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Novi business owner Gary Weinstein tells why he got involved in filmmaker Shawne Duperon's 'Project Forgive' effort. Weinstein's wife and two sons were killed by an alcohol-impaired driver in 2005.

Novi jeweler catalyst for film on forgiveness

Weinstein believes his reaction to loss can give others hope

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer



Gary Weinstein stands with filmmaker Shawne Duperon at Weinstein Jewelers on Grand River Avenue last week. Weinstein is the poster child of Duperon's film 'Project Forgive.'

Forgiveness.

It is a word one man yearned for and another man knew right away he would grant.

And while it doesn't make sense to many, it makes perfect sense to Gary Weinstein.

Weinstein, who owns Weinstein Jewelers of Novi, is the one who offered up forgiveness, and Thomas Wellinger was the man who needed it.

Tragedy brought these two men together in 2005 when Wellinger got behind the wheel of his vehicle drunk and crashed into the car containing Weinstein's wife Judy and two sons, Alex and Sam.

At the hospital, the doctor gave Weinstein the news they died, and he said in that moment he

realized he was alone.

But it was also in that moment that he realized he had an opportunity.

"When this happened and they were gone, in that instant I realized I was still here ... and there was no reason for me to disappear or run away," he said. "I had an oppor-

PROJECT: FORGIVE

Hear Gary Weinstein's story and read about 'Project Forgive' at www.projectforgive.com.

tunity in that moment to say I still am strong.

"Even right away for me, forgiveness was present."

Weinstein even told Wellinger — who was sentenced to 19-30 years for three counts of second-degree murder — as much the only time they met at the Oakland County Jail. He even posed the question back, asking Wellinger if he could ever forgive himself.

"He was remorseful, and doesn't know how to be," Weinstein said.

When asked why he forgave him, Weinstein said

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Mission trip a life-changer

Farooq family honors son by dedicating Guatemalan home

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Bill Nick and many of the other members of First Presbyterian Church in Novi who have been on mission trips before said each experience gives them new perspective.

And for Nick, seeing the emotion on the faces of the women they built homes for in Guatemala last month is something that is going to stick

with him.

"Living here in this country you don't realize what you have until you go there," he said, noting the lack of running water and electricity among other things. "It was something I will never forget."

The church sent 15 members to Agua Escondida in the highlands of western Guatemala to build two 16-

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Iskander Farooq (left) and his wife Susan (right) stand with Guatemala residents Christina and her son Oskar outside of the Guatemalan home that the Farooqs dedicated to their son Nathan, who died in a car accident over a year ago. The Farooqs were in Guatemala with members of First Presbyterian Church in Novi as part of a mission trip.

Bullard in clerk race

Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds Bill Bullard Jr. announced he will seek reelection to the office



Bullard

he has held since his selection by the judges of the Oakland County Circuit Court in

January 2011.

Bullard was appointed to fill the vacancy left in the county-wide office when then-Clerk Ruth Johnson was elected Michigan Secretary of State.

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there was "no power" in blaming him. He said he is a person who lives in the moment and doesn't hold on to things, much like his wife and children.

"My expression of love and care for them was complete," he said. "It can be a tough road for loss if it was not complete."

Now Weinstein hopes to help others on that road to forgiveness. And when talking about happiness, Weinstein said it has never been something he has searched out; he comes from it.

"Now I have an opportunity to be the poster child for this conversation," he said.

'Project Forgive'
That is where filmmaker and Michigan resident Shawne Duperon comes in.

Duperon has a unique connection to the story as her children used to baby-sit Weinstein's children and Judy was her husband's business coach. On the other side of the equation, Wellinger was a close family friend.

"I knew in that moment something miraculous was going to come of this," she said.

Now nearly seven years later that miracle is taking shape through the creation of a movie on forgiveness called "Project Forgive."

Duperon said Wein-



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Novu jeweler Gary Weinstein keeps this framed photo of he and his two sons Sam, left, and Alex, at his Grand River Avenue business. The photo is from a musical the three were involved in just months before the two boys and his wife were killed by a drunk driver.

stein was the catalyst for the film, which she said will explore and explain forgiveness on a variety of levels. Scott Rosenfelt, who executive produced "Home Alone," has signed on to be the co-producer.

A trailer for the film can be found at www.projectforgive.com, and Duperon said they need to raise \$100,000 to

fund the campaign. As of Tuesday, \$63,692 had been raised, with 12 days remaining.

The budget for the film is \$1 million, and the goal is to have it completed by the end of the year with a release in the fall of 2013.

"It's my dream come true and my life mission," Duperon said.

For Weinstein, it's all about honoring Judy, Alex and Sam.

"What my family has given me, even in this horrific loss, is to have a voice and make a difference in this world," he said.

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foot by 22-foot homes for mothers and their children who were abandoned, as well as provide some medical services. The workers ranged in age from 16 years old to 70 years old, and included the mother and father of Nathan Farooq, a Novi High School student who was killed in a car accident just over a year ago.

The Farooq's donated money to build one of the homes and brought over a plaque with Nathan's name on it to place on the home.

"There were a lot of tears shed on both sides," Nick said.

Tom Anan, a family physician at Providence Park Hospital, and his wife, Ruth, worked in the clinic throughout the week, providing basic medical care and supplies from the 10 suitcases they brought with them.

Anan said it's "amazing the difficult life they lead," and admitted they could have used more doctors. He also said while they are there to help, they also are "blessed" by the people there too.

Said Ruth: "When you gave the little kids a toothbrush you would have thought we had given them the moon."

Pastor Dick Henderson, who has been on multiple



Fifteen members of First Presbyterian Church in Novi made the trip to Agua Escondida in the highlands of western Guatemala to build two homes for women and their children in March.



Melanie Murphy, a junior at Novi High School, was one of the few teenagers on a recent mission trip to Guatemala to build homes for women and their children who were abandoned.

mission trips, said while it was "intense physical labor" building the homes, it also was "one of the most spiritual experiences I have ever had, too."

His wife, Sheila, said every trip she goes on she

makes new friends. "You come back and your circle is bigger," she said.

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right after they finish go to the parade," he said. "It adds a lot to the event."

Dastmalchi's main reason behind the Novi Memorial Day Run is to promote children's fitness, and he plans

to encourage them by awarding first-time finishers a special medal.

The runs will all start and end at Fuerst Park so people will not have to travel for the parade. There also will be food at the finish line.

"I want to encourage people to be active," he said. "And hopefully we can make this a tradition before the parade."

Jason Mangum, director of parks, recreation

and cultural services for the city of Novi, said he sees the event as another way for people to be active while also honoring the service members.

"We just felt it was a nice addition to the festivities already happening that morning with the parade and ceremony," he said.

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District making adjustments to finish school year strong

By Steve Matthews
Guest Columnist



Super Talk
Steve Matthews

A familiar rite of spring began this past weekend as I mowed my yard for the first time this year.

While it started a bit early, it was clearly time. I pulled out all the tools — yard trimmer, blower and lawn mower — and proceeded to get to work. Each year as I begin the lawn mowing task, I think back to prior years. Then I strategize to identify a better way to attack the yard. Maybe if I started here and went this way I could get done more quickly. Or maybe I should start in the back and work my way to the front and it would not take as long.

While all the strategizing makes me feel better, my job is to get the lawn mowed. I can tweak what I do, change the direction I go, or work back to front or front to back. I have learned, though, that regardless of my planning, it still takes me about an hour to get the job done.

But while I was mowing I thought about our schools. We are at that point when we can see the end of the school year. Spring break is over. There are no significant breaks between now and the end of year. The ques-

tion is have we done all that we could get the job done? Our job is to educate the students who attend our schools, and we take whoever shows up on that first day of the school year. Goal number one for our district is to ensure a year's growth in a year's time for every student.

As each school year begins we tweak our plans. We think about what we have done in the past and make what we think are appropriate adjustments. Now as we look back over this school year we look at what has happened.

Have our students responded as we thought they would? Have the lessons we have taught been effective? We have assessment data to guide us. State assessment results are available for students in grades 3-8. But more importantly each of our teachers has a host of in-class assessment data — tests, projects, and homework — to show us what our students have

learned. Now is the time that our teachers and principals take all of that information and determine what is left to be done this year. If students are not making progress our teachers and principals think about what they can do between now and end of year to make a difference. If students are progressing as planned, teachers and administrators consider how they can spur those students on just a little bit more. If students have made more progress than expected, the question our staff focuses on is what can be done to help those students continue their progress.

Mowing my yard takes time. It requires that I consider options, but in the end I know what needs to be done. Each school year our teachers and principals consider the job that needs to be done to help each student. The goal is to work with students to help them make a year's growth in a year's time.

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Fun and tasty, too



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Novi Woods teacher Meredith Ben (above) reads a story to some pajama-clad kids on March 16 during the school's "Milk and Cookies Night." The night, kicking off some of its March is Reading Month activities, gave the mom and dad and kid visitors featured guests readers all around the school, and then later — milk and cookies. Novi Woods Principal David Ascher (below left) reads from his favorite boyhood book, "Robert the Rose Horse." Quinn O'Connell, 5, enjoys a perch on his dad Kevin's lap (below right).



First place



Novi High School was awarded first place in Percussion Scholastic A MCSC State Finals Competition 2012 at Saginaw Valley State University under director Brian Woodcox. The drill instructor is Jon Thomann and the techs include Pat Kochyan, Rebekah Moeller, Jackson Landry, Tiffany Baker and Timon Sherman. The percussionists are Billy Brady, Austin Brandenstein, Alex Brusher, Lauren Carroll, Dominic Felice, Ryan Fernandes, Garrett Flowers, Nathan Flowers, Geoff Gamm, Callum Gibbs, Robbie Hadley, Jordan Horan, Stevie Jecman, Akshay Kariakar, Dan Larson, Evan Leffert, Parker Maynard, Narayan Manivanan, Taylor DesOrmeau, Katie Popp, Vicki Qiao, Evan Thomas, Zack Turek, Steffan Werth and Michael Werth. Congratulations!

NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

Kindergarten Parent Orientation

Novi's Kindergarten Parent Orientation will take place in each elementary building at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 17. Contact the building principal for more information:
Deerfield Elementary; Kimberly Warren, principal; kwarren@novi.k12.mi.us; (248) 449-1700
Novi Woods Elementary; David Ascher, principal; dascher@novi.k12.mi.us; (248) 449-1230
Orchard Hills Elementary; Pam Quitiquit, principal; pquitiquit@novi.k12.mi.us; (248) 449-1400
Parkview Elementary; Jenifer Michos, principal; jmichos@novi.k12.mi.us; (248) 449-1220

Village Oaks Elementary; Sue Burnham, principal; sburnham@novi.k12.mi.us; (248) 449-1300
For additional information, call the Educational Services Building at (248) 449-1200.

Coffee with the Super
The Novi Community School District's Coffee with the Superintendent event continues with this month's topic, Surveying Our Community at the Novi Public Library's Board Room. These next two sessions will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 16 and 10:15 a.m. Wednesday, April 18. Please refer to the Novi News and the Novi Community School District website www.novi.k12.mi.us for additional dates, times and topics of discussion.

Appetite for learning



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Novi High students Marissa Moore (left) and Justin Forkey (right) contemplate a bowl of ramen noodles during the school's Japanese Club's March 20 Ramen Noodle Eating Contest. The winner slurped down two bowls of noodles in about 15 seconds.

Novi, Northville teaming up for Relay

Organizers still looking for teams for June 2-3 event

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

James Gietzen got his first taste of Relay for Life as a student at Northville High School eight years ago.

And now Gietzen, who is in his second year as the chair, is spearheading a change to the event as Northville and Novi will be combining forces for the June 2-3 Relay for Life at Ford Field in Northville.

Gietzen said each community's event was struggling in different ways, and believes bringing the two together is going to make a big difference. The two communities did have a combined event in the past, but that was several years ago.

"We are really excited about this, especially the Ford Field move," he said. "It's a more conducive place to hold a Relay



Northville/Novi Relay for Life chair James Gietzen has been involved with the event for eight years.



Co-chair Natalie Tryciecky is in her second year in that role after starting as a team captain eight years ago.

DETAILS

Those wishing to participate in the June 2-3 Relay for Life event can get more information on forming a team, which usually consists of about 15 members, by visit www.relayforlife.org/novimi or by contacting James Gietzen at (248) 863-7043. An informational meeting is being held from 7-8 p.m. tonight at the Novi Civic Center for those interested as well.

he said. Vice chair Natalie Tryciecky, who has been involved as long as Gietzen, said her reason for being involved is that she "wanted to make a difference."

The Novi/Northville Relay for Life in June is a 24-hour event that features a Survivor Lap to celebrate the victory of area cancer survivors, a Luminaria Ceremony to remember those lost to the disease and the Fight Back Ceremony that gives everyone a chance to take a stand against cancer. The overnight camp-out also features several other games and activities.

"The Luminaria Ceremony really brings the emotional part out of why people get involved," Gietzen said.

There isn't a single person in this country who hasn't been touched by cancer in some way,"

Gietzen, who started as a team captain at his first Relay, got his start in the

Novi held its event at Fuerst Park last year, but the hilly terrain is not as ideal as that of Ford Field.

The combined event already is off to a promising start as 25 teams are signed up, just nine shy of the goal.

Gietzen, who started as a team captain at his first Relay, got his start in the



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James Gietzen and Natalie Tryciecky will chair and co-chair, respectively, the June 2-3 Relay for Life fundraiser at Northville's Ford Field. The 24-hour cancer research marathon effort will feature teams from both Northville and Novi's for the first time in several years.

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Novi Police offer civilian pistol safety class

The Novi Police Department will host a Civilian Pistol Safety Class from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, April 28 at the Novi Police Department Training Center (45125 W. 10 Mile Road). After lunch, participants will move to the Novi Firearms Training Center to complete the course. Participants must be 21 years old and do not have to be a Novi resident to attend. Registration forms are also available at the Novi Police Department, or online at cityofnovi.org. The

\$200 course fee may be paid by cash or money order. Class size is limited, and all participants are subject to a criminal background check.

The course fulfills both the classroom and shooting requirements to obtain a Michigan Concealed Pistol License (CPL). Students must bring their own equipment, including a personal handgun, 100 rounds of ammunition, safety glasses, and shooter's earmuffs or ear plugs.

For more information, visit cityofnovi.org or contact Sergeant Michael Warren at mwarren@cityofnovi.org or (248) 347-0572.

100th Anniversary of Japan's Gift of Trees celebrated in Novi

In the year 1912, more than 3,000 flowering cherry trees were sent from Japan to the United States as a symbol of the friendship between the countries. In celebration of this 100th anniversary of the Gift of Trees the Embassy of Japan has been working with several partner organizations to reinforce this symbolism of friendship. Together with the Japanese Consulates in the U.S., the Embassy has taken the initiative to promote the plant-

ing of flowering cherry trees in a number of cities across the United States, with the hope that these plantings of beautiful cherry blossoms will further deepen Japan-U.S. friendship.

The City of Novi will be taking part in this initiative with an event-filled week of plantings and programming celebrating the Japanese culture beginning May 12. The celebration will culminate with an official planting ceremony at the Novi Civic Center on May 19, which will include entertainment by such local Japanese groups as the White Pine Glee Club, Trillium Women's Choir and Raion Taiko.

Additional plantings and events will take place at St. John Providence Park Hospital, the Novi Public Library and Novi Meadows Middle School/Ringo Kai Japanese Saturday School.

As the city with the largest population of Japanese residents in the state of Michigan, and host of an annual Japan Festival, the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit is delighted Novi is among the initial 36 cities in the US where plantings have been planned.

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Cook eKitchen stirs love of cooking in young chefs

By Stacy Jenkins
Observer Staff Writer

Taima Ezzeddine could be the next Paula Deen, Rachel Ray or Martha Stewart.
At just 9 years old, the Farmington foodie is a whiz in the kitchen.
From scrumptious Chocolate Peanut Butter Bites to rich and savory Spinach Stuffed Shells, she's perfectly at ease cooking all by herself.
And her mother, Colleen McGowan Ezzeddine is fine with that, too.
This pint-sized chef has all the tools she needs, right on her computer screen, as she watches cooking videos — by kids for kids — on Cook eKitchen, a new program offered by Health Alliance Plan.



DeAnté Lipscombe, 13, of Farmington Hills, is quite good at making cheese quesadillas following the recipe and how-to video on the Cook eKitchen website.



Colleen McGowan Ezzeddine, of Farmington, and her 9-year-old daughter Taima Ezzeddine, show off some brownies Taima made through the Cook eKitchen online program.

"This is something that I trust — I have no reservations," said her mom.
Taima, who collects cookbooks and loves to try new recipes — just like her mom — started out with the no-bake Chocolate Peanut Butter Bites.
"They were so good and easy to make. I love peanut butter cups and these were just as good, only healthier," said Taima.
"The best part was that they were no-bake. They were a little time-consuming to make, but so totally worth it."
Colleen said they discovered Cook eKitchen after tuning in to the many healthy programs offered by HAP. She took advantage of HAP's partnership with Weight

Wayne State University, quickly realized that the Cook eKitchen could be a time-saver for her.
"It's easy to get in the habit to plan and prepare meals for your family, but this allows you to get your children involved," she said. "You're giving them such a great skill. It can make a parent's life easier."
Her son Hassan, 7, also enjoys cooking.
"He made pancakes this morning," said Colleen. "My husband is always cooking, and he would always watch his father cook."
Another family, the Lipscombes of Farmington

Hills, are making good use of Cook eKitchen. DeAndre Lipscombe, who is HAP's vice president of community outreach, introduced his three sons, DeAndre II, 16, DeAnté, 13, and DeMarius, 11, to it.
"I love that the website is very easy to navigate," he said. "It is colorful and kid-friendly. My sons, especially my 13-year-old DeAnté, love the videos. DeAnté wants to be a chef and watches the Food Network all the time. Cook eKitchen has been a great way for him to find recipes that are quick and easy to make. He loves watching the videos of the chefs preparing the food. I also like that all of

the recipes include nutrition information, so it's never a secret what you or your kids are eating."
His sons love to make the cheese quesadillas and the cinnamon muffins.
He also recognizes that Cook eKitchen can help kids make healthy food choices.
"Cook eKitchen is a great resource for working parents who want to make sure that their preteens and teenagers are eating healthy when they are not around to encourage them to make healthy choices," he said. "In my family, the junk or processed food that is quick and easy to prepare was always the first choice for my sons. Cook eKitchen provides a nice balance for my family between food choices that are nutritious, fun to make and will not leave my sons feeling like they are missing out on their favorite snacks."

Healthy focus
HAP encourages families with children ages 8-14 to take advantage of Cook eKitchen's educational and entertaining content to help them cultivate healthy eating habits to last a lifetime.
"Childhood obesity is a threat to the health and well-being of our communities, and we're excited to introduce this wonderful, engaging resource to our youngest community members," said Terri Kachadarian, director, worksite health and wellness programs.
Cook eKitchen is not only for HAP members, it's free and available to anyone at hap.org/cookekitchen. Launched just over one month ago, the site already has nearly 11,000 page views and more than 1,580 unique visitors.
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Barefoot brings to the stage one-woman show

Barefoot Productions presents "Annie Speaks" for a limited-engagement, special performance 8 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at the Barefoot Theatre space.
"Annie Speaks" is an engaging one-woman show detailing the work of Helen Keller's teacher,

Annie Sullivan whose birthday also happens to be April 14. Barefoot officials said this "delightful blend of humor and drama" stars Dearborn actress Collette Cullen. As a veteran educator herself, the life-changing work of Annie Sullivan resonates with Cullen.

For 40 years, Cullen taught special needs students and also served as a supervisor of student teachers for Wayne State University. One highlight of Cullen's inspiring career was teaching in the agrarian village of the poorest region of Georgia, Europe (formerly the Soviet

Union). In Tsakalmsinda, Cullen worked with first- through sixth-graders in the most dire of learning conditions.
In an effort to continue the language program that she worked with in Georgia, Europe, a portion of the proceeds from "Annie Speaks" will

be used to send much needed school supplies to the teacher and students in Tsakalmsinda. Barefoot Productions is located at 240 N. Main Street in downtown Plymouth. Tickets can be purchased by visiting justgobarefoot.com or by calling (734) 582-9688.

Glitz and glamour of Vegas coming to Andiamo Novi

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

A taste of Las Vegas is coming to Novi as the Andiamo Novi Theatre will be hosting a variety of tribute shows over the next few months.
Bobby Valli kicks off the series on April 29 with a tribute to his brother Frankie Valli and The Jersey Boys with special guest Kathy Thompson as Bette Midler.



Ray Kurmas, left, director of operations at Andiamo Novi, and promoter Joel Bogorad are planning a number of high-quality tribute singers for the Grand River Avenue restaurant's 300-seat, second-level banquet room. The first act will be Bobby Valli on April 29.

The other tribute shows include Billy Joel and Elton John in May, The Rat Pack and Liza Minnelli in July and Barbra Streisand and Cher in September.

Ray Kurmas, director of operations at Andiamo Novi, said there was a point where the restaurant was going to stop hosting shows, but felt this line-up fit their demographic perfectly.

"If we were going to do shows again they had to be shows that worked for both parties involved," he said. "People want to interact and be entertained and these shows do that."

"It brings in a good energy that starts in the dining room and goes upstairs," he said.

Joel Bogorad, director/agent for Top Quality Shows, approached Kurmas with the idea for the tribute shows after having dinner at the restaurant one night.

He said the performers, who have all been on stage at MGM Grand in Detroit as well, are always looking for new venues to do shows and the theater upstairs at Andiamo's is "drop dead gorgeous."

LAS VEGAS TRIBUTE SERIES

Bobby Valli — April 29
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The Rat Pack and Liza Minnelli — July 12-15, 19-20, 22, 27-29
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Show tickets available at www.andiamonovitheatre.com

The theater underwent a slight renovation recently, and on April 18, is being relaunched as the Andiamo Banquet and Event Center of Novi. Kurmas said they want to get away from the nightclub scene and cater to various types of events.
In terms of the Las Vegas tribute shows, the theater will seat roughly 300 people who will have a chance to interact with the performers as well as talk and take pictures with them afterwards.
Show tickets on their own are \$20, but Kurmas said the best deal is the dinner package for \$69.95, which includes two dinners and two tickets.

"People get to go to an upscale restaurant and get quality entertainment," he said. "I don't think this really works without the dinner package."
Bogorad said all the performers look and sound like the stars they impersonate, and they study their roles constantly.
"When it goes perfectly you have never seen anything more spectacular," he said.
For more information about the shows or to purchase tickets, visit www.andiamonovitheatre.com or call (248) 348-3838.

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The Novi Senior center hosted a Tiger's opening day luncheon on April 5. About 90 fans got a traditional ballpark fare, enjoyed a trivia contest and sang songs as they awaited the 1:05 p.m. first pitch.

Fox Run debuts The Vegetarian Prince to welcome new Detroit Tigers slugger

Fox Run retirement community chefs prepared The Vegetarian Prince sandwich at an April 5 Detroit Tigers Opening Day rally with nearly 1,000 residents to welcome new slugger Prince Fielder to their beloved hometown team.
The Vegetarian Prince reflects Fielder's reported vegetarian lifestyle and is a beguiling blend of focaccia bread with smoked gouda, roasted red peppers and basil aioli. (It is rumored to be perfect to eat while watching Fielder hit 430-foot home runs during the upcoming season.)
The Fox Run rally included pre-game entertainment by The Franklin Road Christian School Jazz Band; a rousing rendition of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" sung by attendees and led by the resident-run Hot Stove League, an original



Surrounded by Bengal gear and the Detroit Old English 'D' Fred Sause smiles as he takes in the April 5 Novi Senior Center Tiger's opening day luncheon.

song written by resident Neil Trainor; and the ceremonial first pitch of the new baseball season thrown by resident pitcher Al Davis to catcher Fred Moschetta, the community's sales director who once worked at former Tigers Stadium and

whose office is filled with Tigers memorabilia that would make Hall of Famer Al Kaline proud.
A highlight of the day was the reading by resident Ozzie Ostrander of "The Voice of the Turtle" as a tribute to Ernie Harwell, the late Tigers sportscaster who was a resident of Fox Run. Harwell would read this passage from Song of Solomon 2:11-12 prior to the start of the first Tigers game of the each new baseball season: "For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land."
Residents then watched the Opening Day game between the Detroit Tigers and the Boston Red Sox on a large screen in the Ascot Living Room and cheered the Tigers on to a 2-1 victory.

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subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation, if they represent you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi 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.

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Ziegler & Ciso
Chelsea residents Kendall Kyrin Ziegler and Kevin Patrick Ciso were engaged to be married in 2010. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Jim and Kim Ziegler, of Novi. She is a 2005 graduate of Novi High School; earned a bachelor's degree in neuroscience and gender and health studies from University of Michigan in 2010; and a master's of public health from University of Illinois at Chicago in 2010. She is a researcher on the National Children's Study at Michigan State University.
The groom-elect is the son of Chuck and Marilyn Ciso, of Novi. He is a 2005 graduate of Novi High School, and he earned a bachelor's degree in education (with certifications in history and psychology) from University of Michigan in 2009. He is a teacher at Adrian Public Schools.
A wedding is planned for May 5, 2012, at Mystic Creek Golf Club in Milford.
The bride's attendants will include Valerie Ziegler, Taylor Ziegler, Jaymie Ziegler, Katie Mulvaney, Nicole Melendez and Lauren Vrane.
The groom's attendants will include Brandon Ciso, Anthony Toth, Kenny Fellows, Tim Kalczyński, Nick Urban and Eric Royston.
A reception will be held at Myric Creek and the couple plan to honeymoon with an eastern Caribbean cruise May 6-13 and residing in their new home in Chelsea.



Skouberdis & Smith
John Skouberdis and the late Irene Skouberdis of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Christine, to Derek Smith, son of David and Sylvia Smith of Novi.
The bride-to-be graduated in 2006 from Novi High School and in 2009 from Madonna University with a bachelor's degree in dietetics. She is pursuing her master's degree in human nutrition and dietetics from Central Michigan University. She works as a registered dietitian at the Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit.
Her fiancé graduated in 2006 from Novi High School and in 2010 from the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor's degree in finance. He earned his master's degree in accounting from the University of Michigan in 2011. He works as an assurance associate at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in Detroit.
These high school sweethearts met their freshman year in high school during baseball season. Christine was the catcher for the Novi softball team, number 18, and Derek was the catcher for the Novi baseball team, number 18. The couple was introduced by a mutual friend.
A June 2012 wedding is planned at Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Westland.

Wish You Were Here



Novi's Brian and Lori Burke recently took their daughter, Allison, to London for her senior high school trip and had her senior pictures shot in Edinburgh.

NEWSMAKERS

Jeff Duneske
Jeff Duneske, associate broker with Remerica United Realty in Novi, was awarded for having the Top Listing and Selling Team in 2011 for the office. He ended up closing on 59 real estate transactions last year, and this is his third year of achieving this award.



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Thank You Berry Much Cookie Gala

(From left) Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan Board Member Equilla Wainwright of Detroit, Cathy McIntosh of Rochester Hills, Donna Meyers of Novi and Diana Napoleon of Southfield taste-tested the Thank You Berry Much entry created by the Athenium Suite Hotel in Detroit. At the Fourth Annual Cookie Gala last week, 13 of the area's top restaurants created decadent desserts using Girl Scouts' signature cookies and then competed for top awards. The Athenium Suite Hotel won the Judge's Choice Award. Girls Scouts of America is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year. If you missed out on purchasing cookies, visit www.gssem.org.



JULIE YOLLES



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Elena and Nicholas Schunck of West Bloomfield and (left front) Taylor Shepard of Novi Troop 71035 and R'Chera Batts of Harper Woods Troop 43095 were part of the 400-plus Girl Scouts supporters at the 4th Annual Cookie Gala held at the Athenium Suite Hotel in Detroit last week. Shepard is a 2011 Top Cookie Seller (4,002 boxes) and Batts is also a 2011 Top Cookie Seller (1,000 boxes). The event raised over \$85,000 for the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan.

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OUR VIEWS

Be alert

Make sure you know rules for tornado safety

When fast moving severe storms sweep through our area, they quickly and pack strong winds. Trees are uprooted and homes damaged. Power lines are knocked down and utility poles snap like toothpicks, leaving residents in the dark.

Severe weather is a given in Michigan, so knowing what to do is a requirement, not an option.

Early warning systems alert residents to severe weather. Television and radio stations also issue alerts based on information gleaned from the National Weather Service and Doppler radar.

That's all well and good, but if you don't know what to do or what those alerts mean, the information is all for naught. We may not experience the volume and severity of storms, especially tornadoes, that other parts of the country do, but they do happen here. We need only look at what happened in Dexter last month. Severe storms spawned tornadoes that destroyed or damaged at least 100 homes.

April 15-21, is Severe Weather Awareness Week in Michigan, a time when residents should brush up on their emergency preparedness. When severe weather is predicted, we need to remain alert, a warning and what we should do to be safe. Next week is a good week to do that.

Do you know the difference between a watch and warning?

A watch is used when the risk of a hazardous weather event has increased significantly, but its occurrence, location, and/or timing is still uncertain. It is intended to provide you with an enough time to make plans. A warning is issued when a hazardous weather event is occurring, is imminent, or has a very high probability of occurring. A warning is used for conditions posing a threat to life or property.

In the case of a tornado, the warning usually comes with orders to seek cover immediately. There are those who grab their camcorder and head out to get video of the storm. Photographing a tornado may be cool, but it's foolhardy. The time spent watching it is time that should be spent moving to a safe location.

Among the recommendations provided by Roger Edwards of the Storm Prediction Center, which issues tornado and severe thunderstorm watches, people living in a house with a basement should avoid windows and get in the basement, under some kind of sturdy protection like a heavy table or work bench, or cover themselves with a mattress or sleeping bag.

In the case of a house with no basement, his recommendation is to go to the lowest floor, a small center room, like a bathroom or closet, under a stairwell, or in an interior hallway with no windows. A bath tub may offer partial protection.

If you live in a mobile home, Edwards has just two words to say: Get out. Even if the home is tied down, it is not as safe as an underground shelter or permanent, sturdy building.

Weather forecasting science is not perfect and some tornadoes do occur without a tornado warning. We urge readers to use Severe Weather Awareness Week to learn what needs to be done when a warning is issued. And when the city issues an emergency warning, don't ignore it. Stop, listen and take the appropriate action.

We've had our fair share of severe weather over the years and there's more to come. The season is just starting. While we may think we know what to do, there's no substitute for staying alert.

COMMUNITY VOICE

How do you think the Detroit Tigers will do this season?



"I'm really excited with the addition of Prince Fielder. I think they've got a winner."
Fred Sause
Novi



"One hundred wins because they've got offense and pitching."
Eric Nogas
Farmington



"Eighty-seven wins. Poor relief pitching."
Cheryl Newhard
Farmington Hills



"They're going to go all the way. With Fielder and Verlander, they're good."
Jean Radke
Novi

LETTERS

Visiting the common folks

See where Barack Obama is coming to town to visit and break bread with his supporters? Yep, the prez will be here on Wednesday the 18th to meet and spend some time with the 99 percenters and various other friends. You know, the poor folks, the underprivileged and the other people that those rich Republicans are always taking advantage of and using for their own selfish gains. And just to assure his followers that he hasn't lost touch with the people who elected him, you can join in the fun. However, there are a few little details that could rain on your parade.

First of all, the festivities are by invitation only and the invites have already been sent out. So if you haven't already received one, you're outta luck. Probably just as well though because the prices are a little on the steep side. For instance, the first affair at Henry Ford Museum costs \$250 just to get in the building. For a mere \$5,000 more, you can actually have a bite to eat and get a photo of the big guy himself.

The evening event, well that's another story. Denise Ilitch is hosting a little affair at her Bingham Farms home that will set you back \$40,000 if you want the full treatment that includes cocktails, dinner and a "formal photo." I can't even imagine what they could possibly serve that could be worth that kind of money. It has to be more than Little Caesars Pizza, regardless of the toppings.

Think about it, you Obama lovers — for a measly \$45,000 you can have two meals, cocktails and a "formal photo" of your man. Plus you get to spend a good part of the day with him. Anyone dumb enough to spend that kind of money deserves to suffer through that. And for those of you who consider \$45,000 a little excessive for one day's entertainment, think about this: The average per capita income for the State of Michigan for the year 2011 was \$36,533. Sort of puts things in perspective, doesn't it? And by the way, this kind of fundraising isn't anything new for this "man of the people." In the 2008 election, Obama spent \$746 million and that old rich guy from Arizona, John McCain, spent \$383 million.

Go figure!
Dave Shingler
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called his three offices and been told that he is busy and has nothing scheduled. I know he voted to make Medicare a voucher system. I want more information about how changing Medicare is going to affect me. I want to know if the voucher will rise with inflation or will it rise with medical costs? What I'm looking for are facts about his votes. It is in the interest of both Republicans and Democrats to expect our elected officials to speak to us and answer our questions on a regular basis. Otherwise the 18 weeks that Congress is not in session is just vacation time.

Terry Cannon
Livonia

GOP war on women

The Republican National Committee's chairman, Reince Priebus, is pushing the falsehood that a Republican war on women doesn't exist. He recently asserted that legislative attacks on women's rights are pure fiction and are comparable to a war on caterpillars. If the chairman thinks this remark is humorous, women are not laughing. Comparing women to insects is not only degrading, but also outrageous.

Many of the Republicans' recent words and deeds reveal that the war on women is thriving. Republicans in the U.S. Congress have voted numerous times to shut down Planned Parenthood. Mitt Romney has indicated that one of his goals is to defund this organization, denying millions of low-income women breast exams, mammograms, Pap tests and birth control. Republicans have also created legislation designed with the intention of forcing women to undergo invasive transvaginal ultrasounds. Although it's difficult to fathom, all Republican senators in the U.S. Senate voted against the Anti-Rape Amendment. In addition, every Republican U.S. Senator voted no on the Equal Pay Act.

Wisconsin's Equal Pay Enforcement Act was repealed by repealing Wisconsin's Equal Pay Enforcement Act. Doug Klingensmith Milford

instances, passed by Republicans, is inexhaustible.

America's women won't tolerate being stripped of their autonomy. These women declared their independence many years ago and will continue to fight to preserve and protect it.

Jill Farber-Bramson
West Bloomfield

Energy vs. air

Yes, I love my clean air. But, I also like my cheap electricity that allows me to turn on my light, charge my cell phone, power my radio, recharge my laptop or heat my electric oven.

Coal-burning power plants emit toxins, as do humans and animals, in the environment. Plants also produce 46 percent of our electrical needs. Alternative energy (wind, solar) only produce 3.6 percent and cannot provide base load power to help fuel the American economy. Plus, each takes up a much bigger footprint than a power plant.

Not only that, but before regulations and costs that are ultimately passed on to all of the consumers both rich and poor. Coal burning power plants had a 48 percent reduction in pollutants in the Great Lakes region, while global emission increased by 17 percent.

The Obama administration's attempt to reduce mercury pollution by 90 percent is economically unfeasible without power companies shutting down plants and cutting jobs in our much-needed state. Now it is letting the EPA go after low consequent pollution emitters like schools, hospitals, apartment complexes and churches, adding regulation and cost for everyone.

The March 15 Environment Michigan Lansing letter failed to mention one volcanic eruption emits seven tons of mercury vs. the 2,253 pounds that power plants did in 2010. One ton equals 2,000 pounds. That's almost seven times the amount of mercury, a natural element found on the periodic chart. There were 56 volcanic eruptions in 2011 and 69 eruption in 2010 in nature that produced mercury poisoning. No matter how hard we try to be safe, we will all get sick and die some day. Safety is the opposite of freedom. Freedom is not safe and never free. You have to be bold and brave to be free.

Not only that, but our elected representatives are mandating we now buy CFL lighting that has five milligrams of mercury per bulb. So if you drop and break a CFL light in your home, you have toxic spill. In a typical year the U.S. sends four tons of mercury to landfills, just because Congress wants us to buy CFL lights.

Who really makes money off all this environmental regulation? It is not most of us common people. I'd rather die a little earlier and have my cheap electricity that keeps America competitive with China, India, South America, the rest of world then worry about possible dying a year or two earlier. So my vote is for high-paying jobs that allow the economy to grow and cheap electricity.

Doug Klingensmith
Milford

CHURCH

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Single Place

Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Thursday
Details: Single Place is a social organization for singles 40 and up that meets at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, Thursday meetings feature speakers, games, or entertainment followed with an ice cream social.

Date: April 12
Details: Cards & Games Night. Enjoy playing Euchre, Mexican Train and other games. Ice cream social to follow; \$5 donation requested.

Date: April 19
Details: Physical therapist Rebecca Hitch, from Botsford Hospital, to discuss the importance of balance in living a healthy life. Ice cream social to follow; \$5 donation requested.

Date: April 26
Details: Donna Mathias, certified reflexologist, to talk about reflexology as a natural way of healing. Single Place social follows; \$5 donation please.

Date: May 3
Details: Requesting attendees to give us their ideas for improving the Single Place organization and its activities so we may better serve you.

Date: May 10
Details: Walt Straszinski whose discussion topic is "Success or Failure, Your Choice". Ice cream social to follow; \$5 donation requested.

Date: May 17
Details: Dr. Tom Gerou, whose topic is The Importance of Maintaining Good Health As We 'Age to Perfection'. Ice cream social to follow; \$5 donation requested.

Date: May 24
Details: First cookout of the season. Burgers and brats form the grill accompanied by the usual picnic food of baked beans, potato salad, etc. If bad weather, we picnic inside. Afterwards, musical entertainment will be provided by Idell. Cost is \$12 for dinner and entertainment, or \$7 for dinner and \$5 for entertainment.

Date: May 31
Details: Cards & Games Night. Enjoy playing Euchre, Mexican Train and other games. Birthday Cake and ice cream follows to celebrate May birthdays; \$5 donation requested.

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Nursery - 12th grade - 9:15 a.m.
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Sundays 9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children

9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium
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Sunday Worship
Time: 9:45 a.m.
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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Woman arrested for drunk driving

A 23-year-old woman was arrested on April 7 for drunk driving, driving while license suspended and driving an unregistered vehicle after she was initially stopped for reckless driving at Twelve Oaks Mall.

According to the police report, the officer saw the driver nearly hit people and other vehicles while driving through the parking lot at a high rate of speed. The officer pursued the car and was able to stop the driver in the parking lot of the Hotel Baronette.

The woman said she did not have her license on her and smelled strongly of intoxicants. She said she had just one drink, but she failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .157 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent.

She was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department where she was issued citations on the three charges and released after posting bond and when sober.

Novi's overpasses target of graffiti

The Novi police are initiating a Community Oriented Policing project after a rash of vandalism to various overpasses throughout the city.

According to police, the most recent complaint came on April 7 when a resident complained about spray paint on the concrete overpasses that intersect with the CSX Railroad crossings. The overpasses at West Park, I-96 and Grand River Avenue have all been targeted, with subjects spray painting an assortment of symbols, phrases and more on the surface.

Some of the "tags" have been racial remarks.

Man arrested with concealed weapon in car

A 21-year-old Detroit man was arrested for having a concealed weapon in his car and driving while license suspended after initially being stopped for disobeying a "do not enter" sign at Crescent Drive and Novi Road on April 7.

According to the police report, the officer saw the man disobey the sign and the driver said he was lost trying to find Tin Fish. The officer also noticed a handgun on the backseat and that the driver had an empty holster on his hip.

He told police the gun was registered and he had it for protection. Police found the unloaded gun in the center console.

The driver was arrested on his DWLS charge and turned over to Canton police.

Wheels stolen off Mercedes' in sales lot

Two 2012 Mercedes C300 vehicles had their wheels stolen off them while they were parked in the parking lot of the Grand River Avenue business sometime between April 7-9.

According to the police report, the service manager noticed the theft when he returned to work on Monday. The vehicles were on cinder blocks, and no other evidence was found on the scene.

The wheels are valued at \$10,000. Police have no suspects.

Fridge, stove taken from Novi residence

A Novi woman had the refrigerator and gas stove stolen from her residence on Arizona sometime between April 5-7 after she moved out.

According to the police report, the woman moved out but left the doors unlocked. She said she didn't give anyone permission to enter the residence and does not know who may have taken the items.

The case has been forwarded to the detective's bureau for possible follow-up.

Speeding driver caught with drugs

A 23-year-old Westland man was arrested for marijuana possession and paraphernalia on April 5 after he was stopped for speeding on Novi Road near I-96.

According to the police report, the officer observed the vehicle traveling 53 mph in a 40 mph zone before initiating the traffic stop. When he approached the car he could smell a strong odor of marijuana coming from inside.

The driver said at first that the last time there was marijuana in the car was a week ago, but eventually admitted to having some in the center console.

Police found 3.7 grams of marijuana in the car, as well as a pipe and grinder. The suspect was arrested, issued a citation and released after posting bond.

— Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller

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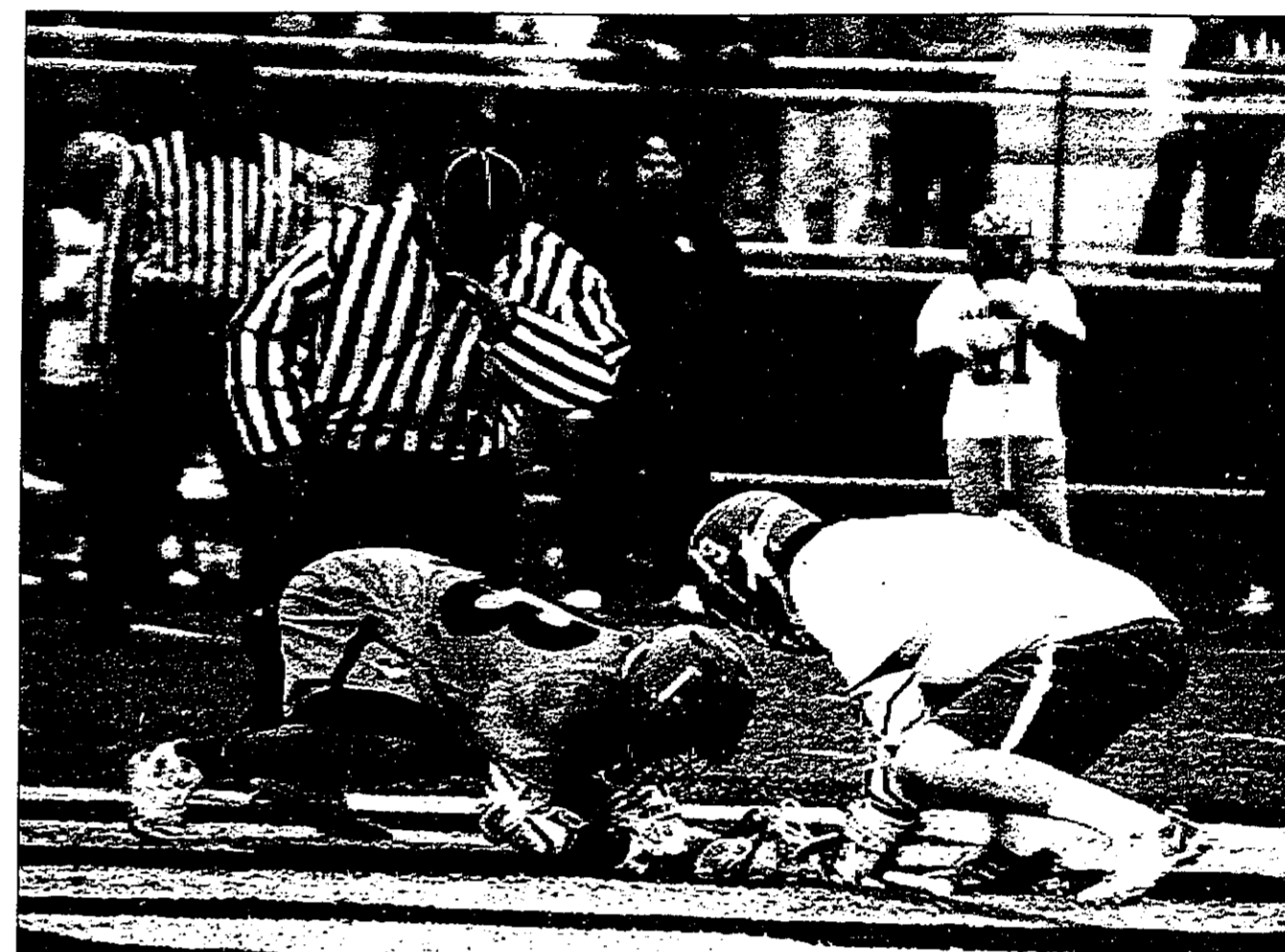
Mustangs sweep tennis foes

Team remains undefeated with two more victories

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The victories just keep on coming for the Northville Mustangs girls tennis team, which hasn't lost a single match throughout the three contests it has participated in this season. The girls squad, coached by Brady Crosby, earned 9-0 victories over both Salem and Stevenson last week. Against Salem, the Mustangs had little trouble with their foes. At No. 1 singles, senior Erin Doud defeated senior Morgan Spencer, 6-1, 6-0, before Danielle Romano earned a win at No. 2 singles over Ashley Walker, 6-4, 7-5. At No. 3 singles, freshman Paige Baal defeated Salem senior Sushimi Diraviam, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4, while sophomore Alex Jeannotte earned a 6-0, 6-1 win over Narges Pourmandi at No. 4 singles. In the doubles flights, Northville had the same level of success. The No. 1 doubles team of Mackenzie Powers and Claudia Ma defeated Courtney March and Katie Vena, 6-0, 6-1, while Elizabeth Sakorafis and Jordan Hermiz earned a 6-0, 6-2 win over Sarah Bellaire and Kathy Kemp at No. 2 doubles. At the third doubles flight, Valerie Trupiano and Claudia Ma defeated Meghan Barry and Monica Topolovec, 6-1, 7-5, while Shannon Williams and Chloe Page beat Abi Collingwood and Kalaya Thomas, 6-0, 6-1. At fifth doubles, the team of Rachel Crittenden and Nicole Khamis defeated Maggie Sneiderman and Lily Gonzalez, 6-0, 6-0, and the duo of Alison Kozerski and Libby Quinn won over Kaia Gavalas and Tiffany Chan, 6-1, 6-1, at sixth singles. That success carried over to the Mustangs' match against Stevenson. Doud earned a 6-1, 6-2 win over Almee Moccia while Romano won 6-1, 6-1 over Caroline Hay. Beating Kathryn Malkowski was third singles' Jeannotte, 6-0, 6-3, while Alison Kozerski earned a 6-2, 6-2 win over Taylor Tingham at fourth singles. In the doubles flights, Powers and Mukherji had little trouble with Lexie Ranski and Laura Shureb, winning 6-1, 6-0, while Sakorafis and Hermiz had a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Sofia Lurch and Shelby Seay. At third doubles, Trupiano and Ma had a 6-1, 6-1 win over Josie Abdulbaki and Jenny Cami. At fourth doubles, Williams and Page took home a 7-5, 6-2 win over Sarah Morse and Sam DiGiovanni while Crittenden and Khamis earned a fifth-doubles win over Lauren Shaffer and Maddie Chimento, 6-0, 6-0 while Kozerski and Quinn took a 6-0, 6-0 win over Julia Grammatico and Chimento. Northville is 2-0 in dual meets this year and 2-0 in KLA play. They are 1-0 in tournaments and have won every match this season.

ON TAP
The Northville Mustangs girls tennis team will be back on the court when they visit South Lyon at 4 p.m. April 17.



Northville's Connor Smith takes a faceoff against Catholic Central.

Mustangs fall to CC lacrosse in overtime

Crosstown rivals put on one heck of a game

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It was one of those games you hate to see end, but someone had to win and when all was said and done that team was top-five-ranked Detroit Catholic Central. The loss to the Shamrocks marks the second time this season the Northville Mustangs have bowed to a top-five team with their first loss coming against Forest Hills Central. In this contest, the Shamrocks and the Mustangs pushed the game to a tie and into overtime with the Shamrocks coming out ahead at the end, 9-8. "This is the second year in a row we gave CC a run for their money," said Northville coach Greg Durham. "We played fairly well defensively, but

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The Northville Mustangs boys lacrosse team will be back in action when they play at 6:30 p.m. Monday at home against Howell before visiting Walled Lake Northern at 7 p.m. Wednesday. The Northville Mustangs boys lacrosse team will be back in action when they play at 6:30 p.m. Monday at home against Howell before visiting Walled Lake Northern at 7 p.m. Wednesday. The Northville Mustangs boys lacrosse team will be back in action when they play at 6:30 p.m. Monday at home against Howell before visiting Walled Lake Northern at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

loss. Connor Smith went 9-for-15 on face-offs, including winning the final four to help get his team back in the game. Jakob Kippola had six goals in the game while Nick Melucci had two goals. Joe Chase had two assists in the losing effort. "Kip (Kippola) and Moch (Melucci) played very well," said Durham. "Kip scoring six of our eight goals and five in the previous game has really showed the team that he wants to win. He has really evolved as a captain and as our top offensive player. "Nick really worked hard all game for us, picking up important ground balls and playing midfield, making it difficult for the defense to cover both Kip and him when they were on the field." Northville is now 0-2 on the season.

Four former Novi All-Staters working their way through collegiate soccer programs

Quartet of freshmen cracking lineups at Wisconsin, EMU, MSU

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Last spring, Novi's girls soccer team featured four student-athletes who earned All-State honors as the Wildcats won a second-straight Division I title. All four went on to earn their place on well-known collegiate teams last fall. Nikki Greenhalgh plays for University of Wisconsin, Mollie Krick for Eastern Michigan University and both Nikki Caruso and Gabby Gauderer are at Michigan State University. Krick saw the most action last fall at EMU (3-13-2), playing in 17 games and starting two. She recorded nine shots, five which were on target, but didn't score. Greenhalgh, 18, also had a lot of success at Wisconsin (10-7-3), playing 14 games while recording one goal and one assist. Two of her three shot attempts were on target as she scored her first collegiate goal Sept. 2, 2011, against Dayton. She then notched an assist Oct. 21 against Penn State.

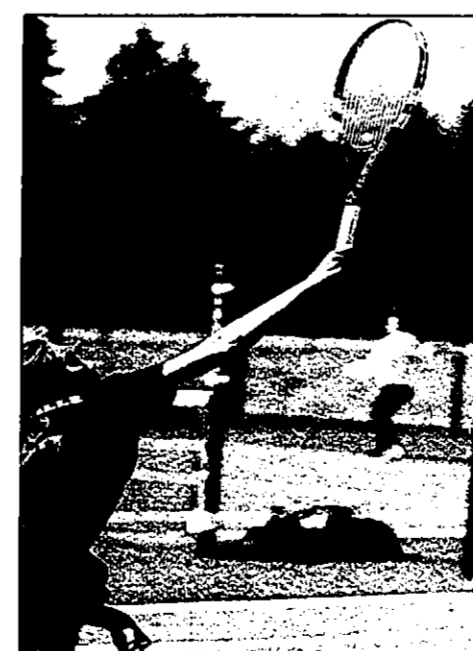
"It was definitely an adjustment playing with a brand new team, new coach, new environment," Greenhalgh said. "I had to train myself to stick with it. I definitely expected it. When it happened, I wasn't quite ready."



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Novi alum Nikki Greenhalgh (left) takes on junior Lindsey Johnson during Wisconsin's red and white scrimmage last fall. As a freshman with the Badgers' women's soccer program, Greenhalgh played in 14 games, recording one goal and one assist on three shot attempts. Being close to her family, Greenhalgh initially expected to be homesick out of state. However, since many of her teammates were also from out of state or even another country, they bonded over that common distance from their hometowns. "I did not have a problem at all," Greenhalgh said. "I'm very close to my family and thought it would be tougher than it was. But I bonded with my teammates and basically started a new family." Gauderer, 18, had the opposite issue at MSU (14-6-1). Although the future teacher or pediatric oncologist didn't

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Mustang Paige Baal in action against Salem High opponent on April 2.

'Stangs softball off to strong start

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

You'll be hard pressed to find a high school softball coach that isn't happy with winning the first double header of the season and splitting the next one.

Kary Couchman, the head coach for the Northville Mustangs, sure isn't complaining.

Northville started their season off with a 12-0 win over Ann Arbor Pioneer in the opening game of a double header before earning a 19-0 victory in the second game. Against Garden City just a few days later, the Mustangs won 3-2, in the opener and fell, 3-1, in the nightcap of the twin bill.

Against the Pioneers, Northville followed the lead of senior pitcher Laura Pond, who will be continuing her career at Oakland University. She threw a perfect game, retiring all 15 batters she faced with four strikeouts over five innings. Senior second baseman Maggie Stewart preserved the perfect game in the bottom of the fifth as she dove to stop a ball hit into the gap and then firing it to first from her knees to earn the final out of the game, which was ended early due to the MHSAA mercy rule regulations.

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs softball team will be back in action when they take to the road against Wayne Memorial at 4 p.m. April 18.

Pond also went 3-for-3 at the plate, smacking out a triple and two singles and earning two runs batted-in. Ellie Asher was 2-for-2 with two RBIs while Suzanne Hasse had two hits and an RBI.

In the second game against Ann Arbor, junior Nikki Thibodeau threw a three-hit shutout with five strikeouts for the win.

On offense, freshman Ashley Schiffer had a 3-for-4 performance with two runs scored and four RBIs while Jennifer Buckingham went 3-for-3 with a walk and scored four runs. Meredith Williams, a senior, went 2-for-4 while driving in four runs while Asher and Thibodeau each went 2-for-4 with one and two RBIs, respectively.

Garden City proved to be a better match for the Mustangs, bowing in the first game but coming back to win the nightcap to split the doubleheader.

In the opening game, Northville earned a 3-2 win, following Pond's per-

formance on the mound as she outplayed Garden City's all-state pitcher, Kelsey Susalla.

The Mustangs took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the second as Maggie Stewart hit an RBI single to score Schiffer, followed by a line-drive by senior Rachel Deacon to score Pond.

Garden City came back to tie the game with runs in the third and the fourth, but the Mustangs scored the game-winning run in the fifth as Buckingham got on base with a single to left, stole second, advanced to third on a bunt and then found home plate on a suicide squeeze bunt by sophomore catcher Allie Chapakis.

Asher led the Mustangs in the contest with two hits. In the second game, Garden City scored three runs in the third inning on two walks and three doubles and the Mustangs weren't able to overcome the deficit. The Northville squad's lone run came in the fifth off a RBI by Williams.

Deacon went 3-for-3 in the game while Northville, as a whole, had only seven hits. Thibodeau took the loss on the mound, throwing over five innings while striking out four.

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get any playing time behind two seniors and two sophomores who were also all goalkeepers, her transition was made easier by both Caruso — who came off the bench to play in three games, but didn't record any points — and also four of the other freshmen who had played on the Michigan Hawks premier club team with Gauruder during the high school off-season and growing up.

Those Hawks players included Linden's Mary Kathryn Fiebertz, Portage Central's Paige West, Williamston's Lisa Vogel and Grand Rapids Catholic Central's Alexandra Heffron from Lowell.

"It's a lot of fun knowing someone preseason and going into the season," Gauruder said. "I found out you don't really have time for friends outside of sports. My favorite part of being a college athlete so far is taking the talent God has given me and being a part of this team. We're not a team, we're a family."

Despite not earning playing time in any games, Gauruder said working with Hudsonville Unity Christian's Jill Flietsma, Northville's Elizabeth Watz and Williamston's Courtney Clem have helped her become an even better one than the one who backstopped the Wildcats to back-to-back state titles in 2010-11. "As a freshman, you can't really expect too much," Gauruder said.

"I just really took advantage of watching them. I'm a better goalie now after having trained with them. No one can tell the future, but (Clem and I) make each other better. It helped me in practices to just treat every practice like it was my last and give it my all."

Gauruder said she got the mentality to treat every event like it was her last from the same mentality Novi's teams brought into the single-elimination state playoffs.

Both said the collegiate student-athlete is a more intense lifestyle than similar participation was in high school or club ball. "Soccer is definitely more of a priority in college. It takes more time. It takes more of a mental (drain). It's more competitive with the workouts are more tiring," Greenhalgh said, noting that the extra tutoring services for her biology degree and opportunities helped with the adjustment to living away from home.

"You're kind of put on a higher pedestal. You get to travel to different campuses and see different things. By the end of my sophomore year, I'd have been to all 12 (Big Ten) campuses."

Because they were all freshmen, none of the four Novi girls faced off directly when Wisconsin visited East Lansing Sept. 23 or MSU had an exhibition at Ypsilanti Aug. 13. "It's always awkward when you play against your best friend," Gauruder said. "Molli Krick is my best friend. You want her to do well,

but you want your team to win."

Greenhalgh played in the Badgers' 2-1 win at MSU and Caruso capped the final 20 minutes of the Spartans' 1-0 win at EMU, but the two were the lone Novi girls appearing in each contest despite three being rostered for each game.

"We played Michigan and Michigan State the same weekend," Greenhalgh said. "To play at Michigan State where the state championship was, that was a nice memory. I'm definitely looking forward to the next three years. I just try to get better every day."

Having played premier club soccer her entire life, Greenhalgh said it was the mixing of ages during the high school season that was one of the biggest benefits for her.

"That difference in age really helped me out," Greenhalgh said. "Club I know everyone I was playing against. Most everyone I played through high school I played through club. "I had two great coaches with Paul Tinnion and (Brian) O'Leary. The competition with the Jags, we were nationally recognized."

Although all four collegiate student-athletes will have to wait until the fall to see where they stand among the Spartan, Badger and Eagle rosters, each are enjoying conditioning and training during the off-season with a few scrimmages scattered on the weekends. Caruso and Krick did not return messages by press deadline.

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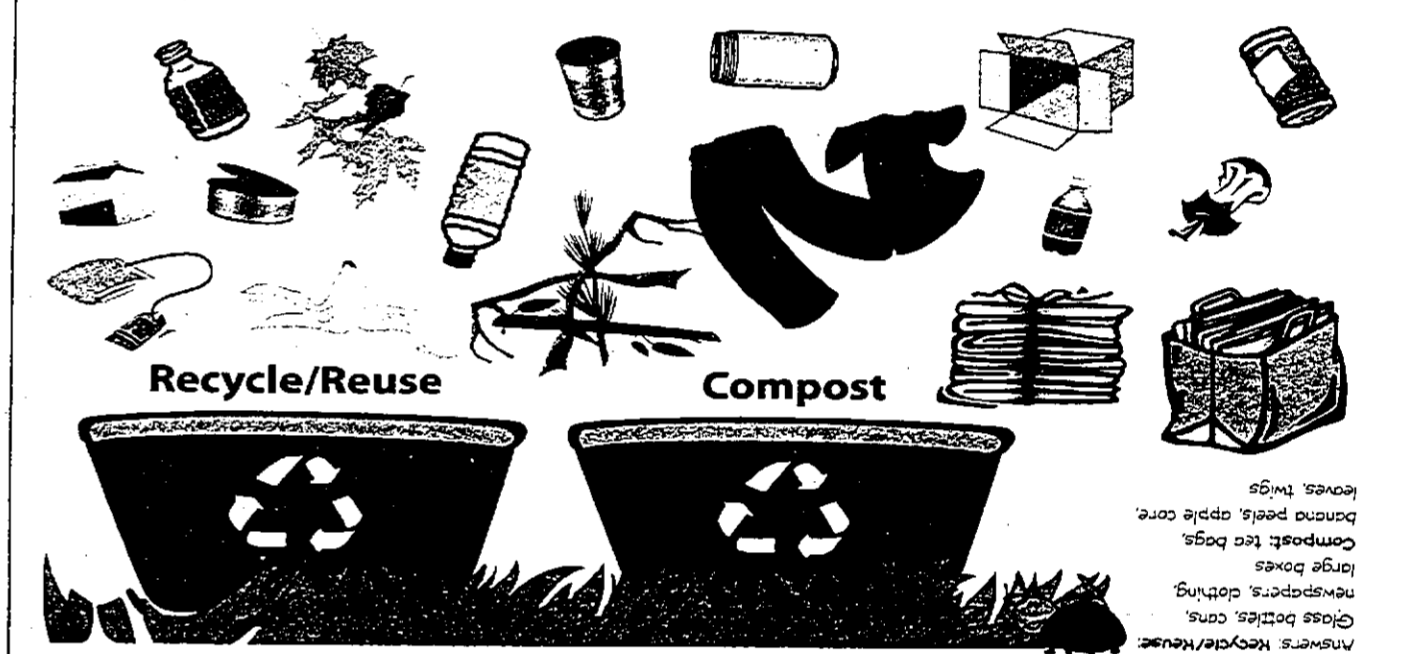
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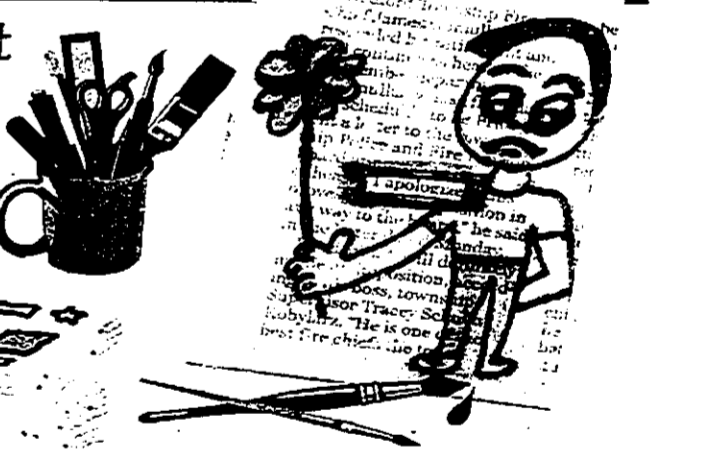
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Novi woman strolls into FAMtastic Fitness business

FAMtastic Fitness, of Novi, will be offering Stroller Fitness classes throughout the spring, summer and fall, beginning April 23, as well as Family Fitness Adventures starting May 19.

The company's goals include helping parents achieve their fitness goals, providing fun ways for families to exercise together, creating opportunities for families to develop new friendships, and enjoying the freedom that the environment offers to get up, get outside, and get active.



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The mother of 4-year-old Mason and 1-year-old Vayla, Tilmos has been involved in fitness her entire life. Fueled by her desire to get back into shape after the birth of her children, she participated in a wide variety of post-natal fitness classes. She enjoyed elements of each of the classes she took but found what really helped her get back into shape was the stroller fitness class she took after the birth of her daughter with friend and mentor, Bernice Robinson of London, Ontario.

"What I liked so much about Bernice's stroller fitness class was not only the creative ways that we used the strollers

to execute a wide variety of challenging exercises, but also the fact that my children were with me, enjoying the outdoors and learning about fitness at the same time," said Tilmos.

In September 2011, Tilmos and her family relocated to Novi from London, Ontario, where they had lived for eight years. Discovering that there were no stroller fitness classes being offered in the immediate area, she decided to start teaching on Saturdays, May 19, at Island Lake State Recreation Area.

For more information about Family Fitness Adventures or Stroller Fitness classes, including rates and class times, please visit www.FAMtasticFitness.com or call (734) 516-7101.

halfway point, or at the end of class.

Upon encouragement from her husband, Wayne, to find a way to involve dads as well, Tilmos decided to focus on fitness opportunities for the entire family. As a result, FAMtastic Fitness will be offering Family Fitness Adventures on Saturdays throughout the spring, summer and fall. These adventures will include opportunities for bike riding, hiking and stroller fitness and are for the entire family. The first is scheduled for Saturday, May 19, at Island Lake State Recreation Area.

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NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

Cooper Standard acquires EDC Technology

Novi-based Cooper Standard Automotive Inc. announced its acquisition of the patents and other intellectual property rights and assets of EDC Automotive LLC relating to thermal management technologies and related product development and testing capabilities. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

"We are investing in key technologies in the thermal management area. We believe this will be a high growth segment for Cooper Standard and this investment helps us strengthen our technology and talent base," said Jim McElya, chairman and CEO, Cooper Standard. "Our customers will benefit from an expanded product offering, as well as our enhanced capabilities in

developing innovative thermal management solutions that help to improve fuel economy, reduce emissions and enhance vehicle performance."

Already a supplier of thermal management solutions, Cooper Standard provides heating and cooling systems and products for multiple power trains, including hybrids, electric vehicles and internal combustion engines. As part of the acquisition, key members of EDC's thermal management technical team will join Cooper Standard and assist in the integration of EDC's technologies into the broad Cooper Standard portfolio of thermal management products and systems, which include metal, rubber and plastic tubing; superior connection technologies along with electric fluid pumps and 3 and 4 way divert valves.

Welcome!



MedFresh Cafe celebrated its new location at 41490 Grand River Avenue in Novi with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, including (from left) Ara Topouzian, Novi's economic development director; MedFresh's Vincent Sitto and Patrick Kinaya; and Matt Gibb, Oakland County deputy executive. For more information about the family-owned, fast food Mediterranean restaurant, call (248) 374-4900.

OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in February 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, Waterford. For pre-registration and location specifics, visit online at oakgov.com/peds/calendar, or call (248) 858-0783.

Oakland County Venture Forward

This intensive, 11-week program is designed for owners, CEOs and top management team members of businesses with at least two years of operating experience. Focused on issues most important to business health and growth, attendees gain knowledge to make critical decisions about their business and strategy, investigate next-stage growth and opportunity, plan for strategic growth, build and maintain a competitive advantage and maximize cash flow for profitability.

The class is Fridays, April 13-June 15, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

The fee is \$299 per person. Admission is not automatic - all applicants need to be pre-qualified.

Facebook for Business: Create your Facebook Strategy

In this Intermediate session of Facebook for Business you will establish your social media objectives and goals for Facebook, create your Facebook social media marketing strategy and schedule, and integrate Facebook into your marketing strategy. Prerequisite for this session is Facebook for Business (Beginner).

Tuesday, April 17, 6-9 p.m.
The fee is \$40 per person.

Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan

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.

Wednesday, April 18, 6-9 p.m.
Fee: \$40 per person. No refunds.

Oakland County CRA Association: Small Business Money Smart (Banker's) Forum

This non-charge financial forum, sponsored by the Oakland County

Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) Association, offers entrepreneurs up to date information on sources of funds and valuable business support resources. Banker member products and services will be displayed. Bank ready entrepreneurs can meet one-on-one with bankers. Presenters: representatives from the City of Pontiac, Pontiac Regional Chamber of Commerce, Oakland County CRA Association members (bankers), Oakland County Business Consultants, Oakland County Business Finance Corporation Loan Officers, Oakland County CED Micro-lender and Detroit Micro-Enterprise Fund lender.

Friday, April 20, 8 a.m.-noon.

This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.

Legal & Financial Basics for Small Business

This program provides new and existing Michigan entrepreneurs an understanding of the "key" legal and financial considerations when starting and operating a business in Michigan. The program addresses "how to" select the best legal entity for your business, "how to" protect your business interests when dealing with customers, suppliers or independent contractors and important information and guidelines for establishing short and long term succession plans for your business. Presented by Witzke Berry & Carter PLLC

Tuesday, April 24, 9 a.m.-noon.

This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.

Facebook for Business: Create and Launch your Facebook Campaign

In this advanced session of Facebook for Business you will establish objectives and goals for a Facebook campaign, create and launch a Facebook campaign, learn advanced strategies for reaching influencers and building a long-lasting online community, explore ways to take Facebook beyond social media marketing, acquire the tools you need to deputize your employees for organization-wide Facebook engagement, build a complete multi-channel, social media-enabled marketing strategy, integrate Facebook and traditional marketing channels to deliver a competitive advantage, establish a social media Facebook timeline, grow your base of fans and engage participants, learn how to advertise with Facebook, and how to effectively target your advertisements, learn how to run effective Facebook promotions and/or sweepstakes and ensure Facebook's rules and guidelines are met. Prerequisite for this session are the beginner and intermediate courses.

Tuesday, April 24, 6-9 p.m.
The fee is \$40 per person.

Lights, camera, action! HGTV films 'House Hunters' in Plymouth

By Nancy Austin
Guest Columnist

When Rob Goren and his girlfriend, Amanda, decided to move in together, they decided that buying a house was the right thing to do. Questions, of course, came up as to where they were going to purchase the property.

Rob grew up in Birmingham, but four years ago he landed a job in Ann Arbor where he has lived the last four years. Amanda spent most of her life in Livonia, and then moved to South Lyon. She has always liked downtown Plymouth and Rob has always preferred the charm of a quiet town.

Both agreed that wherever they lived, that the city should be "walkable." The decision was to look at homes both in Ann Arbor and Plymouth.



Nancy Austin

After looking extensively in Ann Arbor, Rob and Amanda ruled out Ann Arbor and decided to concentrate their efforts on the Plymouth community. They felt the Ann Arbor market was saturated with rentals and preferred something more stable. They liked Plymouth with its quaintness and old-world charm. They could walk to restaurants downtown, enjoy the ice festival and other amenities the city has to offer. Rob liked old homes. Amanda wanted to be sure the old home they selected would have updates.

And then they had an idea! "Amanda is a huge fan of HGTV," stated Rob. "She introduced me to House Hunters and we decided to apply." They thought they had a good chance at being accepted as their sto-



This is the Plymouth home the couple chose.

ry "was more interesting than many." They already had their Realtor, Eva Goren, who also happens to be Rob's mother, a Realtor with Hall and Hunter in Birmingham.

Eva agreed to do a video which they submitted on line to House Hunters, a program featuring individuals and couples who are planning to purchase a home. "It was an "amateur" video," she said "and not very long." She introduced Rob and Amanda, who stated what they were looking for in a house and why they wanted to be a part of House Hunters. Within a few weeks, HGTV called saying they accepted Rob and Amanda to be on the program. In approximately five weeks, they began filming.

"They were a good crew and very professional," stated Eva. "It was nice we could be spontaneous. But if we weren't, they helped us get back on track." The crew consisted of the producer, sound person and the camera man. Filming took an entire day from 9 a.m. to approximately 6 p.m. each day

for each of the three houses you see in the episode. Goren explained that another day was devoted to filming Rob and Amanda in and around Plymouth to give the feel of the area.

When explaining what the process of filming was like, Rob Goren said, "It was exciting and it was "a journey with its ups and downs." The biggest problem was, he said, as so many buyers find today, a lack of inventory. They had looked online and had been in open houses and kept encountering obstacles. For example, one house was touted to have a half-bath, but in reality it was a commode in the basement. After a lengthy search, they found two houses that fit their criteria. One was at the north end of Plymouth and is an old 1922 farm house completely remodeled in 2005. Amanda described the master bedroom as awesome.

However, they chose the second house that appears in the episode. It was closer to downtown Plymouth, had many updates and was within their budget. They wasted no time



This house on Junction in Plymouth was one the couple looked at but vetoed.

in making an offer to the sellers the same day they viewed it. Their offer was accepted.

"The one we selected has an open floorplan and many updates," Goren stated.

"A sun room had been added and the kitchen was remodeled. Amanda and I updated the fireplace by replacing the surround with granite and changing it to a gas fireplace." He continued, "That's really all we have had to do."

The one major problem they encountered was that the sofa they purchased earlier was too large. They had to re-order and it will arrive this spring some time. Rob and Amanda have been happily settled into their Plymouth home since last November.

Goren said HGTV has filmed other episodes in metro Detroit such as Birmingham and Ferndale, like the quaint Midwest cities.

Seniors Real Estate Specialist/Realtor Nancy Austin is with Keller Williams Realty.

Re-let standard factor not onerous

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

"I am a landlord in a shopping center and a lease provision provided that if the tenant defaults, I am under an affirmative duty to mitigate my damages. I have attempted to re-let the premises, posting For Rent signs, circulating a data sheet to brokers and making calls to advise that the premises are available. Several people have inquired, but in one situation, I declined to go forward because of an exclusivity provision in a lease with another tenant. Do I have a potential problem?"

A: I would say not necessarily based upon the fact that court's generally agree that a landlord in mitigating damages is not required to re-let to any willing tenant.

Instead, all the duty requires is reasonable diligence. Requiring a landlord to enter into a lease that would breach a lease with another existing tenant is unreasonable.

In recent years I have heard of Community Association groups that are assuming a greater role in decision making for development projects. What can you tell me about that?"

A: These Community Association groups enter into what is called Community Benefits Agreements (CBAs) which are typically agreements between a project developer and nonprofit community groups or local government in which the developer promises various social and economic benefits (example: local hiring, financial grants, affordable housing) in exchange for explicit commitments and support for the project. These agreements are desirable because they facilitate the project approval process by giving the community a voice in the process so as to ensure socially responsible development. They also often enable a developer to complete a project efficiently and generate a wide range of community benefits. However, there is always the issue of community groups conditioning their support of development projects on matters unrelated to the statutory criteria for development permits or to environmental or land use issues which must be considered.

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

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 4-6, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Garden City 32136 James St \$106,000	19527 Dartmouth Pl \$57,000	11422 Beech Daly Rd \$30,000
32800 Windsor St \$47,000	336 Linden St \$100,000	14228 Breakfast Dr \$129,000
LIVONIA	47503 Manorwood Dr \$520,000	20501 Centralia \$13,000
38630 Ann Arbor Trl \$145,000	\$120,000	17893 Derby \$61,000
11325 Ingram St \$148,000	19235 Surrey Ln \$60,000	WESTLAND
29871 Lamar Ln \$125,000	PLYMOUTH	28790 Warden Rd # GS \$16,000
18425 Pershing St \$128,000	232 Blunk St \$235,000	8073 Coventry St \$20,000
16077 Swathmore Ln \$180,000	51364 Plymouth Lake Dr \$480,000	7670 Eureka \$61,000
NORWICH	9360 Saddlebrook Ct \$326,000	33666 Hazelwood St \$105,000
19527 Dartmouth Pl \$57,000	9380 Saddlebrook Ct \$61,000	1424 S Karle St \$17,000
REDFORD		

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 19-23, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	7120 Lahser Rd \$50,000	21135 Ortago St \$157,000	61106 Greenwood Dr \$41,000
17840 Beverly Rd \$200,000	3995 Lakeland Ln \$450,000	25227 Rutledge King \$227,000	60728 Marjorie Ann St \$118,000
31794 Nixon St \$165,000	3150 Middlebury Ln \$280,000	31716 Staman Cir \$175,000	25315 Staley Ln \$40,000
BIRMINGHAM	300 N Cranbrook Rd \$522,000	20910 Sunnyside St \$25,000	52895 Willowbrook Dr \$61,000
791 Davis Ave \$454,000	22255 Bristow Ln \$86,000	22265 Wagon Wheel Ln \$240,000	SOUTHFIELD
330 Ferndale Ave \$718,000	1245 Robson Ln \$175,000	29989 W 11 Mile Rd \$105,000	29814 Chelmsford Rd \$28,000
571 N Eton St \$82,000	4320 S Willow Estates Ct \$310,000	2515 Westex St \$145,000	28250 E Larkmore Ct \$115,000
571 N Old Woodward Ave \$140,000	6796 Vachon Dr \$268,000	LATHROP VILLAGE	28039 Everett St \$25,000
538 Pleasant St \$395,000	42160 Woodward Ave \$87,000	17395 Withrise Blvd \$109,000	25125 Grand Pointe Dr \$36,000
1270 Puritan Ave \$450,000	COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP	MILFORD	26348 Franklin Pointe Dr \$105,000
592 W Frank St \$335,000	2232 Brigantine \$40,000	703 Atlantic St \$154,000	28610 Inkster Rd \$65,000
1937 Pine Ridge Ln \$240,000	2220 Brigantine \$40,000	1370 Oak Hollow Dr \$460,000	20461 Secluded Ln \$30,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	8752 Buffalo Dr \$123,000	1028 S Main St \$100,000	30204 Southfield Rd # A124 \$8,000
2320 Klingsmith Rd \$45,000	2688 Ivy Hill Dr \$233,000	706 S Millford Rd \$71,000	27650 Spring Arbor Dr \$58,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	791 Davis Ave \$454,000	3100 Sands Ct \$65,000	23029 Twining Dr \$93,000
1075 Autumn Ln \$350,000	3536 Fredericksburg Trl \$235,000	634 Sylvania Dr \$77,000	WHITE LAKE
1936 Klingsmith Rd \$55,000	22840 Farmington Rd \$120,000	1310 Yellowstone Valley Dr \$233,000	9964 Cedar Island Rd \$70,000
	23200 Hillwood Ct \$263,000	NOVI	88915 Charbone St \$120,000
	FARMINGTON HILLS	27603 Belgrave Pl \$45,000	508 Concord Dr \$213,000
	27336 Arden Park Cir \$108,000	24925 Hadlock Dr \$649,000	8917 Glasgow Dr \$107,000
	32800 Cadillac St \$229,000	22329 Miller Rd \$153,000	2980 Lynn Dr \$130,000
	3536 Fredericksburg Rd \$184,000	24325 Myrtle Ct \$320,000	9963 Rhyon Rd \$98,000
	29630 Green Acres \$188,000	24659 Napevina \$346,000	480 Union Lake Rd \$146,000
	39528 Johnstown Rd \$235,000	SOUTH LYON	
	26565 Kendallwood Dr \$147,000	41786 Primrose Dr \$110,000	
	28422 Kirkdale Ln \$164,000	25455 Collingwood Dr \$30,000	
	29883 Muirland Dr \$180,000	230 Eagle Crest Dr \$197,000	

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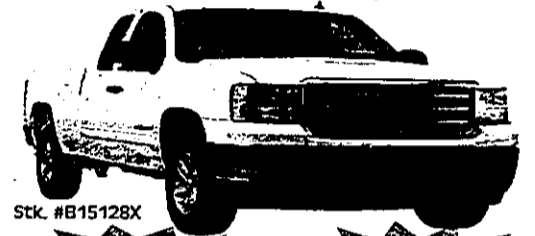
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