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## NOVI NOW

### Tiger Boesch signing at DC Sports July 28

Detroit Tigers player Brennan Boesch will appear at DC SPORTS at Twelve Oaks Mall on Thursday, July 28 to sign autographs for fans from 7-8 p.m. Autograph costs range from \$30 to \$35 depending on the type of item being autographed. Fans can bring items to be autographed or purchase select items at DC SPORTS. Photos and baseballs will be available for purchase.



This will be the only public memorabilia signing with Boesch in 2011.

DC SPORTS is located near Sears on the lower level in Twelve Oaks Mall at 27374 Novi Road, Novi. For more information, please contact DC SPORTS at (586) 566-8331 or detroitcitysports.com or stevegraus@comcast.net.

### Experience Art at Fuerst, Civic Center

The City of Novi announces the opening of the second annual Public Sculpture Exhibit. Eight sculptures will be on display - seven along the walking paths of Fuerst Park and one outside the Civic Center through May 2012. The pieces, chosen by a jury of local art professionals, are interpretive, abstract, and meant to evoke different reactions from those who view the exhibit. The exhibit is funded by the Novi Parks Foundation. The sculptures were installed by local artists, most from Michigan. The exhibit includes work from David Barr, world renowned sculptor and Novi resident. The City of Novi will host a free opening celebration on Friday, July 15 to coincide with the Sizzling Summer Arts Series performance of the Toppermost Beatles tribute band. The event begins at 8 p.m. at Fuerst Park. There will be live music, a sculpture scavenger hunt and giveaways. Fuerst Park is located at the corner of Ten Mile and Tall Road.

For more information on the Public Sculpture Exhibit and other art displays including the Civic Center Atrium Gallery and the DIA Inside/Out program, please contact the Novi Parks office at (248) 347-0400 or visit cityofnovi.org.

## Tax abatement could bring work to Novi

### Tognum America looks to relocate 200-plus jobs, build new facility

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

Novi leaders appear to be on the verge of enticing yet another international company to move to the area following the city council's approval of an industrial development district in the Haggerty Corridor Corporate Park Phase II.

Tognum America, a German-based company with its current headquarters in Redford, is seeking a real property tax abatement from the city to relocate to Novi, bringing with them

the prospect of investing more than \$5 million and creating over 276 full-time jobs.

Approval of the industrial district Monday night was the first step in the process, and the second is determining whether or not to grant the abatement. The abatement also has to be adopted by the State Tax Commission.

City Manager Clay Pearson said he believes the business is a "good fit for Novi in terms of quality," and noted it would not be happening without the abatement. "I think it's worth the early incentive

to get them going here," he said.

The real property tax abatement is for eight years, during which the company would pay 50 percent of its taxes on the facility only. Tognum officials believe they will meet the criteria for the abatement (investment of over \$5 million and over 276 full-time jobs), but if that number has not been met in the fifth or sixth year of the agreement, the city can revoke the abatement for the remainder of the term.

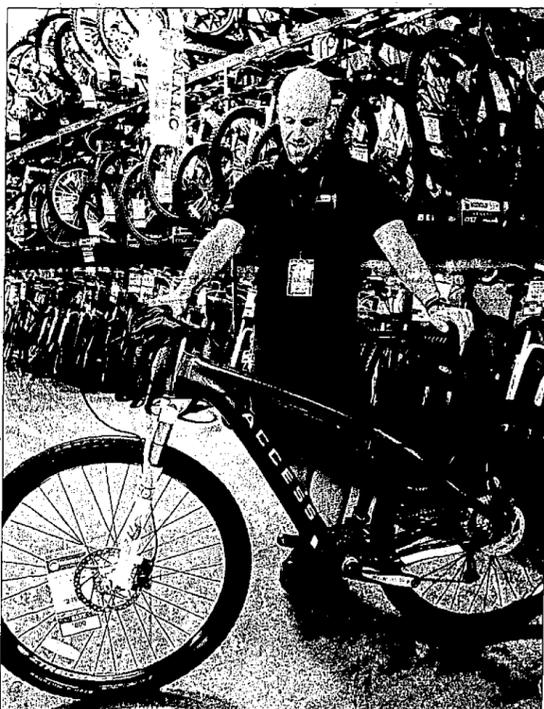
Tognum, formerly MTU Detroit Diesel Inc., is a provider of diesel engines and drive and propulsion sys-

tems for ships, heavy-duty land and rail vehicles and distributed energy. It also offers power solutions for the marine, rail, power generation, oil and gas, agriculture, mining, construction, industrial and defense markets.

The plan is to build a 68,000-square-foot office building at 39525 Mackenzie Drive that would cost approximately \$5.4 million and be open by February 2012.

Council member Terry Margolis said she has her hesitations but is "thrilled

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Performance Bicycle sales manager Roger Dyjak takes a look at one of their top-of-the-line mountain bikes - a \$2,500 Access Stealth with a carbon fiber frame. Performance Bicycle is located at 43235 Crescent Boulevard in the Novi Town Center.

## Performance Bicycle pedals into town

### Store looks to tap into growing bike community

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

Novi officials have been putting a strong focus on increasing bicycling facilities throughout the city over the last several years.

And judging by the response Performance Bicycle received when it opened last Saturday, the focus is justified.

Nearly 70 people waited outside the store in the Novi Town Center prior to 9 a.m. to get first glimpse at what it

had to offer and snag a few promotions along the way.

Roger Dyjak, store manager, said it was a great atmosphere and was happy to see eager cyclists both young and old.

"Novi is a great spot for kids and families and has some great trails," he said. "There are so many opportunities for people in Novi and we want people to embrace us because we want to embrace this community."

Dyjak noted there are more than 100 miles of trails within

30 miles of the store, including the 10-mile mountain bike trail at Lakeshore Park, Kensington Metropark and the popular 1.275 Metro Trail.

The city also has been recognized for its efforts as it has received the Promoting Active Communities Gold Award four times. It currently has 225 miles of pedestrian and bicycling facilities with 90 miles more planned.

In a 2008-09 survey, which was completed by more than

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## Showplace hopes to benefit from bill freezing property taxes

### Bowman says abatement is needed to help project get started

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

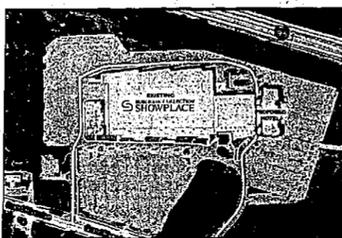
Blair Bowman is inching closer to his goal of expanding the Suburban Collection Showplace and adding a hotel thanks to a tax-freeze bill that is awaiting Gov. Rick Snyder's signature.

The legislation, House Bill 4769, would allow local governments to freeze property taxes for up to 10 years for redevelopment and allow the Commercial Rehabilitation Act to apply to vacant properties that had a commercial use.

Bowman will benefit from it because a clause was added to the bill to include a "qualified facility," of which his 320,000-square-foot expo center that opened in September 2005 in Novi is one.

"Without it for sure we don't go forward," he said, noting a myriad of other things have to fall into place as well. "But given the impact of the overall economy on the hotel industry in general, this is a high hurdle and we wouldn't be able to do this

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An aerial view of the Suburban Collection Showplace depicts where the hotel and expansion would be located.

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unless we get this kind of relief in the initial phases."

The project, which has undergone some changes since it was first presented nearly three years ago, calls for a 120-125 room hotel, at least seven meeting rooms and additional space.

Bowman estimates the cost to be in the \$10 million to \$12 million range when completed. He said the hotel is needed for the convention center to continue to attract more diverse and larger shows. He referred to it as becoming a "headquarter" hotel, meaning the people's heads are over the beds in a meeting space and they don't have to travel off site.

"We know we need to grow to be successful for the long term," Bowman said.

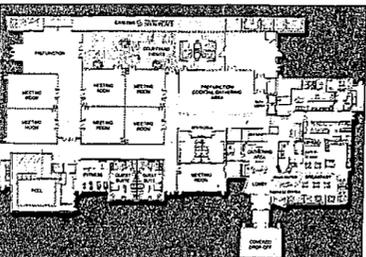
Ron Wilson, CEO of Hotel Investment Services based out of Troy which operates the Staybridge Suites in Novi, said he feels Bowman would be getting an unfair advantage from the abatement.

He noted that Bowman said without the abatement the expansion wouldn't likely be possible, so he questions why that is fair to everyone who is already making it work.

"I understand his position, and he is doing the best he can for his development, but it is fair to give him a lower property tax rate than all the other hotels operating in Novi?" Wilson said. "Because



An artist's rendering gives a street level look at what the possible hotel and expansion project at the Suburban Collection Showplace would look like.



A blueprint from the Suburban Collection Showplace shows what the proposed \$10 million to \$12 million hotel and expansion project would look like.

"I understand his position, and he is doing the best he can for his development, but is it fair to give him a lower property tax rate than all the other hotels operating in Novi? Because he would have a lower cost basis and could sell his rooms cheaper than everyone else, it would make the other hotels less profitable and potentially put someone out of business."

RON WILSON, CEO, Staybridge Suites

grant an exemption that would last between one and 10 years. The State Tax Commission also must give approval.

Novi Mayor David Landry urged the city council at Monday's meeting to get a policy in place as soon as possible regarding tax abatements in commercial areas so when Bowman comes the city is ready.

"This is a serious discussion," said Landry. "The city would have to create a rehabilitation district following a public hearing, and could

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200 residents, the city concluded that 65 percent of the households indicated a need for more walking and biking trails.

"It's not expensive, fun to do, social, active, healthy... The benefits are endless," Dyjak said.

The Performance Bicycle store features "9,800 square feet of cycling fun," and is the company's third store in Michigan.

Bikes are the main component, as more than 250 are on the showroom floor, but the store also features several other bike accessories including clothes, nutrition, electronics and more.

They also have a Spin

Doctor, bike mechanics, on site to fix any problem. "Anything that has two wheels and no motor they can fix," Dyjak said.

The store also puts a strong focus on kids, offering 10 percent off a bike helmet for their first bike purchase, and up to 20 percent off their fourth kids bike or first adult bike.

The grand opening celebration continues Saturday as the first 100 customers will receive \$20 money cards. Customers also can bring in used tubes to recycle and receive up to \$15 in return.

For more information about the business, visit [www.performancebicycle.com](http://www.performancebicycle.com). The store is located at 43270 Crescent Blvd.

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supporting the tax abatement. "From a philosophical viewpoint, I like the approach of the city providing a level playing field for all business members," he said.

"And our job as a city is to provide the infrastructure and the services and a reasonable tax rate, and let businesses that succeed, succeed in that environment."

The city council will make its decision regarding the tax abatement at the July 18 meeting.

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**'Family Circle' picks Novi as one of best places for families**

Diversity recognized as a top trait

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

Mayor David Landry and the Novi City Council have spent the last 10 years working on building a community in Novi.

It wasn't an easy transition, but that focus shaped many of their decisions when it came to building subdivisions, creating parks, attracting businesses and more.

And it appears that work is paying off as the city was recently recognized by *Family Circle* magazine for being one of the top 10 best towns and cities across the country for families.

*Family Circle*, which has a circulation of 3.8 million and more than 20 million readers, picked Novi and nine other cities because of their affordable homes, quality schools, access to health care, green space, low crime rates and the services and stability among other reasons.

"The most heartening aspect to me was that we were recognized because of our diversity because we welcome people from all over the world," Landry said. "And not just because we welcome them, but we work at it."

"This (honor) was the result of a lot of hard work by a lot of people, but it speaks to the character of Novi better than anything else."

The magazine partnered with Onboard Informatics to assemble an initial list of 2,500 cities and towns with populations between 15,000 and 150,000. That number was then whittled down to 1,000 with a high concentration of households with median incomes between \$55,000 and \$95,000, before using

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  3. Liberty, Mo.
  4. Fairhope, Ala.
  5. Friendswood, Texas
  6. Novi, Mich.
  7. Trumbull, Conn.
  8. Germantown, Wis.
  9. Oviedo, Fla.
  10. Maple Valley, Wash.

their family-friendly criteria to rank the top 10.

Novi came in at, ironically enough, No. 6 behind St. Charles, Ill., Peachtree City, Ga., Liberty, Mo., Fairhope, Ala., and Friendswood, Texas. It is the only Michigan city or town on the list, and the first time a Michigan city has been recognized in recent years.

The city boasts a population of 55,000, a median income of \$80,473, median home price of \$160,542, 35 percent of households have kids, the student-to-teacher ratio is 16:1 and Novi's Great Schools rating is a nine.

Landry said he hopes the recognition shows people that "Michigan isn't dead."

"Obviously we play the hand that is dealt to us but that doesn't mean you stop trying," he said. "You can move forward, and we are moving forward by attracting businesses from all over the globe. But you have to go out and seek it because you cannot just sit back and expect the world to come to you."

Novi resident Reeta Raina said she and her husband, Abhinav, were honored to be interviewed by *Family Circle* for the article, calling the city



Novi shows off its community spirit in many ways throughout the year. Shown here is the Memorial Day parade down 10 Mile Road.

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# Kowall to Congress?

## State senator plans run for 11th congressional seat in 2012

BY PHILIP ALLIEN  
STAFF WRITER



Kowall

One politician has already tossed his name into the congressional race. State Sen. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake, announced Monday his plans to replace Thaddeus McCotter as the next 11th District congressman in the U.S. House of Representatives. McCotter announced July 2 his plans to run for U.S. president.

"It is exciting, a little nerve-rattling," Kowall, 60, said. "It's something I've been looking at a long time. With McCotter running for president, the opportunity is presenting itself."

New redistricting maps for the state's congressional seats in Washington, D.C., play into Kowall's favor, he said, because his entire state Senate district in western Oakland County lies within the 11th Congressional district.

"It was a Wayne County

senator, now it's an Oakland County seat," he said.

Redrawn congressional districts, which have yet to be finalized, set the 11th district to include Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and the townships of Canton, Plymouth and Northville in Wayne County, as well as South Lyon, Novi, Farmington, Walled Lake, Wixom, Lake Angelus, Auburn Hills, Troy, Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham, Clawson, Rochester Hills and the townships of Milford, Lyon, Highland, Commerce, White Lake, West Bloomfield and Waterford in Oakland County.

Kowall said his focus at the federal level would be the same as it has been at the local and state levels.

"Enhancing the taxable

value, getting government out of the way without putting the environment or people's health, safety and welfare in jeopardy is something I've done my whole life," he said. "It's all about jobs, getting people back to work. We need diversification of our employable work base."

Kowall points to issues he focused on in Lansing to change Michigan's business environment, including tax structures, as ways to improve the country as a whole. Eliminating the Michigan Business Tax improved the state's business tax ranking from 49th to 16th in the nation, he said.

"Wall Street turned its head and said, 'What are you doing?' Lots of people are calling the office saying, 'What's going on? We're saying, 'Hey, we're open for business,'" said Kowall.

Businesses now are looking to return to Michigan or are looking to stay here, he said,

and the state is working to make sure those that never left Michigan benefit, as well.

"We have to make sure we don't treat them like the red-headed stepchild," he explained. "The big guys are paying more in taxes. It's the mom and pop business like along the Main Street in Milford or South Lyon. These are the ones who are going to be immediately affected by these tax changes."

Kowall said he wants to make sure any actions taken by the government are transparent and open to the public. Instead of departmental committees deciding changes in rules or regulations, those decisions should be open to legislative hearings and public comment. If the changes are necessary, then they should remain. That policy should be used in Washington, D.C., too, he said.

"The most important thing is to get it out in the light of day," said Kowall.

Kowall said he has spoken with McCotter on his presidential bid and fully expects him to keep his focus on that position. If McCotter changes his mind and seeks another term in the U.S. House of Representatives, Kowall said he plans to discuss further the issue.

"He's fully intent on running for president," said Kowall. "(President Barack) Obama came out of nowhere. McCotter has a lot more experience than Obama ever did."

Randall Thompson, spokesman for McCotter, said in an e-mail that "Representative McCotter is focused on serving his constituents and earning the GOP presidential nomination. He expects and understands a host of individuals in both parties will explore their 11th district options as the presidential process unfolds."

Kowall said he is in the process of forming an exploratory committee to get everything ready to run. He expected

to file paperwork this week. "We're being very careful," he said. "We're getting the word out and letting people know this is where we're heading."

Kowall moved to the state Senate after winning the November 2010 election to replace Nancy Casis in the post. In winning the election, he left his public position as White Lake Township supervisor two years before his term expired. If he were to win the congressional seat, he would again be leaving his current elected position two years before it expired. He said he plans to continue in that role as he runs for the federal position.

"It will just make me a little bit busier," he said. "It's not an impossible thing to do. I have lots of things going on with the senate side. It won't interfere with what I'm doing on the congressional side."

So far, he said he has only heard positive responses to his congressional plans, but said he would tell critics "This is America. You have the ability to run for any office if you so choose," he said. "No matter what office I'm in, I give people 160 percent all the time."

Kowall was White Lake Township supervisor 2004-10 and 44th district state representative 1998 to 2001.

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### NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

**Community Ed preschool**

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

Class programs focus on social, emotional, physical and cognitive development. The program follows the State of Michigan Standards and Benchmarks for Preschool along with the Creative Curriculum. The Creative Curriculum includes language arts, social studies, science, math, music and movements. Novi Community Education Preschool provides all children with experiences and opportunities that allow them to meet the State Early Learning Expectations for 3s, 4s and young 5s.

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

All preschool classes follow the Novi Community School District calendar and will begin Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2011. To secure a spot in the fall's 2011-12 sessions, parents must register their child at the Community Education office in the Community Education/ITC Building, 25345 Taft, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. Child care is also available for students attending preschool. Space is limited. Call (248) 449-1206 for rates and availability.

When registering a child (or children), please bring the following:

- A completed registration packet, available on the district's website under Community Education Preschool, www.novi.k12.mi.us
- Child's birth certificate or passport
- Non-refundable registration fee payment of \$45

C.A.R.E. is available for parents needing child care before or after preschool classes. Registration information and prices are posted on our website at www.novicommunityed.org. Our C.A.R.E. program is also available at all of our elementary schools for students in grades K-8 students. For more information, call (248) 449-1206.

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



### Author, author!

Novi's Parkview Elementary School Principal Jennifer Michos and "Sticky White Rice" author Debbie Nuttle, right, join some of Parkview's young writers who put together their own adaptations of Sticky Rice books that were published and now available on Amazon. Pictured here are Neha Surapaneni, Erin SM, Ayaka Hirai, Sarasa Tamaki, Sarah Yee, Emily McMichols, Srihari Ganesh and Shailly Naddiyala.

## The 'new guy' ready to continue Novi's excellence

BY STEVE MATTHEWS  
GUEST COLUMNIST

All of us have been the new person at some point in our life. The first day of school, the first day of a new job, the first day in a new city. Being new is exciting. Being new brings new challenges and opportunities. It gives a person a chance to grow, use their skills in new places, and develop new skills.

Being new is also scary. Will I like them? Will they like me? Are there surprises I don't know about? Where will I eat? Where will I park?

Since May 9, I've been the new guy. I've looked for ways to contribute. I've asked a lot of questions.

I'm happy to be the new guy in the Novi Community School District. I'm happy to be learning about the school district and the community. What I have learned confirms what I thought I would find here.

We are an exceptional school district. Our students excel in all kinds of ways. We have



Steve Matthews

### Super Talk

throughout our community, and who know and use technology.

If that's all I found here in the Novi Community Schools, that would be impressive. But I have found a lot more. We have staff that clearly goes above and beyond. They take time to make sure students know that there is someone who cares. They come in early and stay late. They understand that working in a school is important and meaningful work.

And that's not all. We have a community that helps our schools. Community members give time, talent, and money to make sure that our students have what they need

to excel. Our community has made it possible for us to have some of the finest facilities and technology in the state. Our community supports the Novi Educational Foundation, which in turn supports teachers and buildings with educational grants that enhance opportunities for our students.

As the new guy I am very impressed with the Novi Community School District. I am here to continue the excellence that we have, but also to work to help us become even better.

Our district's stated vision is to develop each student's potential with a world-class education. To me this means that our district focus is or should be on every student who walks through our doors. If they are ready to move ahead, we will help them. If they need support to get to grade level, we will help them. If they need encouragement or challenge, we will provide it.

Our district has the opportunity to continue to grow into

greatness. I am glad that I have the chance to be the new guy in this school district; a chance to be a part of a district that wants to help its students find their potential and grow into greatness.

Steve Matthews is the superintendent of the Novi Community School District. He can be reached at smatthews@novi.k12.mi.us; (248) 449-1204; www.twitter.com/docsmatthews; or www.novisuperintendent.blogspot.com.

### NOVI ON CAMPUS

#### Phi Beta Kappa

Top graduating seniors of 109 area high schools in the Detroit metropolitan area are being honored this month by the Detroit Association of Phi Beta Kappa.

More than 3,600 graduating seniors in the public, private, and parochial high schools in southeastern Michigan who attained a 3.75 grade point or higher in their academic classes are receiving a certificate of recognition from the Detroit Association of Phi Beta Kappa, which is comprised of members of the national scholastic honor society residing in the Detroit area.

"These students have earned recognition as future leaders and scholars by doing what it takes to rank at the head of their classes, and they deserve all the praise and recognition we can give them," said Dr. Seymour J. Wolfson, president of the organization.

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The following Novi students graduated during the spring 2011 semester: Amanda Harkness; Rachel Hughes; Matthew Markham; Shari Montville; to Spisch; and Jacob Wylonia.

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**ANGELOCCI, MARK DUVAL**  
Age 25, July 2, 2011. Beloved son of Wendy DuVall Angelocci and Mark Angelocci. Dear brother of Nicole, Grandson of Angelo and the late Joyce Angelocci and the late Carl and Evelyn DuVall. Funeral was July 8th at St. James Catholic Church, Novi. Donations may be made to the Novi Athletic Boosters, St. James CVO or Mark Angelocci Scholarship Fund. Online condolences www.obitsonlinefuneralhome.com

**ARNOLD, SANDRA K.**  
Age 63, passed away July 2, 2011. A memorial service was held on July 9, at the New Hudson United Methodist Church. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

**AUNE, JAMES F.**  
Age 70, passed away July 2, 2011. He was born on July 2, 1941, in Detroit, to the late Ralph and Margaret (Moebes) Aune. James enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson. He never hesitated to help his neighbors or friends. He was a strong and faithful supporter of the U.A.W. Local #771. James is survived by his children: Donna (Jerry) Matthews, Steven (Dad) Lyke, and Kristin (James) Lampson, sisters: Roberta Rhodes, Linda Ladowski; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother Gerald. A family gathering will be held on July 15, Friday, from 4-7pm at the family's home. Arrangements entrusted to Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com



**CAMILLERI, MARIA STELLA**  
Age 89 of Highland Twp., died on July 4, 2011. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred (d. 1993), and is survived by her sons, Anthony J. (The late Catherine) Camilleri of Highland, Robert Camilleri of Farmington Hills, and Joseph (Catherine) Camilleri of Highland; grandchildren, Terri Larkin, Adriano (Sebrina) Camilleri, The Rev. Fr. Anthony Camilleri, Terry Maria (Jerry) Manino, Michael Camilleri, Robert (Kristyn) Camilleri, Brian Camilleri, Steven Camilleri; great grandchildren, Ashley Spars, Jerry Manino, Alessio Camilleri, Lorraine Manino, and Nathan Camilleri. A funeral liturgy was held at Church of the Holy Spirit, 3700 N. Harvey Lake Rd., Highland, on Saturday, July 9, at 10AM with the Rev. Fr. Anthony Camilleri and the Rev. Fr. Leo Lutko officiating. Burial followed at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn. Visitation was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, Thursday 5-9PM and Friday 2-9PM. Rosary was Friday 7PM. For further information please call phone 248-684-5645 or www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

**COUSINEAU, JUDY L.**  
Age 61, passed away 7/7/2011. Visitation was held on 7/10, Sunday, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. with a funeral service following at 6 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

**FIGUEROA, RICHARD STANTON**  
Age 80 of Northville, passed away Saturday, July 9, 2011. Born December 28, 1930 in Boston, MA, he was the son of Edward J. and Hilida G. (Hebert) Figueroa. Beloved husband of Barbara A. (Lower) whom he married in Colorado on November 5, 1952. Loving father of Brian (Pamela) Figueroa of Wayne, Mark Figueroa of Brooklyn, MI and Kim (Ken) Stratford of Hartland. Also survived by six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Lucy Figueroa of West Port, MA; one nephew and three nieces. Dick and his wife are former members of the Salem Bible Church. They were avid roller skaters, for years they skated regularly at the Riverside Arena in Livonia. Another passion they had was for traveling and camping. Visitation Wednesday, 11-4 and 6 to 8 p.m., with funeral services Thursday, 11:00 a.m. at MacDonald's Funeral Home, 315 N. Michigan Ave., Howell (517-546-2800). Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Diabetes Association. Please visit the family's online guest book at: www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com

**HERALD, EVELYN RUTH**  
Age 89, passed away July 4, 2011. She was born on July 25, 1921, to the late Alfred William and Gertrude Anita (Bristol) Herald. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon since 1934. She moved to Florida in 2007. Evelyn is survived by her children, Kenneth (Sharon) Herald of Ypsilanti, Sally (Leon) Lusk of FL; daughter-in-law Linda Herald of Wilcox, her brother Claire (Bette) Haack, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Russell Herald in July of 1973, her daughter Nancy Kay Haigh in 1989 and her son Kenneth Herald on June 29, 2007. Visitation was held July 7, Thursday from 4-8 p.m. and July 8, Friday from 10:15-11:00 a.m. A funeral service was held on July 8th at 11:00 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon or the Lyon Township Library Genealogy Dept. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

**KILLEEN, ALVIN B.**  
Age 87, of New Hudson, formerly of Novi, passed away peacefully July 5, 2011. He was born June 7, 1924 to George and Margaret (O'Brien) Killeen; he was the oldest of 10. Alvin proudly served his country as a Staff Sergeant during WWII with the 452nd Bombgroup, 731st Bomb Squadron (H) 5th Airforce. He was a ball turret gunner and flew 31 missions in the European Theater. He was united in marriage to Marja Hatched on July 10, 1945 and they spent 64 loving years together until her death in 2009. A resident of New Hudson since 1988, he worked as an independent steel hauler. Alvin's first priority in life was his family; he loved them dearly. He had a great sense of humor and was very social; he enjoyed being part of a coffee klatch on Saturdays at the Big Boy in Novi. He collected antique guns and built replicas; his specialty was muzzle loaders. Alvin was a volunteer at the Yankee Air Museum, a Lieutenant with the Civil Air Patrol, and a member of the 452nd Bombgroup Association. He is survived by his loving children Jerry Killeen, Laurie Hatched, and Kristie (Ted) Hansen; siblings: Garland Killeen and Lisa Fair; 6 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Marja Killeen, his parents, and 7 brothers and sisters. A funeral service was held Saturday, July 9, 2011 at the Castlerine Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon. Pastor Joseph Mraz officiated the service. Mr. Killeen was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville, where full Military Honors were rendered. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Yankee Air Museum, 47884 D Street, Belleville, MI 48111.

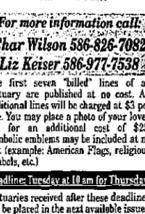
**HILL, KATHLEEN M.**  
A long time resident of Milford, died on July 7, 2011 in the care of her family and Medbridge of Milford. She was 84 years old. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer, in 1977, and is survived by her sons, Glen (Nancy J.) Hill of East Lansing, Roger Hill of Milford, Red Hill of Milford, David (Karen) Hill of Clarkston; grandchildren, Josiah Hill, Vincent Worthington, Nathan (Jennifer) Martin, Chelsy (Brandon) DeGroot, Kimber Paradis and great grandchildren, Finnegan & Mairdred Martin. Also surviving are her sister Mary Lou Applebee, brothers, Norman (Bea) Charlick, Robert Charlick, Lloyd (Phyllis) Charlick, Howard (Sandy) Charlick and many nieces, nephews, and dear friends. Funeral services were held at the West Highland Baptist Church, Highland, on Monday, July 11, 2011 with burial in West Highland Cemetery. Memorials may be made in her name to the church. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 248-684-5645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

**HODGE, WILMOUTH C.**  
Age 91, passed away July 9, 2011. He was born on January 24, 1920, in Lynnville, Tennessee, son of the late James and Claude Hodge. Wilmouth was First Lieutenant, USMC, First Marine Division, serving in the South Pacific and Guadalcanal. He is survived by his beloved children: Virginia (Bruce Oberlander) St. Louis, Cameron (Lisa), Starnon (Donald) Lonsy, Deborah Hodge; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Hilda Dixon and his brother Harry Hodge. Visitation will be held on July 8, Friday, from 2-9 p.m. and July 9, Saturday from 8:30-11 a.m. A funeral service was held on July 9, Saturday, at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

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**HORTON, JOHN E.**  
Age 82, of Northville, passed away peacefully July 6, 2011. A funeral service was held Fri. 7/8/11 at Castlerine Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon. Contributions to Chelsea Church of the Nazarene or Arbor Hospice appreciated.

**HOSKINS, DOROTHY MAXINE**  
Age 83, passed away July 8, 2011. A private family service will be held. Arrangements entrusted to Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com



**KIDSTON, CLARA BELLE**  
Age 81, of Pioneer, died Saturday Morning at the Evergreen Manor Nursing Home in Northville. She was born on February 17, 1930 in Plymouth, MI to Leo Earl & Hazel Belle (Carley) Van Bonn. Clara graduated in 1948 from South Lyon High School in South Lyon, Michigan, and then attended Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Michigan. On June 23rd 1951 she married Mayor R. Bruce Kidston in Salem, Michigan and soon after moved from South Lyon, Michigan to Williams County, IN. In 1959 Clara and Bruce purchased the Montpelier Drive-In Theater. Clara and Bruce were also Co-owner and Consultants. Clara loved to snowmobile and even went hunting and fishing a time or two with her husband until they got lost in the woods and that was enough for her! Gardening and bowling were a passion with her. Clara had a blast playing cards with her bridge club and cards in general with family and friends - and she showed no mercy. Race horses were also a guilty pleasure. Clara supported the Pioneer Area Schools Athletic and music programs and was a consistent fixture there for the years. She loved traveling with her husband to many destinations such as, Hawaii, England, Scotland, Japan and Mexico. Clara was Bruce's Co-pilot at 200, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. Arrangements entrusted to Castlerine Funeral Home (248) 349-0611.

**KAYLOR, CAROLYN ELIZABETH**  
Passed 6/24/2011 in Riverside, CA. Born 7/11/1919, identical twin of Marjorie. Beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, & aunt. Her family & friends meant the world to her. She loved to sing, cook, eat sweets, play Bingo, entertain, & to travel the world. Survived by daughter & a nurse (Robert) Karr & two daughters in California. 7/15: Celebration at Corona Palms Clubhouse; 7/16: Funeral at Immanuel Com. Mortuary; for details & full obituary please email ckaylor@pacbell.net or call 951-898-6605; or 248-330-8803.

**PRIEST, ELSIE D.**  
Age 92 of Northville, passed away July 3, 2011. She was born in Lincoln, Virginia, England, August 24, 1918. Elsie was united in marriage to Cecil Priest on September 9, 1938 and they spent 65 loving years together until his death in 2003. She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Northville. Elsie was an avid reader, liked to sew, and loved to feed the birds. In her younger years, she enjoyed dancing with her husband and playing the piano. She is survived by her children, Ronald (Helen) Priest and Janice (Gary) Paver; her grandchildren, Vincent (Catherine) Virginia, and Peter Paver; and her great grandchildren, Arianna, Seth, Veronica, and Jady. She was preceded in death by her husband, and two brothers. A memorial service will be held Saturday, August 13, 2011 at 11am at the First United Methodist Church, 77 West Eight Mile, Northville. Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck will officiate the service. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the FUMC, the Michigan Humane Society, St. John Hospice, or the American Cancer Society. Online condolences can be made at: www.castlerinefuneralhome.com

**RUTLEDGE, ROY L.**  
Age 93 of New Hudson passed away peacefully 7/8/2011. Beloved husband of Mary for 65 years. Loving father, brother, grandfather, and friend. Arrangements by Castlerine Funeral Home of South Lyon.

**LIBTOW, CHRISTINE A.**  
July 9, 2011 age 74. Beloved wife of Glenn for 55 years. Loving mother of Glenn (Leo Ann), Michael (Pam) and Liz (Dini) Mace. Dear grandmother of 8. Visitation at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi (248) 348-1900, Friday 2 PM until time of funeral service at 2 PM. Visitation will continue after the service until 9 PM. Online condolences: www.obitsonlinefuneralhome.com

**WALLACE, DOROTHY L.**  
Age 58 of Salem, previously of Novi, died suddenly on July 9, 2011. She was born in Cleveland, TN on May 21, 1953, daughter of Chester and Martha (McJohnson) Walling. Dorothy was united in marriage to John A. Wallace Sr. on December 21, 2006. She was a member of the Moose Lodge of Northville. She was a skilled crafter who enjoyed knitting and crocheting. Dorothy is survived by her husband John, her mother Martha, Mississinipi, her sister Debra, her brother CD, her stepchildren Breanna, John Jr. and Chelsea; and her granddaughter Haley. A celebration of Dorothy's life will be held on Saturday, July 23 at 4pm at the American Legion Post 147, 100 W. Duane, Northville. Donations suggested to the family c/o John A. Wallace, Sr., 9332 Clifton, Salem MI 48175. www.castlerinefuneralhome.com

## City creating access to Village Wood Lake Park

### Grant helped prevent condominiums from coming to area

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

City of Novi officials are moving forward with improvements to Village Wood Lake Park in an effort to make it compliant with a Department of Natural Resources grant they received when they purchased the land.

Several years ago, residents were concerned that the property on the east side of Meadowbrook Road near Village Wood Road would be used as a condominium complex so the city stepped up to ensure that wouldn't happen.

The grant required the city to come up with a matching parcel, which is on the west side of Meadowbrook, and make the property accessible to someone with disabilities.

Jason Mangum, director of parks, recreation and cultural services, said they will be developing a small parking area and installing a trail to get to the lake.

"It will serve as a great neighborhood park and give residents the added benefit to home values and quality of life," he said.

The city held a public meeting for homeowners in the area in mid-June, and some expressed concerns over increased traffic to the area and crime.

Mangum tried to ease their fears, saying research shows that usually when a site is developed and made more accessible the deviant behavior tends to go away because those who were there in the past thought they were alone.

As far as the matching area on the west side of the road, the city is still looking at ways to develop a plan that will be in compliance with the grant.

A conservation easement prevents the city from building a trail, and one possible alternative is using a future right of way on the south side of Malott Road (once approved by the city) from Meadowbrook Road to construct a concrete sidewalk, Mangum said.

Mangum said the previous design "had no purpose."

"Everything you have to do in a park has to have a purpose," he said.

The city is currently working on preliminary design preparation, and plans to meet with residents and have final design preparation for the east side done by August. The contract is expected to be awarded in September with work beginning in October.

## NOVI IN THE SERVICE

Michael W. Dompierre

Michael W. Dompierre is an Army ROTC cadet involved in Cadet Language and Cultural Immersion Training during his first training deployment as a cadet. After a week-long training session at Fort Knox, Ky., the selected cadets are deployed to partner nations where they are immersed in the local cultures and languages. The selected cadets will spend three weeks involved in assisting with current Army missions that range from helping build community projects to teaching English to local children. They are not only getting a total immersion in another culture, but are also building positive relationships and helping the people of partner nations.

Dompierre is currently a student at the University of Notre Dame, Ind. He is the son of Patricia Dompierre of Northville and Mike Dompierre of South Lyon. The cadet graduated in 2009 from Detroit Catholic Central High School, Novi.

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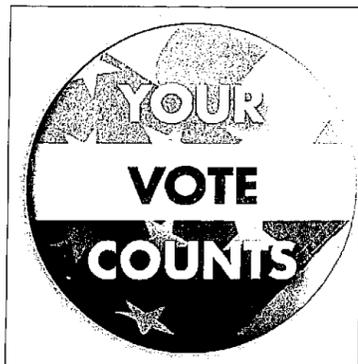
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OUR VIEWS



Voter ID  
Showing identification  
reasonable safeguard

The power of the individual's vote is sacrosanct in our democracy. So it stands to reason that there should be unfettered access to the voting booth and that all votes should be legitimate and accurately counted.

Since the Florida presidential recount 11 years ago, accurate votes have come into question, particularly in recounts of high-profile races across the country, such as the long ordeal that proceeded a U.S. Senate seat finally awarded to Al Franken, previously best known as a comedian on "Saturday Night Live."

But the legitimacy of the votes themselves comes under fire from both Democrats and Republicans.

Democrats generally push for more access to polls,

through such initiatives as no-excuse absentee ballots and extended voting periods that allow people to cast ballots several days before election day. When Republicans oppose these changes, they are sometimes accused of trying to restrict voting access for likely Democratic voters.

For their part, Republicans think the liberalized voting agenda is really a nationwide plan to co-opt the election process by peppering voting lists with ineligible, non-existent or easily manipulated voters. Republicans

prefer rules, such as photo identification, that substantiate that the prospective voter is, indeed, who he says he is. Democrats suggest that such actions are ways to not only discourage but also to intimidate likely Democrats, such as the urban poor, from voting.

These are broad generalizations, to be sure. In Michigan, for instance, some Republican county clerks and secretaries of state favor more liberalized rules for registering voters and absentee voting. Nonetheless, the party positives are usually staked out as we've described them.

What's significant, though, is that for all the fear of voter shenanigans, there is scant evidence of actual voter fraud. Yes, there are stories of multiple people registered at a single, perhaps vacant, building. And, yes, there were some stories of inappropriate names gathered on voter registration lists.

But a wrongly gathered name isn't the same as an illegal vote. Without better evidence of voter fraud, Republicans look like they are merely trying to use scare tactics as a political weapon.

For all the Democratic arguments about the barriers to voting, the facts don't bear them out. Yes, voting can be a terribly tight in some elections. But in others — in the same communities — the turnout is significantly higher. If people can find a way to vote in November, particularly in bad weather after waiting in long lines, then the reason they don't vote in August is because they aren't interested — not because they are held back.

For that reason, we've never bought into the Democratic objections to the relatively new Michigan law that requires voters to provide photo identification. We just don't see how that is an unjustifiable obstacle to voting. Rather, it increases the likelihood that the right person is voting in the correct precinct.

Such laws can go too far, such as the case in another state where a number of nuns were not allowed to vote because they didn't have a driver's license or other picture ID.

But Michigan law has provisions to prevent such an occurrence. If the voter doesn't have a driver's license, he can obtain a state-issued identification card. Failing that, the voter merely needs to sign an affidavit at the polls that verifies his identification.

In a society that demands photo ID to cash a check or board a plane, Michigan's law is a reasonable step toward ensuring that only legitimate ballots are cast.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What would you like to see on Main Street that would make you frequent the area?



"I would like to see some more little shops but not ones that are high-end and expensive."

Pam Brucker



"I want a different variety of shops and stores, like boutiques or something like that."

Courtney Laux  
Novi



"It would be nice to have coffee shops and some clothing stores."

Taylor Pyden  
Novi



"I'd like a good quality nonchain restaurant that people can take some pride in."

Seth Furlow

LETTERS

Kowall's bridge view

Our state Sen. Mike Kowall's decision can kill the new public bridge.

I just received the second or third flier in the mail from a group fighting the Detroit River.

They are backing Manny Moroun's private Ambassador Bridge and attacking the proposed new public bridge over the Detroit River.

I'm sick of receiving such mail and being

bombarded by the misleading TV ads opposing the new public bridge, with the new jobs it would bring.

Our Sen. Kowall is chair of the Senate committee that decides whether or not the full Senate gets to vote on approving the public bridge bill backed by Governor Snyder and the state department of transportation.

Sen. Kowall has the power to ignore the bill and not let his committee vote on it, effectively killing the bill.

The fliers I received say: "When voting on the budget bill... Sen. Mike Kowall voted to strip the useless bridge proposal out of the final bill. He stood firm against the special interests and lobbyist's pressure."

The flier asks us to call or e-mail Sen. Kowall regarding this issue, giving his phone number, (517) 373-1758, and his e-mail: SenMKowall@senate.michigan.gov.

I hope all Northville and Novi readers will contact Sen. Kowall and also ask him to "stand firm against the special interests and lobbyist's pressure."

In this case, it's Manny Moroun's own private bridge special interest and lobbyists.

It's commonly known that Moroun's people have loaded Lansing with political donations and that his team of lobbyists is legendary.

Moroun may think that Sen. Kowall is going to vote his way (because of the \$2,000 donation he made to Kowall) instead of voting for the best interests of the people of Northville and Michigan. We'll see.

The private Ambassador Bridge has miked billions of dollars from control of the bridge and its stranglehold on travel and commerce in southeast Michigan.

In addition, the Ambassador Bridge is extremely vulnerable to a terrorist attack, which would wipe out southeast Michigan's economy for years, until another bridge could be built.

It's time now to start building that new bridge, owned by the public here and in Canada, and let our public government reap the rewards that the Ambassador Bridge has been guarding all these years.

Please do phone or e-mail OUR state Sen. Mike Kowall. He's ours, not Manny Moroun's.

Bob Moreillon  
Northville

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.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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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 quality.

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 unbundling 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 situations.

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. If early education is lost there is no catching up. In grades thereafter, forget this malingering 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.

Build the authority of our teachers and facilitators to deal directly with parents and students using current organizational bureaucrats as counselors to work with students and parents on life skills.

Jim Nowka  
Northville

Tenure issue

Kudos to Northville teacher of the year Paul Polanski for an award he most cer-

tainly deserved. The prospect of being laid off is a bitter pill to swallow. But, what Dave Stewart didn't include in his description of the "travesty" he blames on the tenure protection teachers deserve is the name of the teacher that deserves to lose their job so Mr. Polanski might keep his.

Despite the highly touted performance of the educators in the Northville public school system, according to the beliefs of Mr. Stewart and our teacher-bashing Gov. Rick Snyder, there must be someone somewhere who should be fired in the Northville school system because they are being protected by tenure. And then someone more popular can keep their job.

Instead of looking for methods to adequately fund education so draconian cuts are unnecessary, the new battle cry from our extremist governor is to blame career-minded educators and attack their ability and credibility as educators.

Tenure is only a protection that works when you aren't doing your job well! Proper and accurate documentation of poor performance is all it takes if a school district finds it necessary to terminate a poor teacher if the district has the will and has taken the proper steps.

What tenure provides is protection against termination for economic or personal reasons that have nothing to do with performance, as in replacing a qualified long-term teacher with a new one at half the salary, or letting personal bias enter the evaluation process.

I can say that I never had a bad teacher in public school. I had some that were better than others, but they all did a credible job.

I can't say that about college. It may be time to re-examine some aspects of the tenure process, but to assume that because someone is laid off that there must be someone with tenure that should be fired has no place in this discussion.

Steve Lawrence  
Northville

Hotel's exemption unfair

The tax exemption carved out under the Commercial Rehabilitation Act (House Bill 4759) for the proposed hotel at the Suburban Collection Showplace is another example of government picking winners and losers. I would support the Act if every hotel in Novi got the same tax rate. When the developer of the proposed hotel states (Crain's Detroit Business, July 11, 2011) "...without this type of support, it would be impossible" referring to development and profitable operation (of) the hotel, this may be a clue the proposed hotel is not viable given the current market conditions and a level playing field.

Should not the state and city governments wait for the market conditions to improve (which they are) before deciding to subsidize one hotel owner at the expense of others?

Ron J. Wilson, CHA, CEO  
Hotel Investment Services, Inc.

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

LOCAL EVENTS

**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  
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 19: The Magic Carpet Theatre; July 26: The Amazing Clark Magic Show  
**Friday Family Fun**  
Time: 8 p.m.  
July 15: Topmost 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

**Borders Bookstore**  
Free Mahjong lessons  
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays in July  
Details: Dorothy, a local Mahjong expert, will share her skill and enthusiasm with you.  
**Reading & Signing - Maggie Stieglater: Forever**  
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, July 18  
Details: In Maggie Stieglater's Shiver, Grace and Sam found each other. In Linger, they fought to be together. Now, in Forever, the stakes are even higher than before. Wolves are being hunted. Lives are being threatened. And love is harder and harder to hold on to as death comes closing in. Line tickets for this event will be given out from 9 a.m. with a copy of Forever. See store for further details.

**Sprout Summer Camp**  
Time/Date: 2 p.m. July 16  
Calling all Sproutlets! Get up and get moving with Sprout activities, crafts and fun. Best for ages 2 to 8.  
Contact: (248) 347-0180

**GOLF OUTINGS**  
18th Annual Novi Lions Charity Golf Outing  
Time/Date: 8 a.m. July 14  
Location: Links of Novi, 50395 Ten Mile Road, Novi  
Details: This outing is a four-person scramble format. Cost is \$90 per person or \$360 per foursome for 18 holes of championship golf with a cart, continental breakfast, driving range before breakfast, lunch at the turn, beverages on the course and steak dinner in the clubhouse. Proceeds donated to The Penrickton Center for Blind Children  
Contact: Jerry Coonce (248) 348-0531; Fred Young (248) 305-9557 or Manny Barbosa (248) 380-8325

**24th Annual Novi Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing**  
Date: Aug. 17  
Details: Registration deadline is July 1. New this year, teams of 12 will compete for a Challenge Cup. Register with your own team of 12 golfers or register individually, in twosomes or foursomes. Electronic scoreboards throughout the course will display 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.

**Novi Toastmasters Club**  
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first and third Tuesday  
Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375  
Details: Novi Toastmasters is a community-based club which is part of Toastmasters International. Our diverse group provides a mutually supportive atmosphere in which all can develop and refine their public speaking and leadership skills. Our members also have fun while building confidence in day-to-day communications and mentoring toward professional and

personal excellence. Guests are welcome - and bring a friend. Visit www.novifreetoastmasters.com. Contact: Linda Kruter at PR@novi.freetoastmasters.us  
**Novi Rotary Club**  
Time/Date: Noon every Thursday  
Location: Novi Methodist Church, 41571 W. 10 Mile Road  
Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check website for speaker information; novirota.org.  
**Novi Chamber of Commerce**  
Contact: www.novichamber.com or call (248) 349-3743.  
**Business to Business Breakfast**  
Time/Date: 8-9 a.m. Wednesday, July 20  
Location: Novi Public Library, 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 26  
Location: James D. Compo, Inc.'s 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, Novi  
Hours: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-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.novillibrary.org  
Summer Reading Programs run through Aug. 6 for youth, teens, teens and adults. Sign up now on the library website or at the library.  
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Harry Potterpalooza

**SOCIAL SECURITY**  
Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.  
Attorneys J.B. Bleske and Jennifer Alfonsi have 42 years combined experience representing only Social Security disability clients. And they personally meet with all clients and appear personally at all court hearings. Many large firms assign inexperienced attorneys to your case. And some of these firms are located thousands of miles away and only fly the attorney in the day of the court hearing. Attorneys Bleske and Alfonsi have vast experience before local Michigan judges.  
Attorneys Bleske and Alfonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.  
Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.  
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**BUSINESS**  
Northville-Novis Business Networking Breakfast



Royalty

The Village Oaks annual Fourth of July parade featured a prince and princess - Nolan and Laurel Anne Wood - who rode in a train behind city council members. Shown (top, from left) are Mayor David Landry, Naomi Wood, Doug Wood, Mayor Pro Tem Bob Gatt, Councilman Justin Fischer, Councilman Wayne Wroble; and (bottom, from left) Laurel Anne and Nolan Wood.

Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. first and third Tuesdays except Nov. and Dec., which are just the first Tuesdays  
Location: Kerby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty Road  
Details: Business networking focused on building relationships. The Sunrise Networking Group, LLC (www.sunrisenetworkinggroup.com), or SMG 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 fmlana@sunrisenetworkinggroup.com

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

**Novi Toastmasters Club**  
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first and third Tuesday  
Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375  
Details: Novi Toastmasters is a community-based club which is part of Toastmasters International. Our diverse group provides a mutually supportive atmosphere in which all can develop and refine their public speaking and leadership skills. Our members also have fun while building confidence in day-to-day communications and mentoring toward professional and

personal excellence. Guests are welcome - and bring a friend. Visit www.novifreetoastmasters.com. Contact: Linda Kruter at PR@novi.freetoastmasters.us  
**Novi Rotary Club**  
Time/Date: Noon every Thursday  
Location: Novi Methodist Church, 41571 W. 10 Mile Road  
Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check website for speaker information; novirota.org.  
**Novi Chamber of Commerce**  
Contact: www.novichamber.com or call (248) 349-3743.  
**Business to Business Breakfast**  
Time/Date: 8-9 a.m. Wednesday, July 20  
Location: Novi Public Library, 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 26  
Location: James D. Compo, Inc.'s 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, Novi  
Hours: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-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.novillibrary.org  
Summer Reading Programs run through Aug. 6 for youth, teens, teens and adults. Sign up now on the library website or at the library.  
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Harry Potterpalooza

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July 19  
Details: Make some button jewelry and other summer wearables at our cool summer craft session. For grades 5-12.  
Helping Your Toddler Talk  
Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, July 19 and 26  
Details: If you have a toddler with speech delays, this 3-part workshop will teach you strategies to do with your child at home. Presented by Early On Oakland. Please register. Transfer from VHS to DVD  
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 19  
Details: Learn how to transfer the contents of your VHS tapes onto a DVD using the library's "Creation Station." This presentation will walk you through the process, step-by-step so you can transfer those home videos from tape to disc. If you have a graduation, anniversary or family reunion and want to use some of those forgotten videos but don't want the hassle of setting up additional equipment, this class is for you. You will not be transferring VHS to DVD during class. THIS IS NOT A HANDS-ON WORKSHOP. Participants should have basic keyboarding and mouse skills. Registration required.  
Minute to Win It - NPL Edition  
Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, July 20  
Details: Come to the library for your chance to win! You will have one minute to win it as we try out games from the popular television show. For grades K and up.  
Library Board Regular Meeting  
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 20  
Details: The duties of the Library Board include planning for the future, making policy decisions, developing and approving the annual budget and broad operational oversight. The public is always welcome.  
Novi Writers' Group  
Time/Date: 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, July 23  
Details: Writers' groups can be a great way to make connections in the writing and publishing world and to get critiques that will improve your skills as a writer. Come to the Library for an inspirational environment where you can

create and share ideas. This group is facilitated by local writer, Kathy Mulch. For ages 18 and up. The Amazing Clark's Magic Show  
Time/Date: 10:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesday, July 26  
Details: This incredible show features magical illusions that will surprise and delight you. Join us as we partner with Novi's Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services in the Sizzling Summer Arts Series. The program will be held at Fuerst Park, unless inclement weather forces us to move to the library's Meeting Room.  
Super Smash Brothers Tournament and More  
Time/Date: 3-5 p.m. Tuesday, July 26  
Details: Show off your fighting style with our Super Smash Brothers Tournament. If you are not into tournaments, just stop by to enjoy some of our other games. Registration is required for the tournament. For grades 5-12.  
Around the World with Mad Science  
Time/Date: 11-11:45 a.m. and 7-7:45 p.m. Wednesday, July 27  
Details: Get ready to be amazed by experiments that represent cultures and countries from around the world, including UV light, Make It Snow!, Rainbow Reactions, and more. Mad Science will show readers how science is connected to places and cultures around the world.  
Novi Historical Commission Meeting  
Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 27  
Details: Public is always welcome. Meetings discuss ongoing and future projects of the Novi Historical Commission.  
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 foreclosure. Learn how to work with your lender to avoid foreclosure. There is no charge for this service. Please call if you wish to attend. One-on-one sessions will be scheduled.

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**NORTHVILLE/NOVI CHURCH EVENTS**

Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to estone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 685-2852; or by mail to Church Events/Northville- Novi, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

**Church of the Holy Cross**  
Location: 40700 W 10 Mile Road, Novi  
Contact: (248) 427-4175

**Church of the Holy Family**  
Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road  
Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org

**Mass Schedule**  
Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday  
Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

**Reconciliation:** beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment  
Priests: Father Timothy Hogan, pastor and Father Michael Zuelch, associate pastor

**Crosspointe Meadows Church**  
Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road  
Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org.  
Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.

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

**Destiny Worship Center**  
Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile Road, Northville  
Please see EVENTS, A11

Contact: DestinyW3C@gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org.

**First Church of the Nazarene**  
Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road  
Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dcnazarene.org

**Sunday Schedule:** 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service

**Tuesday Schedule:** Tuesday 9:25-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study  
**Wednesday Schedule:** 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast  
**Thursday Schedule:** 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tee Kwon Do  
**Women of the Word**  
Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m.  
Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Ephesians. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5.

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

**Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross**  
Location: 40700 W 10 Mile Road  
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**Yee Haw for Gilda's Club**

It was a really Big Night Out for Gilda's Club Metro Detroit, located in Royal Oak. Held at the Royal Oak Music Theatre, this year's gala theme was Bands, Boots and BBQ. Guests were entertained by a battle of the bands competition that included local country rock musicians Sinjon Smith, REDHILL, Terrie Lea and the Mustangs, and David Shelby. Country music legend Leon Seiter also performed and the Desperado Dancers gave dance lessons. The BBQ cook-off was prepared by Lockhart's BBQ (Royal Oak), Hoggers (Berkeley), Pizzeria Biva (Southfield), and dessert by Cup.Cake (Royal Oak). In support of the event, REDHILL, which won the Battle of the Bands contest, released a special edition single titled "This Train (Lynn's Song)," written by band member Greg Michaels for his sister Lynn, who died from cancer. This single is available exclusively through Amazon mp3 and iTunes for only \$1.99. All proceeds benefit Gilda's Club. Pictured above are Novi residents Brian and Lori Burke.



Novi residents Carolyn and Paul Kirin.



Novi residents Kaye and Brian Cunningham, Gilda's Club past president.



Cathy and Gary Ehlers of Novi.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



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**Kirkpatrick & Breithaupt**  
Anne Kirkpatrick, of Northville, and Nathan Breithaupt, of Chicago, were married May 7 at First United Methodist Church, Northville, with Rev. Dr. Stephen J. Buck officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David and Lynn Kirkpatrick, of Northville, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Christian and Gwen Breithaupt, of Traversa City. The bride earned a master's degree in biomedical engineering in 2011 from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and is employed by Medtronic in Orange County, Calif. The groom earned a bachelor's degree in finance in 2009 from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, and is employed the corporate Headquarters of United Airlines in Chicago.

The bride's attendants included Kimberley Bagian, Anna Breithaupt, Sara Dick, Krista Dornbusch, Justine Fernandez-Gattis, Katie Hamelink, Jane Krusowski and Kara Morris. The groom's attendants included Paul Breithaupt, Jeffrey Aspinall, Wyatt Boothbay-Sloemaker, Brian Dick, Daniel Kirkpatrick, Adhiraj Vable, Evan Quisenberry and Daniel Wolf. A reception was held at The Inn at St. John's, Plymouth. The couple honeymooned in Riviera Maya, Mexico, and reside in Huntington Beach, Calif.



Longo & Asher

Laura Ashley Longo of Jackson and Ryan Adam Asher of Ann Arbor are engaged to be married. She is the daughter of Rick and Kathy Longo, of Brooklyn, Mich., and he is the son of Don and Rosemary Asher of Brighton, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a 2003 graduate of Novi High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in human resource management from Central Michigan University in 2007 and a master's degree in training and development from Oakland University in 2010. She is currently pursuing her elementary teaching certification and is substitute teaching in Jackson, Mich.

The groom-elect is a 2005 graduate of Brighton High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in technology management from Eastern Michigan University in 2009 and is pursuing a master's in project management from the University of Michigan. He is employed as a manager at Lowe's in Ann Arbor. A November wedding in Brighton is planned.

**CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PROVISIONS OF THE NOXIOUS WEED ORDINANCE**

TO: All owners, occupants or possessors of subdivided lands or lots:  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Chapter 21, Article II, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Novi, Michigan, all noxious weeds, or other weeds, grass, brush, or deleterious, uncultivated growths exceeding a height of eight (8) inches, growing, standing or lying upon any property in the City of Novi, shall be cut down, destroyed or removed as the case may be, at least twice in each year, once during the last half of the month of May and again during the last half of July of each year and more often as may be necessary.

If the owner or occupant, or any person or persons, agent, firm, or corporation having control or management of any subdivided land upon which any building or buildings have been erected shall fail, refuse, or neglect to comply with the above mentioned Code provisions, the city shall cause the weeds, grass, brush, deleterious, uncultivated growths, rubbish, to be cut down, destroyed or removed. Provided, further, that any lands which are situated within the floodplains or any natural streams or watercourses, or any area between the lower or upper banks of such streams or watercourses shall be exempted from the provisions of such Code provisions. The expense incurred by the City in the cutting, destruction or removal of same together with a fifteen (15) percent administrative charge will be levied and collected against such property in the manner provided by law.

Failure to comply with the requirements set forth in Chapter 21, Article II, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Novi, Michigan, may also result in the prosecution for same, and liability to the extent of the penalty therein provided.

Charles Bouliard, Building Official  
City of Novi

**CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONSIDERATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE UNDER ACT P.A. 198 OF 1974, AS AMENDED**

Notice is hereby given that Topgun America, Inc. has submitted a request to the City of Novi for the issuance of an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate under the "Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial Development Act P.A. 198 of 1974."

The proposed project is located on the west side of Haggerty Road, between Thirteen Mile Road and Fourteen Mile Road, described as follows:  
Part of the southeast 1/4 of Section 1, T1N, R8E, City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan being more particularly described as commencing at the S.E. Corner of said Section 1; thence along the east line of said Section 1, N02°00'00"W, 253.00'; thence S87°29'54"W, 60.00' to the point of beginning also being the south line of Mackenzie Drive (60.0 feet r/w); thence along said south line thence S87°29'39"W, 140.57'; thence N83°17'09"W, 87.38'; thence S87°29'04"W, 430.82'; thence continuing along said south line, 86.46 feet along a curve to the right having a radius 490.00 feet and a chord bearing N87°20'46"W, 86.34 feet; thence S02°30'19"W, 508.02'; thence N87°29'07"E, 355.89'; thence N01°15'44"W, 108.89'; thence N45°04'21"E, 97.24'; thence N87°29'07"E, 320.91'; thence N02°30'06"W, 310.17' to the point of beginning.  
Containing 305,602.46 sq. ft. and/or 7.02 acres.

Subject to easements and restrictions of record.  
Pursuant to Section 5 (2) of said Act, a public hearing shall be held on July 18, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Novi City Council Chambers, located at 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, during which any property owner within the proposed Industrial Development District, and any resident or taxpayer of the City of Novi may appear and be heard in relation to the consideration of the aforementioned Industrial Development District.

If you have any comments regarding this proposal, they may be presented in writing or at the public hearing.

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

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**EVENTS**

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Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com  
**Sunday Worship:** 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m.  
**Sunday School and Nursery Care:** 10 a.m. Worship Service  
**Alzheimer's Support Group**  
Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month

**Faith Community Presbyterian**  
Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road  
Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit fcnorthville.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.

**Sunday School:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Ladies Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays  
**Men's Bible Study:** 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

**Treasure Seekers Vacation Bible School**  
Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Aug. 1-4  
Details: For kindergarten through sixth grade

**First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church**  
Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road  
Contact: (248) 349-3647 or first-baptistchurchofnovi.org  
Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.

**Family Worship:** 11 a.m.  
**Bible Study:** 6 p.m.  
**Family Movie Night:** 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

**First Presbyterian Church of Northville**  
Location: 200 E. Main St.  
Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresnorthville.org

**Sunday Worship**  
Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.  
Single Place  
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. every Thursday

**Location:** First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main, Northville  
Details: Single Place is a social organization for singles 40 and up hosted by the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Thursday meetings feature speakers, games, or entertainment followed with an ice cream social.

**Contact:** For a detailed schedule of all events (dining out, weekend activities, etc.) call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org.  
Time/Date: 7 p.m. July 14  
Details: Dr. Ralph Schillace, president of the Michigan Speakers Bureau, who will discuss the different types of relationships - family, relatives, ex-spouses, co-workers etc. The presentation will be followed by an ice cream social where you can meet other singles; \$5 donation.

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. July 21  
Details: Single Place Cards & Games Night. Once again this is our popular monthly informal social evening

of games, conversation, snacks are provided followed by an ice cream social; \$5 donation  
Time/Date: 7 p.m. July 28  
Details: Single Place cookout & comedy night. After dinner old classic comedy TV shows will be shown on our big screen. Come hungry as burgers, Italian sausages and side dishes are on the menu. Cost is \$7 for dinner only, or \$10 for the entire evening. Sign up at Single Place or call the church only if you plan to have dinner; (248) 349-0911

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Aug. 4  
Details: Ms. Donna May will be speaking on the "Power of Humor. Learn how to use humor to ease the everyday tensions and problems we all have. The presentation will be followed by an ice cream social where you can meet other singles; \$5 donation.

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi  
Contact: (248) 349-0565  
Sundays  
Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship

**Lakes Baptist Church**  
Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake  
Livonia Church of Christ  
Location: 15431 Merriam Road, Livonia  
Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net

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



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**Science fun**

Ethan Brininger, 7, (above) checks out some consistency of some corn starch and water during the June 28 visit to Novi's Furst Farm by the Ann Arbor Hands on Museum. Kids were given the opportunity to mess around with some hands-on science experiments involving magnetics, water surface tension and simple compounds. Marin Worley, 8, (below) has some fun seeing how many pencils she can poke into a plastic bag without it leaking too much.



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**Electronics stolen from vehicle**

1 A Novi woman had her Garmin GPS and Sony portable CD player stolen from her car overnight on July 11 while it was parked in the driveway of her home on Crestview Drive. According to the report, the woman said she thought she locked her car but there was no sign of forced entry. The total value of the items stolen was nearly \$200. Police have no suspects at this time.

**Suspects steal tractor from garage**

2 A green John Deere tractor was stolen from the garage of a home located on Grand River Avenue sometime between July 4-9. According to the home owner, the house was vacant at the time, and she noticed the tractor was missing when she went there to cut the grass. The garage door was open when she arrived, but the suspects did not take eight tires and four rims that were also inside. Police have no suspects but are going to provide extra patrol of the area.

**Golf equipment stolen from driveway**

3 A Novi man had over \$1,300 worth of golf equipment stolen from the driveway of his home on Tanglewood Drive on June 2. The man told police he left the items at the end of his driveway and went inside for about two minutes. When he returned everything was gone.

Stolen were a set of new Ogio golf clubs including drivers, various balls and other golf related items. Police have no suspects but are monitoring craigslist.org and the local Play-It-Again Sports to see if someone tries to sell them.

**Drunk driver caught for a second time**

4 Novi police arrested a man for his second drunk driving offense at 2:27 a.m. on June 25 after he was caught speeding and swerving in his lane on I-96 near Meadowbrook Road. According to the report, the officer observed the car traveling 85 miles per hour in a 70-mph zone and crossing over its lane line several times before he initiated the traffic stop. When he approached the car, he could smell a strong odor of intoxicants and the driver admitted to drinking. He failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .15 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent.

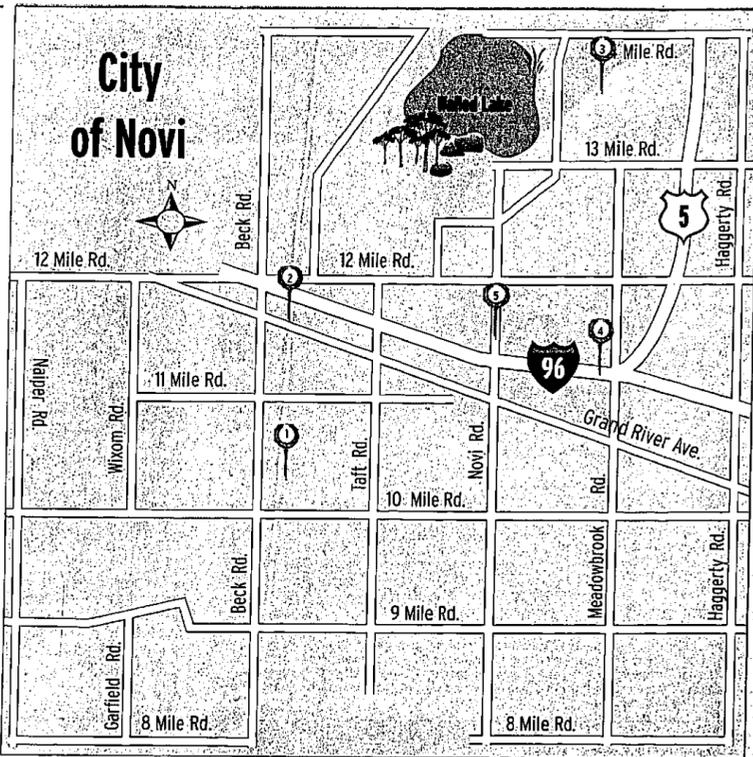
The suspect was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department where he was held until sober. He was released pending the issuance of a warrant for operating while intoxicated second offense.

**Driver arrested for open intoxic**

5 A woman was arrested at 2:09 a.m. on June 25 for drunk driving after she was stopped on Novi Road just north of I-96 after the officer saw her car swerving in its lane several times. When the officer approached the car, he could smell the odor of intoxicants coming from inside and the woman admitted to drinking. She failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .14+ percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent.

Also during a search of the car, police found a plastic cup containing alcohol. The woman was arrested and transported to the department where she was issued a citation for operating while intoxicated and open intoxic. She was released after posting bond and when sober.

- Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller



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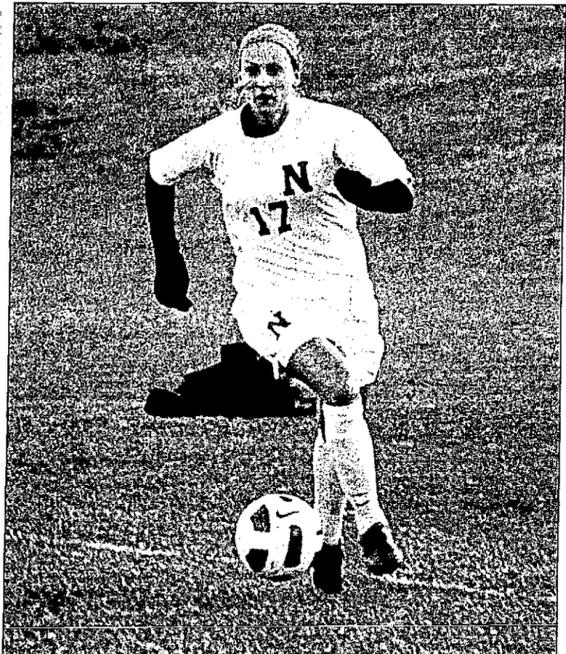
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**Novi's Caruso repeats as area's top lady kicker**

**BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT**  
 Novi's Wildcat soccer repeated as Division I state champions and senior forward Nikki Caruso also repeats as the All-Area Player of the Year. Caruso averaged more than two points per game and set the school record with 31 assists, which was also seventh in state history. After notching 19 goals and eight assists in 2010, Caruso had 19 goals to go with her assist total for 50 points in 24 games this spring. She made Dream Team All-State as one of the 11 best players in Michigan and was runner-up for Ms. Soccer, Novi coach Brian O'Leary said.  
 For her three years on varsity, Caruso had 45 goals and 50 assists, graduated with a 3.5 grade point average and will be playing at Michigan State University this fall.  
**FIRST TEAM**  
 Gabby Gauruder (Novi Sr. GK)  
 With only one defender returning from a championship Wildcat squad, senior goalkeeper Gabby Gauruder had to step up her game this season to get the team to their 22-0-2 final record. Gauruder allowed 11 goals and had 15 shutouts for an 0.46 goals against average. The first-team All-State goalkeeper allowed 21 goals and had 39 shutouts in a 56-game career, a 0.375 GAA. She'll join Caruso at Michigan State University this fall.  
 "She plays goalie for us and a lot of people don't think it's a hard job, but it's harder than a lot of people think because usually if something goes wrong, the game is on the line," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "She has the ability to make clutch saves in clutch situations. She's the best goalie in this state as far as I'm concerned."  
**Nikki Greenhalgh (Novi Sr. F)**  
 Another Dream Team All-State member from



Novi senior Nikki Caruso carries the ball along the left sideline during the Wildcats' 3-2 win over Canton on March 28. The reigning All-Area Player of the Year had two assists for the defending state champions.

I think of with her is just relentless. She will crash bodies with you. She will chase loose balls into the corner 100 times whether she wins them or not and she'll always be back the next time. It's something we build a lot of our play around her, a lot of her relentless up top."  
**Mallory Weber (Northville Jr. F)**  
 With 21 goals and five assists, Northville junior forward Mallory Weber led the Mustangs to yet another solid season and earned an All-State honor for her efforts. The Mustang graduated with a 3.63 grade point average and verbally committed to play at Penn State University.  
 "She was our workhorse and our vocal leader on the field," Northville coach Eric Brucker said. "The Mustang graduated with a 3.63 grade point average and verbally committed to play at Penn State University."  
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**Molli Krick (Novi Sr. M)**  
 As a defensive center midfielder, Northville senior Molli Krick was the steady core to the Wildcats' transition play and the start of what developed into a strong defensive line. She finished the season with two goals and four assists, but earned All-State honors that she'll take with her as she takes a field at Eastern Michigan University in the fall.  
 "Stats do not tell the story for Molli because of the position she plays," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "Molli is one of the top possession players in the state. She has the ability to single handedly control the flow of the game by her possession and movement of the ball."  
 Please see ALL-AREA, B2

Novi, senior forward Nikki Greenhalgh created a dangerous tandem with Caruso and led Novi with 24 goals to go along with 13 assists of her own. The future Wisconsin Badger had 51 goals and 30 assists in her career at Novi, which ended with a 3.94 grade point average.  
 "She's a workhorse," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "That girl, she plays hard, she's fast, she's extremely strong and the first word

**Northville soccer alumni game a smashing success**

**Over \$1,000 raised for breast cancer research**  
**PARTICIPANTS**  
 Participating in the alumni game were: Jeannette Dolmetsch (2009 graduate), Theresa Yankovich (2008), Pam Yeback-Brucker (1990), Karen Saydek-Adams (1992), Sarah Stern (2008), Jennifer Beyersdorff-Salvatore (1990), Vanessa Bailey (2006), Abbey Edwards-Pendleton (1989), Lydia Blair (2008), Ashley MacLean-Mardossian (1990), Lindsey Hill (2004), Kelsey Ficus (2010), Michelle Conti (2010), Caroline Castell (2010), Jessica Lyon (2010), Michelle McQuaid-Helcke (1991), Suzanne Morton-Cutchins (1993), Merilyn Millgard-Coates (1990), Tracy Jambor-O'Neil (1992), Sarah Aquino (2008), Lauren Hill (2006), Lorianne Blair-Hearn (2000), Lindsey Blair (2006), Jennifer Howland-Linart (1990), Tori Wright (2010), Lauren Lokey (2010), Shelby Foerg (2010), Amy Goode-Albert (1991) and Jill Alumbaugh (2009). Several alumni were in attendance, too, but did not play. They include: Colleen Regan-O'Brien (1990), Cindi Tolstedt-Gibson (1992), Kristen Raja and Whitney Guenther-Jankowski (2004). Coaches in attendance included: Bobby Paul (former head coach), Stan Smalec (former head coach), Dave Yeback (former assistant coach), Todd Stohl (former assistant coach), Eric Brucker (current head coach), Lindsey Blair (current junior varsity coach) and James Hannah (current freshmen coach).  
 When it comes to the quality of players who showed up to participate, it's going to be hard for Brucker and the gang to get much bigger. All-State

athletes made the roster, as did former Division I players and current Northville High School record holders. It was practically a who's who of Northville girl's soccer.  
 They came together to remember the camaraderie of their high school days. They came together to compete. They came together, ultimately, for a good cause—and that was to raise money for breast cancer research. In total, from alumni player costs to donations from those in attendance to money donated by Ford's Warriors-in-Pink, Buchanan's Public House, Bella Expressions Jewelry, a silent auction and concessions donations from the Northville Athletic Booster Club, the game raised \$1,050.  
 In the end, the game was a tie with goal scorers including Lauren Hill, Lindsey Hill, Ashley MacLean-Mardossian, Theresa Yankovich, Jennifer Howland and Shelby Foerg.  
 Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Novi News and Northville Record.

**POMPON**  
 Eleven senior members of the Novi varsity pompon squad took first place during the Mid-American Pom summer camp's High Kick competition June 22-26.  
 Led by captains Mary Favorite and Nicole Rigdon, the squad wore Hawaiian apparel and used surfboard props while performing to a mix of "Hawaiian Roller Coaster Ride" from the "Lilo and Stitch Soundtrack," "Surfin' USA" by the Beach Boys and "California Gurls" by Katy Perry.  
 Coached by Erin Bartos, the other nine senior high kick team members are Aditi Chadha, Alex DeLaCruz, Mikaela Falsetti, Katie Groeche, Chi Hong, Mackenzie Kelley, Christy Lyon, Ashley Miller and Ashley Wojtylo.  
**VOLLEYBALL**  
 The best high school volleyball players in the state are slated to participate in the 2011 All-State Senior All-Star Volleyball Classic July 29 at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.  
 All seniors who earned All-State honors on the first through third teams in Class A through Class D will be split into four teams and have a round robin mini-tournament. Following an awards luncheon from 1-3:15 p.m., semifinal matches will take place at 5:30 p.m. before a consolation and championship game at 7:30 p.m.  
 Novi's Laura Subject, who earned All-State second team honors as a setter, plans to participate. It was not clear whether Wildcat outside hitter Erica Robb, who took All-State third team honors, planned to participate.  
**ATHLETIC CAMPS**  
 Visit <http://www.novi.k12.mi.us/athletics> for a list of the remaining 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 West.  
 Remaining camps include football July 18-21, field hockey July 25-30, volleyball Aug. 16-19 and pompon Aug. 27.  
 Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former Novi News staff writer.

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# CC's Green top shooter in strong field

BY JEFF THEISEN  
STAFF WRITER

Catholic Central's Charlie Green was just a year removed from the 2010 Division 1 title team.

Though the Shamrocks did not win the state title this year, they finished a respectable sixth place, and Green was a major factor in doing so.

He opened the State Finals with a 78 at Oakland University as the Shamrocks sat in second place after day one.

Green came back to shoot a 75 on the second day, but the Shamrocks would fall to sixth place once it was all said and done.

"He's quite an athlete. He's a great competitor. He's a great student and just a great all-around kid," said coach Bill Hayes. "He had some trouble in the middle of the season with his driver, but I think all in all, he's got a complete game. He doesn't get down, his demeanor is such that nothing really bothers him."

Season highlights included a 70 during regionals at Lyon Oaks Golf Club, 71s at Oakland Hills and at Forest Hillly Egyp Valley and a 76 at Orchard Lake.

Catholic Central finished

9-1 in the Catholic Central Division to take home the title, as well as the Oakland Hills Tournament. The Shamrocks also finished second twice and placed third as a team six times in various tournaments.

Green is also an all-state hockey player.

## FIRST TEAM

Patrick Luther, CC  
The junior Shamrock played 1A or 1B along with teammate Green, depending on the tournament. Luther started the State Finals with a 72, but finished with an 81. His highlights included a 2-under-par 70 at the Oakland County Tournament, and 76s at districts, regionals and at Oakland Hills.

"He's really hard on himself. He demands and expects more from himself than anyone. He's an endless worker. Deep down, I think he has something to prove. He can play, he can really play."

Nick Zanotti, Northville  
The senior Mustang put up strong numbers, averaging a 78 for 18 holes and 40 for nine. Highlights included a ninth-place finish at districts with a 77 and an eighth-place finish at regionals to earn a spot in the State Finals. Highlights

## ALL-AREA GOLF

### PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Charlie Green, Catholic Central  
FIRST TEAM  
Patrick Luther, CC  
Nick Zanotti, Northville  
Gavin Garris, South Lyon  
Jake Kneen, Lakeland  
Bradley Kozinski, Novi

### SECOND TEAM

Blake Bonatz, Northville  
Matt Sherry, South Lyon East  
Bryan Hawkins, South Lyon  
Derek Knauss, South Lyon  
Alex Kleckner, Lakeland

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throughout the season included being team medalist in three matches and finishing in the top 10 in six tournaments.

"Nick is the perfect example of hard work paying off," said coach Jeff Balagna. "Nick didn't make the team his freshman year, spent the last two seasons on the JV team, and

this year he is a state finalist. I am so happy the way his senior year went for him. He was the leader all year long for us."

Gavin Garris, South Lyon  
Garris was part of a strong 1-2 punch to help lead the Lions into the State Finals. Garris shot in the 30s five times out of 10 dual matches. He averaged 39.2 for nine and 80.4 for 18. He was third at regionals with a 75 and 15th at the Oakland County Tournament with a 76. He started the State Finals with an 84 but recovered to shoot a 75 on the second day at Forest Akers East at Michigan State University.

"Gavin Garris and Derek Knauss The backbone of our team Both lead us in all things," said coach Tom Jackson. "We would not have gone to the State Finals without them."

Jake Kneen, Lakeland  
Lakeland's Kneen proved to be at his best during 18-hole competition. His high score this year was an 80, with the low being a 73. He finished with an average of 77.2. For nine holes, he finished in the 30s four times. Kneen averaged 40 for nine holes. The Eagles went a perfect 10-0 in the K.L.A.A North to win the division.

Bradley Kozinski, Novi  
The Wildcat sophomore finished the year on fire. He shot a two-over-par 74 at the Oakland County tournament to place eighth.

Garris was part of a 37 against Northville, placed fourth at the K.L.A.A. tournament with a 76 and seventh at a tournament at Indianwood. Kozinski also shot par against Salem and against South Lyon East as well as finished fourth out of 120 golfers at the Pinckney Invite at Rush Lake with a one-over-par 75.

### SECOND TEAM

Blake Bonatz, Northville  
The senior Mustang traded the top spot with teammate Zanotti throughout the year. Bonatz was medalist three times, placed third at the K.L.A.A. Conference tournament with a 75 and cracked the top-10 in tournaments three times. He finished with a nine-hole average of 38 and an 18-hole average of 78.

Matt Sherry, South Lyon East  
The Cougar sophomore finished the year with a bang. He won the regional outright with a 72 at the Higher Highlands to earn a trip to the Division 2 State Finals. Sherry started the finals with a 75 but a struggle in the second day left him with a two-day total of 160. He averaged

78.4 for 18 holes and 40.8 for nine.

Bryan Hawkins, South Lyon East  
The Cougar senior was a steady horse for East throughout the year. Highlights included a second-place finish with an even-par 72 at Pheasant Run, a 1-over-par 35 at Links of Novi against South Lyon and a 1-under-par 33 (also at Links of Novi) against Northville. He averaged 39.5 for nine holes and 80.2 for 18.

Derek Knauss, South Lyon  
Knauss battled with teammate Garris for the top spot throughout the season. The two finished six shots apart for the season. Knauss finished with a 39.5 average for nine holes and a 80.5 for 18. He carded in the 30s six out of 10 dual meets and placed 11th at the K.L.A.A. Conference tournament with a 78. Knauss also shot a 77 at the Farmington tourney to claim seventh out of 120 golfers.

Alex Kleckner, Lakeland  
The Eagle pushed teammate Kneen throughout the year. He finished with an 18-hole average of 79.5 and a nine-hole average of 34 for nine holes and 77 for 18.

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Karen Bitterle, business librarian, is excited for the debut of the Novi Public Library's business collection July 20. The collection will include hundreds of books, as well as access to seven databases and forums discussing different topics.

## Library unveiling new business collection

Goal is to help businesses grow, succeed

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

The business community in Novi will soon have another resource at its fingertips when the Novi Public Library officially debuts its business collection on July 20.

Business owners and residents will be introduced to a large collection of business reference books, non-fiction business books and seven databases that can give them tips on everything from management, marketing and economics to stock reports, business law and more.

Karen Bitterle, the business librarian who was hired to lead the collection, said the purpose is to give small- and medium-sized businesses information that will help them succeed.

"In this economic environment, the people who survive are the innovators and the risk takers," she said. "And we want to build this into a place where Novi businesses know we are a resource and a place they can meet."

The library is also partnering with the city's economic development department to reach more businesses.

Ara Topouzian, economic

development director for the city, said business owners are always looking for ways to grow and market their business, and believes the library can help them do just that.

"I don't think all of the businesses realize the wealth of information the library has to offer," he said. "Certainly the library has a variety of books, databases and conference areas, and we want to make that business community aware of that."

The database aspect appears to be the most convenient resource as Novi library users can access it from home or office. As long as the business is in Novi, they can use a Novi library card.

Bitterle said the three databases will likely provide the most benefit as Reference USA, which is a consumer reference and research tool that gives information on 14 million U.S. businesses and 210 million households, ProQuest Entrepreneurship, which includes start-up help as well as annual reports and market research collections, and Value Line, which covers stocks, mutual funds and more.

The library will be hosting a seminar for Reference USA at 8 a.m. on July 28 for interested

business owners and residents. The whole idea is value for your time," Bitterle said. "We want them to walk away with something."

In October, the library will be hosting a business forum where participants are encouraged to read one of three suggested books ("Disciplined Dreaming," "Change the Game," or "Breaking Away") and participate in a discussion group about how to foster innovation in the workplace.

The final segment on Oct. 27 is a visit by innovation expert Mark E. Jones, who will talk about embracing practices that support a culture of sustainable innovation.

"Our overall goal is we want the businesses in Novi to succeed," Topouzian said.

Two other forums are planned for next year, one related to social media marketing in February and another in April which Bitterle is still soliciting suggestions.

The business collection will be located on the second floor of the library. For more information or to access the databases, visit www.novilibrary.org.

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## Novi Oaks chapter of ABWA hosts series of speakers

Businesswomen throughout the community are invited to attend

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) invites professional women within the community to attend its Business in a Box Series, four entertaining and innovative presentations from 6:15-8:30 p.m. Aug. 10, Sept. 14, Oct. 12 and Nov. 9 at the DoubleTree Hotel.

Each presentation will cover an important aspect of professional life. Additionally, networking opportunities will be available during the meeting. Dinner is included with each presentation.

"The economy is such where members of the Novi Oaks Charter Chapter really wanted an impactful way to tap into

our resources to help educate the community at large," said Novi Oaks President Marcia Green. "We are excited to share our expertise with other businesswomen."

Aug. 10 will focus on marketing with a presentation, "The Passport Phenomenon: Know Your Audience," by Natalie Bruno, vice president for Development and Marketing, Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings.

Sept. 8 will cover finance with a presentation, "Smart Women Plan Ahead - Your Financial Future," by Karen Conway, M.B.A. and licensed insurance professional.

Oct. 12 will feature communication with Walk Like a Woman,

Talk Like a Man: Bridging the Communication Gap by Holly Hengstbeck, M.B.A.

Nov. 9 will wrap up the series with a presentation on organization, Get Organized!, by Avery Dennison, and it will feature a free sample pack for each attendee.

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of ABWA was established in 1990 and has members from a diverse array of industries. This series embodies the mission of ABWA by providing opportunities for personal and professional growth. For more information or to register for one or more of the events, go online to www.abwa-novi.org, or contact publicity@abwa-novi.org.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Comcast scholarships go to three locals

More than 250 students, guests and government officials turned out in Lansing on June 14 to celebrate with Comcast the winners of its 2011 Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program. In a ceremony held on the steps of the Michigan State Capitol, 100 graduating high school seniors from across the state were recognized for winning a \$1,000 Leaders and Achievers Scholarship to help pursue their college education. Two students were awarded an additional \$5,000 Comcast Founders Scholarship and two students received a network computer to help them start their college education with new technology.

Three local students received \$1,000 scholarships from Comcast: Allison Avery, Commerce Township, Our

Lady of the Lakes High School; Kevin Bain, Northville, Northville High School; and Trevor Bonventre, Novi, University of Detroit Jesuit.

The Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program provides one-time \$1,000 scholarships to students who strive to achieve their potential, who are catalysts for positive change in their communities, who are involved in their schools, and who serve as models for their fellow students. The philosophy behind the program is to give young people every opportunity to be prepared for the future, to engage youth in their communities, and to demonstrate the importance of civic involvement, and the value placed on civic involvement by the business community. Since the program's inception there have been over 15,000 scholarship winners receiving more than \$15.4 million.

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## ALL-AREA

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Kelli Timar (Novi Jr. M)  
Behind nine goals and 12 assists, Novi junior midfielder Kelli Timar was a key part of the Wildcats season as she worked her magic from the edge of the goal boxes and everywhere in between. She earned honorable mention All-State and recently committed to play at Michigan State University.

Katie Rudzinski (Novi Jr. D)  
As the only returning defender from the 2010 state championship, Novi junior Katie Rudzinski played a big part in getting the new lineup into shape. She had nine assists from right defense, including the cross to set up Greenhag's state championship-winning goal this spring. She has a 3.85 grade point average.

"Does a great job of defending, plus she has the ability to win ball and start our offense like a midfielder," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said.

Jessica Jarvis (Novi Jr. F)

Behind 13 goals and seven assists, junior forward Jessica Jarvis' aggressive play and hustle was a spark in the Wildcats' already potent offense. She has a 4.0 grade point average and plans to play at Bowling Green University in fall 2012.

"Jessica makes it so we have three Division I-level players at forward, thus we are a nightmare for any team to match up against," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "Won the hardest working player on the team award, voted by her teammates."

All Hawksford (Northville Sr. D)  
A Northville senior, All Hawksford dropped back to the defensive position to help her team after the entire defensive line had graduated. She helped the team to 10 shutouts while earning All-District and All-Conference honors to go along with her 3.73 grade point average.

"She sacrificed her personal abilities at playing forward to benefit the team and led an all new starting defense," Northville coach Eric Brucker said. "The team voted her Most Dedicated. She is a

coach's dream with her upbeat personality and her desire to help the team first."

She will be playing at Morehead State University this fall.

Jamie Cheslik (Northville Fr. F)  
With four goals and 11 assists, Northville freshman Jamie Cheslik provided a young spark for the Mustangs while earning All-District honors.

"Jamie took on a lot of pressure being a starting forward as a freshman," Northville coach Eric Brucker said. "Her speed and quick turns caused havoc to opposing defenses. Her team-leading 11 assists showed her ability to find open teammates. I look forward to more great things out of Jamie in the years ahead."

Natalie Kryger (Novi Sr. M)  
Although she's just a sophomore, Novi's Natalie Kryger had 10 goals and seven assists during her second year on varsity while earning All-Conference honors.

"She is the best on our team at long range passing and shooting," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "She has

the ability to find open players from 40 yards away with either foot."

Emily Bush (Northville So. F)  
An All-District forward, Northville sophomore Emily Bush had nine goals and seven assists as she helped the Mustangs' toward another strong season.

"A quiet but imposing scorer," Northville coach Eric Brucker said. "She found ways to score with her feet as well as her head."

### SECOND TEAM

Andrea Pesch (South Lyon So. M)  
Just a sophomore, South Lyon Andrea Pesch holds two school records (single-season points with 24 and single-season assists with 11) and is second in two categories (single-season goals with 13 and career assists with 18). She is fourth all time in goals at 18 and fifth all time in assists with 36. An All-State honorable mention and Team MVP, she had five goals and seven assists this season and still has two years to attempt and break records. She also has a 4.0 grade point average.

Jennifer Borawski (Northville Jr. M)  
A seven-goal, seven-assist season earned Northville junior right midfielder Jennifer Borawski All-District honors. She verbally committed to play at University of

Detroit in fall 2012.

Megan Kalanik (Lakeland So. F)  
With eight goals and one assist, sophomore forward Megan Kalanik provided one-third of Lakeland's offense while earning All-District honors. With 14 goals in her first two years, she is on track to become the Eagles' all-time career goal scorer.

Katie Walker (South Lyon East Jr. F)  
An All-State honorable mention on a developing South Lyon East squad, junior Katie Walker had eight goals and four assists in the spring, including one against a strong Northville squad and the game-winner in the 1-0 crosstown rivalry win against South Lyon.

Emily Mancos (South Lyon East So. M)  
South Lyon East sophomore Emily Mancos had eight goals and five assists for the Lions in earning her All-District honor. She scored the Cougars' lone goal against Novi on a free kick, a rarity for the East program against the Wildcats' dynasty.

Rachel Jankowiak (South Lyon East Fr. M)  
Splitting time between midfield and defense, freshman Rachel Jankowiak had seven goals and four assists for South Lyon East, earning herself All-District honors.

Samantha Sturgeon (Milford Sr. M)  
The Mavericks' Team MVP,

senior midfielder Samantha Sturgeon had three goals in earning All-District honors. She'll play at Lincoln Memorial University (Tenn.) in the fall.

Allie Morris (Lakeland Jr. M)  
A junior midfielder and defender, Allie Morris had one goal and helped the Eagles secure three shutouts in the spring while earning All-District and All-Conference honors.

Paige Smith (Milford So. M)  
Behind one goal and one assist, Milford sophomore Paige Smith earned All-District honors with the Mavericks while utilizing her quick reaction time on the ball.

Morgan Kroezen (Lakeland Jr. M)  
Behind two goals and two assists, sophomore Morgan Kroezen was a consistent piece of Lakeland's midfield, earning All-District honors.

Kara Sullivan (South Lyon Sr. D)  
For four years, South Lyon senior Kara Sullivan has been a key part of the Lions' seasons. She had one goal and two assists as a defender this season, finishing with five goals and eight assists in her career. She earned All-District honors and earned the Team Hustle award.

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### OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in August offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months.

Unless otherwise noted, all programs 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 [www.oakgov.com/peds/calendar](http://www.oakgov.com/peds/calendar) or call (248) 858-0783.

#### Effective networking

You know about the importance of networking, right? You have attended dozens of events and passed out all those business cards, but "networking" is just "not working." Find out what you need to do to make networking work for your business. Learn the keys to successful networking, how to develop an effective elevator pitch and how to get results from our networking. Presented by the Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center (MI-SBTD).

Tuesday, Aug. 2, 6-9 p.m. The fee is \$40.

#### SBA forum on small business lending

Before you apply for a business loan, the county recommends that you first attend the SBA Forum on Small Business Lending. This is a free loan orientation conducted by a business banker, a business consultant from the SBA's network of Small Business Development Centers and an SBA representative. You'll learn how the lending process works and what is expected of you and you'll understand how the SBA can assist with our

SBA Guaranteed Loan Program. This session is best suited to those who have good credit, a solid business idea, and some money to invest in their business. Because the SBA does not provide loan guarantees to real estate investment firms, including purchasing and rehabilitating houses for sale, this type of financing is not discussed at the roundtables.

Wednesday, Aug. 3, 9 a.m.-noon. This workshop is free but pre-registration is required.

#### Social media marketing part 3

Advanced Social Media: Create and Launch your Social Media Campaign. In part 3 of this training series, you will learn advanced strategies and tactics for building a long-lasting online community and explore ways to take social media beyond marketing. Discover how to grow your base of followers and engage participants across all social media channels, ensure a reasonable rate of return on your social media investment and more. Pre-registration for this workshop is Social Media Marketing parts 1 and 2.

Thursday, Aug. 4, 6-9 p.m. Fee: \$40.

#### Pre-business research

Are you thinking of starting your own business and want to research your business idea? Are you a business owner who wants to understand which research sources to use for your business plan and where to find the information you need? Presented by The Oakland County Business Center, The Entrepreneur's Source, Oakland County Market Research division, and a business reference librarian.

Tuesday, Aug. 9, 6-9:30 p.m. This workshop is free but pre-registration is required.

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## Deal with reputable firms for flood repairs

The Better Business Bureau urges residents to use caution as they hire contractors to repair damages to their homes and businesses following recent flooding in the region. While seeking a contractor in the wake of damaging flooding is an urgent affair, BBB urges people to take the time to make sure a contractor is reputable and qualified to perform the work PRIOR to hiring them to help protect from unsatisfactory work and rip-offs.

BBB offers the following advice when hiring a contractor:

- Beware of "fly-by-night" contractors or "storm chasers" who swarm the area after a storm. They may not be properly licensed or insured and may be hard to locate in the future.
- Beware of price gouging. Some unethical businesses may be marking up their products or services by as much as 500 percent.

- Make certain that you check with your own insurance provider FIRST before hiring a contractor to do repairs from flood damage to see what exactly is covered and what is not, whether there is specific paperwork you must fill out to file a claim, etc. Your insurance provider will give you tips on how to properly proceed.
- Get recommendations from friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers, insurance agents or claims adjusters. Also ask contractors for names of previous customers and check with Better Business Bureau website, [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org), for information on area contractors.

- Get a written estimate. Make sure the estimate includes labor and material costs, as well as, project start and completion dates. Compare services and prices before making a final selection.
- Research proof of current and up-to-date contractor licensing and registration with state regulators PRIOR to hiring. Don't just go with a verbal, "Yes, we have those things." Contact the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs <http://www.dleg.state.mi.us/> or <http://www7.dleg.state.mi.us/belicense/>.
- Make sure the contractor carries general liability insurance and workers' compensation. If the contractor is not insured, your home or business may be liable for accidents that occur on the property. The above regulatory



## Check on rights when land reverts

BY ROBERT MEISNER  
GUEST COLUMNIST

Q: Our condominium developer has bailed from the project and has left land which was undeveloped. I understand that after a certain period of time we may be having that property reverting to the association as a Common Element. Am I correct?

A: Yes, you are correct that the association may have an opportunity to receive undeveloped land as part of the condominium. Indeed, some developers

have contacted this writer to discuss the possibility of assisting the association in developing that land and it may end up being a financial windfall for the association. In any event, you are best advised to determine what your rights are with respect to the reversion of land to the association and what can be done for the benefit of the association under those circumstances.

Q: Our developer has walked away from the project and the bank owns the land at this time which has not been built on. Some of the members of the board have asked whether we can do anything with the bank. What are your comments?

A: The bank may be willing to sell those lots, which are units in the condominium, for 20 to 30 cents on the dollar, giving the association an opportunity to develop those units on its own or utilize it for other purposes. You should discuss this matter with a competent real estate attorney knowing condominium law who can then perhaps enter into negotiations with the bank on behalf of the association to purchase the land and, perhaps, get a new developer to come in to enhance the condominium development as a whole as I am familiar with developers who are interested in doing so.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus shipping and handling. He also wrote Condominium: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or write [rbmeisner@meisner-associates.com](mailto:rbmeisner@meisner-associates.com). This column should be construed as legal advice.

## Crossword Puzzle Take a Hike

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## Answer to Last Week's Puzzle

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agencies give guidelines on how to verify this.

- Insist on a written contract. A contract should clearly state all tasks to be performed, all costs and the payment schedule. Never sign a blank contract or one with blank spaces. Make sure the contract states who will apply for the necessary permits or licenses. Keep a copy for your files.
- Get any guarantees in writing. Any guarantees made by the contractor should be written into the contract. The guarantee should clearly state what is guaranteed, who

is responsible for the guarantee and how long the guarantee is valid.

- Make final payment only when the work is completed. Do not sign completion papers or make the final payment until the work is completed to your satisfaction. A reputable contractor will not threaten or pressure you to sign if the job is not finished properly.
- Resist dealing with any contractor who asks you to pay for the entire job up-front. A deposit of one-third of the total price is standard procedure. Pay only by check or credit card — and pay the final amount

only after the work is completed to your satisfaction. Don't pay cash.

- Canceling a contract. This should be done within three business days of signing. Be sure to follow the procedures for cancellation that are set out in the contract. Send the notification by registered mail with a return receipt to be signed by the contractor.
- Consumer complaints. May be filed with the BBB at [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org) as well as with the state regulators mentioned above. A dual complaint can be filed with your state Attorney General's office, as well.

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On the job

Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel, based in Birmingham, has recently welcomed a number of new sales professionals to the company.

They are: Terry Gazau, Stacy Scott, Anthoni Vasilantis, Craig Astreim, Joanna Drukner, Shannon Schaefer - Birmingham/Bloomfield; Arnie Kersten, David Smyth, Donna Wendy - Clarkston/ North Oakland; George Perry - Commerce/West Bloomfield; Tammy Kirschman Greenwilde, Dean Champagne, Mark Crull, Amanda Lind, Julia Monette - the Gross Pointe; Kevin McPeak - Lowell; Doreen Murad - Macomb

Center: Michael Berry, Michael Brown, Shabbir Boxwala, Sharon Lowrance, Gretchen Solai, Lenda Steekel, Donna Wendt, Janice Willis, Amy Zubor - Northville/Novi; Tony Semaan, Wendy Velthoven, Ronald Vasche - Plymouth/Canton; Sherri Rivers, Jacob Smith - Rochester; Peter Ferenczy, Dana Shook, Jason Shook, Angelina Bibb-Waller - Troy.

"We are very pleased that these exceptional people have chosen Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel," said John North, CBWM COO. "They bring with them their unique and diverse business skills that fit well into our 'next-generation' culture."

Investing

The Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland will help attendees learn about: 1) Raising capital; 2) Finding Deals 3) Property Management; 4) Renovations & Contractors. On Thursday, July 14, 5:30-9:30 p.m. at Club Venetian, 29310 John R 12 Mile, Madison Heights. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers.

Real Estate Career

There will be a Real Estate Career Seminar at 6:00-7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 21, at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Farmington Hills 48331.

Plymouth. Learn about the \$50,000 income guarantee and free pre-licensing course. For more information, contact Lesley Aiello at (734) 450-4700 or [laiello@kw.com](mailto:laiello@kw.com).

Real Estate Sales and Appraising

Learn about a career in residential real estate. Attend a free one-hour seminar, or shadow a top agent to get an inside feel of the business. Seminars are at noon or 6 p.m. Wednesdays. To reserve a spot, contact Keller Williams Realty International, at (248) 899-2500, 27555 Executive Drive, Suite 100, Farmington Hills 48331.

Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. No obligation. Learn about reverse mortgage. RSVP by Friday Brady at (800) 260-5448, Ext. 33.

Free Foreclosure Tours

Free Foreclosure Tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. E-mail [Georgia.Gabbedulnery@kw.com](mailto:Georgia.Gabbedulnery@kw.com) or visit [FreeForeclosureTours.com](http://FreeForeclosureTours.com).

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