college to get a degree after employment.

"This is a time where individuals, whether they are coming out of high school or have been displaced, are looking to prepare themselves at a higher level," he said.

The 40,300-square-foot campus in Novi will be located at 41555 12 Mile Road and feature classrooms, a computer lab and a library. All classes are taught by faculty and not graduate assistants, and Bradford said they are putting a strong focus on hiring people from the state.

"It makes the most sense for our students to be around those people who have the educational background and the experience to apply that to an educational forum," he said.

For more information about South University- Novi, visit [www.southuniversity.edu](http://www.southuniversity.edu).

[nmueller@novi.net](mailto:nmueller@novi.net) (248) 437-2011, Ext. 255



President Bill Bradford will open South University's eighth campus in the United States, and the first north of Virginia, on Oct. 2 on the southwestern corner of Twelve Mile and Meadowbrook Roads.

NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

C.A.R.E. now open

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

Wednesday, August 25. Hours of operation are 7 a.m.-5 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](http://www.novi.k12.mi.us) under Community Education - C.A.R.E., or call (248) 449-1713 for more information.

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Sign up for fall classes. Touch 'Tone and web registration begins July 12. Classes begin Thursday, September 2.

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Schedule of Events

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Craft Show - 7:30pm - Dusk  
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Millionaire's Tent - 8pm - 11pm  
Fireworks Display - 10pm

**Saturday**  
Charity Car Show - 10am-7pm  
Craft Show - 11am - Dusk  
Inflatables & Putt-Putt - 11am - Close  
Millionaire's Tent - 7pm - 11pm

**Sunday**  
Charity Car Show - 10am - 5pm  
Judging at 4pm  
Craft Show - 11am - 5pm  
Inflatables & Putt-Putt - 11am - Close

Live Entertainment

**Friday July 30**  
7:30pm - 11pm: Some Kinda Jones

**Saturday July 31**  
12pm-1pm: Earth Angels  
1pm-3pm: Bloomill  
5pm-6pm: Beth Stalker  
6:30pm-9:30pm: George Bedard and the Kingpins  
10pm-12am: Zydecrunch

**Sunday August 1**  
1pm-2pm: Earth Angels  
2pm-2:30pm: Special Guest Appearance by Novi Resident Josh White Jr., singer, songwriter, guitarist, actor, social activist  
3pm-5pm: Bloomill



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## OUR VIEWS

# Our choice

Recap of picks for Tuesday's election

### NOVI & OAKLAND COUNTY PORTION OF NORTHVILLE: 9th OC Commissioner

A trio of Republicans are vying to face Democrat Karen Zyczynski in the November general election. 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 health issues. As a retiree, she does not have a full-time job that would interfere with her ability to serve as a commissioner.

### 15th Senate

Residents would be hard pressed to find better choices than **Mike Kowall** on the Republican ticket and **Pam Jackson** on the Democrat side.

Kowall, a former state representative and current White Lake Township supervisor, has plenty of legislative experience, already spending four years in Lansing crafting legislation and building coalitions among his colleagues to pass some common-sense legislation during his tenure.

Jackson has been making the rounds throughout the district, and we are impressed with her credentials. Jackson worked in both the private and public sectors. She worked in construction management with her own firm, and she's taught postsecondary classes at both Eastern Michigan University and Oakland Community College.

### OC millage

Voters should approve renewal of a 10-year, 8-mill tax for Oakland Community College. This is not a tax increase, but it produces roughly 25 percent of OCC's annual revenue. OCC officials say the renewal costs the owner of a home worth \$200,000 less than \$80 per year.

### OC Parks millage

We believe voters should approve renewal of a 10-year, 0.2415 millage for the operation of the Oakland County Parks system. The tax provides about half of the park system's total budget of about \$28 million. Even if the millage renewal does pass, the budget will be reduced to \$20 million over the next two years because of projected lower property values across the county.

### NORTHVILLE TWP.: Millage

We strongly encourage voters to approve a millage to fund police and fire, general operations, parks and recreation, senior and youth services. This millage provides revenue to continue operations at virtually the same level for public safety (police and fire) to assure the most important function of government — protecting township citizens.

### 7th Senate

We endorse Republican **Abe Mumfakh** of Plymouth Township. Mumfakh has political experience, though he's painting himself as an "outsider." He's served three terms on the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees, and he's active in the Wayne 11th Republican Committee.

### 20th House

**Kurt Heise** is the clear choice in the Republican primary. While he's not a career politician, he's spent the majority of his adult life dealing with governmental issues. He spent 15 years representing various communities on local ordinances and state laws, and he's been a leader in regional environmental issues.

### 10th WC Commissioner

We support incumbent **Laura Cox** because of her experience and track record. She has demonstrated her ability to do something about the county's large budget while on the commission for the past 5 1/2 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 prosecutor's office and children's family services.

## ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues. In Your Voices. Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com).

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**Northville Township nonprofits reap benefits of Harley Davidson event**  
 Looks like they finally found a home.

rsmc48091

**Novi juniors continue success on state exam, ACT**

Good, but not good enough. Northville beat Novi in every subject except one, including the composite score. Sorry, Wildcats. Go Mustangs!

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## COMMUNITY VOICE

Summer's about half over - Are you looking forward to going back to school?



**"You know, yeah and no. Summer's just flown by and it feels shorter each year, but I am looking forward to seeing my friends at school."**

**DaRon Turner**  
 Novi High sophomore



**"I am looking forward to seeing my teacher - yet I (also) want to play video games."**

**Matt George**  
 Novi



**"Yeah, kind of - to see my friends, those I haven't seen and I'm anxious to see my teacher."**

**Dylan Haggard**  
 Novi



**"I am: seeing my friends and meeting my new teachers."**

**Rose Na**  
 Novi

## MORE OUR VIEWS

### Weipert our pick in County Commission 8th District

With less than a week to go before the primary election, Republican voters finally have an idea who the candidates are for the Oakland County Commission's 8th District seat.



Weipert

Republican on the ballot, **Jeff Potter**, died, unexpectedly after the deadline passed to get on the ballot.

We wish we were giving our endorsement to Potter, who by all accounts, served the district well since being elected in 2002. Potter's death has created a unique situation for the district, which includes South Lyon, Lyon Township, Walled Lake, Wixom, and a portion of Novi.

Several well-known Republicans have stepped up in an effort to give voters in the Republican-dominated district an alternative. They are **Patti Maida**, a former member of the South Lyon City Council; **Joe Shigley**, former supervisor of Lyon Township; **Phil Weipert**, a South Lyon attorney with a strong record of

community involvement; and **Frank Christopher**, a Walled Lake resident and business owner. Two other individuals — **Adam Chalmers** of South Lyon and **Sean Walsh** of Novi — also registered with the county to be write-in candidates, but both are relatively unknown and didn't respond to requests to be interviewed by this newspaper.

**Christopher**, **Maida**, **Shigley** and **Weipert** all bring strong credentials to the table, and compelling arguments could be made for each of them as to why they should get elected to represent the district. Whichever candidate gets the most write-in votes will appear on the November ballot to face Democrat **Michele Berry** of Wixom, who is the lone Democrat on the ballot. We feel the best choice Republican voters could make would be to elect **Weipert**, who moved to South Lyon in 1988 and opened his downtown law practice a year later. Although he has never been elected to public office, **Weipert** has served on many South Lyon commissions, including the Zoning Board of Appeals (chairman), Building Authority, Compensation Committee, and Beautification Committee. He is also active with the State Bar of Michigan. In addition, **Weipert** regularly contributes his time as

a volunteer for many local events, and is well known in his community.

As an attorney, **Weipert**, 50, is well versed in county government, spending a lot of time fighting for his clients in the court system. He understands the issues impacting county residents, and says the most pressing issue facing the county is the declining property values, which have negatively impacted the county's budget.

If he is elected, we have no doubt that **Weipert**, who has a squeaky clean image, will do his best to fight for programs that maintain property values and help stimulate the economy.

Like **Weipert**, **Christopher**, **Maida** and **Shigley** all have strong conservative beliefs. **Maida**, a local Realtor, has experience dealing with a budget from her time on the South City Council. As does **Shigley**, who served a term as supervisor in Lyon Township. **Christopher** is an interesting candidate, who brings some solid ideas to the table. He is a longtime business owner who we feel would make a solid legislator some day.

We feel, however, that **Weipert**, who has long been engaged in the community, is the best candidate in the field. Voters should write in his name when they head to the polls next week.

## GUEST COLUMN

### Your vote matters on Tuesday, Aug. 3

Choose wisely, Michigan. Vote Aug. 3 as if your life depends on it because it does. The collective future of our state depends on you.

Two Democrats, **Virg Bernero** and **Andy Dillon**, as well as five Republicans, **Mike Bouchard**, **Mike Cox**, **Tom George**, **Peter Hoekstra** and **Rick Snyder**, are on the ballot. One of these seven will be our next governor. Your choice in the primary will narrow the field.

No, "none of the above," is not an option. It is our responsibility as citizens to whittle down the political field to one Democrat and one Republican to square off in the Nov. 2 election. If you need more information about the election, visit the Secretary of State Voter Information Center at [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote).

Don't allow other voters to make the choice for you. If you fail to participate, it will be no one's fault but your own if your candidate does not make it to the final selection. Remember, people around the world are literally dying for the chance to vote.

### EVERY VOTE MATTERS

Perhaps at no time in Michigan history does the collective wisdom of the voters matter more. Who we choose will

be the point person to lead our state forward.

The problems are monumental. Michigan has been at the front of the line for our nation's ills for some time now. Issues awaiting the next governor's attention include: creating jobs, establishing a 21st century tax structure, fixing crumbling roads, addressing deteriorating state services, declining property values, unsustainable pension and health care costs for public employees, higher education now priced out of reach for the average family while our investment in our public schools decays. Clearly, there are no shortages of challenges facing our state.

Yet along with this laundry list of problems facing us, there are a corresponding and equal number of strengths upon which an innovative leader can build. Consider these:

- Michigan is surrounded by 20 percent of the world's surface fresh water.
- Michigan has the highest concentration of high-quality engineers of anywhere in the world.
- Our public and private universities and community colleges are excellent and capable of producing superior talent.
- There is a latent entrepreneurial, creative and innovative vein running deep in Michigan, ready to be tapped.
- Two-thirds of incoming legislators will be new and hopefully not saddled with the political anchors of the past.

• There is no place in the country where residential, commercial, retail or industrial property is a better bargain than Michigan.

• There is a growing understanding among the citizens that the world has changed and we need to adapt to change and lead it if we wish to prosper in the 21st century.

• Michigan has been down so long there is a desperate hunger for a leader to help us rise again.

Democracy is not a spectator sport. If you wish to have an impact, you must engage and vote.

Don't skip the first inning by not voting in the August primary and then complain when your choice for governor is not around to consider in November. Try this image on for size. Look around the coffee shop where you are reading this column, or around your office, at your mother-in-law, your brother-in-law or that obnoxious guy at the gym. Now think about it: Your not voting and instead having these people make your choice for governor. A pretty picture?

It's that simple. The opportunity to affect our collective future is now. Don't blow it.

Vote Tuesday, Aug. 3.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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**More:** For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Novi Calendar online at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).  
**Submit:** Send calendar submissions via e-mail to [ctstone@hometownlife.com](mailto:ctstone@hometownlife.com); by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

### Facebook ArtNovi

**Novi Palooza**  
**Dates:** July 30-Aug. 1  
**Location:** Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi  
**Details:** 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.  
**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 opportunity to exhibit and promote to a large segment of the population. The purchasing power of health, beauty and fitness consumers is an ever-growing market. Attendance for the show is expected to be thousands during the two-day event. The Health, Beauty & Fitness Expo will feature 150 exhibitors and a wide variety of demonstrations, seminars and speakers offering information a variety of topics, and it's a free event for the public.  
**Contact:** For general information about The Health, Beauty & Fitness Expo or to inquire more about sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities visit the website at [HealthAndBeautyExpo.net](http://HealthAndBeautyExpo.net) or call (866) 625-6161.

## LOCAL EVENTS

### Meet the Candidate: Frank Christopher

**Time/Date:** 3-4 p.m. July 31  
**Location:** Novi Public Library  
**Details:** Running for Oakland County Commissioner, District 8  
**Metropolitan Single Professionals Dance and Mixer**  
**Time/Date:** 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday, Aug. 20  
**Location:** Diamond Center at Rock Financial Showplace  
**Details:** Top 40 DJ, cash bar, hors d'oeuvres and door prizes. Admission is \$6 for members; \$12 for non-members. Become a member at the dance and your admission for that night is free! Attire is dressy casual (no blue jeans or tennis shoes). Ballroom is non-smoking. All singles are welcome.  
**Contact:** (248) 544-6445 [www.mpspc.com](http://www.mpspc.com)

**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! July 31: Grievous Angel.  
**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. 1 - Sheila Landis & Rick Matie  
**Contact:** [ArtsNovi@yahoo.com](mailto:ArtsNovi@yahoo.com) or [pnrnick@aol.com](mailto:pnrnick@aol.com)



COURTESY PHOTO

## Theater campaign

The friends of the Novi Civic Theatre's annual membership campaign is underway. As the fundraising and volunteer support organization for the Novi Civic Theatre, the Friends raise funds to purchase items to enhance the theatre experience for both actors and audience members. Members also help with set construction, costume creation, publicity and hospitality. For more information, please check out "Join the Friends" at [www.novicivictheatre.org](http://www.novicivictheatre.org) or join the "Friends of the Novi Civic Theatre" fan page on Facebook; or email [contact@novicivictheatre.org](mailto:contact@novicivictheatre.org). Memberships in the Friends of the Novi Civic Theatre start at \$20; donations are gladly accepted in any amount. The Novi Civic Theatre is part of the City of Novi's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department.

### MSU Extension

**Location:** MSU Extension Tolgate Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Rd, Novi  
**Contact:** (248) 858-0887; [smithlin@oakgov.com](mailto:smithlin@oakgov.com); [www.msue.msu.edu/oakland](http://www.msue.msu.edu/oakland)

## BUSINESS

### Metro Novi BNI

**Time/Date:** 7:30 a.m. every Wednesday  
**Location:** On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road (north of 8 Mile), Novi  
**Details:** BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals to each other. Members learn how to create and refine an "elevator speech," develop a broad network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited to attend free of charge. Continental breakfast provided.  
**Contact:** For more information, contact Julie Paquette at 248-797-1665 or [juliepaquette67@gmail.com](mailto:juliepaquette67@gmail.com); [www.metrobninovi.com](http://www.metrobninovi.com)

### Novi Chamber of Commerce

The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an active, progressive chamber offering a variety of events, educational programs, an enhanced Web site, and involvement with local charities.  
**Location:** 41875 11 Mile Road, #201, Novi  
**Contact:** For more information, call (248) 349-3743 or [www.novicchamber.com](http://www.novicchamber.com).  
**Golf Outing**  
**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. Aug. 19  
**Location:** Links of Novi  
**Details:** Scramble format; 9:30 a.m. shotgun start. Discounted price for foursomes. Sponsor a hole and place coupons or gifts in 150 globe bags. Lunch at the turn

attend free of charge. Continental breakfast provided.  
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**Networking Luncheon**  
**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m. Aug. 4  
**Location:** Radisson Hotel Detroit-Livonia, 17123 North Laurel Park Dr., Livonia  
**Details:** Presentation from Matt Stephens of Gerry Weinberg & Assoc. on "How to Deal with Customer Indecision"; \$20 pre-registration required by 3 p.m. Tuesday, August 3  
**Business to Business Breakfast**  
**Time/Date:** 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10  
**Location:** Mega Fun & Fitness, 22475 Hespilo Dr., Novi  
**Details:** Networking and a light breakfast; \$5 payable at door.  
**Novi Farmers' Market & International Street Fair**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays, through Oct. 31

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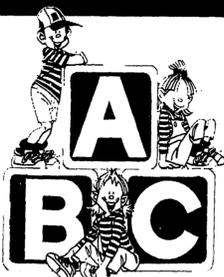
is a community-based club which is part of Toastmasters International. Our diverse group provides a mutually supportive atmosphere in which all can develop and refine their public speaking and leadership skills. Our members also have fun while building confidence in day-to-day communications and mentoring toward professional and personal excellence. Guests are welcome - and bring a friend. Visit [www.novicivictheatre.org](http://www.novicivictheatre.org).  
**Contact:** Paulette Ahoia, V.P. of Public Relations at [greenpace@mi.rr.com](mailto:greenpace@mi.rr.com) or (248) 756-0907.

**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; novirota.org.

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9101 Hillcrest, Livonia, MI 48150  
 (off Joy Road, between Merriman and Middlebelt Roads)  
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 or contact JASSEM at [info@jassem.org](mailto:info@jassem.org)

In the event student enrollment applications exceed available space, a random selection drawing will be administered on August 16 starting at 8:00am at 9101 Hillcrest, Livonia, MI 48150. The random selection drawing will be conducted with the Michigan Revised School Code and the chartering contract provisions with Livonia Public Schools, will be conducted under the direction of a third party administrator not affiliated with JASSEM. If required, the third party administrator will be a representative from Plante Moran, PLLC.

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**Fabulous 50's Extravaganza**

Looking to get back in the swing of things? Hop over to Baker's of Milford from 6-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10 for the annual Fabulous 50's Extravaganza! The senior centers of Novi, Milford, White Lake, South Lyon, Wisom, Highland and Northfield Township have partnered to host this event. Attendees will enjoy dinner, games, prizes, good company and music by WPON 1460-AM DJ Jimmy James. Cash bar will be available. Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$16 or at the door for \$20. Tickets are on sale now at the Novi Senior Center (25075 Meadowbrook Road) and all participating senior centers. For more information about the Fabulous 50's Extravaganza, call (248) 347-0414.

**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 Burgessses 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 Spencer preached the first message and original church 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



**Magic man visits**

Comedian and magician Doug Scheer waves to an assembly at the Novi Public Library after his July 21 visit.

**City of Novi website**

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

**Youth Toastmasters Club**

A new Toastmasters club will meet for eight one-hour sessions within the next few months. Toastmaster members basically 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.**

Please call or email Pooja Singhi for more information: (248)-996-3253 or asinghi@yahoo.com

**Summer camps**

Novi Parks offers camps to meet every child's needs. Novi Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services is excited to offer many engaging camps with something to meet every child's interest, close to home, and at economical prices. Summer camps provide benefits in a broad variety of areas including physical, emotional, social and intellectual. "We hope the community embraces our returning and new offerings this summer. We truly have something for every child," said Nancy Cowan, City of Novi superintendent of Recreation. "Beyond the fun of a Project Broadway where kids are introduced to the advanced techniques of performing arts; a Sports Camp like basketball or tennis where basic skills are learned and enhanced; or a traditional day camp such as Lakeshore Park Adventure Camp, children create memo-

**ries and skills they will carry with them forever. The camp experience is truly like no other and one every child should have an opportunity to enjoy."**

Great Camps for 2010 Include:  
\* Musical Theatre Camps  
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\* Sports Camps including: Soccer, Golf, Cheer, Football, Tennis, and Basketball  
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\* Lego Camps  
\* Painting Camps including Mural Camp  
Camp Lakeshore will return this summer under a new name, Lakeshore Park Adventure Camp. The camp will offer adventures such as kayaking, geocaching, climbing with a belay harness, canoeing, and hiking. Annual camper-favorite field trips including the Detroit Science Center, Red Oaks Wave Pool and the Detroit Zoo are included. Registration is going on now at cityofnovi.org and online registrants receive a \$5 discount. For more information, please contact the Novi Parks office at (248) 347-0400.

**CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 18.242**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 18.242 TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE 16, TC AND TC-1 TOWN CENTER DISTRICTS; IN ORDER TO PROVIDE STANDARDS FOR OPEN AIR BUSINESS USES AND THE SALE OF OUTDOOR PRODUCE AND PLANTS IN THE TOWN CENTER DISTRICT.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, July 19, 2010 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE NOVI BUILDING AUTHORITY**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on July 12, 2010, the City Council of the City of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, did pursuant to Act 31, Public Acts of Michigan, 1948 (First Extra Session), as amended, adopt the Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of the Novi Building Authority, as follows:

The Amendments extend the membership of the City Engineer and Library Director until December 1, 2010, and also clarify that the terms of the Community Development Director, the Finance Director, and the City Manager automatically extend an additional three years at the expiration of each term unless the City Council determines otherwise by resolution adopted at least 30 days before the expiration of the term.

Said Amendments will be filed with the Oakland County Clerk and the Michigan Secretary of State, as required by said Act.

SAID ACT GRANTS THE RIGHT TO QUESTION THE VALIDITY OF SUCH AMENDMENTS IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE LAST ABOVE FILING TO BE ACCOMPLISHED. AFTER SUCH TIME SUCH AMENDMENTS SHALL BE CONCLUSIVELY PRESUMED TO BE VALID.

Further information, including the time of the above filings, may be obtained from the office of the City Clerk of the City of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan.

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk  
City of Novi

**Renew your support for Oakland County Parks on August 3**

Oakland County Parks help sustain what you value—special times with family, healthy habits, social outlets, green places, and economic vitality. Vote YES for a 10-year renewal of the .2415 mils needed to operate Oakland County Parks. Most homeowners will contribute about \$21/year. We urge you to join us in supporting this critical renewal so that Oakland County Parks can continue to provide high-value recreation opportunities for the families of Oakland County.

**CITIZENS FOR Oakland County PARKS VOTE YES!**

Vote YES on August 3. Paid for with regulated funds by Citizens for Oakland County Parks, P.O. Box 748, Clarkston, Michigan 48347

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**NORTHVILLE / NOVI CHURCH EVENTS**

**Submit:** Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Church Events/Northville-Nowi, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

**Church of the Holy Family**  
Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road  
Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org  
**Mass Schedule**  
TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday  
**Holy Days:** 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.  
**Reconciliation:** beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment  
**Crosspoint Meadows Church**  
Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road  
Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointmeadows.org.  
**Sunday Worship:** 11:15 a.m. for all ages  
**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.

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**  
Location: 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia  
Contact: (248) 442-8822 or www.nwhepoceer.com.  
**Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross**  
Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road  
Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com  
**Sunday School and Nursery Care:** 10 a.m. Worship Service  
**Alzheimer's Support Group**  
Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month

**Faith Community Presbyterian**  
Location: 44000 W. 10 Mile Road  
Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-novi.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.  
**Red Cross Blood Drive**  
Time/Date: 1-7 p.m. Aug. 5  
**First Baptist Church of Northville**  
Location: 217 N. Wing  
Contact: (248) 348-1020  
**Sunday Worship:** 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.  
**Sunday School:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Ladies Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays  
**Men's Bible Study:** 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

**First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church**  
Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road  
Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org  
**Family Bible Hour:** 9:45 a.m.  
**Family Worship:** 11 a.m.  
**Bible Study:** 6 p.m.  
**Family Movie Night:** 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month  
**First Presbyterian Church of Northville**  
Location: 200 E. Main St.  
Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresbyrieville.org  
**Sunday Worship**  
Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.  
**Walking in the Park**  
Time/Date: 10:11 a.m. every Saturday  
Location: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 8 and 11 Mile roads)  
**Details:** Group meet for lunch afterwards.

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi  
Contact: (248) 349-0565  
**Sundays**  
Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship  
**Lakes Baptist Church**  
Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake  
**Livonia Church of Christ**  
Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia

**Sturgeon, associate pastor**  
**Coffee Hour:** 9:30 a.m. Sunday (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend); 10:15 a.m. Sundays (Sept.-May)  
**Healing Service:** 4 p.m. first Monday of every month  
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**Men's Club:** 8 a.m. second Saturdays  
Contact: Heather J. Wallas, communications director, (248) 349-1144, Ext. 26, or email hwallas@lunc-northville.org

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NEWS BRIEFS

Safety Town

The annual Safety Town will cover Stranger Danger, Fire Safety, Traffic Safety, Animal Safety and how to handle emergency situations. Safety behavior is taught by role-playing, 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 \$95 per session. Call 248-449-1206 for dates and locations.

Interpreting conference

A world-class regional conference on interpreting will be held in Novi on Saturday, Oct. 2. The conference will feature Holy 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, visit [miti.org/conference](http://miti.org/conference).

Mahar named Professional of the Year

Amerisure Mutual Insurance Company announced Lorraine Mahar as a 2009 Service & Support Professional of the Year at the June Champions Through Excellence event. Mahar, currently the Mail Services & Voice Communications coordina-



Mahar

tor in the Farmington Hills corporate office, oversees all functions of the Mail Services Department, including mail processing, print production, policy processing and phone service

support. This is Mahar's second champion win having been named a 2006 Service & Support Professional of the Year.

"Lorraine makes the lives of those around her more productive and more successful, and is most proud when she contributes to someone else's success," said Mandy Pitzer, Amerisure Manager, Voice

Communications and Mail Services. "Lorraine's dedication to providing extraordinary customer service is one of her most valued qualities. Her positive, can-do attitude assures her customers that she will do whatever it takes to complete the job on time and on budget - every time." Mahar joined Amerisure in 1985, and she resides in Novi.

NOVI IN THE SERVICE

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

physical challenges experienced by new cadets.

Phase one involves personal in-processing, orientation, and training in the fundamentals of being a cadet. Cadet trainees are prepared to adjust from civilian to military life and disciplines, and learn proper wear of the uniform, saluting policies and procedures, drill and ceremony, marching, and living quarters standards. During phase two, cadets train outdoors living in tents while learning to function in field conditions. Cadets apply and practice team work, cohesion and learn to deal with physically and mentally demanding situations. They complete the obstacle, confidence, assault, and leadership reaction courses, and participate in a rescue mission termed Operation Warrior. He is the son of Jeff and

Lori Timar of Novi and a 2008 graduate of Novi High School.

**Anthony G. Berry**  
Army Pvt. Anthony G. Berry has graduated from the Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training consists of basic infantry training and advanced individual training.

During the nine weeks of basic combat training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons employment, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid skills, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experienced use of various weapons and weapons defenses avail-

able to the infantry crewman.

The Advanced Individual Training course is designed to train infantry soldiers to perform reconnaissance operations; employ, fire and recover anti-personnel and anti-tank mines; locate and neutralize land mines and operate target and sight equipment; operate and maintain communications equipment and radio network; construct field firing aids for infantry weapons; and perform infantry combat exercises and dismounted battle drills, which includes survival procedures in a nuclear, biological or chemical contaminated area.

He is the son of Deanna Lopinoga of Novi and brother of Nicholas Berry of Commerce Township.

The private is a 2007 graduate of Novi High School.

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As well, our agreements with ABC Family, Disney, Disney SVOD, Disney XD, ESPN, ESPN Classic, ESPN News, ESPN2, ESPN3, ESPN Game Plan and Soap Net expire on September 1, 2010, and we may have to cease carriage in all formats if our authority to continue is withheld.

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**Northville's Steslicki passes the bar**

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BY JEFF THEISEN  
SPORTS WRITER

Northville pole vaulter Michelle Steslicki is all about reaching new heights. The Mustang senior cleared a personal best 11-3 at the State Finals to claim fourth place, earning All-State honors. Steslicki is the 2010 Girls Track Athlete of the Year. "She has great accolades in both track and gymnastics," said Northville pole vaulting coach Vincent Tyle. "She also has been accepted to the Michigan State University's womens track and field team to compete this coming season. Michelle also is a scholar Athlete with a GPA above 3.5." Steslicki set new records in winning the KLAAC Conference and Association meets. She went on to claim first at regionals before jumping her best in her last meet. Her 11-3 was second only to the winner who cleared 11-9. Second through fifth place each cleared 11-3. "This year Michelle improved significantly, increasing her jump height by 15 inches over her previous season," said Tyle.



Michelle Steslicki is the 2010 Girls Track Athlete of the Year.

**First Team**  
 Chelsea Ciampa, Northville  
 No girls' All-Area track team would be complete this year without Chelsea Ciampa on board. A serious consideration for player of the year, Ciampa was an All-State athlete who showed that true Mustangs know how to hurdle. She was a 300-meter low hurdle champion this year, winning nearly every meet she participated in, including the regional.

**Jaelyn Konopka, Northville**  
 When multi-event athletes are discussed, Jaelyn Konopka's name is immediately put on the list. Not only did she prove herself to be one of the most fierce runners in the 100 hurdles this year—even taking first in the regional—she was also a stellar long jump specialist. Ask Konopka to take on any event and she likely would, and quite possibly place while she's doing it.

**Elizabeth Roach, Northville**  
 The question that comes to mind when Elizabeth Roach's name is brought up is: What can't she do? Northville relied heavily on Roach this year from relays to individual events, and she didn't disappoint. Roach was a strong point in the regional final, as well as the rest of the season, as she captured a second-place in the high jump with a leap of 5-foot-4 and then took second in the 800-meter run with a 2:19.10.

**Gina McNamara, Northville**  
 If there's one thing for certain, barring an unfortunate turn of event, Gina McNamara is going to get tired of seeing her name on a list of All-Star athletes.

Northville's premier distance runner was a force to be reckoned with when she shortened her distance and focused on the 800-meter run this year. The result? A dominating performance nearly every time she ran, including an outstanding victory in the regional with a time of 2:17-over two seconds faster than her nearest competitor in one of the most tightly contested regionals in the state.

**Katlyn Shelar, Novi**  
 Shelar proved to be the top area competitor for Steslicki by finishing first against Steslicki at a home dual. She is a two-time All-Stater after finishing sixth at state by clearing 10-5. Shelar won the Oakland County pole vault, made All-Region all four years and qualified for the State Finals all four years for Novi.

**Jasmine Ward, Novi**  
 Ward is Novi's speed demon. She earned All-State in the 200 meters, finishing eighth in 26.54. She is the school record holder in the 200 meters and as part of the 4x100 and 4x200 relays. Ward also ran to a regional title in the 200 meters.

**O'Mya Davis, Novi**  
 Davis claimed a regional title in the 100 meters and also ran with Ward on the school record 4x100 and 4x200 relay teams.

**Kelly McCloskey, Novi**  
 McCloskey was another All-State performer, claiming eighth in the 300 hurdles at state (4:6.30). She also qualified for state in the 100 hurdles and was part of the school record 4x200 relay team.

**Jackie Mullins, Novi**  
 Mullins logged the long-distance miles for the Wildcats. She set a school record in the 3,200 meters and eventually finished 12 at the State Finals. She was All-Region, All-County and All-Conference.

**Kayla Schoenle, Milford**  
 The Milford senior qualified for state in the 200 and 400 meters after winning the 400 at regionals and finishing runner-up in the 200. Schoenle holds school records in the 100, 200 and 400 meters. She will continue her track career at Kent State.

**Jenny Maslany, South Lyon**  
 The senior Lion was as versatile as a coach could ask for. She went undefeated in the division throwing the discus with a personal best of 119-5.

**ALL-AREA TRACK TRACK ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**  
**FIRST TEAM**  
 Chelsea Ciampa, Northville  
 Jaelyn Konopka, Northville  
 Elizabeth Roach, Northville  
 Gina McNamara, Northville  
 Katlyn Shelar, Novi  
 Jasmine Ward, Novi  
 O'Mya Davis, Novi  
 Kelly McCloskey, Novi  
 Jackie Mullins, Novi  
 Kayla Schoenle, Milford  
 Jenny Maslany, South Lyon  
 Stephanie Lack, Northville  
 Morgan Bridgewater, Lakeland  
**SECOND TEAM**  
 Margaux Canup, Milford  
 Megan Houston, Lakeland  
 Alyssa Sandell, East Solana Hills, East  
 Lyndsay Tyler, South Lyon  
 Abby Sigler, South Lyon  
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 Jamee Hood, Novi  
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**HONORABLE MENTION**  
 Rachel Hofess, Milford  
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 Anne Irvin, Novi  
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She also threw the shot put, anchored the state-qualifying 4x200 relay team and ran the open 200. She was fourth in the regional in the 200 meters and third in the discus. "She usually will win the discus, shot, place in the 200 or the 100 and then anchor one of the sprint relays that will usually place," said coach Rance Teppe. "Jenny is just beginning to learn the technical aspects of throwing and running. She could be a great multi-eventer for a college program and could develop into a fantastic thrower."

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**NABF**

Northville Bronco Bobby Nayh makes a throw from the infield during their Thursday afternoon game against West Islip and the National Amateur Baseball Federation playoffs at Hillside. Visit www.hometownlife.com for tournament results, and be sure to see next week's Record for lots more photos.

**NOVI SPORTS BRIEFS**

**Northville physicals**  
 For Northville students still in need of an athletic physical for the upcoming school year, Dr. Kieth Pierce will be holding an athletic school/camp physical open house on Saturday, July 31. There is a simple registration form on the website. In addition, students have the opportunity to apply for an athletic or health care scholarship via the website as well. Please see the website at: http://yaa fundraiser.org

**Northville Cubs 2011 baseball tryouts**  
 Building on its successful 2010 season (11-6-1 in league play), the Northville Cubs 11U baseball team (birth date between 5/1/09 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@northvillebaseball.com.

**Pom pon summer camp**  
 The State Champion Northville High School pom pon team is proud to announce a new summer pom pon camp for girls that are entering sixth, seventh and eighth grades. This camp is especially designed for girls that would like to begin preparation for pom pon at the high school level. Information will also be distributed regarding a competitive Northville Middle School pom pon team. Participants will receive instruction from coaches and members of the Northville High School pom pon teams. Girls will learn two short routines and will focus on basic form, kicks and proper technique. Pom pons will be available for use each day and a light snack will be provided. Camp dates are Tuesday, August 24; Wednesday, August 25; and Thursday, August 26. From 9 a.m. to noon each day at Northville High School. Cost for the clinic is \$75 and participants will receive a free T-shirt. Please contact Karlyn Jones at (248) 912-5645 or karlynjones@comcast.net for registration information.

**Shamrocks hold first-ever 'Spring Signing Day'**  
 Talk about a great year to be a part of Detroit Catholic Central athletics. From fall to winter to spring, the Shamrocks were busy bringing state championships to the halls of their Novi campus and while it's always nice

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to have a trophy to look at, it's even more special to know that the athletes who helped make it happen are continuing their careers.

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Tennis lessons Alyssa Iaquinta, 9, takes a swing during a Wednesday morning tennis lesson at Northville Fish Hatchery Park.

The lessons are offered through the Northville Parks and Recreation.

ALL-AREA FROM PAGE B1

Stephanie Lock, Lakeland

The Lakeland junior was a lock to place whether throwing the shot or discus. She earned All-State honors in the discus with a seventh-place finish (19-03) at state.

Morgan Bridgewater, Lakeland

The Eagle sophomore qualified for state in the 800 meters after finishing fourth at regionals but finishing fifth at the state.

Elizabeth Roach, Northville

Roach earned All-Regional honors in the 800 meters, the high jump and the 1,600 meter relay. She went to state in the 800 meters with a second-place finish (2:19.1).

Lyndsay Tyler, South Lyon

The junior hurdler and sprinter placed fourth in regionals in the 100 hurdles and won at the Whitmore Lake Invite. She started the 4x200 relay which qualified for state and was also the lead-off leg for the 4x400 relay.

Kristyn Wade, Lakeland

The senior hurdler was a force throughout the season for the Eagles. She placed at regionals and at Oakland County. She was also a strong skier for Lakeland.

Jane Hood, Novi

Hood was yet another top sprinter for Novi, finishing fourth in the 100 dash at regionals in 13.00.

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Labor Day 10K & 30K Festival of Races advertisement for Milford, Michigan, including details on registration and prizes.

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Business supporting art Local artist Peggy Kerwan's latest exhibit, through August, is inspired by her love of ocean and beach.

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