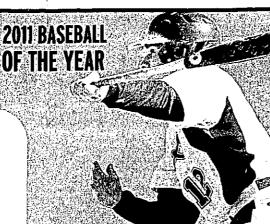
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Admittance to the festival is free and open to the public. Families are invited to bring a spirit of fellowship. Food and beverage vendors and more will be available on site.

Those wishing to perform are required to fill out a no-fee application which is available at gospelmusicandstoryfestival.com on the restival's web site. The festival is seeking representatives from local congregations to sign up to share a compelling personal story of God's love. 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 gospelmusicandsto

be found at GospelMusicAndStor Gospel Music & Story "Studio B" and sponsored by

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465-4522. More information can

Charlemagne Award

The City of Navi on June 20 received the Charlemagne Award from the Michigan Association of Code Enforcement Officers an training and networking, to the advancement and improvement of code enforcement officers to enhance their performance in the administration of codes and ordinances and to ensure the health, safety and welfare of their communities.

According to the award from David Schuler, president of the MACEO, the City of Novi has been a feading force in this organization by providing members who are active and involved in boards and committees. Members have been encouraged by the City of Novi to facilitate important continuing education efforts which aid in the

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STAFF WRITER

Nestled alongside some of Novi's ritziest landscape is five acres of land that serves as a reminder of what Novi used to be. The farm home of Larry

and Margaret Schmidt is modest for the area off Lake of Novi subdivision, and ture goats, chickens, turkeys, ducks and probably the most unique creatures of the bunch Larry is responsible for the



Larry Schmidt shows off one of the polyphemus moth's chrysalis that

moths, a passion that started more than 30 years ago and

appear because of invasive pecies in Michigan, and the ongtime Novi resident is oing his part to try to keep

"It's a really good experi-ence knowing that I am help-ing nature," he said. "And I lso hope to dispel the notion that if you are helping moths.

Schmidt said many people silk moths eat plants and one he said will continue until really they are a food source

Status of Grand River improvement up in the air

Hangups could push project back into 2012

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Residents and business owners hoping for improve-ments to Grand River Avenue this year might have to tem-per their excitement. After getting word in

February from the Road Commission for Oakland County that rehabilitation of the pothole-ridden road was going to be humped up from 2012 to 2011, Novi and county officials are now skeptical

that the work is going to take

mation officer for the RCOC, said they are working through some issues with the state and some issues with the state and with right-of-way acquisition and "don't know yet what is going to happen."
"We don't want to create

any false expectations in any way," he said. "We want

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REAL ESTATE

as paying 15 per-cent toward health care premiums as contract that also includes a wage reopener in the seco

> be taken on snow ing the school year with a late start, two instructional days added to the calendar and a new layoff initiative that requires employees who are laid off by the district in May or June and are hired back

Nearly 90 percent of unanimously approved by the school board.

The union negotiating team and the district met eight times to hammer out the details of the contract, which Brenner said was easier than in the past since most state aid.

Novi teachers agree to concessions, benefits changes Two board members question

wage re-opener in year two

BY NATHAN MUELLER

First-time concessions and paying toward health care inms were two of the major aspects of the Nov Educational Association contract approved by the Board of Education last

The NEA, which repesents teachers in the district, agreed to a 1-percent wage concession as well

Other highlights of the contract înclude 1.5 furlough days, which will

in September to pay back the amount they collected in unemployment. teachers in the union voted for the contract and it was

I think it was a fair deal for both sides," said Tom Brenner, president of the NEA. "My main objective was to get this deal done so we could focus on teaching and learning and not have to worry about this in the fall."

year with the new contract. As a result, all 26 teachers of the school year were called back. Bob Schram, assistant

superintendent of human resources, said the talks were teachers understand the economic times.

care about this cerned about what contract reflects hat," he said. Tyo board O'Connor and Jason

of the kids in Novi" He said the union refused to open its contract during budget time last year, which he said then forced the board

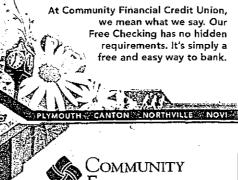
Brenner took exception to that comment, saying they offered concessions last

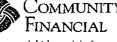
saving just under \$1.4 mil-lion for the 2011-12 school

avor of the contract, but did so "reluc-O'Connor said his wer the wage reopener in the second year, which he said es not accomplish the board's objec-

"The union leadership has not, at least in the two and a half years I've been on the board, demonstrated a sincere effort to reduce class sizes and to retain more of their members through making serious changes to their wage and benefit packages," he said. "The taxpayers need to know we are talking about a huge leap of faith in order for this re-opener to accom-plish the final parameters of year two of the contract, and I can only hope past behav iors will change for the good

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Bryson said one of the major hangups has been contacting property owners on the por-tion of Grand River between Novi and Haggerty roads. The majority of the businesses are commercial properties that are being leased, and tracking down the person with the legal authority to sign the agree-

TEACHERS

year but it was never taken to

the board by administration because it included a condition

that if the amount of money

Initial plans called for extensive rehabilitation and allowance was different than what the district hudgeted

week and a half or so.

ment has been hard, he said.

City officials have been

pining for improvements to the road for several years.

but since it is under the

jurisdiction of Oakland

anything about it. Funding has been the issue in the past, but Bryson said

County, they could not do

that is not the problem this

"The funding is there," he

said, also noting that he should have a clearer picture of the

status of the project in the next

for, the union would like to not have to concede as much

Supt. Pete Dion said he is proud of the employees for taking concessions and acknowledged the challenge repaving, including improving shoulders, select curb and gutter improvements, construction of right-turn lanes and tapes at driveways and intersections and the construction of ADA-compliant pedestrian improve-

The Federal Highway Aid Committee approved \$1.7 mil-lion in federal funding for the project, with both the RCOC and the city of Novi kicking in just over \$500,000 each. Novi City Manager Clay

ity project in Novi and said

and these are significant

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no reason to think that if

things don't get better our

make more concessions,"

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of the road. "People are driving in the middle lane because it's so awful, and something need Pearson said Grand River continues to be the highest prior-

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the city is ready to help where

progress can be made before

winter," he said. Kathy Crawford, Oakland

County commissioner, said she was "disappointed" when she

because of the impact the road

"My gosh, it's really bad and

really horrible," Crawford said

has on businesses in the area.

heard there might be a delay

"This is the first time our for the Novi Educational Support Personnel Association, Novi Food district has had concessions Service Employees Association and International Union of Operating Engineers will go before the board at tonight? meeting.

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Larry Schmidt shows the enclosure he built to keep the polyphemus moths safe from birds and insects. The enclosure is built around a graybark

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for other insects and animals in nature. The moths usually die within two weeks, as thei only goal is "for the next gen eration to produce the next generation," he said.
Schmidt said the process

starts with about 200 eggs. He keeps around 40 and the rest he places in various areas dur ing his walks. The caterpillars hatch in

protective enges before he noves them into netted bags to keep them from being eaten Once the caterpillars grow — some get as large as three nches — he puts them back into the cages, where they form their silk cocoons and eventually hatch into moths.

As an entomology 4-H leader for 10 years, Schmidt shared his knowledge and cocoons with various teach in the area, as well as with his two daughters and his grandchildren. He also was on the state development committee for entomology 30 years ago and developed the teacher entomology guide for the state of Michigan.

"This is a way I can still keen my hands on entomology because I enjoy it so much," he said. "And it also brings back a lot of good memories with my

And memories are exactly what the Schmidts hope to capture every day, as evidence by Margaret posting up at the kitchen window with her camera in hand hoping to catch the perfect image of a bird at the bird feeder.

It's also evident they want others to create their own ories, too, as they encour age kids and those passing by to stop in and get a glimpse of how Novi used to be when the hustle and bustle of the city is stripped away, replaced by the chirping of birds the other

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Gus O'Connor's luck of the Irish runs out



Main Street Novi's Gus O'Connor's is now closed due to a property tax and

Main Street business closes after eight years in Novi

Patrons still tug on the doors at Gus O'Connor's as though they cannot believe it's closed. But after an eight-year run in Novi's Main Street area financial troubles finally caught up to the company that ran the pub, Irish Beer Works, and owner Tony Edward Smith Jr., known as "Ed" to those who visited the establishment. According to a lawsuit filed n Oakland County Circuit

Court, the business owes ent and other charges totalling \$75,002.60 as well as aid utilities to the tune of \$10,055.09 to property owner Luna Propertics. Eviction proceedings began

in early May, and the bar offi cially shut its doors Memorial Day weekend. Jim Oegema, president of

Luna Entertainment, said they ave been in and out of court with the owner two or three times over the last few years "They chose to stop paying rent, and we then proceeded t

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mary goal now is to re-lease the space. We believe it's a great corner in Novi, and we are

One of Gus O'Connor's co-owners Mark Smith, center, poses for a photo and

a dark pint of Guinness. Also pictured are bartender Sean Farrelly, left, with Ashley McCabe, Mick Gallagher and Noelle Spellman, right. O'Connor's, a Novi Main Street staple since 2003, closed its doors last month.

excited about getting that space leased out to another tenant." The lawsuit alleges that in

June 2010, Smith or Irish Beer Works acquired the Sterling Heights Gus O'Connor's using money from the Novi property Smith holds the liquor licer for both establishments.

It also states that Smith complained to Luna they could not pay rent because On June 9, Smith filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy in U.S. Bankruptey Court. county is owed \$21,771.89 in

Ara Topouzian, economi development director for the city of Novi, said the bar/restaurant was frequented by a lot of people in town, especia ly on St. Patrick's Day

anyone go out of business, especially a place like Gus lien on the furniture, fixtures and equipment inside the

Calls to the Sterling Heights Gus O'Connor's were not returned, and the mailbox Waterford residence was full Topouzian said he does

"I think a lot of us were surprised, definitely," Topouzian said. "You don't want to see Oakland County placed a

the building.
In my opinion, it's still a great location and has poten-tial," he said. building on June 13, as the

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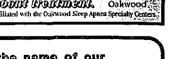
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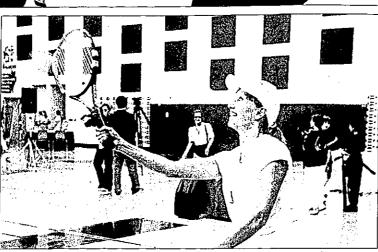
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Olympic Day

2004 Olympian and Novi native Kate Mackenzie (top left) talks to an audience at Novi Middle School on June 23 during the city's Olympic Day celebration. Mackenzie and fellow Olympian Aaron Parchem (who won a silver medal in the 2006 Winter Olympics) talked to the gathering about their experiences in competing on the world stage as an athlete. Mackenzie won a gold medal in 2002 in the world rowing championships. Novi Armily Self Defense students Ryan Swanson, 11, and Devon Decaire, 13, (top right) practice in the Novi Middle School gym. Sherry Bock (above)

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Field day

Novi Meadows students (above) Jillian Rhome, left, and Jaidyn Mertz try to win a relay race while keeping an inflatable ball on their backs. Meadows had its end-of-the-school-year field day on June 14. Novi Meadows students (below) work together to pass a Hula-Hoop down the line without breaking a hand hold on their neighbor.





School's out!

Guy Louis gets up close and personal with some Village Oaks students during the school's year-end

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National Merit Scholarship Award candidates

Twenty-six Novi High School students have been designated as candidates in the 2012 Competition for National Merit Scholarshin Awards: Alexander Brusher, Elyse Brusher, Lucia Chen, Subodh Chinthalapuri, Ena Hari-yoshi, Curtis Herzog, Angela Huang, Ayushi Jain, Alice Jiang, Daniel Lee, Jason Leung, Shravya Musku, Rubini Naidu, Sachin Pad-manabhan, Anthony Pan, Vivek Panyam, Benjamin Rathi, Eugene Song, Katie Song, Achyut Srinivasa, Evan Thomas, Andrew Thor-wall, Abigail Wang, Zelin Wang, Alison Widner and Hayley Wilk.

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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 availability.

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Summer Sidewalk Series Location: Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountainwalk: roundabout Dates: every Thursday from 5-8 p.m. through August Details: Live music and artists 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 cityof-

novi.org Terrific Tuesdays Time: 10:30 a.m. July 12: Mr. Seley - Songs for Kids; July 19: The Magic Carpet Theatre; July 26: The Amazing Clark Magic

Friday Family Fun Time: 8 p.m. July 8: Mavie - Despicable Me; July 15: Toppermost Beatles Tribute Band; July 22: Movie - How 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

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21200 Haggerty Road Details: Business networking focused on building relationships The Sunrise Networking Group, LLC (www.sunriseNETWORK/NGgroup. 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. Contact: Fonda Milana 586-232-3009 or fmilana@sunrisefinancial

group[lc.com American Business Women's Association Novi Oaks Chapter

(north of Eight Mile), Novi

Details: BNI is a structured net-

working environment for profes-

sionals. The Metro Novi 8NI team

ing bona fide referrals to each

and refine an 'elevator speech.'

develop a broad network of other

business professionals in the com-

munity and receive training/educa-

Guests are invited to attend free

of charge, Continental breakfast

Contact: For more information

www.metronovibni.com.

and third Tuesday

Novi Toastmasters Club

Location: Novi Civic Center

Road, Novi, Michigan 48375

Details: Novi Toastmasters is a

community-based club which is

personal excellence; Guests are

www.novi.freetoasthost.us.

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Contact: Linda Kreuter at PR@novi.

part of Toastmasters International

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first

Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile

contact Julie Paquette at 248-797-

1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com;

provided.

tion on networking more efficiently.

members are committed to provid-

other. Members learn how to create

Metro Novi BNI Time/Date: 7-8 a.m. every Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road

required July 20

45245 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi Details: Join for networking and a light breakfast; \$5 payable at door. Business to Business Breakfast Time/Date: 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, July

The Pheasant Hills Development, 901 McDonald Drive, Northville Details: Join for networking and a light breakfast; \$5 payable at door.

LIBRARY LINES

Novi Public Library Location; 45255 W. Ten Mile Road.

Eve Wonder

Details: Join your neighbors and

book discussion of Room by Emma

Time/Date: 1-3:00 p.m. Wednesday,

Details: Come ready to paint a

masterpiece. Wear your messiest

clothes or a good smock for an all

Friends' Monthly Board Meeting

Details: Board meetings are typi-

of each month at 7 p.m. at the

library. Everyone is welcome at the

meetings and we cordially invite

Time/Date: 7-8:00 p.m. Wednesday

Tween/Teen Book Club

Time/Date: 7-9:00 p.m. Wednesday,

cally held on the second Wednesday

bring a lunch for this afternoon

Finger Paint Fun for

out painting party.

July 13

you to attend.

Preschoolers

Thursday; 10-5 Friday-Saturday; closed Sundays through Labor Day 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 Library is closed on Monday, July 4 Summer Reading Programs run through Aug. 6 for youth, tweens, teens and adults. Sign up now on the library website or at the library. Story Times: Please see the library

website or story time brochure for details Tween and Teen Hot Summer

a recent DVD release on our big screen; for grades 5-12. Summer Movie Spectacular Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Wednesday.

Details: Come watch a recently released movie at NPL - especially for grades K-4. **Excel Basics for Adults**

Details: Learn how to create. modify, and save spreadsheets using Microsoft Excel in this handson workshop. Prerequisite: must be confident using a computer and proficient with the keyboard and mouse. Registration required.

Monday Evening Book Discussion Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Monday, July 11 Details: Join your neighbors for a lively discussion of Garden Spells by Sarah Addison Allen. Music with Mr. Seley Time/Date: 10:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesday,

July 12 Details: Music that kids really like will be featured by Mr. Seley in a sing along fashion. His guitar playing will inspire you to sing and dance. The library is partnering with Novi Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services in the Sizzling Summer Arts Series. The program will be held at Fuerst Park unless the weather is inclement and it will be moved to the library's Meeting Room. Fun for all ages. Helping Your Toddler Talk

Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday,

Details: If you have a toddler with

gies to do with your child at home.

speech delays, this three-part

workshop will teach you strate-

Presented by Early On Oakland.

Music and Movement for Young

Details: This workshop is open to

all children birth to age 3 and is

sponsored by Early On Oakland.

Time/Date: 12-1:00 p.m. Wednesday,

Registration required.

Wednesday, July 13

Registration required.

Backed for Lunch

Time/Date: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Children

beloved wife Madelyn of 58 years, Milford, on Saturday, June 25, 2011.

iis children: Richard Selden, Lucia Memorials may be made in her name Bruce) Millington and Robert to the Michigan Humane Society. to the Michigan Humane Society. For further information please www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

STONE, NANCY JO

Age 61 and a resident of Milford, died on June 21, 2011. She is sur-

by Robert, her bended has-band of over forty-one years, her daughter, Tara (Chris) Hall of Livonia, and grandsons, Aidan and Keegan. Also surviving are her step-father, Harold Prehn; her sister, Pam

nechews. Michael (Melani-

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For more information cal Char Wilson 586-8**26-7662** Liz Reiser 586-971-7550.

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Deadline: Tuesday at 10 am for Thursday



Novi Chamber of Commerce Contact: www.novichamber.com or call (248) 349-3743. Combined Chamber Lunch with Livonia and Greater Farmington Chambers Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Wednesday,

Location: Embassy Suites of Livonia, 19525 Victor Parkway, Livonia Details: Featured speaker will

be Patrick Schwerdtfeger "Online Branding & Social Media Revolution"; \$25 pre-registration Business to Business Breakfast Time/Date: 8-9 a.m. Wednesday,

Location: Novi Public Library.

Location: James D. Compo, Inc.'s

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

Time/Date: 3-5:30 p.m. Tuesday

Details: Cool off at the library with

Time/Date: 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday,

Details: Beat the summer heat chillin' at the library as we discuss the finer points (and maybe notso-fine points) of two hot reads. Our July club will discuss all that is wonderful, and not-so-wonderful. about the Harry Potter series, just two days before the last installment of "The Deathly Hollows" movie is

released. For grades 5-12, Walled Lake Library Location: 1499 East West Maple Road, Walled Lake Contact: (248) 624-3772 **HUD Counseling**

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

EDUCATION Novi Community Education

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

Times/Dates: 9:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.: July 11-14 (instructor Debra Fatt, class #1502-J11C); July 18-21 (#1502-J11D); July 25-28 (#1502-J11E) Details: Safety Town is designed to introduce all types of salety conditions to children. Participants will learn about Stranger Danger, Fire Safety, Traffic Safety, Animal Safety and what to do in an emergency situation. 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. 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 professionals in Emergency fields. Each child

The Providence Center for the Healing Arts recently opened a new exhibit titled Eve Wonder, a collection of digital

simple, ordinary pocket camera. In this exhibit Weissman shows that the treasure of creation is in everything we

through July 30 in the Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery located adjacent to the Reflection Space in the Assarian Cancer

photography by nature enthusiast Elena Weissman. These images offer a look at the colorful landscapes and natural terrain of Michigan and Yellowstone National Park. The clarity and artistry of this collection originates from a

see, and the tools necessary to capture this need not be expensive or elaborate. Eye Wonder will be on display daily

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 ibus-

key@novi.k12.mì.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 tour of five Northville area homes will be 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24 with the last-chance tour from II a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25. Sponsored by American Association of University Women Northville-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, leams of 12 will compete for a Challenge Cup. Register with your own team of 12 nolfers or register individually, in twosomes or foursomes. Electronic scoreboards throughout the course will dîsplay team progress. Team format allows even inexperienced golfers 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 following the outing, Foursome fee is \$560. Call for team of 12 golfers fee. Title Sponsor: Varsity Automotive Group Contact: www.novichamber.com or call (248) 349-3743

Huddleston Hole-In-One Charity/ Celebrity Golf Outing Time/Date: 1 p.m. Saturday, June 25

Center on the Providence Park Campus (southwest corner of Beck Road and Grand River Avenue, Novi). 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

> NIGHILIFE Andiamo Novi / Dirty Martini

June 22: Comedian and actor Pauly

CONTINUING

Location: Novi Town Center

Details: Gather round for a fun

story suitable for children of 6

E-Reader Demonstrations

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Saturdays

Details: Are you curious to try

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Sun, Water & Seeds 4-H Club

Location: Toligate Education

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays

Center, 2815 Meadowbrook Road.

Details: A 4-H youth garden and

farm stand where kids learn about

plant science, nutrition and entre-

preneurship by raising produce for

The Club is seeking new members

to join in the planting, planning and

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

Contact: sunwaterseeds@gmail.

Time/Date: 11 a.m.-noon every

com or (248) 956-0029

Contact: (248) 347 0780

Children's Storytime

Time: 2 p.m Saturdays

years old and under.

E-Readers.

EVENTS

Borders Books

Lounge / Andiamo Theater Location: 42705 Grand River, Novi Contact: (248) 348-3838 Off-Broadway Series Details: Space is limited to approximately 200 quests per show. May 25-June indefinitely: "The Last Five Years" Contact: www.ticketmaster.com.or call (248) 348-4448

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Father Michael Zuelch, associate pastor Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dichaza-Crosspointe Meadows Church Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south

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Monday Evening 7:00 p.m.
The Rev. Richard E. Page, Pastor

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Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Destiny Worship Center Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School Wednesday,Friday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. 49775 Six Mile Road, Northville Contact: DestinyW3C@Gmail.com or visit

or by appointment

of 13 Mile Road

Reconcillation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays First Church of the Nazarene Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of

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, **Ouilling. Adult Classes, Youth Blast**

Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Women of the Word

Ephesians. There is a \$15 registration fee. which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5. Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchofthholycross.com

Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m. Worship Service

Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m. Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the

Location: 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia

Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m.

Alzheimer's Support Group Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month Faith Community Presbyterian

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit (penorthville.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m First Baptist Church of Northville Location: 217 N. Wing Contact: (248) 348-1020 Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.

Contact: (248) 442-8822 or www.newhope Ladies Bible Study; 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of

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671 W. Ten Mile Road + Novi, MI 48175 Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m. Rev. June M. Smith, Pastor 248-349-2552

every month First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church

Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road

Please see CHURCH EVENTS, A11

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Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road

Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfami

Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30

Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday,

(English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday

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

in Thursday's newspaper.

Church of the Holy Cross

Church of the Holy Family

Contact: (248) 427-1175

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Mass Schedule

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and Liturgles Saturday 4:00 Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Highland

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NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

120 Bishop St., Highland Millord Rd., 2-7/8 miles N of N Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Wad, 7:00 p.m. Paston Danny Millore

ELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

New Hudson

NEW HOPE - A Unitarian Universalist Congregation nday Celebration of Life Service 10:30 a.s

NEW HUDSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH iday School & Bible Class -9:30 a.m. Worship-10:30 a.m.

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p; 10 a.m.; Sunday School: Adult Bible Study: 9 a.m.

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CHURCH 640 S. Lala (248) 437-0760 Worship: 8:15, 10:00 am & 7:00 px 9:40 a.m. Sunday School Rob Calticott, Pastor

10774 Nine Mile Road Rev. M. Lee Taylor • 449-2582 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

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Wixom

CROSSPOINT COMMUNITY CHURCH 28930 Wixom Rd. Wixom, MI 48393

Wednesday Location: The group has moved from the Senior Center to the Belmont Clubhouse at Fox Run on 13 Mile between M-5 and Meadowbrook. Contact: Deloris Roman at (248)

668-8600 for more information.

Notice to Bright House Networks Cable Customers

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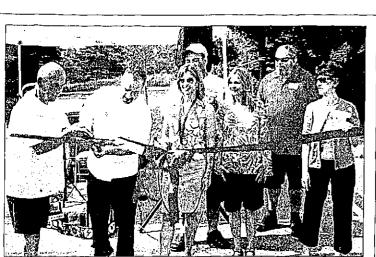
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Farmers Market opens

Approximately 400 people attended the opening day of the Farmers Market in Novi June 18 at the Suburban Collection Showplace, which handed out recyclable shopping bags. Providence Hospital's Chef Jeff served rice and beans to demonstrate the food served at the Haiti Orphanage supported by Have Faith Haiti Mission. Twenty-five vendors offered fresh produce, arts and crafts, yard art, Michigan Honey, pastries and more. The market will be open from 9 a.m.-i p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 1. Pictured (from left) at the ribbon-cutting are Mayor Pro Jem Rob Gatt: Chairman of the Roard Novi Chamber of Commerce, left Wilk: Executive Director Nov Chamber of Commerce Linda Daly; board members Boni Trush, Rachel Hindelang and (back) Ara Topouzian;

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Shazaaam wins three awards

Shazaaam! Public Relations, based in Novi, von three awards in two international c nications competitions - the MarCom Awards and the Hermes Creative Awards.

The MarCom Awards are administered by the Association of Marketing & Communications Professionals to honor outstanding achievement and service to the communications profession. Shazaaam received two MarCom gold awards. One was for trade media placement for a multiple page media story titled "Improving Your Organization's Organization" for client Shelving Inc., based in Auburn Hills, in conjunction with their 50th anniversary. The second award



paign focusing on "Puppy Mill wareness Day" for the client The Family Puppy, with five Southeastern Michigan locations: Novi. Trov. Roseville The company again went n to receive a 2011 Hermes

Creative Awards for the "Puppy Mill Awareness Day" media relations campaign for the client The Family Puppy. The Hermes Creative Awards are presented to honor excellence and recognize the creativity, hard work and generosity of market-

We're honored to receive the recognition of our peers internationally," said agency President Adrienne Lenhoff, "As an agency, my staff and I strive to deliver campaigns that exceed our clients' expectations. It's a great validation when that work is ocer reviewed and deemed exceptional by others within the marketing and

Novi agency specializing in nonmedical home care.

For many families, providing care to older oved ones who may otherwise be healthy, but no longer able to drive or get around easily. can be a dilemma. Novi-based Sharing Hearts Home Care hopes to be a solution for that dilemma for the many families who struggle with this issue on a daily basis.

"There is really nothing to compare to the ense of comfort and familiarity of being cared for in one's own home," states Joddy Smith. president and founder of Sharing Hearts Home Care, "Sharing Heart's services are designed to be flexible in order to fit in with an individual's, and their family's, daily routine to further pr mote our client's independence."

Non-medical home care services are an important component to helping seniors remain in their home. The National Academy of Aging estimates that there are currently 8.5 million people over age 70 in America who need help with driving, household chores, dressing, and preparing meals. That number will grow to 21 million in the next quarter century.

Sharing Hearts non-medical care services include assistance with bathing and dressing,

companionship, light housekeeping, meal preparation, and errands. Services are available for as little as one hour per day or can be provided

for 24 hours per day, 7 days per week More information about Sharing Hearts their services and information on aging can be found on their recently launched website at www.sharinghearts.com or by calling Sharing Hearts at (248) 994-4317.

Novi's Fox Run developer/manager one of the best places to work

Erickson Living, the developer and manager of Fox Run retirement community in Novi, announced that IDG's Computerworld magazine has selected it as one of the top 100 organizations that provide their information technology (IT) professionals with a creative ing work environment, great caree opportunities, as well as exceptional benefits and compensation. Erickson Living was ranked

"Erickson Living's Information Technology professionals have a long history of quality service and a unique commitment to serving a diverse customer base," said John F. Triscoli Erickson Living's senior vice president and chief information officer, "This recognition demonstrates that by fostering an enjoyable, supportive and creative work environment that sion-driven' and provides its staff with a full range of competitive benefits, a great place to work can become even greater.

KEMET opens Novi office

KEMET Corporation, a manufacturer of capacitors for use in the auto industry, is opening a regional sales and engineering office at 28175 Haggerty Road in Novi to provide engineering and customer-service support for KEMET's automotive customers in North

"The industry is placing more and more emphasis on the development of electric and hybrid-electric vehicle systems," said Dr. Danie F. Persico. KEMET's vice president -- Strategic Marketing and Business Development. "W want to maximize our ability to provide collaborative engineering support for our customers as they work on these highly complex systems.

KEMET last year signed a \$31.7-million v contract with the U.S. Department of Energy's National Energy Technology Laboratory to develop technology for electric-drive and other alternative-energy products.

The auto industry accounted for nearly 16 percent of the company's revenue during fisca 2011. KEMET's customers include many of the world's major automotive suppliers, including Bosch, Continental, Delphi, Lear, Magneti Marelli, TRW and Visteon.

The company also is major supplier of capacitors for use in consumer electronics, the tele-com industry and other high-tech industries. Headquartered in Simpsonville, S.C., the company has approximately 11,000 employees at facilities in North America, Europe and the

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 alternating mouths.

Holess 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-

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 von 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 scholar-ship to the next 10-week program, reduc-

ing the cost \$700 to just \$140. Thursday, July 7, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This workshop is free but pre-registration is required.

Cloud: A new way to compute

here's a relatively new type of cloud around and it's much easier to spell or store rain — instead, it stores massive amounts of data that you can access from any computer, tablet, or laptop that yo

The concept of storing all of your personal data: music files, movies and applications in a central location called a cloud may seem simple, but it has already started to shift the way people use computers.

Cloud technology has been used by people and companies for a while but really became nstream earlier this month when Apple appounced its new file storage system called

Apple isn't the first tech company to roll out cloud storige services — Amazon and in classic Apple fashion, they turned cloud computing from a tech term, into a mainstream

HOW IT WORKS

Instead of using piles of thumb drives or external hard drives to store data (like large music collections) users can store all of their music in their

personal cloud. Users can access their cloud from their desktop computer, work laptop, a friend's iPad or any device they do use. This means users can access their data (like memory-hogging

Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

from their or iPad, without download ing any files.

any device

mation, users can access any

data they previously stored in

Cloud computing makes

accessing data more con-venient, makes backing up

data more convenient and is

also cheap. Amazon.com for

storage for users and if his

example, offers 10 GB of free

has shown us anything, its that

storage space grows exponen-

END OF OPERATING SYSTEMS?

panies look at compu

ing. Recently, Google rolled

out their Chromebook (mini

laptop) that has no operating

system. That means there is no

start menn, file folders, or reg-

istry files. Instead, the device

is run on applications much

like a tablet or smart phone.

It is likely Google's goal, to

have every Chromebook user

storing their information on a

Google cloud. Cloud comput-

ing and app-based computing

may seem strange, but the

prospect of those functions becoming more widespread

Cloud computing has already changed the way

computer users and tech

loading infor-

a strong possibility.

I don't think cloud computing and app-based computing will completely phase out traditional computer storage and there are a need for both modiser can acces While app-based and cloudtheir e-mail

based computing have convenience factors, and help speed up your computer, who wants mation like tax documents on a cloud run in a server farm by a cloud because it is stored on a huge tech company If your cloud gets hacked

your sensitive information could be stolen and worse yet your account could get hacked On the other hand, app-based a Trojan virus on your comcomputer hard drive and steals your passwords. Under each model you lose and gain safety in different places.

That's why cloud computing and app-based computing are so incredible. When combined with traditional systems and the right security precautions computer users can gain more flexibility and safety while computing, without spending a

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Population trends impact future of region

Kurt Metzger plays the num-bers, but what he is betting on has nothing to do with personal

am. Metzger, who started Data Driven Detroit for the Kresge Skillman Foundation, is betting that his numbers will help everyone from health care organizations to government units and retailers provide the appropriate services for their target and i

The statistics were anything but dry when Metzger spoke Monday at the Schoolcraft College VisTaTech Center in Livonia, before a group of about 40 stakeholders at a board meeting of St. John Providence Health System, That health organization has five hospitals in the metropolitan area, including in Southfield and Novi.

One didn't need to see the numbers while looking at one of Metzger's maps showing population trends. A broad expanse of green covered the far western areas of Oakland County and all of Livingston County, depicting the areas with growing popula-

tion.
The map made sense to Lou ing and communications for Providence Park in Novi. "We have a terrific number of

births at our hospital," he said. like there's something in the For instance, according

to statistics provided by the South Lyon School District, the number of students enrolled 19 years, starting from the 1997the yearly figures show that the enrollment dipped slightly in the 2008-09 school year, which is considered to be the beginning the economic collapse in the area. The next three years showed an increase of only 23

Those figures fit with Metzger's contention, based on data from the U.S. Census and the American Community Survey, a substitute for the lonform of the Census, that spray is continuing and having a seri-ous impact on service delivery throughout the nine county

region he studies Following along the I-96 corridor, after its split west of I-275, are towns like Novi, South Lyon and Brighton, followed by Howell at M-59 and I-96. Without the use of a map, a drive along the corridor shows proof of population growth through or shopping developments at Novi, at Brighton just south of the intersection with US-23, and a major outlet shopping develop ment in Howell.

The impact of that growth neans, however, that more land is consumed and that the demands for transportation are growing. "We keep abandoning areas in our core," he said. eventy-six percent of the jobs

"The whole idea is that we operate on a regional economy omething that Metzger adds is the key to the future of the nineounty area, "We have got to talk about how we can work more

more" from where people live.

If Metzger had one common theme, it was "live local, hire

THE YOUNG LEAVE

Some areas have seen significant declines. "Michigan had 25-44 age group, he said.

"Young people are leaving the state," he said. Young couples are the most impacted by the last hired, first fired policy of employers, he said. Since many terable to move. A lot of those ouples, he said, have young

shopping centers, local school officials wouldn't need to see a rap to know that the nur local births has dropped for the area and for Michigan. School officials carefully track such mbers, since the state aid to education is awarded on a per student basis.
Some of those young couples

Like with the growth of

who leave also are encouraging their parents to follow them, he

At the other end of the age spectrum, "The number of deaths is stable," Metzger said. That means the area's populatio is growing older and needing different kinds of services. "The baby boomers are bere and they are aging in place," he

"This is reflected in an older workforce," Metzger said. That workforce frequently doesn't have the education and skills that will induce businesses to locate in Michigan, Metzger said

"Opportunity and education are key to the state of Michigan he said. "...Michigan ranks 37th in the percentage of college-edu

Metzger's stress on the need for education comes at a time when the state Legislature just passed a budget from Gov Snyder that reduces the amount f state aid to education

Significant changes also have ethnic and racial groups, he said That's important, Metzger said, for attracting international busi

A NOTE OF OPTIMISM Metzger expressed optimisr on the future.

"The economy really hit this area, but we're about as far down as we're going to get," he said. Still, he cautioned that "we dropped much faster than estimates that it will be five ears before the area's econom fully recovers. There are other ways that

Metzger's statistics have an impact on lives in Southeaster Michigan, including the redistricting procedure for congressional and state officeholders now going on in Lansing. Metzger calls congressional

districts 13 and 14 interesting because, for the first time, ney cross the Eight Mile Road border that separated Oakland County from Wayne County and from Detroit. Those districts are currently represented by Hansen Clarke and John

Once said to be the most segregated area of the country. Metzger said that is no longer "We're now the fourth," he

Metzger cautions that the

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data only can be interpreted so far. The sample size of the American Comi is small, reducing its reliability, he said. And while data for larger towns like Farmington Hills and Southfield will be updated every three years, smaller towns like Ferndale and Royal Oak will have demographics updated every five

Doug Rich, vice president of strategy and business development at St. John Providence Health System, tells the stakeholders that the information provider by Kurt Metzger will help the health system plan services for patients.

consultant with the Southfield Chamber of Commerce, said the most important statistic to him was the one that said that the 25-44 age group declined. He asked Metzger what the "trigger point" would be for an economic turnaround that would bring

people back. Young people want diversity and a viable urban area Metzger said. However, "they want the suburbs, like Royal Oak," when it comes time to b a house and raise a family. That means that Detroit. Ann Arbor Saginaw and Bay City all need to be revitalized be added

of buzz to it" to attract young people, Metzger said. There was general agreement, though, that no one understood former gov-ernor Jennifer Granholm's "Cool Cities" initiative

Just Imagi

aders with just

Revitalizing those cities will

regional transportation system takes no sense at all," he said. Improved transportation systems could carry people from the core cities right out to that I-96 corridor, where "Novi is an employment center," Metzger said. And it will take that improved housing and access to jobs to repopulate core cities in the area, or, as Metzger said,





Jean Meyer (center), president of Providence Park Hospital, listens to Kurt



take improved housing, because much of the housing there "was not meant to last," Metzger said While "single family homes are the strength of the region, Metzger also said that popula tion trends will dictate what regional transporation is needed. That some communities have been allowed to opt out of

"Where you live shouldn't deter mine how you live."



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suspect said 'no.'

a citation and released

Teen nabbed for MIP

fight near Main Street.

they arrived, they saw the people standing

The officer asked them to leave and the

suspect said he had to go into the workout

area to get his bag. The officer followed

him into the area and asked, for safety, if

any weapons were in the bag to which the

and that is when he found about 1.2 gram

The suspect was arrested and trans-

ported to the station where he was issued

A teenager was arrested for minor in

after he was caught fleeing the scene of a

When officers arrived, they stopped

him and another person who were run-

involved in the fight but did attempt to

help someone involved when it started. He

smelled of intoxicants and a preliminary

ning away.
The one suspect said he was not

ossession at 11:55 p.m. on June 25

of marijuana in two plastic vials.

He then asked if he could search the bag

there, along with a resident of the com-

12 Mile Rd.

Man arrested for

weed at 12 Oaks

two men at 11:32

o.m. on June 26 for

uana after an officer saw the suspect's car parked in the park-ing lot at Twelve Oaks Mall while it was

According to the

completing a traffic stop when he saw the

he approached it, he

report, the officer was

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uld smell the odor

The driver and pas-

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Both were arrested and transported

senger said they were waiting for his friend

drug in his car. Police

to get off work, and

ing a total of three

well as a pipe.

to the Novi Police

they were issued cita

after posting bond.

arrested for MIP

2 Four teenagers

ere arrested for minor in possession

of alcohol consumption after the vehicle

they were riding in was stopped at 1:13

a.m. on June 26 on Grand River Avenue

east of Taft Road for not having a working

When the officer approached the car, he could see one of the backseat passengers

lriver told the officer he was driv-

trying to put something underneath him.

ing his friends to Denny's and said he had

not been drinking. The officer did not smell alcohol on him and he was released.

The other four teens submitted to pre-

liminary breath tests, with all blowing above 10 percent. They also admitted to

All four were arrested and transported

to the police department to be processed.

Police catch man with weed in bag

3 Novi police arrested a man at 1:37 a.m. on June 25 for possession of marijuana after discovering the drug in his bag dur-

olice were dispatched to the area

of Joyce Lane on a complaint of people hanging around the clubhouse. When

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Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth

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Time/Date: 7:30 n.m. every Thursday

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Details: Single Place is a social organiz

tion for singles 40 and up hosted by the

Northville, 200 E. Main, Northville

drinking prior to the test.

ing a search.

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Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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Sunday of every month

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Sunday Worship

Single Place

Time: 9:30, 11 a.m

Location: 200 E. Main St

Four teens

of marijuana coming

Novi police arrested

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Grand River Ave.

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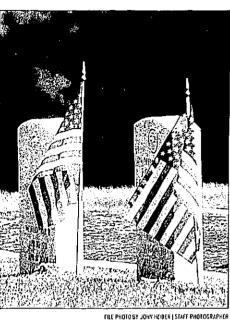
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OUR VIEWS



Be sure to use proper flag etiquette when displaying the flag on

Flying our flag on the Fourth

A chance to show respect to our country's symbol

There are a variety of times during the course of a given year the American flag moves front and center as citizens pay tribute to their country, its freedoms and the men and women who fight for them

There's the recent Flag Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and, on Monday, Independence Day -- all designed to allow American citizens opportunities to pay their respects not only to their country, but to its most visible

And when they do, it's important they do it properly. If you're displaying an American flag, Public Law 94-344, The Federal Flag Code, contains guidelines (if you're worried about how deep the federal government is getting into our lives, know this: The code contains no penalties, though some states have their own codes and may

impose penalties): Traditional guidelines call for displaying the flag in public only from sunrise to sunset. However, the flag may be displayed at all times if it's illuminated during darkness. The flag should not be subject to weather damage, so it should not be displayed during rain, snow and wind storms unless it is an all-weather flag.

It should be displayed often, but especially on national and state holidays and special occasions. When flags of states, cities or organizations are flown

on the same staff, the U.S. flag must be at the top.
This one seems to be "violated," for lack of a better term, more often. During the hoisting or lowering of the flag or when it passes in parade or review, Americans should stand at attention facing the flag and place their right hand over the heart. Men not in uniform should remove any headdress and hold it with their right hand

at their left shoulder, the hand resting over the heart. Here's one that gets violated occasionally in school gymnasiums or football fields: When the flag hangs from a staff in a church or public place, it should appear to the audience on the left, the speaker's right.

When the flag is worn out or otherwise no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a

dignified way, preferably by burning. Here are a couple of things not to do with the

American flag:

• Do not let the flag touch anything beneath it:

ground, floor, water, merchandise. • Do not place anything on the flag, including letters, nsignia, or designs of any kind.

• Do not use it as wearing apparel, bedding or drapery. t should not be used on a costume or athletic uniform However, a flag patch may be attached to the uniform of patriotic organizations, military personnel, police officers and firefighters.

. Do not use the flag for advertising or promotion purposes or print it on paper napkins, boxes or anything else intended for temporary use and discard.

There are more, and you can find them on the website of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. But these guidelines give you a good idea of ways to treat the

American flag with respect.

During ceremonies such as the recent Memorial Day activities, proper respect is paid to this country's miliwomen, who have given so much in repre-

enting their nation As the Fourth of July approaches, it's important to emember the American flag, the symbol of our country, eserves the same respect.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What are your plans for the Fourth of July holiday?



"I will be heading up north with my family and going to a fireworks

"I don't have any plans vet. I will probably iust spend some time with family and watch fireworks somewhere." Angela Oudin



"I will be spending time with my family. grilling and watching the fireworks."



'I plan on staying around here and doing summer homework.

Or Sobert Brateman, Family of Alex Brizard.

Brown Family, Buckley Family, Budesky Family,

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LETTERS

A new concept for education The struggle for delivery of literacy in many school systems is weak. Studies showing a lack of basic knowledge in American history and its

many heroes annoys me the most. Throwing money at bad systems and corrupt bureaucracies does not work. Magnet schools helped some, yet as with any enterprise, only broad competition creates sustainable paths to

Lacking progress over time, all communities will adjust to the lowest denominator, so disintegration of bad systems is essential to correct the paradigm? We all want American children to have a useful education.

Maybe our state should look at unloading bad school situations into new competitive tracks, setting specific rules and measurements of progress. Guardians and parents should be involved and required to participate in the effort to educate. As mediocrity thrives in federal bureaucracies (excepting our military) and unions rarely lead best results, states should act with dispatch in troubled situation.

Each student should be given vouchers for educational use at the acceptable options, public or private. Unions should not control education.

Defeating literacy issues require intense educational programs in basic learning skills from preschool through sixth grade as the more fertile windows of learning potential to ignite the engines of learning. If early education is lost there is no catching up. In grades thereat ter, forget this mainlining nonsense, separate students by indications of aptitude and skills to maximize the benefit.

Vouchers continue to be useful then for, smaller focused groups fitted to the student needs and choice. Education done by a teacher/ facilitator as leader of small groups devoted. highly to use all internet access tools to employ the most talented course instructors in America. Such a plan could dump the stagnant middle and high schools, replacing coed years of preening, hormones, social promotions, and

certainly limit the dropout problem, too. facilitators to deal directly with parents and students using current organizational bureaucrats as counselors to work with students and parents on life skills.

Streets priority over sidewalks

I find it ludicrous that the city is spending so much money on replacing perfectly good sidewalks in the downtown area when the side streets are crumbling.

Our street, Fairbrook, between Wing and First, is one such example. Cars continually bottom out when passing over a significant potential sinkhole that has been "patched" year after year. I was told by Jim Gallogy that our street would not be repaired for another 10 years!

Are we going to continue to just put Band-Aids on these gaping wounds, while pouring good money after bad on cosmetic fixes that are unnecessary? How does black concrete fit in with the Victorian theme of the downtown

Cindi Brazen

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Relay kudos

The generosity of my neighbors, my family Connor's Family Dining, and George's Senate in Northville contributed to the fally for the successful Livonia Relay for Life. The event on June 4-5 was a community effort made possible with their help. Every bottle, can, nickel, dime and all monetary donations collected will help with the further research of a cure and treatment for cancer. With your care and concern there is HOPE, Thank you all.

Student's plea

I am an eighth grader at Novi Middle School, and Hike doing fun stuff in school like band, sports, field trips and activities. I keep hearing in the news that the our government is cutting hudnets so Novi is firing teachers and may have to start cutting fun school activities.

Please tell our government leaders that they have to raise enough money to pay for the learning activities that make school fun and Thank you.

Senior party thanks

On behalf of the Novi High School Senior All Night Party 2011, we would like to express our sincerest heartfelt thanks for the generous donations provided by the businesses and families listed below. Without their support, the event would not have been possible. It was a fun and safe event celebrating the hard work. of so many of the community's young people. Please show your support by patronizing these

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miles away and only fly the attorney in the day of the court hearing. Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi have vast experience

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an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even set

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us to celebrate the summer season, especially the nation's birthday on the Fourth of quickly turn a celebration into a tragedy if they aren't handled Did you know sparklers, a common firework purchased

to melt gold? The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates nearly 9,000 people were treated in hospital emergency rooms for injuries associated with firethe injuries were burns and most of the injuries involved the head (including face, eyes and ears) hands, fingers and legs. Children and young adults under the age of 20

Additionally, on the Fourth of July, the number of fires in the United States is sig-nificantly increased, with cause for more than half of be the top priority, the Novi mends you enjoy fireworks at a professional event. If you do purchase fireworks for private use, community members responsibly and take necessar

wheel-type devices, torches, - Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller

Ensure a safe Fourth of July by practicing firework safety tips

The American traditions of cookouts and fireworks get into swing this week and help

for children, can reach 1,800 works in 2009. More than half percent of the estimated iniu

safety precautions. Community members are also reminded Michigan law prohibits the sale, possession transportation or use of Class B fireworks (without a permi from the State of Michigan). Class B fireworks include fire crackers, cherry bombs, comets, M-80's and larger, torches bottle rockets, roman candle and any fireworks that move or leave the ground. Basically into the air, or explodes, is pro

Class C fireworks are legal,

and include flat paper caps toy noise makers, sparklers flitter sparklers, cone and evlinder fountains, toy snakes

and smoke devices (and do not require a permit in Michigan). 'include M-80s, M-1,000s, sil-Mail order kits designed to build these fireworks also are banned. The manufacture, sale and receipt of these illegal explosives devices can result in federal felony and/or misde-

meanor charges. In an effort to increase safety awareness and decrease the risk of injury, the Novi Fire Department^{*}

owing: Never allow young children to play with or ignite fire-works. Adults should always supervise fireworks activities. As stated above, sparklers burn at temperatures of approximately 1,800 degrees; hot enough to melt some met-

 Never point or throw fireworks at another person. Never have any portion of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse. Move back to a safe

Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not fully functioned. After fireworks fully complete their functioning, douse the spent from a bucket or hose before discarding to prevent a trash

· Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers.

• Keep a bucket of water or garden hose handy in case of ire or other mishap.

A number of local communities and public venues offer firework displays. A full listing is available on the City of Novi's website at cityofnovi.org. For more Novi Fire Department safety tips, visit cityofnovi.org or contact the Fire Marshal Mike Evans at (248) 349-2296.

CHURCH EVENTS First Presbyterian Church of Northville Thursday meetings feature speakers.

ice cream social Time/Date: 7 p.m. June 30

Musical entertainment is planned First United Methodist Church of Northville A Stephen Ministry Church

ville.org Sunday worship: Times: 8:30 and 10 a.m. (Memorial Day veekend through Labor Day weekend); 8

Contact: For a detailed schedule of all events (dining out, weekend activities, etc.) call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.

Details: fire up the grill on the front porch for a summer picnic inside the church.

Location: 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Taft Rd. Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www.fumenorth-

9:15 and 11 a.m. (Sept.-May) Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livonia-Pastors: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, senior pastor and Rev. Jeff Sturgeon, associate pastor

Coffee Hour: 9:30 a.m. Sunday ((Memoria) Day weekend through Labor Day weekend): 10:15 a.m. Sundays (Sept.-May) Healing Service: 4 p.m. first Monday of

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Street bar.

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breath test registered a blood alcohol con-

He was transported to the station and

ued a citation before being released.

5 Novi police arrested a man tor class. derly conduct at 1:23 a.m. on June 25

near the parking garage near Main Street after he vandalized his ex-girlfriend's car.

According to the police report, the suspect got argumentative when asked to

describe what happened. Another officer

on the scene said he had transported the

man back to his residence earlier in the

night when he got kicked out of a Main

His ex-girlfriend said she has been

having problems with the suspect, and

when she walked back to her car the doo

the rear view and side view mirrors were

tation where he was booked for disor-

The man was arrested and taken to the

Anory boyfriend arrested

Logo Youth Club: 5 o.m. Wednesdays for fourth-12th graders (Sept.-April) Men's Club: 8 a.m. second Saturdays Contact: Heather J. Wallas, communica tions director (248) 349-1144, Ext. 26, or

e-mail hwallas@lumcnorthville.org. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of

Meadowhrook Road, Novi Contact: (248) 349-0565 Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible

Study; 10 am. Worship Lakes Bantist Church Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake Livonia Church of Christ Location: 1543) Merriman Road, Livonia

Sunday Worship: If a.m. Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.: Wednesday Meadowbrook Congregational

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road. between Eight and Nine Mile coads. 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. Church School: 10-11 a.m. Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.

Merry Widows Luncheor Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month Pilgrim Fellowship

Time/Date: 6 n.m. Sundays 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-p pose gymnasium

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

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

7 p.m.: Adult elective classes: junior and senior high student ministries; children's programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031

Novi - Northville Center for Jewish Life Details: A Jewish center with events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events.

Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com

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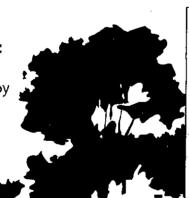
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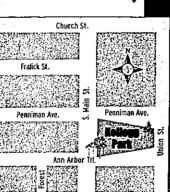
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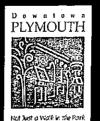




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Inspirational

Novi businessman builds Biblical garden at his boyhood synagogue

Gary Roberts, owner of Great Oaks Landscape and Maintenance in Novi, designed and built a Biblical garden at his boyhood synagogue to educate and inspire people from all religious backgrounds.

Congregation Beth Ahm, located in Bloomfield Hills, now offers daily worshipers a little more than a place for daily prayer. The outdoor garden, located directly next the synagogue, takes visitors on a winding path into the Biblical landscape of Israel. Five event depicted in the Bible are show cased throughout different sections of the garden featuring a complete landscape indigenous to the region.

Along the winding path that eventually leads one to a door representing the entrance into Jerusalem, different plants, shrubs, flowers and trees are showcased with informational signs explaining their significance in the Bible. The five scenes are also described by five large mosaic murals hand crafted by Robert's sister, an artist working in Arizona.

"I did this project with one thing in mind: create something that people would feel an emotional connection to," said Roberts. "When I see people of all religious backgrounds coming to the garden to worship, I realize what we've done here reaches beyond what was initially intended."

A highlight of the garden is the Weiling Wall.

This was the gattern's the Wailing Wall, a large stonstructure that was carved and chiseled by hand — an almost identical replication of the original Wailing Wall located in Old Jerusalem. It is so lifelike, worshippers have begun praying in front of it and then leaving little notes in the cracks — something that has long been practiced at the original wall.

Roberts believes the Bib



Gary Roberts designed a Biblical garden at Beth Ahm synagogue in Bloomfield Hills.

garden can serve as an educational tool for people of all religious backgrounds and is routinely involved with organizations in local communities. Citing his company's wor at the Holocaust Memorial

Center in Farmington
Hills and the main gardens
at Temple Israel in West
Bloomfield.

"We just think it's important to be involved in the communities in which you do busi-

ness," said Roberts. "I started this company to do something I enjoy and understand the value of taking an outdoor space and transforming it into a usable livable area – a place people can congregate and

NOVI NEWSMAKERS

Novi's Lauren Wilk wins national Girls on the Run essay contest

Lauren Wilk, a Novi Parks' an acro
Girls on the Run (GOTR)
participant and Novi Woods
Elementary student, was chosen as one of five winners of a national Secret deodorant cssay contest.

essay contest.
Wilk, who has participated
in Girls on the Run for three
years, not only won a prize for
herself, but for Girls on the
Run of Greater Detroit. The
funds will help ensure more
girls be provided the opportunity to participate in Girls on
the Run and realize the benefits of increased self-esteem,
better health and more.

"We would like to congratulate Lauren and thank all the Girls on the Run coaches and parents who continue to motivate and inspire Lauren and all of the girls we serve," said Ashleigh Shiffler of Girls on the Run of Greater Detroit. Secret deodorant, sponsor of the essay program, asked GOTR participants from across the country "How Does Girls on the Run Make

You Fearless?" Entries were judged on originality, creativity, relevance to the theme, and inspirational value.

Wilk began her essay with

inspirational value.

Wilk began her essay with
an acrostic poem telling us ju
what being fearless means to

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Learning
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"Girls on the Run has taught

me to be a better person and have fun while exercising. I have learned to think positively, make smart choices, and plan ahead," said Wilk.

GOTR is a national program that combines training for a 3.1 mile running event with self-esteem enhancing, uplifting workouts. The program encourages positive emotional, social, mental, spiritual and physical development. Registration for the fall session of GOTR will begin on July 21 at cityofnovi.org. For coaching information, please contact Emily Stevens, Recreation



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Novi library to offer free music downloads

Freegal launches Friday; users can get up to three songs per week

BY NATHAN MUELLER

Novi residents tired of paying for music downloads free through the Novi Public

Library's newest program.
The service, called Freegal, which stands for free and legal music, will be available starting Friday only to Novi library cardholders. Users can downloaded up to three songs per week from the site and will be able to keep them forever.

services librarian, said the library is "really excited" about Freegal, and believes library users will enjoy the variety of music being offered.

Tollgate Woods

"If use of our CD music collection is any indication, we have a lot of people who like to listen to music in Novi and have a lot of people using downloadable materials," she said. "Seeing the combination of those two things, it's a nobrainer this will be popular,

The three-song limit expires every week and does not carry over. Songs are downloaded in an MP3 format and can be saved to the computer or any mobile device or MP3 player.

including an iPod and iTunes. One restriction is the only isic available to users are those artists in the Sony Music Entertainment catalog. Still, there are hundreds of thou-

The Toligate Woods neighborhood (at 12 Mile and Meadowbrook roads) had a neighborhood picnic and children's

ndependence Day parade on June 25. For more photos, visit http://www.pixoasis.com/gallery/view_album.php?set_

Criso, clear Vision

sands of songs in more than 100 genres.
"The teen and young adult demographic will certainly eat

"Robinson said. Úsers will be able to access the music catalog from their homes by logging in through the Novi Public Library's website www.novilibrary.org. They will sign in using their library card number and PIN to get to the Freegal music site. Novi is one of the first

libraries in the area to offer "It's kind of nice Novi residents will be getting a little bit back from their tax dollars," Robinson said.



Novi librarian Suzanne Carpenter checks out the soon-available Freegal website which will allow patrons, either at nmueller@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255 the library or from their home computers, to download free MP3 music files from the Sony online collection

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

The Novi Senior Center celebrating America's birthday

It's America's 235th birthday, and the Novi Senior Center is celebrating on Thursday, June 30 from noon-2 p.m. with a picnic-style lunch com-plete with hamburgers and dessert, toe-tapping 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 non-residents. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available at the Novi Senio 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 information 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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Novi News online

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

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July 7, 10 am. This program for the

little ones consists of story time.

a craft and an activity. Children

will have an opportunity to visit

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\$48. Dally entry fee is \$5. KENSINGTON

Note: For more information for registration, call the Kensington Park office at (248) 685-1561 or (800) 477-3178. The Nature Center office phone number is (248) 685-0603. Pre-registration required for programs and a \$2 fee per person unless stated otherwise. Park hours are 6 a.m.-10 p.m. daily. Nature Center

Beasts on the Beach: Saturday July 2 and Monday, July 4 from 2-4 p.m., Martindale Beach. Snakes and turtles are among the most fascinating of all animals, There's a lot of misinformation about them. Join an interpreter and sort out what is true and what isn't, during this ongoing program. Free. Summer Insects: Sunday, July 10, 2 p.m. Kids, Grab a butterfly net and

head out to the field with an interpreter to see what you can find. Fee: \$3 per person. Preregistration required. Explorer's Day Camp; Tuesday

Friday, July 12-15, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Kids will create animal tracks on a T-shirt, make plaster tracks and build a birdhouse. They will participate in some American Indian and pioneer activities, and learn about wilderness survival. This program is for ages 7-13. Fee \$150 per child. Pre-registration required. For additional information or to register, call the Nature Center at (248) 685-0603.

Kensington Discovery Hike: Sunday, July 17, 2 p.m. Wear your hiking boots and explore some of the less traveled areas of Kensington, For ages 6 and up. Fee: \$3 per person. Preregistration required.

Fish Camp: Tuesday and Wednesday, July 19-20, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. What do fish eat and where do they like to "hang out?" Kids will make their own tackle and a lish print I-shirt, discover fun facts about fish, catch pond bugs and go fishing. They will acquire the lishing skills needed to make their own fishing stories come true. This program is for ages 8 to 13. Fee \$75 per child. Pre-registration required. For additional information or to register, call Kensington Metropark at (248) 685-0603.

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tional and fun; children will leave with a greater appreciation of farm life. For children ages 7 to 15 years. Fee: \$30 per child. Preregistration

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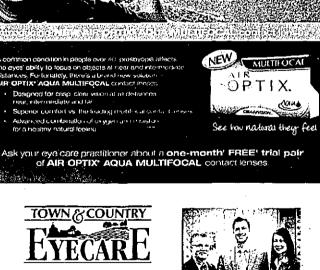
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areer, batting nearly .350 in his three years on varsity, said Vaughn. "His leadership ability will be missed next

Hamilton led the Eagles in

several categories offensively

He posted a .370 average with team-highs including 34

runs, 14 stolen bases and a .509 on base percentage. Will Martin, South Lyon

The Lion junior locked lown second base while

leading the team with a .409 average, including a team-

high 15 stolen bases. He post-

ed a .970 fielding percentage. "Will is an outstanding talent at second base," said coach Nick James. "He was

named All-KLAA and the

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II didn't matter where Novi coach Rick Green put junior Jimmy Eloff, he was going to Eloff swatted at a .433 clip at the plate and went 4-0 on the mound in six starts with a 3.83 ERA. "Jimmy is one of the very few captains we've had being a junior. He was a great lead-er, said Green. "He's intense, a very fierce competitor and gives it all he's got." Eloff led the team with 42 hits in 97 at bats. He also led the team with three home Eloff also puts in the effort

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Novi's Eloff hits, pitches his way to the top

Novi's Jimmy Eloff is the 2011 Baseball Player of the Year.

SPORTS

leader on and off the field. absolutely the best hustler on our team," said Green.
"Chris never took a play off. He played determined to suc ceed. Chris only made two errors all year.

baserunner who never made mistakes on the base paths, Nick Bageris, Novi The senior third baseman also hit above .400 with a .427 average. Bageris had 38 hits in 89 at bats with 14

Chris Valade, Novi The senior second baseman batted leadoff to the tune of a .427 clip. He led the valks, 25 runs and 26 RBIs "Nick did everything I team with 41 runs scored, 23 walks, 12 doubles and 14 stoasked him to do after he was just a role player his junior len bases. Valade had an on season. He surpassed that and more," said Green. "His base percentage of .515.

made him a starter, but a

great player as well."
Matt Stojkov, Northville
The junior Mustang spent time on the infield and at pitcher. He hit .347 with 16 valks, 23 runs scored, 19 RBIs and seven stolen bases. Stojkov went 2-2 as a pitcher,

striking out 33 batters in 29.2 innings. "Matt was one of our main pitchers and was very consistent throughout the whole year," said coach John Kostrzewa. "He was in the top two in virtually all categories in hitting and played solid defense at third."

Bobby Dozel, CC The Shamrock senior produced 44 hits in carrying a .386 average, hitting out of

the second and third spot in the lineup. Dozel showed plenty of power with 13 dou bles, a triple and four home runs to produce 21 RBIs and He helped lead the Shamrocks to a district and

regional title before the sea son came to a close in the state quarterfinals.
PJ Nowak, CC

lineup, finishing with a .327 average. He knocked out 36 hits, 13 doubles, a triple and three home runs to plate 22 RBIs. He also drew 25 walks and scored 26 runs. Jacob Lee, Milford

Lee proved to be the shut-down pitcher for the Mays, going 6-3 with a 2.72 ERA. He recorded 42 strikeouts in 51.3 innings, while allowing just 15 walks. At the plate, Lee stroked a .389 average with a team-high 37 hits. He also knocked in 20 RBIs scored 25 runs and drew 10

South Lyon. Will also was voted by his team as offensive player MVP." Pat Powers, South Lyon

Powers led the Cougars with a .383 average, knocking out 23 hits in 60 at bats. He produced seven doubles, seven walks and six stolen

Second team

Mike Kruse, Novi The Novi senior batted .275

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Northville Solstice Run draws record participation

More than 3,300 people take part in annual event

BY SAM EGGLESTON

runs and 61 total bases. He knocked in 27 runs and scored 31 of his own while sting a .629 slugging per

centage. He was voted team

"He sets his goals and

works extremely hard," said Green. "He's everything a

coach could ask for. He's get-

in the classroom with a 3.8

Logan Regnier, Novi The Novi junior led the Wildcats with a .451 average,

in outfield assists with six

and in runs batted in with 30. He also scored 24 runs, stole 10 bases and drew nine

walks. Regnier also went 3-4

struck out 27 batters in 24.1

mings. "He is a very aggressive

grade point.

First team

The 2011 Northville Solstice Run was one of the record books-and that's not just a figure of speech, eith The annual event this year drew a record number of participants with more than

. The event again this year was split into three different races with each one having a breakdown of age groups and men's and women's divisions. The three races take place ove a 10-mile course, a 10-kilometer course and a 5-kilometer

Winning this year's 10mile event overall was Boaz Cheboiywo of Ypsilanti. He

turned in a time of 50 minutes, 57 seconds to take first place out of the 740 runners who participated in that even Leo Foley, of Howell, was about five minutes behind with a 55:40 to take second while Joe Maki of Ypsilant took third in 55:41.

Taking the top women's spot was Danielle Savard of Rochester Hills, who ran a one hour and six minute race for 29th overall. The second fastest woman in the race was Katherine Kyle of Gross Pointe, who ran a 1:07:39 for 37th overall, while Andrea Pulskamp of Plymouth ran a 1:08:01 for 40th overall.

Northville were Todd Conner, place while Jason Lerner ran



current or former Northville High runners Edward Clifton, Chad Cini, Trent Johnson and Colin Riley.

a 1:02:17 for 11th and John Tarkowski ran a 1:05:49 for Northville were Jessica Shebab, who ran to 66th in took 135th in 1:17:48 and

In the 10-kilometer race, 856 participants crossed the finish line. The first across was Mike Camilieri of Howell who ran a 34:21. Taking Berkley with a 34:49 while

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son. It's no wonder, with the

Northville High School well represented in Solstice Run

CORRESPONDENT

Glancing over the results from the 2011 Northville Solstice Run, it's refreshing to see that the Northville Mustangs boys and girls cross

The two cross country boys and girls programs, under the guidance of Chris Cronin and Nancy Smith, respectively, have come to be known as two of the toughest in their confer-

Take, for example, Jason Lerner and Neson Nesmith,

who both ran the grueling 10 mile race. Lerner, who is 16, ran a 1:02:17 for 11th overall while taking second in his males. Nesmith, who is 17, car a 1:09:5+ to take 50th overall

In the 10-kilometer race Edward Clifton, a 16-year-old All-State track standout at Northville, ran to third overall and first in his division with a 36:01. Drew Kanya, who is 15, ran a 41:29, which was good for 16th overall and seventh in

and sixth in his division.

The girls were more than adequately represented as well. Nicole Mosteller, 15, ran

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STEPHEN STATE

NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP

Saturday with a 2-1 come-from-behind

win over KCFC United 94/95 (Kan.).

United struck first 25 minutes into the

contest before Wilson fied it up in the

39th minute. Donald Payne (Farmington

Hills) got the winner in the 75th minute.

Things went smoother Sunday after-

noon, as Waza defeated Team Ohio FC

(Bloomfield Township) put Waza on the

board in the 26th minute before Payne

and Wilson added goals in the 39th and

79th minutes, respectively.
The victory set up the pool play finale

Monday morning against Raiders FC (Ill.),

contest with Waza before Payne countered

who had also won their first two games.

The Raiders scored 11 minutes into the

in the 49th minute. The Raiders notched

Juventus (Ohio) 3-0. Kristian Rego

Boys basketball Cory Heitsch resigned from his posi-

tion as Novi varsity boys has kethall coach last week in order to take over the reins of Hardy Elementary School in South Lyon

Heitsch, who had been teaching third grade in the Walled Lake Consolidated School district while coaching the Wildcats, finished 73-20 in his career at

"From top down, everyone associated with Novi Athletics was just fantastie," Heitsch said.

Novi will post the coaching vacancy when school resumes after Labor Day.

Boys soccer

The Waza FC West 95 Black boys soccer team - fenturing Novi junior-to-be Matt Wilson - finished 2-1-0 at Regionals last

weekend, ending their title run at second the winner in the 66th minute, advancing place in pool play. Waza started off the tournament last into the regional semifinals.

Kevin Debear of Plymouth with a 16:16, while Chris Elsey of Milford turned in a 17:20 for

second and Novi's Jeff Girback

Finishing in the top three

for the women was Westland's

Angela Mathews, who record-

ed an 18:03 for seventh overall

followed by West Bloomfield's

Lindsay Clark in 16th with an

Walled Lake, who ran a 19:15

Northville's top runners for the men were J.P. Mulcahy,

18:48 and Julia Valencia of

was third in 17:39.

for 17th.

Waza, who had won the under-16 boys State Cup earlier this month, was the only Michigan team of the 16 squads in the U16 boys division.

Athletic camps

Visit http://www.novi.k12.mi.us/athletics for a list of the various sports camps being run by Novi High School coaches and student-athletes. All the camps take place at the high school, middle school or Novi Woods Camps include girls swimming July 11-

15, cheerleading July 11-14, lacrosse July 11-14, football both July 11-14 and July 18-21, volleyball both July 11-15 and Aug 16-19, field hockey July 25-30 and pom pon Aug. 27.

- By Chris Jackett

who ran to 13th in 18:41, while Alex Toloff was 18th in 19:32 and Andrew Toloff was 20th in 19:39. For the women's division. Northville was led by Taylor Gattoni in 22:38, which was good for 71st, while Kelsey Macaddino ran to 76th in 22:48 and Julia Slatin was

109th in 23:58. For complete results, please visit www.solsticerun.org.

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

> Snapped earned All-KLAA and All-District honors while putting up a .348 average for the year. He led the team with 42 total bases. Other highlights included a 22 RBIs, 18 runs scored and 11

KLAA and All-District honors. He took the mound in all the key games for the Eagles, striking out 50 in 55.1 nnings and finishing 3-6 with three saves. At the plate, he batted .320 with 29 runs scored and 13 stolen bases Shane Taylor, South Lyon

ALL-AREA BASEBALL

Player of the Year Jimmy Eloff, Novi First team Logan Regnier, Novi Chris Valade, Novi Nick Bageris, Novi Matt Stoikov, Northville Bobby Dozel, CC PJ Nowak, CC Jacob Lee, Milford Luke Johnson, Milford Brynn Hamilton, Lakeland Will Martin, South Lyon Pat Powers, South Lyon East Second team Mike Kruse, Novi Tyler Root, Novi

Brett MacDonald, Northville Jeff Gertley, Northville Mike Tibbits, CC Ryan Keller, CC Steve Snapp, Lakeland Tim Wilson, Lakeland Shane Taylor, South Lyon East Tom Kort, South Lyon John Newman, South Lyon Honorable mention St East: Justin Urich, Steven

South Lyon: Josh Green, Kyle Spratke, Dylan Millar Lakeland: Bobby Schumacher tillord: DJ Jaklic Northville: Jake Hansen Novi: Tyler Schwanz CC: David Dozel, Evan Chavis. Joe Panfil, Greg Voulous, Nathan ru

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Taylor finished the year with a .403 batting average, going 25 for 62. He swatted even doubles and drew seven valks while scoring 11 runs.

Tom Kort, South Lyon The Lion shortstop batted .403, knocking out 31 hits and carrying a .495 on base percentage. He drew 11 walks ind stole 14 bases. John Newman, South

The South Lyon catcher batted .333 and led the Lions with three home runs while knocking in 13 runs and scor-

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women's category and first

to fourth in 36:06; Chad Cini. who ran a 36:30 for sixth; and Trent Johnson, who was Edward Clifton of Northville put up a 36:01 for third. 10th in 39:29. The women of Northville, excluding Deller, who turned in the top times were Nicole Mosteller, who was The top three women in the 10K were Serena Kessley

of Ann Arbor, who ran a 36th overall in 44:34: Mikelle 38:44 for ninth overall while Adamezyk, who was 42nd in Northville's Elisabeth Deller 45:01; and Rachel Coleman. who was 49th in 46:04. ran a 41:51 for 19th and Marie Wolfgram of Ann Arbor In the 5K run, there were ecorded a 43:04 for 21st

over 1,250 people who finished The top male runners from the race. Winning overall was **NORTHVILLE**

in her division, with a time of 44:34. Joining her in the race were fellow 15-year-old runners Rachel Coleman and Erin Zimmer, Coleman ran a 46:04, which found her finishing in second in her division

IVE FI July 4th Weekend Special

Northville, excluding Clifton,

included Colin Riley, who ran

and eighth out of all women and 49th overall. Zimmer was 16:09 for 50th overall, ninth in the women's category and

right on her heels, finishing in third in her division There were a slew of other

race. There are quite a few letes continue to race and join Northville High School's varsity ranks. One such name is Trevor Lerner, who is 14 years old and ran a 20:01. He was first in the 4-and-under boy's division laking second in the same division was Conor Naughton, 14. vho ran a 20:28, while Alex Chevoor, 13, ran to third in the livision with a 21:02. For the girls, Taylor Gattoni, 12, was second in her division with a 22:38 while Kelsey Macaddino 12, was third in the division

Northville participants, too,

especially in the 5-kilometer

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ALL-AREA

with 10 extra base hits, 17 walks, 12 stolen bases and 25

Tyler Root, Novi The senior pitcher went 5-2 and capped off his career with a 15-2 record for the Wildcats with a 3.65 ERA This year, he struck out 59 Brett MacDonald.

MacDonald batted .295 but showed plenty of power for the Mustangs, leading the team with six home runs, 28 RBIs, 24 runs scored and a 590 slugging percentage.

Jeff Gertley, Northville The junior center fielder and pitcher came up clutch at the plate and in the field He hit .450 with runners in scoring position and finished with a .295 batting average. scoring 23 runs and swiping five bases. He also went 4-3 on the mound with a 2.46 Mike Tibbits, CC

The CC senior batted leadoff most of the season for the Shamrocks, He produced 32 hitting .330. He scored 27 Ryan Keller, CC

The senior infielder bat-ted .328, slapping out 21 hits while drawing 15 walks. He scored 12 runs and knocked in eight as well as slamming Steve Snapp, Lakeland

stolen bases. Tim Wilson, Lakeland Wilson also earned All-

online at hometownlife.com



Brighton champs

The 12U Northville Mustanos won the travel baseball tournament at the Brighton Ball Classic in Brighton on June 26 winning all five games – 5-4 over Livingston Crush; 27-0 over Saline Stallions; 13-3 over Fenton Tigers; 14-3 over the Crush; and 14-10 over South Farmington Blues in the championship. Pictured (from left, front) are Alex Tyburski, Karl Finkbeiner, Joey DelCampo, Zac Osaer, Mason Williams; (back) Coach Joe DelCampo, Josh Gutowsky, Andrew Blazo, Alec Selpenko, Tim Effort, Joe Ruggirello, Assistant Coach Dan Gutowsky and Brandon Recto.

NORTHVILLE SPORTS BRIEFS

Cheer camp

Thirty-three junior cheerleaders recently joined he Northville High School Cheerleaders for a three-day camp. The junior campers learned cheers, chants, tumbling skills, stunting and a short dance. They will also cheer with the NHS cheerleaders in the Northville Fourth of July parade on Monday. Campers who attended the camp included Lauren Bailey, Haley Brown, Kamya Crawford, Isabel Danton, Anna Dranginis, Sophia Ehlers, Kendra Fereshetian, Emma Gniewek, Tess Gonda, Kathleen Heiberger, Julianna Kakish Alexis Khashan, Sydney Kinsinger, Molly Kovtun, Christine Lark Flena Lenvo Marissa Malleck Aubrey Marquette, Kiana May, Leah McWilliams, Megan Moriarty, Brooke Pendelton, Gabrielle Peterson, Abbey Pheiffer, Jordan Pollitt, Olivia Poupard, Olivia Sherman, Angelina Storm, Leah rs, Morgan Vereb, Mia Vereb-Hatley, Morgan Vos and Katie Ziparo.

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For the 2011-12 school year there will be an admis charge for home middle school events in volley ball, basketball and swim and dive. The charge will he \$3 adults and \$1 students. The Northville Boo Pass will be accepted at all MS home contest.

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The Third Annual Northville High School Boosters Golf Outing and Silent Auction will be held Saturday, Aug. 27 at the Links of Novi. The last two years have brought in significant funds for the Boosters program, which is anticipating a greater need than ever from Northvilles sports teams for the 2011-2012 school year with budget cuts.

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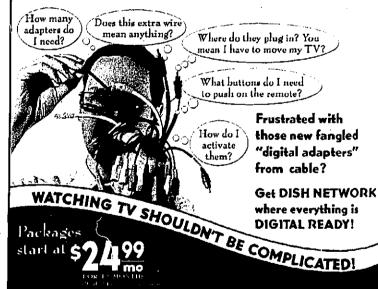
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may gather during a tornado. This should be a basement, storm cellar floor with no windows.

nado drills so that everyone knows what to do if a tornado approaches Consider having your safe room reinforced. Plans for reinforcing ar plan/prevent/rms/rmsp453.shtm

Prepare for high winds by remo ing diseased and damaged limbs rom trees. Move or secure lawn furniture, trash cans, hanging plants or anything else that can be

projectile.

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the dust often greenish clouds, such as dark, often greenish clo sed by hail. You may also see a wall cloud, an isolated lowering of the base of a thur of debris, large hail, a funnel cloud visible rotating extension of the cloud base) or hear a roaring noise

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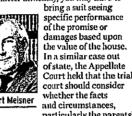
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subject of electric cars and charging stations is becoming a "hot topic" for condominiums. The board should certainly encourage the purchase of electric vehicles and acco the necessary stations to service the automobiles to the extent it can the common elements by installing a charging station in the parking space, but will this lead to gas pumps requested to be in garages of condominium uni as well? With any consent given, the board will have to determine the means to bill the owner for electricity as a user addition to the common elements the board may approve, the directors should require the co-owner to provide the ecessary insurance and indemnify the which we often provide to our clients. The Association would likely provide for multiple charging stations in a garage and make the maintenance of these

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counsel should pass on the entire process.

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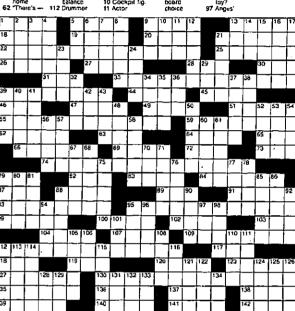
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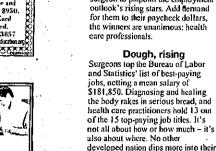
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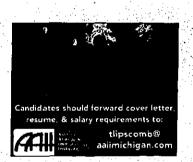
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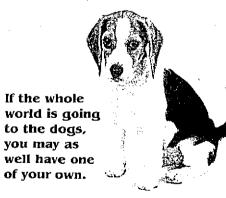
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General Motors is making small-car pricing moves now with an eye toward how executives envision the industry six months hence. Sure, by raising the price of the next version of Chevrolet's Cruze compact by an average of about \$1,000, and by setting the sticker of the new Chevy Sonic subcompact thousands of dollars above the Aveo it replaces, GM will attempt to make short-term hay in a small-car market

by short supplies.
But now, finally competitive in a segment where it was weebegone for decades, GM also is trying to establish a couple of things for the day late this year when Japanese heavyweights inally return in full force.

where nearly everyone else is choked

For one thing, GM wants to get American consumers more used to the idea of paying more for GM's small cars -and, in return, getting more amenities and higher-quality content than they're accustomed to seeing. Plus, if GM can build in a price cushion for six months from now when Toyota Corollas and Honda Civics are likely to be back in full supply at U.S. dealers, GM will be in a better position to continue to compete for customers in what could become a competitive donnybrook of historic proportions

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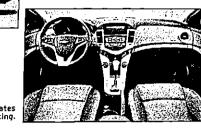
which could lead to an excess of supply in this segment, and price wars," said Jessica Caldwell, senior U.S. industry analyst for Edmunds.com. "Raising prices now as a precursor to that could be helpful, because if GM is going to have to battle Toyota and Honda with incentives, they won't lose as much margin.'

Two moves prompt examination of GM's intentions. Recently, the company said that the 2012 version of the Cruze that it introduced last year will cost as much as \$1,045 more than comparable versions of the current model. An LT version of the car with an automatic transmission will be sticker at \$20,220, about \$1,000 more than the 2011 model. The entry-level LS model will be priced at \$17,470, or \$195 more for the new model. And the high-end LT, will start at \$23,860 in the 2012 model year in a few weeks, up nearly \$900 from

The new LT will include as standard a feature package that cost \$525 in the current model and includes Bluetooth phone connectivity, cruise control, a leather-wrapped steering wheel and other amenities. And the fuel efficiency of automatic-transmission turbocharged versions of Cruze will jump to 38 mpg on the highway from 36 in the 2011 model, thanks to changes in the six-speed transmission.



The Chevrolet Cruze is snaring a blg share of the small-car market for GM



The Interior of the LT. illustrates

But that still leaves a \$500 increase for similarly equipped cars for the 2012 model year.

Of course, everyone in the small-car game has been raising prices throughout the second quarter. The March 11 earthquake and tsunami is Japan hamstrung Toyota, Honda and Nissan production of small cars in North America. Toyota and Ford udged up official prices across the board in the spring, citing higher commodity prices. And the shortages of small cars, even as American consumer demand was being stoked by higher gasoline prices, meant that incentives dwindled rapidly in deals offered by brands and dealers alike on just about every small and fuel-efficient vehicle in

So GM no doubt is taking some short-term advantage of a favorable pricing climate. "It lets consumers know that the current Cruze is cheaper; therefore, if you're in the small-car market - which is still hot despite the decrease in gasoline prices over the last few weeks -you might

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But GM's moves have longer-term roots as well. One of them is that, even before the winter run-up in fuel prices, GM, Ford and Hyundai were notably improving the quality of materials in their small cars and the level of amenities and daring to charge higher prices. They were addressing a longterm enhancement of the small-car expectations of American consumers and taking advantage of their willingness to pay for better vehicles instead of just econo boxes of old. "More small cars but at a higher price point and better-equipped – it's reflective of what [former GM Vice Chairman] Bob Lutz actually predicted years ago," said Rebecca Lindland, senior strategist for IHS Automotive, a consulting firm in Lexington, Mass.

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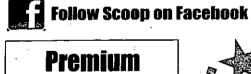
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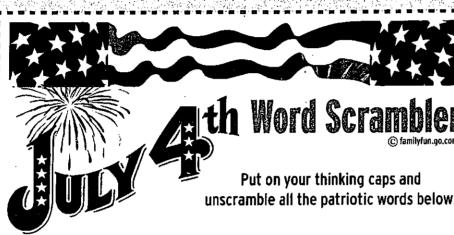








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