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will maye inside Lucky's. Uncoming shows include Randy Brock, July 28; Robin

Moore, Aug. 4: Gia Warner Duo, Aug. 11; The Reasons Y, Aug. 18; and Liki Tiki, Aug. 25. Blood needed

The American Red Cross is now in a state of National Appeal for blood donations with supplies critically low. The following drives are being held:

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Arena: 2-7:45 p.m.\* Thursday, Aug. 4; Faith Community Church, Novi: 1-6:45 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9: Northville

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Runter Patterson. II. enjoys a cooling splash at Novi's Lakeshore Park on July 19. Patterson and his family were visiting the area from Atlanta for the week. Hunter's mom Lindsay Patterson dismissed Novi's hot weather that day, jokingly saying it was cool enough to wear hoodies outside.

### Many seek relief from summer sizzle

Temperatures expected to top 90 degrees all week

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Air conditioning, pools and lakes have become necessities for Novi residents as the summer's first heat wave hit metro Detroit this week. Temperatures have topped 90 degrees since Sunday, with

today expected to be the hot-82 degrees. test as temperatures could approach triple digits. Christina Fadanelli was at

the Novi Public Library with

two of her three children picking out books to take 13, said swimming is the only activity that will get him to go home and read. The family outside. has set up shop in the base 'I'm a spring guy," he said. Margi-Karp Opperer, assis-tant director at the library, ment to stay cool, and they're picking up food or making sandwiches to avoid cooking. said traffic has increased at Cooling off in the pool the library as it is one of the seems like a logical option, if city's two cooling centers. The Novi Senior Center is th

the water temperature wasn't The Sizzling Summer Art "I just want to put ice cubes n it," said Lauren Fadanelli, Series performance of the

, Her brother Christopher, Please see SUMMER, A2

# **Ancient Indian fest** hits Novi Saturday

Festival of Chariots gives unique look at Indian culture

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER A global celebration will once again anchor its Michigan ties in Novi when the 26th annual Rath Yatra known as the Festival of

the Chariots, parade makes its way through the city on Saturday. The festival, which commemorates the return of Lord Krishna to his home-town of Vrindaban, draws more than one million people worldwide and is repli-

London, New York City, Los Angeles and Toronto. Naimish Patel, director of the Festival of Chariots and spokesman for the

International Society for Krishna Consciousness of Detroit, said it's a cultural celebration revealing the spiritual heart of India and dates back thousands of years. The festival starts at

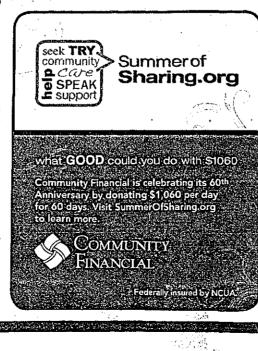
11 a.m. with a three-mile parade where people pull a 40-foot tall chariot down 10 Mile and ends at Fuerst Park where the celebration begins. This is the third straight year the festival has called Novi home, moving from Detroit where it had been since 1985. Mayor David Landry and other council

'We want to reach more mainstream and expose people to the culture. For those who don't have a knowledge of it, it's a fun, free and easy way to experience an important part of Indian culture ... There are

suburban location and broad The residents seem to be intrigued and interested in a unique cultural festival." Patel said he expects more than 5.000 people at this year's local event, taking in the various entertainment options, shopping, yoga, a free lunch and more. He said while they expect to draw a large Indian popu lation, Patel hopes for a more balanced attendance. "We want to reach more mainstream and expose people to the culture," he



The International Society for Krishna Consciousness of Detroit will esent their 26th annual Rath Yatra (Festival of the Chariots) parade and festival on Saturday. The three-mile parade, in which people pul a 40-foot tall chariot, is followed by a celebration showcasing India's spirituality and culture. Last year (shown) was the second year for the event in Novi



great way for us to show what we really are all about." MAMISH PATEL director, Festival of Chariots for us because of its central, interest among commu-nity members," Patel said.

said. "For those who don't have a knowledge of it, it's a Please see FESTIVAL, A2





BECK ROAD REHAB The orange barrels also will be out on Beck Road between Nine Mile and Cheltenham Drive this coming Monday as rehabilitation work is set to

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BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER Commuters using Meadowbrook Road as a detour route for the Navi Road Link Project might want to find another route for at least the next three weeks. The road widening and resurfacing work on Meadowbrook Road — from

10 Mile to Cherry Hill Road — was originally scheduled for 2012, but federal stimu-lus funding was moved up, requiring the work to be done

with the contractor to "minimize the impact on rush hour traffic" by making hours of INDEX APARTMENTS 88

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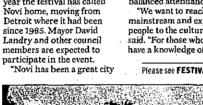
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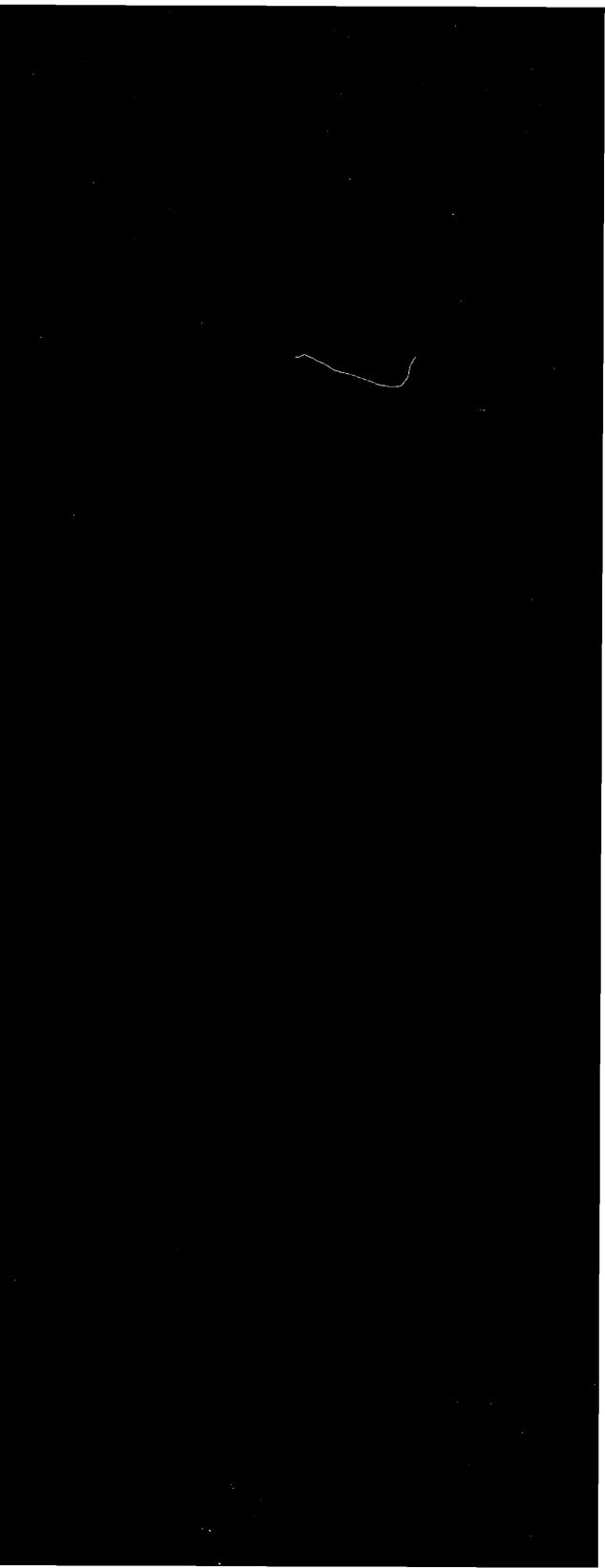
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That's cool

Maybury State Park's forest looks green, cool and inviting in this

July 12 photo. The 944-acre park, located at 20145 Beck Road, in

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#### SUMMER Magic Carpet Theatre was moved inside the library on Tuesday to keep kids out of the heat, and nearly 100 people were waiting outside for the library to open was last summer. Jason Mangum, director of parks, recreation and cultural weather is to stay hydrated. ervices, said all activities for find an air conditioned area little kids this week are being and avoid prolonged outdoor activities. He also noted that noved indoors, and said the attendance.at Lakeshore beach heat is the number one cause

is up 20 percent since the end of last week. Meteorologist Matt Mosteiko of the National

### CONSTRUCTION

Road work will include 900 Northwest Quadrant Ring fect of full asphalt pavement reconstruction and 1,100 feet by city council on July 11, and

of milling/overlaying the exist ing asphalt pavement. Another y aspect of the project is the nstallation of a new culvert and grading of the existing ow-points near the Beck and Nine Mile Road intersection that have flooded in the past. Nine Mile will be open to two-way traffic, using alter nating flag control.

Hayes said this project is a FESTIVAL Indian culture." He also hopes it can break down some barriers, too. "There are some stigmas

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Weather Service office in and children, because they are more susceptible to dehydra-White Lake said the streak of high temperatures could be tion," he said. Lakeshore wasn't the only considered a heat wave sinc local beach buzzing with it expected to last longer than action this week as Martindale "In 130 years we have only

of weather-related deaths.

ahead of tornadoes and hur

ricanes. "Watch out for the elderly

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The first phase of the

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The project is expected to be completed by mid-September.

Beach at Kensington had 39 heat waves," he said, adding that the last heat wave Metropark was full of people trying to cool off. Olive Makwati, who was there Monday, said she came up from Oklahoma to get away His advice to cope with this from the heat and to visit fam-ily in Highland where she lived nost of her life. She was with

> two next week. "I brought the heat with me," she said.

priority because the average daily traffic on Novi Road is 'extremely high," and the inter section at Grand River Avenue is a problem for many trucks Also the pavement on West Crescent drive is "horrible." "Commuters should see an improved level of service on Novi Road when this is completed," he said. The first phase, which will cost \$404,801 including engincering services, includes the reconstruction of Crescent Boulevard from Novi Road through the intersection of Expo

"It is events such as this Japan Festival and India Day which celebrate not only tra-

our cultural diversity as well," said Sheryl Walsh, director of cations for the city. "I encourage everyone to com out and join the festivities and share a piece of Novi's culture.

Center Drive and the rehabilitation of Expo Center Drive to the about," he said. For more information about the festival, visit www.thefestivalofchariots.con

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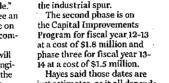
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Lindberg said power was

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Temperatures are expected

for about 2,500 Novi residents

just estimates, as it all depends on the availability of funding. Commuters should not see any delays from phase one of construction.

Novi filmmaker

calls it his 'most emotional film ever

online at hometownlife.com

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITE

Keith Famie has won nine Emmy's as a producer and director of various documen-

But when asked where his most recent film produced by Novi-based Visionalist Entertainment Production "One Solider's Story," ranks, the filmmaker didn't hesitate 'It's my most emotional film ever," he said. "It's a documentary and a film, but it really is an opportunity for people to really see and understand what is happening every day over there

The film is about Sgt. Michael Ingram, affectionately known as Mikie by friends and family. Ingram was killed on April 17, 2010, in Afghanistan after he stepped on an improvised explosive device while walking into a house during a mission Famie came across Ingram's

story by "accident" as he was ing Msg. Jeff Rector, Michigan's casualty assis tance coordinator for the U.S. Army Reserves, for a Vietnam documentary. Rector has the emotional job of sharing with families the heartbreaking news that their son or daughter died, as well as administer ing a proper military burial. He asked Famie to join him at Selfridge Air National Guard Base when Ingram's body arrived, a moment Famio said he "will never forget."

Famie wanted to use some of the footage in his Vietnam film but first had to clear it with Ingram's family. When he met with them, they started to share stories of their sor and of their desire to create a foundation that will provide soldiers overseas with calling cards so they can call home.

wrenching stories told in the film is about how Ingram chose to stay with "his guys" despite being injured and offered the chance to go home. It was 30 days after that injury



Novi filmmaker Keith Famie will premiere his latest documentary, 'One Soldier's Story,' on July 25 at Emagine Novi about the late Sgt. Michael Members of the U.S. Army Reserve Casualty Assistance team carry the body of Sgt. Michael Ingram from a plane to a Ingram. Proceeds from the event will support the Mikie's Minutes Fund that hearse at Selfridge Air National Guard Base in April 2010. Ingram is the main character in Keith Famie's documentary seeks to send calling cards to troops ov 'One Soldier's Story' that premieres at 7 p.m. on July 25 at Emagine Novi.

The organization, dubbed Mikie's Minutes, became the source of Famie's inspiration as he interviewed friends, family and soldiers about Ingram.

"It's a real look at what a family really goes through," he said. One of the more heart-



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to dip under 90 degrees Sunday, but just barely, and could remain in the mid to high 80s much of next week her daughter, Abi, who will be Staff writer Diane Andreassi con tributed to this article. The hottest week of sumannett.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255 north right-of-way limits. Phase two includes the

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'One Solider's Story' premiering in Novi



that Ingram was killed. "Soldiers are volunteers and they are patrolling and fighting not just because of their honor and duty to their

country but because they want to," Rector said. "A solider is there voluntarily and is willing to give everything, including h, to serve their country and their family and, in his case, his god. "This was a godly young man

who cared about people and paid the ultimate sacrifice. Famie's documentary is

70 minutes long and calls it a "must see" for everyone as our society has almost come

to terms with soldiers dying verseas. "Everyone sees the news reports and the blip on the screen that says 'soldier dies in Afghanistan," he said. "But spend 70 minutes in the theater and you will understand what that blip really means. The film will premiere in

Novi at the Emagine Theatre at 7 p.m. on July 25. Cost of a ticket is \$20 and proceeds will sup

U.S. Army Sot, Michael Ingram was killed on April 17, 2010, while serving in n. Novi filmmaker Keith Famie made a documentary of his story that will be premiering on July 25 at Emagine Novi.

port Mikie's Minutes. Famie said 19,000 minutes have already been sent to troops and the goal is to send one mil

lion minutes in 12 months. The premiere will include a formal color guard posting from VFW Post 2269 out of Wixom and will be hosted by Chuck Gaidica.

Northville songwriter Steve Pichan, who wrote a song called "Mikie's Minutes," also will be performing it live. Pichan said Ingram's story inspired him expects everyone

who sees the film to feel the

"I hope they come away hav ing a strong sensitivity to the difficultly soldiers have when they are away and how hard s for them to comm with their families." he said.

Famie's hope is that people will walk out of the theater with a "clear understanding of what it means to give all. For more information about

the foundation or to purchase tickets, call (248) 869-0096 or visit www.MikiesMinutes.com

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Rellly, board member for Novi Youth Baseball League, on June 27. Reilly has been working with GSM Sean Misko

help the Novi community in making this one of the best leagues in the metro area for the 2011 season.

and Community and Corporate Development Director Keith Wilson for some time now on how Marty Feldman can



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### Polish Mission hosts grandparents and grandchildren workshops

#### The Polish Mission has begun hosting "The

Grandparents Project," made possible by a major grant from the Michigan Humanitics Council. The project unites grandparents and grandchil-dren of Polish, Jewish and German backgrounds who share a common Polish heri-

ige. The Polish Mission at Orchard Lake Schools will host free two-day and fourday workshops throughout July and August with a goal of reaching 96 families Workshops are held at 3535

Indian Trail, Orchard Lake. Two-day workshops are scheduled 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (hour hunch break at 11:30 a.m.) July 25-26, July 27-28, Aug. 8-9, Aug. 25-26, Aug 29-30 and Aug. 31 to Sept. Four-day workshops offer orning or afternoon sessions, from 10-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-2 p.m., respectively. Workshop dates are July 18-21, Aug. 1-4 and Aug. 15-18.

"The Michigan Humanities Council is very excited about this project and how it brings together different generations to share their cultural heritage," said Katie Wolf, executive director for the Michigan

Humanities Council. Each session can stand alone; attendees can mix and match sessions as needed. If grandparents are unable to bring their grandchildren, they may still attend and share their discoveries with randchildren at a later date. Each family will take home an archival booklet including a pedigree chart, U.S. Census records, ship manifests, maps of ancestral villages, photos family stories and recipes. At the project's end, families are invited to bring an ethnic disl to pass and participate in a public exhibit.

"Most researchers lament that they did not ask questions of their grandparents when they had the opportuni ty," said Hal Learman, genealogist and assistant director of the Polonia Americana

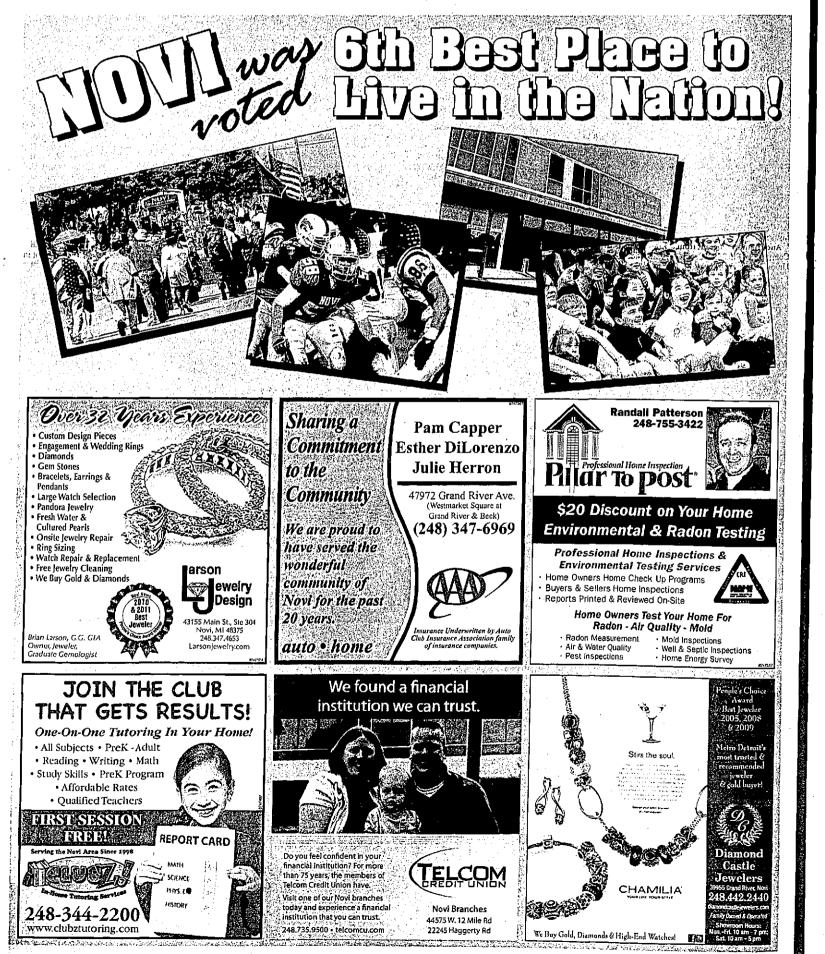
Research Institute. PARI Director Cecile Wendt Jensen did interview her Przytulski grandparents, but didn't know what to do with the information until she found some vintage maps and 'how to' book. Her quest to find her roots lead to writing the book Sto Lat: A Modern Guide to Polish Geneaology. Attendees will receive a com-

plimentary copy of Sto Lat." The Polish Mission is part of the Orchard Lake Schools which was founded in 1885 by Polish Immigrants. Its mission is to preserve and promote Polish and Polishrican culture, tradition and history for present and future generations. The Polish Mission organizes programs, courses and events that highlight Polish and Polish-American culture and accomplishments, and ensures a epository for artifacts, archial materials, works of art and publications.

Project sponsors include The Polish Mission, Polonia Americana Research Institute, with outreach via the West Bloomfield Public Library, Jewish Genealogical Society of Michigan, Oakland County Genealogical Society, and the Holocaust Memorial

Sessions may be reserved online at http://grandparents eventbrite.com or by calling (248) 683-0323. The Michigan Humanities Council is a private, nonprofit organization. For more information, visit www.michigan-

humanities.org or call (517) 372-7770.



# Novi's Community Financial Credit Union recently gave the Novi Community School District a donation of \$1.060 for School district recognized for

Grant from Community Financial will help SNAC program expand

BY NATHAN MUELLER

STAFF WRITER

The School Nutrition

Action Committee recently

received a needed financial

boost as organizers look to

expand the program to all

last year

elementary schools in the Novi

The district piloted the pro-gram last year with the help of Fresh Delights natural food chef and owner Ina Cheatem and nutritionist Michelle Thompson. They met monthly with students in different grades to perform hands-on cooking demonstrations that

Community School District. Inspired by Michelle Ohama's "Chefs Move to Schools" initiative, the school district created its first SNAC t Village Oaks Elementary the food.

And thanks to a grant from, unity Financial Credit, Union last week to the tune of \$1,060 as part of its "Summer of Sharing" program, tips for healthy eating will reach all students in grades K-4. "Our goal is to introduce new foods to kids to make

them more aware of nutrition aid JoAnn Clements, director local chefs to join her in adoptof nutrition and food service ing a school. Clements said the majority of students were receptive to for the school district. "But on thing we never do is point out bad foods." the idea of trying new foods,

Schoolcraft College initiates no-classes-cancelled guarantee

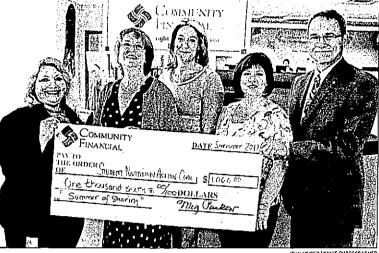
Frustrated students are being heard at Schoolcraft College this summer, where the college is trying a new approach to scheduling redit classes. Under the SC No-classes-cancelled Guarantee, no fall 2011 semester credit class will be

followed a practice common at many colleges. It involves establishing a minimum

the class would then have to scramble to find another



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its Student Nutrition Action Committee as part of the credit union's 'Summer of Sharing' program. From left are Community Financial's Liz Houston, JoAnn Clements, director of nutrition and food services for Novi; Ina Cheatem, Fresh Delights natural food chef: Michelle Thompson, nutritional professional; and Supt. Steve Matthew

emphasis on healthy foods

introduced them to new and ealthy foods. Cheatem said including the students in the process made them more interested in trying "Our motto is 'Try something

to like it after," she said: Cheatem volunteers her time to educate the students se "child nutrition

and improving nutrition in lenge.com. America is something that is very important to me." She also is recruiting other "Our mission is to create an awareness of the diversity of healthy foods available to our children, with an emphasis or the importance of eating fresh. whole foods," Clements said.

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Schoolcraft it was usually between 9 and 12 - needed in order for a class to run. If the minimum number wasn't met by a deadline, the class was cancelled, The few stu dents who had signed up for

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and emphasized that "no mat-

ter how healthy the food is, if they don't like the taste of it they won't eat it In addition to the grant

from the credit union, the school district also received ecognition from the U.S. Department of Agriculture as part of its food and nutriion service "Recipe for Kids Cookbook."

The recipe, an Aztec Grain Salad, was chosen as one of the top 30 recipes out of mo than 340 submitted for the lished and sent to homes and schools across the country. For a look at top recipes visit www.healthkidschal-

easier for students to gradu ate with their certificate or associate degree, get the courses they want for transfer to a university, and fulfill other educational goals. Registration for Fail 2011 credit classes is currently

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BY STEVE MATTHEWS

live in a world where a person can get more information than they could possibly need about almost anything

ded an app onto I downloa ny phone called Run Keeper. hnically, it's supposed to keep track of how much I run. But since I don't really run, I changed a few preferences and, miracle of miracles, it

ceeps track of my walking. Since I first downloaded the app in September 2009, I have ecorded 596 walking activities totaling 1,698 miles. I average ust over 2.8 miles a walk. It has calculated that I have burned 220,162 calories or almost 370 calories every time I walk.

It calculates my split times and the elevation change on my walks. It shows me which day I walk the most and which day I walk the farthest. I can compare today's walk with vesterday's walk with the walk ook last week

Why I need all of that information I don't know, but this app gives me data.

I thought of this app last week when the scores for the Michigan Merit Exam (MME) were released to the public The state provides lots and lots of data. It shows the aver-

#### Camp Invention 2011

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

Children will create exciting new games and transform ordinary household items into extraordinary inventions during this weeklong summer adventure for those currently in grades K-5. Children will participate daily in five activ ity-oriented, hands-on modules focused on scihty-oriented, hands-on modules focused on sci-ence literacy, math, history and the arts. There is also a heavy emphasis on the STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). Registration for this camp is limited to 110 children, so register early, we're almost full? Contact Seth Furlow, Camp Director, at (248) 449-1500 or 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 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 Stan and Benchmarks for Preschool along with the Creative Curriculum. The Creative Curriculur

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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 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.novicomu unitved.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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Tollgate Farm manager Roy Prentice, right, leads a tour of the MSU facility's gardens during a July 16 open house. Tollgate Farms is located at Twelve Mile and Meadowbrook

# **Tollgate Farms open house**



Toligate Farms' 4-H club's Heather Gregory, 14, left, and Alana Hutka, 10, display some of the beets they've grown at the MSU facility on Twelve Mile Road. The Sun, Water, and Seeds club was selling the beets and other oduce at the July 16 open house event



Attendees of the July 16 onen house at Novi's Toliga



Renata Reibitz sells some Denver daisies at the July 16 open house at Novi's Tollgate Farms, Reibitz is from Specialty Grow



### BY SUE MASON OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There's something royal about Megan Hepp's family. In the four times she has brought her children to Wayne County Parks' Mud Day, the Northville resident has gone home with two kings and this year's

"I laid in the mud and went back and forth," 6-year-old Kathryn Hepp said. "I hoped I'd win. My mom helped me." "I think the way to do it is layer upon layer upon layer upon layer and letting it dry between layers," her mother said. "It was a whole day of

adding on mud." Kathryn's bright purple crown was in stark contrast with the layer of brown muc that covered her from head to toe. But it was nothing like 10-year-old Cole Argo of Novi whose eyelasties were a solid chunk of the brown goo. It was his first time at Mud Day and he had to admit that

he was very surprised he won. "It was kind of hard to get the mud on. I just had to try to stay away from the water and kind of pile it on everywhere," he said, "I kind of used it as glue.

Sonva Szabo of Port Elizabeth, South Africa, may have come the farthest to be at Mud Day. She brought her son Jude, 9, and Cole. "He's a friend and it's the one

day a year I get to visit with him," she said. "I don't think he thought he'd win, but on the way here, my son was confident he'd win, so they worked together to load on the mud."

FAR AND NEAR While the park was offi-cially closed to traffic July 12 from Ann Arbor Trail to Outer Drive due to flooding, fans of Mud Day flocked to the Nankin Mills area for the annual event. Cars. trucks and

in after parking their cars in nearby residential areas. Both children and adults played and did contests like running backward in the muddy pit. When they were through, they cleaned off with the help of the Westland Fire Department and Western Wayne Hazardous Material Unit. The Westland Fire Department provided the water supply and the HazMat team "did the work" in the shower area. "I can't believe all the kids

school buses filled the avail-

able parking lots and lined the road. People even hiked

that are here today," Westland Fire Capt. John Valensky said. "I've never saw it this big there's school buses here." Firefighters ran 400 feet of hose to the shower area, but when the line to clean up stretched almost to Hines







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# County Parks' Mud Day brings out the kids ... and adults

Mud-covered youngsters race across the pit during one of the games.

Drive, firefighters broke out another hose and rinsed off kids and adults at the end of the line.

"This so great for the kids," Valensky said. Judeh Odeh of Garden City as having a blast in the mud pit, but his 4-year-old sister Gabriella was hiding out under

the stage. On a day when parents encouraged their kids to play in the mud, she was content to play with the grass. This was the family's first

time at Mud Day and Judeh gave it a thumbs-up. "It's a blast. I want to go in, but I can't," said his father, Frank, nodding to his daugh-

'THIS IS OK'

Lori Pfeil didn't care if her kids got muddy. The family is visiting from San Antonio Texas.

"We're in a drought in Texas, so this is OK," she said. Brighton resident Jennifer Pfeil found out about it from a friend who lives in Belleville, who told her they had to do it

"They're all excited. If they did it at home, they'd get yelled at." she said. Wallowing in the pit with

Jennifer Pfeil were Sarah Pfeil, 14, Kalina Bransford, 14 Jessica Pfeil, 9, and Tori Pfeil, 13, who sported a smile full of muddy braces.

"It tastes gritty," she said, heading back for more. "The best part is the mud. We've been able to get dirty and no get yelled at." "They're allowed to get dirty," Lori Pfeil said. "What's

part of the fun, too, is when do you get to do something like

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LOCAL NEWS

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIZ

CORRESPONDENT

Kids do more than dream

or video game designer at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Although mainly academic,

Every summer, they learn about the skills required for

the weeklong camps pro-vided plenty of fun for the

first- to 12th-grade students

who filled the classrooms or

the first day of class July 11.

This is the 32nd year chil-dren from Canton, Plymouth

Farmington Hills, Westland,

drawn to Kids on Campus.

For three weeks, they'll have

the opportunity to learn abou

So far, 1.666 kids have regis

tered for the camps focused on

culinary training, business and

health care careers, Web and

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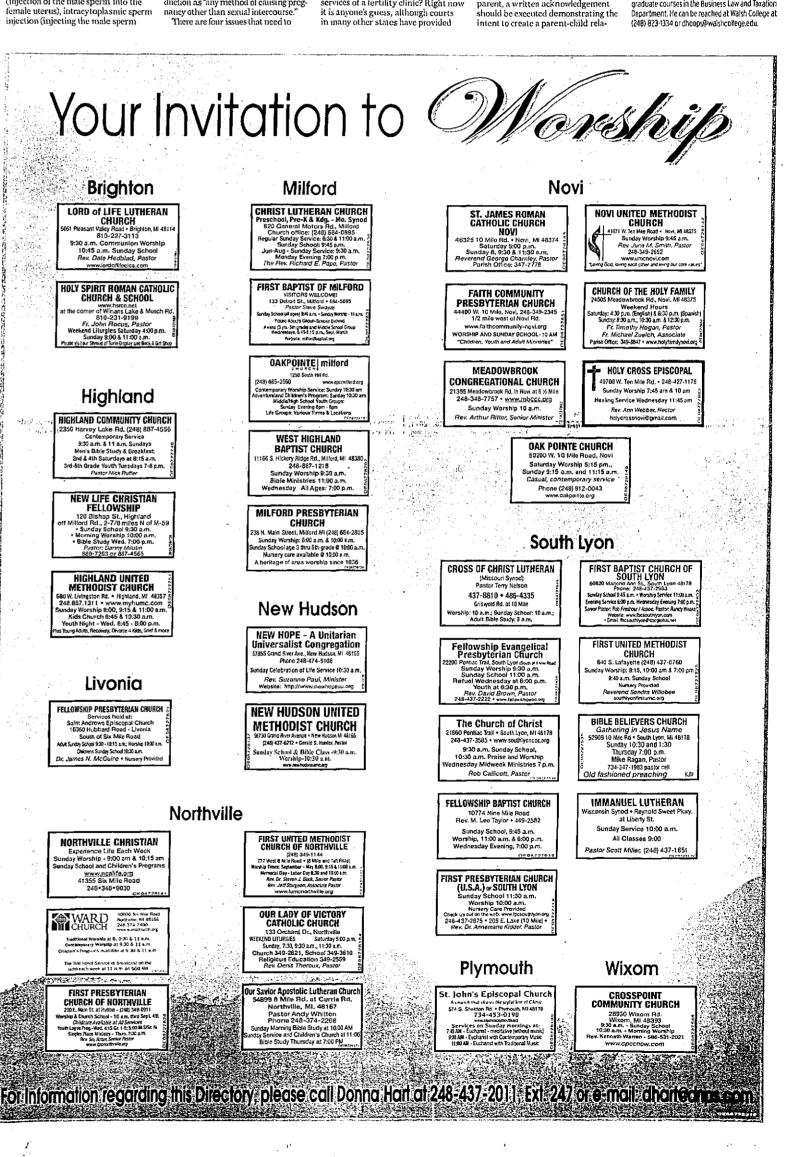
### Medical technology vs. Michigan law

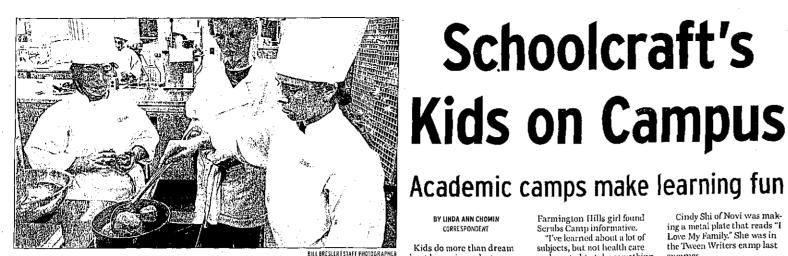
#### BY DAN HOOPS GUEST COLUMNIST

A dvances in technology and changes to social norms con-tinue to outpace the law. The complications faced when medical breakthroughs meet outdated legal doctrines can be detrimental if a client and attorney are not aware of the potential hurdles. Biotechnology and fertility programs are making strides



results in pregnancy, the acceptance of reproductive assistance as a method the intended parent(s), and 4) whether a child born through a deceased person's cryogenically frozen sperm or egg will be considered the "natural child" of that of starting a family is fast becoming mainstream. In 2009, there were 60,190 infants born in the United States deceased person or not. using some form of artificial reproduc-While the UPC addresses these issues in its recommended changes, tive technology. In the 2008 Uniform Probate Code, the commissioners few states have adopted these recomattempted to fill the gap between the mendations and have left it to their present probate laws in the United courts to decide on a case-by-case States and these technologies when it basis. So, where does this "gap" leave included a definition for assisted repro Michigan families that have duction as "any method of causing pregservices of a fertility clinic? Right now it is anyone's guess, although courts





Jessica Moore of Allen Park dips tomatoes in boiling water to loosen the skins for peeling. Lena Niseanian of

Northville and Dagan McCarthy of Canton will do the same with their tomatoes.



LANKFORD, ORTRA L.

Of Milford Twp. passed away peace-

July 13, 2011. She was 92 years old

(the late Leon Wood and the late Carl

Panther), Lisa (Ron) Tribble; grand-daughters Terri (Jack) Muns and

Funeral Service were held from

Milford United Methodist Church.

Tuesday, July 19th. Rev. Doug McMunn officiated. Burial Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi. Memorial con-

tributions encouraged to Hospice Advantage. For further information,

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BARBER, RUTH MARIE Age 86, passed away July 18, 2011. private family service will be held fully in the care of her loving family at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Phillips Furneral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com



GROELLER, FRED G.

Brighton, M!, age 65, died July 17, 2011 in Ann Arbor, MI. He was born March 3, 1946 in Grossachson, Germany the son of the late George and Elli (Haas) Groeller. Fred was a 1964 graduate of Freedom High School and provide of served his country in the U.S. Army. On May 20, 1967 in Ambridge, PA Fred married lis high school sweet-heart Maria Himak. He and Maria have celebrated 44 wonderful years of marriage, Fred loved holiday gath erings, family barbeques, hunting fishing, and working on and restor-ing his '69 Mustang. He was employed as Hot Mill Manager for chigan Seamless Tube for 21 years and was a member of American Legion Post #641. In addition to his survivors include his daughte Robin and her husband Jeff Stapleton and Robin's daughter Gabrielle of Brighton, his son Michael and his wife Laura Groeller and their children Michael and Matthew of Greopry, his brother Albert (Patricia Groeiler of Lakeland, FL and brothe Mark (Christine) Groeller of Williansson, GA. and his beloved Heidi (the furry family member) who will mise bin terribly The family will WWI: Veteran, age 91 of a.m. - 11:00 a.m. with a funeral WWI: Veteran, age 91 of a.m. - 11:00 a.m. with a funeral Will an external to the family will Will be an external to the family will with a function of Heidi (the furry family member) who will miss him terribly. The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 2-8 PM with a Scripture Service at 7 PM and Thursday from 10-11AM at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel. A Healing Farewell will be held 11 AM Thursday, July 21, 2011 at Borek Jennings. Memorial contributions are suggested to Old St. Patrick Church. Please leave a Message of Comfort to Fred's family by calling 877-231-7900 or visit his uestbook at: borekjennings.com.

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GERALD (JERRY) H. Passed away July 8, 2011 in Nev Bern, NC, at the age of 75. Precede death by his parents. Howard Reba and brother Hugh. Survived by two nieces. Jerry was a graduate o Milford High School, Class of 1954 and Central Michigan University Jerry was a former Chevrolet Zone Manager and a retired Chevrolet Dealer in New Bern, NC. He was well ked and had many fiends in the Milford area. A memorial service is eing planned in New Bern, NC.

LAESCH. CHRISTINE MARIE Was born on October 5, 1947, and assed away July 13, 2011. She was a devoted wite, loving mother, and caring grandmother. She was pre-ceded in death by her parents Ken and Thelma Burkardt. She is survived by her husband Douglas, daughter Kalherine, son Nathan (Stephanie); grandchildren: Tyler, Jared, Jayme, Briegnna, Preston and Kendyle, A memorial service was held at Phillips Funeral Home on Saturday, July 16, 2011. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

Assisted Living, Memorials preferred to Great Lakes Caring Hospice in Anna's name. ROSE, VERNA Age 84, of Milford, died peacefully,

Nge 64, of Windle, the peacetow, surrounded by her caring family, on Wednesday, July 13, 2011. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Leroy (d. 2000). Verna is survived by her children, Brent (Sue Rose, Sheila (Jerry) Baurhenn grandchildren, Shannon & Aja Rose, Sara (Eric Glowzinski) & James Baurhenn; siblings Rosetta Horey Janice Wolfe, Connie Richardson, Marvin Leonard, Services are being held privately. Verna will be remem bered for her warm and ever caring heart. She showed a special compassion to the stray cats around her home. Verna would welcome then in and nurse them to good health with love and food. Following with her care for felines, memorial contributions can be made to Pawsabilities Inc. (a 501C3 organization), PO Box 555 South Lyon, MI 48178, they help to neuter & spay stray/feral ani mals. For further information please call Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors

call Lynch & Sons Funeral Direct at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



"BOB", JR. Age 66, of Highland, July 15, 2011. He is survived by his beloved wife, Grace; sons, Robert D. III (Sarah) Gerald L. (Nicole), Douglas A.; grand-children, Sydney, Lily, Lucas, Aubrey, Robert D. IV, Annaliese; molher, Evelyn; siblings, Sharon (Pat) Rutledge, Dennis (Marna) Sims, Rita (Jerry) Tata and many loving extended family members and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert D. Sims, Sr. and sister,

CARLOTTA MARIE Age 71, passed away 7/12/2011. Funeral service was held on 7/18/2011 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Online questbool www.phillipsfuneral.com



Howell, MI passed away on July 14, 2011. She was pre-Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street ceded in death by her husband Elmer (a) Randallo January 18, 2011. She flowers, memorial contributions may is survived by her three sons, John, be made to the Humane Society of David and Tom and 2 grandchildren, Livingston County. Online guestbook Mike and Sara, Memorial service Monday Aug 1, 2011 at 10 am at Church of the Holy Spirit in Highland, M). She will be interred with her husband at The Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI. Special thanks his family, July 14, 2011. A Memorial

STEINER, RICHARD Age 54, of Milford, died in the care of

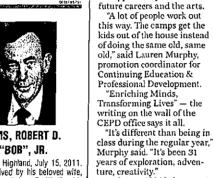
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to the care givers at Village Manor Service is being arranged. For further information please call Lynch & Sons at 248-684-6645 or vis www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

### WEST. DONALD O.

Age 82, of Houghton Lake and formerly of Milford, July 15, 2011, Preceded in death by his beloved wife Marilyr (d.1989). He is survived by his son John (Dori); grandchildren, Vicloria Jacalyn, Kristyn; step-daughter Karen (Paul) Walper and many loving extended family members and dear friends. Private Services have been held. Memorials may be made to th Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation. For further information contact Lynch & Sons, Millord at





Schoolcraft College adjunct instructors and teachers from Cheryl Susewitz, A Funeral Mass was

"held. Wednesday, July 20, 2011, Church of the Holy Spirit, Highland. For further information contact Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

#### high school students. EXPLORING On July 11, Doris Denison was winding up the first day's lesson on the digestive SMITH, DONALD J. Age 65, passed away July 13, 2011. He was born on May 1, 1946, in Highland system in Camp Scrubs for fourth- and fifth-graders. Urvi Bhargava of Canton, an 11-year-old student at Central Park, to the late Charles and Caroline (Cwanek) Smith. He served in the U.S. Army. He was a Crane operator Middle School, "wanted to learn about the human body at Michigan Seamless tube for over 35 years, and was a resident of South Lyon for many years. Don is survived by his children: Matthew and explore careers in the medical field. So did Kavla

Blaise of Farmington Hills (Becky) Smith, Deanna Smith; grand and Diego Sanabria, 10, of children: Madeleine, Gwendolyn; sib-lings Shirley Kozuh, Charles Smith Westland. Last year, Blaise had fun solving mysteries in the CSI camp for fifth- and Frances Farkas, Robert Smith, sixth-graders. Sanabria liked the robotics camp. "I want to be biochemist and services at 11:00 a.m. at Phillips thought it was a good way to start," said Blaise, a 10-year-(Ten Mile), South Lyon. In lieu o

old Power Upper Elementary student. "It's very interesting and I learned a lot. I really want to help people and like science and math Blaise decided to take the

class with friend Natalie Hong, 10, Like Blaise, the

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Farmington Hills girl found Scrubs Camp informative. "I've learned about a lot of subjects, but not health care and wanted to take something very close to it," Hong said. Denison created the cur-

Schoolcraft's

riculum as an introduction to health care careers. The Garden City woman is a retired nurse practitioner and assistant professor at Wayne State University. "I'm going to get the next generation hooked so there are people to take care of me," on said.

July 12 was all about nutrition, including choosing healthy snacks over not so healthy. Denison went to a garage sale to pick up dice and a deck of cards to illustrate

portions "We'll do some math," Denison said. "You have to know math in health care Math is an important abject when it comes to high-tech manufacturing as well. Instructor Gene Keye has owned a machine shop for more than 30 years and teaches from an employer's perspective. On July 11, his seventh-

through ninth-grade students were programming and machining metal name tags Once a week, Keyes hears from employers looking for workers trained in computerized numerical control machining and manufacturing processes The college offers an associate's degree and certificates in advanced manufacturing. "I want them to know what manufacturing is all about, encourage them," Keyes said "It's common sense, not that

hard to do." Half of the students were still seated at computers pro-gramming while the other half were watching the machine carve name tags. Caleigh Lin wants to be an enginee and thought the camp would expand her knowledge. The 12-year-old Plymouth girl is in the TAG program at East Middle School. She studied rocket science and video games the last four years. He

9-year-old brother Jared is in Serubs Camp. "I found Machine Adventures interesting," Lin said. "I like making things, like the machines and all the math involved with engineering." Keyes' assistant, David Valencia of Northville, was

helping students in the final process of machining their name tag. "We're using a CNC mill used in industry," Valencia said. "It's the same program using basic geometry. "They told us codes and we figured it out," Lin said as she

watched the cutting arm go down and start carving he name in metal.

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clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

Sindhuja Borra was having fun spraying away the scrap metal after the machine finished carving. She wants to become a doctor, but was exploring the engineering-related career. The 12-year-old Canton girl is a student at Our Lady of Good Counsel in

Love My Family." She was in

the Tween Writers camp last

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interesting to make stuff."

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Plymouth. "It was really fun," Borra said, "I'm good at math and really into computers. Next week I'm taking Web Design. Andy Chen, 12, was waiting anxiously to carve his online user name, Dralcax. The Canton boy is an East Middle School student. He's already taken Web design, video games and robotics. "You can do interesting things," Chen said. "I made a robot and website, learned the process of creating video games. Designing isn't much

computer CHALLENGING BUT FUN Sarah Wang experienced similar problems. She worked on the program with Cindy

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is getting the message to the

"It's hard," said Wang, 11, of Novi. "I like writing out the program. My mom and dad te programs for computers I thought it would be nice to do something they do. I want to be an engineer and think it's quite fascinating." In the Forum building, kids

were enjoying getting their hands dirty as they turned clay into bowls and wind chimes in The Potter's Studio with Michael Kuhn, Aaron Best, 10, of Southfield, had nearly finished a vase for his morn. His father works in Livonia, Gitika Kumar, 11, of Novi, was making wind chimes; Jocelyn Chu, of Livonia, a dolphin. Blake Rosevear of Livonia had already made a bowl. This was the Johnson Elementary

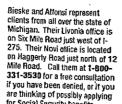
student's first year in Kids on Campus. "It's really fun and I like that everybody has creative stuff," Rosevear said. Vibha Shivakumar of Novi was making a sculpture of strange mustaches. This is the 10-year-old girl's third year. Ellen Christinsen of Livonia was working on a cup. She took lyric writing last year. She's been dancing since age 2 and is a student at the Bunny Sanford studio in Livonia.

"I like art," said Christinsen, a 9-year-old student at hnson Elementary.

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Academic camps make learning fun in assisting individuals and couples in their pursuit of parenthood; however the present state of the law may require that people make some adjustments to Cindy Shi of Novi was maktheir estate planning documents. ing a metal plate that reads "I The definition of assisted reproduc tive technology is "all treatments which include handling the eggs and/or embryo." In addition to donations of "It's fun to watch," said Shi, egg, sperm and embryo, the technology used in assisted reproduction presently includes: intrauterine insemination (injection of the male sperm into the

TE Dan Hoops Not only are the advances in repro-ductive technology resulting in greater

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into a female egg fol-lowing the removal

be addressed under Michigan law: 1) whether a child born through any ssisted reproductive technology can be considered the "natural child" of its parent(s), 2) whether the use of a surrogate mother would result in the child being the "natural child" of the progate mother or the non-gestational parent(s), 3) whether the donor of sperm, egg or embryo will be considered the biological parent of the child, or if the child will be the "natural child" of

a whole host of decisions that are as wildly inconsistent as the underlying facts and technologies of those cases.

Michigan's definition of "natural child" is a "natural child of a parent" and includes a child who is legally adopted by the parent. Conside that assisted reproductive technology is not recognized as "natural" this may be problematic for some families Unless the law is updated, it is recommended that families consider taking some preventive measures so that their intent is clearly followed in the event of their death; or consider an

adoption proceeding just to be safe. In the event the form of reproduc tive technology excludes one parent's genetic material from the child (e.g. third-party sperm, egg or embryo donor), a clear expression of both par ents' intent to be the child's parents should be executed in a separate writ-ing. If only one parent is the biological parent, a written acknowledgement

tionship with the non-genetic parent Any writing that was intended to be an acknowledgment of the parent's intended relationship with the child should also be referenced throughout all testamentary documents to avoid any ambiguities or questions as to the individual's testamentary intent.

Michigan law clearly needs modification to make it more realistic to the personal circumstances of many families in Michigan. Speculating and wondering what the true nature of your relationship to a loved one is an awful burden to place on people, much less that a child may not be considered a "natural child" under present law, What's worse is that the outcome of these parent-child relationships may not be known until years after the loss of a loved one.

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#### LOCAL NEWS

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# Making Main Street a reality

### Longtime business owner, resident focused on creating a downtown

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#### BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Victor Cassis knows many people may think his idea for developing Main Street in Novi is crazy, unrealistic and a financial ris

But Cassis doesn't worry about what other people think because he has something he believes sets him apart from the developers who came before him - faith.

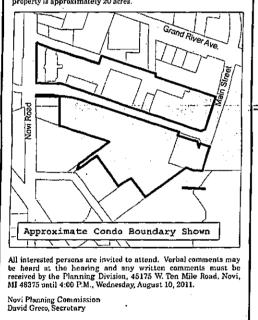
He has faith in himself, and most importantly, faith in the unity that it will rally around his vision for Main Street and see the currently downtrodden area become a destination downtown like other nearby cities.

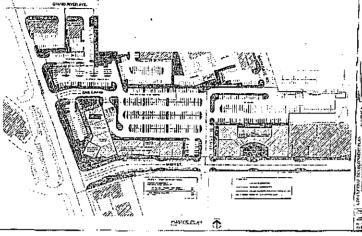
"I know it's quite daring for anyone to undertake a huge investment like this at a time feconomic downturn and uncertainty," he said. "But I believe in Novi and it's future and I am willing to put my money where my mouth is." And what he means by that is he fully intends to turn the 7.5 acres of land on Main Street and Novi Road that he purchased in December fi n the bank into Novi's central hub.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 10, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider <u>MAIN MARKET CONDOMINIUM</u>, located south of <u>Grand River</u> and east of Novi Road, for a <u>recommendation to City Council for approval of a Site</u> <u>Condominium</u>. The applicant is proposing revisions to the existing condominium including the removal of Unit 3. The present is approximately 20 acres rty is approximately 20 acres





The rough sketch of Victor Cassis' plans for developing Main Street in Novi include a nice restaurant, unique boutiques and active walkable areas.

Cassis has kept the purchase 10 years. His focus now is a relative secret until a few weeks ago when he announced on getting the ball rolling on his development. He said he he was stepping down from would like to have plans before the Novi City Council within the planning con role he served in for the last a year and have it developed

ithin five years. "I believe when we start developing this you will see some energy come into the icture." he said. "And I believ his will be the anchor, and thus the dream of Main Street ould be accomplished." Cassis has been around long enough — a resident for 21 years and business owner for 31 years - to know that past city councils have long been

rival nearby locations such as Northville and Milford. Initially, Grand River was looked at, but those plans were shot down for several reasons one being the speed of the

The current Main Street development opened in 1999 with plans of mixing retail and residential. The anchor was to be a medical building for Beaumont Hospitals, but when the economic downturn hit those plans were nixed. It has been a rough go for

usinesses in the area since Brian Larson, owner of Larson Jewelry Design on

City of Novi Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Then Mile Road to consider:

CASE NO. 11-025 ULTA The applicant is requesting a variance to allow placement of an additional 65 af wall sign on a tenant suite in the Novi Town Center retail center, located east of Novi Road, north of Grand Biver Ave

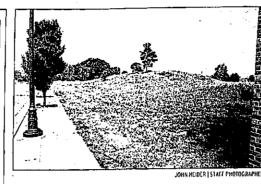
Case No. 11-026 43700 EXPO CENTER DR The applicant is requesting The applicant is requesting a variance to allow continued placement of an oversized (100 sf) and height (13 ft) real estate allow continued pibetment of an oversized (1900 a) and host (1901). The sign was approved previously under ZBA 10-015 for a maximum of 1 year or until the property was leased, if less. The property is located south of 1-96 and west of Novi Rd.

Case No. 11-027 OLD DOILOT PARATS The applicant is requesting a variance from an extension of a previous variance to allow continued placement of an oversized (36 sf) and height (8 t) sales and leaving sign for Old Dutch Farms Mobile Home Park for a period of two (2) years. The property is located south of 12 Mile and east of Napier Rd.

addition of an existing (1) story portion of an existing residence The property is located east of East Lake Dr. and south of 14 Mile Rd.

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sinessman and former Novi Planning Commission member Victor Cassis has purchased and plans to develop this parcel of land along Novi's Main Street. The 7.5 acres of he land he bought begins at Novi's Mixx Lounge and continues west to Novi Road.

> "I'm looking forward to anyone doing anything here," he said. "As far as just having some fresh blood down here, nothing can hurt." Cassis said his development is going to focus on families

and be a "gathering place" for people in the community. He wants to have a fountain, outdoor ice skating rink in the winter and places for people to

walk as well as a nice restaurant and unique boutiques. "We need that ambiance," he said. He noted that while the

Beaumont Hospitals project yould have been well-received by council for obvious reasons taxes - it was not what the original plan entailed. "If you want a Main Street,

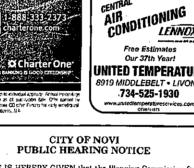
you have to abide by the rules of a Main Street." he said. Rules are exactly what Cassis plans to have in place when the development opens as he plans on being picky with tenants to ensure there is the right mix.

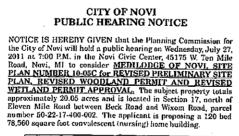
He admitted he is taking a chance, but calls this a labor of love for a community he loves. "When I first heard of Novi I thought it was the sticks (back n 1976), but when I came here I saw it was going to be a nugget of gold," he said. "And now I realize that nugget of

gold has had a gold mine in its depths." mueller@gannell.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255

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He said the area was sup

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in here a lot of the time," he

said. "Luckily my business is

doing good, but I cannot be the only one in this building,

Larson said if Cassis' plans

come to fruition it would be

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and that's the problem."

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# OPINION

URSDAY, July 21, 2011

Our fundamental mirposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, <del>n</del>urture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.



### **OUR VIEWS**

### Beat the heat this summer Taking precautions will make navigating heat much more tolerable

Yes, it's hot out there. We're in the midst of a heat wave that has baked the region for nearly a week now, and isn't supposed to relent too much until next week. But this is summer in Michigan and heat is part of the

equation. For most people, getting outdoors is also a fact of life during the summertime. And around here, there is plenty to do outside. For example, each Wednesday in South Lyon,

Thursday in Northville and Saturday in Novi, we have great farmers markets. There are live concerts in Northville's Town Square

There are live concerts in on Fridays and at 12 Mile Crossing at Fountainwalk Northville's Town Square every Thursday. We have on Fridays and at 12 Mile **Crossing at Fountainwalk** every Thursday. We have numerous community parks and Maybury State Park. We only list but a few reasons to get outside this summer. There are many, many others. Picnics, barbecues, swimming, reunions, boating - they are all synonymous with summer. We encourage everyone to take advantage – it won't be too long before the snow begins to fly again, and we will remember these 90 degree-plus days with fondness.

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is nothing to take lightly. So we've compiled a list of summer time tips that will make navigating this heat much more bearable. • Drink plenty of fluids - It is recommended that you drink up to 32 ounces of fluid (non-alcoholic) each hour when active in the heat. Sports drinks are a good replacement for any salt you may be

losing from sweating. • Wear appropriate clothing - Choose lightweight, light-colored, and loose fitting clothing. Sunburn affects your body's ability to cool itself. Wear a wide brimmed hat to keep the sur

off your face. Always wear sunglasses. Use sunscreen — If you must go outdoors, protect yourself from the sun by putting on sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher. The most effective products will say "broad spectrum" or "UVA/UVB protection" on their labels. Apply 30 minutes prior to going outside and continue to apply as directed, especially if you are going in and out of the water.

· Pace yourself - Start slowly and gradually pick up the pace. If your heart starts to pound and leaves you gasping for breath, stop immediately. Find a cool, shaded area, re-hydrate yourself and rest.

• Never leave a child in a vehicle - Regardless of the temperature outside, NEVER leave a child, infant or a pet unsupervised in a locked vehicle. Even with windows cracked, inside temperatures can rise 20 degrees in less than 10 minutes.

• Know the signs of heat exhaustion – Heat related illnesses can develop several days after exposure to high temperatures and/or an unbalanced or inadequate replacement of fluids. Usually it's accompanied by heavy weating, paleness, muscle cramps, tiredness, weakness, dizziness, headaches, nausea or vomiting. Those most prone to heat exhaustion are the elderly, people with high blood pressure, and people working or exercising outdoors.

 When the weather forecast calls for extreme temperatures, you need to be informed. Listen to the local news or weather channels, or contact the Fire Department for any health or safety updates.

• If you would rather stay indoors — do it somewhere fun. If you don't have air conditioning, go to the mall or maybe the library. If you choose to stay home and don't

have air conditioning, electric fans may offer some relief and will at least keep the air circulating. This will not, however, prevent heat-related illnesses if the temperature inside is over 90 degrees. Take cold showers throughout the day to keep your body tempera-

ture down.

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'I'm going to get out to California to see my cousin's baby - near L.A." Cassaundra Kirby

LETTERS

No break for

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Gov. Rick Snyder has recently or will

in the very near future sign into law a

bill that caps welfare payments to most

individuals at four years. Let's hope the

limitations on corporate welfare. Case in

guy is planning on imposing the same

point is Blair Bowman of the Suburban

erty tax freeze of 10 years to help him

Collection Showplace asking for a prop-

I think it was about five or six years

ago that Bowman asked for and received

a 10-year tax abatement from the City of

Novi to build what was then called Rock

Financial, Evidently his financial gurus

have studied the market and decided

that building a new hotel on his prop-

erty makes sense as far as growing his

business is concerned. But it makes a

lot more sense to him if he can sucker

the taxpayers of Novi to ante up and

as saving "the hotel is needed for the

help him pay the bill. Bowman is quoted

#### 'We've not two more camping trips to get in, my son Jason's birthday party and lots of Dan Rutenbar

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"I've got a job, I baby-sit, I volunteer at the Novi Library and I'm training with the cross country team. So, no, I'm content with what I've got going." Sarah Schneider, 17

"I'm getting my driver's license this week, so there'll be some trips by

car I need to take. And I'm going to New York City soon.

Vikram Saraan, 16

profiles of some available students and find out if this might be right for you, contact the YFU District Office at (866) 493-8872 or call our local director, Barb Kilkka, at (248) 932-081

Greg and Rita Hawk

#### Don't raise debt ceiling Please uroe your U.S. senators and Congressman NOT to vote to increase the debt limit above \$14 trillion for ANY reason. All the gloom-and-doom stories about default are B.S. If the povernment can no longer borrow on our grandchildren's future, they still will col ect plenty of money from current taxes. Kowever, they will then have to prioritize what is important to pay and what is not. They need not default on the debt. lowever, foreign aid would have to stop

Uncle Sam could no longer play big shot with money he does not have. Whole government programs that have been n existence for years with no benefit to taxpayers like the Department of Education, Department of Agriculture Department of Homeland Security (which is currently waging war against the American people), Department of Energy (which is presently controlled by environmental extremists like Al Gore etc) - all these wasteful, illegal (as defined by the 10th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution) federal bureaucracies should be eliminated. The taxes the federal government collects are sufficient to pay on the debt plus pay for needed programs as determined by a priority evaluation. In other words, the govern ment will have to prioritize just like individual citizens have to do. In truth, the insanity of borrowing on our children's and grandchildren's future should have

> Gerald N. Wiggins South Lyon

ment and a vision for the future. The proposed budget for next year reveals a failure to accept moral responsibility on the part of our governor and his cohorts in the Legislature. Their budget offers a bleak vision for the future of Michigan. It demonstrates that corporations are valued over human beings, the rich are more worthy than the needy, and education will leave more children "behind," If Michigan fails to provide the resources to enable children to become gainfully employed and be proactive citizens, our state fails our nation.

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drop-off on Aug. 13. The people will decide the winners, who will be appounced at the People's Choice Awards party at 6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 1. more information, stop in, call (248) 446-0411, or visit nagerieroom.com Tiger Boèsch signing at DC Sports July 28

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Christmas in July

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ing and fellowship is coming to southeast Michigan. The Gospel

Music & Story Festival will be celebrating faith-based music,

story-telling and fellowship in

Saturday, Aug. 13 at Providence

Admittance is free and open

to the public. Families are invit

ed to bring lawn chairs, picnic

baskets and a spirit of fellow-

ship. Food and beverage vendors and more will be available.

Those wishing to perform

are required to fill out a no-fee

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Park Hospital (Grand River

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Novi Road, Novi. For more

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 auto- --graphed. Fans can bring items o 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

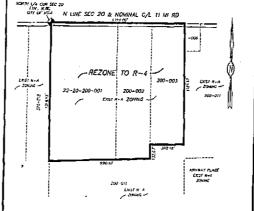
#### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ENACTMENT ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.698

THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS: Part I. That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi is hereby amended as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 18.698 attached hereto and made a part of this

Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Part HI. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this ordinance as

they declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public re, health and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect fifteen days after final enactment. The effective date of this ance is July 26, 2011.

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan this 11th day of July, 2011. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the Office of the City Clork, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM,



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David B. Landry, Mayor Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk



dents and host families in making their exchange successful, and the district office can out families in touch with the local volunteers in our area.

three meals a day, encouragement, guidance and love to their exchange son or daughter. It's a typical family living experience - not a tourist/travel opportunity. Families come in all shapes and sizes, with and without children of all ages. The students come with their own spending money, health insurance, and the commitment to live according to

Youth for Understanding (www.ylu-usa. sibling. You don't need to have a teen year or for a shorter time period.

exchange student this August? To see

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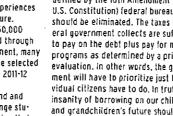
Walled Lake Western High School for the many kindnesses extended to Klara van Eickels and the other exchange students over the past school year. As Klara's

never been started.

Bleak future

A state's budget is both a moral state-

Denise "Chip" Black



host parents, we want to express what a rich experience this was for her and in turn for the many American friends and family she had during her stay. Youth For Understanding (YFU) is grateful for the many caring geople who

help build bridges between our country and others. Klara was one of a large group of kids from different countries whom arrived last August and departed for home a couple weeks ago after a wonderful year of personal experiences in American daily life and culture.

During the past 60 years, 250,000 students have been exchanged through YFU programs, and at this moment, many boys and pirls are waiting to be selected by caring host families for the 2011-12

school year. Over 40 volunteers in Oakland and Macomb counties assist exchange stu-

Host families provide a place to live,

org). They can share a room with a host to host. Families can host for the school

Would you like to consider opening your hearts and homes to a YFU

the rules and values of your family and

Help build bridges A very special thank you to friends in our extended Lakes area community

by even bringing it up.

convention center to continue to attract more diverse and larger shows." If your management feels that this hotel is needed to help your business expand, go right ahead and build it and pay for it By the way, this isn't to be just anoth-

er spend-the-night hotel. It's intended to be a "headquarter" hotel where the quests check in, sleep, eat, attend their meetings and check out without ever.

other established business in the city.

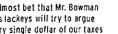
leaving the hotel. In other words, they won't be expected to spend a dime in any

Isn't that just ducky? Wait, it gets even sillier. The city of Novi would have to create what's allad a "rehahilil

meet the requirements of the Michigan Commercial Rehabilitation Act. I'm sure that when this law was enacted it was intended to help older, run down propri-

eties that had become a public eyesore and were located in areas that were in dire financial conditions and had no hope of ever becoming viable without tax paper help. I doubt that it was ever

meant to be a public piggybank for thriv ing and profitable businesses. You can almost bet that Mr. Bowman or one of his lackeys will try to argue that for every single dollar of our taxes we give them, the city will see at least \$10 or some other ridiculous figure in return. To that I say "hogwash," and please don't even insult our intelligence



Dave Shingler

Novi

#### LOCAL NEWS



Novi resident Michelle Krzisnik checks out some turnips at the July 13 Walled Lake Farmers Market. The market runs through October, takes place every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and is located on Maple Road,

application at gospelmusicand oryfestival.com. The festival is seeking representatives from local congregations to sign up to share a compelling personal story of God's love.

If you have any questions, or would like to sign up to perform, contact Elisa Balon, the festival's music and artisti director, at gospelmusicand-storyfestival@gmail.com or (248) 465-4522.

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### CAMPUS

It was apparent by a show of hands that everyone in the Culinary Arts Boot Camp likes to cook. Certified Master Chef Jeff Gabriel received the overwhelming response at the end of the Monday session. The camps run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. On July 11, the sev-eath- to ninth-grade students learned knife skills as they ousily chopped vegetables. They also learned the importance of sanitation and work ing organized. On Tuesday, they would cook Italian. The nenu included lasagna with roasted tornato sauce.

"The first ingredient a good cook has to possess is to love to cook," Gabriel said. "One reason to cook is to be health When you cook from scratch ou're in control. You're going to get more nutrients than a ast food restaurant. When you eat from scratch, it's fresh." Gabriel gave several reasons become a cook, including

the \$200,000 salary made by executive chefs. "You can work on a cruise

ship, get a job in Germany at hotels, restaurants. You can

go all over the world. It's one industry that has jobs all the time," Gabriel said. This was Barbara Smith's second year in the culinary arts camp. The 13-year-old Northville girl is a student at Hillside Middle School. "The food was so good last

year and I was able to learn things I can still use in the kitchen, how to mince things, Smith said.

Arthur Aigeltinger usually uses a cookbook to stir up his dishes. The 12-year-old is a student at Adams Lipper Elementary in the Wayne-Westland School District and lives on the border of Canton "I want to take it further as

a chef," said Aigeltinger, who's been cooking for three years. Lena Nishanian of Northville first learned to cook at

Steppingstone School in Farmington Hills, where she made gumbo at age 9. She fre quently cooks her favorite dish of grilled chicken with diced peppers, onions, carrots and cel-ery with tomato sauce and rice.

"My mom thought it would be good to learn more," ∛ishanian said.

Jessica Moore's mother found the culinary camp online. This is the Allen Park

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girl's first year in the state-ofthe-art kitchens at Schoolcraft College. She especially likes to cook pasta for her family I loved it," Moore said about her first day.

Dagan McCarthy likes cook ing so much he takes classes all year round at Schoolcraft The Canton boy has participated in the Iron Chef Junior competition and last year was on the winning team. He wants to be a chef.

"Cooking is fun and makes other people happy," said McCarthy, who attends the Creative Montessori Academy in Southgate. "I like baking a

ot, cakes and sweets." McCarthy plans to coninue taking classes through Schoolcraft's Continuing Education department in all. A variety of subjects are offered for children and adults Two of the classes allow parents and kids to cook together Gabriel teaches the Iron Chef for ages 12-17. Kids on Campus offers video game creation, radical robots and successful student seminars for middle and high school students.

For information, visit www schoolcraft.edu, call (734) 462-4448 or e-mail CEPD@ schoolcraft.edu.



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#### LOCAL EVENTS

Summer Sidewalk Series Location: Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountainwalk; roundabout Dates: every Thursday from 5-8 p.m. through August Details: Live music and artists July 21 - Don Swindell Ouintel; July 28 - Randy Brock: Aug. 4 - Rohin 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 cityofnovi.org Terrific Tuesdays Time: 10:30 a.m.

July 26: The Amazing Clark Magic

Friday Family Fun Time: 8 p.m.

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 Barders Bookstore Free Mahjong Jessons

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays in July

Details: Dorothy, a local Mahiono expert, will share her skill and enthusiasm with you

**GOLF OUTINGS** 24th Annual Novi Chamber of **Commerce Golf Outing** Date: Aug. 17 Details: Registration deadline is July 1. New this year, teams of 12 will compete for a 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;



CALENDAR

#### A real sizzler

Tom Seley (above right) and his band "Cupcakeasaurus" entertains a July 12 crowd at Novi's Sizzling Summer Series at Fuerst Park. With their sunglasses on to beat the bright sun, Mandy Frink and her daughter Abby, 2, (below right) eniov the music. Under blue skies and a hot sun, a crowd (below left) enjoys the performance.



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 gollers fee. Title Sponsor: Varsity Automotive Group



call (248) 349-3743. BUSINESS Northville-Novi Business Networking Breakfast

#### <u>online at hometownlife.com</u>

Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. first and third Tuesdays (except Nov. and Dec., which are just the first Tuesdavs) Location: Kerby's Coney Island,

21200 Haggerty Road Details: Business networking focused on building relationships The Sunrise Networking Group, LLC (www.sunriseNETWORKINGgroup. com), or SNG for short, is a group of about 250 business leaders who help each other to build more business by referring people to each other, Cost of breakfast is \$10. Contact: Fonda Milana 586-232-3009 or (milana@sunrisefinancial arouplic.com American Business Women's Association Novi Daks Chapter

Metro Novi BNI Time/Date: 7-8 a.m. every Wednesdav Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road (north of Eight Mile), Novi Details: BNI is a structured network ing environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona lide 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 ietworking more efficiently. Guests are invited to attend free of charge. Continental breakfast provided. Contact: For more information contact Julie Paquette at 248-797-1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com; www.metronovihai.com Novi Toastmasters Club Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first and third Tuesday Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375 Details: Novi Toastmasters is a community-based club which is part of Toastmasters International. Our diverse group provides a mutually supportive atmosphere in which all can develop and refine their public speaking and leader ship skills. Our members also have fun while building confidence in day-to-day communications and

nentoring toward professional and personal excellence. Guests are welcome - and bring a friend. Visit www.novi.freetoasthost.us. Contact: Linda Kreuter at PR@novi reetoasthost.us Novi Rotary Club Time/Date: Noon every Thursday Location: Novi Methodist Church. 41671 W. 10 Mile Road Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check website for speaker information; novirotary.org. Novi Chamber of Commerce Contact: www.novichamber.com or call (248) 349-3743. **Business to Business Breakfast** Time/Date: 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, July 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.

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.novilibrary.org Summer Reading Programs run through Aug. 6 for Youth, Tweens Teens, and Adults, Sion-up now on the Library website or at the Library

Story Times: Please see the Library website or story time brochure for details. Novi Writers' Group Time/Date: 10 a.m. noon Saturday

July 23 Details: Writers' groups can be a oreat 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 Mutch. For ages 18 and up.



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Thursday, July 21, 2011



#### Public Act 77

State Sen. Mike Kowall (R-White Lake, 15th District) joined Gov. Rick Snyder (left) at the Capitoi July 12 as Public Act 77 of 2011 (Senate Bill 383) was signed into law. The new law gives more flexibility to the administration by allowing the state treasurer and the Michigan Film Office to negotiate with those who apply yan Business Tax film tax credits on the amount of the credit they will receive for the remaining months of the program.

#### **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 or call (248) 858-

#### Effective networking

You know about the importance of network-ing, 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 ou networking. Presented by the Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center (MI-SBTDC). 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 rehabbing 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-requisite 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 Social Media Marketing Part 1

three sessions Fee: \$40.

workshop

The day-to-day responsibilities of running your own business leaves little time to focus on long-time vision, goals and strategies. Find time in your schedule to spend it with Listening to your Business, a half-day workshop from FastTrac. Created for entrepreneurs just like you, Listening to Your Business makes the most of the knowledge you have about your business - and the limited time you have to make it bet-Friday, Aug. 12, 8 a.m.-noon. The fee is \$50. Fundamentals of writing a business

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a business reference librarian. Tuesday, Aug. 9, 6-9:30 p.m. This workshop is free but pre-registration is required CEED microloan orientation

Many small business owners face obstacles when trying to obtain a business loan. The rec-ognition of the serious need for working capital for existing businesses, start-up or expansion equipment purchases and job creation is not the priority it once was. If you have a need for alternative financing consider the MicroLoan Program. Discover the requirements and pronecessary to apply and obtain a microloan. Program presented by the Center for Empowerment & Economic Development Wednesday, Aug. 10, 9-11 a.m. This workshop is free but pre-registration is required.

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

ew ventures in Michigan. Thursday, Aug. 11, 6-9 p.m. Fee: \$30. FastTrac: listening to your business

This workshop is for small business owners who are developing a plan to serve as their road map to success. Workshop participants learn what elements are commonly found in effective plans and work on developing each of these for their own business. Assistance in the process as well as information on resources is provided. Thursday, Aug. 18, 6-9 p.m. Fee: \$40.

Millions of people use social media for fun, but these technologies are also powerful business tools that encourage communication and collaboration. Before you start using socialnedia tools, learn how they work and what they offer, particularly for small businesses. Learn what it means to be engaged in social network-ing, which social networks are the most effective for conducting business, how to select the right tools for the job, how to protect yourself and your business and what you need to have in place before you get started. This is part one of

Wednesday, August 24, from 9 a.m.-noon.

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Church of the Holy Cross Location: 40700 W 10 Mile Road, Novi Contact: (248) 427-1175 Church of the Holy Family Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit 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. Reconcillation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by annointment Priests: Father Timothy Hogan, pastor and Father Michael Zuelch, associate pastor

Crosspointe Meadows Church Location: 2900D Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile henR

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

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#### CHURCH EVENTS

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Contact: DeslinyW3C@Gmail.com or visit www.DW3C. First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org

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

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, Ouilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do Women of the Word

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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.newhopecenter, Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service Alzhelmer's Support Group Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month Faith Community Presbyterian Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (24B) 349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunitynovi.ora 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 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 firstbaptistchurchofnovi 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 firstpresnville.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

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out, weekend activities, etc.) call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org. 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. Afler 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. First Presbyterian Church 205 East Lake Street (corner of Wells and 10 Mile Road), South Lyon Contact: (248) 437-2875 Annual Rummage Sale Time/Date: 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11; 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, Nov. 12 (\$1 bag sale 11 a.m. noon) Details: Collection is 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday; Nov. 1-10 First United Methodist Church of Northville A Stephen Ministry Church Location: 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Taft Rd. Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org Sunday worship: Times: 8:30 and 10 a.m. (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend); 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. (Sept.--\* Pastors: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, senior pastor and Rev, Jeff Sturgeon, associate pastor Coffee Hour: 9:30 a.m. Sunday ((Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend); 10:15 a.m. Sundays (Sept.-May) Healing Service: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesdays for fourth-12th graders (Sept.-April) Men's Club: 8 a.m. second Saturdays Contact: Heather J. Wallas, communications director, (248) 349-1144, Ext. 26, or e-mail hwallas@fumcnorthville.org. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi

Contact: (248) 349-0565

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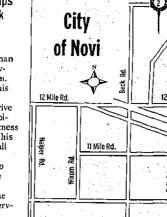
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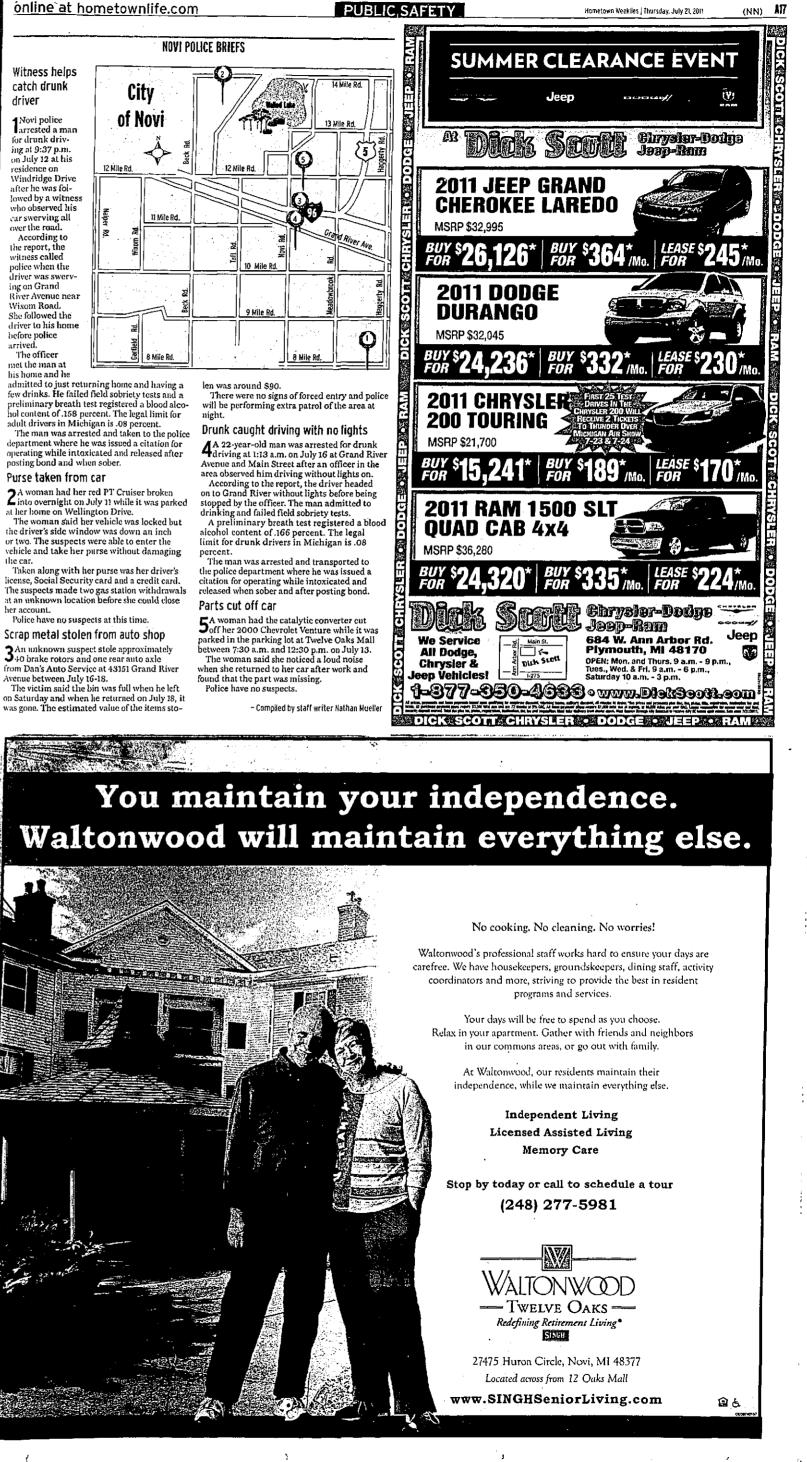
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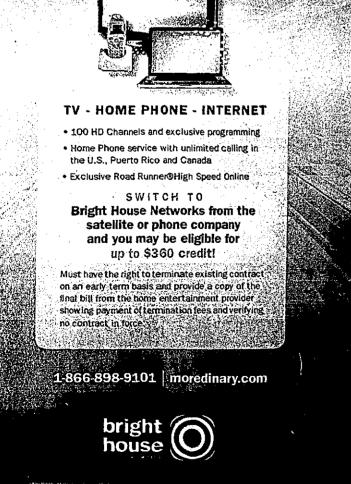
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#### Northville JV pom pon earns award

The Northville junior varsity pom pon team attended the Mid-American Pom Pon summer camp June 23-26 at Davengort University. The JV team was awarded the coveted Team Unity Award on the final day for the JV level. Throughout the week, the team also received two first place awards in competition for speed learning and kickline and a second place for their original routine on the final day. Over 300 'pommers' were in attendance. The team members, led by captains Chandler Brown, Mikenna Jones and Anna Fillar, includes Taylor Bastianelli, Amber Carson, Mia Chiesa, Isabella Corsi, Maria Demos, Emily Herring, Maddy Hofloway, Faith Horbatch, Hannah Karam, Allie Merriman, Nicole Rister, Julia Rosinski and Amanda Valle. The team is coached by Erin Basnall.

#### Tourney winners

The Northville Cubs IIU baseball team won the championship of the Matthew Bittker Foundation tournament the weekend of July 9. The Cubs went 4-D over the weekend, allowing only three runs in their first three games. The Cubs beat Franklin in the championship game 7-4 behind the strong pitching of Jacob Moody and Alex Gaff, Mourad Tossounian made two spectacular defensive plays at shortstop in the sixth inning to put the game away. With the Cubs holding a 3-2 lead in the second inning, Aram Shahrigian roped a double to left center to drive in two runs, giving the Cubs some breathing room. An earlier highlight of the tournament was Michael Lionas driving a 220-foot home run over the fence in the Cubs third game. The tournament was a fundraiser to benefit negliatric cancer research. The Cubs compete in the KYBSA travel league. Team member Owen Marshall was the 110 home run derby champion at the tournament in Franklin. Each participant was thrown IO pitches. Marshall smacked seven homers to edge out his teammate Jacob Moody, who hit six. Pictured are Moody, Marshall,







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#### Cricket Cup

Novi to host first Cricket Cup 'under the ights' at Ella Mae Power Park The City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department will host Novi's first adult cricket tournament at Ella Mae

Power Park in August. The 2011 Novi Cricket Cup will be held from 1 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, Aug. 6-7 and Aug. 14 and Aug. 20-21. A modified form of teeball, Cricket will be played with a softer ball and abbreviated games. All teams will be guaranteed at least three pool play matches. The top eight teams will advance to a single elimination tourna-

ment. Awards will be provided for the winning team, runners-up and individual trophies will be presented to the best batsman, best bowler and a tournament MVP. Registration fee is \$200.

The deadline for registration is Thursday, July 28, at 5 p.m. A captains meeting for all participating teams will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, July 29 at the Novi Civic Center. For more information and registration forms, visit cityofnovi.org or contact, Mari McIntyre, sports supervisor, at (248) 347-0588 or mnicintyre@cityofnovi.org.

#### 3-on-3 basketball

The inaugural Wiley's Hoops for Hope 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament will be held Aug. 13 at Novi's ITC Community Sports Park (corner f Eight Mile and Napier) in memory of former lovi basketball player Wiley Moss and his pasion for basketball.

Divisions are for boys 13 and above and men 18 and older (Open Division). All of proceeds of the event will go to Novi outh Assistance to support their efforts n Drug Education and Prevention. Visit WileyMoss3on3.com for additional details and/ or to register; (248) 476-9698.

#### Cheer camp

Thirty-three junior cheerleaders recently joined the Northville High School Cheerleaders for a three-day camp. The junior campers learned cheers, chants, tumbling skills, stunting and a short dance. They will also cheer with the NHS cheerleaders in the Northville Fourth of July parade on Monday, Campers who attended the camp included Lauren Bailey, Haley Brown, Kamya Crawford, Isabel Danton, Anna Dranginis, Sophia Ehlers, Kendra Fereshetian, Emma Gniewek, Tess Gonda, Kathleen leiberger, Julianna Kakish, Alexis Khashan, Sydney Kinsinger, Molly Kovtun, Christine Lark, Elena Lenvo, Marissa Malleck, Aubrey Marquette, Kiana May, Leah McWilliams, Megan Moriarty, Brooke Pendelton, Gabrielle Peterson, Abbey Pheiffer, Jordan Pollitt, Olivia Poupard, Olivia Sherman, Angelina Storm, Leah Styers, Morgan Vereb, Mia Vereb-Hatley, Morgan Vos and Katie Ziparo. 2011-12 middle school athletic

admission charge

For the 2011-12 school year there will be an admission charge for home middle school events in volleyball, basketball and swim and dive. The charge will be \$3 adults and \$1 stu-dents. The Northville Booster Pass will be accepted at all MS home contest.

Don't miss your chance to purchase a 2011-2012 Northville Athletic Boosters Club Sport Pass. This convenient pass provides admit-tance to all Northville High School and Middle School sports regular home games. A one-time cost of \$125 covers your immedi-

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and having an hour of nothing but good talks and laughs during the day always makes the day go by faster. He was always good company. I believe any of his SC players felt Doug was there for advice or motivation

whenever he was needed." Turkington said Lyon's friendships with his players continued after college. She and other former Ocelots went on trips as a group, and

sometimes with Lyon's family, to the Dominican Republ Searchmont Ski Resort and even Chicago for a Manchester United game.

Lyon's personal connections with his players helped them develop not only on the field as players, but as young adults. "For me, personally, Doug helped me a lot with my confidence," Plymale said. "He gave me confidence to lead, to take on one on ones better, to be the

best that I could be. With her newfound confidence, Plymale became one of the Ocelots' captains during her second year in the pro-

"I have always been my worst critic and he helped to overcome that. He made me

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Plymale said. "Any challenge I was facing in my personal life, he made sure to take time out to offer his words of wisdom, which always were great advice and definitely brought me to a better understanding Turkington echoed Plymale's statements, adding that Lyon was just as much a friend as a coach to many of the Ocelo players.

strong on and off the field

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thing in order, even when play ers were going through hard times," Turkington said. "Doug s typically our go-to guy He always kept us positive and made us believe everything would be OK and get better If anyone needed anything he was ALWAYS there. He had a big heart and wanted the best for everybody. He had a good

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dents or \$50 for an individual pass. All funds generated from the sales of these

passes goes directly to support Northville Athletics. If you have any questions contact Maureen

Owen at (248) 348-0075. Northville Athletic Boosters will be at Hillside's Transition Day on Aug. 29.

Summer basketball camps being offered

Pat Schluter will be offering up spaces at his annual basketball camps this summer on a first-come, first-served basis. There are several different camps being

offered, including: Boys and girls shooting camp on Aug. I-4 at St. James Catholic Church for grades 2-5 and 6-9; boys and girls K-3rd grade basketball camp on Aug. 1-4 at St. James Catholic Church. For more information about the camps or to register, contact Pat Schluter at coachpats@ hotmail.com or (248) 389-6514

Boosters golf outing

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

Foursome cost is \$100 per person and includes a round of golf, hunch, dinner, open bar, and access to the silent auction. The cost for students is \$75, which includes a round of golf, lunch and dinner. The dinner-only option cost is \$50 per person and includes dinner, open bar and access to the silent auction. If you have items (sports tickets, gift cards, rentals, timeshares, etc.), you would like to donate to the silent auction, or if you would simply like to be a \$250 Golf Hole Sponsor, please e-mail Donna MacDonald at donnaIO@ omcast.net.

If you would like to register for the golf outing, please e-mail Carrie Slominski at cslomo2022@vahoo.com.

Fastpitch championship softball coming to Novi

The City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department has part-nered with Metro Detroit Amateur Softball Association (ASA) and the Detroit Sports Commission to host the 2011 Amateur Softball ciation Northern National Girls 14 and Under Class B Fastpitch Championships. The tournament will be held Wednesday, July 27 through Sunday, July 31 at Ella Mae Power Park. Approximately 40 teams will travel to Novi from all over the Midwest and as far away as Pennsylvania, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska

The tournament is projected to bring 3,000 people to the area, booking an estimated 900 hotel rooms in Novi.

Opening ceremonies will begin at 6 p.m. July 27; Novi Mayor David Landry and Metro Detroit ASA Commissioner Stu Alderman will welcome players and their families to Novi, fol-lowed by food and entertainment at the park. Be sure to come out and enjoy the high level competition between from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. July

For more information, or if you are interested in volunteering for the tournament, please visit cityofnovi.org, or contact Marie McIntyre, sports supervisor, at mmcintyre@cityofno org. For more details on the event, please visit metrodetroitasa.com.

> (Schoolcraft) player will ever forget hearing Doug yell 'to the hill,' "Turkington said. "We knew Bill and him weren't happy with our performance behavior and, with that being said, we were running up and down that hill for a long enough time for us to rethink our situation and try

He was always willing to help and be honest about what we needed to do as players to be the best we could be When he wasn't coaching, Lyon enjoyed golfing, skiing curling and vacationing at his cottage on St. Joseph Island in

Ontario. He was also a mem-ber of the Masonic Lodge in Northville He leaves behind his wife of 23 years, Lisa, and children Nate, Neysa and Maya, as well

as his parents, Richard and Martha Lyon, brother Gordon and several other family mem-

missed," Plymale said. "There is a great quote I've heard that says 'the goal in life is not to live forever, but to create something that will.' I think Doug Lyon has definitely plished that." acco

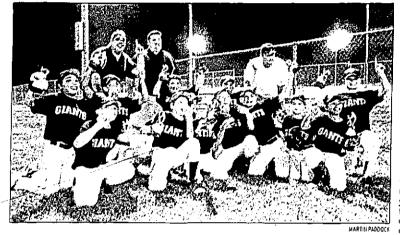
Chris Jackett is a free-lance writer and former Novi News staff writer.

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#### State champs

The Northville Broncos U-13 travel baseball team had a perfect 6-0 run at the USSSA AA State Championship tournament held in Canton. The Team went 3-0 in pool play, winning against opponents Lakes Area Dodgers 5-3; Davison D-Backs 9-1, and the Traverse City Fast 10-1. The semi-final name highlighted strong pitching on both sides and the Broncos came away with a 4-2 win. The Broncos defeated the Southlield Indians 10-2 in the final. The team is part of the Northville Baseball and Softball Association. Pictured (I to r. standing) are Cameron Maxwell, Alex Putman, Evan Flohr, Nick Wilds, Devin Kolb, Dominick Montone; (front) Ian MacKinnon, Steven Grosz, Kevin O'Connell, Jack Satterfield and Justin Zabinski.



#### **Giants win Series**

The Giants from the Northville Baseball and Softball Association's G league won the World Series 10-6 over the second seeded and talented White Sox, June 29 under the lights at Northville Community Park. The Giants got to the World Series by first beating the Red Sox on Monday, then the number one seeded team in the tournament, the Pirates, on Tuesday. The Giants are Zack Marks, Kenny Goolsby, Evan Hogan, Matson Heid, Deion and Devon Johnson, Joe McCormick, Max Pelic, Rafael Rosal, Curt Wigent, Ryan Paddock and Ian Rachelson

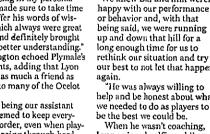
#### Madness champs

The Motor City Madness IOU Red Softball Team traveled to Toledo, Ohio to take on teams from Michigan, Ohio and New York. They came back with the championship by winning the final five games of the Independence Classic Girls Fast-Pitch Softball Tournament. Shown (I to r, bottom) are Maria Gustitus, Jaime Gustitus, Lauren Murphy, Sarah Fish, Anna Dixon; (middle) Heidi Richman, Hannah Biddlecome, Elizabeth Kemp; (back) Anna Biberstein and Julia Lalain.



#### Tourney champs

The 10-U Travel Mustangs ended the 2011 baseball season in grand style winning the KYBSA Posey/Jackson Divisional Tournament Championship in Willis, MI. The Mustangs played their best ball of the season, cruising through the winner's bracket and finishing the tournament with a 4-0 record. The Mustangs used a formula of great pitching, aggressive base running, and solid top to bottom hitting to defeat the South Farmington Blues, 16-6, Tri-City Black 18-3, and upend their division running, and solid top to before intering to dereat the solid raining for plues, is 5, in-originals, is 3, and before the solid raining of the Moster City Giants, in consecutive games, 164 and 19-10. The Mustangs capped an outstanding season that included a runner-up finish in the An Arbor Rumble Tournament, a 17-3 regular season record and second place finish in the Austia. Jackson Division of the Kensington Valley Baseball and Softball Association and topped the 2011 season off winning the KYBSA Posey/Jackson Division of the relising to have passed and solution as to be a solution of the relision of the Manager Larry Danaher, Erik Sparschu, Evan Carson and Coach Jim Carson. Nick Bogenhagen is missing from the photo.



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However, Turkington also said his coaching efforts would not be soon forgotten. Lyon helped Tolstedt through much of Tolstedt's 10-year career where the Ocelots advanced to

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### **ALL-AREA**

elping them to tic for sixth in the state finals. Shawn Shove, senior, Milford 400 dash

Shawn Shove doesn't know the meaning of being satisfied with his own personal results, which is why he's perfect for the All-Area team Shove, his coach, Brian Salvers, points out, is one of those players that is always trying to get his personal best time. This year. Shove turned in some impressive

performances, including third in the Lakes Conference and third in the KLAA, setting a rsonal best time of 51.4 seconds Sean Suehr, senior, Lakeland

300 hurdles One of the most difficult races in high school track is the 300 hurdles. It's grueling and it's challenging and it takes a special athlete to truly embrace it. Enter Sean Suehr, Not only did Suehr take a third place at the Oakland

County Championships, he also won the title in oth the conference and regional meets Sean was one of our biggest leaders this year on and off the track," said coach David Browne, who noted Defiance College is recruiting the speedy senior. "They would be lucky to get an ndividual with his caliber of charac Joshua Carolin, junior, Detroit Catholic Central

800 run

Catholic Central is so full of talent that it's almost like having an All-Star group to compete with each and every day at practice. One of the athletes who pushed everyone else to be their best was Josh Carolin, a junior for the Shararocks, But more than that, Carolin nade a point of pushing himself all year long. which was evident in the regional meet when e kicked up some impressive dust to take third in the 800 behind some All-State athletes. No loubt, Carolin will be key in CC's aspirations next season.

Jake Spuller, senior, Detroit Catholic Central

200 dash It's a shame to see an athlete like Jake Spuller raduate. Everything he put his mind toward, ie succeeded at, and nothing showed that more

than his senior track and field season under the guidance of coach Tony Magni. Spuller turned in some impressive performances for the Shamrocks, making them a team to beat all year long, and one such performance came in the regional when he ran a 21.70 race in the 200 dash for first place to help his team take the overall ton spot

Garrett Zuk, junior, Lakeland 3,200 run

Just watching Garrett Zuk run makes us tired. This junior long-distance runner makes it look easy, winning the regional this year as well as taking All-State status with a fifth at the state finals, setting the school record in the race and winning the conference title. But making it look easy sure doesn't mean it is. st distance runner I have ever coached," said

rowne. "He has tremendous work ethic." With such an amazing array of accomplishments this year, Zuk was a serious contender for Player of the Year against fellow junior Edward Clifton of Northville, it makes for a good showdown next season to see who will bring home that coveted award in 2012. Stone Monarch, senior, Detroit Catholic

discus With a name like Stone Monarch, you pretty

uich are guaranteed to be a terrific athlete. right? And it comes as no surprise that his specialty just happens to be hurling a discus through the air as hard and as far as he can

Monarch is darn good at what he does though, winning the regional title this year with a throw of 146-feet-2-inches. Needless to say, the Shamrocks are going to be missing their pil-

lar in that event next year. Al Myers, senior, Northville

high jump Most people have had that dream where they

re flying and it just feels so wonderful, making is envy the birds that take to the sky on a daily basis. But not Al Myers. He has no reason to be jealous of our feathered friends because he can already fly.

Myers, who graduates this year, made the state finals three times in his career. On his latest trip, he became an All-State athlete with his eighth-place showing at the state finals, leaping

"It was a pleasure to watch him compete,"

said McIntosh. "Myers is one of those athletes that every coach wishes to retain forever. He has a positive attitude and he leads by example." Myers will compete at Western Michigan University next season

Ryan Majsak, senior, Detroit Catholic Central longjump

Other than in the zoo, most of us haven't seen a kangaroo in action, leaping across the open with strides that somehow look natural t impossible at the same time. That's kind of vhat Ryan Majsak is able to do when he leaps in competition. Majsak, who graduates from CC this year,

showcased some impressive leaping skills all year long, but one of his most notable performances came at the regional tournament when e jumped 19-5.75 to help his team earn first place overall. John Falvey, senior, Lakeland

pole vault

Not everyone can learn how to note vault. and even those who do aren't likely to become an outstanding competitor in the sport. John Falvey, a senior at Lakeland, just has the natural ability to make it look like something he's en doing all his life. Falvey just missed the All-State mark this

year, clearing 13-4. "John was cruising through the state meet,"

said Browne. "He (set his personal record) by six inches at the meet before heat and fatigue started to take over. George Darany, senior, Detroit Catholic

Central shot put

Talk about a guy who knows how to throw things around. George Darany, who has been on several All-Area lists in his career at Detroit Catholic Central, has been known to toss a few football players around, but the reason he made this particular team is because of his ability to throw the shot put. Darany earned All-State honors this year with a sixth-place showing at the state finals, helping his team to a sixth place overall finish with a throw of 53-6.75. it's too bad he's a senior because Darany is one of those athletes that is almost impossible to replace. His work ethic, desire to succeed and connetitive nature are hard to come by. Joe Schubring, senior, Novi

1.600 run

We're pretty sure that you could ask Joe Schubring to learn how to throw the discus and he'd end up being pretty darn good at it. That's just the kind of athlete this Novi senior is. He does his best, no matter what, and it shows.

"(Joe) stepped up in all areas of the distance part of our program," noted Reid of the All-State athlete who took eighth in the state finals with a 4:21.08 in the mile run. "(Joe) earned points in every meet (and) led the team when it came down to the division championship and our dual meet against Stevenson, another tough distance program. He is a great personality and a competitive athlete."

Lakeland, 4x800 relay

What can be said about Lakeland's 3,200meter relay team that they haven't said them-selves through their performances? The team took eighth in the states to earn All-State status with a time of 8:01.83 - an incredible showing in one of the toughest events at the finals this

Detroit Catholic Central, 4x400 relay

Distance running is something the Shamrocks are just good at, and it showed in the 1,600 relay this year. The team, led by Magni (who is also the school's long-time cross country coach), took fourth at the state finals vith at time of 3:23.98. With that kind of performance, it's hard to believe anyone was able to stay ahead of them. Detroit Catholic Central, 4x200 relay

Apparently, distance running isn't the only thing the Shamrocks are good at. The Detroit Catholic Central athletes proved to be the best in the area when it comes to the SOO relay event, showcasing their talent at the regional tournament with a time of 1:29.4, which was worth second place and points that helped their eam to first overall. Novi, 4x100 relay

The Wildcats sure know how to put together a relay team. This squad was made up of some speedy sprinters all year long, which culminated in a regional time of 43.7-second showing against some of the best athletes Michigan has o offer. In the time it takes for a burrito to warm up in the microwave, these Wildcats had already ran a quarter of a mile. Pretty impressive, hey?

Sam Eggleston is a free-fance writer and former staft sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News

#### Pom camp

The Northville Varsity Pompon team participated in the Mid American Pompon summer camp held June 23-26 at Davenport University in Grand Rapids. The 25-member team, coached by Caitlin O'Connell, received a first place rating in their original routine. The Varsity girls also took home a first place rating in kickline and a second place rating in speedlearning. Seventeen teams were in attendance at the camp. On the last day of camp it was announced that 11 members of the varsity team made the Mid American Pompon 2011/2012 All Star team which forms annually in America's Thanksgiving Day Parade and Opening Show in Detroit. Shown (I to r, bottom) are Sara Lovelace; Kahley Wozniak; Emily Hatcher; Rachael Jarzembowski; Kate Jakubowski; Charisa Halboth; (middle) Sam Sneed; Hannah Smith; Alex DiTommasso; Elizabeth Boshoven; Liz Maier; Marissa Lozser; Megan Carroll; Connie Zuo; (top) Alex Dimitrievski; Taylor Jones; Emily Mikels; Torrey Tassic; Ally Green; Susie Crawford; Leigh Fitznatrick Isabel Inchaustegui; Carley Olender; Carly Schoemaker; and Coach Caitlin O'Connell





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### Lawn care pros at MSU have 'go green' tips

Michigan State University Department of Crop and Soil ciences lawn care pros offer ample advice for those who want their summer lawns in tip-top shape. Mow high - recycle clippings

MSU experts say to mow at least 3 inches high and to return clippings to recycle nutrients. You should sweep or blow elippings from walks and driveways onto the lawn. Taller grass crowds out weeds and promotes deeper roots, they say,

Deeper roots help the lawn survive droughts. You should fertilize in fall for the best results. Be patient in the spring, and wait until May to fertil-ize if that's your choice. Don't fertil-

ize if the ground is frozen or saturated with water. Don't guess, MSU experts add, soil test for proper fertilizer recom

mendations. It's important to choose lawn-type fertilizers with low or no phosphi rus (the middle number) and to follow directions. Avoid using "triple products (e.g. 12-12-12).

Confirm spreader setting before applying, the mos say. You need to clean up and avoid 'surface water. Maintain a no application zone near lakes, rivers streams and storm drains. Never discharge clippings near lakes, riv-ers, streams or drains.

Sweep fertilizer granules from walks and driveways onto the lawn, and wash your spreader on the grass

When it comes to being water smart: Don't soak you lawn and avoid night watering Watering should not produce puddles: lighter, more frequent

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 Brown lawns are OK; dormancy is a natural response to drought, however, some water may be neces sary during an extended drought of more than a month

watering is best

TURF.MSU.EDU. The website has extensive information on such subjects as moles, home lawn grub control products, Japanese beetles, European chafer pests and more

For more lawn tips see: WWW.

### Boomers often like detached condos, but supply lags

#### BY NANCY AUSTI **GUEST COLUMNIST**

am on a moving mission. My website is being expanded and I've been asked to list all the senior condo complexes in the are: or the 55+ group. Eventually the list will include apart-



Nancy Austin r the adult children of seniars to

researching this kind of information. The information will contain the location of the condo complex, number of units and amenities; for example, club house, a swimming pool, senior activities, transportation, pet restrictions, barrierfree entrances. The condos will be those situated in

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Western Wayne and Oakland Counties. And there could be a few strays, should they be recommended The discovery I made and

home-building industry. It's have long suspected, is that there aren't very many specifi speed

such as health care, shoplive near their families. has been Dell Web. The prob lem is that they are not in the immediate metro Detroit but what about a smaller. area. They are Downriver in more compact community The trend today is away from ownstown or north of our

metro area in Grand Ledge. (My sources tell me a similar type of community was to have been built in Canton but now isn't going to happen due to our economy.) These are the kinds of communities the boomers and others are looking for. Hello?

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Does anyone hear me? Yes, I know the status of the building industry. It's in the same situation as the single-family not happening at break-neck

But listen up. The boomers are retiring by the thousands. They don't necessarily want to live in the high-rise retirement buildings. They want to downsize into condos. They want to remain independent. They want access to services nearby ping, church, walking trails, health and fitness centers, County, I have found restaurants, playgrounds for Crestwood condos in the grandchildren and want to OK, maybe the conclave can't be hundreds of units,

attached condos to detached close to conveniences. condos. The detached units are so much more desirable because you don't have the noise factor from adjoining walls. Because they are number of ranch condos that detached, privacy is still were built within the complex. intact. I saw some really wonderful detached "cottages" as

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able because there isn't average amenities. The condos are on the same campus as is the Commons building deferred maintenance caus ing the new owner to spend thousands on repairs, nor on in which is situated a pool, library, dining room, mov massive amounts of updating Owners want to move in, hang theater, and health-care facili up their coats and hats and begin their new, retired life. If I have inadvertently omit-In my search for senior communities in Wayne

Bradbury Park, and

ted any senior condo com-plex, please let me know. The goal here is to accumulate as complete a list as is possible Co-ops will be mentioned in Plymouth. The Villas at Maple re column. If there are Creek are under construction builders reading this who in Canton. Hickory Ridge have begun to build a comand Crestwood Manor are in munity or may have one or the drawing boards, please let me know. I will include them Dearborn Heights and the Meadows in Garden City. Morley Manor is in Dearborn, in the list. Please contact me either by c-mail or by phone a a high- rise structure, but (734) 718-8900 and give me as There are other complexes much detail as possible. I look that seniors find attractive forward to hearing from you. because of the substantial

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

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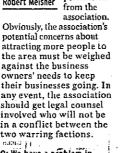


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services department to make the process easier and to provide the resident with access to mental health providers.

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



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For many people, regardless of age, ummer is a time when work is low on your list of priorities. Perhaps all those years of hree-month summer vacations as young students conditioned us to think of June. July, and August as reprieves from using our brain. Even many offices let their workers leave early on Fridays during the summer. For job seekers, the summer months can be particularly troublesome due to several

factors. Aside from wishing they were outside sunning at the pool rather than inside typing up a resume, many job seekers have children at home for three months and need to entertain them. Not to mention scheduling conflicts of the employers who are off at some resort enjoying the sun and don't have time for interviews. Despite these problems, however, summer isn't a lost cause for job secking.

Why summer is a good time to job hunt "Conducting a job search during the summer can be tricky, and it is important to avoid the biggest hazards for job seekers during the summertime -- timing and schedules," says Patty Coffey, a partner in the information technology division of staffing firm Winter, Wyman. "Candidates shouldn't feel discouraged if the interview process takes extra time, and those who can ithstand a longer process may just find that perfect job.' In fact, Coffey offers these five tips for job

seekers to keep in mind during the summer: Some industries slow down in summer "Employees of many companies may actually have more time to interview candidates in the summer, when they aren't on vacation, because it isn't a busy time for heir organization," she explains. Don't assume no one's hiring

Companies still need to hire even when it is 95 degrees outside," Coffey reminds. "If you stop your job search, you could miss out on some great opportunities. And you may face less competition if other job seekers are buying into the summer slowdown myth.' Be prepared to act quickly

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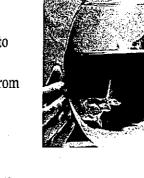
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Starting in the summer gives you more breathing room

"Summertime is typically a less hectic time to transition to a new job. Prospects car get acquainted with the company when fewer people are in the office and things are slower. It can also be less traumatic for families if a move is involved, since children

picnics and sports games in order to advance since these are usually social or recreational your career. Here's what they think you

should be doing: "At the summer barbecue or pool party, networkers should listen as well as talk. Listening establishes rapport and people are more likely to help you when they feel listened to. Job seekers should never say, I'm unemployed.' It sounds passive and negative. If you are networking and not mployed, the best thing to say is '1'm in [a] career transition.' It puts you in the driver's seat. If you were caught in a downsizing, never say 'l lost my job' or 'l was laid off.'

do not come across as too pushy. Keep it low key!" - Larry Chiagouris, professor of marketing at Pace University

"The best thing about networking [at picnics, softball leagues or tennis matches] is people get to know the real you, the person behind the suit, the face and the personality. Be yourself! And connect with em on LinkedIn.

Considering most conversations either begin or end up focusing on what you do fo a living, have that elevator speech planned but don't sound too canned. Bring business cards or connect with new contacts on LinkedIn but know going into it what you're looking for. Identify what you want such as a company you want to work for and/or specific jobs and put yourself in the position to ask new contacts for help." - Vicki Salemi, author of "Big Career in the Big City

"At times, professionals forget the conversation starters and ways to look for making connections to build their networking. Ask probing questions to find ut more about the other person. Don't talk all business but ask them about their personal interests outside of work, their family, their occupation and what made then select that industry, where they like to vacation and what are their dreams and aspirations. When you find a common connection that is when the real magic begins to happen

"I challenge people to keep asking questions on various topics until they find a common interest. I've personally done this and found people who attended the same university, from the same home town or like to vacation in the same type of relaxing vacations. This is how to build a professional network that can lead to jone erm rapport." - Sarah Hathorn, CEO of Illustra Consulting, a corporate and individual professional consulting firm

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Use summer hours to your advantage "Many companies have a more lax schedule in July and August," she reminds Bosses are often on vacation or may take a long lunch, so employees can slip away innoticed. Vacation days are more accepted -- boss won't think it is odd if you take a vacation day or two in August. In fact, you could even consider taking a 'job search vacation' where you conduct a week-long blitz of intense searching and interviewing. How to network and make connections in

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Instead say, 'My position was downsized' or 'my department was eliminated,' Then, it ind less like the layoff was about you and more like it was about the financial operations of the company." - Marky Stein, career coach and author of "Fearless Resumes: The Proven Method to Get a Great Job Fas

"The challenge of summer networking is that so many of the venues and places are outside. Most of us are not walking around with our briefcases and resumes in hand. We forget that these summer places offer real opportunities.

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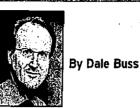
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OwenPeacock, national marketing communications manager for Scion. "They're focused on things like college and debt load. At the end of the day, do you go with a small target or go after those who can actually buy a car now? So you need to adjust."

The change is just one among a number that are reflected in a new Scion advertising campaign for the tC, its highest-volume model, that "stars" the Greek god Zeus in a series of humorous videos. The effort is also Scion's first marketing push to focus on a special-edition car, its most extensive use of humor in a broad advertising effort, and its richest use of video elements on social media.

It's a time of vast recalibration for Scion overall. Sales were up 28 percent for the brand for the first half of the year compared with a year earlier, even despite a messed-up supply chain because of the natural disaster in Japan in March. And just as Toyota

The ad that also recently began appearing on TV, on young-skewing cable-TV networks such as Comedy Central and Spike, is the one that most highlights Scion tC, in a "high-voltage" bright yellow "created" by Zeus. Scion





planned when it launched Scion as a separate brand in 2000, it enjoys the industry's strongest regard with young consumers, according to a recent survey by TrueCar, along with

Mitsubishi and Mazda. But Scion never has reached Toyota's initial expectations, as sales tailed off to only 46,000 last year after peaking at 173,000 in 2006, in large part due to how hard the Great Recession hit young buyers. Moreover, Scion's quirky models, especially in their second generations, haven't been able to distance themselves enough from the competition.

The Zeus campaign is aimed nominally at bolstering tC, a coupe that is by far Scion's highest-volume model these days. The online-only ads, titled "On the Set with Zeus," depict a Greek king of deities who is helpless, even in ' his omnipotence, to figure out a coffee maker or to woo a human actress, even while he makes fun of "Greek yogurt" and brags about his itimesharei on Mount Olympus.



Scion's xB model was the brand' top seller until recentl

is selling only 2,200 of this 2012 tC Release Series 7.0, each also featuring contrasting black sideview mirrors, a customized body kit by Total Racing Development, push-button ignition for the first time in any Scion vehicle, glossy black-alloy rims and other design accents "inspired" by Zeus. There's also an original interactive game built around the "halo" model that has debuted with the new iPad edition of The Onion.

"Usually we might do online flyers and handouts at auto shows when we're introducing a halo version," Peacock said. "Until now, we've never even featured one in a billboard. But we wanted to try something new. Also, the car has a beautiful yellow color, and it really pops. It has a really good package, so we figured, 'Why don't we just put this up there and make it the centerpiece of a campaign and see what we've got?"

And for right now, the tC coupe definitely is Scion's focus. The boxy xB model actually was Scion's best-seller of its three nameplates last year, but sales dropped nearly 20 percent from 2009. to about 20,400 units, thanks to



The tC has become the focus of Scion's new marketing efforts.

the recession and as a spate of other ilittle-boxî models from competitors, such as Nissan Cube and Kia Soul, eroded xB's design edge. Last year, tC sold only about 15,200 units, off 15 percent, making it Scion's best performer on a year-to-year basis. Sales of the third model, xD, declined by 30 percent last year, to about 10,100 units. Last fall, Scion executives said they

hoped to more than double sales of tO with a 2011-model-year redesign, a larger and more powerful update, that went on sale on October 1. At that time, they said, they planned to target Scion's itraditionalî demographic. So far, their plan seems to be working: First-half tC sales in the United States were nearly double year-earlier figures, at nearly 13,000 units, far eclipsing those of the xB and xD and fueling the brand's year-over-year showing. Adding further optimism is the planned fall launch of a new model, the iQ "microcar" hatchback, with a unique "3 + 1" seating arrangement that's been well received in Europe and other markets - and, reportedly, an FR-S rear-drive coupe next spring.



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