

Weed control starting on Walled Lake

Effectiveness will determine schedule for second batch of treatments

Horthville & Novi Garden Club would like to take a peak. The enoup will be treading down garden paths for the next few weeks in search of gardens that will be featured in the Clubs July

e P 2012 Garden Walk. If you are interested, niease call Audrey Murphy at (248) 349-0376.

vegetables, the Gardeners of

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HOV NOW -Wanted: Gardens for walk Friend, has been blessed with a

> Summer Teen Center Looking for some fun this summer? Students going into sixth-ninth grades can attend the Jeanne Clarke Summer Teen Center June 20-July 28 in the cateteria at Novi High School, Hours are noon-5 Mondays Thursdays. Registration is from 9 a.m. noon Saturday, June 11 at the Novi Civic Center (Ten Mile Road, east of Taft Road).

Phone (248) 347-0410 for cost and more information. 'The Last Five Years'

The Andiamo Novi Theatre brings the 2011 Off-Broadway Series to a close for the season with the hit musical "The Last Five Years" Performances run Wednesdays-Sundays through June 26. Tickets are

now on sale. ... Created by Jason Robert Brown, "The Last Five Years," is an emotionally powerful and intimate musical about two New Yorkers in their 20's who fall in and out of love over the course of five years The show's unconventi structure consists of Cathy, the woman, telling her story backwards while Jamie, the man, tells his story chronologically: the two characters only meet once, at their wedding in the middle of the show. Brown won Drama Desk Awards for the music and the lyrics after the Off Broadway premiere in 2002 starring Norbert Leo Butz and Sherie Rene Scott. The show has since been produced at almost every major regional theater in the US, and has been seen in Korea, Japan, the Philippines, Germany, Italy, Canada, and Spain. Individual fickets may be purchased at the Andiamo Novi Theatre box office, by phone at (248) 34B-4448 (theater box office) or 1-800-745-3000 (Ticketmaster) or on-line at www.ticketmaster com. The Andiamo Novi Theatre is located at 42705 Grand River Avenue, Novi.

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and Walled Lake. The city of Novi also BY NATHAN MUELLER contributed \$30,000 to the project. "The outcome should be a noticeable STAFF WRITER Weed control treatments on Walled Lake were set to begin Wednesday as decline in the amount of weeds in the lake," said Brian Coburn, secretary/

the Walled Lake Improvement Board looks to improve conditions in the lake. The board, which was created in treasurer of the board and city of Novi engineering manager. Cohurn said the board was getting 1 he board, which was created in 2008, approved the \$519,615 project last June. It is being funded by a five-year Special Assessment Roll that includes roughly 1,367 parcels in Novi. complaints from people on the east side of the lake after weeds that were cut by boat propellers were washing up on their beaches.

The decision to move forward with the mechanical harvesting and herbicide treatment came from an engincering study done in November 2009. Herbicide treatments in 30 acres of the lake were expected to take place

two weeks. The mechanical weed harvesting of 120 acres of the lake is scheduled for the week of June 13. A second treatment and weed cut-Vednesday in the northwest area of ting is also expected later this year and will be scheduled after the board the lake along the south central shore. People should stay out of the water reviews the effectiveness of the first

for 24 hours following the treatments treatments. - signs will be posted - and the lake water should not be used for irrigation

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A group of veterans moves along the parade route during Monday's annual Memorial Day Parade down 10 Mile Road. For more photos from the parade, see A8.

Honoring a friend

Tennis teammates hosting charity tourney for Nathan Farooq

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

A pair of former Novi High School tennis teammates are doing their part to ensure the memory of their friend is not

forgotten. Novi graduate Kyle McGuire and high school junior Andrew Cho will be hosting the inaugural Nathan Farooq Memorial Open on June 11-12 to honor their friend who was killed on Jan. 25 when he was struck by a vehicle on Southfield Freeway. Faroog was one of the nis players, amassing a school record 98 wins in his career. He also received all-state honors in 2009 and made the semifinals of the state tournament his last three years. McGuire, who has known Farooq since they were younger and played tennis with him for several years, said his death was "shocking and surprising," and he hopes the tournament helps everyone

nisce." "I thought it would be a good way to honor him as well as bring everyone together and have fun," he said. "It was something we all shared a common bond about and it was something he cared so

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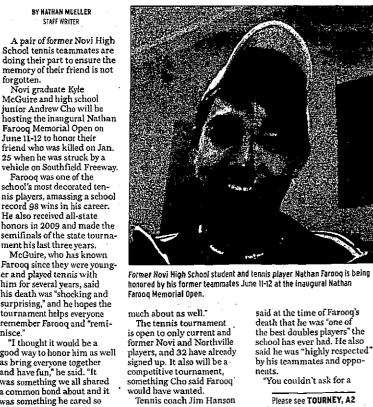
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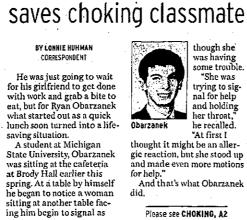
said he was "highly respected" by his teammates and oppo-Please see TOURNEY, A2

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better team player and team mate," he said. "He is one of

the best competitors I have

ever had in my 40 years of

"Nathan will always be part

of our tennis program here at

There will be a moment of

silence for Farooq at the begin

ning of the tournament and

his parents also are expected

to attend. Each player is pay-

ing \$20 to play, with that money being donated to the

Andre Agassi Foundation for

The public also is invited to

Cho said while dealing with Farooq's death has been

hard, he hopes this tourna-

"We just want him to stay

remembered," he said. "He was

he will be remembered in the

a really good person and I hope

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LOCAL NEWS onlin<u>e at hometownlife.com</u> Friends of the Rouge, a local non-profit organization dedi-cated to restoring the Rouge River in southeast Michigan calls for volunteer help to . . . one activity taking place on Saturday, June 11. The Friends groun is celebrating their 25th year of Rouge Rescue and is pleased with the cleanup efforts over the past 24 years but warn the pepsi public should not become com DATE 7/44- 11, 2011 "Volunteers have made great strides in cleaning up the Rouge" said Cyndi Ross, River PAY TO THE FORGOTTEN HARVEST \$ 50,000** Restoration Program manager for the group, "We have seen 6 6 Par Fifty Thousano DOLLARS tremendous improvements, l there is still work to be done." MIND Papsi Refresh Historically, the focus of record in tennis wins with 98 and PepsixBeverages Company Rouge Rescue was trash was ali-state in 2009. He was killed removal from dumpsites along in January after being struck by a the river. In the past decade Fighting hunger This past winter, Pepsi and Kroger teamed up to provide \$50,000 to Forgotten Harvest to help feed the Metro Detroit hungry. The donation was made possible through the purchase of Pepsi products at participating southeast Michigan Kroger stores from Jan. 10-March 27. Partnering with Forgotten Harvest since 2000, 76 Kroger stores in the tri-county area support the organization with food and monetary donations. Kroger delivered an estimated four million pounds of donated food to Forgotten Harvest in 2010. Operating 29 refrigerated vehicles six days per week to cover the 2,000 enting time. square miles metro Detroit area. Forgotten Harvest picks up approximately 75,000 pounds of food per day from 450 food donors. Pictured (from eft) are Joel Phillips, Pepsi account representative for Kroger; Scott Henzi, vice president and general manager, Pepsi Beverages of Michigan; Rick Going, president of The Kroger Co. of Michigan; Russ Russell, chief development officer for Forgotten Harvest; Brandon Barrow, assistant advertising CHOKING before the abdominal thrusts. and tell her. I understood why His training then helped him through the following That did not work, so he did it was very intense. Obarzanek's reaction to the moments as he stood up and the Heimlich. crisis didn't surprise his old scout master, David Rabahy. "This went over to Shanna Savage, It worked as she spit out a a fellow student at Michigar piece of bluish-colored sushi. Back in Northville, he was State, and asked her if she He said she then quickly moved is quite a thing for Ryan, and it says a lot about him," Rab a Boy Scout for Troop 777 and needed help. She did. Past Plan. Interestingly, the Co away breaking down in tears, he became an Eagle Scout while attending Novi Catholic Central High School: As he lessons, which included a walking away. A couple of sweaty minutes for Obarzanek said. "It's a great example of the refresher course at college, let him know these were classic importance of the training that instilled in the scouts." sweaty minutes for Oba he tried to calm down. looks back to that moment in symptoms of choking. The woman soon came back Ryan will be starting the cafeteria, he remember After spinning her around and he performed five back his senior year this fall at o thank him; she was crying. learning to do the Heimlich "She thanked me and was Michigan State University, very emotional," he said. "She slaps to aid in dislodging the naneuver on a "lest dummy majoring in kinesiology as a said she had to call her mother during scout summer camp. truction. This step is used pre-med student. Tein LL PIRATE ADVENTURE Looking for Ford Sales / Parts / THEMED Service / Body Shop? You Are Only 15 Minutes < From Your BEST Deall lew" at YMCA Camp Copned inday, June 5, 2011~1:30 pm-5:00 pm FREE REGISTRATION: Space Is ilmited to the first I CHEDULE OF EVENTS **"HOME OF THE** ace Painting, Refreshments and Meet the Sta 00-3:00 Camp To



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Volunteer help needed to Rescue the Rouge

2011 ROUGE RESCUE SITES Saturday, June 4 NOVI

Time: 9 a.m.-noon rescue the rouge. Thirty worksites are being coordinated Mile Road between Novi and Meadowbrook roads) in nineleen (19) communities Family Friendly: No. across the Rouge River water-shed on Saturday, June 4 and

> NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP Time: 9 a.m.-noon Location: Allen Drive Park (just northwest of Einht Mile and Novi roads. Park along Novi Street and walk back to the river just north of Eight

Volunteer Projects: Clean-up, invasive plant removal/weeding, park maintenance and trash removal Family Friendly: Yes

River What can watershed residents do? Become involved in cleaning and caring for the Rouge River on Saturday, June or so, the focus of the event the public how their everyday has shifted toward restoration activities effect water quality "Wouldn't it be great to be able to jump into a tube and 4 and everyday thereafter. More information, including activities, and volunteers work to stabilize eroding stream banks, plant native vegetation float down the Middle Rouge a list of sites, can be found on from Northville to Dearborn the Friends of the Rouge webto reduce the impact of storm on a hot summer day?" asked site at www.therouge.org or by Ross. "If we all take corrective

water on the river and educational activities to inform

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Parenting time: Are courts biased on gender?

Y WENDY ALTON GUEST COLUMNIST

arenting time is the legal term used in divorce for the specific schedule that each parent has with their \sim children. Two recent studies conducted by Arizona State Legally University raise some ques-Speaking tions about whether or not the family courts are gender-Wendy Alton biased in their awards of par-

rovements, but

I recently wrote an artients. The Co-Parenting Plan cle (May 12 edition of the generally provides the non-Record) about the parenting time schedule that the Wayne County Circuit (Family) Court recently implemented. Effective this year, parents that have a judgment or order that specifies "reasonble parenting time" will be bound by the court's schedule: Wayne County Circuit Court Co-Parenting

custodial parent (usually dad) overnights on an every-other veckend basis, with one overnight each week. However, the studies conlucted by Arizona State University, Studies: Public favors equal custody for children of divorce, reveal that

there is an incredible growing public support for children spending equal time with





NOVI COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Location: Rolary Park, 22220 Roethel Drive, Novi (south side of Nine

Volunteer Projects; River clean up, placing of woodchips, picking up litter, clearing of trails and invasive plant removal/weeding activities

actions to improve the river. that dream may beer reality for our grandchildren and their children. '

The problems facing the Rouge River today are more complicated than removing trash from dumpsites, albeit the need for cleaning up trash remains. The biggest innact to the river is pollutants car ried by storm water and the quantity of rain water that is piped directly to the river to prevent floading on streets and in neighborhoods. There are 1.5 million people living in the Rouge watershed, whos everyday activities impact the

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

4th Annual Happy Feet for Happy Hearts Family Walk Time/Date: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday June 4

Location: Maybury State Park, Eight Mile Road west of Beck Road, Northville

Details: Leah's Happy Hearts is a local charity that raises funds for pediatric brain tumor research and awareness projects. It is named in memory of Leah James of Livonia who lost her battle with a brain tumor at the age of 5. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids with a light lunch, entertainment and many rafiles. Contact: www.leahshappyhearts.

Media Replaced Advertising?

How to Market in the Dynamic World of Social-Commerce Time/Date: 6:15 p.m. Wednesday June 8

Location: DoubleTree Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi Details: Presentation by Kerry Barnett, president of FOURSIGHT Creative Group; 6:15 p.m. networking; 6:45 p.m. dinner meeting; \$16 per person; \$17 online through PayPal at www.abwa-novi.org Contact: (248) 344-8800 Lecture: The State of the

Michigan Economy Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Thursday June 9

Location: South University, 41555 W. Twelve Mile Road, Novi Details: The first lecture in a new series will be given by Dr. Theodore Bolema, an expert on economics

Light refreshments will be served from 6:30 to 7 p.m. followed by the lecture from 7-8 p.m. at The lecture series is free and open to the

Contact: Please RSVP to sunovili brary@southuniversity.edu.or (248) 675·0243.

Evening in the Gardens Creating Backyard Bird Habitats Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 9

Location: MSU Extension Tollgate Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road, Novi Details: Tim Nowicki, naturalist for Dakland County Parks, will lead you through the steps necessary to make your backvard a retreat for resident and migrant birds. You will learn some basic steps to develop ing a backyard habitat that will add new dimensions of color and activity when birds visit. Tim will also offer ideas on bird watching equipment, books and resources. Bring your binoculars and practice watching birds around the farm under Tim's watchful eye. The cost is \$20 per person. Contact: For further details, call 248-858-0887, e-mail smithlin@

oakgov.com or visit www.msue.msu edu/oakland Celebrate Australia Dinner

Time/Date: 3:30-6 p.m. Monday June 13

Location: Grand Court Novi, 45182 West Park Drive, Novi

Details: Allive presentation of Australian music and culture by world renowned musician Peter Harper who will demonstrate the didgeridgo instrument and share photos of his native homeland. Happy hour and Australian-themed dinner, Seating is limited; RSVP by Friday, June 10. Contact: (248) 669-5330 or jzarb@

brookdateliving.com **Diverticulitis Lecture** Time/Date: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, June 14 Location: Providence Park Hospital

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calling (313) 792-9621 both parents. Equal time

with both mom and dad was preferred in these studies even in high-conflict situations. The participants of the study made mock deci sions as a judge in custody disputes and overwhelm ingly granted equal time to mom nd dad. The studies support the general public view that family courts favor mom, and that perhaps the court should instead be giving coual time with the kids to both mom

and dad. The law in Michigan regarding parenting time states that "It is presumed to be in the best interests of a child for the child to have a strong relationship with both of his or her parents ... parenting time shall be granted to a parent in a frequency. duration, and type reason ably calculated to promote a strong relationship." MCL

Many believe that this goes hand-in-hand with giving mom and dad equal time with their children. Many believe that the enforcemen of cookie-cutter parenting time guidelines or even the Wayne County Co-Parenting Plan does not promote a strong relationship between the parents and their chil-

dren. It will be interesting to see how the courts respond to the growing public demand for equal parenting time, espe-cially in light of recent parenting time guidelines that generally favor mom.

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Novi Meadows students fish for a cure

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Emily Kaley was only in preschool when best friend Leah James died from brain cancer

at the age of 5. It was something that was tough for Kaley to grasp at the time, but as she has gotten older, the now-sixth grader at Novi Meadows is doing her part to make sure Leah is nbered and others bat-

tling caucer get help. "She was always smiling and laughing and I thought it was sad she died and I wanted to do something for her," Kaley

snid Kaley and many others have been doing something for Leah the last three years and will do so again on June 4 at the annual Happy Feet for Happy Hearts Walk at Maybury State Park in Northville to benefit the nonprofit Leah's Happy Hearts. The organization rais s money for pediatric brain tumor research and promotes vareness.

"Her parents started this nonprofit as a way to keep her memory alive and be a way to bring smiles to other families and children going through similar situations," said Emily's mother Karen Kaley, who also sits on the board of

directors for the organization.

of keeping Leah's memory

And Emily is doing her part

alive by sharing her story with

her classmates and spearhead-

ng a project dubbed "Guppies

r Cancer" to raise money for

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'The Guppy Girls' at Novi Meadows pose with the certificates given to them after the group raised nearly \$300 to,

donate to the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Cancer Center. Pictured back row from left: Anita Anguelova, Shraddha Jadhav, Danielle Stewart; middle row: Gwen Baker, Rajdeep Kaur, Karen Xu, Kareen Faisal, Nithisha Omkar; front: Emily Kaley.

> Katherine Ellis, a teacher at Novi Meadows, said it all started when she brought three guppies into class for a topic the students would be discussing in the spring. When Kaley saw the guppies, she asked Ellis if they could sell them to students for a dona-

tion and give the money to the cancer center. Joined by eight other girls called "The Guppy Girls" by Ellis - Kaley presented their plan to the principal and leadership group at Meadows before they were able to proceed with the program. After getting their approval, the next task was getting their classmates to buy guppies - a task that turned out to be extreme-



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Novi Meadows sixth-grader Emily Kaley (center) stands with her teacher Katherine Ellis (left) and Medical Director of the Oncology Program at St Joseph Mercy Hospital Dr. Philip Stella after dropping off the money 'The Guppy Girls' raised through their program at the school.

ly successful Shraddha Jadhay, a member of the group, said they were inspired by Leah's story to "We saw a video about Leah

and she was always saying her heart was happy and it was sad to know she died," she said. "By doing this it showed us we could make a differ-

The Guppy Girls spent two eeks selling guppies to students - never having to buy additional guppies because they continued to reproduce raising nearly \$300.
 "We all know people who have cancer so it was very important to us," said Rajdcep

Kaur. "It gives me a good feel ing inside to have do ne this.'

Ellis, who requires her stu dents to complete five hours of community service, said the idea was completely kid riented and she was only a sounding board to support it. "I really am in awe and umbled to be their teacher,"

she said. Several members of The Guppy Girls, which included Kaley, Jadhay, Kaur, Anita Anguelova, Gwen Baker, Kareen Faisal, Nithisha

Omkar, Danielle Stewart and Karen Xu, also plan on walking on June 4 to benefit Leah's Happy Hearts. "It's joyful to be able to help people who are sick," Xu said.

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District taps South Lyon principal to lead Novi Meadows

Brickey replacing Ascher at sixth-grade house

a team concept not only as a teacher but as a principal, and the fact he is a servant leader,

Brickey taught for six years at Millennium Middle School

in South Lyon before taking

Dion said

John Brickey said he was not actively looking for a new job when he came across the open principal position at Novi

BY NATHAN MUELLER

STAFF WRITER

over as principal at Salem. He He had been in South Lyon said his biggest comfort level his entire nine-year career, the last three as principal at Salem is in sixth grade because he understands those students Elementary, and was pleased "emotionally, academically and with the direction the school how they learn. Leaving the district he has called home for nearly a decade will be tough, he said, and his career were going. But the Meadows job was intriguing to him. Working solely with fifth- and sixth but he's looking forward to a

new challenge. "It's something I am at peace grade students is one of his ions, and it was a position with because the friendships I he had to go after. "It was one of those opporhave created here are not going tunities that was too good to anywhere," he said. "It has

pass up," he said. "It was literbeen a wonderful experience ally my dream job. So, I took my shot, and here I am. but it's also exciting when yo think about what lies ahead. "I'm all kinds of fired up Melissa Baker, assistant superintendent for administra about it.

Current Superintendent Pete tive services in South Lyon. Dion said he and his successaid Brickey left his mark on sor. Steve Matthews, agreed many people during his career. "He's been in the district a that Brickey was the best of the more than 50 candidates who long time. He is really loved by applied to lead the sixth-grade the parents and students. He is nouse because of his leaderjust phenomenal, and will be ship skills. "We felt he was strong in his

relationships with staff, built

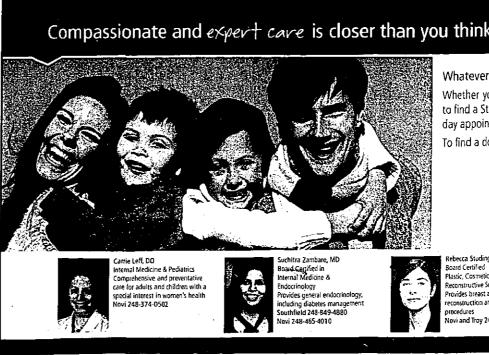
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sed," she said.

John Brickey, pictured here as the principal at Salem Elementary in South

yon, will be taking over the sixth-grade house at Novi Meadows next fall.





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Most improved

The 10 most improved students from Novi High School were recognized and rewarded at the May 19 Novi Rotary club luncheon. The students were selected by counselors and teachers from the high school based on improvement in grades, attendance an attitude. Accompanied by parents, friends teachers and counselors, the students' accomplishments inspired many attendees. Many of the students overcame significant obstacles to turn around their educational careers. A check for \$125 from the Rotary club was also part of the reward for each student. Current Novi School Supt. Peter Dion and his successor, Dr. Steve Matthews, joined fellow Rotarians at the event. The recognized students include Dayna Clayton, Arica Coachman, Joseph Dworetsky, Alissa Layton, Steven Meadows, Kameron Mitchell, Gautum Nithyanand, Justin Price, Mitchcell Smith and Christine Zeitler.

Community Ed preschool

Preschool registration for Novi's 2011-12 school is now open for full-day and half-day rning or afternoon classes.

Class programs focus on social, emotional, physical nd cognitive development. The program follows the State of Michigan Standards and Benchmarks for Preschool along with the Creative Curriculum. The Creative Curriculum ncludes language arts, social studies, science, math, music and novements, Novi Community Education Preschool provides all hildren with experiences and opportunities that allow them to neet the State Early Learning Expectations for 3s, 4s and

Classes are three hours for the half-day and six and a half hours for the all-day program. Children must be 3, 4 5 years old by Dec. 1, 2011. Children also must be completely toilet trained.

All preschool classes follow the Novi Community School District calendar and will begin Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2011. To secure a spot in the fall's 2011-12 sessions, parents nust register their child at the Community Education office in the Community Education/ITC Building, 25345 Taft, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. Child care is also available for tudents attending preschool Space is limited, Call (248) 449-

1206 for rates and availa When registering a child (or children), please bring the fol-

NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS



Music in the Parks

Novi Middle School Band students hold the second place trophy earned at the Music in the Parks festival in Ohio on May 21. The students (from left) are Amanda Liddicoat, Carolyn Watson, Christina Ditri, Emily Richmond and Catherine Boileau. The school's choirs, bands and orchestras enjoyed the afternoon at Cedar Point after competing Novi's scores were: seventh and eighth grade band, second place, excellent; seventh and eighth grade men's choir, first, superior; seventh grade women's choir, second, excellent; eighth grade mixed choir, second, excellent; and seventh and eighth grade orchestra, first, superior and best orchestra of the day. The festival followed a wonderful NMS theatrical performance of the musical 'Mulan' on May 20.

 A completed registra-tion packet, available on the district's website under Community Education

lowing:

Preschool, www.novi.k12.mi.us Child's birth certificate or

 Non-refundable registration fee payment of \$45 C.A.R.E. is available for parents needing child care before or after preschool classes. Registration information and

prices are posted on our website at www.novicommunityed.org. Our C.A.R.E. program is also available at all of our elementay schools for students in grades K-8 students. For more infor mation, call (248) 449-1206.

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A PASSION for HEALING

Summer teen center chock full of activity

Field trips range from Tigers game to overnight lock-in

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Kevin Rhea still has good memorics about the time he spent at the Jeanne Clarke Summer Teen Center over 25

years ago. And now the Novi Police Department sergeant is hoping this year's group will make their own lifelong memories when the center opens on June

The summer teen center is a six-week program open to stu-dents in sixth through ninth grades that features a variety factivities, community service projects, field trips and

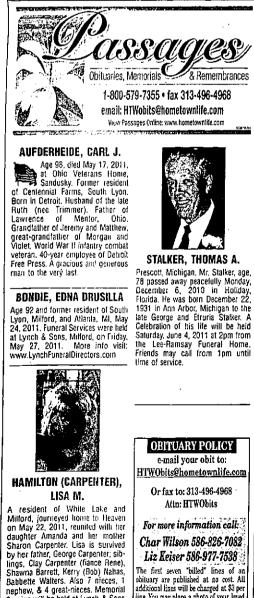
Rhea, who is the chair of the teen center committee, said it also is a good place to cultivate friendships

"I hope everyone who participates in the program realizes they are more alike than different with their peers and they can still hang out togeth-er, have a good time, learn

from each other and create new friendships," he said. The center is open from noon-5:30 p.m. Monday-

Thursday in the cafeteria at Novi High School. The staff i made up of juniors or seniors in college or recent college

Joseph Betro II, a graduate of Novi High School, has accepted membership in the National Society off Collegiate Scholars. He will be honored during an induction convocation this fail on the



Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberly SI., Milford, Friday, June 10 at 6:30PM with gathering beginning at SPM. Memorials to: Joel Jeremy Memorial

Fund, P.O. Box 755 Highland, MI 48357. For further information, call 248.684.6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

graduates. Outside of the regular daily activities including movies, arts and crafts, tutoring, video gaines and more, the students

ilso can attended a variety of field trips. The field trips carry an additional cost, but some of the trips are a Detroit Tigers

game, canoeing, Lucky Strike Bowling, high ropes and Michigan Adventure among others. There also is a community

service portion as the students visit Providence Park Hospital and Whitehali Health Care

"It gives teenagers a safe alternative to hang out and socialize," Rhea said. "It also keeps them occupied during the summer when they may have other influences that could possibly get them in trouble. Cost for the teen center is \$90 per child, or \$160 for two children. Registration takes place from 9 a.m. to noon

on June 11 at the Novi Civic Center. To register after June 11, for more information, call

Novi Youth Assistance at (248) 347-0410.

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mbols etc.) Deadline: Tuesday at 10 am for Thursday

> Obituaries received after these deadling will be placed in the next available issu

Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 685-2892; 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 fhursday's newspaper. Church of the Holy Cross Location: 40700 W 10 Mile Road, Novi Contact: (248) 427-1175 Church of the Holy Family Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit bolyfamilynovi οrg Mass Schedule Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday: 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday Friday: 7 p.m. Tuesday; 4:30 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 be appointment Priests: Father Timothy Hogan, pastor and Father Michael Zueich, associate pastor Church of the Holy Family Crosspointe Meadows Church Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13

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NORTHVILLE/NOVI CHURCH EVENTS

Details: Single Place is a social organiza-

Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org. Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages available. Worship blends traditional and con-

worship experience. **Destiny Worship Center** Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775

Six Mile Road, Northville Contact: DestinyW3C@Gmail.com or visit www. DW3C.org. First Church of the Nazarene Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight

Mile Road Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments: 11 a.m. Traditional worship service. unuelle/@ganneti.com/(248) 437-2011.ext. 255 Children's Church. Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:25-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study 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 Praver Group: 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do Women of the Word Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m. Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study velcomes you to their study of the Ephesians. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes

> 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.newhopecenier. Episcopal Church of the Holv Cross Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road

Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m.

Faith Community Presbyterian Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road Sunday Worship: 10 a.m

First Baptist Church of Northville Location: 217 N. Winn Contact: (248) 348-1020 Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m

every month First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church

Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.

Church of Northville Location: 200 E. Main St pro Sunday Worship Time: 9:30, 11 a.m Single Place Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. every Thursday

Location: First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main, Northville

tion for singles 40 and up hosted by the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, Thursday meelings feature speakers, games, or entertain ment followed with an ice cream social. Contact: For a detailed schedule of all events (diping out, weekend activities, etc.) call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org. Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. June 2 Details: A representative from Botsford Hospital will speak on taking proper care of your back and how to avoid getting those annoying back aches. An ice cream social follows. Time/Date: 7 p.m. June 16 Details: Cards & Games Night - an evening of games, conversation, snacks are provided followed by an ice cream social. Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. June 23 Details: White Elephant Sale Night, Bring your good clean but unwanted treasures to be auctioned; limit of three items per person. Proceeds ap to support of Single Place. Ice cream social will follow. Time/Date: 7 p.m. June 30 Details: fire up the grill on the front porch for a summer picnic inside the church. Musical entertainment is planned. First United Methodist Church of Northville A Stephen Ministry Church Location: 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Talt Ro. Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville 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 e-mail hwallas@fumcnorthville.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 am, 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.livoniachurch.net Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m. Meadowbrook Congregational Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile 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: Betler Than You Church School: 10-11 a.m Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. Merry Widows Luncheon Time/Date: II:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each Pilarim Fellowship Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays Asking Questions adult education class Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays Vespers Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Details: This traditional-contemporary service is led by Reverend Ritter with musical accompaniment of guitar and plano. 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.: Contem ovmnasium 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 Novi - Northville Center for Jewish Life Details: A Jewish center with events, programs

and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events. Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com Novi United Methodist

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com Healing Service and Holy Communion

Sunday Worship

Time: 9:45 a.m.

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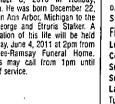
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Multi-Generational Services Time/Date: 6:45 p.m. Fridays Details: Family members of all ages can gather for drumming, chanting, and meditation followed by a brief participatory worship service which could include stories, songs and sharing. A religious

8:30 p.m. Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church Location: 40000 Six Mile Road Contact: (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-5978 Sunday Worship

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Mile Road Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.

> Details: Nursery and older children programs temporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory

interdenominational study materials. Childcare

Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross. Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m.

Worship Service Alzheimer's Support Group Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month

Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit focnorthville

Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of

Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchof

Family Worship: 11 a.m.

Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month First Presbyterian

Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresnville

Oak Pointe Church 11:15 a.m. Sunday **ReNew Life Group Ministries** Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday

> 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 olynorthville.org Saturday Worship Time: 5 p.m.

Sunday Worship Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m Our Shepherd Preshyterian 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

Plymouth-St. John's Episcopal Church Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth Contact: 734-453-0190, ext. 16, or visit www. stjohnsplymouth.org St. James Catholic Location: 4632510 Mile Road, Novi Contact: (248) 347-7778

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

St. John's Episcopal Church Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth Contact: (734) 453-0190, ext. 16, or visit the church website at www.stjohnsplymouth.org St. John Lutheran

Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills Contact: (248) 474-0584 or visit stjohn-lutheran.

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 Street, Northville Contact: (248) 349-3140 Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington Location: 25301 Haislead Road, Farmington Hills Contact: www.uufarminglon.org Youth Interfaith Journe Time/Date: 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays Details: This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. The UUCF Interfaith Journey curriculum encompasses the Unitarian Universalism philosophy of individual worth and the power of community with a study of the World Religions that are practiced around the globe. This program compliments the mission of UUCF Religious Education of teaching youth inclusion, compassion and peace and provides the environment to live and learn in a culturally diverse community. Classes are grouped into grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 with age specific education materials for all. Contact: Jennifer Teed at 248/478-7272 or dre@

uufarmington.org Lifelong Learning Forum Time/Date: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday: 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/ uucf/re-lifespan

Please see EVENTS, A7

Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month

Location: In front of the church Details: Members of the congregation and the community will sland united in prayer for peace. Advent Service Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit pakpointe.org Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and

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

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education activity will follow, such as an art project, music, dance, game or theater. The evening will close with a light snack and a short time to socialize, ending at

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

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

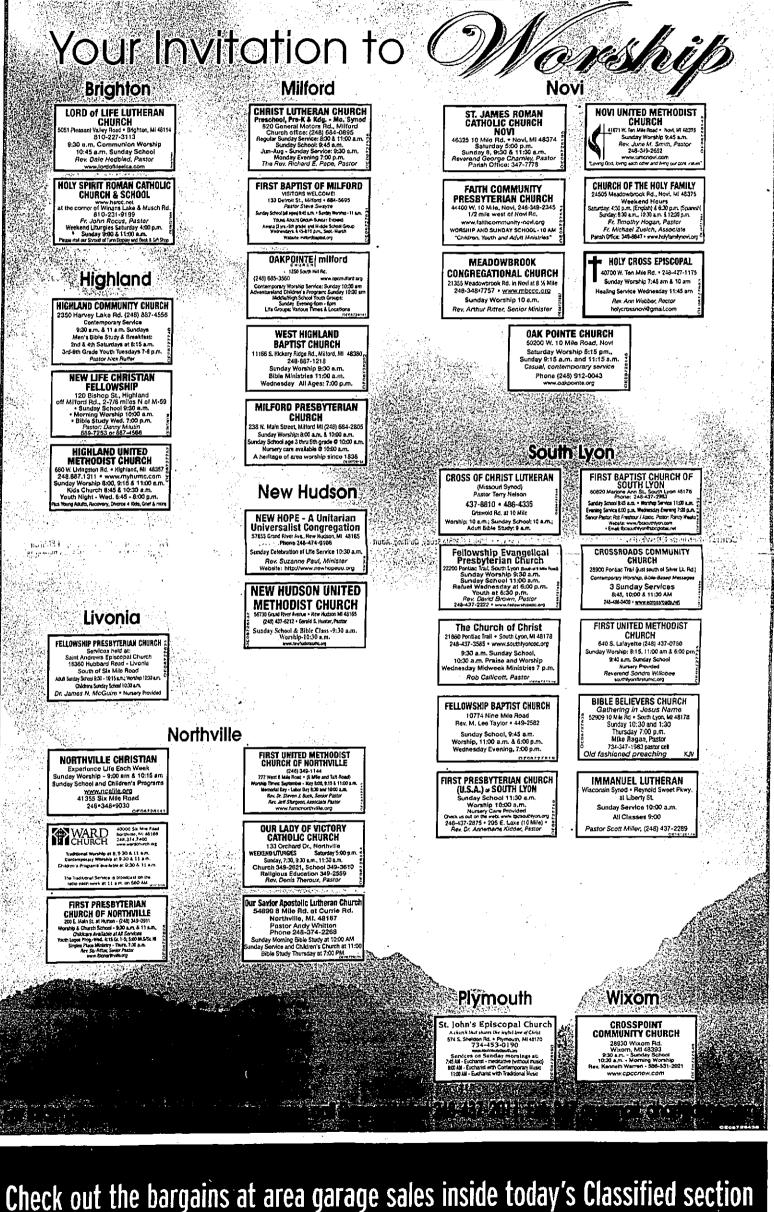
Single Point Ministries (35-50 years old)

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday to deepen your personal relationship with Christ. Single Purpose Connexsions (20-30 years old)

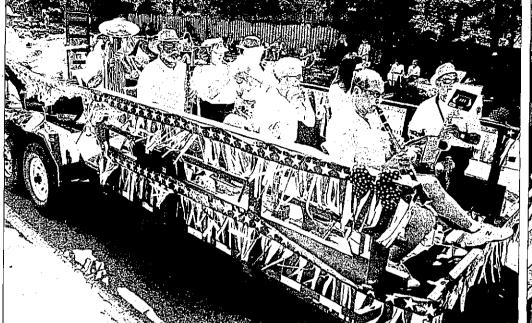
Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday in the Chapel for singing, Bible study, and fellowship. Details: For single adults. Active ministry offering various Bible study classes, vollevball, bicycling group, tennis group, support groups, support group for widowed over age 50, fellowship, friendships and

more. Contact the number below for more information Contact: (248) 374-5920 Learner's Bible Study Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays Room Af01 Men's Bible Study Time/Date: 6:30 a.m. Wednesday Single Adult Ministries office Single's Bible Study Time/Date: 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays, Room C309

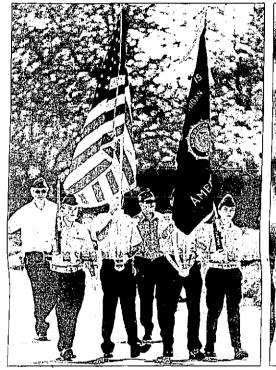
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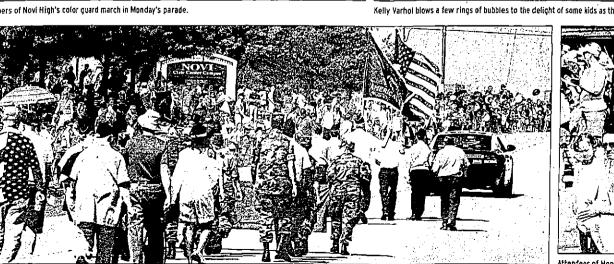


Members of the Novi Community Band entertain the parade route on Monday.





Members of Novi High's color guard march in Monday's parade.



rowski, 9, leans in to see how close the parade is.

Novi's Memorial Day Parade makes its way west along 10 Mile Road



Novi's Fox Run resident and Vietnam War veteran Chet Tarczynski carries the American Flag during Monday's Novi Memorial Day Parade along Ten Mile.



Hot dog 'Rudder' and owner Kellie Setsuda wait the start of Monday's parade. With the temperature in the upper 70s, and high humidity, it was a pretty warm start to summer.

Kelly Varhol blows a few rings of bubbles to the delight of some kids as they await the start of Monday's parade



applaud as service men and women go past.

STRICTLY BUSINESS Thursday, June 2, 2011

Slated to open in the fall of 2012, this \$89 million project is the sixth major renovation in the hospital's history since

Construction under way at St. Mary Mercy Hospital's \$89M addition, renovation

track bays and more. The second and third

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"Our new private patient rooms will enhance the care

and their families," said David

Spivey, president and CEO, St.

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Construction began in February on St. Mary Mercy Hospital's new South Pavilion a three-story, 154,000-squarefoot addition located in the southwest campus. Slated to open in the fall of 2012, this \$89 million project is the sixth major renovation in the hospital's history since it was built in 1959. After the completion of the South Pavilion, the hos pital's existing patient rooms sizing natural light and warm natural colors. on the north campus will also be renovated to private patient rooms, St. Mary Mercy Bospital will remain licensed for its current 304 beds. The first floor will boast a 45,000-square-foot Emergency Department twice its current size, with over 50 specialized treatment areas including a senior ER, rooms with the input of patients, families, physicians, nurses, and support staff. Site visits and evidence-based behavioral medicine treatmen rooms, as well as trauma, rapid assessment and fast

BUSINESSBRIEFS

Wixom company to assist Joplin, Mo. pet owners

Assistance found its way on May 27 to the pets affected by the devastating tornados in Joplin, Mo. as a mobile microchip clinic is offering free microchip implanting, microchip registrations, and pet food to residents.

In the aftermath, many families are struggling to try to locate their lost pets in addition to protecting their families from further loss. Wixom-based helpmefindMYPET has joined the efforts within the pet industry to provide assistance to pet owners. A microchip can dramatically increase the chance that a pet will be returned to its owner -- by as much as 36.7 percent - helping grief-stricken families and easing the burden on animal control and pet rescue resources in the area. However, the microchip must be registered in order to work, helpme findMYPET, a pet ID registry and lost pet alert service, provided free, lifetime registration to Joplin pet owners on May 27.

helpmefindMYPET is a pet ID registry and lost pet alert program servicing all of North America. Their database registers nets with microchips or any other form of identification number, and their service includes access to a lost pet alert, which may be used to send a notification with a photo, description, and iden-tification information for a member's missing pet to area animal shelters, pet professionals, volunteers, and net owners.

Michigan retail sales rebound, but retailers wary

Michigan retailers rang up better sales in April, although they remain concerned about high gasoline prices and unemployment,

according to the latest Michigan Retail Index survey conducted by Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

"A late Easter and resilient consumers helped overall retail sales rebound in April," said James P. Hallan, MRA president and chief executive officer.

OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entre-Waterford. For pre-registrapreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars tion and location specifics, visit oakgov.com/peds/caler dar of call (248) 858-0783. in May offered by the Oakland County Business Center. WORKSHOPS Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on Workshop (PM) alternating months. Unless otherwise noted, all programs take place at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Fitness Road, west of Telegraph,

June 2: Pre-Business Research June 7 FastTrac NewVenture June 8 CEED Microloan Orientation June 85 Keys to Achieving Fiscal

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team to implement best practices for a healing environ-ment. Patient safety, staff efficiency, effectiveness and ergoics were all considered

during the design process," Hobbs + Black Architects is the architectural firm hired to design the new addition while Granger Construction Company will be doing the con-struction. Both have experience in health care design and construction, respectively. Steve VanBrussel, of Canton, was hired as the project manager for the new South Pavilion. Philanthropic support from

community partners is a vital component of this project. To learn more about the philanthropic campaign initiative to make a gift, contact the St. Mary Mercy Development Office at (734) 655-2980. For more information, visit stmatymercy.org.

"However, retailers' short-term sales projections dipped for the third month in a row, indicating continued concern about the economy. The recent easing of gas prices — after this survey was completed — should help soften some of those fears as we head into summer. Retail sales dipped sharply in March as a combination of rising prices at the pump, a late Easter and cold weather hit the industry. But

that same late Easter helped pull up April sales, and enough consumers shrugged off \$4-a-gal-lon gasoline to move the Index back into posi-

tive territory. The Michigan Retail Index for April found that 45 percent of retailers increased sales over the same month last year, while 32 percent recorded declines and 23 percent saw no change. The results create a seasonally adjusted performance index of 53.1, up from 42.9 in March. Index values above 50 generally indicate an increase in overall retail activity. Looking forward, 48 percent of retailers expect sales during May-July to increase over the same period last year, while 16 percent project a decrease and 36 percent no change. That puts the seasonally adjusted outlook index

at 60.9, down from 63.8 in March and 72.3 in oth February and January. Department stores, gift retailers and antomo-tive service shops posted the best performances in April. Central and Southeast Michigan were

the strongest regions. Step Into Success seminar

Belinda Ellsworth, president and founder of Step Into Success, Inc. and nationally known expert in the Direct Sales industry, will be conducting her Five Priorities of a Successful Leader (How to build a million dollar organization) in Novi on Saturday, June 18 at the Sheraton Detroit Novi, 21111 Haggerty Road,

This seminar is open to all level of leaders and aspiring leaders in direct sales. To reserve a seat or to find out more about Belinda Ellsworth, visit www.StepIntoSucces com or contact Donna Zec at (931) 525-3552 or e-mail at Donna@StepintoSuccess.com

June 8 Social Media Marketing Part 3 (PM)

June 9 Fundamentals of Starting a Business (PM) June 16 Fundamentals of Writing a

Business Plan (PM) June 21 Small Business Loan

Workshop (AM) June 23 QuickBooks Essentials Part

181 July 7 Pre-Business Research Workshop (AM)

Simple steps to speed up your computer

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BY JON GUNNELLS

nless your laptop or desktop computer is fresh out of the box, it properly isn't performing as well as you yould like it to. There are, however, a number of tasks you can do to help your comouter run as fast and efficient as possible – just like it did he first time you took it out of he wrapping. Virus Scan — Every com-

outer owner should run their inti-virus, or anti-malware programs regularly because they can help identify and rid computers of virus, spyware nd other threats that are likely slowing you down. Try leaving your computer on setting your anti-virus software to run a time at a time when you aren't using your computer such as the middle of the night. By doing so, your computer won't be bogged down with scanning for viruses while you're trying to send out e-mails or browse the web. If you have a newer machine, you can probably do other tasks while simultaneously scanning

viruses. Disk Defragmenter and Disk Cleanup --- When you run these programs, your PC will identify programs and files that are no longer used Your computer will automati-cally condense and or remove these files to clear up memory on your computer. The more ory your computer has available, the more "energy" it will have to perform nec processes.

Add or removing programs - Over the course of a few



down your machine. On a PC you can Jon Gunnells add or remove

programs by clicking on the control panel From there you can click add or remove programs" and then sort through programs and remove items you no longer use, or never wanted (some computers come pre-loaded with a multitude of games or media players that you may not want). When you are inside the "add or remove programs window, your computer will show you the last time you used each program. This helps you to easily identify the programs you don't need, or the programs that you do need that were pre-loaded on your computer. Just be careful not to delete necessary programs that you need like a plug-in for your printer or your preferred media player. This option is best for removing programs like Internet toolbars and other applications you have accumulated over the years.

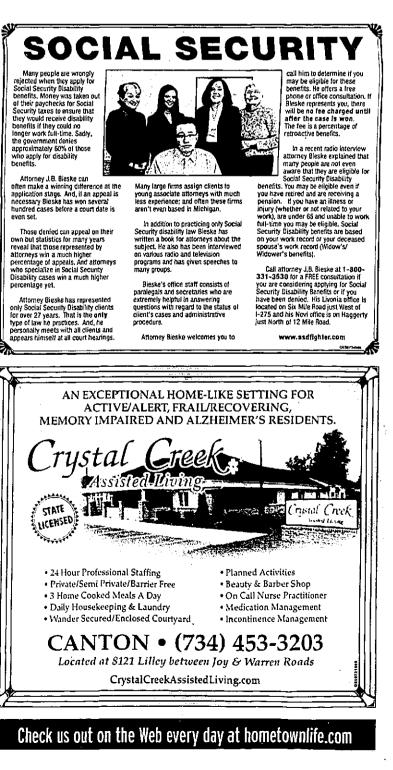
You can also easily add or remove programs from a MAC. Simply click on the finder and open the applications folder. You can delete the unwanted programs by dragging the items to the trash. You can do the same with old movies songs, or anything else that takes up space that you don't want to keep

Condense your own files Whether you are on a MAC, or PC, or even using an external hard drive, you can save a load of space by removing duplicate files. Maybe you have folder full of old resumes, or outdated documents, or even double-copies of movies or music. By removing these items, or deleting other docu ments you don't need, you car save valuable space.

If you have gone through all of these steps and you are still finding yourself with a slower-than desired computer you can always try running system restore (PC only). System restore allows a user to go restore their computer to exactly how it was configured at an earlier date – like when the computer was first purchased. This is a great way to remove Trojan viruses, or other malware, but it also only meant to be used rarely.

Remember if you use system restore in June 2011 to revert to January 2011, you will lose any data you acquired between the two points. So be careful, and if you want to save any documents like those updated resumes, or freshly-downloaded music, make sure you back it up on discs, or thumb drives first

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OUR VIEWS

K-12 funding Is school out forever?

"School's out for summer, School's out forever." Alice Cooper's hit from 1972 may become Michigan's new mantra as districts across the state are facing budget deficits that could make education look like it's been "blown to pieces."

The good news about our state Legislature approving a transformational state budget was that it was done months ahead of previous years when the state was on the verge of shutting down services because Democrats and Republicans couldn't agree on anything. The chaos that we've come to expect from our Lansing leaders in September will be absent. Completing the budget the earliest in 30 years is not really a problem when one party controls both the House and Senate (and the governor belongs to same party). Just a day after Gov. Rick Snyder signed into law a

major tax overhaul, the GOP majority approved (with-out the vote of a single Democrat) the \$46-billion 2012 budget that includes the bad news - a \$300 million cut in state aid to schools brought about by transferring money from K-12 funding to higher education.

That means at least \$300 less per pupil to public schools than in the current budget year, which ends Sept. 30 and already has a \$170 But, there is a new per pupil cut.

governor now, and he sees things a little differently. The no, promising that by forming cooperative agreements, schools can save money.

Districts will recover part of that when the state pays any where from \$80 to \$160 per student for pension costs Also, another \$100 per stugovernor is suggesting, dent is there for districts that show they do "best practices" (show finances and test scores online; become policyholders for employee health benefits: bid out non-instructional services and charge employees 10 percent or more for health care pre-

But the core of our education funding woes remains. The school aid fund is the major mechanism approved by voters in 1994 that funds education in the state. It was a compact, say educators, an attempt to improve equity among districts. It never really achieved what districts. There have been calls for its revision, which raises the spectre of the exorbitant rises in tax rates before it went into existence.

But, there is a new governor now, and he sees things a little differently. The governor is suggesting, no, pron ising that by forming cooperative agreements, schools can save money.

It makes sense, but it's something Novi and Northville have been doing for a while. Educators say they have cut expenses and are at the bone. It's true. The impact of nearly \$500 less per student is severe with Northville approving 60 staff layoffs, which only make up a portion of its \$7 million shortfall. Novi is

letting go 26 employees. What more can be done? While the economy is improving, and state revenue appears more than anticipated, there is a lag between improving property values, upon which tax rates are levied, and increased tax revenue.

What educators, parents and other taxpayers have to look at now are ways of improving finances through other means. Some districts may seek a bond issue, but that legally can't pay for operations. Northville voters recently approved a five-year millage for much needed

facility repairs. Like municipalities, school districts must look for cooperative agreements covering services and equipment that will not only save money, but could improve Let's face it, some small districts just can't afford to

provide the range of programs for students that some larger ones can.

ny see cooperation as loss of local identity, but it isn't. It's more like baking a loaf of bread: You mix up the different ingredients, and the synergy found in the dough rises up above the pan it is in. Stringent monetary policies could just bring about needed change in the long run.

In the meantime, you can always let Lansing know how you feel about this budget via a phone call or email.

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What will you miss the most about school after graduation?



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"I think the thing I'll miss "Novi High School's been a community to us the most is the cross something that you can be country team and all of my friends on it. It was comfortable around. It's fun to be part of." Brooke McMahan be able to be kids." Novi High senio

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LETTERS

Say no to the governor Gov. Snyder needs to take stock of our state and its residents. It is time to say no to corporate tax breaks. The state will not attract corporations, if we have high crime rates, underemployed, and undereducated people. We have to stop giving tax breaks to corporations and

make life easier for the elderly. Seriously, Gov. Snyder has no idea what to do. First he wanted to cut the K-12 school budget, and then he wanted to increase taxes on the elderly. Next he decided to spend money on the Pure

Michigan campaign. He hasn't made one smart decision since he took office. For a nerd, he isn't too bright. I honestly cannot figure out how he managed to get elected. I wasn't fooled

by his rhetoric spouting that he was a proudinerd. How many people who are nerds go around announcing it? Not many. In my opinion, people who brag on themselves are not usually as great as thev claim.

Wake up, Michigan! Pay attention to what Gov. Snyder says and then read between the lines. Stop playing the shell game with him, and put your feet down, Michiganders, Tell Gov, Snyder we won't stand for this treatment, and we are not interested in fining his pocket or any of his buddies who have large corporations who are reaping all of the benefits while the little auys suffer. I would love to get a tax break for

WHAT DO YOU THINK? a helmet, he hit a bump on the sidewalk and went flying. His spinal cord was We welcome your Letter to the Editor. severely damaged. He is now paralyzed Please include your name, address and from the waist down and has difficulty phone number for verification. We ask moving his upper body. your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats

to suffer as my neighbor did. I greatly encourage others to wear a helmet when riding a bike. Laws on wearing bike helmets should be enforced more because do you really

want to risk it? If I did not wear a helmet, I would be very anory at myself from how I was living. Not wearing a helmet doesn't show others you are cool or a rebel, it just shows you are not wearing a helmet ... and what will that ever do for your life?

Will it show you accomplished anything? Because it won't, the only thing you will accomplish is that you accomplished putting your life on the line, and you might even die. Does that sound fun"? I didn't think so.

Start teaching your children to wear bike helmets. We would all like more birthdays in the world, not less. When we teach them to wear bike helmets, it will help them be more safe than not wearing them. Save the world, wear bike helmets

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Gov. Snyder has a vision for rein-

venting Michigan. He realizes that we

cannot rebuild our state on a founda-

tion in the clouds. He is not simply

cutting budgets, he is invoking the

new three R's - restructure, reform

and reinvent government at all levels,

leveraging change in ways that forces

a recalibration to our new reality. The governor, while more than will-

ing to listen, engage and compromise, has set a course for "True North." He

knows that what we once had is gone

and with a positive attitude we can create a 21st century Michigan that

"Do not waste your energy on

blame. Do ... not spend time or waste your energy on deciding who will get credit," the governor encouraged the

Michigan, are we Tigger or Ecyore?

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CALENDAR

Novi, Conference Rooms A and B Details: Diverticulitis is a common condi-(248) 956-0029 tion in the United States. More than half of Americans over the age of 60 are affected. It usually begins with abdominal pain. fever. nausea and vomiting. What causes diverticulitis and what can you do lo prevent il? Our surgeon will discuss the symptoms Meadowbrook. the diagnosis and the treatment options. Contact: Deloris Roman at (248) 668-8600 Presenter will be Dr. Ernie Drelichman, surfor more information. geon on staff at Providence Hospilal and Providence Park Hospital. There will be free blood pressure screening at this lecture. Contact: To reserve your seal or for BUSINESS more information, please contact St. John

SeniorLink at 888-751-5465. Pure & Natural Michigan Days

Location: Better Health Markets, 42875 Grand River Avenue, Novi Time/Date: 11 a.m. Saturday, June 18 Details: Better Health customers will receive a Pure & Natural Michigan Days card that they can have stamped after visiting each featured Michigan vendor. After stamps are accumulated, customers will be issued a premium Better Health green gift bag that will include samples from "Made in Michigan" companies. Kristi Lee of Plymouth, a certified personal trainer. will hold class demonstrations on ways to make sure that you are barbecuing healthy for your family this summer. Statewide vendors will be displaying Michigan Made products with free samples.

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Metro Novi BNI Time/Date: 7-8 a.m. every Wednesday Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road (north of Eight Mile), Novi Details: BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro

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Massive home foreclosures Schools and cities teetering on

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the bankruptcy cliff and far too many schools not educating far too many students to thrive (let alone survive in the hyper-competitive, global knowledge economy) Not to mention the protest in

Lansing and the recall effort targeting Guv Tigger as he bounces around the state with reinvent Michigan ideas. Snyder has a big bounce in his own step after passing an overhaul of the h-reviled state's business tax system and addressing school funding. "The wicked witch is done." he told the businesses at the Economic Club of Grand Rapids. "I can tell you in my heart this is good legislation It is focused on job creation. This

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helmets on bikes is affecting our community greatly. People who do not wear helmets have a high chance of damaging their brain and sninal cord. My neighbor used to be very athletic and would ride his bike for miles on end.

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ATTITUDE MATTERS

ative, please.

Helmet health

Did we elect Tigger (or Eeyore) for gov? BY TOM WATKINS GUEST COLUMNIS You remember Tigger? That "bouncy, bouncy, fun, fun, fun" always optimistic character from

the Winnie the Poon book series? Gov. Snyder, with challenges tangled around him like he has been dropped in a bowel of spaghetti, remains upbeat, positive and

pursuing - as he likes to say — "relentless, positive actions." Recently, at the conomic Club of Tom Watkins Grand Rapids, he

asked the record crowd to lighten up. "We're too negative," Snyder told the largely supportive business folks. "We look in the rear-view mirror too much to say, 'This is what we've always had,

so we've got to keep that going." Recently addressing more than 1,000 sixth-graders from the Utica School District, Snyder encouraged the students to maintain a positive attitude through life. "Michigan needs a glass-half-full mentality in order to pull out of its economic doldrums," the Have we been a state of Eeyores (the

hursday edition Blog: You may also let your opinions be heard with your own blog at www.homelownlife.com. staving in Michigan. People are leaving this state in droves, and I don't think that throwing money at companies will

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education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited to attend free of charge, Contact: For more information, contact Julie Paquette at 248-797-1665 or juliena quette 67@gmail.com; www.metronovibni.

Novi Toastmasters Club

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first and third Tuesday Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi,

Michigan 48375 Details: Novi Toastmasters is a community based club which is part of Toastmasters International. Our diverse group provides a mutually supportive atmosphere in which all can develop and refine their public speaking and leadership skills. Our members also have fun while building confidence in day-to-day communications and mentoring toward professional and personal excellence. Guests are welcome and bring a friend. Visit www.novi.freetoasthost.us Contact: Linda Kreuter at PR@novi.freeto-

asthost.us

Novi Rotary Club Time/Date: Noon every Thursday Location: Novi Methodist Church, 41671 W.

10 Mile Road Details: Lunch is SIO at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check Web site for speaker information; novirolary.org.

LIBRARY LINES Novi Public Library

Location: 45255 W. Ten Mile Road Details: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the library. Register for programs at the library or on the library

Contact: (248) 349-0720

Website: www.novilibrary.org Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 o.m.; Sundays 1-5 p.m. Summer hours are effective June 5 through Labor Day, During this time the Library will be closed on Sundays. Story Times: Please see the Library website or story time brochure for details. Marathi Story Time

Time/Date: 10:30-11 a.m. Friday, June 3 Details: Marathi-speaking volunteer sto rytellers read Marathi picture books to preschool aged children German Story Time

Time/Date: 11-11:30 a.m. Friday, June 3

Details: German-speaking volunteer sto- rytellers read German picture books to preschool aged children. Kiddle Crafts!

Time/Date: 10:30-11 a.m. Saturday, June 4 Details: Toddlers and preschoolers can create a work of art using their imaginations and the supplies that we will provide. We may get messy so please dress accordingly. Each child must be accompanied by an adult helper. Registration is required. **Open Office Hours In Local History Roon** Time/Date: noon-2 p.m. Monday, June 6 Details: On the first and third Mondays of each month, a member of the Novi Historical Commission will hold of fice hours in the Local History Room to help researchers use its many resources. Teen Volunteer Orientation

Time/Date: 4:30-6 p.m. Monday, June 6 and Wednesday, June 8 Details: Teen Volunteers (grades 7-12) are

required to attend one of these orientation sessions to be equipped to help us with our summer reading program. Monday Evening Book Discussion Group

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Monday, June 6 Details: Join your neighbors for a lively discussion of The Plaque of Doves by Louise Erdrich.

Booked for Lunch

Time/Date: noon-1 p.m. Wednesday, June 8 Details: Join your neighbors and bring a lunch for this afternoon book discussion of The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Sklool

Friends' Monthly Board Meeting Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 8 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.

PowerPoint Basics

ime/Oate: 1-2:30 p.m. Salurday, June II Details: Learn how to use PowerPoint to create dynamic visual presentations by selecting suitable design layouts, inserting text and images, and using animations to enhance your slideshow, Prerequisite Must be confident using a computer and proficient with the keyboard and mouse. Registration required. Amazing Clark's Puppet Show with Jo

Jo Fish Time/Date: 10:30-11:15 a.m. Juesday, June

Details: Jo Jo Fish will start your day off perfectly - puppets, music, and fun for all ages! Join us as we partner with Nov

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services in their Sizzling Summer Arts Series. The program will be held at Fuerst Park, unless the weather is inclement and it will be moved to the Library's Meeting Room. Library Board Meeting

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 15 Details: The duties of the Library Board include planning for the future, making policy decisions, developing and approving the annual budget and broad operational oversight. The public is always welcome to attend the Library Board meetings Walled Lake Library

Location: 1499 East West Maple Road, Walled Lake

Contact: (248) 624-3772 HUD Counseling

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Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. first Mondays Details: HUD-certified counselors are avail able to assist homeowners at risk of foreclosure. Learn how to work with your lender to avoid foreclosure. There is no charge for this service. Please call if you wish to attend. One-on-one sessions will be scheduled.

GOLF OUTINGS

Providence Health Foundation Time/Date: 10 a.m. Monday, June 6 Location: Indianwood Golf and Country Club, Lake Orion

Details: It begins with a shotgun start at IO a.m., followed by cocktails and a gourmet buffet dinner at 5 p.m. The cost for the Golf Classic is \$425 per golfer. Providence and Providence Park Hospitals are combining efforts once again this year to help raise funds for the Care of the Poor. This year, funds raised will assist uninsured and underinsured patients who visit hospitals' Emergency Centers. This Golf Classic, traditionally attend ed by Providence administration, physicians, vendors and associates, provides an excellent venue for networking. Sponsorship and underwriting opportunities are available. Contact: Lorraine Owczarek at (313) 343 7582

Huddleston Hole-In-One Charity/ Celebrity Golf Outing

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Saturday, June 25 Location: The Links of Novi, 50395 Ten Mile Road, Novi

Details: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit (BBBSMD) golf outing will help to raise awareness and funds for young people who want and need a positive role model in their lives Contact: (313) 309-9227



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Suburban Collection Showplace Location: 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi

Northville-Novi Business Networking

Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. first and third Tuesdays (except Nov. and Dec., which are

Details: Business networking focused on building relationships. The Sunrise

WORKINGgroup.com), or SNG for short, is a group of about 250 business leaders who help each other to build more business by referring people to each other. Cost of

Contact: fonda Milana 586-232-3009 or fmilana@sunrisefinancialgroupllc.com American Business Women's Association

Has Social Media Replaced Advertising? Time/Date: 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, June 8 Details: How to Market in the Dynamic World of Social-Commerce by Kerry Barnetl, president of FOURSIGHT Creative

Contact: www.abwa-novi.org for registra

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'Nobody can replace her'

Longtime Novi Senior Center coordinator retiring after 28 years

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Jan McAlpine expected to be in Novi for only four days when she was asked to fill in at the then-Lakes Area Senior Center because the manager

was sick. But when the center manager never returned, that fourday stint turned into a 28-year career filled with memories.

"I wasn't a senior when I started, but I aged in place, McAlpine said Monday with a laugh. "It has just been great being around all these people and their upbeat, positive attitudes. I really loved what I did and work with some wonderful

people." The Highland resident, whose career spanned nearly three decades, is calling it quits June 3 to spend more time traveling and with her husband and family.

She has seen the center grow from its roots in the communi ty building at Novi Elementary the Presbyterian church and civic center before finally getting its own building on Meadowbrook Road.

Connected to Meadowbrool Commons, Novi's senior housing community, the Novi Senior Center is the gathering place for all older adults in the

Bingo and lunch were two of the more popular activities when McAlpine first started working at the center, but now the opportunities are nearly endless

"We have much more of an ability to connect with the community," she said. Though her title has changed several times over the years — it is now senior center oordinator - McAlpine has done just about everything.

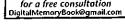
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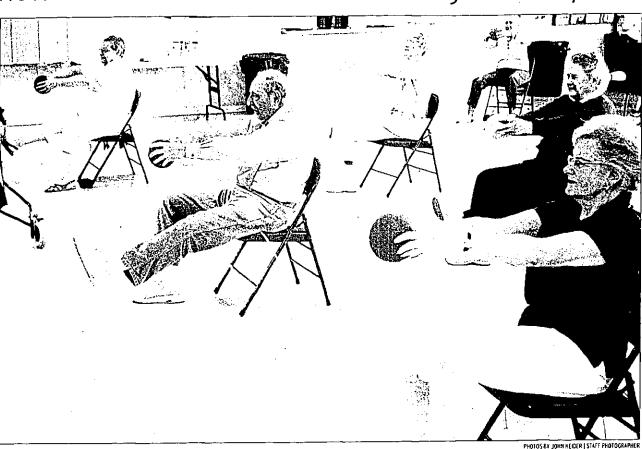
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McAlpine has lead this seated exercise class at Meadowbrook Commons for the last 12 years



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Oakland County seeks citizens to serve on boards, commissions and committees

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners is seeking interested citizens to volunteer to serve the community through appoint-ment to the Friend of the Court Citizen Advisory Committee, Parks and Recreation Commission and the Library Board. The Board seeks one of the following:

• One (1) Non-custodial parent representative for the Friend of the Court Citizens Advisory Committee. The application deadline is Monday, June 6. • One (1) individual to fill a vacancy on the Parks and Recreation

Commission. The application deadline is Monday, June 6. • One (1) citizen representative to serve a new five-year term of the Library Board. The application deadline is Friday, July 22. To apply or receive more information about these positions, go to www.oakgov.com/boc and click on the Boards, Commissions, and Committees link. Click on the application forms. Apply

online, print out the form, or call (248) 858-0103 to request an application. Mail completed application forms to Oakland County Board of Commissioners, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Dept. 470, Pontiac, MI 48341 or fax to (248) 858-1572. See our online images

You can see staff photographer John Heider's photos in print in the Novi News and Northville Record, but don't miss his vidcos of the Super Gardener, a young moth rancher and the Novi girls state soccer march. His photo galleries feature the Farmers Market, Buy Michigan Now Festival, the Michigan Art Institute? open house, Novi High's Band Camp and much, much more. Visit hometownlife.com every day and see what's new!

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Novi News online

Have you checked out our newly redesigned website? It's chock full of local news from the Novi community and is updated often. There are several cool features at www.hometownlife.com that allow you browse through the latest news and features from , your neighboring communities, too, chime in with your opinion on our stories, editorials and letters to the editor, check out our amazing photo galleries and videos that are captured daily by our reporters and photographers. Readers can also find garage sale listings — with a map! — cach week from Wednesday-Sunday, So, bookmark www.hometownlife.com to be sure you're always in-the-know in your hometown. You can also find us on Facebook by searching "Hometownlife.

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Novi American Legion members will now be meeting at the American Legion Post 147 on the northwest corner of Dunlag and Center streets in downtown

Novi, Northville to combine American Legions

Merger expected to create 'more vibrant and active' post

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

The Novi American Legion Post 19 will soon be no more. As a result of dwindling membership numbers and no building to call home, the Novi post is in the process of merging with Northville Post 147 in the hopes of creating a "more vibrant and active" post said Dennis Strikulis, nev elected post commander of th combined outfit.

"We want to be a stronger and more viable organization and want all the members to have the benefits of it," he said. The Novi post has been around more than 20 years but always held its meetings at the Rock Financial Showplace (now Suburban Collecti There are about 80 dues-pay-

e other hand, has been in its building on West Dunlag Street since 1944 and has 170 dues-paying members, with nbership over 50. active

"We thought this would be an opportunity to revitalize the area," said Dan Wiseley, Northville's former post com mander. "The borders blur anyway and we thought this might be a good idea and a way to get people involved in veterans helping veterans." Strikulis also said the aux-Legion, the American Legion Riders and the women of the American Legion Auxiliary

 will give the Novi members more options. The post also is open to the public several times per week

for dinners. Wiseley said the combination post will spread its focus to events in Northville and Novi, including the parades

and scholarship programs. "We are hoping everyone will become involved at a famlevel," he said.

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ing members, but less than 10 were showing up for meetings. The Northville post, on





Although the guys placed fourth at Regionals, Derek Cingel, Derek Kim, Joe Schubring and the 4x800 relay team will all represent Novi in their events at Saturday's state meet in Rockford. For full county meet results, visit http://oaklandcountychampion-ships.com/2011/05/oakland-couny-championships-2011boys-result Listed inside are all the individual Novi student-athletes and relay teams who earned top-eight finish es in an event, along with their final placement and time/distance in heir event. For relays, the Wildcats t competitor is also listed.

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ON TAP

Top-ranked Wildcats kick Brighton to curb

2005 Division I finalists rematch in 2011 KLAA final. Novi wins again

Although it was a battle for the KLAA crown, last week's matchup between Novi and Brighton's girls soccer teams had every inkling of a contest between two programs that have been to the Division

The two schools only met once for the state title, when Novi defeated Brighton For the 2011 association crown, the No. Wildcats (15-0-2, 9-0-1 Central) got the best of the No. 13 Bulldogs (10-4-0, 8-2-0 West) once again. Last Thursday's con-

test – played at Total Sports Complex's Wembley field in Wixom because Novi's field was still flooded from the previous

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Novi program earns eight KLAA titles, five county titles

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SPORTS

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

With the KLAA meet and Oakland County Championshi both in the same week, Novi's girls track and field team had plenty of chances to shine. The Wildcats took full advantage, finishing first of eight teams at the association meet and first of 35 teams at the county meet. Nov's 158 points were 69 ahead of runner-up Waterford Mott at the KLAA meet and their 80 points were 38 ahead of Detroit Country Day at

the county meet. For full county meet results, visit http://oaklandcountychan pionships.com/2011/05/oakland-county-track-and-field-championships-2011girls-results. Listed inside are all the individual Novi student-athletes and relay teams who earned top-eight finishes in an event,

Please see GIRLS TRACK, B2

ON TAP The girls track and field team will follow their regional cham: pionship with a Saturday trip. to Rockford for the state meet. where D'Mya Davis, Lina Davis, Abby Downs; Kelly McCloskey, Kerri McMahan, Jackie Mullins Jasmine Ward and three relay teams will compete.





Wildcat Natalie Krygier, left, shadows a Brighton Bulldog during their May 26 game played inside Wixom's Total Soccer due to rain.

Wildcat sluggers growing stronger for postseason

Pitchers improving in final week of regular season

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Another strong week of Wildcat baseball has Novi's sluggers poised for a solid district playoff

Since a crushing 10-0 loss to Livonia Churchil on May 9, the Wildcats (17-11) have gone 12-3 or the diamond, including a 3-1 victory over Churchill May 24 in a battle third place in the KLAA Kensington Conference. "It was a well-played defensive game. We were pretty solid defensively

in that one," Novi coach Rick Green said.

Novi senior pitcher Tyler Root had a solid outing, allowing five hits, five strikeouts, five walks and one run in six and 2/3 innings of action. He had a 3-0 shutout going with two outs in the seventh before allowing a run, at which point junior Logan Regnier was brought in for the save and allowed just one hit as he secured

the final out I thought Tyler was getting tired in the sixth. He had a couple runners get on base and got out of Green said The 'Cats got one run

Please see BASEBALL, B2

ON TAP After facing No. 2 Howell (24-2) last night for fifth place in the KLAA Novi's sluggers (17-11) will play noon Saturday at Farmington against the winner of Tuesday's Farminoton and Farmington Hills Harrison con test. The winner of the semifinal will face Detroit Catholic Central North Farmington or Northville 3 p.m. Saturday for the district title regional bracket at Novi. "I feel pretty good about our draw. and the team's starting to gel." Novi coach Rick Green said. "Every ... year, it's anybody's game."

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Eloff got the start on

the mound and was strong

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Dexter got 11 hits off Eloff

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in the fourth inning when Regnier hit a double and unior Tyler Schwanz followed with a two-out hit to bring Regnier home

The 1-0 lead held until the sixth inning, where junior Jim Eloff had a double and senior Mike Kruse a single before Schwanz got on base to bring Eloff home. In the process, an errant throw by the Chargers on the same play allowed Kruse to run home from first. It was a pitcher's dual all day, as the only other Wildcats muster singles were senior Chris Valade and junior Alex

King. Fresh off gaining some retribution in a victory over Churchill, the Wildcats had a doubleheader added to the schedule against Dexter last Saturday, Novi had a game against Dexter canceled earlier in the season and a Saturday doubleheader against Lake Orion canceled because the

Dragons had to make up another game. The Dexter series was an offensive display for Novi. Th

'Cats jumped out to a 9-2 lead fell behind 10-9, pulled ahead 12-10 and eventually lost 15-13

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innings. The Dreadnaughts in 10 innings. got three hits, four runs (three carned), three strikeouts and "It was a great game even though we didn't end up on top," Green said. "We had three walks (one intentional) opportunities there. We tied i off Regnier to earn the victory Novi's pitching staff settled down in the second game to help the Wildcats to an 11-3 with bases loaded and one out in the meat of our lineup and couldn't touch the plate. Chris Valade was a ford Senior pitcher Zach Reilly to reckon with, going 4-for-4 with three doubles, two walks kept Dexter's offense primar and four runs. Senior Nick

ily in the dugout, allowing four Bageris (RBI), Eloff (threehits, two runs, two strikeout and two walks in five innings run home run), Kruse and senior Marshall Howard (two of action. RBIs) each had two hits, while "Zach has really been on Schwanz's lope bit carned him

and the most consistent pitcher down the stretch here. He's really been throwing well,' Green said. Schwanz came in to allow ing just two runs in the third one hit in the sixth inning, and senior Andrew Valade allowed ning - but the Dreadnaught fired off eight runs in the fifth two hits, two walks and one run in the seventh inning. ing, including a grand slam The Novi pitchers were ending it with one more run likely at ease because the offense was rolling. Kruse and through five innings, while the senior Jeff Weber each had Novi pitcher also had three three hits, while Eloff had tw hits and Chris Valade (double). "They scored before I could

Bageris, Schwanz, Reilly (two-run double), sophomore get anybody loose," Green Matt Forche and junior Derel Root came in and allowed Ince each added a hit. Kruse, two hits, one strikeout, one Forche, Weber, Reilly and Inc each had two RBIs. Chris Jackett is a freelance writer tion before Regnier took the mound for all three extra

and former Novi News staff writer.

BY CHRIS JACKETT

CORRESPONDEN

With the state finals on

tomorrow's horizon. Novi's

girls tennis team concluded

5-4 win over Brighton

their dual meet season with a

the Wildcats (8-8, 8-1 KLAA)

"It was a very close match

at third in the association.

and Brighton played well,"

aid. "At the end of the day

there's not too big a difference

up split the four different sin-

gles flights, with Novi junior

Brighton senior Taylor Parrish

"Taylor Parrish is a decent

Abby Wang (17-5) defeating

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little player," Hanson said

"She's played varsity for four

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"Asawari continues to do

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The two conference runners

Novi coach Jim Hanson

between our two teams."

The May 23 victory landed

Wildcat girls tennis team claws past the Bulldogs

Novi netters take third in KLAA with 5-4 victory

at three singles, a reversal of her tough 6-0, 3-6, 7-6(0) win "Fortunately, we beat them at the regional," Hanson said. "It was a tight, tight match and could've went either way We had more experience in loubles and prevailed. Two singles sophomore Caitlin O'Brien (3-7) battled

to a 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 loss as she

continues to adjust to her new 'I think she's probably more comfortable in singles than she is in doubles," Hanson said of O'Brien, who was one singles for the junior varsity squad last season. "She has a good ball and is going to win a lot of points with her serve We strengthened both three doubles and two singles with the move."

The three doubles flight of junior Emily Sheeran and senior Ashley Aljadah pulled out a 6-3, 6-4 win to improve to 10-4 as a tandem since the switch. It was also a rematch of a 6-1, 6-2 regional victory

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12 100 dash - Jr. D'Mya Davis (first, 12.86), So,

ON TAP After finishing third in the KLAA the Wildcats' (8-8: 8-1 KLAA) head to Midland tomorrow for a sixthconsecutive trip to the Division I state meet and the team's eighth visit in the past nine years. "We have some hig challenges in front of us at the state meet Novi coach Jim Hanson said.

Jenna Snyder won 6-2, 6-1 to improve to 16-6, while freshman Amy Zhou and senio Meng Meng Jie improved to 17-2 at four doubles with a 6-3, 6-2 win in their regional

nal victory at two douples, but a 6-2, 6-7(8) match

The five doubles pairing of junior Natalie Doherty and senior Katie Murphy lost a 6-3, 6-3 decision in their flight, but Novi had already clinched the victory with five wins.

Chris Jackett is a freelance write and former Novi News staff writer.

Discus - Sr. Rachel Slaudt (Ihird, 104-leet-3) High jump - Fr. Kerri KcMahan (Ihird, S-leet-2), Fr. Abby Downs (Sixth, 4-feet-10) 2), Fr. Abby Downs (sixtla, 4-feet-ta) Long jump - Fr. Christiana D'Annibele (second, 14-feet-6.5), So. McKenna Burr (siri

(-D.3) The Wildcats did not place in the shot put.

GIRES COUNTY 4x800 relay - Troy (first, 9:31,60), Hovi 100 burdles - Jr. Kelly McCloskey (Tourth,

(27.14) 4x400 relay - Novi (first, 3:59.99) Irmington (second, 4:04.17) High jump - Fr. Kerri McMahan (lifth, Feel-2) Pole Vault - So. McKenna Burr (fifth, 9-

The Wildcals did not place in the 800 run.

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rematch after falling behind 3-0 in the first set. Juniors Emily Kwederis and Ori Nagasaka were attempting to repeat their

didn't make it to the third set as the Wildcats had to retire for the day when Nagasaka

Reunion Resort & Club in Reunion, Fla.

congratulated Lois Bennett, of Novi, on making her first-ever hole-in-one recently or the 158-yard 16th hole of the Jack Nicklau designed Tradition golf course.

At the time, Lois was competing in the 5th Annual Sisters Across America Golf Tournament. She has been playing golf for over 10 years and considers the Tanglewood Golf Course in South Lyon, where she carries a 24 handicap, her home course "I decided to choose a longer club than I would normally use, picking a five-metal," said Bennett. "I hit the ball, which landed to

the left of the sand trap and started rolling toward the flag. We were not able to see the ball at that point because of the lip of the trap When we arrived at the green, we could not

The camp is open to boys and girls ages 7-14. Campers receive an autographed car team photo with Ndamukong, a camp Tshirt, and the opportunity to win addition contests and prizes. Cost of the camp is \$199 Enter the coupon code "SUH" when re ing online to receive a \$50 discount off of. p registration. Visit www.CampSuh.com or call (888) 389-2267.





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well. She's getting more com fortable," Hanson said of his youngest singles player. In another regional rematch, **GIRLS TRACK**

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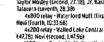
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day's showers - was much closer, as Novi needed a 3-2 shootout decision after two scoreless 20-minute overtimes to claim a 2-1 victory.

The 'Cats got on the board eight min utes into the contest when senior Nikki Greenhalgh received a pass from senior Molli Krick, got past her defender and sent a shot over the goalkeeper's head and into the far side of the net for a 1-0 Novi lead.

"The rest of the half was pretty even, with both teams getting a couple of chances and both goalies coming through with good saves," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said.

The Bulldogs would even the score '. I-1 on a rebound goal by Helen Kiilunen with 12 minutes left in the half, putting pressure on Novi and allowing the Wildcats just a 7-6 shot advantage at

"In the second half, we would create much more offense but we could not find the back of the net," O'Leary said. "That would be the story in overt Novi outshot Brighton 22-3 between the second half and two overtimes, but never regained the lead. The Wildcats also had an 8-3 advantage on corner

kicks during the entire course of the extended game. "Nicki Caruso scored on her shot to give us the 3-2 shootout victory and Wildcat senior netminder Gabby Gauruder rose to the occasion in the shootout, which consisted of five penalty O'Leary said.

ticks for each team Gauruder saved the first Brighton shot but Brighton goalie Tara Gessler saved a shot from Novi as well. Novi News staff writer.

NOVI SPORTS BRIEFS

Lois Bennett makes hole-in one

LOCAL SPORTS

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The No. 1-ranked Novi's girls soccer team (15-0-2, 9-0-1 KLAA Central) was scheduled to host North Farmington Tuesday in a district quarterfinal, with the winner playing either Lakes Conference runner up and No 15 Walled Lake Western (11-3-2: 8-0-2 North) or Bloomfield Hills Groves 6 p.m. today at Novi. The winner plays in the district championship 7 p.m. tomorrow at Novi and advances to Tuesday's 7 p.m. regional semi-

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The Wildcats took a 1-0 advantage when Gauruder saved Brighton's second shot and Novi junior Jessica Jarvis bur

Brighton's Mika Bussey evened the tally moments later after she was allowed a re-kick following a dispute whether her first attempt was a goal or not. It had hit the crossbar and dropped straight down but the referees disagreed whether it

A shot wide by both Novi and ighton's next shooters allowed Novi senior Katie Rudzinski to put the Wildcats ahead 2-1 after four shoote apiece when she ripped a shot into the

Brighton's Stephanie Pfeifer evened the score at 2-2, but Novi senior Nick Caruso gave the Wildcats the victory after knocking her shot into the goal

r first ever KLAA championship, Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former

locate my ball on the green until somebody decided to look in the hole: amazing."

Ndamukong Suh to host camp

The Detroit Lions' Pro Bowl defensive tackleannounced dates for his inaugural Old Spice Ndamukong Suh Football Camp. The two-day event will be 9 a.m.-12:30 June 28 29 at Walled Lake Western High School.

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDEN

LACROSSE

With a 17-4 regional quarterfinal victory over No. 48 Canton (8-7) on May 26, Novi's sixth-ranked lacrosse souad (14-1) advanced to a rematch with baseline rival Northville (10-7).

Although the Wildcats are seed ed third and the Mustangs second in their region. Novi defeated hville 12-11 May 12 for the KLAA Kensington Conference title, just days after the region seedings were released. Since that game, the Wildcats are 2-0 and rthville is 2-3.

However, the Mustangs are coming off a solid 15-3 win over No. 51 Ann Arbor Huron (9-8) and hoping to continue onto the regional title game against either top-seeded Detroit Catholic Central (No. 3, 12-5) or fourth seed University of Detroit-Jesuit (No. 26, 6-13) 7 p.m. tomorrow at egion host CC.

The winner of tomorrow's title game advances to Wednesday's state semifinal at an undeter mined time and location, followed by the championship game 2 p.m. June 11 at Birmingham Scaholm.

BOYS GOLF

Despite the wet conditions of the past week, Novi's golfers (6-3 KLAA Central) got one of their two matches in. The Wildcats defeated Plymouth Salem (3-6) in a 156-176 match May 24 at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon.

Novi junior Johnny Walker led the team with a 36, followed by senior Sam Palmer's 39, soph more Brad Kozinski's 40 and senior Jon Robinson's 41. The next day's match against Livonia Stevenson (4-5) at Fox Creek Golf Course was flooded ind a new date hadn't been set heading into Memorial Day

Deadlocked at second in the division alongside South Lyon (6-3), both the Wildcats and Lions looked to get the best of division-champion Northville (8-1) Tuesday at the Pheasant Run Golf Club conference meet in

NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP

Canton

The Novi boys will be back in action today at Hartland's Dunham Hills Golf Club for the district meet. Anyone who advances from the Hartland dis trict moves onto next Thursday's regional at Detroit Catholic ntral's home course, Lyon Oaks Golf Course in Wixom

SOFTBALL

The rain warped the Wildcats' (10-13, 5-5 Central) schedule t week. Their May 23 contest with Wayne Memorial (6-20, 1-9 South) for ninth in the KLAA Kensington Confere moved to May 24, but the Zebras had to forfeit because they couldn't field a team.

The team's May 25 contest with Walled Lake Central (7 18, 2-8 North) for 17th in the association has yet to take blace: although Novi coach Bol Lulek said Monday he hoped to reschedule the contest for last

With the next set game on the schedule being a district semifi-nal this weekend, the Wildcats one for a bit drver weather.

"The talent is there. We can do some damage in the district if the kids play the way I know they can play," Lulek said. "We've doubled our run production from last year to this year, but we still have a losing record."

The girls will play noon Saturday at Farmington against the winner of Tuesday's Farmington and Farmington Hills Harrison contest. The winner of the semifinal will face Farmington Mercy, North Farmington or Northville (11-8, 6-4 Central) 2 p.m. Saturday for the district title and right to advance to the June 11 regional bracket at Novi

"Next year will be a team that will surprise people because they're not expected to win," Lulek said. "This year, it was expected, but it's a little down. But that's life.'

ICE HOCKEY

Patrons of the Division I state champions may recognize senior

defender Mason Pew and his father, Paul Pew, in a new com mercial for Chrysler's Town & Country minivan. View the commercial at http://www.youtube. com/watch?v=zAuqDNYQX38.

GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP

Join Novi girls basketball coach Bill Kelp for a girls basketball camp June 20-24. The camp will run from 8:30 a.m.-noon all five days at the high school perrmance gym and fieldhouse. Student-athletes grades 2-9 are invited to attend and the camp will be broken into two age groups (2-5 and 6-9), with 8-foot baskets for the younger group and usual 10-foot baskets for the older group. Emphasis will be placed on

all game phases, including dribbling, shooting, passing pivoting, faking, reboundi team play, sportsmanship and tion to the Lady Wildcats' offensive and defensive chemes

Gym clothes and shoes are required. Awards and trophies will be given for individual and team competitions. All participants will receive a t-shirt and outdoor basketball. Cost to attend is \$120.

All registration is online at http://www.novi.k12.mi.us/athtics through the Total Gate Solutions link on the right side of

the page. E-mail Kelp at bkelp@novi. k12.mi.us for more information

ATHLETIC CAMPS

In addition to the girls basketball camp, visit http://www.novi. k12.mi.us/athletics for a list of other sports camps being run by Novi High School coaches and student-athletes. All the camps take place at the high school, middle school or Novi Woods.

Other camps include boys basketball June 20-24, cheerleading July 11-14, lacrosse July 11-14, foot ball both July 11-14 and July 18-21, volleyball both July 11-15 and Aug. 16-19, and pom pon Aug. 27.

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Parade of Homes continues through June 30

Parade of Homes 2011, the 22n annual exhibition of new model homes located across southeastern Michigan, opened June 1 and runs through June 30. Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, Bank of America Home Loans and DTE Energy/MichCon are the sponsors of this public event. There are many advantages to

buying a new home at this time, including a great selection, the energy efficiency and breakthrough technology in new homes, and low inter-est rates on home mortgages," said Adorno Piccinini, executive director-Commercial Group, Walbridge and president of BIA. "Today's home

buyers are taking advantage of the competitive home prices available in today's market.' The Parade of Homes offers poten-

tial homebuyers a unique opportunity to visit the area's finest model and inventory homes, including condoms and single-family homes, affordable housing and estate-sized homes. Visitors to the homes will have an opportunity to see firsthand the latest trends in energy efficiency and green building, architecture, interior design, amenities and mate-rials. The 36 model and under construction homes and condominium range in base price from \$125,587 to \$675.000.

Architects will judge the homes and award winners in several categories. The judges will make their decisions based on the innovative use of space and design, aesthetic appeal of the home and value for the price. Judges for this year's program will be Lonny mmerman, AIA, STA Architects; Ben Tiseo, A.I.A., Tiseo Architects, Inc.; and Michael Gordon, RA, Moiscev/Gordon Associates, Inc.

A Parade of Homes magazine con taining renderings, features and loca-tion maps for all homes will be dis-tributed within select home delivery and Construction Association of Michigan have partnered to present Anjerica location at all participate with Sime 2011 Mid-Year Economic Forecast eastern Michigan and at all participate with Sime 2011 Mid-Year Economic Forecast ing model homes beginning June 1. For additional information on Parade of Homes please visit www. BIAParadeofHomes.com beginning

Also check this website for information on "Open House Parties" being held at some of the Parade mod on June 18-19 featuring refreshments and loan officers on hand to provide mortgage information. This is the only Parade of Homes event BIA will sponsor this year.

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The Belmont model by builder Robertson Brothers has a base price of \$289,900. It has 2,314 square feet and is in Plymouth on the east side of McClumpha Road, south of Ann Arbor Road



The Tuscan model by Tuscan Ridge Homes LLC is at 48945 Tuscan Hills, east off Ridge Road and south of North Territorial in Plymouth Township, It has 3,100 square fee and a base price of \$449,875.

in Sterling Heights and will feature keynote speakers Paul Traub, business momist. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and John Rakolta, Jr., chair-

man and CEO, Walbridge. The breakfast meeting will begin with a VIP reception from 7:30-8:30 a.m. offering face-to-face interaction with the speakers, networking and table top displays from 8-9 a.m. fol-lowed by breakfast and the program from 9-10:30 a.m. "This is an opportunity for those

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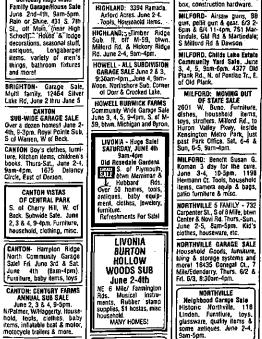
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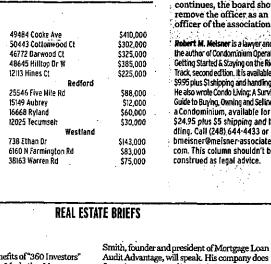
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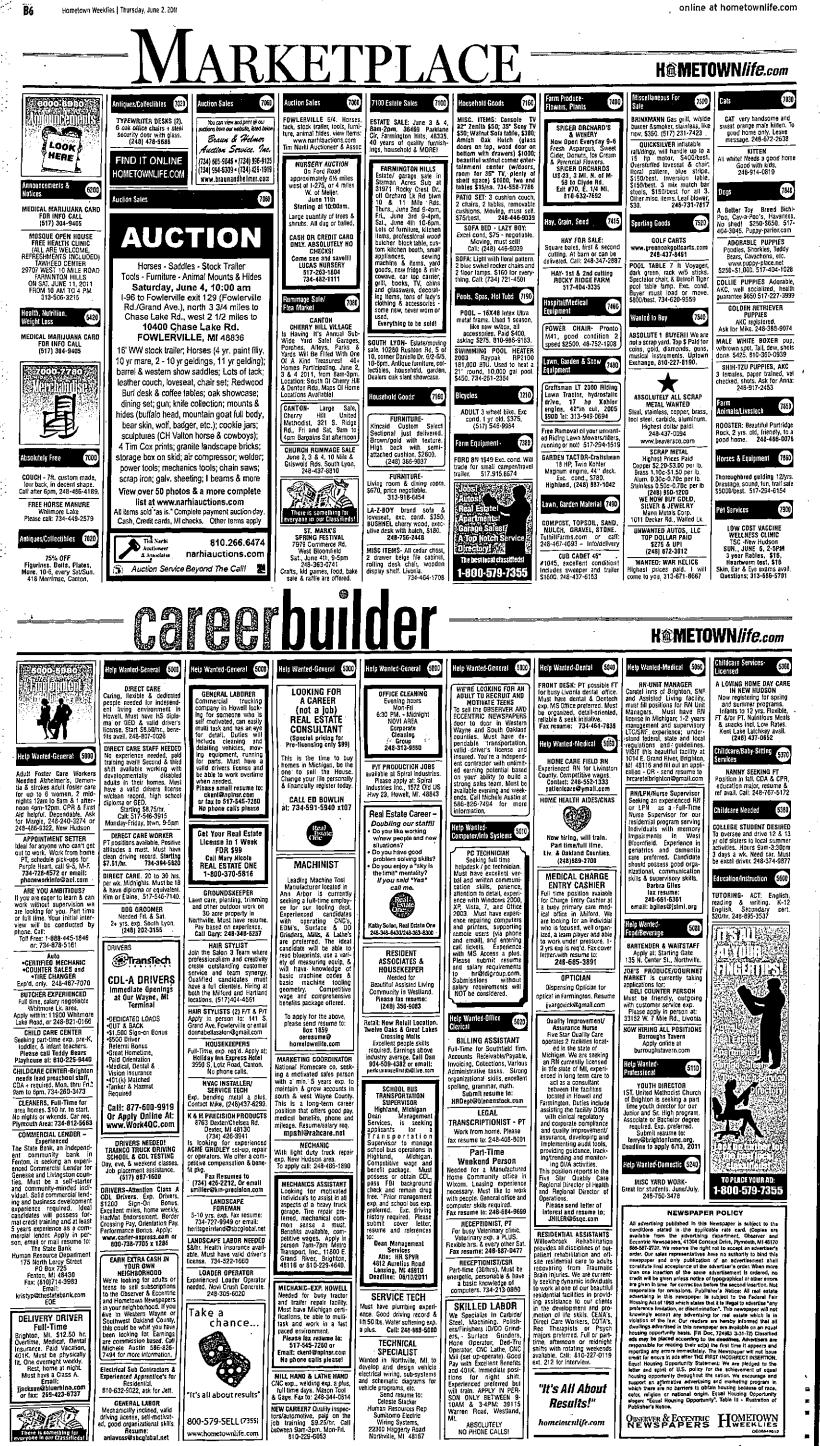
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If you're like most job seekers, the hiring process can sometimes make you scratch your head in confusion. For example, how many times have you come across the "perfect" position quickly submitted your résumé and eagerly anticipated the hiring manager's call ... only to hear nothing from the company?

Unfortunately, the frustrating reality is that the majority of résumés you submit will elicit little or no response from potential employers. Much of the time the situation is out of your control: The position may have already been filled by the time you inquired about it or simply wasn't as good a fit as you thought. That doesn't mean, however, that there's nothing you can do to improve your odds of being called for an interview. Following is an inside peek into the questions hiring managers ask hemselves when evaluating resumes By understanding potential employers' thought processes, you can craft stronger application materials.

Can the applicant fill my need? Admittedly, it's an obvious question After all, a firm looking to hire a computer programmer isn't going to call you for an interview if you only have a background in human resources. But even if you possess the necessary experience, if your resume isn't targeted to the specific company and opening," your qualifications could seem equally unrelated.

Tailoring your résumé to the position involves positioning your skills and

Will the applicant remain with my firm for the long term? The hiring process is lengthy, complicated and expensive. An October 2004 study by



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experience in a way that shows the hiring manager that they align perfectly with the opening. So, rather than submit the same generic résumé for every job you pursue. look at each opening and create a customized resume. Sure, it takes a little more time, but it's worth it.

Your Résumé

If you are applying for a programmer position, for example, the company will want to see previous employment in the information technology industry; knowledge of Java, XML or other computer languages; and evidence that the

applications you've helped develop have benefited former employers. In this case, you would

downplay your three years as a busboy in college as well as your brief stint as a Throwing everything against the wall and

telemarketer.

seeing if something sticks isn't the right approach: a hiring manager is more likely to discard your résumé than wade through it in hopes of finding relevant information

Use numbers -- perhaps by pointing out that your program enabled the sales team to collect more than 5,000 leads per month -which are likely to stand out in a sea of words and grab a hiring manager's attention. Research the company and reread the job description several times to make sure you are stressing all of your most relevant qualifications.

the Employment Policy Foundation found that replacing just one worker costs businesses an average of \$13,355. Because of high turnover costs, hiring managers seek employees who are not likely to leave the company soon after accepting an offer. They'll look to your resume for proof of a stable work history.

If you have job-hopped in the past, consider submitting a functional, rather than a chronological, résumé. A functional résumé is organized around your skills, experiences and accomplishments, not the

specific roles you have held at various points in your career. You also can use this format to downplay employment gaps; but be prepared to explain them during an interview,

In addition, hiring managers look for assurance that you are dedicated to your profession. If you belong to a professional association, possess certifications or take professional education courses, list this information on your résumé. But make sure everything is relevant and current. You may have a certified financial planner designation, but it means little if you have not renewed your certification in four years.

Is the potential employee

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professional? Imagine trying to convince someone to buy a product by providing them with a description of it but not allowing them to see or test it. Sounds hard, doesn't it? In essence, that's your challenge when

submitting a résumé. A hiring manager will use just a few sheets of paper to determine if you are professional and can communicate well. So, make sure your résumé is free of typos and grammatical mistakes and that it is easy to understand Because hiring managers may receive hundreds of applications, they'll eliminate you from contention for the slightest infraction. And if they have a question about your work history, they don't have the time to call you for clarification.

Have a friend, relative or member of your professional network read through your résumé with a sharp eye to spot any errors you might have missed. Afterward, ask the person to summarize its contents. Can he or she accurately recall your past positions and responsibilities? Can the individual name your career highlights? Is the person able to tell the type of job you seek? If not, you're probably not getting your message across as clearly as you can, which means a hiring manager may not be as impressed with your application as you'd hope.

The hiring process can be opaque, but one thing is clear: A well-written, targeted résumé gives you the best chance of being called for an interview and, ultimately, landing the position you desire. Before you submit your next application, think like a hiring manager to ensure your résumé doesn't get lost in the crowd."

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VOLKSWAGEN WELCOMES NEW PASSAT TO AMERICA Advertising Feature

Report By Dale Buss

If Volkswagen is going to capture much more of the U.S. market, and ever climb to the pinnacle of the worldwide automotive business, the march must begin in Chattanooga, Tenn. Last week, Volkswagen of America hosted a grandopening ceremony at its \$1-billion new facility in the southeastern corner of the mid-South, with dignitaries ranging from U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood to Martin Winterkorn, chairman of Volkswagen AG.

VW is counting on the plant to become a robust platform for fulfilling North American ambitions that it had abandoned nearly a quarter-century ago when it shut its last U.S. plant, in Westmoreland, Pa. The Chattanooga plant could be expanded to produce as many as a half-million vehicles a year that possibly could include a VW SUV, cars for the company's Audi luxury brand for the U.S. market, or even cars for export. But all of the pomp and circumstance will be for naught if Volkswagen can't further wedge the first vehicle it is building there, the new and significantly improved mid-size Passat, into a U.S. car market that is becoming : competitive donnybrook.

"The future for Volkswagen begins here in Chattanooga," said Jonathan Browning, CEO of Volkswagen of America. Building a new American plant "is a strategy we talked about for a long time. This will be a key driver of our long-term success in the U.S market. It represents a major step forward. We are making German engineering more accessible than ever before, in cars that reach the core of each of their segments. Customers are clearly responding to our vehicles that offer more of the things they want ~ reliability, driving dynamics, fuel economy and safety -at a better price." The car not only is being made in America, he said, but was specifically designed for the U.S. market and consumers.

Timothy Mahoney, chief product and marketing officer for the Volkswagen brand in the United States, said that VW is "clearly making a new commitment to this market." He maintained that "the sales momentum is there," noting that VW's recent push behind its new Jetta subcompact resulted in a 63-percent U.S. sales increase for VW's small-car flagship this year through April over a year earlier. "And now the new products are," too, with the new Passat due out around October 1, and the new Beetle, with its much-hyped fresh design, arriving in U.S. showrooms around the same time. Volkswagen's goal in refreshing its perception in the U.S., Mahoney said, is to create a "volume but premium" brand that is differentiated



A worker and a new Passat on the line.

from its competitors similar to how Target enjoys a classiness factor over Kmart even though both are mass-retail brands.

VW executives have touted several reasons the American-built Passat could mount a charge in the mid-size segment even though the nameplate has been in the U.S. market for decades and Passat sales last year were only about 11,000 units, 12 percent above 2009 sales.

"The Passat offers better fuel economy than any car in its class - 43mpg on the highway," Browning noted. "It will come highly equipped with standard premium features such as automatic dual-zone climate control and Bluetooth. It will offer class-leading rear-seat legroom and no-charge, three-year, 36,000-mile Carefree Maintenance." And with sticker prices that will start around \$20,000, Passat's entry price point will be about \$8,000 less than the version it is replacing. Yet with prices topping out over \$30,000, Passat will cover about 80 percent of the price distribution in the compact-car segment compared with just eight percent for the version it replaces.



Volkswagen can afford to slash the lowest price for Passat, executives explain, mostly because building the car in Chattanooga will remove the increasingly onerous currency-exchange penalties that they have sustained over the last several years of the weakening dollar by importing the car to the United States. Moreover, VW managed to set up a labor-cost structure in Chattanooga that will pay starting workers about \$27 an hour in wages and benefits, according to estimates by industry analysts. That's about half of the \$52-an-hour cost of labor at the Detroit Three auto makers and some non-union plants operated by Japanese automakers in this country.

Besides, Browning argued, Passat isn't exactly a punchless nameplate. "We have sold significantly more Passats [in previous years] than we did last year," he said; the vehicle peaked at 80,000 sales in the U.S. a few years ago. And the new Passat family includes a Chattanooga choo-choo of its own: a clean-diesel version, adding to Volkswagen's dominance of diesel in the mainstream American market.

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