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It's America's 235th birth-5 day, and the Novi Senior Center is celebrating on Thursday, June 30 from noon-2 p.m. with a picnicstyle lunch complete with hamburgers and dessert, toetapping entertainment by the

Kitchen Band of the Burton Senior Center, and plenty of patriotic fun. Tickets are \$7 for Novi residents and \$8.50 for nonresidents. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available at the Novi Senior

Center (25075 Meadowbrook Road) or the Novi Civic Center (45175 W. Ten Mile Road). This program is presented in partnership with Trillium HomeCare. For more infor-

mation about the Stars & **Stripes Forever Celebration** and other upcoming events. visit cityofnovi.org or call the Novi Senior Center at (248) 347-0414.

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campus St. Catherine of Siena Academy, an all-girls Catholic school, will be nosting tours between noon 2 p.m. Sunday,

June 26 on the campus (28200 Napler Road, Wixom). SCA staff will be available, offering tours and answering questions. For more information, contact Amy LeBlanc at (248) 587-0130 or aleblanc@

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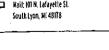
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## **Billion dollar Korean company calls Novi home** Mando stays in Michigan after leaving Plymouth AMANOD

### BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Novi leaders - as well as officials from Oakland County and the state — had a reason to celebrate last Wednesday at the grand opening of Mando America in the Beck North Corporate Park. The Korean-based supplier of state-of-the-art vehicle chassis sub-systems for brakes, steering and suspension products outgrew its location in Plymouth and was looking out of state for a new facility But because of the collaborative work of the city, state and county, which ncluded a MEGA grant the from MEDC and other contributions, the \$4 billion

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company with over 8,000 employees decided to stay in Michigan and call Novi home for the foreseeable future. "This is huge because it's a project we worked on for over two years," said Ara Topouzian, economic development director for the city of Novi. "It's a very successful and growing company, and it's not by accident they chose this area." The 76,500-square-foot research and development and test center is about two-and-a-half times larger than the Plymouth building and was built specifically for Mando Ron Kozlowski, director of sales

and marketing for Mando, said it will immediately house 68 employees, and

he expects that number to grow by more than 100 in the next three years. He also foresces an expansion coming to the building during that same time frame as the company continues to have success. Mong-Won Chung, chairman of Mando, made the trip to Novi from Korea with his wife and daughter, saying

he was "pleased to see Mando's presence was expanding in Detroit, the automotive center of the world." General Motors is Mando's largest North American customer, while Hyundai is the top customer overall.

Chuck Holmes, senior business devel-Please see MANDO, A3



Mando America chose to relocate its research and development facility from Plymouth to Novi, opening its doors to the public June 15.



The Novi High School varsity girls soccer team hoists the Division I state championship trophy at Michigan State University on June 18, moments after winning its second consecutive title and fifth in the last seven years. The Wildcats, ranked No. 1 in the nation, defeated Troy High School +0. See the full story and more photos in this week's B section and online at www.hometownlife.com

## Youth to get inside look at police, fire operations

BY NATHAN MUELLER

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The city of Novi will soon

be home to replicas of some of the Detroit Institute of

Arts' most prized works as it was chosen to part of the

project.

museum's popular Inside/Out

display paintings from some of the world's most famous

Six locations in the city will

STAFF WRITER One Novi business noticed the void that was left behind when the Youth Police and Fire Academy had to be abruptly canceled last year because of

Inside/Out project expands to 80 paintings in year two

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In an attempt to fill it, Numatics decided to create a grant to fund youth programs like the academy. The total grant is worth about \$5,000, and the money will be spread among several programs.

low registration.

artists, and people will not have to go indoors to check

them out. This is the second year of

the program, which Larry Baranski, director of pro-gramming for the DIA, said

received an "incredible reac-

tion" because people felt attached to the images. The museum placed 40 pieces of art around metro Detroit last

year is upping that number to

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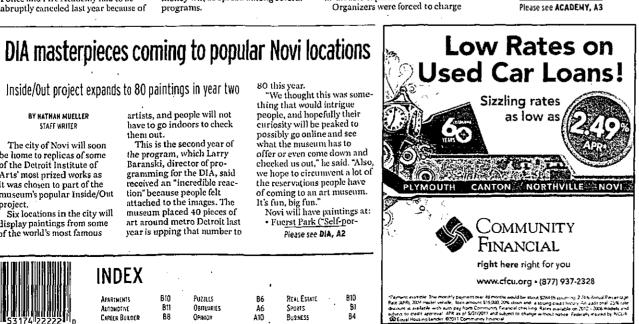
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The purpose of the grant is to do crime prevention programs within the community with youth, and this turned out to be a great fit," said deputy police chief Tom Lindberg. "It's an invaluable experience. Organizers were forced to charge

Academy will once again be free to residents and students stolast year because of budget cuts in the department, and that rate apparently turned off people in the com-

The hope now is that changing back to the free model will entice students interested in getting an intimate look at the inner workings of Novi's public



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Showplace ("The Trapper's Return, George Caleb Bingham) Twelve Oaks Mall

"Woman in an Armchair," Pierre Auguste Renoir). The DIA worked with the community to pick the nieces from their collection and also will handle the installation

and removal of the paintings Lauren Sorrentino, performing arts coordinator for the ity of Novi, said they liked the idea of being part of an intermmunity exhibit and being able to combine masterpieces

with local art that is already on display. "This is a great way for peo-ple to enjoy classic art without

having to be indoors," she said. "And it also exposes the community to some art they may have not seen before.

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'Self-portrait'; by Vincent van Gogh will be on display at Fuerst Park. Baranski said the project is part of the DIA's goal of not being just a "bricks-and-morwith any museum in the world," he said. "It's an amaz-

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Library reading program gives students, adults reason to read

> BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Garrett Ray and his sister, Katherine, wasted little time getting started on their sumner reading by riding their pikes up to the Novi Public Library on Monday morning to grab some books. Monday was the opening day of the library's annual

ummer reading program, and the Rays were some of the first readers signed up. Garrett, 12, said his favorite books are adventure and mys-

tery because "you never know at is going to happen next and that is exciting." "You could be on a sailing ship or on Pluto, that is why

reading is so great," he said. Katherine, 10, said she likes to imagine what the story is t and looks to read more than the 20 books she finished

"I signed up for the program for fun because I just like reading," she said.

The summer-long program is for people of all ages, includ ing those who are too young to read as well as adults. "Read to Me" is for children

from birth to those entering kindergarten, "One World, Many Stories" is for students going into kindergarten through going into fourth grade, "You Are Here" is for hose entering fifth grade

and through high school and "Novel Destinations" is for adults. Readers are encouraged to keep track of how much they

are reading and log them in the newly created online program or in a book. When they reach certain milestones they are eligible for a prize. tudents have the opportunity to win up to five prizes and

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Garrett Ray, 12, rode his bike to the library with his sister Monday morning to sign up for the annual summer reading program

also have five entries into the grand prize drawing. The grand prizes include gift cards to Toys "R" Us and

Best Buy, Adults who read, or listen to, any three books from June

reading. "Our goal is to keep them reading so when they go back to school they haven't lost their reading skills," she said. "And hopefully we can introduce

said. "Mysteries are my favorite books because of the inten sity and suspense." On top of the reading aspect, the library also will be



online at hometownlife.com

Laureeta Sha, 7, checks out some reading material during a June 20 visit to the Novi Public Library.

them and everything is free." www.novilibrary.org. For more information or to sign up for the program, visit netLcom | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255





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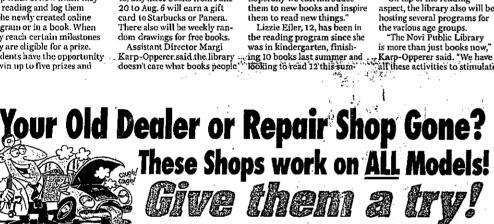




card to Starbucks or Panera. There also will be weekly ra dom drawings for free books.

are reading as long as they are mer. "I like getting all the prizes and it keeps me reading," she

hosting several programs for the various age groups. "The Novi Public Library is more than just books n Karp-Opperer said. "We have all these activities to stimulati





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## **NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS**

### Michigan All-Star mathematics team competes

The Michigan All-Star team of 40 high school mathemat-ics students fielded three teams in the American Regions Mathematics League (ARML) Competition on June 4 on the campus of the University of Iowa.

The Michigan A1 Reals placed 17th nationally out of a field of 64 in the A division. The Michigan B1 Naturals placed 1st nationally out of a field of 69 in the B division. The Michigan B2 rimes, competing with only 10 members, ranked 29 out of 69 in the B division

Members of the Michigan team were selected from the top 100 students out of about 10,000 who participated in the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition (MMPC) last fall, an activity of the Mathematical Association of America-Michigan Section. Novi High School students participating included Karthik Munugala, Akhil Nistala, Sachin Padmanabhan, Raj Raina and Apurva Shrivistava.

### Summer Child C.A.R.E. registration open

Registration for Novi Community Education's Summer Child C.A.R.E. is now open for all Novi residents ages preschool through eighth grade. The program begins Thursday, June 23 and ends Wednesday, Aug. 24.

Hours of operation are 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Students will be placed in the same grade they will attend in the fall and will participate in crafts, sports, field trips, games and free play. This year's loca-tion will be at Parkview Elementary School. Lunch and snack are included (except on field trips days). "Time Traveler" is the theme of this year's program, and students can look forward to plenty of fun-filled activities including water parks, and arcade games. See our onsite calendar for field trips and activities.

Registration and weekly session fees are available on the unity Education website at www.novicommunityed.or or call (248) 449-1206 for more information.

## Camp Invention 2011

Creativity and brainstorming are the building blocks to your child's future! Camp Invention emphasizes those skills and more and Novi Middle School is proud to be among the select schools in Michigan that will serve as a host site during the week of June 27-July 1

Children will create exciting new games and transform ordinary household items into extraordinary inventions during this weeklong summer adventure for those currently in grades K-5. ed hands-or will participate daily in five activity-orient nodules focused on science literacy, math, history and the arts. There is also a heavy emphasis on the STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

Registration for this camp is limited to 110 children, so register early, we're almost full! Contact Seth Furlow, Camp Director, at (248) 449-1500 or sfuriow@novi.k12.mi.us for more information. You may also visit Camp Invention's Web site at www.campinvention.org to find out more about this exciting program.

## Community Ed preschool

Preschool registration for Novi's 2011-12 school is now open for ull-day and half-day morning or afternoon classes. Class programs focus on social, emotional, physical and cogni tive development. The program follows the State of Michigan Standards and Benchmarks for Preschool along with the

Creative Curriculum. The Creative Curriculum includes language arts, social studies, science, math, music and movements. Novi Community Education Preschool provides all children with eriences and opportunities that allow them to meet the State Early Learning Expectations for 3s, 4s and young 5s.

Classes are three hours for the half-day and six and a half hours for the all-day program. Children must be 3. 4 or 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 must 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 students attending preschool. Space is limited. Call (248) 449-1206 for rates and wailability.

When registering a child (or children), please bring the following: A completed registration packet, available on the district's website under Community Education Preschool, www.novi.k12. mi.us

Child's birth certificate or passport

• 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 elementary chools for students in grades K-8 students. For more informa tion. call (248) 449-1206

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67, died at Cape Cod Hospilal after

complications recovering from heart surgery on June 15, 2011. Mary Beth

was born in Buffalo, New York on November 17, 1943 to Benjamin H

and Martha J. Anderson and grew up in Syracuse, NY, Youngstown, OH,

and Pittsburgh, PA. She graduated

from Mt. Lebanon High School in

1962 and Penn Stale University in art education in 1966. She married Donald W. Baxter in 1966 and raised

her family in Northville, MI. Mary

Beth was rarely without art supplies

in her hands. She became an early

American folk artist as an extension

of her love of early American country life. She collected antique baskets,

quilts, early American pottery and colonial furniture. She used these

themes in her artwork. Mary Beth's

artwork and style became known throughout the country. Mary Beth was an active member in PEO, chap-

ter EA, Questers, No.VI, Suburban

Junior Women's Club, Alpha Xi Delta

and Hospice volunteer. She loved playing bridge, gin rummy and domi-nos with her grandchildren. Mary Beth took great pleasure in life and

loved musicals, antiquing, travel,

daughter, Arry opening a garden antique shop. Mary Beth's artistic eye

Bakery, and gardens into the Cape

Cod destination it is today The great-

is survived by her three sisters, Janice Gay McIndoe of Wyckoff, NJ, Lynette Sell of Pittsburgh, PA, and Martha Currie of Doylestown, PA, her

Natura Carlie Dybestown, rA, ha two daughters, Heather Baxter and Amy Reiber and her husband Torn Reiber. She is also survived by her grandchildren Katherine Reiber, Molly Reiber and Benjamin Reiber and many nieces and nephews. Thank you Mom for your boundless Dwa Surport Javobier and inv

love, support, laughter and joy. Thank you Morn for your creativity and love of gardens. Thank you Gam for your fun nature and your ability to

care and laugh. Thank you Gam fo

listening and caring, teaching us how

to paint, playing games and watching movies with us. Thank you mother for your shining light that illuminated the world around you, filled with love, kindness, caring, joy, friendship and your beautiful faughter. You will be

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always interested in others. Mary was a member of the Michigan Beth shared herself through her inex-naustible empathy, sympathy, a fis-haustible empathy, sympathy, a fis-embrace. Mary Beth's customers sister Wanda Coomer, his nephew became her friends and they all have David (Cindy) Marshall, niece Ronda worm operation of the sittle in the Marshall, and manw other niedes

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lives with her warm sunny disposi-tion and her generous nature. Mars Larkin Marshall, Visitation was held Beth performed many selfless acts of kindness with her concern for others and diligently provided encourage-June 17, Friday, at 11 a.m. at Phillips ment through letters and phone calls

to countless family and friends. She guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

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MARJORY (BITTELL)

Of Milford, a resident of Bradenton, FL, went to be with the Lord June

14th. She was born December 14,

1929 in Owosso, Michigan, She was the beloved wife of Richard Horton,

who preceded her in death. She is

survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Jeff & Bonnie Horton; her

daughter Lori; four grandchildren &

four great-grandchildren; a sister &

two brothers, and a sister who pre-ceded her in death. Memorials may be sent to Southwest Ftorida-Tidewall Hospice (lidewell.org).

KING. CRAIG CULLIGAN

ents Patricia and Bruce Hamlin, stepmother Janice King, ML, and the late Richard C. King. Siblings Richele, Jill, Richard, Kristi-Kari,

Bruce; daughters Nicole King, CA;

and Kendall Chattin, NV; many other relatives. Craig was born Oct. 16, 1961 in Petoskey, MI and graduated

from Lakeland High School in 1979;

enjoyed hockey, skling, baseball,

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Obituaries, Memorials

Age 94, of St. Helen, previously of Age 49, died June 3 of a heart attack Millord & Belleville, passed away at his home in Gainesville, GA. peacefully June 17, 2011. A Funeral Survivors are his wite Victoria; par-

& Remembrances

PORTER, KATHY

Age 83, passed away June 16, 2011, at her home. She was born on December 19, 1927. She was an active and dedicated member of the First Baptist Church of South Lyon.

Kathy was a Sunday School teacher

for many years at Church, and was affectionately known to her students as "Miss Kalhy". She influenced and touched many lives, especially her Sunday School students. She was a

kind, loving woman and will always be remembered for her strong faith

and love for her family. She is sur-vived by her children: Beverly (Greg) Whitman and Carl (Jennifer) Porter;

her grandchildren: Katharyn, William

(Clarissa) and Amanda Whilman.

Laura MacDonald, Paul (Susan)

Lucas and Ed (Lisa) Paez; 9 grea

grandchildren with one expecting and

great-great granddaughter. She is

also survived by many loving friends

and extended family members that

called her "Grandma". She was pre-ceded in death by her husband Carl Porter in 1996, two brothers and one

sister. A funeral service was held o

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FRANCES J.

Of Ortonville formerly of Northville and Plymouth; June 9, 2011; age 94; Preceded in death-by her first hus-

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Sunday Worship

Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.

Single Place

Location: 200 E. Main St.

Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. every

Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.

Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.

fourth Supray of every month

## NORTHVILLE/NOVI CHURCH EVENTS

Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; by fax lo (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Church Events/Northville-Novi, 101 N. Lafavette, South Lyon, MI 48178, Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper. Church of the Holv Cross Location: 40700 W 10 Mile Road,

Novî Contact: (248) 427-1175 Church of the Holy Family Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit

holyfamilynovi.org Mass Schedule Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 n m. Sunday: 9 a.m. Monday. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30

a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday Friday; i p.m. Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 D.M. Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment Priests: Father Timothy Hogan.

pastor and Father Michael Zuelch, associate pastor Church of the Holy Family Crosspointe Meadows Church Location: 29000 Meadowhrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www. crossnointemeadows.org. Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.

Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory

worship experience. 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 Happerty Road.

north of Eight Mile Road Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship: 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments: 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 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 Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae

Women of the Word Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m. Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Ephesians. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes

Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit fpcnorthville.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. First Baptist Church of Northville

Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 Men's Club: 8 a.m. second Saturdays Contact: Heather J. Wallas, commu-

nications 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 Sundavs 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,

Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.;

Nednesday 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: Better Than You Church School: 10-11 a.m. Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. Merry Widows Luncheon Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month Pitgrim Fellowship

### online at hometownlife.com

Details: This traditional-contemporary service is led by Reverend Ritter with musical accompaniment of guitar and plano. - contact (248) 348-9031 Northville Christian Assembly Location: 41355 Six Mile Road Contact: (248) 348-9030 Sundays 9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children 9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium 10:15 a.m. Contemporary service in worship center: children's super church on the second level (208/210) Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study 8:45-10:30 a.m. (café)

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

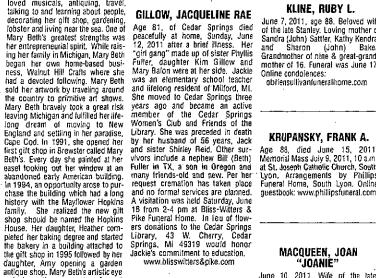
ter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com Novi United Methodist Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road

Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; junior and com senior high student ministries; children's Sunday Worship programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Time; 9:45 a.m. Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool

Program on Sundays and Wednesdays

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

Thursday Location: First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main, Northville Details: Single Place is a social organization for singles 40 and up hosted by the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Thursday meetings feature speakers, games or entertainment followed with an ice cream social. Contact: For a detailed schedule of all events (dining out, weekend activities, etc.) call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org. 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 go 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 Tail Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www fumcnorthville.org Sunday worship: Times: 8:30 and 10 a.m. (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day : weekend): 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. (Sept Mav) Pastors: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck. senior pastor and Rev. Jell 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)





Chelsea, MI, age 63, passed away Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at his home. Floyd's family will receive

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 Floyd's family will receive friends at the Nie Family Funeral Home, Liberty Rd. Chapel, 3767 W.

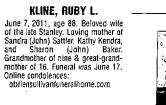
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 Age 99, June 15, 2011. Harold proudly served as a Staff Sergeant, First Marine Air Wing, Pacific Episcopal Church, 3279 Broad St., Theatre, WWII. Funeral was June 20 at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 100 am with burial to Dexter, MI at 11:00 am with burial to Alzheimer's. Online condelences:
 Dexter, MI at 11:00 am with burial to wisit Floyd's personal webpage at: www.nieumeralhome.com

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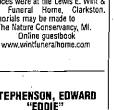
## June 10, 2011. Wife of the late William Neilson & the late George MacQueen. Funeral June 13. Donations: Alzheimer's Assoc. or Age 82, passed away June children and grandchildren. Mary Beth was a beautiful, caring, loving and generous human being. She KY. Hershel retired from Northville enjoyed life to the fullest and was Downs after 30 years of service and Odyssey Hospice, Condolences:

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May You Comfort in



STEPHENSON, EDWARD "E0DIE" Age 77, passed June 18, 201 Visitation Wednesday, June 22, 3p.m. Funeral Thursday, June 23, 1 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOM South Lyon. Online guestbool www.philipsfuneral.com

of Jennies of varkston, grandma of Jennier (Curt) Rose, Catherine Hammer, Michael Maklenburg, Joseph (Lucy) Steencken, Rachelle (Roger) Apple, Greg (Amanda) Steencken, Erik (Michelle) Heims and Christina Heims; also survived by 8 great grandchildren; sister of Marion Cousins, Betty Dean and the late Robert, Eunice and Alfred Cousins, Frances retired from Michigan Bell and was a member of the Pioneer's Club and Order of th Eastern Star. She enjoyed gardening, baking, knitting and sewing. Funeral services were at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to The Nature Conservancy, MI





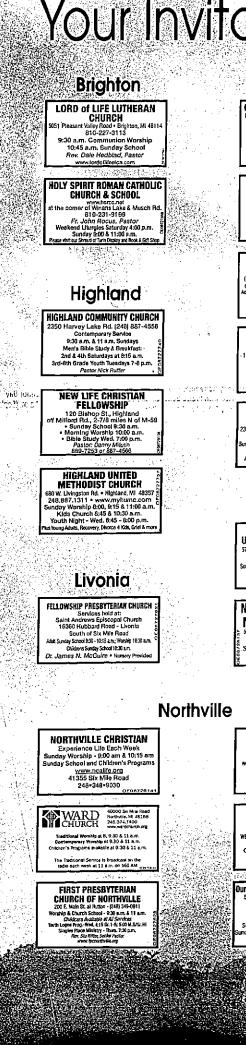




### interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5. Emmanuel Lutheran Church Location: 34567 Seven Mile Road, Contact: (248) 442-8822 or www. newhopecenter. Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross Location: 40700 W, 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service Alzheimer's Support Group Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month Faith Community Presbyterian Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road

Location: 217 N. Wing Contact: (248) 348-1020

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays Asking Questions adult education class Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays Vespers Time/Date: 7:30 p.m.



June 16, 2011, age 79. Dear hus-band of Beverly for 62 years. Funeral was June 21. Donations to Sparky Anderson's Charity For Children. Online condolences: beloved wife Marjorie. Donations the American Heart Association the American Legion. Interment a Great Lakes National Cemetery Online condolences: KLINE, RUBY L. June 7, 2011, age 88. Beloved wife of the late Stanley. Loving mother of Sandra (John) Sattler, Kathy Kendra,

### LOCAL NEWS

Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade) Novi - Northville Center for Jewish Life

at (248) 790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcen-

Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi

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

Location: In front of the church Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

Advent Service Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday Dak Pointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe. ora

Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday **ReNew Life Group Ministries** Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday

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

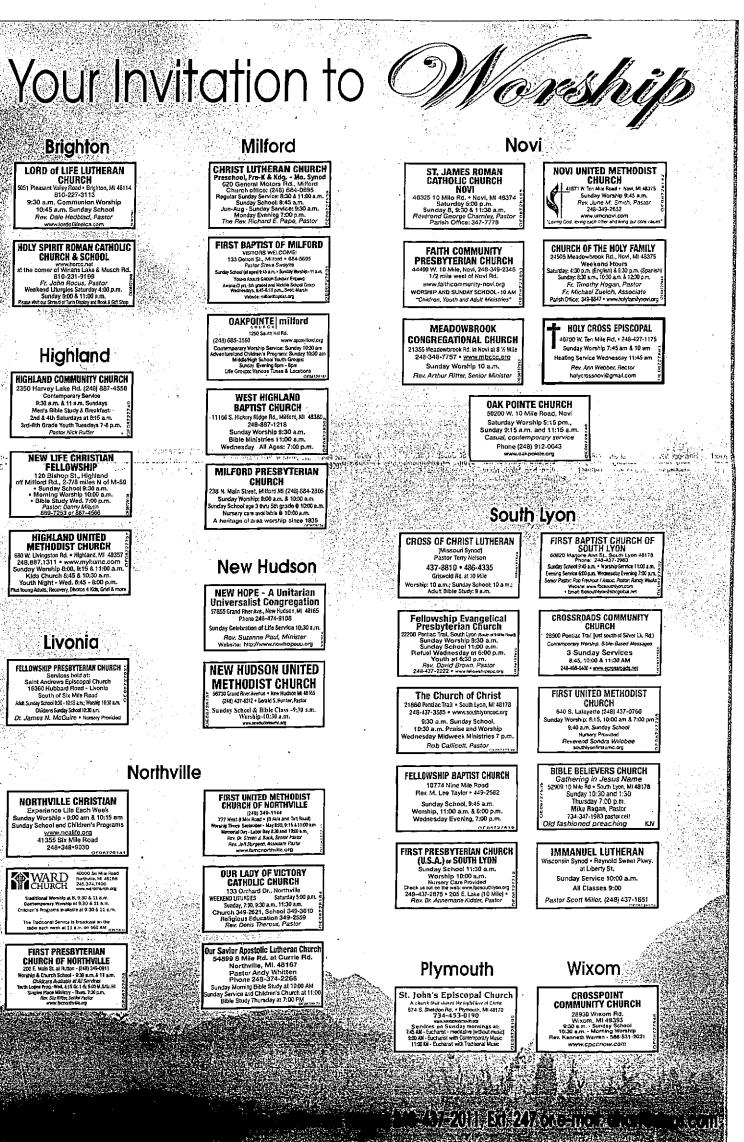
Details: For ages three to six; ongoing event; no need to pre-register; all are wel come. The Big Apple Adventure

Time/Date; 6-8:15 p.m. July 31-Aug. 4 Details: Vacation Bible school for ages 3 vears through sixth grade.

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 Thaver, 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 Presbyterian Church Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891 Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

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BY NATHAN MUELLER

STAFF WRITER

The Farmington Hills

thing was missing.

entertaining an audience.

it takes to put on a success-ful performance, Mattison

decided at the end of May to

"Whatever you want to get

from this experience we will

The group's first perfor-

ing place from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday at Sheryl's School of Dance in Novi. Auditions will

reading a monologue. Everyone who auditions will have a role in the show,

Mattison said, and callbacks

before and got discouraged,

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## More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Novi Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com

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## LOCAL EVENTS Summer Sidewalk Series

Location: Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountainwalk; roundabout Dates: every Thursday from 5-8 p.m. through August Details: Live music and artisls June 23 - Okie Dokie Stompers June 30 -- Kitty & Cougar: July 7 - Stray Saints; July 14 Angela Predhomme; July 21 - Don Swindell Quartet; July 28 · Randy Brock; Aug. 4 - Robin Moore; Aug. 11 - Gia Warner: Aug. 18 - The Reasons Y: and Aug. 25 - Liki Tiki Contact: (586) 484-8797 Sizzling Summer Art Series

Location: Fuerst Park (southeast corner of Ten Mile and Taft roads) Contact: (248) 347-0473 or cilyofnovi.ora

Terrific Tuesdays Time: 10:30 a.m. June 28: Ann Arbor Hands On Museum; July 12: Mr. Seley - Songs for Kids; July 19: The Magic Carpet Theatre; July 26: The Amazing Clark Magic Show Friday Family Fun

July 8: Movie - Despicable Me: July 15: Toppermost Beaties Tribute Band: July 22: Movie - Hoy to Train Your Dragon; July 29: Jill Jack Band: Aug 5: Movie - Toy Story 3; Aug 12: The Candy Band; Aug 19: Movie - Viewer's Choice, vote at cityofnovi.org; Aug 26: The Groove Council - Motown Band Grand Court Novi Car Show

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Saturday, June 25 ages. Please call ahead.



## Tom Mattison may only be 19 years old, but he is a veteran when it comes to theater experesident has worked under the bright lights for various local theaters for the last 11 years, but still he always felt some Mattison didn't want to just be an actor or stagehand; he wanted to do a little bit of everything.

Following his heart

Teen creates theater group for kids

Hometown Weeklies | Thursday, June 23, 2011

from behind-the-scenes work to So in an effort to give kids the full understanding of what start his own theater group -Following Your Heart Players "I wanted to create a group that would let kids get the whole experience and not jus the acting part of it," he said.

> (From left) Lindsey Casmer, Ella Reisig and Sydney Casmer take part in a workshop last weekend at Sheryl's School of Dance in Novi for the new Following Your Heart Players theater group.

## AUDITION INFO

consist of dancing, singing and What: Audition for "Jack and the Beanstalk" Where: Sheryl's School of Dance, 40500 Grand River Ave., Novi will be later that afternoon for When: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on June "As a kid I have been told no Other: Cost to audition is \$5. For an audition packet, e-mail fyhplayers@yahoo.com. Rehearsals for the show will

take place one day a week, and the show is scheduled for Nov. Mattison said that he thinks 5-6 at the Temple of the Arts in Farmington Hills.

the fact he is young will be a welcome sight for the kids, and

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he is going to let them pick their own shows in the future "I have been through their experiences, and I can understand where they are coming from because I am on their level," he said. "I want them to learn and get that experience because we are all a team." For more information or to request an audition packet. email Mattison at fyhplayers@ valioo.com. Cost to audition is \$5 and it is \$110 to participate in the whole program. nmyeller@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011,ext. 255

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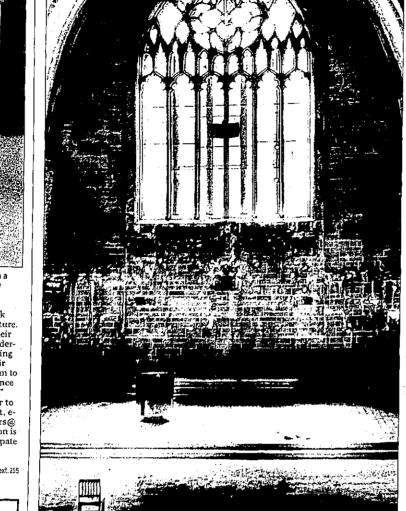
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Live Saturated الكرسة فالترم والأبر الدوار The Providence Center for the Healing Arts recently opened a new exhibit titled Live Saturated, a collection of photographs by St. John Providence Cardiologist Nathan Foster M.D. The images offer a projound look at city landscapes and various landmarks around the United States, Foster's work provides the viewer an opportunity to appreciate subjects commonly overlooked. The photographs are selected for their interest, lighting, and color. They are framed using salvaged material that adds an exceptional look to an already unique observation of ordinary city life. "At its best, photography cannot capture reality but rather an expression of the moment, merely an interpretation of that which is real," said Foster. Growing up in the metro Detroit area. Foster spent little time in the city but gained an appreciation for the city's beauty and appeal once he began medical school at Wayne State University. Live Saturated will be on display daily through July 30 in the Providence Park Hospital Fifth Floor Family and Visitor Walting Area Gallery. Al proceeds from the sale of Foster's artwork will benefit the Providence Center for the Healing Arts.



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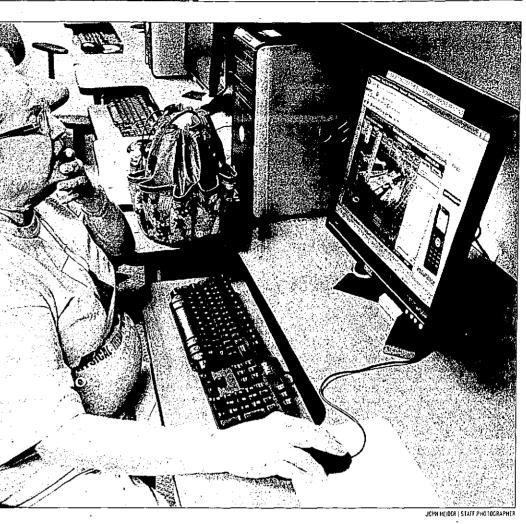
groups. Attorneys Bieske and lfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive ber Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi

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can often make a winning differ ence at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before Timie: 8 p.m.

Goina online Location: Grand Court Novi, 45182 West Park Drive, Novi Details: Open to all participants with classic cars, Best in Show with a vote and prize; 50/50 raffle to benefit the Alzheimer's Association. Free hot dogs, popcorn and bever-

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Novi Meadowbrook Commons resident Helene Meizler uses one of the senior complex's computers on June 10 to engage in some online Solitaire playing. Heizler uses the computers at the senior center to exchange e-mails with her family, doctors, does online banking and even orders prescriptions over the internet. Meizler said she did wish the computer room was open over the weekends.

> Contact: (248) 669-5330 or izarb@ brookdaleliving.com Garage Salè Time/Date: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, July 8

Details: A garage / rummage sale with proceeds benefit Alzheimer's Association; rain or shine. Contact: (248) 669-5330 or jzarb@ BUSINESS

hrookdajeliving com

Northville-Novi Business Networking Breakfast Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. lirs and third Tuesdays (except Nov. and Dec., which are just the first Tuesdays) Location: Kerby's Coney Island 21200 Haggerty Road Details: Business networking focused on building relationships The Sunrise Networking Group, LLC (www.sunriseNETWORKINGgroup. 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 breakfast is \$10.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

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**Reeling from Republicans** 

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## OUR VIEWS

## Donate blood Help others - you may win a year's worth of free gas

The countdown is on to the three-day Fourth of July weekend. For many, it's the official start of the summe vacation season. It's time to kick back and do nothing head north for some camping or fishing. Fireworks, festi-vals. It promises to be a grand old time. But for some, the holiday may not be much fun. They

are the people who are hospitalized and in need of the gift of life, a unit of blood. In fact, someone needs blood every two seconds. However, making sure there is enough blood available becomes difficult during the summer months That's when shortages of all blood types happen. Only 37 percent of

### DONATION LOCATIONS

There are a number of mobile blood drives taking place locally: Thursday, June 23; 3-8:45 p.m.; Good Shepherd Church; 41415 W. Nine Mile, Novi

• Friday, June 24; 1-7 p.m.; Walled Lake Northern High School; 6000 Bogie Lake Road, Commerce Township Sunday, June 26: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth Monday, June 27; noon to 5:45 p.m.; Atrium of Novi: 43155 Main St. Novi Thursday, June 30; 9 a.m. to 7:45 p.m.; Lyon Township Hall; Grand River, South

Donors can call Diane Rusko to set up an appointment for any of these drives at (313) 549-7052. You can also donate at the American Red Cross Livonia Blood Donation Center at 36650 Five Mile, west of Levan in Livonia. The center has hours Monday through Saturday, mornings, afternoons and early evening. G the place a call at (800) RED CROSS to schedule a blood donation appoint-

that a certain location may not be able to meet. There's a plus to donating at this time. Everyone who comes to donate blood through the American Red Cross at any southeastern Michigan donor center or mobile drive now through Sept. 12, will be automatically entered to win a year's worth of free gas - a \$3,000 value.

Red Cross Racing also has returned for a fourth sea son, Between now and January 2012, Red Cross Racing participants can accumulate points by donating blood and referring others to the program. The purpose of the program is to encourage frequent blood donations and to recognize that frequency with points that can be used to purchase NASCAR/Red Cross Racing-themed merchan-

Red Cross Racing is made possible by 3M, Roush Fenway Racing and NASCAR driver Greg Biffle. Start your summer vacation off right this year. Set aside od. Appointments can be an hour to donate a unit of bloc scheduled online. Some of the blood drives provided a link to schedule an appointment, otherwise, call (800) RED-CROSS to schedule an appointment.

We urge our readers to take the time to donate blood. The fact is that if all blood donors gave three times a year, blood shortages would be a rare event. (The current average is about two.). If only 1 more percent of all American would give blood, blood shortages would disappear for the foreseeable future.

And wouldn't that he nice

than 10 percent do annually. Of nondonors, 17 percent say they never though about donating and another 15 percent say they're too busy Of those who do donate, the number of reason they give is because they "want to help others." Giving blood is a

the U.S. population

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way to make a dif ference that will never be in vain Blood donations are constantly in demand, as donated blood can only be used for sev eral weeks in some cases. Hospitals never know how much blood of a certain type they will require to help patients, and espe cially when a disa ter takes place. there will be a dra matically increased

topped off with pension tax increases to make sure the deprivations work long-term. The cuts across the whole education system introduce a long-term, broadly targeted learning impediment to earning. To those who have shall be given. From those who have not shall be taken demand for blood away so their economic disadvantage for politi-

cal power can be prolonged. A graduated income tax is being talked about but not acted on. Since it would reflect ability to pay better than the existing flat-rate income tax it is a more clever strategy to just pretend concern rather than to actually do something about it. Horrors, it might even push the richer folks to help more to balance the state budget instead of boosting campaign contributions, Rejoice! So far, the bicycle riders are doing new thinking in spite of calling themselves conservative. Notably, they have not yet pushed the pre-civil rights poll fax

or the even older medieval salt tax, which, actually, would be a better idea at least for promoting heart-healthy diets and reduced blood pressure. The March of Dimes helped eliminate polio; how about a dime per gram of saturated fat tax to combat diabetes and help the budget as well

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as reducing future health care costs?

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### Thanks again, Leo, for your service. **Brian Long** North

Where have the jobs gone?

Within two and a half years, the unemployment rate went from 5.7 percent to 9.1 percent a loss of six million jobs. 14 million people are officially unemployed, but unofficially, it's 25 million. In the month of May, we added 54,000 new jobs. However, for the first week in May alone, we lost 43,000 jobs. Corporate taxation contributes to unemploy-

ment. The top U.S. corporate tax rate is 35 percent while the global average is 25 percent. This compels corporations to invest where rates

are lower. Furthermore, when a U.S. corporation makes

rate. Investing that profit into America, a U.S. corporation must pay an additional 10 percent to make up the 35 percent U.S. tax rate. Knowing this, U.S. corporations keep their investments out of America, keeping Chinese employment high and U.S. employment low.

Monetary policy is another problem. To reduce interest rates, the Federal Reserve purchased a substantial number of bonds in a program called Quantitative Easing, This was supposed to create jobs by spurring spending and investments in America. Instead, investors borrowed at the Fed's low interest rate and invested globally where profits are higher. Quantitative Easing not only failed to create American jobs but it weakened the U.S. dollar and fueled worldwide inflation. The dollar fell by 5.8 percent against major currencies this year. a record since 1995, and global inflation rose by 5 percent in 2010.

Congress belatedly passed the 2011 federal budget last April. To avert a shutdown, the deficit was reduced negligibly by \$39 billion dollars, resulting in a record deficit of \$1.6 trillion. Congress has yet to pass a 2012 budget for the fiscal year beginning in two months. U.S. debl is \$14 trillion. As new deficits add to the debt each year, our debt continues to grow unsustainably. Runaway spending and debt have real consequences. Standard & Poor's, Moody's Investors Service, and Fitch Ratings recently warned of U.S. security downgrades. The down grade would diminish U.S. creditworthiness. raise interest rates, and devastate confidence in our economy. Already we are experiencing the specter of this reality. Since April, the stock market plunged by 7 percent. No corporation or small business is in any position to hire anyone. We can only create real jobs by reducing gov ernment spending and taxes. This maddening cycle of spending and taxation must stop. "When will we ever learn?"

Ed Lee

## Mackinac conference proves link between education, economy

GUEST COLUMNIS

cently, I was with over 1,500 novers and shakers," at the Detroit Regional Chambers Mackinac Island

policy Conference. There was a positive vibe as Governo Snyder challenged all to work to make Michigan better with "relentless, positive action." One area we need Tom Watkins

to be relentless about is enhancing and improving learning in Michigan. There is an inextricably link between a high quality education and Michigan's conomic vitality of our great state. That point was driven home at the Mackinac Policy Conference by offrey Canada, President and CEO of Harlem Children's Zone who spoke.

You know him from the riveting Waiting for Supern Canada shows that with a laser like focus on students, teaching and learning -- rather than on power, control, tics and adults -- we can elevate the educational attainment of all children. He challenged the business community to become the change and reform Michigan's education system In his special April message to the

Legislature on education reform. vernor Rick Snyder made clear that our schools are in dire need of the new 3 R's: Restructure, Reform, and

This One Tough Nerd understands that we are living in a disruptive, transformational, technologicallydriven knowledge economy where jobs can and do move around the world effortlessly. He has challenged the educational status quo to do better by our children and our collective future

Education in Michigan needs more than reform -- it needs to be trans-

Up on the Island, I caught up with Glen Taylor and Beth Baker - cofounders and executive directors of the WAY Program (www.wayprogram net). Beth and Glen are modeling the transformational change preached by Governor Snyder.

WAY Program is a personalized learning experience for students who struggle with traditional high school. WAY offers an alternative approach to education - one that encourages self-esteern, independence, and the lopment of 21st century skills that

will facilitate a college education and ubsequent career paths. Each student is equipped with an iMac workstation and Internet con nectivity within his or her home. Our highly-qualified WAY teachers then assess and align all projects according to state content standards, ensuring that each student completes the program with a high school diploma. WAY combines personalized, projectmbines personalized, projectbased, online learning experiences with face-to-face interaction. Their staff is invested in the success of each student, providing support 24-7-365. This dedication allows students to excel at their own pace, developing customized learning plans on topics

that truly appeal to them. The WAY Program has an astound-ing success rate with a retention rate fover 93 percent. Yet, current rules/laws limit the number and type of students that may

take advantage of the educational innovation. Can you imagine a business only providing a breakthr innovation with a small percentage o their customers? We have to break the strangle hold

the status quo has on teaching and Says Beth Baker: "The world has

changed in dramatic ways and our system of education must innovate to educate and stop attempting to contain the change if we are going to be competitive on the global stage." Her partner Taylor commended Governor nyder "for having the vision to ead a new education revolution in

Michigan." Those that want Michigan to lead and prepare our kids for a changing world -- need to embrace these new educational transformations Canada, Snyder, Taylor and Baker are showing us there is a new WAY to help prepare our kids for the future. The question remains: "Will we drop anchor in the past or lead boldly

Tom Watkins is a business and educational consultant in the U.S. and China. He served as Michigan's state superintendent of schools, 2001-05. Walkins can be reached at: tdwat kins88@amail.com.

Contact: Fonda Milana 586-232 3009 or fmilana@suprisefinancia group[[c.com

American Business Women's Association Novi Oaks Chapter Metro Novi BNI Time/Date: 7-8 a.m. every Wednesda

Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road (north of Eight Mile), Novi Details: BNI is a structured networking environment for profes sionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to provid ing bona fide referrals to each other. Members learn how to create and refine an 'elevator speech.' develop a broad network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/educa tion on networking more efficiently Guests are invited to attend free of charge. Continental breakfast provided

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

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 leader ship 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.freetoastbost.us. Contact: Linda Kreuler at PR@novi

Novi Rotary Club Time/Date: Noon every Thursday Location: Novi Methodist Church. at risk of foreclosure. Learn how 41671 W. 10 Mile Road to work with your lender to avoid Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting foreclosure. There is no charge for Visitors welcome. Check Web site,... this service. Please call if you wish to attend. One-on-one sessions will for speaker information; novirotary.

LIBRARY LINES

Location: 45255 W. Ten Mile Road

programs take place at the library.

Register for programs at the library

Details: Unless noted below, all

Novi Public Library

or on the library website.

Contact: (248) 349-0720

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Website: www.novilibrary.org

Hours: 10 a.m. 9 p.m. Monday-

Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday

Saturday; closed Sundays through

## be scheduled. EDUCATION

Novi Community Education Contact: (248) 449-1206 Web: www.novicommunityed.org Safety Town (Ages 4-7) Location: Deerfield Elementary

Gleaners fundraiser

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. first Mondays

Details: HUD-certified counselors

are available to assist homeowners

Contact: (248) 624-3772

**HUD Counseling** 

cafeteria Times/Dates: 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.: June 27-30 - (instructor Jill Ostraff class #1502-J11B); July 11-14 (instructor Debra Fatt, class #1502-J11C); July 18-21 (#1502-J11D); July 25-28 (#1502-J11E)

Details: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the Library. Register for programs at the library or on the library website. Contact: (248) 349-0720 Website: www.novilibrary.org Story Times: Please see the Library website or story time bro chure for details.

Walled Lake Library Location: 1499 East West Maple Road, Wailed Lake

Details: Safety Town is designed t introduce all types of safety conditions to children. Participants will learn about Stranger Danger, Fire Safety, Traffic Safety, Animal Safety and what to do in an emergency sit uation. Activities include songs, art projects, stories, short informative movies, field trip to the fire department and a short lunch break. We also have "mini traffic lanes" that aid in the traffic safety lesson.

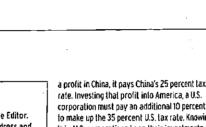
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Thursday edition

### "I think it's bottomed out 'l don't think it's in a good place, at least not in right now. It should get scared. I just wish Congress would get their act together this area. If it's not still in better.'

decline, it's stagnant."



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## CALENDAR



Terry Merritt (left), of Novi, and Women's Power Breakfast Co-Chair Sarah Earley, of Bloomfield Hills, at the Women's Power Breakfast. It's been 18 years since the event was lounded by community activist and Geaners Advisory Board Member Dulcie Rosenfeld of Bloomfield Hills. This was the second year that the early-morning breakfast was held at the Somerset Collection, Over 450 women attended, raising \$190,000 for Gleaners Backpack Program

> Children will be split up into small groups and assigned a High School student camp counselor for the week. Each day children will engage

> in large and small group activities. Groups and activities will be broken down accordingly. Volunteer visits will also be made from profession als in Emergency fields. Each child-

will receive a T-shirt at the beginning of the week. Parents are asked to attend a 15 minute orientation on the first day. Children should bring a snack and/or lunch. They will also need a helmet to ride big wheels in the traffic lanes of the Safety Town Track, which is located in the Deerfield Parking Lot. The fee is

\$95 per session Contact: (248) 449-1206 or jbuskey@novi.k12.mi.us

## Designer Show House and Home Tour Preview Party

Time/Date: 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday Sept. 23

Location: 800 Griswold, Northville Details: Visit with the designers: seek their advice: small plate strolling dinner, silent auction and signature cocktail, Advance RSVP required. The self-guided home tou of five Northville area homes will be 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24 with the last-chance tour from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25. Sponsored by American Association of University Women Northville-

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Cristal Creek

Novi and hosted by Dr. William Demray, DDS, Contact: www.aauwnn.org

**GOLF OUTINGS** 24th Annual Novi Chamber of **Commerce Golf Outing** 

Date: Aug. 17 Details: Registration deadline is July 1. New this year, teams of 12 will compete for a Chaflenge Cup Register with your own team of 12 golfers or register individually, ir twosomes or foursomes. Electronic scoreboards throughout the course will display team progress. Team format allows even inexperienced gollers to win the Challenge Cup. Individual golfer fee is \$145: includes 18 holes, a golf shirt, lunch by Carrabba's at the turn, longest drive and closest to the pin contests, dinner and awards followin the outing, foursome fee is \$560. Call for team of 12 golfers fee. Title Sponsor: Varsity Automotive Group Contact: www.novichamber.com o call (248) 349-3743.

Huddleston Hole-In-One Charity/ Celebrity Golf Duting

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 aware ness and funds for young people who want and need a positive role model in their lives. Contact: (313) 309-9227

## NIGHTLIFE

Andiamo Novi / Dirty Martini Lounge / Andiamo Theater Location: 42705 Grand River, Nov Contact: (248) 348-3838 Off-Broadway Series Details: Space is limited to approxi-

mately 200 guests per show. May 25-June indefinitely: "The Last Five Years" Contact: www.ticketmaster.com or call (248) 348-4448

June 22: Comedian and actor Pauly Shore

## CONTINUING **EVENTS**

Borders Books

JULIE YOLLE

Location: Novi Town Cente Contact: (248) 347 0780 Children's Storytime

Time: 2 p.m Saturdays Details: Gather round for a fur story suitable for children of 6 years old and under. E-reader Demonstrations Time/Date: 4 p.m. Saturdays Details: Are you curious to try an E-Reader? E-readers are a wonderful and convenient way to enjoy your favorite books. Join for demonstra tions and hands-on experience with

the Kobo and Sony E-readers. Sun, Water & Seeds 4-H Club Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays Location: Tolloate Education Center 28115 Meadowbrook Road, Novi Details: A 4-H youth garden and farm stand where kids learn about plant science, nutrition and entrepreneu ship by raising produce for sale. The Club is seeking new members to join in the planting, planning and more Contact: sunwaterseeds@gmail com or (248) 956-0029

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Time/Date: 11 a.m.-noon every Wednesday

Location: The group has moved from the Senior Center to the Belmont Clubhouse at Fox Run on 13 Mile between M<sub>2</sub>5 and Meadowbrook. Contact: Deloris Roman at (248

668-8600 for more information. Suburban Collection Showplace Location: 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi

## REGIONAL

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## Twelve Oaks

A 2011 Lincoln MKZ was stolen from the parking lot of Macy's in Twelve Oaks Mall around 6:30 p.m. after the owner set his keys down on the counter in the store and left. According to the police report, the victim and his wife

inside Macy's when set the keys down to pay. They went to cat dinner and when they left the store their vehicle was missing from the lot.

captured the car in the lot around 6:30 p.m., but another incident came up at that time and the cameras were directed away. Police have no suspects at

## Teens caught drinking,

**2** A pair of teenagers were arrested around 5:46 p.m. at Orchard Hills Elementary for several offenses after they were approached by an officer following up on a complaint. The custodian at the school

told the officer he saw multiple juveniles loitering at the school, and when the officer approached them he could smell odor of alcohol and intoxi-

cants emanating from them. During a search of the first teen, the officer found tobacco products in his front packet. and he was arrested for minor

in possession of tobacco. The second teen had a marijuana pipe in his pocket, and a preliminary breath test regis-tered a blood alcohol content of .04 percent. While the officer was talking to the first teen, the second attempted to run. The

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Novi Police Department where they

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officer chased him and threatened to tase him before he stopped. He was arrested for possession of alcohol and drug paraphernalia as well as inter-

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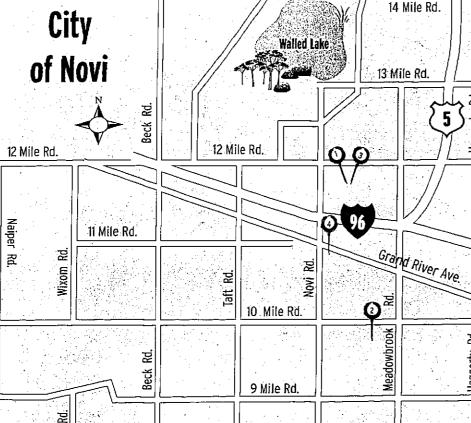
Drunk driving crackdown kicks off in southeast

Summertime in Michigan means trips to the beach, barbecues

and ball games, but it also means extra police officers on the

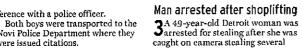
road during the "Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest."

THE CARS TAKE ON THE WORLD



PUBLIC SAFETY

**NOVI POLICE BRIEFS** 



3:21 p.m. on June 15. The loss prevention officer at the store said he watched the

8 Mile Rd.

items from Lord & Taylor around

## PUBLIC SAFETY BRIEFS

Law enforcement agencies in 35 counties across the state will work stepped up drunk driving patrols July 1-10, which will include the heavily traveled July 4th weekend. The effort is paid for with federal funds earmarked for traffic

safety enforcement and administered by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP). Grant-funded counties in southeast Michigan are Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. ClairySanilac

Washtenaw and Wayne. While the focus of this effort is drivers under the influence

of alcohol, officers will be arresting any impaired driver and removing not only drunk drivers from the roadway, but also those under the influence of drugs, OHSP director Michael L. Prince said Although Michigan has experienced a decrease in alcohol-

related crashes, fatalities and arrests, it has noted an increase in drug-involvement in traffic crashes and injuries. In 2009,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hald a public hearing on Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 15175 W. Ten Mile Road to consider:

The applicant is requesting a use variance for continuation of outdoor storage in an I-1 zoning district for the business known as Stone City Inc. located at 26940 Taft Road. The property is located

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CASE NO. 11-023 25795 MEADOWBROOK RD,

25795 Meadowbrook Rd. The property is zoned I-1 and is located west of Meadowbrook Rd and north of Eleven Mile Rd. CASE NO. 11-024 THE OIL EXCHANGE

CASE NO. 11-021 STONE CITY INC.

orth of Grand River and east of Taft Rd.

The applicant is requesting an extension of the variance granted in ZBA09-025 for one 24 SF oversized real estate sign located at 41200 Bridge St. The property is zoned I-1 and located east of Meadowirrook Rd and north of Eleven Mile Rd.

The applicant is requesting an extension of the variance granted in ZBA09-026 for one 24 SF oversized real estate sign located at

online at hometownlife.com

woman place her merchandise into a large empty bag before exiting out the lower level doors and setting off the alarm system. The woman admitted to the theft but would not complete a written statement. The value of the stolen items was \$475.86, and the store management advised that they wanted to pros-

The suspect was issued a citation for retail fraud second degree and released after posting bond. Witness helps stop drunk

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4 A driver in the area of Novi Road and I-96 helped Novi police arrest a drunk driver after he saw the suspects car swerving in the road several times around 2:49 a.m. on June

Police arrived in the area of Grand River Avenue and Main Street and were able to stop the driver. The man admitted to drinking and failed field sobriety tests. A preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .16 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent. The man's car also had

damage to the right front fender and the airbag had been deployed. He said he ran into a wall on the freeway on his way to Novi, not because he was drunk but because h was trying to text his girlfriend. He was arrested and trans-

ported to the Novi Police Department where he was issued a citation for operat-ing while intoxicated and released after posting bond and when sober

- Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller

drugs accounted for an additional 83 injuries and 89 crashes compared to 2008. In 2010, drug-involved fatalities increased by 29 percent with 153 motorists killed in crashes involving drugs. Some of that increase can be attributed to expanded testing

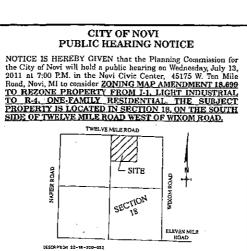
In 2010, 357 people died in alcohol and/or drug-related crashes including two during the July 4th holiday period Novi Police Department offers Civilian Pistol Safety Class

The Novi Police Department will host a Civilian Pistol Safety Class from 8 a.m. 5 p.m. Saturday, July 16. This course fulfills both the classroom and shooting requirements to obtain a' Michigan Concealed Pistol License (CPL).

The CPL class will be held at the Novi Police Department Training Center, located at 45125 W. Ten Mile Road. After lunch, participants will move to the Novi Firearms Training Center to complete the training. Initially offered in July 2010, the CPL course continues to

receive tremendous response. According to Director of Public Safety / Chief of Police David E. Molloy, "Educational opportunities like the Civilian Pistol Safety Class strengthen the partnership between the community and the Novi Police Department. Participants must be 21 years old and can register online at cityofnovi.org or pick up a registration form at the Novi Police Department. The course costs \$200 and can be paid with cash or money order. All participants are subject to a criminal back-ground check. Class size is limited.

Michael Warren at mwarren@cityofnovi.org or (248) 347-0572.



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Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by Community Development by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, July 13, 2011. Novi Planning Commission David Greco, Secretary

Send photo of dad and he could win Whether peach fuzz or stubborn grey, there is

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

no greater face than the face of a father ubmit a favorite photo of your father to the Novi News and he could win movie passes for four to any Emagine Theater and an "Ultimate Shaving Kit" (barbershop-quality grooming product from The Real Shaving Company).

roduct from The Real Shaving Company). Twenty-five lucky dads will be selected in a random drawing. It's easy to enter. Just send in a favorite photo and include his name, your name, where you live, where he lives and an

e-mail address or phone number so we can contact you. Be sure to tell us why this is your favorite photo All photos must be submitted by Friday, June

Send your photo (jpg only - attach it to the e-mail with the information requested here) to cbjordan@hometownlife.com. E-mail submis-

sions only. The shaving kit includes a self-heating face mask, shave cream, facial scrub and skin soothing balm

Help prevent an emergency appeal for life-saving blood for hospital patients — sign up and donate at one of these blood drives: • Thursday, June 23; 3-8:45 p.m.; Good

Blood drive

Shepherd Church; 41415 W. Nine Mile Novi Monday, June 27; noon-5:45 p.m.; Atrium of Novi: 43155 Main Street Novi • Thursday, June 30; 9 a.m.-7:45 p.m.; Lyon Township Hall: Grand River South Lyon

Donors can call Diane to set up an appoint-ment for any of these drives at (313) 549-7052 The movie biz

Have you ever wanted to know what it's like to work on a film set? "Production Algebra" is a book packed with information that will help you get into the film and video industry Meet the author, Mark Adler, at Biggby Coffee on Grand River in Novi from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, June 25. Adler will sign and talk about the book and the industry; Biggby Coffee will offer a dollar off coupon for each book sold

Industry professional and co-founder of the Michigan Production Alliance, Adler provides an overview of the film industry and detailed descriptions of the many roles that a production assistant plays on the set. Chapters include types of production assistants, specific duties, a day in the life on a set, terms and lingo, as well as examples of forms. This handbook is your launching pad into the film and video industry. Gospel Music & Story Festival

An exciting new event celebrating faith-based music, story telling and fellowship is coming to southeast Michigan this summer. The Gospel Music & Story Festival will be celebrating faithed music, story-telling and fellowship in

Novi from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13 at

See our online images much more. what's new!





City of Novi **Public Hearing Notice** 

Students must bring their own equipment, including a per-sonal handgun, 100 rounds of ammunition, safety glasses, and

shooter's earmuffs or ear plugs. For more information, visit cityofnovi.org of contact Sergeant

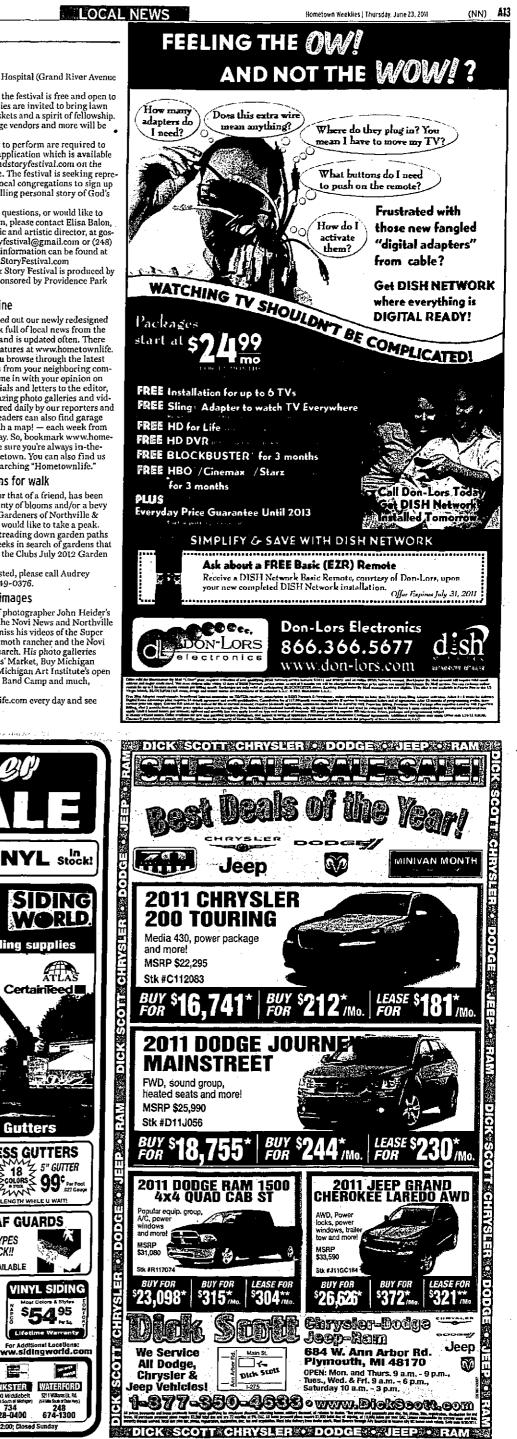
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Security cameras at the mall

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Providence Park Hospital (Grand River Avenue and Beck Road). Admittance to the festival is free and open to

the public. Families are invited to bring lawn chairs, picnic baskets and a spirit of fellowship. Food and beverage vendors and more will be

available on site. Those wishing to perform are required to fill out a no-fee application which is available at gospelmusicandstoryfestival.com on the festival's web site. The festival is seeking repre-

scittatives from local congregations to sign up to share a compelling personal story of God's If you have any questions, or would like to sign up to perform, please contact Elisa Balon, the festival's music and artistic director, at gos-

pelmusicandstoryfestival@gmail.com or (248) 165-4522. More information can be found at GospelMusicAndStoryFestival.com Gospel Music & Story Festival is produced by "Studio B" and sponsored by Providence Park

## Novi News online

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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 vid-eos that are captured daily by our reporters and photographers. Readers can also find garage sale listings — with a map! — each week from Wednesday-Sunday. So, bookmark www.hometownlife.com to be sure you're always in-theknow in your hometown. You can also find us on Facebook by scarching "Hometownlife."

### Wanted: Gardens for walk

If your garden, or that of a friend, has been blessed with a bounty of blooms and/or a bevy of vegetables, the Gardeners of Northville & Novi Garden Club would like to take a peak. The group will be treading down garden paths for the next few weeks in search of gardens that will be featured in the Clubs July 2012 Garden

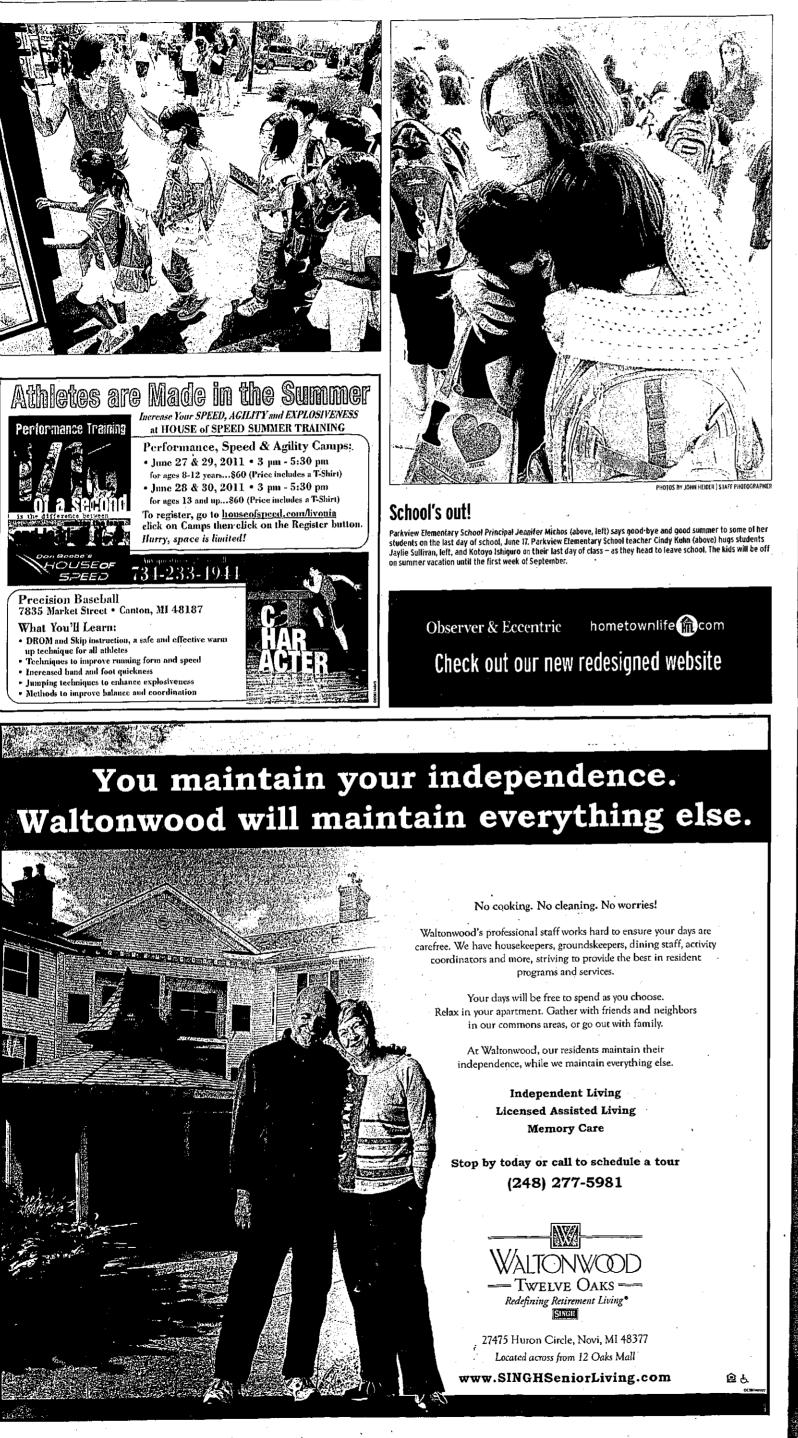
If you are interested, please call Audrey Murphy at (248) 349-0376.

You can see staff photographer John Heider's photos in print in the Novi News and Northville Record, but don't miss his videos 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's ope house, Novi High's Band Camp and much,

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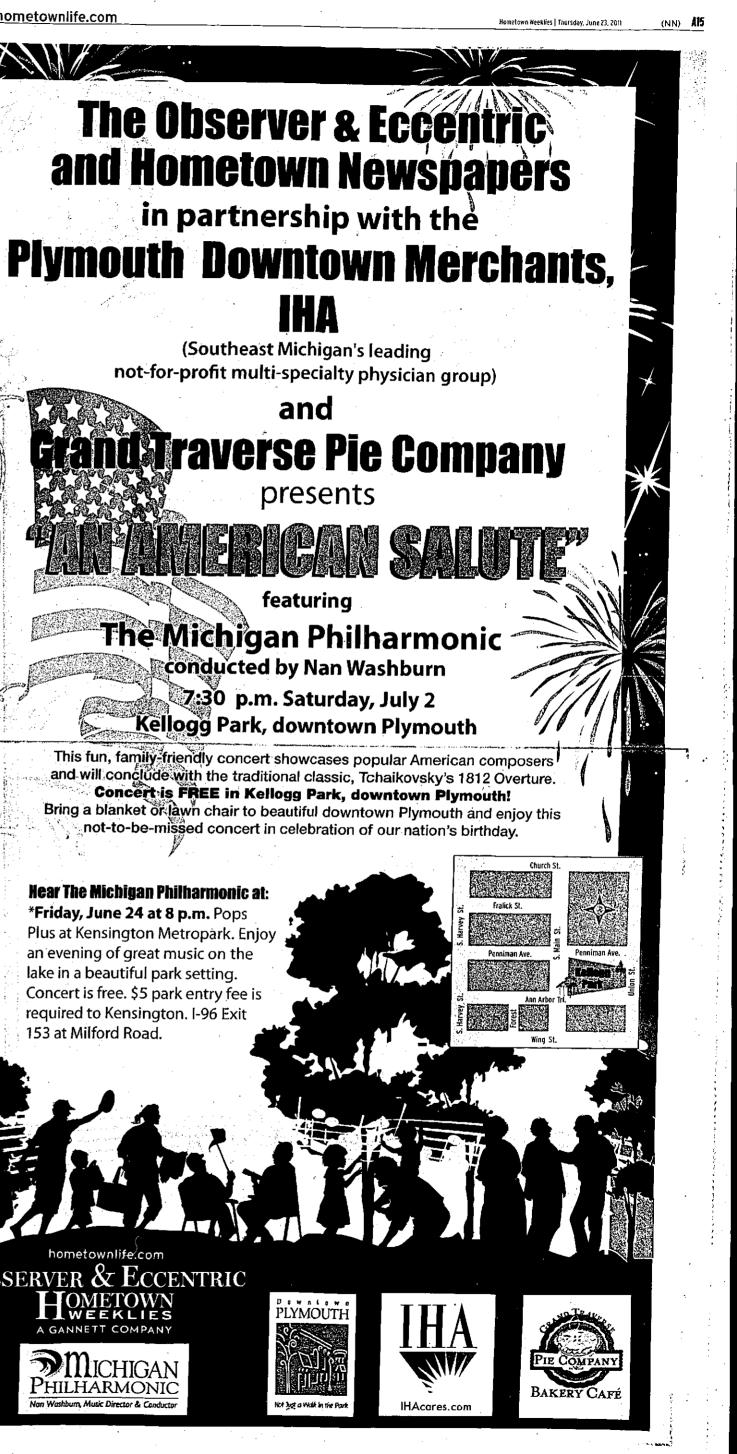
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online at hometownlife.com **Hear The Michigan Philharmonic at:** \*Friday, June 24 at 8 p.m. Pops Plus at Kensington Metropark. Enjoy an evening of great music on the lake in a beautiful park setting. Concert is free. \$5 park entry fee is required to Kensington, I-96 Exit 153 at Milford Road. hometownlife.com

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## COLLEGE

ceptions and two blocked kicks as one of Novi's more versatile players. Stanford, who was the foot behind Novi's special teams, will take his talents to

Saginaw Valley State University. He was 3for-5 on field goal attempts with a 27-yard long, while also hitting 20 of 22 points after chdowns to lead the team with 29 points. He also had 21 punts that averaged 33.8 yards, with a best of 49 yards, including two ouchbacks and seven that landed inside the red zone. On kickoffs, he averaged 55.1 yards through 35 attempts and had 17 touchbacks. Sheldon was Novi's second leading tackles with 59 stops (30 solo). The future Ferris State University player had 203 all-purpose yards in his senior season as a Wildcat. He ad 105 yards and three touchdowns on 12 runs, as well as one 32-yard touchdown reception and one 66-yard interception

The volleyball team, which finished 43-5-1 (10-0 Central), sends Erica Robb, Laura Subject and Erin Hoomaian off to different

college programs. Robb is taking her outside hitter talents to Robert Morris University. In her final camaign at Novi, she had 350 kills, 41 aces, 390 digs, 443 receptions and 60 total blocks. Laura Subject was the setter for many of Robb's kills. The future Clarion University (Pa.) star had 949 assists, 69 kills, 69 aces, 320 digs and 21 blocks. A big part of the Wildcats' defense

was Hoomaian, a Novi libero bound for Northwood University. In her final Wildcat campaign, she had 39 aces, 506 digs and 539 receptions. The final trip of teammates are Same

Ozeir, Rob Laney and Chris Milon from the boys basketball team that finished 18-4-0 (9-2-0 Central). All-Area Player of the Year Samer Ozeir

will take his talents to Columbia University (NY) after averaging 19 points, 12.6 rebounds and 2.3 assists during his senior year. He shot 54 percent from the field, with a 38 percent success rate from distance and 67 percent free throw percentage.

Laney, who missed much of the season with a thumb injury, averaged 13.2 points, 6.1 rebounds, 4.9 assists and 1.4 steals as a Novi senior. The future Northwood University standout shot 52 percent from the field

and 73 percent from the line for Novi. The Wildcats were 11-0 with him on the floor. The second half of Novi's towersome twosome, Milon will take his nine points, 9.2 rebounds and 2.5 blocks per same average to lleghany College. He shot 82 percent from the field and 50 percent from the line as a Jovi senio

After finishing 22-0-2 last Saturday and clinching their second-straight Division I championship, the girls soccer team is not sending three student-athletes to college pro-

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grams. They're sending four. Nicki Caruso and Gabby Gauruder will both head to Michigan State University, while Nikki Greenhalgh will play at the University of Wisconsin and Molli Krick at Eastern Michigan University.

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Caruso wrapped up her senior campaign with 19 goals and a school record 31 assists in 24 games. The record is seventh most in state history, carning her a spot as one of 11 Dream Team members. She was also the runner up for the Miss Soccer award. She had 45 goals and 50 assists over three years on varsity.

While Caruso got the Wildcats on the scoreboard, fellow future Spartan Gauruder kept the ball out. She allowed 12 goals over 24 games and had 15 shutouts. She allowed just 21 goals during a 56-game career and totaled 39 shutouts. Greenhalgh will look to get a few past

Gauruder next year during the Big Ten season. As a Wildcat, Greenhalgh had 24 goals and 13 assists in 23 games this season to total 51 goals and 30 assists during her career and join Caruso on the All-State Dream Team. Krick, who was a force as a defensive cen-

ter midfielder, had just two goals and four assists this season. She is regarded as one of the top possession players in the state and handedly broke up several opponents' attacks throughout the season. Two more Wildcat soccer players will head

to a college program together at Oakland University after taking Novi out on a 20-5-0 note last fall. Like Krick, All-Area Player of the Year John DeLeon's consistent dominance from the defensive center midfielder position ruined his opponents. DeLeon had four goals and two assists from his defensive position

and earned All-State second team honors. He will be joined at OU by goalkeeper Wes Smith, who had a 0.9 Goals Against Averag through 20 games between the pipes. Smith also had three goals and an assist during his limited time on offense. Three more lady Wildcats had what it takes

compete at the collegiate level. Swimmer Becca Berman will join the MSU squad in the fall. As a Wildcat, she set personal bests at the state meet in the 500-yard freestyle (5:04.01) and 100 butter (ly (59.68 seconds), which she carned All-State honors

All-State golfer Megan Henry will swing away at Lake Superior State University. She holds Novi's school records with a 35 score through nine holes and an 84 average through 18 holes. Maddy Sinkovich will take her softball

skills to Kalamazoo College. Batting .301 for the Wildcats this past spring, Sinkovich was a four-year letter-winning outfielder with a ot of power behind her bat that coincided with her knack for connecting with the ball.

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## Pride champs

but both would be incomplete

without senior Travis Vincent

He helped propel the 400 free

relay to finish ninth (3:14.80)

at the state meet and the

200 free relay to finish 12th

Andrew Ao (Novi So.)

Despite his youth, sopho more Andrew Ao was right

there with Vincent, Chung and Kim as a vital contributor to

Novi's freestyle relays, which

finished ninth in the 400 free

relay (3:14.80) and 12th in the

Matt Wright (Novi Sr.)

Although his name didn't

stand out on scoresheets as an

shined in his senior campaign,

underclassmen. Matt Wright

helping the 400 free relay to finish ninth (3:14.80) and the

200 free relay to finish 12th

Joe Brinkman (CC Sr.)

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to senior Joe Brinkman. He

When the Shamrocks need

finished his high school swim

ming career with a sixth-place

result in the 200 IM (1:56.01)

and then helped his 200 free

elay team finish 16th (1:30.31)

Tiger Bourque (Novi Sr.)

The Wildcats got 26 points

from a strong 200 medley

(1:29.40) in the state

Division I.

200 free relay (1:29.40).

SWIM

(1:29.40).

The Novi-based Motor City Madness 12U Red pirls fastpitch team won the 12U "A" Division at the Pride Summer Classic Tournament held June 10-12 in Centon. Shown (I tor, front to back) are Sydney San Juan, Madyson Ampe, Nicole Ireland, McKenzi McKnight, Kaillyn Wolschlager, Alivia Cragg, Emma Clark, Emma Nowak, Shirley Hao, Aziza Afzal, Alissa Sweeney, Coaches Adam San Juan, Jeff Sweeney, Scott Ampe and Nicole Ireland.

> SECOND TEAM Dan Szuba (CC Jr.) A big part of Detroit Catholic Central's relay quads, junior Dan Szubr helped the Shamrocks' 200 medley relay team finish ninth (1:38.94) at the state meet and

the 200 free relay team to finish 16th (1:30.31). Will Price (Northville Jr.) Northville junior Will Price was the area's top 1-meter diver finishing fifth at the state meet with 414.65 points. Rvan Newman (CC So.) Sophomore Ryan Newman

was right alongside Szuba in helping the 200 medley relay squad finish ninth in 1:38,94 t the state meet Nick Baldus (CC Sr.) Together with Burton, Szuba

nd Newman, senior Nick Baldus was a part of the 200 medley relay team's ninthplace finish (1:38.94) at the tate meet Kevin Bain (Northville Sr.)

The Mustangs' strong diving team not'only produced Price, but senior Kevin Bain also finished strong at the Division I state meet, taking seventh

Scott Jessup (Milford Jr.) unior Scott Jessup earned all 13 of Milford's points at the Division II state meet after finishing sixth in the I-meter diving event with 385.3 points. Dawson Laabs (Northville

Laabs came out strong at the Division I state meet, finishing ninth in the 200 free relay in 1:28.66.

With a 10th-place finish in the 400 free relay (3:15.52), Northville junior Chris Kin earned 14 points toward the Mustangs' 75-point, 12th-place

finish Colin Brinkman (CC Fr.) The Shamrocks likely have several good years ahead with reshman Colin Brinkman n their program. The youngest All-Area team member teamed with Joe Brinkman Szuba and senior Sean Ryan o finish 16th in the 200 free relay (1:30.31). The freshman also took 15th in the grueling 500 freestyle in 4:51.16 at the Division I meet. Dan Gironza (South Lyon

Behind 363.90 points, South Lyon junior Dan Gironza finished a solid 10th-place in 1meter diving at the state meet Bofang Zhang (Northville

Northville senior Bofane Zhang finished 11th in the 200 individual medley in 1:59.69, earning six points toward his team's 12th-place finish. Tony Cipponeri (Lakeland

Sr.) In 22.03. White Lake ..... Lakeland senior Tony Cipponeri finished 13th in a very tough 50-yard freestyle class

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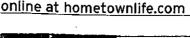
South Lyon Unified - Nathan Wagner (Sr.), Eric Weiss (Jr.), Spencer Ruggiero (So.), John Dunnuck (Jr.), Travis Burgess (Jr.), Brendan O'Shea (Jr.), Cameron Sawyer (Sr.), Alex Canadi (So.), Max Wilkinson (Fr.), Adam Stone (So.), Levi Oxner (Fr.), Mark Cogo (Jr.), Patrick Brodesser (Jr.)

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Nikki Greenhalgh gets a congratulatory, loving hug from her mom Noreen after the Novi Wildcats won their second straight state title. Nikki provided the game's only goal.

"We got the ball up to her and she did a great job of hit-

ting a low, hard ball in there:

and it worked. A lot of times

you see in these games where you have super close games, it

comes down to set pieces."

The Colts had several

Gauruder had a diving catch and two punches that broke

up Troy's best scoring oppor

"She made a couple dyna-

mite saves," O'Leary said. "She's the best goalie in this

state as far as I'm concerned

they say anyone can get shut outs for Novi, but she's the

kind of player who plays bet

"She only gets three, four

shots some games, but they're

always going in. They're going

Once the Wildcats got on

"We've done it previously in

A lot of people knock and

ter on the big stage.

strong chances early, but

## **CHAMPS** FROM PAGE B1

knocked to the ground 45 yards away from Troy's goal Junior Katic Scelenbinder took the ensuing free kick from the center of the field.

With the Colt defenders bunched together to form a wall 35 yards from the goal, junior Katie Rudzinski streaked up the right side from defense to receive a wide open pass. Rudzinski took the ball up the side until she was about 15 yards from the end line and crossed it low into the center, where several players from both teams were crashing the net and senior Nikki Greenhalgh got a leg on

in on 80-90 percent of teams the ball enough to redirect it ow into the back left corner in Michigan. She's beer of the goal for a 1-0 lead. golden for us the whole entire "I was just trying to get a foot on it," Greenhalgh said afterward. "I didn't know if it the board, Novi senior Nicki Caruso was moved from was where it was going to go. I couldn't really see. God just happened to be with me or forward to defense so she could cover Troy junior Irene

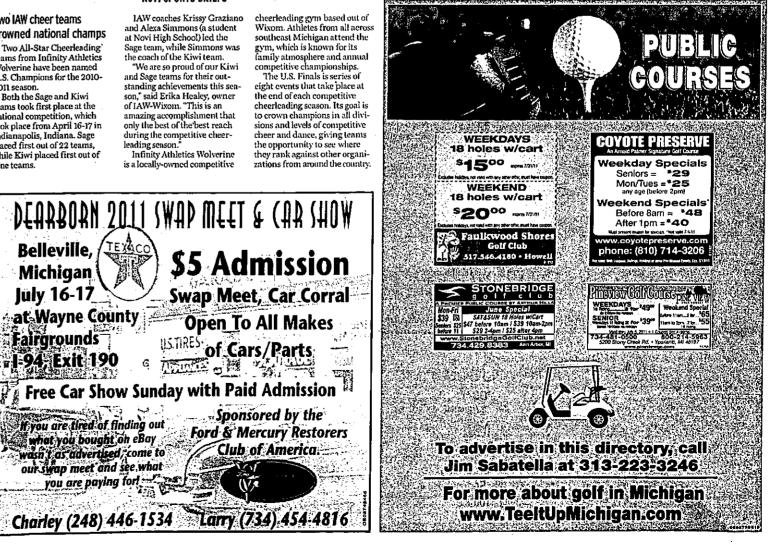
something. It was just a lucky Young Novi coach Brian O'Leary, a couple other games, so I'm who improved to 205-23-18 (.899) in 11 years with Novi's used to it," Caruso said of he defensive role. "But (Young) girls program, said the play was one that had repeatedly is a good player, so it was kind of harder. Just shut her failed the Wildcats through down and we won. My coach

out the year. "That's a play that hasn't said just say stay with her. We knew they were going to come out rough and hard, so we worked all year. We've never scored a goal and we try were prepared for that.' every time and it usually gets O'Leary said the switch made all the difference as the messed up," O'Leary sai game progressed. "(Young) is a fantastic "But we stuck with it. It's a little play where we leave the outside defender hidden when player and we knew that comwe get a free kick and once ing into the game. She was hurting us all game," O'Leary that's settled, we sneak her up said. "The second we scored

## **NOVI SPORTS BRIEFS**

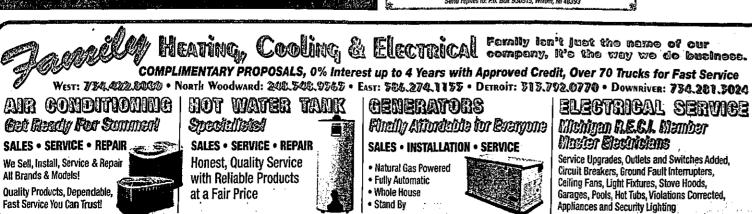
Two IAW cheer teams

crowned national champs Two All-Star Cheerleading teams from Infinity Athletics Wolverine have been named U.S. Champions for the 2010teams took first place at the national competition, which took place from April 16-17 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Sage placed first out of 22 teams,



elay leam after finishing sixth "Proudly Offering Our Patients" at the state meet in 1:38.14 and PEACE of MIND PROTECTION: couldn't have done it without senior Tiger Bourque, who teamed with Chung, Kim and • 3 Year Warranty long for the feat 3 Year Loss & Daniel Burton (CC Sr.) **Damage Protection** A senior Shamrock, Daniel Burton helped the 200 medley 3 Year Battery relay finish ninth in 1:38.94 before taking 14th in the 100 ackstroke in 54.78 seconds PERSONALIZED HEARING CARE, INC. Audiology and Hearing Aids Primary Care and ENT Physicians Trust Us...We Hope You Will Too! South Lyon Westland 321 Pettibone St- Suite 105 35337 W. Warren Rd. 248-437-5505 734-467-5100 Visit our website at www.personalizedhearingcare.com



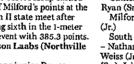


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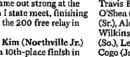
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Ryan (Sr.)



in 1-meter diving with 398.25

Mustang junior Dawson



Chris Kim (Northville Jr.)

2011 season. Both the Sage and Kiwi while Kiwi placed first out of nine teams

### LOCALSPORTS



e Novi High Wildcats capture their second straight Div. 1 title at MSU on June 18. Here they pose with their trophy.



Wildcat fans cheer as their team takes the state title.

that goal, I put Nicki Caruso back there on her and we didn't hear from (Young) the rest of the game. That's how good Nicki Caruso is. She's a forward, but I can put her on your best player and that's t for your best player. She probably had three, four dan gerous opportunities in the first 15 minutes of the game and, once I put Nicki on her, none the rest of the game. That's a big difference in the game that Nicki Caruso has the ability to play different sitions and shut their best player down."

An initial concern at the beginning of the season with only one returning starter// the defensive line held strong through the Wildcats' playoff run, allowing just one goal through seven games.

"We're kind of a rag tag group. Sometimes we don' do things pretty, but they inderstand," O'Leary said "They've gotten so much better this year. If you look at my defense, the first four games we gave up six or seven goals. At the end of the seasor we've only given up 12 the whole year. They got a lot better as a group.

"They threw at us two for ards, three forwards and four forwards today, and my defenders really never mis a beat. They just reassigned their iob and staved with their marks and they knew they were one versus one with that one helper back there. And the few times they did get beat, the helper came and helped them out perfectly. It wasn't one person doing th job so much as it was all of them executing that defense perfectly For all the work Novi's

defense had to do, especially in the final 15 minutes, the offense had several strong oments as well, spearheaded by senior Molli Krick's speedy and aggressive play in the midfield

The Colts kicked their game into another gear after nearly falling behind 2-0 on a rip by Greenhalgh with 24:20 remaining, but were saved by

a non-call by the linesman 20 yards up the line.

Seclenbinder fed Greenhalgh a low pass about 25 yards from the goal and reenhalgh turned around her defender to fire a shot that went between the jump ing goalkeeper's hands hit crossbar, dropped down off the goalkeeper's back and appeared to cross the line before Troy senior netminde Malliika Wadhawan grabbed

"That game was just like the entire season's been. It was a total team effort," Novi Athletic Director Curt Ellis said. "Our kids really maintained their composure every time they get challenged. Our coaching staff does a fantastic job of preparing the kids and that game was just emblematic of the entire season for us.

Caruso said this title was a little sweeter for her than las year's championship finish. "I was so much happier ecause we were undefeat we had an undefeated season. PROTOS BY TORRHEIDER STAFF PHOTO

That's huge for us." Caruso said. "And having it be my senior year, that's cooler. And vinning twice in a row, that's ust exciting and fun. Even to be here is just a great oppor tunity for us.

"I think everyone on my team played really good today. They all stepped up and did their job and got the job done. They're just great cammates and came in the game and stuck to it and got the victory.

As the 'Cats bid for a second three-peat since their 2005-07 run, they'll have to do so without Gauruder, Caruso. Greenhalgh and Krick, as well as senior defenders Naomi Kiura and Marissa Jussio

"I've got a lot coming back but the ones 1 lose are high quality," O'Leary said. "I raduate six. Four of them are Division I. And you're not ist talking small Division I players. I lose three firstteam All-State players.

"I lose a girl to Michigan State [Gauruder], Michigan State [Caruso], Wisconsin [Greenhalgh], Eastern Michigan [Krick]. I've got four girls that will be virtually impossible to replace. I say every year is start over for me, so I'll just start over next year. I won't even think about it, I'll just start over

next year." Greenhalgh said she's look ing forward to playing at the next level.

"I've very, very excited to. play Division I," Greenhalgh said. "I get to play against some of my high school teammates because they're going to Michigan State. It's going to be a new environment, but I'm always going to have high school as a good memory for the rest of my life.

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## **FUSE Scholarships**

Telcom Credit Union awarded five high school seniors with \$1,000 college scholarships as part of their ongoing FUSE Scholarship Program; (from left) Lauren Drew, Novi High School; Alvssa Engle, Salem High School; Eric Mayes, Berkley High School; and Jade Weathers, Southfield Lathrup High School; and (missing from photo) Elizabeth Gunckle, Seaholm High School. The five recipients were selected from eligible students who are Telcom Credit Union members who plan to go to college this fall. "We are happy to once again present our FUSE scholarships to five highly regarded young Telcom Credit Union members," said Tom Reagan, Telcom CEO, "We are proud to partner with these bright minds and assist them in reaching their educational goals." Telcom's FUSE program includes many different types of accounts to help their young members manage their money and build a strong financial future. "We strongly believe in building our futur through attracting and retaining younger members," said Reagan. Telcom Credit Union is a \$463 million ful service credit union with over 34,000 member-owners. Telcom is headquartered in Novi and has additional branches in Berkley, Canton, Livonia, Novi, South Lyon and Southfield.

## OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in July offered by the Oakland County Business Center, Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternation months. Unless otherwise noted, all workshops take

place at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, in Waterford. For pre-registration and location specifics, visit oakgov.com/peds/calendar or call (248) 858-0783.

## Pre-Business Research

Are you thinking of starting your own business and want to research your business idea? Are you a business owner who wants to understand which research sources to use for your business plan and where to find the information you need? Presented by The Oakland County Business Center, The Entrepreneur's Source, Oakland County Market Research division and a business reference librarian Attendees will receive an orientation to the FastTrac NewVenture program, making them eligible to receive a scholarship to the next 10veek program, reducing the cost \$700 to just

### Thursday, July 7, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This workshop is free but pre-registration is required.

### Social Media Marketing Part 1

Millions of people use social media for fun. but these technologies are also powerful business tools that encourage communication and collaboration. Before you start using socialmedia tools, learn how they work and what they offer, particularly for small businesses They can enable internal collaboration, allow nformation-sharing with external partners, exchange information with your customers, and harness the collective ingenuity of the public to build brand advocates. Tuesday, July 12, 9 a.m. to noon. Fee: \$40. No refunds

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requirements and process necessary to apply and obtain a microloan. Program presented by the Center for Empowerment & Economic Wednesday, July 13, 9-11 a.m. This workshop

is free but pre-registration is required. Fundamentals of Starting a Business

This seminar is for anyone thinking about going into business. This course helps aspiring entrepreneurs assess their abilities to lead and manage a company as well as evaluate market and sales potential for their products. The basics of business ownership are introduced, along with resources available to help launch new ventures in Michigan. Oakland County Executive Office Building

Conference Center Thursday, July 14, 9 a.m. to noon. Fee: \$30.

No refunds. Legal & Financial Basics for Small Business

This workshop covers many of the key legal and financial issues faced by both new and existing small businesses in Michigan. The

program initially focuses on the many man-agement and liability concerns faced by entrepreneurs, as well as today's tax consequent The program also provides solutions and ues for business concession and individual investment and retirement planning. Presented by Carter & Affiliates, P.C. Tuesday, July 19, 9 a.m. to noon. This work shop is free, but pre-registration is required.

FastTrac® NewVenture

This intensive, 10-week program helps you evaluate business opportunities and develop an action plan for owning your own business Written by entrepreneurs for aspiring entre-preneurs, FastTrac<sup>®</sup> NewVenture offers essential business information to help you develop your entrepreneurial skills and build your business on a strong foundation. FastTrac® NewVenture provides the opportunity to objectively evaluate your concept and plans for moving forward, begin building an infrastructure for your business operations and processes, understand how to access the hum financial and business resources, and build an actionable business plan. Tuesday, July 19-Sept. 27 (10 consecutive

sessions - no class on Sept. 6), 6-9 p.m. Fee: 5140. No refunds. Social Media Marketing Part 2

Establish your footprint and get your customers talking. Studies show people trust recommendations from friends more than they trust marketing messages from companies. In part 2 of this series you'll learn the core strategies and tactics businesses are using to get customers talking through social media You'll also learn how to respond ethically and effectively to brand supporters and detractors. And you'll gain the knowledge needed to gage where your social presence is the most effer tive. You will learn to create your social media strategy, integrate word-of-mouth (WOM) marketing and social media into your overall marketing campaign, engage with customers using social media tools and best practices, use existing applications to implement and manage tactics and apply effective measurements for WOM and social media. Pre-requisite for this workshop is Social Media Marketing Part 1. This is part two of three sessions.

Wednesday, July 20, 9 a.m. to noon. Fee: \$40. No refunds. Fundamentals of Writing a Business

Plan

This workshop is for small business own ers who are developing a plan to serve as their road map to success. Workshop participants learn what elements are commonly found in effective plans and work on developing each of these for their own business. Assistance in the process as well as information on resources is ovided Thursday, July 21, from 9 a.m. to noon. Fee:

\$40. No refunds Fundamentals of Marketing Your Business

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Wednesday, July 28, 9 a.m. to noon. Fee: \$40. No refunds.

## Professional advancement – it's about lifting up, not pushing down

relationship

## BY LEE MEADOWS

Managers serve a primary

role of coordinating the

In that capacity, they are

organizational position to

achieve goals using the best

resources at their disposal.

But, there is an even greater

responsibility for the appro-

priate use of that authority.

Last week. I spent some

time listening to a colleagu

in Michigan, having brought

good work history to what

should have been a match

asked as a way of helping

her deeply probe what went

wrong, but it also triggered

ade in recent months that

a series of observations I'd

had to do with a reporting

a number of questions I

made in heaven. There were

credentials and a

gone awry and the mishaps is no secret that a great brought on 1 deal of corporate success by a slanted hinges on the nature of understandthe relationship between ng of author A Gu managers and employees.

Yelling at Lee Meadows and berating an employee in front of others violates the most basic of human dignity and a com

ingly difficult to find closed space given our cubed work environments, but a competent manager strives to keep the ups and downs of work relationship by seeking places where privacy can be maintained. The issue is between you and your employee and not the rest of the cubicle. The line manager from an abusive one is as clear as the voice being heard down the hall. wasted time on activities that may provide comfort to the employee, but bring little value to the organization. Managers are expected to be clear about what they want and how it ties into what the organization is trying to accomplish. Many an employee has been left to wander the organizational corridors with little direction as to what is important

The result is typically high turnover within the 30-90 day time frame. Insecurity brought on by a



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edge, credentials and work habits is often the fuel that ignites an unhealthy working relationship. Managers are expected to draw out and build upon the talents hat individuals bring to their positions. We go to work with the hope of using our skills and with the belief that we can help and e helped by an insightful manager. Professional advancement has more to do with who you lift up as opposed to who you push own.

comparison of skills, knowl-

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Personal agendas aren't all bad as long as they don't move you to treat employ-ees in ways that you would personally find demeaning. nstant criticism does little facilitate a good work ng relationship, especially f the attacks are petty. Feedback is supposed to eliminate incompetence and

restructuring and the over-flow plates of responsibility, the likelihood of choosing your boss decreases to something just short of impossible. We can only hope that the person in that key posin understands the basics of 'development', 'conching' and 'stretch targets' enough to help you build the foundation for an active career.

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bachelor of business administration degree from Eastern Michigan University. "It was a huge honor, a huge honor to be chosen," he said of the "30 Under 30" recognition. Milshteyn has been involved in his real estate association for the past decade and in 2010 was the youngest president in the 90-year history of the Ann Arbor Area Board of Realtors. His advice is to set up campaigns targeting different segments of the mar-ket, such as mature owners, out-of-town owners and

National Association of Realtors. He is an associate broker/Realtor with the ABR (Accredited

of \$26.9 million, selling 143 homes that year.

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Milshteyn was 8 when he discovered real estate; he has no family in the business so at 15 cold-called

cent increase in 2010 with help from coach Walter

Realtors increase their business, which is what he

did with my business," Milshteyn said.

"He is a coach out of Kankakee, Illinois. He helps

Milshteyn graduated from Washtenaw Technical

Middle College in 2001 and also received an associ-

ate's degree in marketing that year from Washtenaw

Community College. Milshteyn carned in 2003 a

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## BY NANCY AUSTIN

ondo living has remained a practical housing choice for seniors for many years. It affords the owner the opportunity to live without the worry of lawn care, snow removal, or hiring hands to take care of the external needs of the structure such as roof

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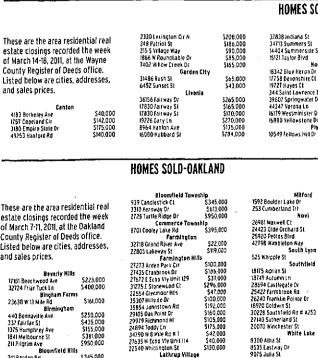
walls, basement, and siding. Owners are also free to pack up, leave, and travel without worrying about ome. There are many choices in condo livng. An individual Nancy-Austin \_\_\_\_ may choose a "regular

condo complex where age doesn't matter, but the complex will have first floor living. Another condo might be above the ground floor unit. These are called

stacked condos, much like an apartment arrangement. There can also be ranch condos with no one above or Detached condos are just that. They are separated at every point. There are no common walls with another

unit. These structures have becom more desirable in recent years and struction of this type is on the rise. Detached condos provide more privacy than attached units as well as no worry about noise coming through

Crestwood condos are designated for the 50+ age group. Bradbury is a village-like setting of ground-floor living with basements and carports. There is a recently renovated chibouse and a pool. Clubhouses are helpful, as this is where many activitics are held. Owners can also rent them for a very small fee, enabling residents to have baby showers, retirement parties, and other such events. Activities such as card clubs



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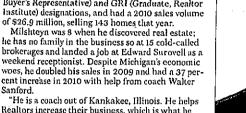
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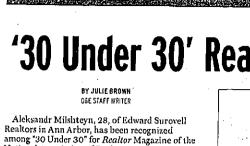
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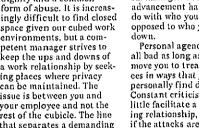


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as she worked through the shock of being on the receiv-ing end of the well-known and often-practiced 'it is four o'clock on Friday and that separates a demanding do you know who we're letting go?' Between the anger, build competence. Given the amount of tears and vile threats, what Unstated expectations are was particularly interesting was the context in which a catalyst for confusion and it occurred. She had spent exactly 88 days working in a company recognized as one of the best to work for





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## '30 Under 30' Realtor pleased by 'huge honor'



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"It's going after people who are in the market to actually buy and sell," he said. There was a reception recently in Chicago for the "30 Under 30" honorees, including those from past years. "It's amazing to see the caliber of people that are there. A lot of exchange of ideas," he said, adding those ideas are good for his business.

He serves on the Board of Education for Washtenaw Technical Middle College, as well as

Milshteyn graduated from Washtenaw Technical Middle College in 2001 and also received an associate's degree in marketing that year from Washtenaw Community College, Milshteyn earned in 2003 a bachelor of business administration degree from Eastern Michigan University.

the board for the Ann Arbor Art Center. "I serve on various commissions for the city of Ann Arbor," the Ann Arbor resident said. You can visit www.alexmi.com for more infor-

mation on him, as well as www.realtor.org for the other honorees nationwide.

"I have friends who are Realtors across the coun try," Milshteyn said. "This is home, I'm not leaving home." The current Michigan market is getting him

'Good times or bad times. I'm prepared," he said 'I work as far east as the 1-275 corridor," including Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Livonia, he said. "The inventory is much less than it was last

Ann Arbor's inventory is also dropping. "It's sig-nificantly less than it was last year," said Milshteyn, who sees the real estate market improving in southeast Michigan.

"I am amazed at the outstanding qualities and work ethic this year's '30 Under 30' honorees possess," said National Association of Realtors President Ron Phipps, broker-president of Phipps Realty in Warwick, R.I., in a statement.



### SENIOR LIVING

walls. There is plenty of room to plant flowers for those who enjoy gardening The cautionary note here is that if you plant, you must care if what you plant. Underground sprinklers are almost always included. You may or may not

be paying for water in your association dues, depending on by-laws visions. In one condo complex Bradbury in Plymouth, many individual owners have installed sprinkler systems as they were not installed at the time the complex was built. Some Bradbury condos, therefore have underground sprinklers and some do

Over-55 condo complexes for independent living don't proliferate in our area, but there are a few that deserve mention. In Plymouth, Bradbury and

bingo, etc. are held in the clubhouse. Crestwood condos are apartmentstyle condos on pleasant grounds

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Of course, cost is significantly lower than other condos because they are apartment style but if you have a pet, Crestwood would not work for you You must check the bylaws for each complex regarding restrictions such as pets. Canton's first (excluding subsidized

housing) 55+ condo community is under construction at Geddes and Beck. The Villas at Maple Creek have open floor plans and can include a fabulous sun room. There are attached garages, but no basements. The builder, Robertson Brothers, will make changes to the plan to accommodate aging-in-place devices and/or other needs. For more information, visit The Villas at Maple Creek and talk to

salesman Chuck McHenry. Farmington Hills's Botsford Commons is worth a visit due to its uniqueness. Condos are built in a circle rimming a complex of buildings which house other living arrangements such as apartments, assisted living and an Alzheimer's unit. All occupants from any of the living arrangements can avail themselves of the amenities in the main building (just across the driveway) which include a swimming pool, dining room, movie theater, craft room, library and bus service There's even a little gift shop in the main building. Each condo has safet devices, such as strategically placed pull cords, large-number thermostats, walk-in showers, built-in tub benches,

barrier-free entrances and extra-wide arches and bathrooms to accommodate wheelchairs. Monthly dues include a live security patrol around he clock. I am not aware of any othe condo complex in the metro area simi lar to Botsford Commons. There are several different floor plans, which include two and three bedroom units with or without basements. All have attached garages. Emerald Pointe is a neat, detached

condo community tucked into the northwest corner of Westland. The condos do not have basements but have attached garages. The two bedroom two bath units are generous in size. Vaulted ceilings, private entry and location are a few of the pluses for Emerald Pointe. All are on a small lot, but of sufficient size to make you think you aren't in a condo at all. Should you desire any further information, selling price ranges and/or

amenities of the above-mentioned communities or complexes, please contact me at the information listed at the end of this column If you know of any senior condo

complexes not represented here, please let me know. This column is all about assembling information for seniors who like to know their options.

Seniors Real Estate Specialist Nancy Austin may be reached at nancyaustin@gmail.com or by calling her at (734) 718-8900.

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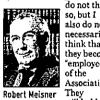
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## Employee status not likely affected

Q: I notice that in some state: the condo projects have a transfer tax on the transfe of a unit from one owner to another, Generally speaking the association collects the transfer fee, but I have seen situations where the develope does so. is that legal? The board recently passed an amendment to the bylaws which basically states that board

members, because of their involvement, will be receiving elief from their annual dues Can board members receive such pecuniary benefits simply by acting as a board member without casting a shadow on their volunteer status? Would this action not make the board members employees?

A: They will, no doubt lose their voluntary status and the protections under the Michigan Non-Profit Corporation Act. However if the bylaws have allowed for board members to receive compensation, and it was properly approved, that would be a legal basis to provide compen to them. Is it a good idea? [



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Q: My condominium association wants to fund a July 4th party using condominium funds. I have reviewed the bylaws. disclosure document, an information document, and have done a little research on the web. Everywhere I have looked, the description of uses of the monthly assessment is for repair. replacement, upkeep and maintenance. There is no mention that the funds can be used for any other purpose, especially a July 4th pig roast. How can I convince the rest of the Board not to use these funds for a party, especially when we are on the verge of needing a new roof and other expensive maintenance items?

A: The Board of Directors has wide discretion in terms of how to utilize its funds. A key element of the operation of a Condominium Association is a social aspect of the condominium. I do not believe that it is necessarily unreasonable for the board to appropriate funds for a July 4th party for the benefit of the entire Association. However, the judgment of the board in using these funds when there are other necessary repairs, could be called nto question. However, the best recourse is to find new directors who may better make use of the funds available to the

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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## Think twice before recommending a friend

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Want to refer a friend? Even though it can seem like just a small favor in a tough job market, it's important to think carefully before recommending a friend to someone in your professional network. Referring a friend to a former colleague or someone in your network is fairly simple for most people, but if your friend is less than stellar at the job, it can backfire

and reflect poorly on your own career, experts say. Because you know your friends from a mostly social perspective, vouching for them on the job may affect your credibility with someone in your network.

Here's what to consider before recommending a friend:

### How well you know your friend

Referring someone whom you've met just a few times or haven't been in contact with in years could be risky. Before you press "send" and pass on his résumé, it's important for you to evaluate what you know about the person and how he acts in the workplace. "Consider first if you know the person well enough to recommend them, says Chris Posti, president of outplacement firm Posti &

Even if you've never worked with your friend, finding out his employment history before sending out a recommendation is a good move. Think about it objectively before making a decision. Don't refer the friend if "your friend's general

employment history is spotty for reasons you know to be

negative," says Ann Dunkin, the operations manager at Attorney Resource Inc. who handles human resources issues. Should your friend get a negative reputation on the job, it could put you in an uncomfortable position.

Would you vouch for him to human resources?

Even if you just casually want to put your friend in touch with contact's email or phone number but asking your friend to not mention your name.

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Consider whether you would 'be

friend," Dunkin says. It's easy to

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Examine your own reputation

Sometimes there are other more personal reasons for asking that your name not be mentioned. Your own reputation at the company or with a former boss can influence how your recommendation is perceived, Posti says. "Maybe

your friend doesn't know that you are not on good terms with your boss or that your work is just average," he says. "Your friend may be better off pursuing the job on his or her own." So even if you're totally positive about your friend's candidacy, recommending him may still not be your best bet.

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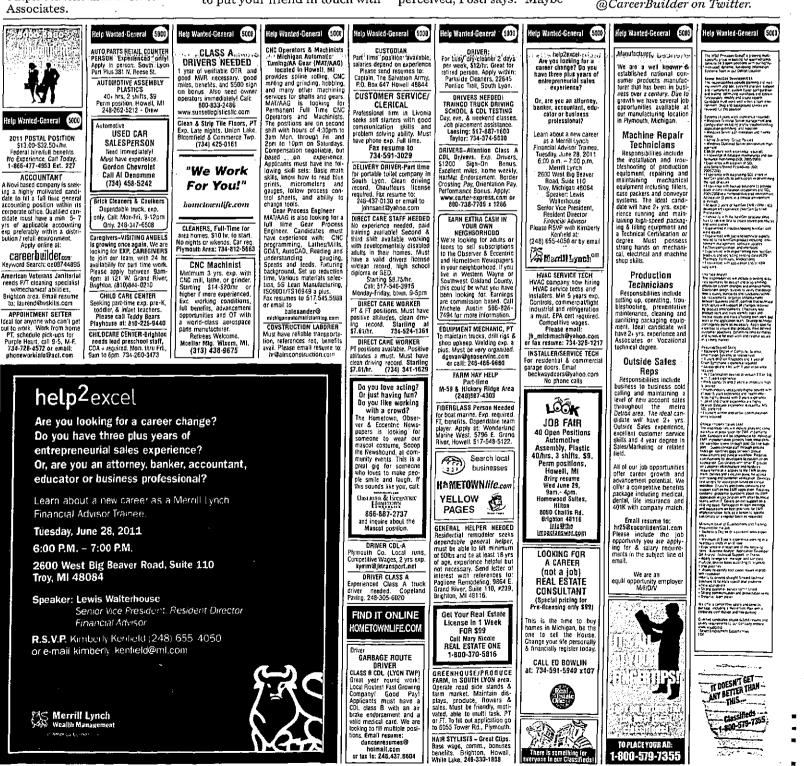
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Before making a recommendation, think ahead to what your working relationship would be like down the road. For example, if your friend works for your current company and is now reporting to you, it's important to feel comfortable with the new dynamic. Or if the friend is a gossip, it can be valuable to keep him or her away from your current boss. Ask yourself, "Does the person know any skeletons in your closet that might be spilled out over drinks at the company's Christmas party?" Posti says. Before passing on his résumé, think carefully about how it could affect your career.

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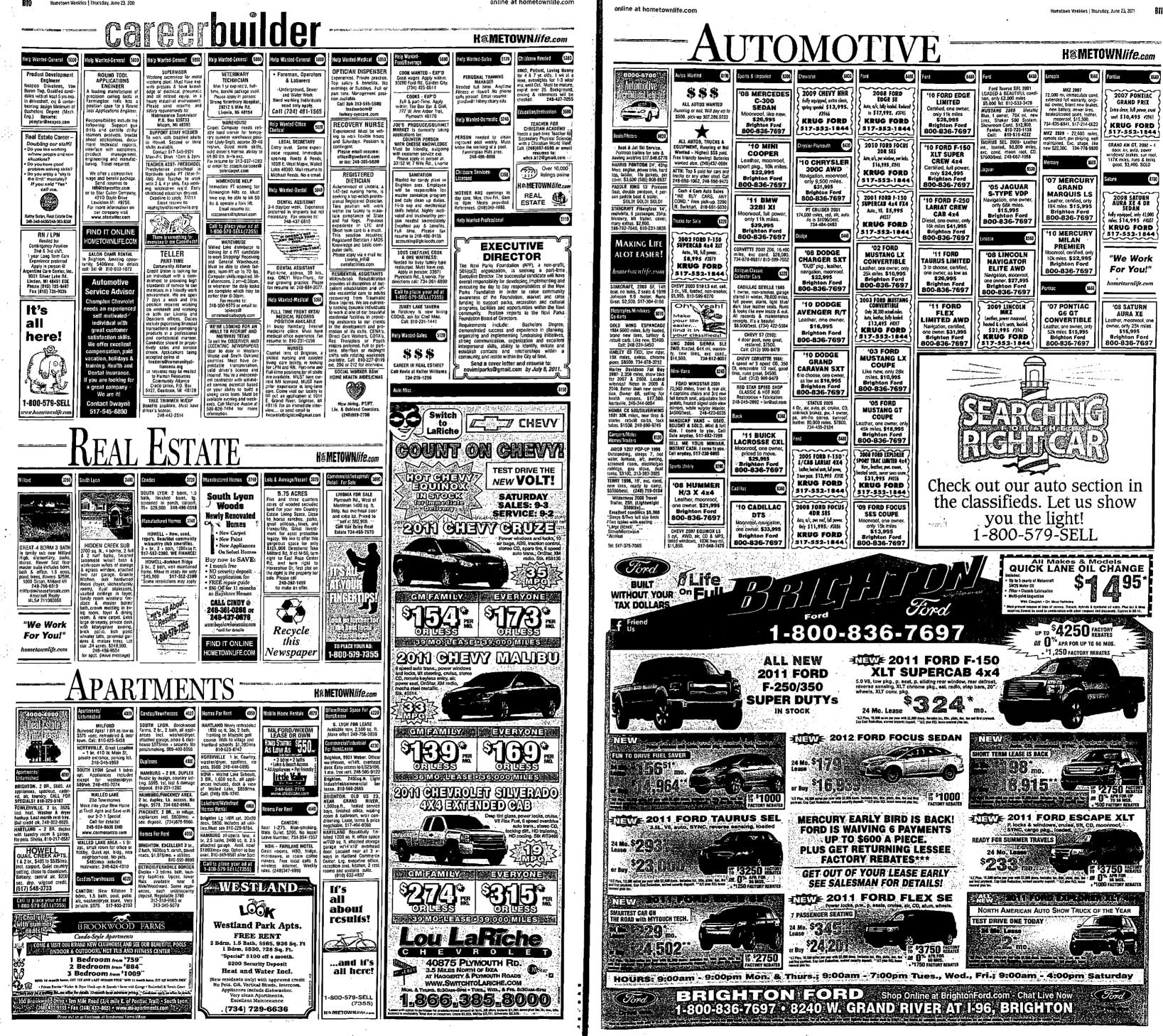
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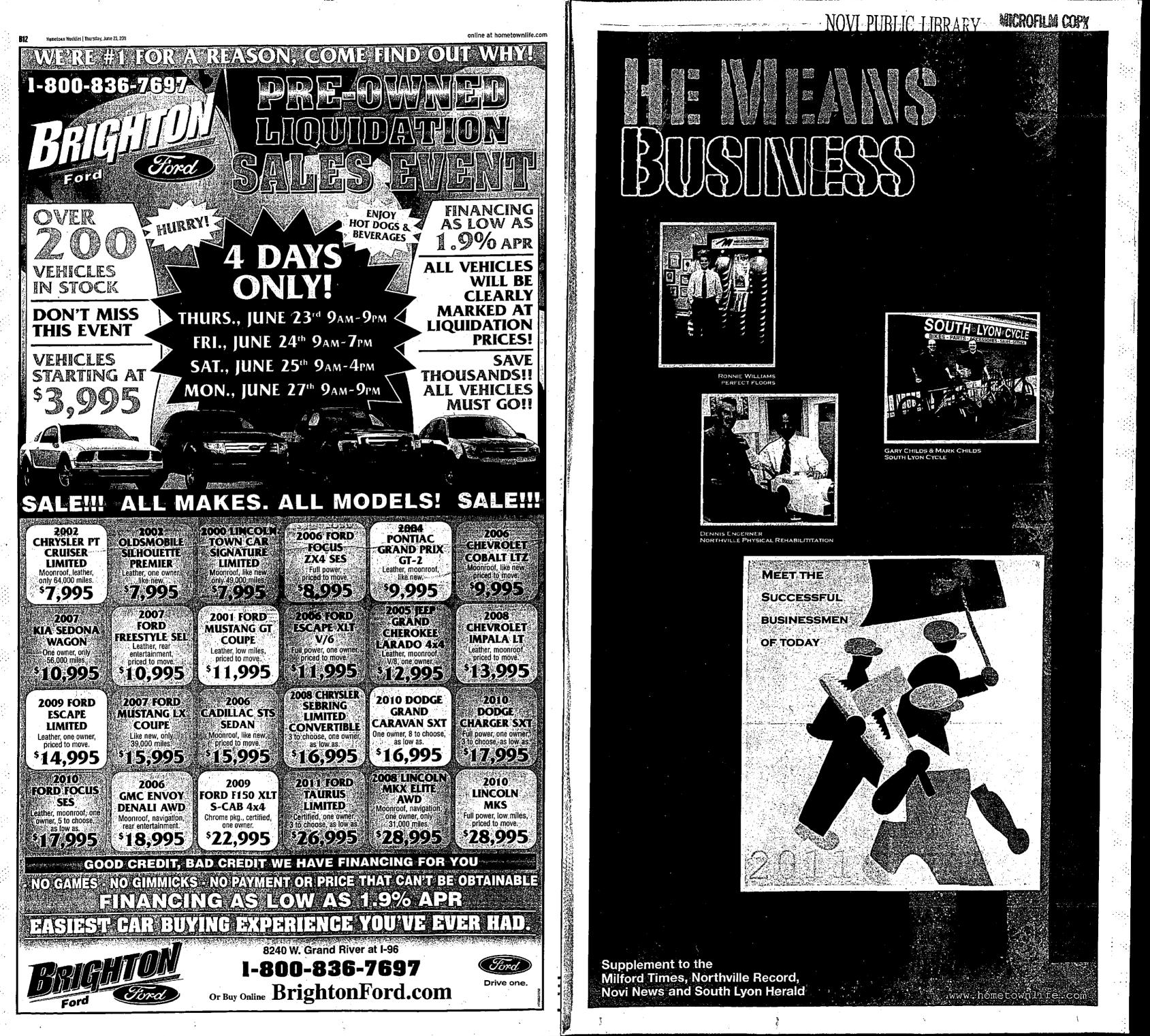
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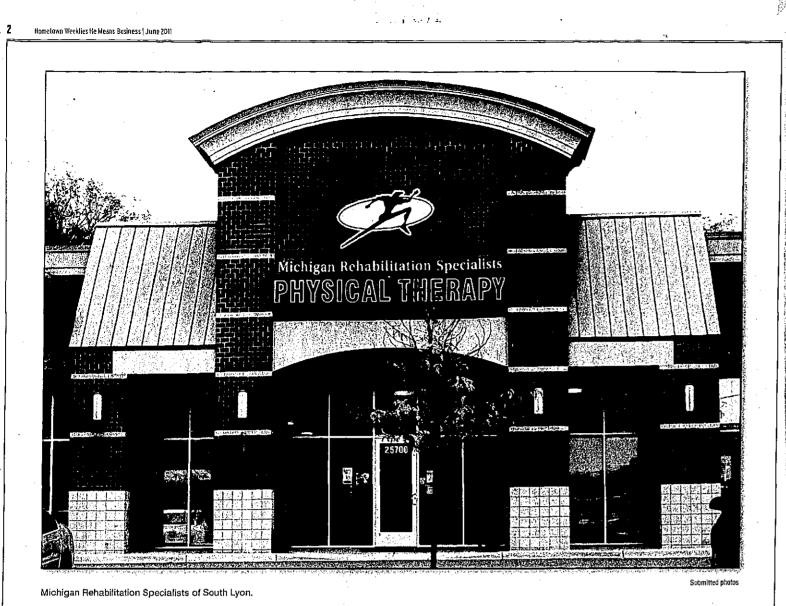
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# **Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists**

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For more than 12 years, physica therapist Rodney Goble has helped enhance the South Lyon Community and surrounding area by providing th highest quality hands-on manual physical therapy, athletic training, sage therapy and wellness

### MRS Reaches New Heights

The first MRS location was opened in Hamburg Township in 1999 by Goble and his wife Amy. Since then MRS has expanded to eight locations across Michigan through private practice ownership's with the best nhysical therapists in the area. Each MRS location is unique, and there are now offices in South Lyon, Brighton, Hartland, Pinekney, Fowlerville, Davison and Ann Arbor, All locations specialize in manual physical therapy. In all, the eight MRS locations provide the most comprehensive physical therapy, athletic training, and wellness in the area. At MRS South Lyon, directors Carol Glean, MPT and aul lamarino, MPT specialize in oneon-one physical therapy. The Gobles provide opportunity to

elite physical therapists by partnering with them in private practice ownersh "It is tremendously gratifying to help empower, equip, and provide other physical therapists with the ability to impact their own home community," Rodney said. A key to the Gobles success has been

building strong relationships between nationts and therapists and keeping close mmunication with referring

We practice a personable, hands-on, intensive approach to physical therapy," Rodney said. Because of the unique capabilities of

each MRS office, the Gobles and their team are able to offer physical therapy Putions for all patients. "Our team is specialized in many areas and we have a nerson for every

need," Rodney said. "They are the reason we have been voted the best physical therapy clinic in Livingston unty for multiple years." MRS has remained the premier physical therapy clinic in the South yon area because they have the mos

highly skilled, licensed, certified and credentialed therapists. MRS South Lyon utilizes the most advanced haology, equipment and treatment ations in the industry.

### New Dimension

MRS is strengthening its program by Conditioning Coach Mike Barwis of Barwis Methods. Barwis is one of the

"Our greatest achievements have been changing the lives of individuals in our community for the better and to help our physical therapist partners to achieve their personal and professional goals."

--- Rodney Goble, Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists

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health and wellness solutions for all

patients, no matter their age, or athletic

greatest achievement may be that MRS most sought after strength and conditioning coaches in the United States, having trained countless NHL, NBA, NFL and college players. provides treatments, facilities and equipment that were previously only vailable at the university or The Running Institute, the newest professional athlete level - to the local ommunity. From certified strength coaches to

facet of the MRS network, is no different because the Gobles continue to attract the most talented and highly trained individuals in the nation. They provide a multidisciplinary approach integrate the most comprehensive training and sports medicine environment for track and field athletes at the Olympic, professional, high school and recreational levels.

The Running Institute team is led by Pete Kitto, a physical therapist with 20 ears of experience specializing in orthonedic sports medicine, sports and fitness services and strength and Kitto is joined by Ron Warhurst, a

running legend, who spent 36 years as the University of Michigan Cross Country and Track Coach and Earl Wenk who has 15 years of experience the sports medicine and sports performance field. Wenk is also a certified athletic trainer, massage therapist and strength and conditioning

specialist. Nearly every member of the MRS staff comes with tremendous rofessional experience and many, like Rodney, have athletic backgro Rodney was the captain of the U-M baseball team and after a short professional career, completed his Master's Degree in physical therapy at U-M. He then founded MRS and has en engrossed in physical therapy ever

"Our greatest achievements have been changing the lives of individuals in ty for the better and to help our physical therapist partners to achieve their personal and professional goals," Rodney said. But to those who need physical therapy, strength training or any of the

other services provided by MRS the



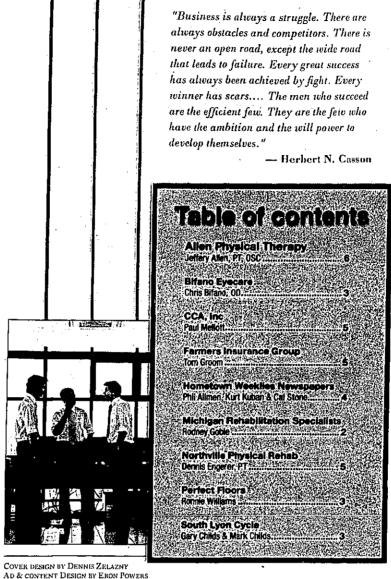
ABOVE: (from left) Carol Glenn, MPT and Paul lamarino, MPT, Physical Therapists at Michigan Rehabilitation

LEFT: (from left) The Running Institute partners, Pete Kitto and Rodney Goble.

## Community Involvement

Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists (MRS) is dedicated to providing physical therapy to patients of all ages. Their community efforts also include unique solutions. MRS owns and operates the L.E.A.D. Foundation, a nonprofit organization that helps strengthen and enhance the local community by offering assistance and support to individuals, groups and organizations, L.E.A.D. also has extended their services to medical mission trips across Africa and supports orphanages in Ecuador as well as providing fresh water wells in South Africa.

## He Means Business



Dr. Christopher Bifano puts special emphasis on customer service at Bifano Eye Care in South Lyon.

## Bifano £ye Care Dr. Chris Bifano

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Customer care, experience and up-to-date technology advances have made Bifano Eye Care a staple in the South lypp community for many

Drs. Christopher and Rhonda Bifano, and Jo Eller Dorony, have a reputation for happy customers and exter knowledge to provide patients of the South Lyon com and surrounding areas with the best treatment possible. Dr. Bifano is quick to point out that his experienced staff serves much of the credit for

his business' success. "We are carrying on the family tradition of good customer service," he said. "The doctors and staff are what set us apart from our competition.

His notoriety for good service began with the Bifano family of optometrists, including his now-retired siste and father who practiced in Dearborn for many years. Drs. Christopher and Rhonda Bifano, and Jo Ellen

"We are carrying on the family tradition of good customer service. Our doctors and staff are what set us apart from our competition." - Christopher Bifano. O.D. Dorony maintain an office it

Dearborn Heights where he splits his time with the South Lyon practice. Dr. Bifano, a resident of South Lyon and father to Lauren, 13, and Michael, 14, is ery involved in the ommunity. Bifano Eye Cate sponsor several high school events and the business is a member of the local Chamber of Com graduate from the Ferris State College of Optometry, Dr.

Bifano has been in husiness for 17 years. He attended grade school and high school at Divine Child in Dearborn Dr. Bifano keeps up on the







latest technology in the field of optometry and he believes in staying one step ahead of the technology curve.

Services at Bilane Eye Care include eye exams, contact lenses, eyeglasses comanagement of laser refractive surgery and treatment and

liagnosis of eye diseases. Emergency and after-hours services are available, and a doctor is on-call every day. The Bifano Eye Care staff

includes Drs. Christopher and Rhonda Bifano, and Jo Ellen Dorony. Doctors are available Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, Office bours and

a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 9 a.m. to 7:00 p.m Thursday; and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m

Saturday. Bifano Eye Care is located at 317 N. Lafavette St., two blocks north of Lake Street in

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approach," Ronnie added. Ronnie has been watching and learning from his dad, who has been in the flooring business for more than 20 years. He works closely with customers who walk into the store at 21946 Pontiac Trail and also goes out to homes and sses to give estimates.

It's a full-time job keeping customers happy and Ronnie knows the importance of customer service. He knows that people have choices and he urages them to shop around

We know that people will shop for estimates," he said, "We don't mind it at all. It has never hurt us before and it won't hurt us now.

Ronnie said he is seeing a lot of customers turning to hardwood flooring, Perfect Floors has selections available from leading manufacturers, including Bruce and Mohaw

If a customer doesn't see exactly what they want or has a specific brand in mind, Ronni and his family can "pretty much get anything the customer wants" from their sumplier

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"We keep six two-man crews working fulltime," Ronnie said. "These are the same people who have worked for us for years." The customer service includes not only South Lyon but extends into Novi.

Northville, New Hudson, Milford, Brighton and Ann Arbor, Ronnie said he even works in the Detroit area, thanks to customer referrals. "We have to go everywhere to keep our customers happy, he said.

Referrals are a sure sign that people like the products and service from Perfect Floors. And that's no surprise, Ronnisaid he stands behind the slogan f guaranteed lowest prices, hich means that customers don't have to waste a lot of high-priced gas driving around from store to store to get the best price.

But beyond price, it is the ners that keeps care for custo people coming back to Ronnie and the staff at Perfect Floors. Visitors are encouraged to stop n with any questions about flooring. Ronnie will be more than happy to provide the

Store hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Visit the store or online today. - By John R. Hall

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## In Northville, Novi, South Lyon and Milford **They Mean Business**

Local news matters and these journalists are dedicated to providing what readers expect news and information about our local communities. They care about the people and communities they cover. They have the knowledge, experience and passion for the job!

## Philip Allmen Editor

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munitles: Milford, Highland

Experience: Editor of the Milford Times for the past nine years and with the company for 10, including time in Holly and South Lyon. Previously, Alimen was assistant editor for SCN Communications and editor of the Richmond Review and Chesterfield Review newspapers.

Education: Bachelor's degree in English from Alma College.

Awards: Recognized with numerous awards by the Michigan Press Association for news writing, editorial page writing and design. He serves on the MPA's Better Newspaper Contest committee. He was named to the Michigan Association of School Boards 2011 Media Honor for his coverage of the Huron Valley Schools

Personal: A Farmington Hills native, Allmen is a past president of the Rotary Club of Milford and former board member with the Huron Valley Council for the Arts. He is married to Karen, a public school teacher in Lapeer Community Schools. They live in Holly.

Interests: When he's not out judging the Christmas parade, having dinner at the Highland House or covering any number of com events. Alimen loves the outdoors. Sometimes it's sitting in a fishing boat trolling the waters for bass and walleye. Other times, it's strapping everything he needs to his body for a backpacking trip. Isle Royale, an isolated island in Lake Superior, is one of his favorite spots. "I just love the scenery and campsites that most people never will see," said Allmen. His other passion is singing. He's performed with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, at Disney World, and at churches everywhere between. In fact, one of his first public appearances was during Milford's Ice Spectacular in winter 1993 at the Milford Presbyterian Church.

In His Own Words:

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"I have always focused my career on small towns, places that believe in strong communities. Being a community journalist has it all. Whether I'm covering budget cuts in the schools or previewing a fundraiser for any number of organizations in the area, I love it. In whatever story I'm reporting, I see a common thread. People care about the community. It's so great to be part of the Huron Valley area. There's always so many things n everyone who live or wo in the area definitely is one of the benefits of working here."

Cal Stone Editor cstone@hometownlife.com

ities: Northville, Novi

Editors (from left) Philip Allmen, Kurt Kuban and Cal Stone are passionate about community journalism and the communities they cover

Education: Bachelor's degree in journalism, Oakland University; associate's degree in business, Oakland Community College.

Experience: More than 23 years experience as a community journalist including serving as editor of the *Novi News* and *Northville Record* since 2002. Before that, Stone edited a Livingston County business publication for four years. His community journalism experience also includes time as a staff writer for the Eaton Rapids Community News and editor of the *Grand Ledge Independent, St. Johns Reminder* and *Shiawassee County Journal.* Prior to his career in journalism, Stone wrote biographies of musicians as a freelancer and drove a taxi cab in the Los Anneles area

Awards: In addition to several business writing awards, Stone has been honored for editing, writing and design by the Michigan Press

Personal: Married to Whitney McClellan-Stone, three children (Caitlyn 17, Cullen, 15, and Christian, 13). Stone lives in New Hudson but you can find him working on his laptop in downtown Northville and Novi coffee shops

Interests: Music (mainly blues and jazz) -playing, listening promoting and reading about it. Stone plays bass in Michael May & The Messarounds and The Okie Dokie Stompers, Reading - currently bouncing between three books: Year of the Tiger by Jerry Green (about the 1968 World Series Champion Detroit Tigers); Twenty musician Gram Parsons); and The New York Times Presents Smarter by Sunday.

### In His Own Words:

"The great thing about being a community journalist is the variety of responsibilities and the relationships built. I've met thousands of different and unique individuals and have been able to share their stories. Being involved in the Northville and Novi communities is icing on the cake (being the local source of information). Although both Novi and Northville are noted for their outstanding schools, they're very distinct communities one with a plethora of retail, the other with a quaint downtown. The Wildcats to the north of Eight Mile Road and the Mustangs to the south share an historical rivalry -but they also do a remarkable job of working together and sharing resources. And the diversity of cultures here is just remarkable and keeps my job of reporting exciting."

Kurt Kuban Editor kkuban@hometownlife.com

Communities: South Lyon, Lyon Township, Salem Township, New

ation: Associate's degree, St. Petersburg College (St. Petersburg, Fla.); bachelor's degree, University of Tampa (Tampa, Fla.). Graduate work at the University of Ottawa (Ottawa, Canada) and Wayne State

Experience: Before being named editor of the South Lyon Herald in June 2009, Kuban was editor of the *Canton Observer*. He has served on the editorial board of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and was previously a staff writer for the Wice-weekly publishing group covering beats in Plymouth, Canton, Redford and Southfield. He also the county government beats for the OSE in Wayne and

Awards: Third place, Journalist of the Year for non-daily newspapers, Suburban Newspapers of America, 2005; Finalist for the Society of Professional Journalists - Detroit Chapter's Journalist of the Year, 2004; Best Friend of the Rouge Award, 2006, given by Friends of the Rouge, Since 2001, Nuban has won numerous awards from the Michigan Press Association, Suburban Newspapers of America and the Detroit chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists for enterprise reporting, environmental coverage, editorial and column writing. In 1997, he received the C. Herbert Laub History Award, top history student at the University of Tampa.

Personal: Married to Cheryl, with three children (Maggie, Kameron and Kaden). The Kubans live in Wayne but family members are regulars at South Lyon area events including the Pumpkinfest and the Kite Fest.

rests: Member of the Wayne Planning Commission; coordinator of the annual Rouge Rescue event in Wayne: volunteer for many causes: avid outdoorsman; spending time at our family property in Rogers City, Mich.

### In His Own Words:

"I became a journalist because I loved to write. I soon found out, though, the best reason to be a journalist, especially a community journalist, is the fact you get to meet so many people and have your finger on the pulse of a community. We also have a responsibility to the communities we cover - we play a large role in making sure they are aware of the issue that impact their lives. We hold local governments responsible, we inform our readers of new businesses, and we hel introduce them to their neighbors, just to name a few. It is our responsibility to do that accurately and on a timely basis. It is something I am very serious about and appreciate at the same



whether it's a personal computer or a laptop. "I emphasize personal, one n-one service," said Mellott. We're known by the quality of our service and the honest of our work. We may not be a super-sized store, but we do provide super-sized service." Since opening its doors in 1998, CCA is proud to offer desktop and laptop repair services, virus and spyware

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new computer systems. "Our new computer systems range from basic home/office use computers to full gaming, CAD, video editing or sound editing systems, all built and d right here at CCA, said Mellott. "We are proud to be an American con be an American company providing local service and

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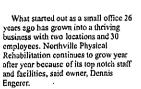
business with Mellott. He guarantees that his business takes information security very seriously. "Anything that comes through these doors

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Joe Stanislawski, physical therapist tech, takes Harold Dickieson through a series of strengthening exercises. Northville Physical Rehabilitation provides physical and occupational therapy for children and adults of all ages.

## Northuille Physical Rehabilitation Dennis Engerer, P.T.

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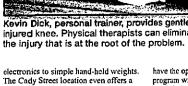
Experienced staff Our qualified staff consists of numerous physical and occupation therapists, including several personal trainers, local physicians and hospitals

mes refer them. "We have a great reputation in the community," explained Engerer, who is a physical therapist. The caring therapists at Northville Physical Rehabilitation are eager to work with patients to achieve the I health and mobility possible. Their experience enables them to help each

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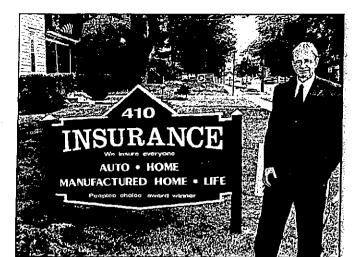
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- Paul Mellot

with information on it stays right here," explained Mellot Mellott is very appreciative to all of his customers, whom he considers friends after all the years he has lived and worked in the South Lyon community. "I've lived in South Lyon for more than 39 years," said Mellott, "The people in South Lyon are good, friendly, honest ole."

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- By Sally Rummer



Tom Groom, Farmers Insurance Agent, stands next to his sign in front of his office at 410 N. Lafavette St. in South Lyon.

## farmer's Insurance Tom Groom

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"What I think says a lot about what I do, is that I've been a multi-year winner of the People's Choice Award for the best insurance agent and agency." -Tom Groom, Farmers Insurance

For Tom Groom, Farmer's Insurance Agent, it's all about customer service. That means urning phone calls quickly processing calls quickly and taking calls after hours. He's been serving the South Lyon community with that commitment for nearly 30

years. "Treating people with respect is the key," Tom said 'Everyone deserves that. By keeping his office small, Tom Groom can actually provide more personalized service with less ting. There is less room for mistakes or misunderstandings abou

coverage. Tom said that hi customers know that when they call he is the one who answers the phone. "They have access to me all the time," Tom emphasized. He provides insurance for auto, home, life, RV and mobile home. Though his office is small he is con to some pretty big insurance companies. "I represent not only

Farmer's Insurance but also Bristol West, Titan and Foremost," said Tom. "I can shon for the best rates He is proud to say that he can find insurance for those that might be uninsurable

"That's one of the advantages to working with company," he said. "I've even gotten referrals from other agencies to help customer: who are difficult to insure. Tom has won the People's Choice Award for best isurance agent and agency for a number of years "I think that says a lot about what I do," he said. The office is located at 410

N. Lafayette Street in ntown South Lyon. For a free insurance quote call Tom Groom at (248) 437-5309. - Kate Phillip:



"People do appreciate the fact that they can come before or after work. We work around the lifestyle of our patients, so family and work schedules don't have to suffer." – Dennis Engerer, P.T.



injured knee. Physical therapists can eliminate pain by treating

hydro-track pool with a very effective After treatment is concluded patients

have the option to continue a fitness program with a personal trainer. "This is a place where people can feel comfortable participating in guided, supervised exercise in an comfortable

Dennis Engerer, owner of Northville Physical vorks on knee testing Foley. The office uses the latest high-tech diagnostic equipment

> Pain often accompanies a movement disorder. Physical therapists can help rect the disorder and relieve the pair

### Feeling better

All sorts of injuries and conditions are treated, from mild to very severe. Northville Physical Rehabilitation works with patients who are healing from an orthopedic injury and also those coping with neurological conditions such as strokes, head injuries and developmental diagnoses. Treatment protocols have been developed for the very young to

the oldest patients. In most cases health insurance will cover the therapy expenses. Northville Physical Rehabilitation bills insurance

companies directly and makes the process simple and worry free. Northville Physical Rehabilitation is located at 215 E. Main Street in Northville, with a second location just down the street at 300 E. Cady Street in Northville, For more information (248) 349-9339 or visit www.northvillephysicalrehab.com, - By Kate Phillips

many people, pain interferes with quality of life. Many do not realize that physical therapists are well equipped to not only treat pain, but also treat the condition that is at its source. Taking pain-relieving medication is not the answer

environment." said Engerer.

Patients also enjoy the convenience of Northville Physical Rehabilitation. A

The business is open 12 hours every

day during the week and a half day on

"People do appreciate the fact that

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Studies have shown that more than

half of all Americans are suffering from

pain. Whether it is a recent episode or

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"Frequently, physiologic dysfunction in the body can be quickly resolved by an experienced and skilled therapist. Many patients have been relieved of serious pain and years of limited function."

— Jeffery Allen, PT, OSC

Jeffery Allen performs a cervical mobilization technique.

Allen Physical Therapy Jeffery Allen, PT, OSC 248-437-2322 • www.allenphysicaltherapy.com

Jeffery Allen, owner of Allen Physical Therapy in South Lyon, is passionate about the difference he can make in peoples' lives. As a Physical Therapist and Orthopedic Clinical Specialist, Allen has years of hands-on experience

with manual therapy techniques and other specialties that can be a patient's best hope for eliminating sain and disability from his or her

"I enjoy helping people who have not had success in physical therapy elsewhere, by using my extensive experience to make a difference," said Allen, "Approximately 75 percent of our patients come to Allen Physical Therapy because of 'word of mouth' referrals from satisfied patients. We are very proud that people choose to come back with their families year after year, because of the personalized and

friendly care we provide." Allen Physical Therapy offers treatment for a variety of orthopedic conditions, including back and neck, joint injuries and muscle or connective tissue disorders. These types of injuries respond well to the experience and training Allen has in manual therapy techniques, which are applied to areas of injury and are applied to areas of injury and dysfunction, resulting in pain and limitations in every day activities. This includes training in the manual therapy techniques of urigger point needling, myofascial release, muscle energy, and spinal manipulation. "These are skilled 'hands-on' techniques that require actuastice

techniques that require extensive training and experience to perform effectively," said Allen, who graduated from Wayne State University in 1992, and earned his Orthopedic Clinical Specialist

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certification in 1999. Other orthopedic and neurological conditions are treated very successfully with warm water pool therapy, including arthritic or rheumatology conditions, hip/low back pain and fibromyalgia. A 15x8' warm water swimming pool offers an adjustable hydrostatic

jet system, allowing the therapist to set a current, much like that in a river, according to Allen. "This enables a patient to swim, walk, or jog in place as if on a treadmill," said Allen. "It also gives the therapist an adjustable and measurable resistive device to use

with exercise programs. Being able to use aqua therapy along with advanced manual therapy skills provides patients with the 'best of both worlds.'" Many patients come to Allen and his qualified staff for chronic and

acute pain conditions that are caused by a specific dysfunction in the body - such as headaches, TMJ, plantar fascitis, tendonitis, crima lunnel, etc. These and many other similar conditions are often treated with pain medications, especially anti-inflaminatories, that don't allow the inflammatories, that don't allow the body to fully recover. While the body may compensate for awhile, a person might find that there are still things they can't do with their "nagging back," "trick knee" or "bad chalder"

shou "If you find yourself wanting to do the things you used to be able to do, without relying on medication, then you should pursue a physical therapy treatment program, with a hands-on approach," said Allen. "Frequently, physiologic dysfunction in the body can be quickly resolved by an experienced and skilled



Jeffery Allen demonstrates Myofascial Release to the Stemocliedomastoid.

therapist. Many patients have been relieved of serious pain and years of limited function."

Physical therapy requires a physician's referral for treatment, but prospective patients can come in for an evaluation of their particular condition - without needing a prescription. "If you are a candidate for treatment, we will provide you with a prescription and treatment plan to take to your physician,"

explained Allen. "If you don't have a physician, don't worry. We maintain relationships with many excellent local physicians and can assist you with setting up an appointment." Allen is proud of the personalized treatment and friendly atmosphere that has been Allen Physical Therapy's halimark of care since he opened in 2004. "The core of our staff has been together for more than 10 years," said Allen. "Each patient

gets to know the entire staff and is made to feel as though they are part of the family. We are not nearly as busy as some large clinics and provide a more individualized care

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approach." Allen Physical Therapy is located at 321 Petibone, South Lyon. For more information call (248) 437www.allenphysicaltherapy.com. - By Sally Rummel

