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**NOVI NOW**  
Artists' exhibit

Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services and Novi present seven local artists displaying at the Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. The opening of the show is 6-8 p.m. Friday to kick off this all media exhibition running through Sept. 19. There will be light refreshments; come meet the artists.



'Edge of Wonderland' by Peggy Kerwan.

**Wixom garage sale**

Ridgewood Community Church will hold its first annual garage sale from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20 and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Aug. 21 at Total Sports Executive Building, 31060 Old Wixom Road, Wixom.

Proceeds will benefit Operation Christmas Child; the goal is \$1,000.

**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.

Camp Lakeshore returns this summer under a new name, Lakeshore Park Adventure Camp. The camp offers 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.

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Kathy Crawford, running for an Oakland County Commissioner seat, talks to volunteer Holly Hengstebeck at the Novi Civic Center on primary Tuesday, Aug. 3.

## Crawford upends Capello

**Kowall, Jackson take  
15th Senate primary; 8th  
Commission race still unknown**

BY NATHAN MUELLER AND  
VICTORIA MITCHELL  
STAFF WRITERS

The majority of the Republican members on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners backed Kathy Crawford to be the Republican nomination and serve the 9th district for the next two years.

Voters did the same Tuesday night. Crawford, who currently serves on the Novi City Council, beat incumbent commissioner Kim Capello with 56 percent of the votes to his 23 percent. Jeff Bowdell finished third with 21 percent.

"Of course I'm really happy, it's always great to win," Crawford said. "It's kind of a mixed reaction because I love being on city council and feel like I'm doing a good job there. But this county job is really important too and I still will be representing the people."

Crawford said she is glad to have won the primary election, but understands challenges are still ahead. She will face Karen Zyczynski, the lone Democrat, in the November general election.

The 9th district serves the cities of Novi, Northville and Novi Township, and the term is for two years.

**15TH SENATE**  
Mike Kowall knows the feeling of losing a primary election when he lost the 15th District state Senate Republican nomination to Nancy Cassis eight years ago. Now he knows what it's like to win.

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Crawford



Kowall



Jackson

**2010 RESULTS**  
Novi

How your community voted. The results below only include vote totals for your community. Overall winners are denoted with a ✓.

**GOVERNOR**

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY  
Mike Bouchard ..... 1,181  
Mike Cox ..... 1,199  
Tom George ..... 56  
Pete Hoekstra ..... 1,321  
✓ Nick Snyder ..... 2,548  
DEMOCRAT PRIMARY  
✓ Virg Bernero ..... 1,027  
Audy Dillon ..... 1,049

**11TH U.S. HOUSE**

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY  
✓ Thaddeus McCotter (I) ..... 5,246  
DEMOCRAT PRIMARY  
✓ Natalie Mosher ..... 1,631

**15TH STATE SENATE**

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY  
Kerry Benivolio ..... 793  
Paul Graves ..... 668  
✓ Mike Kowall ..... 2,247  
John Mohy ..... 147  
Alan Stephens ..... 358  
Steven Valentini ..... 382  
DEMOCRAT PRIMARY  
Tom Crawford ..... 402  
✓ Pam Jackson ..... 961  
Christopher Maloney ..... 281

**38TH STATE HOUSE**

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY  
✓ Hugh Crawford (I) ..... 4,878  
DEMOCRAT PRIMARY  
✓ Jeffrey Gedson ..... 1,537

**9TH COUNTY COMMISSION**

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY  
Jeff Bowdell ..... 1,061  
Kim Capello (I) ..... 1,236  
✓ Kathy Crawford ..... 2,991  
DEMOCRAT PRIMARY  
✓ Karen Zyczynski ..... 1,444

**JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT**

J. Martin Brennan ..... 1,094  
Dana Margaret Hathaway ..... 1,068  
Barbara B. Murphy ..... 773  
✓ Nathleen Ryan ..... 1,786  
Janie Marie Verol ..... 744

**OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS**

0.2415-MILL RENEWAL  
✓ Yes ..... 5,776  
No ..... 2,129

**OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

0.8-MILL RENEWAL  
✓ Yes ..... 3,382  
No ..... 2,181

## Sculpture exhibit gets hometown feel

Newest piece created by longtime Novi resident

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

Novi resident David Barr has created hundreds of sculptures in his lifetime that are on display all over the world. But until last week, the place he has called home for 30 years had never showcased his work.

Now "Sonata," a 16-foot sculpture built in 1999, is the first piece people will see when they enter Fuerst Park from the Novi High School parking lot.

Barr loaned the sculpture to the city, but "my hope is it never leaves here," he said.

"It's a wonderful feeling for me and I'm overjoyed to do it," he said. "I'd like to do more and leave some identity here."

Sonata most recently was on display at the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum on the campus of Saginaw Valley State University.

The piece is a musical representation, one of Barr's many passions, and a series of mathematical rhythms. Barr said a lot of his work is based on geometrical designs and mathematics, and with Sonata, he wanted to "make something with a natural grace."

Barr's sculpture is the seventh on display at the Public Sculpture Exhibit at



NATHAN MUELLER

Novi resident David Barr, a world-renowned artist who has created hundreds of sculptures, is lending his 16-foot sculpture titled 'Sonata' to the city of Novi. It is the newest addition to the sculpture exhibit at Fuerst Park.

Fuerst Park and the Novi Civic Center, joining "Large Graceful Dancer," "Blast," "Once Bitten and Twice Shy," "The Lollypop Tree,"

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## President urges residents to run for school board

Budget changes being voted on tonight

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

A choice. That is what Novi Board of Education President Ann Glubzinski hopes voters get when they head to the polls in November to vote for the district's next school board member.

Trustee Katie Raeon's four-year term is expiring this year, and as of Tuesday only one person, Jason Manar, has filed to run for the vacant seat.

The filing deadline for the



Glubzinski

position is at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 10, and candidates must file through Oakland County. They can either submit a

petition containing a minimum of 40 signatures, maximum of 100, or pay a \$100 filing fee.

"I'm kind of surprised there are not many candi-

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Kowall will represent the Republican party at the November general election, going up against Democrat Pam Jackson.

The 15th state Senate District is located in Oakland county and includes the townships of Commerce, Highland, Holly, 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.

8TH OAKLAND COMMISSIONER BOARD FROM PAGE A1

It is a waiting game for candidates looking to fill the late Jeff Potter's county commissioner Republican seat.

As of press time, a representative from the Oakland County Clerk's office said it could take weeks to validate the Aug. 3 write-in primary votes in the 8th District Oakland County Commissioner race.

Review by a board of canvassers was to begin 11 a.m. Wednesday morning. All results will be posted on www.hometownlife.com as they become available.

Those looking for the win are Adam Chalmers, Frank Christopher, Patricia Maida, Joseph Shigley, Jr., Sean Walsh and Philip Weipert. Potter was set to run uncontested for the Republican nomination.

The 8th District includes Lyon Township and the cities of South Lyon, Walled Lake and Wixom, along with a portion of Novi.

BOARD FROM PAGE A1

on my career," she said. Superintendent Pete Dion said Raean was an active board member whose knowledge will be missed.

"She has always been a real big supporter of Novi schools," he said.

Raean said she is hopeful more people will want to get involved, and her advice to them is to "come in with an open mind" and take advantage of the opportunity to learn from experienced board members.

For more information on how to file, visit www.oakgov.com.

BOARD TO VOTE ON CHANGES TO BUDGET

The Novi Board of Education will vote on a list of 12 changes to the 2010-2011 budget at tonight's regular meeting slated to start at 7 p.m.

District officials estimated display until April. "Sonata is a perfect addition to the Novi Parks Sculpture Exhibit," said Lauren Sorrentino, performing arts coordinator for the city of Novi.

SCULPTURE FROM PAGE A1

"Ornithopterus" and "The Surveyor". The sculptures will be on

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in July the district was going to have \$3,426,000 in excess fund equity and felt some previous cuts could be brought back.

Dion initially proposed 11 changes totaling \$1,109,571, leaving the district with \$2.3 million in excess of the 10-percent fund equity required, but another one has been added to the list — replacing two literacy specialists.

Glubzinski said she does not expect board members to suggest other changes, and the 12 items will be voted on individually.

The public is welcome to comment on the list during the public comment portion of the meeting, which usually takes place at the beginning.

Also on the agenda is a recommendation to hire Charles LaClear as an assistant principal at Novi High School.

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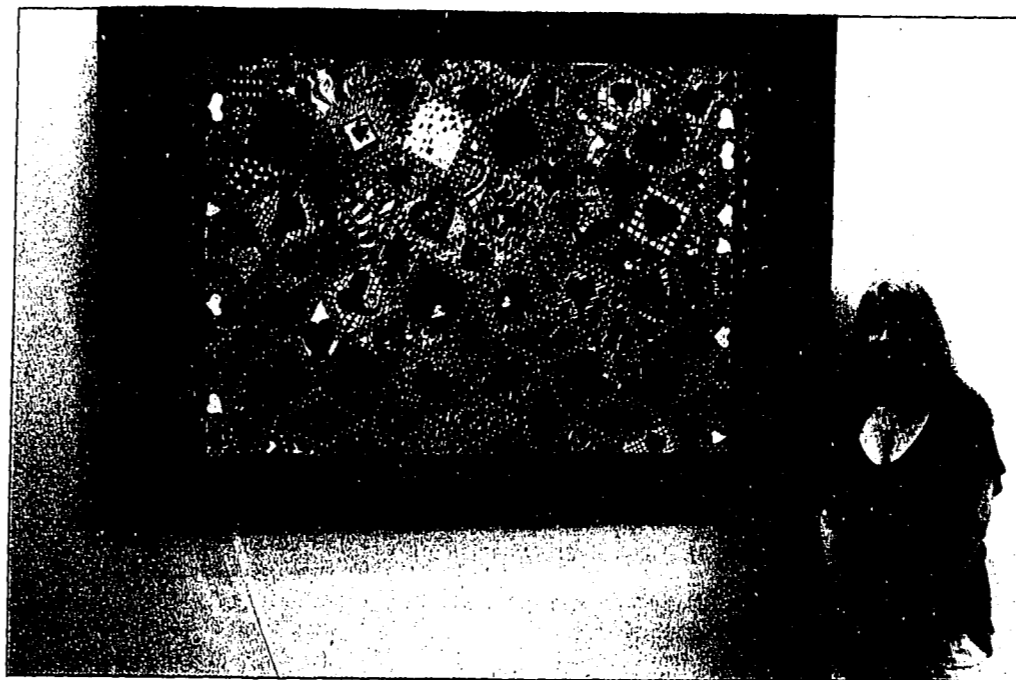
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Novi resident and artist Lin Schorr stands next to one of her murals titled 'Hearstity'. Schorr, with the help of artists from all over the world, created four murals that are on display at St. John Providence Park Hospital.

Mosaic project benefits Providence

Novi woman creates murals after collecting pieces from 86 artists

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

The white walls at St. John Providence Park Hospital are a little brighter now thanks to the help of local artist Lin Schorr.

Schorr, who has a background in various forms of art, donated four mosaic murals to the hospital after organizing the project with artists from all over the world.

The project started as a challenge to artists on the photo-sharing website Flickr, and transformed into something bigger than imagined. There are 86 artists and eight countries represented on the four murals, all assembled and

mounted by Schorr. Each 6-by-6-inch piece was composed on a mesh background and sent to Schorr to create the 4-by-6-foot murals. She also added her own personal touch to the borders.

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**NOVI ON CAMPUS**

**Ball State University**

Novi's Maren Ritter earned at least a 3.5 grade-point average for 12 or more credits of graded course work during the semester or for 6 or more credits of graded course work during a summer term to make the Dean's List.

**Ithaca College**

Kelly Weickel, of Novi, was named to the Dean's List at the School of Health Sciences and Human Performance for the spring 2010 semester.

**DePaul University**

Novi students Erin Hughes, Mason Cormie and Stephanie DeLacy have been named to the Dean's List for the 2010 spring quarter. To receive Dean's List commendation, full-time students must earn a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or above on a four-point scale.

Novi's Alexandria Pouncy, a management major, was among the 2500 outstanding students that made the spring 2010 Dean's List.

**Western Governors University**

Kevin Broadwater of Novi received his bachelor of science degree.

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**NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS**

**C.A.R.E. now open**

Registration for Novi Community Education's Summer Child C.A.R.E. is now open for all Novi residents ages preschool through eighth grade. The program ends Wednesday, August 25. Hours of operation are 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Students will be placed in age appropriate groups and will participate in crafts, sports, field trips, games and free play. This year's location will be at Village Oaks Elementary School. Registration and weekly session fees are available on the Novi School District Web site at [www.novi.k12.mi.us](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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**Novi juniors continue success on state exam, ACT**

Scores improve in all but one category

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

It was business as usual for juniors at Novi High School as the class continued the district's success on the Michigan Merit Exam and ACT test.

The Michigan Department of Education released the figures recently, and juniors across the state posted the highest scores since the first year the test was given in 2007.

Novi saw increases in scores from last year in all but one area, social studies, as it went

down from 92.5 percent proficient to 89.8.

The scores in math (79.9 percent), reading (83.3 percent), science (78.5 percent) and writing (69 percent) were all up from last year.

The composite ACT score for the high school was 23.1, almost four points higher than the state average of 19.3, and up from last year's score of 22.8.

Superintendent Pete Dion said he is "very pleased" with the scores posted by all the students, not just the high achieving ones.

**MME RESULTS**

Percentage of students who met or exceeded Michigan standards:	2010 - 78.5
<b>Math</b>	2009 - 92.5
2010 - 77.3	2010 - 89.8
2010 - 79.9	<b>Writing</b>
2009 - 67	2010 - 69
2009 - 79.3	2009 - 22.9
2010 - 83.3	<b>Composite ACT Score</b>
2009 - 78	2010 - 23.1

"It's tough, especially when your scores are so high (to start)," he said. "We continue to receive Adequate Yearly Progress status, and when you are at the top and to continue

to push the bar a little higher every year I think it says a lot for our staff, our parents and our kids. "They have a high expectation for education and are

committed to excellence."

This class was the first group to take the MME and ACT after being required by law to complete tougher high school graduation requirements.

Dion said the higher marks are indicative of that work. "If you have higher expectations of kids they are going to rise to the challenge," he said.

Two areas that stood out to Dion were the reading and writing scores. The district put extra emphasis on writing four years ago, and the scores have been increasing ever since. He said the old adage that better writers become better

readers is true because Novi has seen the change.

The percentage of Michigan students scoring as proficient or advanced was the highest level ever in four subject areas — math, science, reading and writing.

"We must have a well-educated workforce if Michigan is to compete globally and attract jobs and investment here," said Gov. Jennifer Granholm in a statement.

"These test scores show student performance is improving which is the best proof that the more rigorous curriculum is working."

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**Workshops offer tips on paying for college**

BY AILEEN WINGBLAD  
STAFF WRITER

Paying for college can seriously strain a budget — for years.

In fact, bills for tuition and books, room and board, and other expenses associated with higher education can be frighteningly steep, leaving plenty of people scratching their heads over how to manage it. Some decide it's simply out of their reach.

Yet you don't have to go broke sending your kids to the school of their dreams. According to Bob Hoger, certified college planning specialist with Michigan College Funding LLC,

help to pay those bills is available for all income levels. You just have to know how to find it.

Learn all about it from Hoger, who is offering free workshops at the Milford Public Library Aug. 11 and Lakeland High School on Aug. 12, both from 7-8:30 p.m.

Hoger and his business partner, Rick Leidal, whose business is based in Novi, have been putting on these workshops in the Huron Valley and surrounding communities for the past several years. The program has steadily evolved to provide as much up-to-date facts as possible, he said.

"We've found so many families just aren't getting the information they need. They want help," Hoger said. "We've had hundreds of families — and lots of success."

Topics discussed at the workshops will include increasing eligibility for aid, funding scholarships and grants, helping a student decide on a college, the price of procrastination and more.

Hoger said regardless of one's income, "anyone can benefit" from attending the workshop.

"What it comes down to is do you want to pay wholesale, retail or sticker price?" he said.

People who are already resigned to the thought that they can't pay for college and their child has to take another route after high school should think again, Hoger said. "What that means is they just aren't informed. They need to be made aware of what's out there and how to get it. They need to understand the entire process," he said.

The workshop is geared to parents of high-schoolers, but anyone is welcome. Parents are encouraged to bring their high-schoolers with them.

Besides the workshop, Hoger and Leidal offer additional college planning services for a fee. These

include ACT preparation, how college students can establish and maintain credit, how money works, and "Student Positioning" — to find the optimum school for students who meet certain academic criteria.

Hoger said anyone interested in the free workshop should register in advance since seating is limited. To reserve a seat, call (248) 662-1300.

"There isn't a single family out there that wouldn't benefit from this. If you're not educated about these things, more than likely you are going to pay more money for college."

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### PATRICK K. AUSTIN

Age 67, passed away July 16, 2010. He was born on April 11, 1943 in Detroit, son of the late Lewis and Marion (Simmet) Austin. He is survived by his loving children, Jennifer (Jim) Daniels and Jason Austin. Patrick is also survived by his adoring grandchildren, Alexander, Ryan, Raegan, Ryan and Nicholas and his brothers, Dennis and Michael. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 7th at 11:00 AM at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon, MI 48178. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

### RITA JANE AVOCADI

Age 67, July 30, 2010. Funeral service was August 9 at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Interment Glen Eden Cemetery. Donations to Henry Ford Health System. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

### ROBERT JAMES CUMMINGS, SR.

Born August 9, 1927. Passed away July 27, 2010. Married to Eise (Dolly) for over 57 years until her death on December 29, 2009. Bob worked at several locations while growing up in the Detroit and Northville area. He worked at the Maybury Sanitary Northville Records as a type setter and Printing Press Operator, Hi Speed Gas Station, Daisy 88 Gun Plant in Plymouth, MI and moved with Daisy to Rogers, AR, where he was the Supervisor of the Leather Dept. He moved back to Michigan and worked for Ford Motor Co. as a Foreman in several local plants in the area for 25 years before retiring. He was a WW II, US Marine Corps Veteran who served in the Philippines. He was a member of Northville FFW Post 4012, American Legion Post 147 and a member of the Marine Corps League Northwestern Chapter. He graduated in 1946 from St. Rose Catholic High School in Detroit. He is survived by his children Robert Jr., Scott, Frank (Sue) Rodocker and Marcia (Rodocker) Weaver. Along with six grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and two siblings, Coralie Pasanski and Michael (Joan) Cummings. Funeral services were held August 29, 2010 at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville. Interment was made in Rural Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions to Disabled American Veterans would be appreciated.

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### JOYCE E. MARCINEK

Age 79, of Northville, passed away July 26, 2010. Services were held on Wednesday, August 4th at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. Final interment will be at Oakwood Cemetery in Buoyous, OH.

### MICHAEL MCINTOSH

Age 64, July 27, 2010. Service was July 30 at St. James Church, Novi. Interment Parkview Cemetery, Livonia. Donations to Make-a-Wish Foundation or St. Jude Children's Hospital. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

### AMITA PEARCE

Age 74, of South Lyon, passed July 26, 2010. A funeral service was held on Wednesday, August 4th at Phillips Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon. Contributions appreciated to the Humane Society of North Valley.

### JACK D. PERRY

Age 60, passed away July 31, 2010 at his home in the care of his loving family. Jack was a very generous and loving husband, father and grandfather and always put others before his own. He is survived by his wife of 34 years Carol, his loving children, James and Christine, his beloved grandchildren, Hakim, Tahani and Alex. He is also survived by his mother Helen and his brothers Ron and Tim. He was preceded in death by his father Glenn Perry in 2010 and his mother-in-law Beverly Koster in 1995. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 7, 2010 at 3:00 PM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. The family will receive friends beginning at 2:00 PM. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

### ANN FERES

Age 50, of Charlevoix, was called to Heaven on Wednesday, July 28, 2010. Ann was born February 27, 1960, in Detroit. She grew up in Redford and South Lyon. In 1983, she married her soul mate, Dave Feres, and moved to Charlevoix in 1998. Ann worked as a Registered Nurse for over 23 years. Ann is survived by her husband Dave; parents, Tom and Lois Carano of South Lyon; grandmother, Martha Ruskuletto; brothers, Tom and Mike Carano; sister, Carrie O'Halloran of Chicago; nephews, Garrett and Joe; nieces, Heather, Kinsey, and Alina. Contributions to Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders, info@northernmichigancancercrusaders.com, or Hospices of Northwest Michigan, 220 West Garland, Charlevoix, MI 49720. A funeral mass was held August 2, Winchester Funeral Home is handling arrangements, (231) 547-2681.

### EDWIN EUGENE GILPIN

Passed away on July 29, 2010 at the South Lyon Senior Care & Rehab Center. Father of Marilyn Louise Gilpin and former husband of Alice Beryl. Brother of Donald (June) Gilpin of South Lyon and Joan (Wayne) Stevens of Loveland, OH. Edwin was 88 years old and retired from the Detroit Police Dept. in 1974. He was buried in South Lyon.

### RICHARD ALLEN PIETILA SR.

Passed away July 31, 2010 age 62. Born April 19, 1948 in Detroit, MI. He is survived by: loving wife, Maggie Pietila; children: Richard Jr., Catherine & James (VanVliet), Todd, Andy, Amy & Jon. Rick is also, survived by his adoring grandchildren: Tara, Kara, Taylor, Richie, Shelby, Megan, Madison, James & Harlow. Along with mother Kay & siblings: Shirley, Ellen, Donald, Bob & Jeff. Arrangement made by Borek Jennings Funeral Home.

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### May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends

Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One

### BARBARA J. ROHRAFF

Age 78, lifelong resident of Salem, passed away peacefully on July 30, 2010. She was born on February 25, 1932 to Charles and Marie (Jennings) Raymor. Barbara was a kitchen manager at Salem Elementary School for over 20 years. She was a member of the Red Hat Society, the Western Wayne Conservation Club and the American Legion in White Pine, MI. She was also a member of the Upper Peninsula Club and loved traveling to her property in the UP. She enjoyed gardening, watching birds, and canning fruits and vegetables. She is survived by her beloved husband of 59 years, Fernan Rohraff; her children: F. Edward (Janice) Rohraff, Daniel (Cindy) Rohraff, Cheryl (Bob) Linder, and Jody (Steve) Gargas; her brothers: Charles Raymor, Donald (Christina) Raymor, Gerald (Alice) Raymor, and Eldon (Patricia) Raymor; her grandchildren: Jennifer (Joel) Baker, Lisa (Ben) Reischer, Jason (Lisa) Rohraff, Brent (Gorski), Diane (Trel) Espinoza, Heather Allan, Kari (Carl) Dorr, Evan Gargas, and Monica Gargas; and 7 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her daughter Monica Gorski, her sister Allene Herst, her brother Robert Raymor, and her baby sister Elizabeth Raymor. A funeral service was held Wednesday at Stastirline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon. She was laid to rest at Salem Walker Cemetery. Contributions to Salem Walker Church, c/o lone Nowak, 8550 Diabolo Road, South Lyon, MI 48178.

### MELVIN F. HIPP

Age 90, July 26, 2010, of South Lyon, MI. Recently of Atlanta, GA, and Hendersonville, NC. In addition to his parents, Fred and Teresa (Smith) Hipp, he was preceded by his wife Patricia, daughter Nancy Kay, and four siblings (Rosemarie, Cletus, Lester and Grace). Deceased father of Donald (Alice), Mariana (Gregory), Thomas (Laura), Nancy Kay, Jean and Timothy (Leslie). Patriarch of six children, 13 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Melvin was a World War II veteran and served with the 101st Airborne Division. He was an ideal parent and lived his life with a servant's heart. He was a hero to many. A funeral Mass will be celebrated Saturday, August 7, 2010 at 10:00 AM, St. Alphonsus Church, 1360 Settlement Dr., Norwalk, OH.

### PAUL F. JAHN

Of Milford, Thursday, July 22, 2010. Services will be held privately. Condolences may be left at: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

### MARY MALASKI

Age 85, July 30, 2010. Funeral service was August 2 at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Interment Oakland Hills Cemetery. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

### MICHAEL C. SCHUETT

Age 55, of South Lyon, passed away July 29th, 2010. A memorial service was held Sunday, August 1st, 2010 at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church. Arrangements by Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

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### EDWARD VERBLE

Age 81, passed away July 25, 2010 in Tucson, Arizona. He was born on September 16, 1928 in Argot, Arkansas to the late Thomas and Ella (Brown) Verble. Edward was a proud WWII veteran serving in the U.S. Army. He was an avid golfer and a devoted father and in his spare time enjoyed visiting Flea Markets. He is survived by his loving companion Martha Turner, his beloved son Larry (Laurie) Verble and his beloved granddaughter Bethany. He was preceded in death by his wife Lois in 1997, six brothers and one sister. Visitation was held on Friday, July 30th with funeral services conducted on Saturday, July 31st at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson Foundation. Online Guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com

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Novi Mayor David Landry greets his Westerville, Ohio, counterpart Mayor Kathy Cocuzzi at the Art Institute of Michigan on Monday as Novi hosted Westerville officials and took them to the Institute's culinary school for lunch.

# A worthwhile exchange

## City of Westerville takes look at Novi operations

By NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

Mayors David Landry and Kathy Cocuzzi sat across from each other at lunch Monday talking as if they were old colleagues.

"They laughed, shared stories about their lives and talked about the perks of their respective communities. But oddly enough, that was only the second time Landry and Cocuzzi met. The first came in May when the mayor, Novi City Council members and city staff made the trek to Westerville, Ohio, to visit Cocuzzi and her staff as part of a Mayor's Exchange.

Westerville's return visit to Novi was Monday, and Cocuzzi said their like-minded attitudes about having quality cities made forming a relationship easy.

"We both have wonderful communities and want to make them better," she said. "Both of our communities are made better because of this exchange."

The Mayor's Exchange gives community leaders and staff members the chance to pick the brains of their counterparts from another state. Novi has participated in five of these interactions, while this was the first for Westerville. Cocuzzi said it would often times

caught up looking inward and this forced them to look at how another community does business. One area that stood out to her was the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission that handles Novi television. She said something like that does not exist in central Ohio and she would like to change that.

On the Nov side, City Manager Clay Pearson said every time they participate in an exchange they learn something. He said they took some ideas from Westerville's parks and recreation program and hope to implement them into Fuent Park.

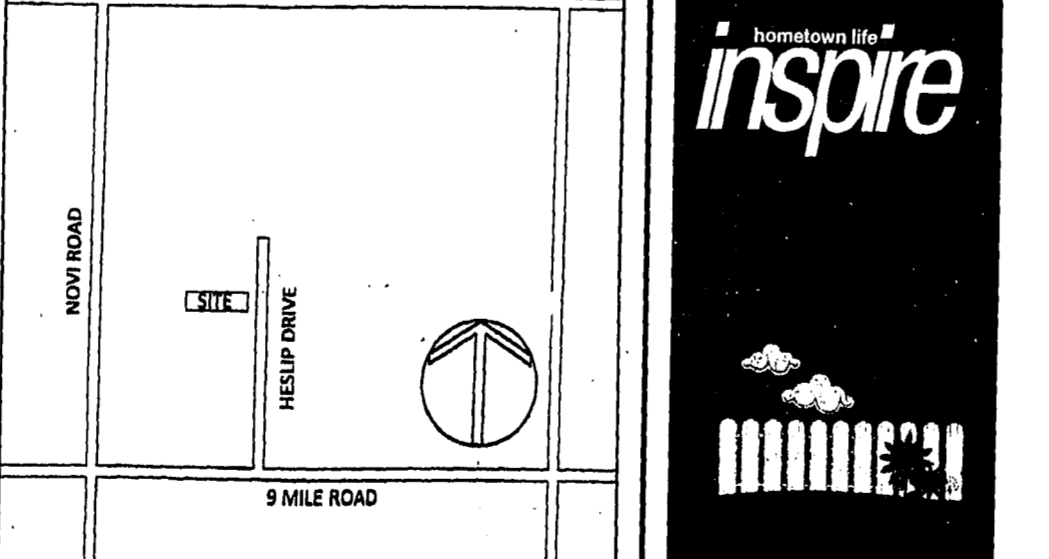
"It's definitely a plus to learn and share what we've done," he said. "And also we are creating new contacts and establishing relationships."

While in Novi, the visitors from Westerville toured the new Novi Public Library, Civic Center and Police Department, and made stops at the Art Institute of Michigan, Walsh College, MSU Tollgate Farm and Lakeshore Park.

Westerville City Manager David Collinsworth said he was impressed with the culture and organization of the staff and the importance placed on learning.

In a time where shared services are of utmost importance, these visits allow for "shared intelligence," he said.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 25, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider the COAT CORPORATION OPERATIONS EXPANSION, SITE PLAN NUMBER 1034 FOR SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT AND PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 9440 HEISLER DRIVE AND 9240 HEISLER DRIVE IN SECTION 28, ON THE WEST SIDE OF HEISLER DRIVE NORTH OF NINE MILE ROAD, IN THE LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT. The applicant is proposing to permanently acquire two concrete areas to manufacture diamond coated surgical instruments, tools, etc.

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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 Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48875 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, August 25, 2010.

Novi Planning Commission  
David Greco, Secretary  
Publish: August 5, 2010  
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### NORTHVILLE / NOVI CHURCH EVENTS

Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@annette.com; by fax to (248) 665-2892; or by mail to Church Events/Northville/Novi, 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 holyfamily-novi.org

**Mass Schedule**  
TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.  
Sunday, 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 7 p.m. Friday, 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

**Crosspointe Meadows Church**  
Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road  
Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointe-meadows.org

**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**  
Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road  
Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit d1cnazarene.org  
Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday

School and Adult Bible Fellowship: 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 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 childcare 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, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast

**Thursday Schedule:** 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do

**Women of the Word**  
Tuesday Schedule: 9:25-11:15 a.m.  
**Details:** The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Book of Exodus. There is a \$15 registration fee, which

includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5.

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**  
Location: 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia  
Contact: (248) 442-8822 or www.nwhepo-center.com

**Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross**  
Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road  
Contact: (248) 422-1175 or church@theholycross.com

**Sunday School:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Ladies Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m. and 5:45 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. 10 Mile Road  
Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptist-church@novi.org

**Family Hour:** 9:45 a.m.  
**Family Worship:** 11 a.m.  
Please see CHURCH, A10

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Young Adults & Small Groups: Tuesday 7:00 a.m.  
Fr. Timothy Hogan, Pastor  
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11168 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48360  
248-687-1218  
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Bible Ministries 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday All Ages: 7:00 p.m.
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Pastor: Dan Butler
- NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
120 Bishop St., Highland  
off Milford Rd., 2-78 miles W of M-69  
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• Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.  
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Mass Schedule: Saturday 9 a.m.  
Sunday 8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
Holy Days 8 a.m., 7 a.m., 11 a.m. First Saturday 8 a.m.  
Confession - 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. by appointment
- FELLOWSHIP EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.  
Retreat Wednesday 6:00 a.m.  
Youth at 8:30 a.m.  
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10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship  
Wednesday Midweek Ministries 7 p.m.  
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5705 South Lyon Road, New Hudson, MI 48161  
41555 Six Mile Road  
248-349-9030
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777 West Hill Street, Northville  
248-348-1144  
Worship Times: Regular - 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.  
Morning Dev. - 9:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Rev. Dr. Grant A. Beck, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Jonathan A. Beck, Pastor
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4000 Six Mile Rd., Northville  
248-347-1400  
Sunday Worship:  
Traditional: 8:00 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
Contemporary: 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
Worship & Church School: 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
Rev. Dr. Grant A. Beck, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Jonathan A. Beck, Pastor
- OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
133 Orchard Dr., Northville  
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Sunday 7:30, 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.  
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11:30 AM - Ecumenical with Traditional Music
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28930 Wixom Rd.  
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Sunday School 10:30 a.m. - Morning Worship  
Rev. Kenneth Warren - 626-2001  
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nelson & Taepke

Art and Marianne Nelson of Novi announce the wedding of their daughter, Ann Marie Nelson, to Steven Douglas Taepke, son of Doug and Lori Taepke of Northville.

The bride graduated from Ladywood High School and Northwood University. She is an account manager for Ignite Social Media.

Wells & DuRusell

Novi's Paul and Donna Wells announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsay Wells, to John DuRusell, son of Joe and Ann DuRusell of Reese, Mich.

The groom-elect graduated from Michigan State University in 2004 and Wayne State University in 2006. He is attending dental school at the University of Michigan.

NOVI NEWSMAKERS

Toastmaster officers

Farmington Hills resident Paul Spica is the new president of the Novi Toastmasters Club and immediate past president Amy Abboud is appointed area governor. New officers were installed at the club meeting held July 20.

Novi's Tim Fronimus, vice president education; Donna Banks-Hogden, vice president membership; Linda Kreuter, vice president public relations; Jules Rappaport, treasurer; Lisa Small, secretary; Mike Zachos, sergeant at arms. The club meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 7-9 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

WE WANT YOUR HELP

Your Board of Road Commissioners for Oakland County wants you to help decide on the

2010-2011 BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

AND

2010-2011 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Board of Road Commissioners for Oakland County invites all interested citizens to present comments prior to adoption of the 2010-2011 Budget and Road Improvement Program. For this purpose, we have scheduled a Public Hearing.

Date: Thursday, August 26, 2010

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Oakland County Commissioners Auditorium, Oakland County Service Center, 1200 North Telegraph, Pontiac, Michigan 48341

WHAT THE BUDGET IS

The proposed Budget sets forth the revenue anticipated to be available to the Road Commission and the sources of the revenue. The Budget also designates the proposed use of these funds, including the Operating Expenditures of the Road Commission and the proposed Road Improvement Program.

ADVANCE COPIES ARE AVAILABLE

Copies of the proposed 2010-2011 Budget and related information will be available one (1) week prior to the Public Hearing. They may be obtained by contacting the Finance Department of the Road Commission for Oakland County, 31001 Lahser Road, Beverly Hills, Michigan 48025 (Telephone (248) 645-2000, ext. 2237 or TDD (248) 645-9923).

Copies of the proposed 2010-2011 Road Improvement Program will be available one (1) week prior to the Public Hearing. They may be obtained by contacting the Engineering Department of the Road Commission for Oakland County, 31001 Lahser Road, Beverly Hills, Michigan 48025 (Telephone (248) 645-2000, ext. 2245 or TDD (248) 645-9923).

WE HOPE YOU WILL PRESENT COMMENTS

The Board Meeting and Public Hearing are held in accordance with the provisions of Act 2, P.A. 1968, as amended by Act 621, P.A. 1978, Act 43, P.A. 1983 (2nd executive session), and Act 267, P.A. 1976, as amended.

If you require accommodation in accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, please provide the Finance Department with five days advance notice.

BOARD OF OAKLAND COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS  
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
Brent O. Bati, Managing Director

Published: August 1 and 5, 2010



Drunk arrested outside of store

A 52-year-old homeless man was arrested at 11:40 a.m. on July 27 outside of the Busch Market Plaza on Ten Mile Road after he was found drinking alcohol and sitting in front of one of the businesses.

When police arrived, he smelled strongly of intoxicants and admitted to drinking and having an open bottle of vodka in his pants pocket.

He was arrested for possession of open intoxicants and voluntarily submitted to a preliminary breath test which registered a blood alcohol content of .26 percent.

The man was taken to the Novi Police Department where he was released when sober and issued a court date.

Police catch drunk driver

A 23-year-old man was arrested by Novi police at 3:50 a.m. on July 31 for drunk driving after he was observed by the officer swerving in his lane and striking the curb several times.

According to the report, the driver turned right onto Eight Mile Road off Meadowbrook Road and drove up on a grassy hill to complete the turn. As the officer observed him travel further down the road, the vehicle hit the curb at least three times.

He was stopped shortly thereafter and the officer noticed both passenger side tires were flat. The driver also smelled strongly of intoxicants and struggled when asked to get out of the vehicle.

He failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered a BAC of .14 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent.

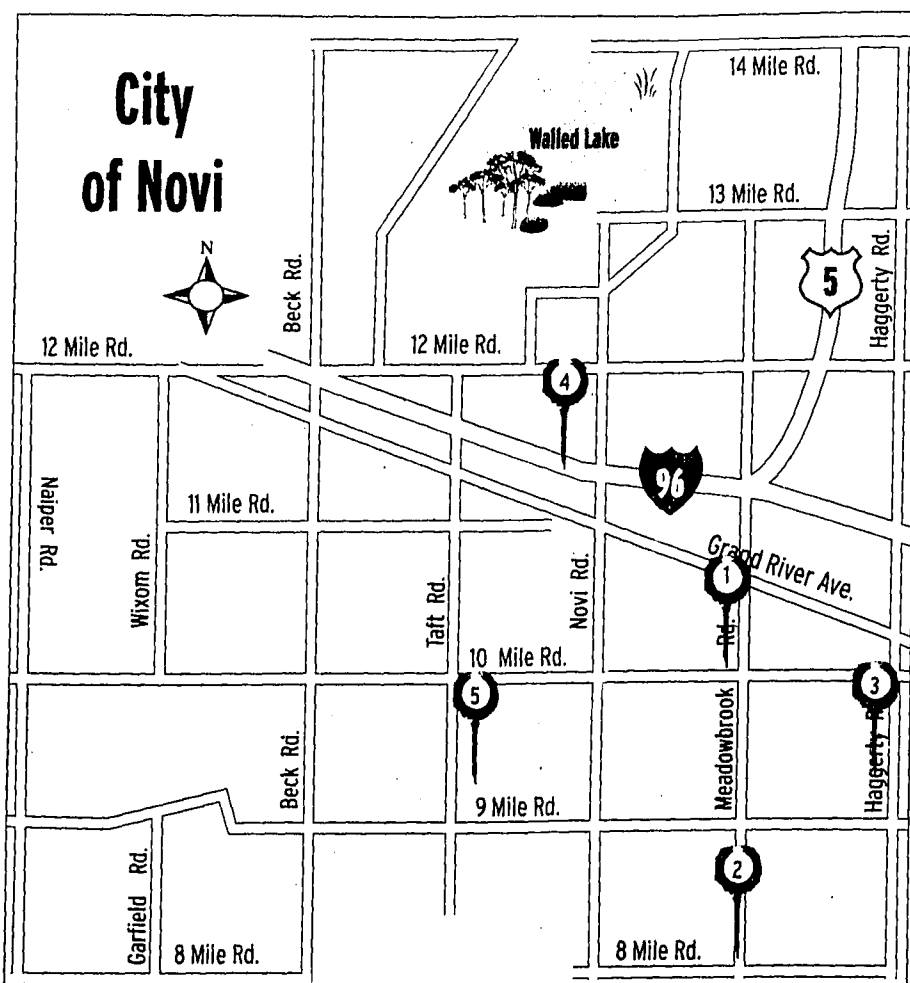
The man was arrested and taken to the Novi Police Department where he was issued a citation for operating while intoxicated and released when sober.

Drunk driver stopped in apartment complex

Novi police arrested a man at 2:50 a.m. on Aug. 1 for drunk driving after an officer observed the car he was driving swerve and travel at half the posted speed limit on Haggerty Road north of Nine Mile Road.

The officer said the driver tapped his

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS



brakes several times despite having a green light, and eventually stopped the car at the Pavilion Court Apartments.

The driver at first said he only had one beer, but after failing field sobriety tests, admitted he had more and should not have been driving.

A preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .21 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent.

The vehicle was turned over to a family in the apartment complex and the driver was taking to the police department where he was issued a citation for operating while intoxicated and held until sober.

Woman caught with joint

A 48-year-old woman, who was stopped for a defective license plate light at 4:33 a.m. on Aug. 2 on west-bound I-96 near Novi Road, was arrested for possession of marijuana after a joint was found in her purse.

The woman also had a suspended license and was arrested on that charge. While searching her purse, the officer found the marijuana joint.

She was issued citations for driving while license suspended and possession of marijuana and given a court date.

Car broken into overnight

A Saturn car was broken into overnight on July 30 while it was parked in the driveway of a residence on Courtview Trail.

According to the report, the owner said he may have left the doors unlocked. Taken from the car were a Magellan GPS and a bottle of Chanel cologne.

Police have no suspects.

Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller.

Student artists set to showcase talent

Art Institute hosting annual free open house

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

It's not often the students at the Art Institute of Michigan get to show off their skills to the public.

But when they do, they are sure to leave people impressed.

For the second consecutive year, the Novi-based college will host its Fire and Ice Open House from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, showing students' work in the culinary arts, fashion marketing and design and media arts.

Turner Berg, director of admissions at the Art Institute of Michigan, called it the college's "flagship" event and an "opportunity for us to showcase what we do."

"It's important for an artist to get feedback; that cannot be stressed enough," he said. "It's a critical component of a well-rounded education."

The free open house kicks off at 10 a.m. with speaker and chef Dave Koshizawa discussing his 18 years in the food service industry, and the competitions begin at 11 a.m. with the Student Chili Cook-off event.

Visitors will judge the best chili and vote for their favorite.

Other events include the Little Black Dress Competition, where fashion design students will present their version of a dress made famous in the 1920s; a T-shirt Design Contest; Sidewalk Chalk Drawing; and Student Graffiti Art.

There also will be hands-on events for the public such as the Collaborative Art Sculpture that intends to bring together campus faculty, staff students and guests, 1,000 Origami Cranes Creation and the Children's



Live music featuring local musician Brandon Calhoun (above) will run from 12:45-1:45 p.m., followed by hip-hop artist Kanser from 2:15-3:15 p.m.

DETAILS  
The college is located at 28125 Cabot Drive, Suite 120. For more information, visit [www.artinstitute.edu/getout](http://www.artinstitute.edu/getout).

Art Activity Room

Students also will be preparing food for visitors throughout the day.

"It's a chance for us to show off a little bit," Berg said. Live music featuring local musician Brandon Calhoun will run from 12:45-1:45 p.m., followed by hip-hop artist Kanser from 2:15-3:15 p.m.

The Art Institute of Michigan currently has an enrollment of more than 700 students and offers bachelor's degrees in numerous programs.

"People will be shocked when they see all this," Berg said.

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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, Wixom, 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 advanced 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.

Summer taxes due

2010 summer property tax bills have been mailed. Taxes are due and payable July 1-Aug. 31 without penalty. Now 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](http://www.cityofnovi.org).

Property taxes/water and sewer payments can also be paid online at [www.cityofnovi.org](http://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)-996-5253 or [asinghi@yahoo.com](mailto:asinghi@yahoo.com)

Farmers market

From 10 a.m.-2 p.m. every Sunday through Oct. 31 on Main Street (east of Novi Road, south of Grand River Avenue), Novi's open-air market will feature more than 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, sand-

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Tennis camper Ethan Stawara, 6, takes aim at a ball during a July 22 session at the Sports Club of Novi. Standing behind him, awaiting their turns are Emily Hathaway, 6, Maria Paparella, 8, and Daiki Kayama, 8.

Nice and easy

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**CHURCH**  
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**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 firstpresville.org

**Sunday Worship**  
Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.

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

**Details:** Group meet for lunch afterwards.  
Contact: Sue (734) 459-0016

**Single Place Ministries**  
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday.

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

**18th Annual Sharing the Gift Fine Art Show**  
Oct. 1-8

**Details:** The juror will be MaryAnn Wilkinson, a scholar and curator and a Northville resident. Entry forms are available at the church at 200 E. Main St., Northville or by calling the church. Deadline for entry is Sept. 17.

**First United Methodist Church of Northville**

**A Stephen Ministry Church**  
Location: 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Taft Rd.  
Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www.funorthville.org

**Sunday worship:**  
Times: 8:30 and 10 a.m. (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend); 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. (Sept.-May)

**Pastors:** Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, senior pastor and Rev. Jeff 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

**Logo Youth Club:** 5 p.m. Wednesdays for fourth-12th graders (Sept.-April)

**Men's Club:** 8 a.m. second Saturdays  
Contact: Heather J. Wallas, communications director, (248) 349-1144, Ext. 26, or email hwallas@funorthville.org

**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  
Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livonia-church.net

**Sunday Worship:** 11 a.m.  
**Bible School:** Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

**Meadowbrook Congregational**  
Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads

**Contact:** Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org.

**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.  
**Sermon:** Having a Plan

**Church School:** 10-11 a.m.  
**Fellowship Hour:** 11 a.m.

**Merry Widows Luncheon**  
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month

**Pilgrim Fellowship**  
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays

**Asking Questions adult education class**  
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays

**Vespers**  
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m.

**Details:** This traditional-contemporary service is led by Reverend Ritter with musical accompaniment of guitar and piano.

**Rally Sunday and Chicken Fest**  
Date: Sunday, Sept. 12

**Details:** Worship at 10 a.m.; Chicken Fest and Christian Education Rodeo at 11 a.m. Chicken dinners available for take-out Games and festivities for everyone.

**Northville Christian Assembly**  
Location: 41355 Six Mile Road  
Contact: (248) 348-9030

**Sundays**  
9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children

9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium

10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)

**Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study**  
8:45-10:30 a.m. (café)

**Wednesday Family Night**  
7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; jr. and sr. high student ministries; children's programs (M-

Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031

**Summer Vespers**  
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Aug. 22

**Novi - Northville Center for Jewish Life**

**Details:** A Jewish center with events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events.

**Contact:** Rabbi Avrohom S. Leah Suskind at (248) 790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com

**Novi United Methodist**  
Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road  
Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com

**Sunday Worship**  
Time: 9:45 a.m.

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

**Peace Vigil**  
Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month

**Location:** In front of the church

**Details:** Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

**Advent Service**  
Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday

**Oak Pointe Church**  
Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi  
Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org

**Worship Services:** 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday

**ReNew Life Group Ministries**  
Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday

**Details:** Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning, change from a Christian perspective.

**Women's Life Groups Ministries**  
Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday

**Men's Life Groups Ministries**  
Time/Date: 6 a.m. every Friday morning at various locations for both Women's and Men's Life Groups Ministries, please contact the church office.

**Orchard Hills Baptist Church**  
Location: 23455 Novi Road  
Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665

**Preschool/Kids Choir**  
Time/Date: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday

**Details:** For ages three to six; ongoing event; no need to pre-register; all are welcome.

**Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church**  
Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth  
Contact: (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221

**Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church**  
Location: 770 Thayer, Northville  
Contact: (248) 349-2621 or olvnorthville.org

**Saturday Worship**  
Time: 5 p.m.

**Sunday Worship**  
Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

**Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church**  
Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth  
Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891

**Wednesday Bible Study:** 7 p.m.  
**Sunday Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m.

**Sunday Worship:** 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service

**St. James Catholic**  
Location: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi  
Contact: (248) 474-7778

**Mass Schedule**  
TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

**St. John Lutheran**  
Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills  
Contact: (248) 474-0584 or visit stjohnlutheran.com

**Saturday Worship**  
Time: 5:30 p.m.

**Sunday Worship**  
Time: 9, 11:15 a.m.

**Sunday School**  
Time: 10:15 a.m.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
Location: 201 Elm St., Northville  
Contact: (248) 349-3140

**Sunday Worship:** 8:30 a.m. Blended; 11 a.m. Contemporary

**Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington Hills**  
Location: 25301 Halstead Road, Farmington Hills  
Contact: www.uufarmington.org

**Youth Interfaith Journey**  
Time/Date: 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays

**Details:** This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. The UUUC Interfaith Journey curriculum encompasses the Unitarian

Universalism philosophy of individual worth and the power of community with a study of the World Religions that are practiced around the globe. This program compliments the mission of UUUC Religious Education of teaching youth inclusion, compassion and peace and provides the environment to live and learn in a culturally diverse community. Classes are grouped into grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 with age specific education materials for all.

**Contact:** Jennifer Teed at 248/478-7272 or dre@uufarmington.org

**LifeLong Learning Forum**  
Time/Date: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays

**Details:** Six weeks exploring different topics like religion, philosophy, science, health, social and political issues. No advance registration necessary; a \$5 donation suggested. Drop in and pick the class that interests you most.

**Contact:** (248) 478-7272 or uufarmington.org/uufre-ilesppan

**Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
Location: 40000 Six Mile Road  
Contact: (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-5978

**Sunday Worship**  
Time: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Traditional; 9:30 and 11 a.m. Contemporary. Nursery and Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.

**Service Broadcast**  
Details: 11 a.m. every Sunday on WRDT-AM 560, The WNUZ Word Station.

**Single Point Ministries (45 and older)**  
Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday for fellowship and Bible study.

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

**Single Purpose Connections (20-30 years old)**  
Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday in the Chapel for singing, Bible study, and fellowship.

**Details:** For single adults. Active ministry offering various Bible study classes, volleyball, bicycling group, tennis group, support groups, support group for widowed over age 50, fellowship, friendships and more. Contact the number below for more information.

**Leader's Bible Study**  
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays Room A101

**Men's Bible Study**  
Time/Date: 6:30 a.m. Wednesday Single Adult Ministries office

**Single's Bible Study**  
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## OUR VIEWS

# Music festivals

## Support events that make summer

Festivals. They're one of the things that make summers in Michigan.  
 For 20 years, Novi was home to the 50's Festival. Organizers worked tirelessly year-round to present a community event that lasted three or four days.  
 But, with sponsorship dollars dwindling, it didn't look like Novi's annual event would happen. Fortunately, Blair Bowman, owner of Rock Financial Showplace, and his staff stepped up and created Novi Palooza, which took place this past Friday-Sunday.  
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Our neighbors to the southeast also present a yearly music event that attracts more attendees yearly. The rain held off July 18, and the Michigan Jazz Festival was a sight — and sound — to behold.  
 The 16th annual event filled up the stages at Schoolcraft College in Livonia and offered music from noon to 9 p.m. Student musicians from Eastern Michigan University, Schoolcraft and Wayne State were featured on the stage.  
 The event at Schoolcraft offers listeners a free day of great music of many jazz varieties. Special thanks go to the 2010 sponsors, the U.S. Recording Companies (furnishing funds in part for instrumental music through the Music Performance Funds, as arranged by Local No. 5, American Federation of Musicians), the family of Morry Cohen, Myron P. Leven Foundation, Friends of Michigan Jazz Festival, InmartGroup Limited and The Steinway Piano Gallery.  
 Linda Yohn, program director for radio station WEMU, told the outdoor tent audience that next year's event depends on donations from appreciative audience members, a theme repeated throughout the day.  
 Yohn noted that a \$25 check from each person present will go a long way. She acknowledged times are tough in metro Detroit, but also reminded listeners of the importance of live music presented in such a great venue and of music education.  
 If you can spare it, why not make a donation and plan to attend next summer's jazz festival?

## 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.

**The 2010 primary election ballot**  
 Oakland Sheriff met has lots to say about why Bouchard is a lousy choice for Governor. Too bad Terri Lynn Land decided to be his Lt. Gov candidate instead of her being the only Republican woman to run as governor and then finding a decent person to run as her Lt. Governor.  
 Pac-A-Derm

## COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you think that this summer's hotter than most?



**"I think it is. Rainier, too."**  
 James "Mack" McDonald, Northville

**"No, I don't believe in global warming. It's cyclical."**  
 Tom Taylor, Novi

**"Yes, I think so - much hotter than ever."**  
 Dennis Shen, Novi

**"Yes, it's hotter than usual, I suppose. But it's better than being cold."**  
 Shirley Tong, Novi

## LETTERS

### Lloyd Carr: One of the best

Well, it is official. Lloyd Carr is retiring from coaching football after 30 years with the University of Michigan, and not to mention the OTHER years of football. He has been a part of football in this area forever, and I am honored to say that I was fortunate to have played football for coach Carr while he was at John Glenn. Sept. 1st is going to be a VERY sad day for many people.

I have known Lloyd for almost 40 years, and it has been a pleasure. I want to tell you about coach Carr. He never forgets his former players whether it was high school, college... no matter. He has helped me out so many times, I will never forget him.

I will never forget the look on his face when our team came home after a week of football camp in New Era, Mich. When we arrived, his former wife was there and told him that two of our coaches were involved in a car accident - Jerry Lutri and Dewey Cole. It was a look of sheer terror. They were bruised and hurt but were alive. Coach Lutri who played for the Dallas Cowboys picked up the car and pulled coach Cole out.

I coached Comet football for 10 years and he used to let us bring our team out to practices. He also let the Rocket teams go out and watch also. What a class act. He is an incredible man and will be truly missed.  
 Some things you don't know about coach - several years ago, I was in critical condition and in ICU. I almost died. Who was there for me? Lloyd Carr. Coach Gordon called him and he was there for me.

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats.

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Woodson, I am probably the only person at that time to hold his Walter Camp award, but I also got to hold his Heisman trophy. It was fantastic.

Coach Carr never forgets. He has been a pleasure knowing him. He so deserves to enjoy his retirement so he and Laurie can be together and do whatever they want. When I think of football, I think of coach Carr. He taught me so much. On Saturdays, we would have a practice in the morning after our Friday game and watch films. He had a nickname for me - I won't say what it was, but I loved it - and he would remind it over and over and over and get everyone going.

I am going to miss him. I have something in the works that will hopefully be happening at a Glenn game and it will be time to honor Lloyd again. He knows football, he has put many of his players into the NFL. He is and always will be a true gentleman. I, for one, will miss him.

Thank you, coach, for everything, for almost 40 years of friendship. I wish I could attend the retirement party, but you never know. I know someone, maybe he can get me in to say goodbye and thank you in person. Enjoy your retirement, you deserve it. And you are always welcome out to Glenn for football anytime. Since I am one of the team photographers, I can promise some great shots.  
 Thanks again. You are a legend and what an honor it was playing for you and most of all being friends. You will always be John Glenn football and Michigan football, you are the best.

Chuck "Bud" Somerville #77  
 Class of 1975  
 Westland

## GUEST COLUMN

### 21st Century: Updating Northville's Victorian Fest

Inspiration can often hit from out of the blue.

Our annual Victorian Festival, held in beautiful downtown Northville, really brings out the best in our quaint town. This year's 20th annual Victorian Festival, held Sept. 17-19, allows us to journey back in time to a simpler era.

Everyone is welcome to experience the art, history and romance of the 1800s amid Northville's historic downtown district and tree-lined streets of Victorian-style homes.

Yet, having attended many of these delightful Chamber of Commerce affairs over the last two decades, I started thinking our old-fashioned Victorian Festival might use just a bit of freshening.

I was struck with this inspiration while at the Dearborn Hyatt Regency hotel recently when the World Steam Punk Expo, a Michigan steam punk convention, was being held there May 28-31.

What is Steam Punk?  
 (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=519ZX101M64) Imagine Steam Punk as a sub-genre of science fiction and speculative fiction, frequently featuring elements of fantasy.

The Victorian period was indeed the beginning of the modern era — a time of tremendous economic and industrial growth as well as an exciting period of political and educational reform, when artistic, social, and religious movements flourished.

The Victorian era was also a time associated with repression and prudish behavior, when people bucked reform and moving forward. Change in any era is difficult.

Yet, Northville and Michigan might certainly benefit from rethinking "what is" and considering new ideas in today's rapidly changing world.

So, I say, Why not Steam Punk meets Northville's Victorian Festival? Loosen up. It could be fun!

But if one thinks about it, the Victorian era was one of exploration, creativity and innovation. A period of progress, scientific thinking and new ideas for a changing world.

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For our traditionalists, imagine taking our quaint Victorian Festival and "updating it" in Steam Punk fashion — would the very idea may get your

Tom Watkins is a business and educational consultant in the U.S. and China. He served the citizens of Michigan as state superintendent of schools, 2001-05. He can be reached at: twatkins@aol.com.

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

## LOCAL EVENTS

**Metropolitan Single Professionals Dance and Mingle**  
**Time/Date:** 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday, Aug. 20

**Location:** Diamond Center at Rock Financial Showplace  
**Details:** Top 40 D.J., 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.mspsc.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. Artists will have 4 artists selling work and doing demonstrations each week. Bring a chair! Aug. 7: Doug Deming & The Jewellones.  
**Contact:** Twelve Mile Crossing (248) 348-8762

**Sunset Jazz @ Fuerst Park**  
**Time/Date:** 7:30-9 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. Sept. 1 - Sheila Landis & Rick Male  
**Contact:** ArtsNovi@yahoo.com or Facebook ArtsNovi

**Health, Beauty & Fitness Expo**  
**Date:** Oct. 16-17



## Palooza

The band Bloomfield entertained Saturday and Sunday at the first-ever Novi Palooza Festival, held on the grounds of Rock Financial Showplace this past Friday-Sunday. In addition to musical acts each day, attendees could check out a wide variety of vendors, food booths, a car show and activities for children.

**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

## 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 effectively. Guests are invited to attend free of charge. Continental breakfast

**MSU Extension**  
**Location:** MSU Extension Tollgate Education Center, 2815 Meadowbrook Rd, Novi

**American Legion Post 19 Monthly Meeting**  
**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. on third Tuesdays

**Location:** Rock Financial Showplace, Grand River Avenue between Taft and Beck roads  
**Details:** Comrades and fellow veterans, please join these monthly meetings; attendance is needed to maintain and grow the Post.  
**Contact:** Commander Dennis Strikulis (248) 378-7841 or dstrikulis@twini.com or Service Officer Paul Erickson (248) 344-7193 or pnerick@aol.com

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**CALENDAR**  
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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  
Aug. 6 - Michael May & The Messarounds  
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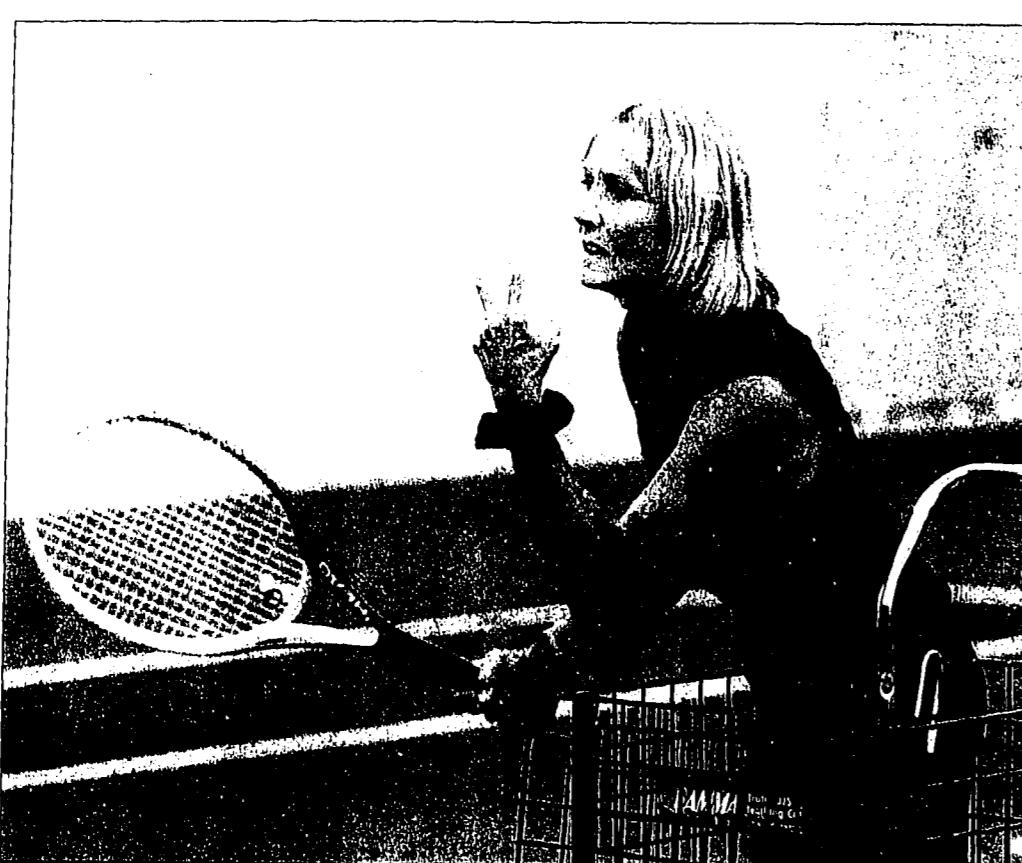
**The Post Bar**  
Location: 42875 Grand River Avenue, Novi  
Contact: (248) 465-9600  
Wednesdays: "WYLD" Wednesday with DJ Joey "A" & mc Jevon Hollywood  
Thursdays: DJ Tommy Holiday  
Fridays: Famous Friday with DJ iMix & mc Jevon Hollywood

**Mixx Lounge**  
Location: 43155 Main Street, Novi  
Contact: (248) 347-6499 or mixx-novi.com

**Thursday-Saturday: DJ**

**LIBRARY LINES**

**Novi Public Library**  
Location: 45255 W. Ten Mile Road  
Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Sundays (through Labor Day)  
Details: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the Library. Contact: (248) 349-0720  
Website: www.novilibrary.org  
Story Times: Please see the Library website or story time brochure for details.  
Tech Time  
Time/Date: 11-11:15 a.m. Thursdays, August 5; 7-7:15 p.m. Tuesday, August 10  
Details: One-on-one tutoring with either a librarian or computer tech on a topic of your choice. Investigating your family tree? Microsoft Word have you stumped? We have the tools to help.  
Time/Date: 12-12 p.m. Wednesday, August 11  
Parent-Child Book Discussion



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**Keep your eye on the ball**

Sports Club of Novi tennis instructor Mikee Knoll urges her tennis camp members to focus on where they're swinging during a Thursday morning lesson on July 22.

**August 11**  
Details: Join your neighbors in a lively book discussion during your lunch hour. Bring your lunch and the library will provide a beverage. Today we will be discussing in a Sunburned Country by Bill Bryson. No registration required.  
**Friends' Monthly Board Meeting**  
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, August 11  
Details: Board meetings are typically held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Library. Everyone is welcome at the meetings and we cordially invite you to attend.  
**Got Glee? Show Your Talent - Dress Rehearsal**  
Time/Date: 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday August 11  
Details: Don't let those glee kids have all the fun! Get your friends together create a music mash-up, dance, or skit to perform for everyone. All acts must register and attend the dress rehearsal date or contact the youth and teen services department for grades 5 through 12.  
**Parent-Child Book Discussion**

**Time/Date: 1-2 p.m. Thursday, August 12**  
Details: Join a group of readers going into 2nd-4th grades and their parents or significant adults to discuss a book you're sure to like. You may read any one of the four books by Judy Blume about the character Fudge. Besides the book discussion there will be a snack and a craft or game. Let us know what other good books you've read over the summer, too. Registration required.  
**Got Glee? Show Your Talent**  
Time/Date: 2-4:30 p.m. Friday, August 13  
Details: Come and enjoy all the talent that Novi teens have to offer. All acts must register and attend the dress rehearsal date or contact the youth and teen services department.  
**HarmonyTown Barbershop Chorus**  
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Monday, August 16  
Details: Enjoy the sounds of summer with lemonade and popcorn on the library's patio. The twenty-member chorus will perform a lively musical program for all ages. In

case of inclement weather, the program will take place in the library's meeting room.  
**Novi Historical Commission Meeting**  
Time/Date: 7-8:45 p.m. Wednesday, August 18  
Details: The public is always welcome! Meetings discuss ongoing and future projects of the Novi Historical Commission.  
**Library Board Meeting**  
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, August 18  
Details: The Library Board meets the third Wednesday at the Novi Civic Center-Council Chambers starting at 7 p.m.  
**Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting**  
Time/Date: 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 18  
Details: Join the TAB as we create and plan programs for teens at the library. Also, provide input on the new teen space in the new library. Meeting attendance will count as volunteer time. We will have pizza available for grades 9-12.

**Neighborhood Library Association presents first Community Read**

The Neighborhood Library Association -- a group of five area libraries in a collaborative partnership -- is proud to present their first annual Community Read for fall 2010. A Community Read brings members of a community together to read and discuss the same book. Lyon Township Public Library, Northville District Library, Novi Public Library, Salem-South Lyon District Library and Wixom Public Library encourage their patrons to also come together for events and presentations related to the book.

The selected book is "Annie's Ghosts: A Journey into a Family Secret" by Steve Luxenberg, award-winning author and associate editor for the Washington Post. "Annie's Ghosts" -- part mystery, part social history, part memoir -- is set primarily in Michigan about a man who discovers he had a disabled aunt hidden away in a state run institution. "Annie's Ghosts" follows the author's remarkable journey to unlock long-held family secrets.

One bestselling author described Annie's Ghosts as "an enlightening if heartbreaking chapter in America's treatment of mental illness." The book was named one of The Washington Post's Best Books of 2009, and the Library of Michigan selected it as a 2010 Michigan Notable Book. Books will be available to check out at all participating

**COMMUNITY READ EVENTS**

"How To Run a Book Club" on Thursday, Sept. 9 at Novi Library  
"The History of Eloise" on Wednesday, Sept. 29 at Northville Community Center  
"Memoir Writing Workshop" on Saturday, Oct. 2 at Wixom Library  
"Genealogy Lock-In" on Friday, Oct. 8 at Lyon Township Library  
"PBS Frontline Film Screenings 'The New Asylums'" on Monday, Oct. 18 and "The Released" on Wednesday, Oct. 20 at Salem-South Lyon District Library  
"Introduction to Genealogy" on Tuesday, Oct. 19 at Lyon Township Library.

Registration may be required at these events. Please contact each library for details. To learn more about the book and for a schedule of Community Read events, dates and times, please visit: www.communityreads.org.

libraries beginning Aug. 16. Steve Luxenberg will be available for a Meet the Author event at Novi Public Library on Thursday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. Please contact the library to register at (248) 349-0720. Registration for this event begins Sept. 21. Book discussions are scheduled at each library in September and October. Check with each library for dates and times of discussions.

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# Complete state government transparency closer to reality

I think we would agree that government functions best and is inspired by public trust when it is open, transparent and accountable. Recently, critical state government transparency legislation took another step toward becoming a reality.

This is great news for both lawmakers and taxpayers, since both initiatives assert the public's right to know how their government is spending their tax dollars and the importance of legislative oversight in fostering good government that is open and accountable.

My legislation to increase transparency and reporting requirements within the state's film credits was recently approved by the House Tax Policy Committee. Senate Bills 796 and 889 open up the film production credit, the film infrastructure credit and the film jobs training tax credit to scrutiny by lawmakers, the media and taxpayers.

Given the amount of taxpayer dollars funding these credits it is imperative that the public have clarity and confidence in how their money is spent. The bills build upon the success of my Michigan Economic



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Growth Authority transparency measures, Public Acts 124-126 of 2009, which were enacted last year.

The latest achievement toward transparency was the recent approval by the Michigan Senate of legislation to drastically increase openness in state government by requiring the state to post spending on a free, searchable website.

Michigan residents are increasingly frustrated about state and federal government spending, and Senate Bill 382 will open the state's checkbook to the public eye. The bill would require the Department of Technology, Management and Budget to develop a website of state contracts with the contract description, contract amount, the funding agency, vendor name and category of goods and services.

U.S. PIRG, the federation of state Public Interest Research Groups,

released a report in April evaluating how each state offers easy online access to government spending data. The report gave Michigan an "F."

It is time for Michigan to join the other 32 states that currently mandate that residents be able to access an easy-to-use, online database of government expenditures with "checkbook-level" detail.

### TEXTING-WHILE-DRIVING BAN NOW IN EFFECT

Michigan recently joined 27 other states in enacting new laws to help keep our roads safe by prohibiting texting-while-driving. The ban, which also establishes penalties for violations took effect July 1.

Car and Driver magazine found that driving while texting is more dangerous than drinking and driving. The National Safety Council estimates at least 28 percent of all traffic crashes - or at least 1.6 million crashes each year - are caused by drivers using cell phones and texting.

The laws make reading, writing, or sending a text message on a hand-held wireless two-way communication

device while operating a motor vehicle a primary offense, which means a driver could be pulled over and ticketed for texting while driving. Violators face a fine of \$100 for a first offense and \$200 for any subsequent offenses.

If you are one of the 82 million people who text regularly, please don't do so behind the wheel.

### SENATE PANEL MOVES BILL TO REGULATE "SYNTHETIC MARIJUANA"

K2, Genie and Spice and other "synthetic marijuana" substances are a dangerous trend facing our communities. While not intended to be consumed, the products can be smoked like marijuana.

Synthetic marijuana products are currently unregulated and sold at stores throughout Michigan. When smoked, K2 gives users a marijuana-like "high," and may also cause them to have hallucinations, high blood pressure and rapid heart rates. Understanding the potential dangers that these substances present to our youth, the Senate Judiciary Committee recently approved Senate Bill 1373 to regulate synthetic can-

nabinoids, like K2, as a Schedule I controlled substance.

These incense contain THC-like compounds that are 100 to 800 times more potent than marijuana. K2 is an herb that is coated with a synthetic chemical - usually JWH-018 - that is undetectable in drug tests. Six states have already banned the chemical, and several others are considering it.

Banning K2, texting-while-driving are about keeping our families safe. Similarly, due to safety concerns the Senate is holding a measure that would allow consumer-grade fireworks to be sold in Michigan. As your state senator, I will continue to balance the safety of the public and the free market.

State Sen. Nancy Cassis, R-Nowi, represents the 15th Senate District, which includes the townships of Commerce, Highland, Holly, Lyon, Milford, Novi, Rose, West Bloomfield and White Lake, as well as the villages of Holly, Milford and Wolverine Lake and the cities of Novi, Northville (the Oakland County portion), Orchard Lake, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Wixom. For information on state issues, visit her website at [www.SenatorNancyCassis.com](http://www.SenatorNancyCassis.com) or contact her toll-free at 1-888-38-NANCY.

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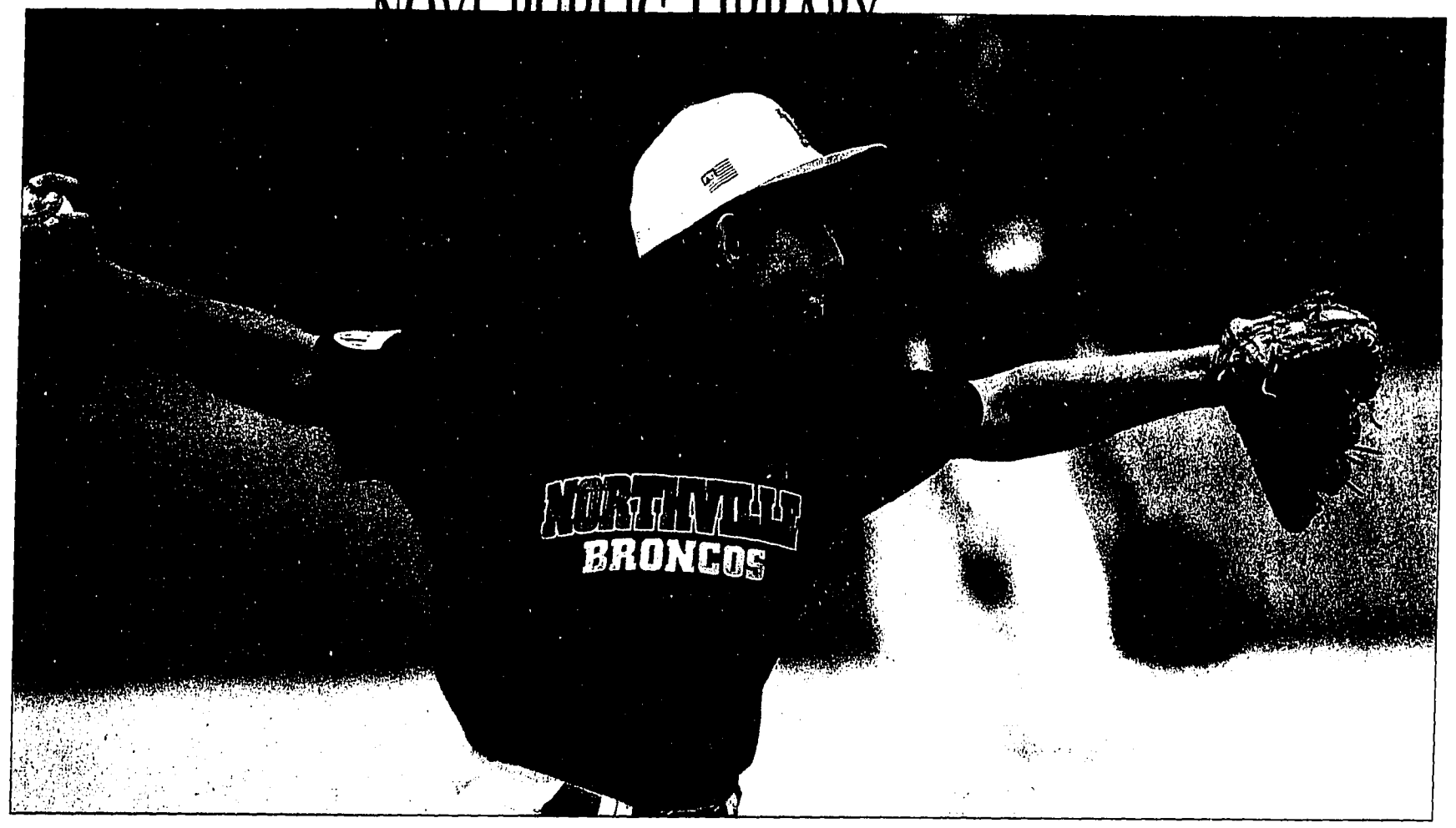
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Bronco Billy Mitchell plays third base.

**Rotterdam Rangers win NABF World Series**

Northville reaches semi-finals, loses to eventual champs

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

It was the type of NABF World Series Northville coaches and players will be talking about for years to come.

The Northville Broncos showed the best teams in the nation that just because you get an automatic bid to the series because your town hosts it doesn't mean you're not there to play. The Broncos pounded out a 3-1 record in pool play and advanced to the semi-finals July 25 where they faced the Rotterdam Rangers of New York.

The game came down to the final inning with the Broncos trailing just 1-0. Unfortunately, Northville tied the game in the top of the seventh but had their bid closed on a last-chance, broken-bat single that scored the winner for the Rangers for a 2-1 final.

Northville earned their way into the semi-finals with a win over the undefeated Rondinelli Tuxedo (Struthers, Ohio) with a 5-0 decision.

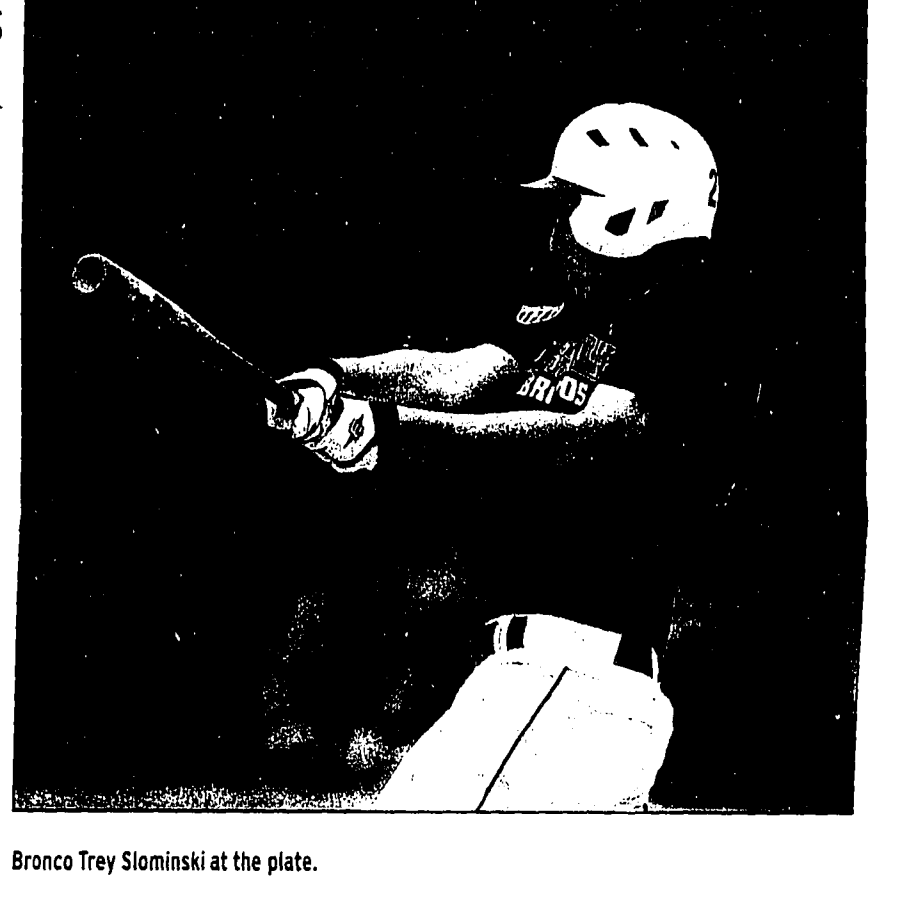
The Rangers met up with the West Islip Lions (New York) in the final and blasted through them, 10-0, to earn the championship. The final was truly decided in the bottom of the first inning with six hits and runs from Rotterdam.

"They just coasted from there," noted Scott Baldwin, the NABF World Series director.

The standouts in the game were Rotterdam's winning pitcher, Mike Garrison, as well as the tournament batting champion Justin Relyea, who went 10-for-20 throughout the weekend for a .500 batting average and six runs and four runs batted in. In addition, closing pitcher Rory Little did well to keep the Lions, who reached the finals with a win over the Astro Falcons (Youngstown, Ohio), 5-4, off balance.

Batting champions were Rotterdam's Relyea and Trey Silver, of the Allen Baseball Club of Houston Texas, who went 6-for-12 for a .500 showing.

The tournament's Most Valuable Player was Rory Little, also of Rotterdam. Little was 3-0 with 17 innings pitched, 12 strikeouts and a 1.15 ERA as well as the honor of closing out



Bronco Trey Slominski at the plate.

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**U9 Motor City Chiefs baseball tryouts**

The Motor City Chiefs Baseball Club will be entering its ninth season in 2011, providing a competitive baseball environment with a priority on individual skill development. The coaching staff is qualified and experienced, having the ability to teach kids the game of baseball while making it fun. Home field is in Plymouth/Canton, but kids from all communities are welcome. If you want this experience for your child please contact (734) 377-3123 or motorcitybaseball@gmail.com.

Tryouts held at UAW Local 735 Field at 49055 Michigan Ave. Canton at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17 and 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21. If unable to attend, an evaluation can happen before Aug. 17.

**Student-athletes get edge at Walnut Creek**

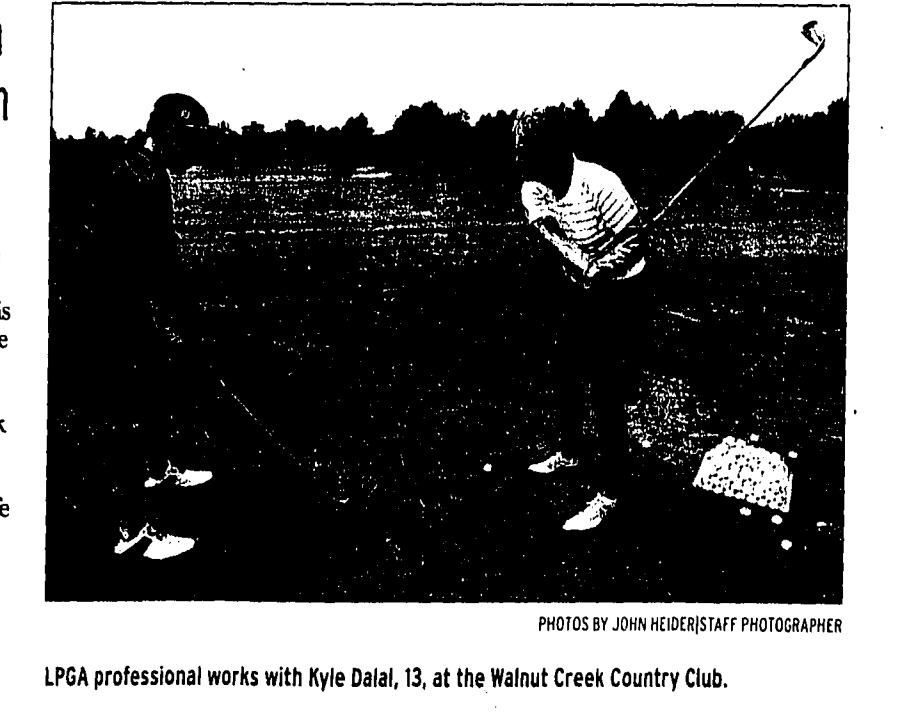
Stars of today and tomorrow train with country club's junior program

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

The Novi High School weight room opened up three weeks ago and tryouts for fall sports take place one week from now, which means the golf course and tennis courts at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon are working overtime as student-athletes prepare for the upcoming season.

The junior golf and tennis programs at Walnut Creek prepare local high school athletes and future area athletes as young as age 4.

"My main objective in golf is it teaches them about life in general. Everything about golf is on their honor and life is like that," said Jeremy Lathwell, Walnut Creek's head golf professional. "As far as our junior program goes, it consists of 200-plus kids and goes from ages 4



LPGA professional works with Kyle Dalal, 13, at the Walnut Creek Country Club.

**Northville Cubs 2011 baseball tryouts**

Building on its successful 2010 season (U-5-7 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.

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The Motor City Madness 10U Blue travel softball team finished their season as league champions.

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...just getting their hands on the club -- to 17, looking to play on college golf teams.

The programs are only offered to club members' families, but, of the 360 families who call themselves members, most have multiple children in local school systems.

"On the golf side, every (membership) we've taken on has two to four kids. It brings the family-ness to the club," Lathwell said.

This fall's local varsity boys tennis and girls golf programs at the high schools will feature several Walnut Creek members.

Under-12 Northville netter Connor Johnston also trains at Walnut Creek and is a bright spot in the Mustangs' future, since head tennis professional Jayson Torres said Johnston can beat most of the current high school players already.

"They just love playing this country club," said Torres, who contracts with Walnut Creek over the summer, but works at the Sports Club of Novi regularly.

"In younger (ages), we take 30 game-based approach to learning. The whole thing we equate is to getting them to want to be out there. As they get older into the game, we focus more on technique."

"All the way from the 8 year olds, we use smaller courts and transition balls that bounce slower. The kids like to run. It's a new thing that started about three years ago in the industry."

The small-sided approach to tennis uses a 60-foot court and the children 5 and under use a 36-foot court. A full-sized court is 78 feet long.

"I feel I can balance kids. We don't have different balls, just different sized courts. It's just creating a length," Lathwell said.

"Twenty-seven holes here allows me to put 160 kids out there. Everything we have here with space adds that I can get 200-plus golfers."

The tennis, golf and club swimming programs for local youth have their different ways of instruction, but tend to turn out some of the area's top high school student-athletes.

"We both have drills we run then through. Everything has many swings. He's doing different shots and we have different shots -- long game, short game and putting," Lathwell said.

The nerves take over at a static position when pulling the trigger and that's what makes golf difficult.

Novi's Tyler Manning (2010) and Northville's Trevor Grigg (2010) -- two of the better golfers in not just the area, but also the state -- trained for their boys golf season in the spring by putting in several hours per week at Walnut Creek.

Novi's Brad Kozinski (2013) and Johnny Walker (2012), Novi's Owen Franks (2012) and Patrick Lather (2012), and Franklin Road Christian's Josh Ward (2012) and Nick Ward (2011) all gear up for golf at Walnut Creek as well.

Northville's Chelsea Johnston (2007), Megan Folland (2010) and Cate Darish (2010), and Novi's Sara Carlson (2010), Jackie Wang (2008) and Abby Wang (2012) all put in their tennis training at the club.

The program has plenty of successful alumni and many student-athletes who may be seen on the courts and greens for several years since Novi High School, Madonna University and Schoolcraft College all use Walnut Creek for both home meets and practices.

"Anyone interested in learning more about becoming a member at Walnut Creek and getting into the junior programs can visit www.walnutcreekcc.net or call (248) 437-7337.



The Broncos' return to their bench after an inning in the field.



Broncos' catcher Michael Schultz.



Northville Bronco fielder Angelo Lanava goes back for a fly ball.

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the championship game.

A tournament record was also set during the four-day event. Northville's Connor Doye set the record with four triples -- all of which came in the same game.

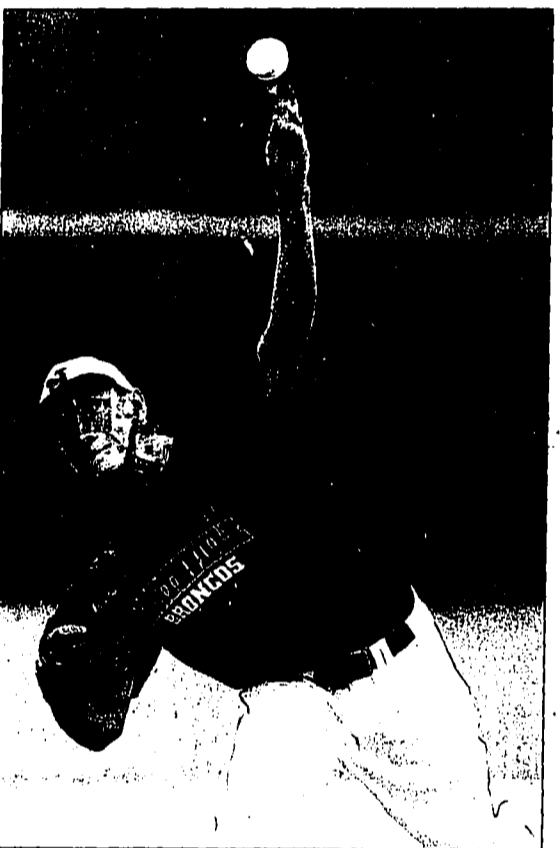
The only hitch in the NABF World Series? The weather, which included high heats and torrential downpours.

"We were thrilled at the overall tournament success despite the challenging conditions," said Baldwin. "All the teams competed well, no one was undefeated, and the pool winners had to fight until the last moment and tie-break results to get to the semi-finals."

Baldwin said the NABF World Series, which has been hosted for 29 years in Northville, would not be possible if it were not for the community involvement.

"This tournament is a genuine community project," he said. "I want to thank and congratulate each and every volunteer on a job well done. Our Broncos are fortunate to participate in the national championship each year because of your willingness to pitch in."

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



Broncos pitcher Jeffrey Gertley in action against West Islip, NY.

STRICTLY BUSINESS

Thursday, August 5, 2010

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Chef Milos Cihelka, of Golden Mushroom fame, celebrated his 80th birthday on July 11 at Steve & Rocky's in Novi. He is pictured above with Bridget Dean.

Happy birthday, Chef Milos!

Steve & Rocky's hosts 80th for legendary owner of the Golden Mushroom

Some of metro Detroit's leading culinary talents gathered at Steve & Rocky's on Grand River in Novi on July 11 to wish Chef Milos Cihelka of Golden Mushroom fame a happy 80th birthday -- and to cook up a feast fit for this legendary restaurateur.

A sell-out crowd of 75 was on hand to enjoy the meal. The chefs donated their time; proceeds from the evening were donated to the Michigan Chefs de Cuisine Organization.

Sharing the duties were a number of Milos' past protégés, Randy Smith (Walnut Creek Country Club), Kevin

Brennan (Detroit Athletic Club) and Kevin Enright (Oakland Community College), prepared the hors d'oeuvres. The soup was concocted by Marty Baltz (Mise En Place, Tampa, Fla.) and the salad by Chris Hessler (Kruse & Muer Corp.).

The fish course was the creation of Brian Foley (Cinco Lagos, Forest Hill), while Eric Schilbe and Jeff Evans from Steve & Rocky's collaborated on the main course.

Topping off the meal was dessert prepared by Joe Decker, master pastry chef from Schoolcraft College. And,

of course, the team had the leadership of co-owners Steve Allen and "Rocky" Rachwitz, who put their inimitable stamp of excellence on the entire meal.

Though cooking space was in short supply, the chefs who participated in the event shared a wonderful camaraderie they won't soon forget.

Most memorable of all was Chef Milos' reaction; he confided to Chef Steve that it couldn't have been a better night. That was great to hear, coming from the best mentor a chef could possibly ask, said Chef Steve.

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.

AUGUST Fundamentals of Starting a Business

This seminar is for anyone thinking about going into business. Participants examine their entrepreneurial skills, learn how to implement their ideas and receive a list of pitfalls to avoid when starting a business.

Thursday, Aug. 12, 6-9 p.m. The fee is \$30. No refunds. Team SBA Financing Roundtable

This session is best suited to those who have good credit, a solid business idea and some money to invest in their business. Before you apply for a business loan, county officials recommend that you first attend a Financing Roundtable. The roundtables are a free loan orientation conducted by a business banker, a business consultant from the SBA's network of Small Business Development Centers and an SBA representative.

During the roundtable, debunk the myths and demystify the process of small business financing. You'll learn how the lending process works and what is expected of you and you'll understand how the SBA can assist with its SBA Guaranteed Loan Program. Because the SBA does not provide loan guarantees to real estate investment firms, including purchasing and rehabbing houses for sale, this type of financing is not discussed at the roundtables.

Wednesday, Aug. 4, 9 a.m.-noon. This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required. Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan

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(AM) Morning Class 9 a.m.-noon/12:30 p.m. (PM) Evening Class 6 p.m.-9/30 p.m. September 7: FastTrac New Venture Fall 2010 (10 weeks) 8: Fiscal Fitness for the Growing Business 9: Pre-Business Research Workshop (AM) 10: FastTrac Growth Venture (Venture Forward) Fall 2010 (10 weeks) 15: Sales I: Effective Networking 16: Fundamentals of Starting a Business (AM) 23: Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan (AM) 30: QuickBooks Essentials Part 1 31: QuickBooks Essentials Part 2

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Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2010, 9 a.m.-noon. The fee is \$20 per person (Please make checks payable to S.C.O.R.E.). Includes: Handouts and SBA Source Book. No refunds. FastTrac Listening to Your Business Workshop

The day-to-day responsibilities of running your own business leave little time to focus on long-time vision, goals and strategies. Find time in your schedule to spend it with Listening to your Business, a half-day workshop from FastTrac. Created for entrepreneurs just like you, Listening to Your Business makes the most of the knowledge you have about your business -- and the limited time you have to make it better.

Friday, Aug. 27, 8 a.m.-noon The fee is \$50. No refunds.

Leading by example means doing the tough jobs together correctly

Leading by example is one of the popular terms used by presidents, premiers, popes and professionals to describe the integration of attitude, philosophy and practice toward a specific goal. The person doing the leading is, by definition, engaged in a pattern of behaviors that embody the symbiotic relationship between the values of the organization and its leaders.



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This unspoken agreement is reinforced by way of the organizational history, the mission statement, the culture and the hundreds of sustainable practices that are a natural part of the organization's existence.

So, whether you are introducing a technological innovation that completely changes how we do business or responding to an environmental disaster that completely changes how we do business, the singular driving force that shapes how decisions are made and implemented are the values that are preached and practiced.

What is observed in the leader are the behaviors that reflect the values and provide the clear example(s) for the team members to emulate.

The effective delivery of this model lies in the inherent belief in the conviction of followers to be led by the example. What follows is the recognition that leaders don't lead forever and many followers are anxious to lead.

The emergence of a follower into the role of organizational leader is a combination of personal characteristics, professional skills, breadth and depth of experiences, timing and politics.

The foundation that supports all of these elements are the personal values of the emergent leader, on display, in series of events that speaks to their ability to comfortably move up into a broader role of responsibility.

While it is rarely admitted publicly, most leaders recognize, and embrace, the idea that their time for leading will end, and part of their legacy is to ensure the smooth transition of leadership responsibilities by bringing up a hand-picked replacement who will continue to advance the organization's interest and sustain the organization's edge.

It is not enough to know that a replacement has to occur, but, more importantly, to have a clear selection plan that affirms your commitment to doing your best, to bring on the best so that the best can be done.

The focused view is on the internal team members because they represent your best work and, through their behavior, symbolize the manner in which you have led. When followers are 'prepared' to lead, it can be seen in their actions as defined by their values.

In this regard, one of the biggest disappointments for a leader seeking to move onto other 'leaderless' activities, is the realization that their team members did not get the values message that comes with leading.

For example, it was rumored that Steve Jobs had technology connoisseur

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he learned that the antenna issue with the iPhone was not a recent development, but had been around for a while. The issue flared in the face of his often quoted statement that, "Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower," such that, from his point of view, team members had forgotten, or ignored, the values message of that quote.

So, as he wrestles with the reality that one day he will no longer be leading Apple, this kind of aberration of his quote begs the question, "Who should?" As Tony Hayward prepared for his uncelebrated Oct. 1 departure as the CEO of BP, the company is left to wonder if the values message of "to carry on its business in an environmentally responsible manner, and develop cleaner energy and renewable energy sources," was lost on him, but will be realized in the behavior and actions of new CEO, Robert Dudley.

Leading by example is not limited to gaining respect of team members by standing shoulder to shoulder and doing the tough jobs together, but making sure that team members understand why it is important to do the tough jobs correctly.

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## Dream, Believe, Achieve

Karen's School of Dance now taking registration for fall programs



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Karen Kern has always been a dancer at heart.

She dedicated her adolescent years to studying dance, graduated from Interlochen Arts Academy and studied at Eastern Michigan University before opening her first dance studio at age 17 in downtown Milford.

Now after 25 years, Karen is owner of Karen's School of Dance in Highland and was honored as "Teacher of the Year" at a recent national dance competition, where 100 of her students participated and took home awards in several categories.

"We were ranked in the Top 10 Federation Dance competition groups for the northeastern area," Karen said. "We were also ranked top secondary studio, and we made the star showcase."

It's no surprise that students that have danced with Karen for years are being awarded academic and athletic scholarships to major schools like

Michigan State University, Western Michigan University and University of Michigan each year. Just this year, one successful dancer earned a full ride combined academic/dance scholarship to Marygrove College. Several of Karen's students that graduated this year are aspiring to open their own dance studios.

"We are preparing our dancers for professional careers," Karen said. "You can get a full ride on a dance scholarship, you can get elected to dance teams, you can perform and go on to professional dance companies at Disney and on cruise lines. Dance is a sport and it's treated as such especially at the college level."

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— Karen Kern, Owner

September marks the start of dance season at Karen's School of Dance, where recreational and competitive dance programs are offered in a family-friendly environment.

The studio has something for every dancer age 2.5 through adult, with Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Pointe, Lyrical, Predance, Pilates, Zumba, Aerobics and Hip Hop offered once a week on different levels. Fall registration is going on now through the end of August.

A large portion of the dancers average ages 10-14, an age when young girls and boys are facing insecurities.

"We give them positive as well as constructive criticism to give them confidence and self esteem," Karen said. "People sometimes forget the importance of positivity. When students are here, it's a safe haven and a positive environment."

Adult classes include ballet, pilates and Zumba, with an aero-

bics instructor that meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

"We try to set the schedule based on what the majority of people want," Karen said. "We've found that has worked tremendously."

### Family- and technique-based

With a focus on family, Karen's School of Dance has closed circuit TVs in every room so parents can watch a session any time on TV or through a viewing window. The four dance rooms are individually air conditioned, and study room is available for dancers with a microwave and refrigerator.

The rooms are creatively decorated and named to match their theme. The "Signature Room" has signatures of high school graduates who've left the studio to move on to higher education, and the "New York Room" features a mural of New York city streetscape. A porch area outside allows parents to wait peacefully and patiently during the spring and summer months.

Karen's School of Dance offers some of the lowest prices in the area, and a 10 percent discount if yearly tuition is paid in full rather than monthly, an equivalent to one month of free dance.

Community businesses and donors have stepped up to offer students scholarships, including Dr. Hersch in Walled Lake, Insight Photography and the Dance'Sations Booster Club. Karen and her husband, Jim, offer a solo scholarship that funds one full class scholarship.

Year after year, the school's dancers are recognized for their outstanding performance and choreography. The studio's dance company, the Dance'Sations, has been awarded National Grand Championships at national competitions two years in a row!

### Group Recreational/Competitive Classes

30 minutes	\$30
45 minutes	\$35
1 hour	\$40
1.5 hours	\$45

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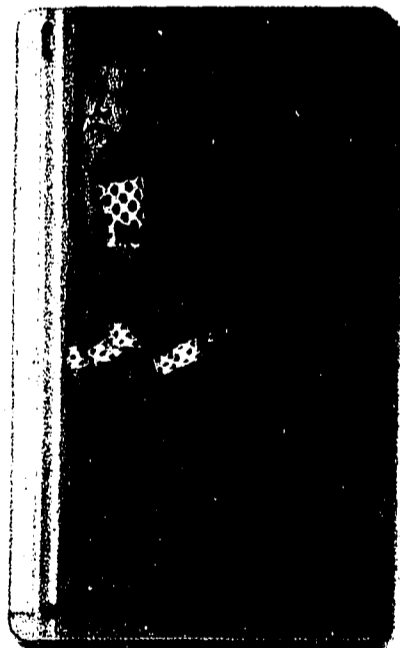
Dancers compete at both the regional and national level and are offered several options at the studio — they can join a competition class that meets once a week, audition to be a part of their Danceline or Precompany groups that meet for three hours on Saturday, or audition for Dance'Sations. All competitive groups have the opportunity to compete four times a year at regional competitions and at a national competition.

Once a year, guest choreographers are brought in to the studio to offer specialized training.

In June, dancers in both the recreational and competitive programs perform in an annual costumed recital at Milford High School.

Visit Karen's Aug. 16-21 for an open house where dancers can try a variety of classes for free.

Karen's School of Dance is located at 1185 S. Milford Road in Highland. Visit [www.danceatkarens.com](http://www.danceatkarens.com) or call 248-887-1807 to register for fall classes.



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