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## Participate in Memorial Day parade and ceremony

With Memorial Day just six weeks away, it's time to plan for participation in the parade on Monday, May 28. Businesses, scout troops, neighborhood associations, and civic organizations are encouraged to prepare an entry for the parade, such as a float or marching unit. Veterans may pre-register and take part in the parade upon an honored float. Veterans will also be recognized at the Memorial ceremony, immediately following the parade.

"The annual Memorial Day parade and ceremony exemplify the spirit of Novi. The parade offers the opportunity for community members to be involved in this special day which honors Veterans, both living and deceased, who sacrificed for the freedoms we all cherish," said Novi Mayor Bob Gatt.

"It is a great feeling to be recognized for our service to the U.S.," added Anthony Lolli, WWII veteran and Novi resident. "To me, Memorial Day is about showing respect to all the veterans that have made it possible for people like me to enjoy our freedom every day."

The Memorial Day Parade begins at 10 a.m. and travels west along 10 Mile Road from Karim Boulevard to the Novi Civic Center.

Parade entry and veteran registration forms are available at cityofnovi.org. There is no pre-registration for kids participating in the bike parade. Kids, with their decorated bikes, should meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Holly Hill Plaza (39555 W. 10 Mile Road, south side, west of Haggerty Road).

For more information, please contact Rachel Zagaroli, Senior Services manager, by calling (248) 347-0414 or e-mailing rzagaroli@cityofnovi.org.



Novi Public Library Director Julie Farkas is preparing for the second annual Book It! fundraiser at the library Friday, April 27. This year's theme is "Hollywood Nights."

## Community encouraged to 'Book It' to the library

Annual fundraiser will benefit multimedia collection

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

The Novi Public Library is usually the place people go for peace and quiet.

But on April 27, that rule will not apply as the library will be hosting the second annual Book It! Fundraiser to benefit the multimedia collection.

Library director Julie Farkas said the Hollywood-themed event is a fun evening out that also helps the library with needed funds.

"It's important because we want to get the community involved with the library itself and show them when they make a donation we are giving it

right back to them in collections," she said. "Over the last few years we have lost some tax revenue, and this is a creative way to bring back some of those dollars."

The fundraiser takes place from 7-10 p.m. and features food from Steve & Rocky's, a cash bar, live entertainment, a photo booth, silent and live auctions and more. Some of the auction items include a Traverse City weekend condo stay, dinner for six at Carabba's, an iPad2, a weekend car rental from Varsity Lincoln, sports memorabilia and various other items.

The event is for people over the age of 21, and

tickets are \$20 per person or \$35 for a couple.

"We wanted to make the tickets pretty inexpensive because we want everyone from the community to have an opportunity to come," Farkas said. "You can't even do dinner and a movie with that."

Tickets are limited to the first 200 attendees, and Farkas hopes to raise \$10,000 to add to the collections of DVDs, Blu-ray discs and video games.

For information or to purchase tickets, call (248) 869-7204 or visit [www.novilibrary.org](http://www.novilibrary.org).

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## City Council approves lower tax rate

City services won't be impacted

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

Novi City Manager Clay Pearson said last Thursday that there were "not a lot of big surprises" in the proposed 2012-13 budget.

But that changed Saturday morning, when city council approved a reduction in the millage rate from 10.5416 mills to 10.2 mills without impacting city services.

The reduction in the overall millage rate would result in a tax reduction of an estimated \$981,000.

"We will do so by reducing the amount of monies funneled into the drain fund, a fund that is already very healthy," Mayor Bob Gatt said.

General fund expendi-

tures in 2012-13 are estimated to go up from last year to \$29.7 million, as is revenue to \$28.6 million, while fund balance is expected to dip slightly to \$7 million, or 23.1 percent of the expenditures.

Pearson said taxable values, which play a big factor in the budget, are down again, but the "good news is it's down by less," noting the dip is just shy of 2 percent.

He also said property values are down, but once again, not as bad as many of the city's peers.

"Things are stabilizing," Pearson said. "But it is going to be a slow, long haul."

Changes to employee health care and pensions through contract negotiations, as well as an over-

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## Falling enrollment, budget shortfalls in district's future

Wage negotiations to take place with teachers, secretaries, food service

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

Superintendent Steve Matthews doesn't mean to be crass when he says "every student is dollars," but that is the reality.

Per-pupil funding is an important part of the Novi Community School District's budget, and based on the presentation by Plante Moran CRESA last Thursday to the Board of Education, enrollment is expected to drop 5.6 percent over the next five years.

"It's a concern," Matthews said. "But we are doing our best to maintain or increase enrollment by working with real estate agents and working with relocation companies and trying to promote our district in

various venues."

Paul Wills, partner at Plante Moran, said the enrollment decrease is mainly the result of a decrease in birth rates, and believes the enrollment projections to be an estimated 99.4 percent accurate.

He also noted that there is high occupancy in Novi, and the higher home prices capture more families in the middle range and not on the new end.

Some districts in southeast Michigan are projected to lose as much as 22 percent in enrollment, Wills said.

Steve Barr, assistant superintendent of business and operations, said district officials trust the informa-

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tion and are going to plan accordingly.

"The pupil count is an integral part of our budget planning and you never know exactly what it is going to be, but we do know our best statistical estimate of what it's going to be," he said.

**Budget amendment**

The Board of Education received its second 2011-12 budget amendment Thursday as well, with the amendment calling for an increase in revenue by \$118,079 and expenditures by \$782,274. Planned furlough days that were expected to take place on snow days did not come to fruition and, as a result, the district was forced to increase expenses by an estimated \$374,000.

Paying off the copier lease, completing bus repairs and work on the buildings also cost the district an estimated \$121,449.

The amendment puts the district in a \$2.6 million deficit, which will be made up using fund balance. The fund balance would then be at \$8.9 million, or 12.61 percent of total expenses.

**Looking ahead**

The future budget projections in Novi are bleak, but Matthews said he is "cautiously optimistic" the state will pro-

vide some additional best practice or per-pupil money, as well as look at ways to do some retirement reform.

"We know going in the budget is going to be tight," Matthews said.

The 2012-13 projection is that the district would have a deficit of \$6.3 million and would have to make \$4.5 million in revenue enhancements/cost reductions to maintain a 10-percent fund balance.

District officials are currently in the process of negotiating a new contract with transportation employees, and will also be entering into wage negotiations with teachers, secretaries and food service employees.

"We have the opportunity to work with our different groups to identify ways to save dollars," Matthews said. "I know from their perspective they would like to identify ways to increase wages, but... my perspective is we need to be mindful of the economic situation we are in and plan accordingly."

The board is expected to see a preliminary 2012-13 budget by June 7 and must approve a balanced budget by June 30.

People with suggestions about the budget can give their input to the district via e-mail at budget2012-13@novi.k12.mi.us.

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Novi firefighter Jim Morris takes a look at Engine 4 at the 10 Mile Road fire house April 12. Officials are hoping to replace the engine this upcoming fiscal year. The truck was built in 1995, has about 68,000 miles on it and about 5,400 hours on its engine and pump.

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all decrease in the workforce over the years, down to 240 employees proposed, has also made the budget easier to manage.

Gatt said had the city not addressed those issues in prior years, the city would be in a "boatload of trouble."

"We are in a position now where we are not talking any more layoffs, any more downsizing," he said. "We are in a good position right now." The city also is planning for several proposed capital improvement proj-

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The city council will meet again at 7 p.m. May 2 to further discuss the budget, including the proposal to put an item on the August ballot to allow voters to decide whether or not they want to amend the city charter to increase the local road fund maximum from 1 mill to 1.5 mills.

"It would put us in a good position to not just keep the roads in the city where they are at, but make them better," City Manager Clay Pearson said.

The full budget can be seen on the city's website at www.cityofnovi.org.

"We are in a position next year, including work on several roads, purchasing trucks for the Department of Public Services and replacing a fire engine, among others.

Also Saturday, the

**ing budget meeting.**

"By removing that expenditure and keeping that money in our fund balances, the council has decided to take a wait-and-see attitude about what happens in that area related to development," Gatt said. "This ring road concept has been on the books for many years, however, since then, both Novi Road and Grand River west of Novi Road have been improved, alleviating much of the traffic problems that had previously existed."

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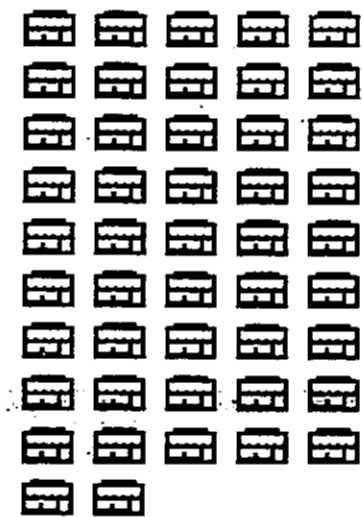
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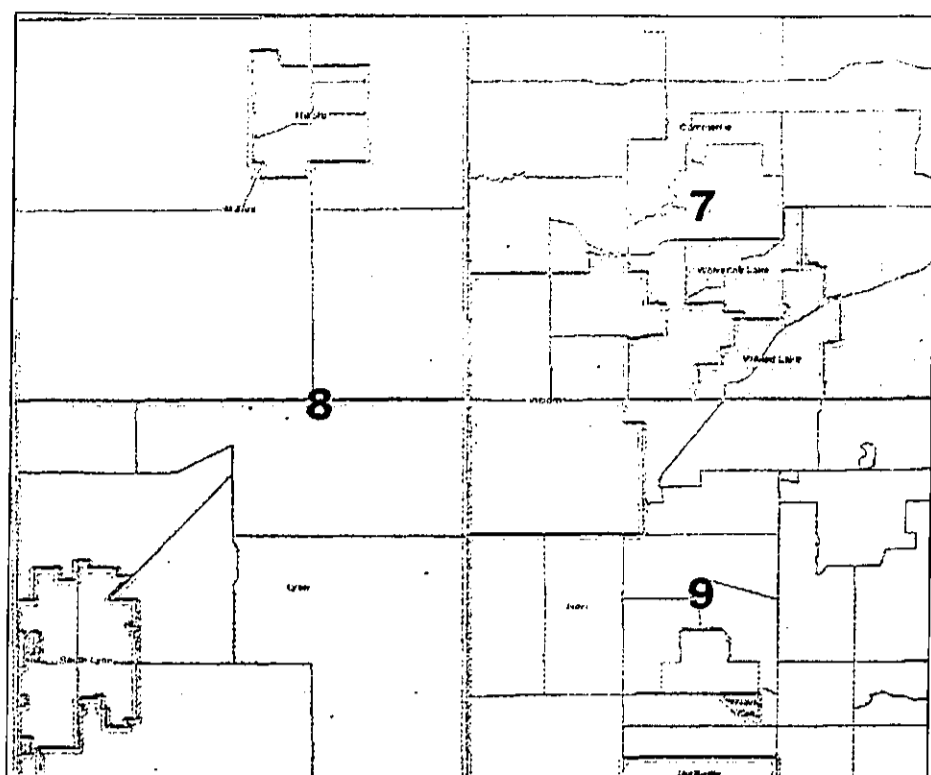
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Kathy Crawford will have all of Novi (district 9) in her jurisdiction under the new Oakland County district map that was approved on Friday. Previously the northern portion of the city was covered by commissioner Phil Weipert.

Crawford pleased with new district boundaries

By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners approved new district boundaries last week, and Kathy Crawford couldn't be happier with the results.

Crawford, a Republican who represents district 9—which currently includes the cities of Novi, Northville and the Township of Novi—said the redrawn districts will benefit her greatly as she will have all of Novi in her district.

"It's going to make much more sense for me particularly because I will represent Novi, which is what I always wanted to do," she said. "It's the place I know and the people know me,



Crawford

and I will be representing the constituents I am in contact with more frequently."

Currently, Crawford does not have the north end of Novi, as that is served by commissioner Phil Weipert.

She was opposed to the map created by the reapportionment commission earlier this year that had her going into Walled Lake and Wolverine Lake.

Oakland County Republicans appealed that map and pushed for legislation to start over, with that law being upheld by the

Michigan Supreme Court.

The vote on the new boundaries Friday passed on a straight party line vote, 15-9, with Crawford absent. She said the commissioners knew she was in favor of the map.

Along with the shift in boundaries, the new plan also shrinks the number of commissioners from 25 to 21, and will pit four Democratic incumbents against each other and consolidate two Republican districts into one district.

Crawford said it would be naive for people to think the process wasn't political, but noted it always has been.

"I just wanted it to make sense for Novi and make sense for me," she said.

Spring break fun



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Narayan Prabhakar, 10, tosses a stuffed toy through a hoop during the April 5 Novi Library Spring Break Carnival. The afternoon carnival of face-painting, games of chance and skill and juggling lessons was organized for those youngsters left in the area during their school's spring break.

'Legally Blonde' opens tonight

Novi High presentation runs through Saturday

By Dylan Fahome The Wildcat Roar

When Brooke Meisel looked at the cast list for the musical "Legally Blonde," she found something to her liking: her name.

A closer look revealed that she would be playing the lead character, Elle, in her first acting performance since her toddler community theatre years.

"It was unreal," Meisel said.

Playing from April 19-21, the 2012 Novi High School spring musical is one of the most daunting feats the students and staff have undertaken. With 21 major set pieces, two live dogs and almost a dozen different costumes for Elle Woods alone, "Legally Blonde" is a small show. The show is loud, bright and pink.

Meisel said the experience is demanding but rewarding.

"It's been many different things. It's been stressful, exciting, hectic," Meisel said, "but overall amazing."

Rehearsals began in early February and students dedicated 10-hour days to the show and all it entails from the 17 instruments in the pit to the accents, hairstyles and characterizations.

The role of the energetic and bubbly Elle Woods—played by actress Reese Witherspoon in the film version, the predecessor to the musical—is no simple role.

Though Meisel describes Woods as very positive, outgoing, fun-spirited and genuine, she admits Woods lets the audience know that there's something behind that big blonde hairdo.

"Everyone looks at her as someone they can't take seriously," Meisel said. "They look at her like she's a big blonde joke; but she shows them all that she's more than just looks."

The story follows Elle Woods, UCLA sorority girl heading east to Harvard Law to win back the love of her life. She discovers a calling beyond manicures and hairstyles as she excels as a law student. The songs are catchy and the theme is



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Costume co-head Gabby Pichardo adjusts Brooke Meisel's microphone. Meisel's dress was specially altered for her quick on-stage change to reveal the dress she'll wear in the next scene.

TICKETS

Tickets are available online at www.novi.k12.mi.us/arts/theatre. Online ticket sales are suspended for one hour before each performance and the box office opens at 6:15 p.m. each evening.

Those who cannot make it to the show, but would like to support the musical program can donate online at the same site.



School district always prepared to move forward

By Steve Matthews Guest Columnist

I learned early the value of planning.

I was 8 years old and my family had taken a day trip into the mountains of New Mexico. It was a beautiful fall day, the sun was shining and it was about 45 degrees.

Water is rare in New Mexico but we found a spot with a creek, pine trees and plenty of room to run.

On this particular day I can clearly remember my mother warning me not to fall into the creek. Why would my mother say something like that?

You can guess what happened next... In I went. Soaking wet.

My mother told me to go and get the extra set of clothes she had told me to bring, but the problem was that I had not brought the extra set of clothes. "Why would I," I asked myself, "need an extra set of clothes just for a picnic."

Dripping wet, freezing, I figured out why. My sister had brought an extra set of clothes. Why she did I'll never know. She never went anywhere near a creek. But there, in the back of the car, was her set of extra clothes.

I had three choices. Stay in my wet clothes and freeze. Stay in my wet clothes but spend the



Super Talk Steve Matthews

rest of the day in the car. Or change into my sister's clothes. As hard as it was for me to do, I decided to wear my sister's clothes so I could enjoy the rest of the day.

I learned that day that one should always have a backup plan.

Here in our school district we are busy planning for the 2012-2013 school year. I believe we are creating a great foundation for continuing to improve the wonderful district that we have. Our four district goals provide us a platform to build on.

Teachers and administrators are working hard to ensure that classroom instruction is consistent between classrooms and buildings. We are focused on building a solid assessment system to measure student growth and to hold ourselves accountable. Support structures are being strengthened to guarantee that students will not slip through the cracks and those students who need extra support will have a system in place to provide that support.

But we need backup plans. Why? We do

not know what our state funding will be. We are unsure of increased costs for retirement and health care. The state has promised us answers to these questions before June 1. We have some indication that the answers will be but we don't know for sure.

So what can we do? We make plans and then we make backup plans. We prepare and then we double-check. We craft several different scenarios so that we are prepared no matter what happens. The commitment our district makes is that as we move forward we will be ready for the challenges we face. We will be ready for whatever confronts us.

I was not ready when I was 8 years old. My mother tried to help me prepare but I would not listen. I learned my lesson.

The lessons I learned when I was eight are lessons that I am applying now to ensure that our district will continue to move forward and take care of the students in our care.

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# America's Most Wanted to air details about 2008 triple murder

Novi police chief confident Nerusu will be found

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer



Lakshminivasa Rao Nerusu

Novi Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David Molloy and his staff still meet monthly to discuss any updates in the search for Lakshminivasa Rao Nerusu.

Nerusu is believed to have killed his 37-year-old wife, Jayalakshmi Nerusu, 14-year-old daughter, Tejasvi Nerusu and 10-year-old son, Siva Kumar Nerusu, in their Novi townhouse in October 2008.

Authorities believe Nerusu is somewhere in India, but his exact whereabouts remain unknown. And as the fourth anniversary of the crimes approaches, there has been recent activity in the case with more agents on the ground in India searching for the 46-year-old Nerusu. He is believed to be in the southeastern portion of the country.

"We have quite a few people in India working on it," Molloy said, making mention of the FBI and United States Department of State.

Molloy also has enlisted the help of the America's Most Wanted television series, which will

be airing details of the case during its two-hour show starting at 8 p.m. on Saturday on Fox.

## AMERICA'S MOST WANTED

The America's Most Wanted episode featuring the search for Lakshminivasa Rao Nerusu, the Novi man who brutally killed his family in their home in 2008, airs at 8 p.m. Saturday on Fox.

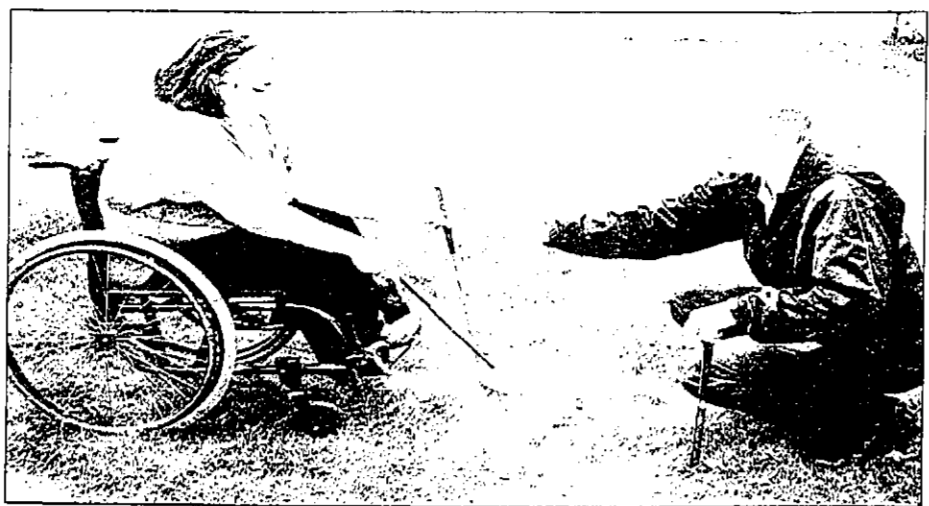
murders. They have a three-count arrest warrant for Nerusu, and if convicted he would face life in prison with no possibility of parole.

"He was long gone in India by the time we were made aware of it," Anger said.

Molloy said even if Nerusu was captured it would take years to get him back to the United States, with the Indian process causing most of the delays.

Still he is confident that Nerusu will be found. Anyone with information regarding Nerusu's whereabouts is asked to contact the Novi Police Department at (248) 348-7100.

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Evan Petros, left, tries out a lawn golf game marketed by Scott Millman during an April 12 open house at the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America open house. Petros works with the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan and its Sports Ability Program. Millman is a vendor with The Simple World of Golf.

# Michigan paralyzed veterans continue educational outreach

Goal is to get vets necessary benefits

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer



Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America chapter President Kevin Elya, right, talks to William Dillon during the MPVA's April 12 open house.

Teresa Millman watched as a woman in her wheelchair perfected her golf swing in the backyard at the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America office last Thursday.

Each strike of the ball brought a smile to the woman's face, and tears to Millman's eyes. Millman, who is co-founder of the Millman N.R.G. Foundation, which stands for no restrictions golf, was on hand Thursday at the MPVA's 51st open house to talk about the foundation's partnership with the Novi-based non-profit.

The foundation's mission is to not only increase participation in the game of golf for those with disabilities, but also be a therapeutic outlet.

"It was just that on Thursday. 'Seeing the joy on the woman's face is what makes it all worthwhile,'" Millman said. "It's so inspiring to see."

Millman, along with her husband and co-founder Scott, were among a group of at least a dozen vendors on hand at the MPVA offices to showcase their services and programs that benefit the disabled community.

Mike Harris, executive director of the MPVA, said the idea behind the event is to give people a chance to see what is out

there and educate them on the services they are entitled to.

"Our goal is to make sure the veterans get the benefits they are entitled to," he said. "And it's really an ongoing struggle."

Harris also was proud to announce that the organization would be participating in the Novi Memorial Day parade for a second consecutive year.

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District Court Judge Brian MacKenzie's Veterans Court program.

"It is such a great program and we would like to see more communities adopt it," he said.

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## Novi events

### NOVI CO-OP PRE-SCHOOL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m. Sunday, April 22

**Location:** 41671 W. 10 Mile Road (in the Novi Methodist church) Novi

**Details:** This event is open to the public and will include all-you-can-eat ice cream sundaes, children's entertainment and prizes galore. Admission is free.

### THIRD ANNUAL 5K EMERGENCY RUN AND 1-MILE STROKE WALK

**Location:** Providence Park campus

**Time/Date:** Saturday, May 12. Registration begins at 8 a.m. The run and walk both start at 9 a.m.

**Details:** Everyone is invited to participate. The registration form can be accessed on the City of Novi website at <http://cityofnovi.org/Services/ParksAndRec/Programs/SenseOfCommunity.aspx#EmergencyRun>. The event will be staged in the driveway to the Assarian Cancer Center. The Novi Police Department will once again be responsible for all traffic coordination that day, and will maintain traffic flow on the campus during the event.

### CONVERSATIONS IN HEALTH

**Location:** Providence Park Hospital (southwest corner of Beck Road and Grand River Avenue, Novi)

**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays

**Details:** Sandwiches, salads and refreshments will be available at no charge to all registered attendees. There is no charge to attend.

**Contact:** To register, please call 866-501-DOCS (3627) so they can anticipate the number of attendees. Registration is free and includes only your name and the contact information that you would like to supply.

### MUFFLERS & MORE CAR CARE FAIR

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 21

**Location:** Mufflers and More, 490 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake

**Details:** Open to the public. Free of charge - bring your car for a glance from the pros. Get giveaways will offer visitors coupons and other great deals. All visitors will receive a free driveway inspection with a detailed evaluation.

### SAVVY SOCIAL SECURITY PLANNING WORKSHOP

**Time/Date:** 1-2:30 p.m. or 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, May 10 and Tuesday, June 5

**Location:** Novi Public Library, 45255 W. 10 Mile Road

**Details:** Join wealth managers Walter J. Pons, CFP and Joseph J. Lezotte, CFP as they present What Baby Boomers Need to Know to Maximize Retirement Income.

### GRIEVING WITH GREAT HOPE WORKSHOP

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29

**Location:** Holy Family Parish, 24505 Meadowbrook, Novi

**Details:** Workshop offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for individuals who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Speakers will include Fr. Bob La Croix, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization. Registration forms are online at [www.goodmourning.org](http://www.goodmourning.org) or call the Holy Family Parish office.

### THIRD ANNUAL 5K EMERGENCY RUN AND 1-MILE STROKE WALK

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m., every first and third Tuesday

**Location:** Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi

**Details:** Novi Toastmasters

## GET LISTED!

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**More:** For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Northville Calendar online at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

**Location:** Providence Park campus (southwest corner of Beck and Grand River Avenue, Novi)

**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. Saturday, May 12

**Details:** Everyone is invited to participate - please share this information with your family and friends! The registration form can be accessed on the City of Novi website at <http://cityofnovi.org/Services/ParksAndRec/Programs/SenseOfCommunity.aspx#EmergencyRun>. The event will be staged in the driveway to the Assarian Cancer Center.

### PROSTATE CANCER PRESENTATION

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. Saturday, May 12

**Location:** Better Health Market, 42875 Grand River Avenue, Novi

**Details:** Gary Lalonde, motivational speaker and prostate cancer survivor shares his story on how he is beating his cancer - naturally - in this free seminar.

**Contact:** (248) 735-8100 or log on to the web site [www.thebetterhealthstore.com](http://www.thebetterhealthstore.com)

### BEREAVEMENT MEETINGS

**Time/Date:** 7:30-9 p.m. third Tuesdays

**Location:** Novi Civic Center (10 Mile between Taft and Novi roads)

**Details:** Led by Michael M. Meyer, D. Minn., goal is to give each participant an opportunity to share their story. Handouts describing the phases of grief and the tasks of grief are available.

### NOVI SENIOR CENTER

**Location:** 25075 Meadowbrook Road

**Contact:** (248) 347-0414; [thejlin@cityofnovi.org](mailto:thejlin@cityofnovi.org)

## Business

### NORTHVILLE-NOVI BUSINESS NETWORKING BREAKFAST

**Time/Date:** 7:30-9 a.m. first and third Tuesdays (except Nov. and Dec., which are just the first Tuesdays)

**Location:** Kerby's Conee Island, 21200 Haggerty Road

**Details:** Business networking focused on building relationships. The Sunrise Networking Group, LLC ([www.sunrisenetworkinggroup.com](http://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.

### NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**Time/Date:** 7-8 a.m. every Wednesday

**Location:** On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road (north of Eight Mile), Novi

**Details:** BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals to each other. Members learn how to create and refine an "elevator speech," develop a broad network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited to attend free of charge. Continental breakfast provided.

### 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](http://novirotary.org).

### NOVI LIONS CLUB

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. social; 6:30 p.m. meeting starts; second and fourth Wednesdays

**Location:** Leo's Sports Bar & Grill Restaurant, lower level, 40380 Grand River, west of Haggerty. Visitors are welcome; dinner is from the menu. Details: Novi Lions is part of Lions International, the largest service organization in the world. Our purpose is to serve the blind and the com-

munity. Principal activities are fundraising for Leader Dogs, Penrickton Center for Blind Children and other blind charities along with fundraisers for high school scholarships. Serving locally in Michigan and worldwide as the narrator and interviewer. Allison Boufford (Northville Township) as Chiffon; Katie Aumann (Royal Oak) as Crystal; (front) Jason Wilhoite (Commerce Township) as Seymour; and Tim Timmer (Wayne) as Dentist. Tickets are available at [farmingtonplayers.org](http://farmingtonplayers.org) or at the box office (248) 553-2955. The cast includes John Boufford (Northville Township) proves entertaining as the narrator and interviewer. Allison Boufford (Northville Township) as Chiffon; and Gary Weinstein (Farmington Hills) as the dentist patient. The crew includes Mary Ann Tweedie (Novi); John Boufford; and Anne Craft (Wixom). Tickets for Little Shop Of Horrors, sponsored by Tarnow Doors, are available now at [farmingtonplayers.org](http://farmingtonplayers.org) or at the box office (248) 553-2955.

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### NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Location:** 45255 W. Ten Mile Road

**Hours:** Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sundays, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

**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

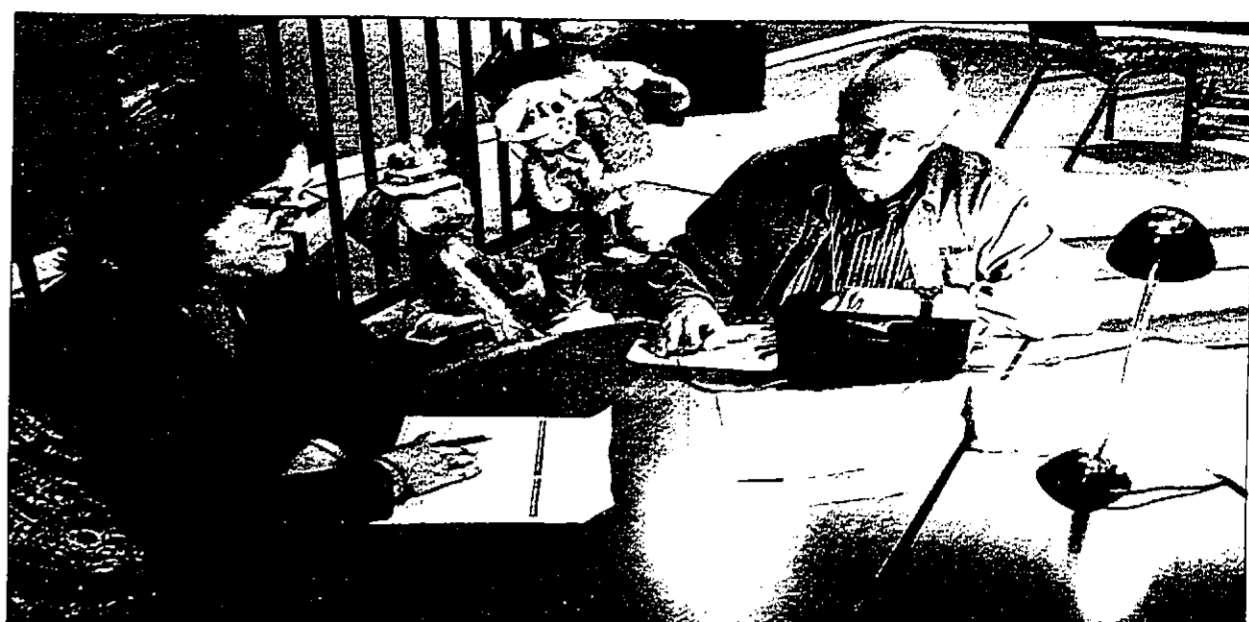
**Web:** [www.novilibrary.org](http://www.novilibrary.org)

**Story Times:** Please see the Library website or story time brochure for details.

**Knit Together Knitting Circle**

**Time/Date:** 10-11:30 a.m. Thursdays, April 19 and 26

**Details:** If you have a leaning towards knitting or any



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## A taxing time

AARP volunteer Burghar Linn, right, assists Novi resident Debra DeMeyere in filing her 2011 federal taxes during a March 29 session at the Novi Senior Center. AARP will continue to offer free tax filing help every Thursday at the center until the week before the filing deadline.



ANNE CRAFT

## Gleefully gruesome musical

The Farmington Players stage now resembles a Little Shop of Horrors, as one of the longest-running off-Broadway shows in history comes to the Barn (32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills) April 27-May 19. Shown (from left, back) are Amy Polier (Farmington Hills) as Ronnette; Allison Boufford (Northville Township) as Chiffon; Katie Aumann (Royal Oak) as Crystal; (front) Jason Wilhoite (Commerce Township) as Seymour; and Tim Timmer (Wayne) as Dentist. Tickets are available at [farmingtonplayers.org](http://farmingtonplayers.org) or at the box office (248) 553-2955. The cast includes John Boufford (Northville Township) proves entertaining as the narrator and interviewer. Allison Boufford (Northville Township) as Chiffon; and Gary Weinstein (Farmington Hills) as the dentist patient. The crew includes Mary Ann Tweedie (Novi); John Boufford; and Anne Craft (Wixom). Tickets for Little Shop Of Horrors, sponsored by Tarnow Doors, are available now at [farmingtonplayers.org](http://farmingtonplayers.org) or at the box office (248) 553-2955.

## Library Lines

### WALLED LAKE LIBRARY

**Location:** 1499 East West Maple Road, Walled Lake

**Contact:** (248) 624-3772

### HUD Counseling

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

**Details:** HUD-certified counselors are available to assist homeowners at risk of foreclosure. Learn how to work with your lender to avoid foreclosure. There is no charge for this service. Please call if you wish to attend. One-on-one sessions will be scheduled.

### Book Discussion Group

**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. first Thursdays

**Details:** Please drop in or call the library if you are interested in joining this recently-formed group.

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## Reference USA Training

**Time/Date:** 7-8 p.m. Thursday, April 26

**Details:** This presentation gives parents and caregivers practical strategies for encouraging their young child's communication development. Participants will have an opportunity to assess their communication style and learn why it is important to observe, wait, and listen to their children. Presented by Early On, Oakland. Registration required.

## Let's Talk

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 26

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## Book It! Fundraiser

**Time/Date:** 7-10 p.m. Friday, April 27

**Details:** Hollywood Nights is the theme of this year's evening of shopping, sipping, and sampling to benefit the library's Multimedia Collections. Enjoy food by Steve & Rocky's, live music, silent & live auctions, and a wine/beer cash bar. Tickets are \$20 per individual or \$35 per couple and can be purchased by calling (248) 869-7204

## Novi Writers' Group

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 28

**Details:** Writers' groups can be a great way to make connections in the writing and publishing world and to get critiques that will improve your skills as a writer. Come to the Library for an inspirational environment where you can create and share ideas. This group is facilitated by local writer, Kathy Mutch.

## Legu Club

**Time/Date:** 6:45 p.m. Monday, April 30

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# Revenue cuts continue to frustrate city leaders

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

Novi City Manager Clay Pearson cannot help but smirk when asked about his thoughts on statutory revenue sharing.

Nearly 10 years ago the city was getting more than \$1 million in statutory money, and in 2011 they received zero.

He doesn't expect 2012 to be any better, and questions why there are such "wild, unjustifiable differences" between the communities in Oakland County.

"It's a failure by the state government to provide a sane formula," he said.

State Rep. Hugh Crawford, Pearson and Novi Mayor Bob Gatt all agreed that the formula, whatever it is, needs to be changed, but according to Crawford, doing so would be hard.

He said it has been tried for years, but the votes are not there to do it.

"All I know is it's not fair and it's very frustrating," he said.

The state has pushed its Economic Vitality Incentive Programs on municipalities, often hinting at benefits for those matching expectations.

Pearson said Novi implements many of the programs the state laid out, but the city is still not

rewarded for it.

There are two portions to state revenue sharing — constitutional and statutory. The constitutional portion is guaranteed and allocates a portion of the state sales tax to local municipalities. The statutory follows a formula that was established nearly a decade ago but leaders say hasn't been followed.

Pontiac received the largest amount of statutory money in the county in 2011 with \$6.5 million, while cities like Ferndale and Hazel Park received \$1.3 million and \$1 million, respectively.

Novi did see the largest jump in the county when it came to total revenue sharing, but that was thanks to an increase in population that caused the constitutional portion to rise 22.3 percent to \$3,725,690.

Statutory funds, Pearson said, would have allowed the city to have some money to work on the roads, improve parks and handle other infrastructure work in the city.

Gatt said while it is "frustrating," there is nothing they can do about it.

"The state has been faced with their own fiscal problems and they are balancing their budget on the backs of a lot of the cities, including Novi," he said. "We just have to adjust."

Looking for improvement



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Joe Hay (above) of Dawn Home Construction in Garden City, mops a deck he's built at the March 30 Spring Home and Garden Show at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace. The weekend-long show featured lots of ideas from home improvement companies, including decks, hot tubs, and garden landscaping, as well as chairs and umbrella tables (below).



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# Rescuers give 'Freeway' second chance

By Sandra Armbruster  
Eclectic Staff Writer

"Freeway" blinked his eyes in the bright sun outside the Almost Home Animal Shelter in Southfield. If he was a bit overwhelmed by all the people gathered around to admire him, he certainly didn't show it. And after all he has been through, a few pats on the head might be welcome.

Freeway's story must have started long before Tom Salwoski of Milford and his son, Gage, discovered him running down the Lodge in Detroit, but that's where we will pick up the story.



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Tom Salwoski and his son Gage, 8, with dog Freeway.

"I remember it was at mile marker 12," Salwoski said. It was the Saturday of the Autorama Show in February, and Salwoski, who owns a tattoo studio, was headed there for a promotion event with a radio station.

Salwoski was in the left lane when, all of a sudden, cars in front of him started breaking and the swerving out of that lane.

"Finally, the very last car swerved (out of the lane), and there was Freeway, running right down the left lane of the Lodge," he said. Salwoski was not about to abandon Freeway. "I literally followed him for about four miles. I put my flashers on ... I got a lot of hand gestures (from other drivers)."

**A rescuer**  
Meanwhile, Salwoski called 9-1-1 to let them know what was going on. He said he didn't want to place Freeway in his car, since it was loaded with equipment for the Autorama and because he didn't know what to expect from the dog in terms of temperament.

Then, "of all the hun-

my hand and he sniffed it and licked me," Gage said in amazement. Shelter staff describe the dog as sweet and affectionate.

The Salwoskis fostered Freeway, and then as soon as Freeway was eligible, they adopted him for good.

Montgomery estimates that it cost "several thousand" dollars for Freeway's surgery. Meanwhile another dog, Eli, was recovering from surgery in the waiting room at the shelter.

**Resources needed**  
She admits that the shelter needs "better resources and more foster homes." Montgomery said that people have been "really reaching out," since hearing about Freeway.

But that's just not enough for the 55-60 dogs that staff said are at the shelter. That doesn't count those in foster homes, or the dozens of cats housed in a remodeled trailer on site.

What it boils down to is the need for money to keep the shelter operating with eight full- and part-time employees, and to pay for animal medical care and food. So the shelter is having a fundraiser, Pooch-a-Palooza, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at Gunnar Mettala Park, 645 Mettala Drive, Wixom.

Admission is \$5 for kids and \$7 for adults. The event will include animals up for adoption, vendors, kids activities, Zumba, refreshments, air brush tattoos and prizes.

"Times are really hard," Montgomery said, weariness creeping into her voice. Sometimes, people abandoning their homes due to foreclosure have left their pets tied up and alone.

"We just really need help," she said, adding that Almost Home is a small shelter and she is hoping that the right organization will step up to help. "Frankly, we're tired. You can never get (to taking in an animal). They are living beings, they need to be cared for."

Then Montgomery brightens as she thinks about Freeway.

"We're so happy to be honored to have saved him," she said.

Donations for Almost Home can be mailed to P.O. Box 250602, West Bloomfield, MI 48325. To volunteer, call (248) 200-2695.

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*"It's absolutely amazing. I'm so excited for this community and so excited they are in awe of this place. It's a dream come true."*

JULIE FARKAS  
Library Director

## The future of libraries is in Novi now

It hasn't even been two full years since the Novi Public Library opened its state-of-the-art facility on the southeast corner of Taft and 10 Mile roads. And the facility shows no signs of resting on its impressive two-story design and features to numerous residents they made the right choice in approving its \$12.5 million budget in 2007.

"It's absolutely amazing," library Director Julie Farkas said when the new building opened in 2010. "I'm so excited for this community and so excited they are in awe of this place. It's a dream come true."

Indeed, it includes everything the old library had and much, much more: a dropoff box outside the building that automatically checks in books; double the number of computers; increased circulation; the addition of Blu-ray movies and video games for checkout; a cafe; an outdoor patio; and a specialized children's area.

What's truly impressive is the number of events, activities and workshops the library hosts. We run the weekly list in our Calendar in the Novi News, but we're rarely able to fit all the events in — there are that many. Here's a quick sample: Knit Together Knitting Circle; Your Money; How to Invest in a Complex and Age-Driven World; ESL Joy of Reading; E-Reader's Sanity; Help for Families from OLHSA; English Conversation Group; Novi Historical Commission Meeting; Reference USA Training; Novi Writers' Group; Lego Club; and The Erie Canal — The Ditch That Built Novi.

Last week — National Library Week — the library unveiled a new historical display case, courtesy of state Rep. Hugh Crawford and his wife Kathy, an Oakland County commissioner. Both are life-long residents and strong supporters of the library and preserving Novi's history. The case, presented during an appreciation event for library volunteers and staff last Tuesday, can be seen on the first floor next to the elevators, and the displays will change every four months.

Next Friday, the library will host its second annual Book It! fundraiser for the multimedia collection of DVDs, Blu-ray discs and video games with a Hollywood-themed event. Like every other entity that receives money from the state, the library has lost funds. This event will take donations and put them right back into the collections.

But this won't be a typically stoic affair that you might imagine a library presenting. Only 200 people will get to enjoy live music, fabulous items to win in silent and live auctions and great food from Steve & Rocky's — all for just \$20 per person or \$35 per couple; must be 21 or older. Call (248) 869-7204 for more information. The Novi Public Library also celebrated National Library Week with a fantastic week of programs, including Starlight Story Time, PowerPoint Basics, Intermediate Word, Battle of the Books and more. The library invites visitors to pick up a door hanger to decorate with their favorite title at the library to be displayed in the lobby throughout the month.

For more information, visit [www.novilib.org](http://www.novilib.org). Or, better yet, get over there and see what all the fuss is about!

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"I don't get to go to Twelve Oaks Mall as much as I normally do."  
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Detroit

LETTERS

#### Power grab paid by you

After spending Oakland County taxpayer dollars to lose four separate court challenges, L. Brooks Patterson and the Republican Party grabbed the Oakland County redistricting process once the 2012-2021 maps were adopted. Why? Because for the first time in decades, a Democrat had chaired the map committee. The Republicans in the state House and Senate and the governor wrote Oakland County its own law giving control back to the Republicans. In a 4-3 vote, the Michigan Supreme Court went along. Now the Republicans have adopted new maps giving themselves a 2-1 advantage, increasing their hold on the County Commission. This is nothing but a partisan power grab, all paid for by you and me.

Gwen Markham  
Novi

#### Failed policies of the Republican Party

The policies championed by the Republican Party have been tried and failed. Republicans say "cutting taxes will create jobs." Under George W. Bush, they cut taxes and it did not work. He ended his second term with a second recession, the worst since the Great Depression. While these tax cuts were in place, Bush started two wars, added prescription drug coverage to Medicare with no attempt to pay for it, and our deficit skyrocketed.

Under President Obama's leadership our economy is growing again — and with government investment it would grow a lot more, but Republicans refuse to help. We have had 10 years of the tax cuts, and taxes are at the lowest level in 50 years. Making the rich pay higher taxes will cost jobs is a myth. They are not the job creators; we the consumers are the real job creators in America.

Most experts say that we must increase revenue (taxes) to reduce the deficit; the majority of taxpayers agree. They know it is sometimes necessary to increase taxes; unlike Republicans, they know the bills must be paid. The Republicans want Obama to do it alone and take all blame as Gov. Granholm did when he raised the Michigan income tax. If the tax increase were not needed, Republicans could have cut it when they took control. Instead they postponed an already-scheduled cut of the income tax rate and placed taxes on pensions in Michigan. Granholm did the heavy lifting and now Snyder gets the credit as Michigan's economy grows. Thank you, President Obama (auto loans): "Less government regulation. The free market will self-regulate."

We witnessed the near collapse of the financial system as Wall Street gamblers went unregulated, betting on AAA-rated, chicken-crap mortgage securities. Regulations that were put in

place after the Great Depression were removed, the investment banks were told stealing was no longer a crime, and as the value of homes plummeted. Those responsible were surprised that those responsible bankers had become thieves. Some will debate who is responsible for reducing these regulations, but there is no debating the fact that it is the Republican Party that always campaigns on less regulation. Even with the effects of the Great Recession still lingering and only little reform passed to prevent it from happening again, Republicans are calling for that reform to be repealed. It should be clear to all who owns their allegiance.

Chuck Tindall  
union carpenter (retired)  
Novi

#### Our kind community

Last week, while shopping at Hiller's, my car broke down and was blocking the driveway. A wonderful young woman got out of her car twice to check on me and offered to stay until I had my car towed. Even though I was able to arrange for help, I was still blocking the driveway. A man tried to help but it was too much for him. He got two employees and two strangers to push my car into a parking space. I so appreciate their help and kindness. At a time when you hear all the bad things that people do, it is nice that there are great people out there. I love living in Northville and the kind people we have living in our community.

Sally Rigo  
Northville

#### Fundraising tactics the same

It was quite refreshing to see right-winger Dave Shingler actually admit in his letter last week that wealthy Republicans are "always taking advantage of and using for their own selfish gain" the underprivileged and poor folks. In fact, such unbridled and accurate honesty from his side was really, really refreshing. Disappointing, however, was his characterization of the upcoming visit to this area by President Obama as extravagant — especially when you look at the recent history of his predecessor, George W. Bush, and the same type of fundraising events he regularly held. Reminding Mr. Shingler of the video of the former president and one of his obscenely extravagant fundraising events where he said, "Some people call you the haves and the have mores. I call you my base" could possibly make him feel a little bit foolish. On the other hand, there is no lie or misrepresentation too big that right-wing knuckle-draggers won't use if they think it will give them an advantage.

People that you called dumb in your letter, Mr. Shingler, are simply participating in the political process the same way that

those on the other side did with President Bush. If it wasn't for the four, and sometimes five, Republican activist judges with black robes on the Supreme Court and their Citizens United Decision, it wouldn't be necessary to raise obscene amounts of money to competitively run for office. But now, even though it makes no sense, corporations are now people, can spend unlimited money, and often get the best right-wing representation they can buy.

Steve Lawrence  
Northville Township

#### Why Nix for supervisor?

Bob Nix has exhibited leadership as a consultant and legal adviser to Royal Oak, Troy and the Schoolcraft Development Authority. He has been an officer of the Northville Township Planning Commission since 2005, chairman for the past three years, and is active on other committees.

Bob is the past chair of the Real Estate Section of the State Bar of Michigan and a regent of the American College of Mortgage Attorneys.

Bob is chairperson of his church Finance Committee, which demonstrates the confidence people have for his financial skills.

With this outstanding background, Bob is a natural to lead Northville Township in the future, and these are a few reasons why, we think Bob Nix should be the next Northville Township supervisor.

Richard and Pat Allen  
Northville

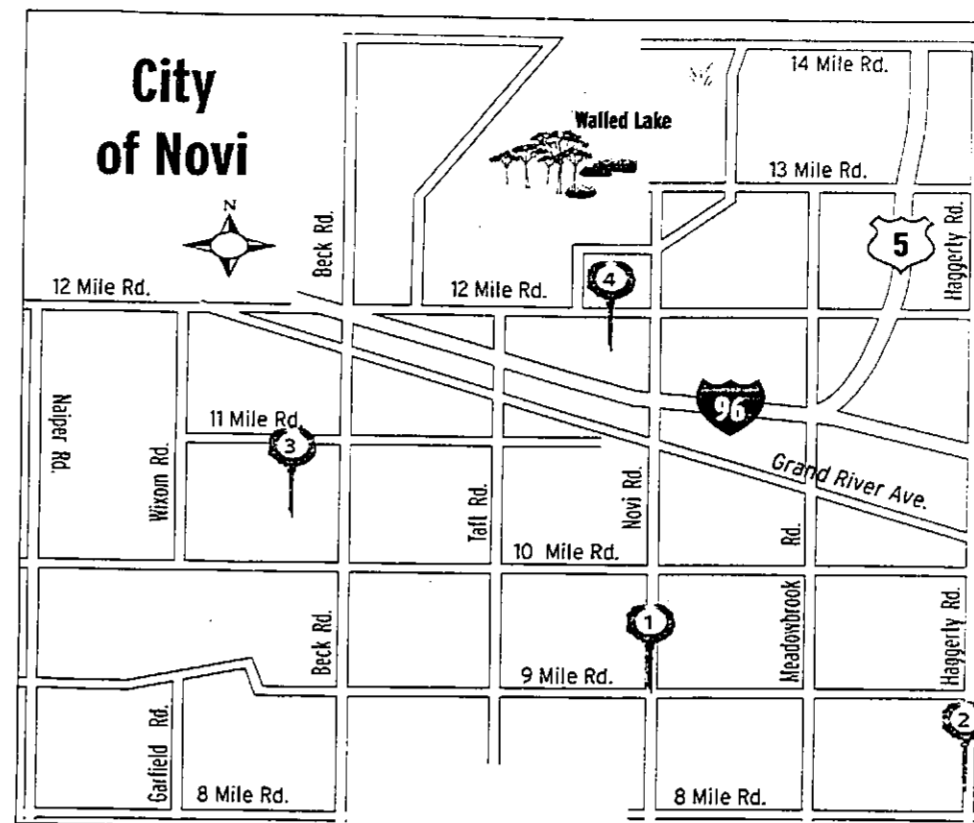
#### Sensible option

With gasoline prices on the rise, it's important to make sure your vehicle's engine is running effectively and efficiently. April is National Car Care Month and an ideal time to talk with a professional automotive technician to see if repowering your vehicle with a remanufactured/rebuilt engine is the right choice for you. A rebuilt engine gets better gas mileage and emits fewer pollutants than a worn-out engine. If your car or truck is experiencing major engine damage, but is in relatively good shape otherwise, repowering it with a remanufactured/rebuilt engine is a sensible financial option that is much more cost effective than purchasing a new or used car.

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Ken Carter  
chairman  
Engine Rebuilders Council

### NOVI POLICE BRIEFS



#### Driver caught with weed

A 21-year-old Walled Lake woman was arrested for possession of marijuana on April 15 after she was stopped at 9 Mile and Novi roads for having several items hanging from her rear-view mirror causing a vision obstruction.

According to the police report, when the officer approached the car he could smell an odor of marijuana coming from inside. There were three passengers in the vehicle, but when asked if there was marijuana one spoke up. Police then conducted a search of the vehicle, finding a pipe and marijuana remnants on a booklet. The driver said she had not smoked the drug in several days and

forgot she left the pipe in the car.

She was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department where she was issued a citation. The passengers were released at the scene.

#### Laptops taken from minivan

A 51-year-old Macomb man had two laptop computers and leather jacket stolen from his vehicle on April 10 while it was parked in the parking lot at the Sheraton hotel.

According to the police report, the man returned to the vehicle and noticed the passenger side sliding door was open. The laptops were work computers, provided by General Motors.

Police are waiting to hear back after the Sher-

aton reviews the surveillance cameras, but have no suspects at this time.

#### Items taken from Novi home

A Novi family believes their Salem Court home was broken into the week of March 29 while they were on vacation in Florida.

According to the police report, when the family returned the alarm was still active but his wife's jewelry box had been disturbed and a ring was found on the floor in another room.

The son said someone came into his room, stealing his money clip, money and various gift cards. The total value of the times was over \$250.

Police have no suspects at this time.

#### Trailers broken into on West Oaks

A total of 15 trailers were entered and various items were stolen from them overnight on April 11 while they were parked at a business on West Oaks Drive.

According to the police report, police believe the suspects entered the yard via the west fence or climbing blocks. They took 10 gas cans, a backpack blower, two chain saws and a hedge trimmer.

The business is going to review surveillance cameras to see if they can ID any suspects. They also are going to check the cameras of surrounding businesses.

Police have no suspects.

— Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller

## Police: Robbery may be motive in Farmington Hills baseball bat attack

Police say they believe robbery may have been the motive behind a break-in early Monday in Farmington Hills that led to the bludgeoning death of the Dearborn Public Schools business manager and injuries to his wife and 17-year-old son.

Police arrested the family's 19-year-old son, Tucker Robert Cipriano, and another suspect, 20, after the 2:50 a.m. attack on Rose Hill Drive, near 11 Mile and Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills Police Chief Chuck Nebus said.

"Early indications look like the home was broken into and the suspects may have been after money," Nebus said this afternoon. "It looks like the family may have woken up and there was a verbal argument that turned physical with baseball bats. And one of the sons was able to

hide and dial 911." Robert (Bob) Cipriano, 52, was killed, according to police and officials at Dearborn Public Schools. His wife, Rose, 51, and 17-year-old son Salvatore (Sal) Cipriano were seriously injured and are being treated at Borsford Hospital, said Father John Huber, principal of Detroit Catholic Central High School in Novi. Sal is a junior there, along with his twin brother, Tanner, who had called police. Their 8-year-old sister, Isabella, a third-grader at St. Fabian in Farmington Hills, was not injured, Huber said.

Officers arriving at the home spotted the little girl standing in the foyer when they arrived, Nebus said. "Officers could hear commotion from inside the house and were able to get the attention of the 8-year-old girl, who let

them in," Nebus said. Officers spotted the 20-year-old suspect running up the stairs and arrested him in the home, Nebus said. Tucker Cipriano was arrested just after 8 a.m. at a home in Keego Harbor, he added. Another man was also taken into custody, but police were trying to determine whether he was involved, Nebus said. Police did not have information on arraignments. Crime scene investigators were expected to be processing the scene well into Monday night, Nebus said.

As he prayed for the survivors over the school's announcement system this morning, the situation is incomprehensible. "Violence is evil and we're all capable of evil," Huber said. "But we can't understand what would lead someone to this. Is there some imbalance? I'm not sure what the situation is here, but we can't understand anger getting to that level."

Huber said other schools — including University of Detroit Jesuit — offered the help of counselors in the schools and for those who knew the family, who was very involved in school activities.

"We're going to focus all of our attention to praying for them because they've experienced such an unfathomable tragedy," Huber said. "Their sons are great guys. And we're just going to focus on mentoring to them."

— Gannett News Service

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

Attorneys Bleske 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.

Bleske 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 Hagerly Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-231-2530 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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**ANNOUNCEMENT**



**Howard & Schwein**  
James and Tami Howard, of Novi, announce the engagement of their daughter, Erica Howard, to Jonathan Samuel Schwein, son of Terri and Dave Anderson, of Dansville, Mich., and Joe and Darlene DiGiovanni, of DeWitt, Mich.

The bride-to-be graduated from Novi High School in 2006 and earned her bachelor's degree in dietetics from Michigan State University in 2010. She is currently a registered clinical dietitian at Lakeland Community Hospital in Niles, Mich.

The groom-to-be graduated from Dansville High School in 2005. He is a veteran of the Army National Guard. He is currently studying respiratory therapy at Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

The couple will be married on May 26, 2012 in East Lansing, Mich.

**Wish you were here**



Novi High School seniors Johnny Walker, Jack Sinkovich, Derek Ince and Jimmy Eloff traveled to Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, for spring break and brought the Novi News!

**Appreciation Day**



Up to 1,200 caregivers from Macomb, Oakland, Wayne, St. Clair, Genesee and Lapeer counties are expected to attend the 30th Annual MORC Caregiver Appreciation Day from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at the Palazzo Grande Banquet Center, 54660 Van Dyke Avenue, in Shelby Township. The Macomb-Oakland Regional Center (MORC), a nonprofit human services agency based in Auburn Hills and Clinton Township, will honor caregivers who help people with disabilities with the MORC Angels Awards. Pictured are Bonnie Raymor, caregiver from Novi; Jennifer Abbu, of Novi; and Julie Gutierrez, of Kohl's Rochester Hills.

**NOVI NEWSMAKERS**

**Providence Park Hospital announces new president**

St. John Providence Health System announced that Peter Karadjoff has accepted the position of president of Providence Park Hospital in Novi.

"With a long track record of hospital leadership in the southeast Michigan market and a successful career in Catholic health care, Peter is a wonderful fit for Providence Park Hospital," said Michael Wiemann, MD, senior vice president, Providence and Providence Park Hospitals. "An important part of Peter's role will be to continue to grow and expand services for the community we serve."

Karadjoff replaces interim president Joe Hurshe, who will return to his role as vice president of Operations for Providence and Providence Park.

Before joining St. John Providence Health System, Karadjoff served for the past 14 years in leadership positions in the Trinity Health, most recently as president and chief executive officer of St. Joseph Mercy Port Huron since 2003. Prior to his tenure at Trinity Health, he spent 12 years in leadership positions at Providence Hospital in Southfield, including administrator/director of operations, ambulatory services, program director and senior management engineer. Karadjoff earned his bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University and MBA from Wayne State University.



Karadjoff

**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, May 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road to consider:

**CASE NO. 12-014 2012 WEST LAKE DR**  
The applicant is requesting variances to allow reduced side yard setbacks of 5 ft. on each side respectively, a front yard setback of 19.35 ft. and a maximum lot coverage of 34% for a new residence proposed to be constructed on an existing lot. The property is located east of West Lake Dr. and north of South Lake Dr. in the R-4 Zoning District.

**CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400** requires minimum side yard setbacks of 10 ft. and 25 ft. respectively, a front yard setback of 30 ft. and maximum lot coverage of 25%.

**CASE NO. 12-015 45605 NINE MILE**  
The applicant is requesting a variance to install a 51 in. tall masonry fence in the perimeter fence and approximately 7 ft. high decorative aluminum gate in the front yard of a residence. The property is located south of Nine Mile Rd. and east of Beck Rd. in the R-1 Zoning District.

**CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2515** of the Zoning Ordinance limits residential fences to 6 ft. in height and indicates that fences shall not extend toward the front of the lot nearer than the minimum front yard setback distance.

**CASE NO. 12-016 31140 BECK ROAD**  
The applicant is requesting variances to allow installation of a 13 ft. high over height 137 sq. ft. oversized shopping center sign listing individual tenant names in addition to the single ground sign allowed by right and an additional ground sign previously allowed for the site through a variance. The property is located east of Beck Rd. and south of 14 Mile Rd. in the B-3 Zoning District.

**CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-51(n)** does not allow tenant names on a business center sign in the B-3 district. 28-51(3d) allows only one business center sign per parcel of property. 28-51(2)(ii) limits ground sign height to 6 ft. and 28-51(1a) limits business center signs to 1 sq. ft. of sign area for each 2 ft. of setback with a maximum of 100 sq. ft.

**CASE NO. 12-017 1953 WEST LAKE DR**  
The applicant is requesting variances from Table 2400 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance to allow reduced side setbacks of 3 ft. on each side of a proposed bonus room and garage addition to an existing residence, the applicant is also requesting a variance to allow an additional 17.5% lot coverage. The property is located east of West Lake Dr. and North of South Lake Dr. in the R-4 Zoning District.

**CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400** requires a minimum side yard setback of 10 ft., and 25 ft. aggregate for the two side yards. Maximum lot coverage is limited to 25%.

**CASE NO. 12-018 PARCEL 5022-17-226-005**  
The applicant is requesting a variance from Section 28-10 of the Novi Sign Ordinance to allow continuing the installation of a 20.5 sq. ft., 5 ft. 5 in. high business tenant way finding sign within an existing retail center. The property is located in West Market Square, west of Beck Rd. and north of Grand River Ave. in the B-2 Zoning District.

**CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Sign Ordinance, Section 28-10(c)** states that a sign not expressly permitted is prohibited. The proposed sign is not permitted under the Sign Ordinance.

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**CHURCH**

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**Time:** 9:30, 11 a.m.

**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 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 attend-

ees 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

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**Sunday School:** Nursery - 8 a.m.

Nursery - 12th grade - 9:15 a.m.

Nursery - 6th grade/Special Needs - 11 a.m.

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**Sunday Worship:** 7:45 and 10 a.m.

**Sunday School and Nursery Care:** 10 a.m. Worship Service

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

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**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.

**Church School:** 10:11 a.m.

**Fellowship Hour:** 11 a.m.

**Merry Widows Luncheon**

**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month

**Pilgrim Fellowship**

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Sundays

**NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY**

**Location:** 41355 6 Mile Road

**Contact:** (248) 348-9030

**Sundays 9-10 a.m.:** Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children

**9 a.m.:** Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium

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

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## CC's Cooper stands above talented field

**By Jeff Theisen**  
Sports writer

Catholic Central basketball stood tall this year, and no one stood taller for the Shamrocks than 6-7 senior Kyle Cooper. The big man averaged 19 points a game with nine rebounds and four blocks. He earned First Team All-Catholic for the second year in a row, a three-time district champion, helped the team to its first Catholic League title

in 15 years and led the team to a City title for the first time in more than 40 years.

Cooper has a full ride to Hillsdale.

"Kyle is the best pure shooter I have ever coached," said coach Bill Dyer. "His overall floor game improved every year he played at CC. He played or started in 77 games. He led us in blocks for three straight years.

"He also has a 4.6 GPA. He helped earn a city champion-

ship, which was only the second one in the history of the 84-year-old school."

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The Shamrock senior played a perfect compliment to Cooper, averaging a double-double (13 points, 10 reb.) a night. He also dished out five assists per contest.

"Matt has had an incredible four-year run playing basketball at CC," said Dyer. "He started 95 games for us the last four years. We won 62 games against high quality opponents while he was starting at CC. He has played in the regional finals or quarter-finals in Class A three out of four years.

"His leadership and competitive spirit are unmatched.

Please see ALL-AREA, B4



Catholic Central's Kyle Cooper earned Player of the Year honors by averaging 19 points per game with nine boards and four blocks.



Wildcat Chris Kennedy advances on a Farmington High lacrosse player on April 11.

## CC continues to get better

Lacrosse team surprises critics with win over St. Michaels

**By Sam Eggleston**  
Correspondent

Detroit Catholic Central coach Dave Wilson doesn't mind hearing that the lacrosse pundits are picking his team to lose a game. In fact, he uses that to his advantage.

You see, the Shamrocks lacrosse program is built on the understanding that the only way to get better is to play the best teams.

Sometimes you win those games and sometimes you lose, but you always gain valuable experience.

But when a critic or some sports writer picks the Shamrocks to lose, it ignites a fire that burns a lot hotter than just that of competition. The Shamrocks build their focus around that prediction. They use it to build themselves up and to dig deep and bring the best game they can play just to make a point—Detroit Catholic Central should never be counted out.

St. Michaels College School of Toronto found that out the hard way. They were picked to defeat the Shamrocks in their game last week, but it just wasn't meant to be. Detroit Catholic Central walked away with an 11-8 victory.

"We played our best game Saturday against St. Michaels," said Wilson. "We moved the ball well

**ON TAP**

The Detroit Catholic Central lacrosse team will be back in action when they host Brother Rice at 6 p.m. Tuesday before visiting Culver Military Academy next Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Please see CC, B4

## Novi LAX wins fifth straight

Burnett, Herzog fire away, combine for 24 goals in three games

**By Chris Jackett**  
Correspondent

The past week got off to a slow start, but Novi's boys lacrosse team turned it around in the matter of one quarter and kept it going all week.

Down 6-4 after being shut out in the third quarter of their April 11 contest against Farmington, the Wildcats (5-1) outscored the Falcons 6-1 in the final 12 minutes to each a 10-7 victory.

"The Farmington game was our first shot after spring break," Novi coach Nick Zoroya said. "We had two great practices before the game, but things didn't go our way in the beginning.

"In the fourth quarter, everything started to click at once and we were able to take the game. Matt Brasili won a few key face-offs in a row, while Mark Ghanam pumped in two quick goals to really swing the momentum in our favor. Once we woke up, we really stepped it up."

It was a battle of No. 22 Novi and No. 20 Farmington (3-2), who has since

**ON TAP**

Ranked No. 15, Novi boys lacrosse (5-1) were scheduled to visit No. 5 Brighton (4-0) last night before hosting No. 48 Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (2-2) tomorrow and No. 17 Northville (1-2) Monday, both at 6:30 p.m.

Please see LACROSSE, B4

## Pair of shutouts keep Novi undefeated

Novi kickers low-scoring style gets the job done

**By Chris Jackett**  
Correspondent

A pair of headers by senior Katie Seelenbinder led to a pair of 1-0 Novi victories and kept the Wildcats undefeated, although they still have more ties than wins.

The 'Cats (2-0-3) came back from spring break to defeat Ann Arbor Skyline at home April 12 and Saline on the road Saturday.

In an evenly played match with Skyline, senior netminder Sam Pavlika kept the Eagles off the board with four saves and nine grabs off her line to earn her third shutout of the season.

Sophomore Kendall Kramer got the lone goal on Novi's seven shots when Seelenbinder headed a cross from senior Katie Rudzinski and the ball landed right at Kramer's feet for the turn and shoot opportunity.

"The ball landed at Kendall Kramer's feet, with her back to the goal; she quickly turned and fired a ball into the upper corner from 12 yards out," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said.

"Overall, we played with much more passion this game and we improved our possession of the ball."

The team followed up the victory with another defensive shutout as

**ON TAP**

Novi's girls soccer team (2-0-3) kicks off KLAA Central Division play this week. The Wildcats were scheduled to host South Lyon East (1-0-1) two nights ago before visiting Northville (2-0-2) 7 p.m. tonight for the first baseline contest of the season. The girls then host Plymouth Salem (1-0-1) Tuesday and visit Livonia Stevenson (1-0-0) Wednesday, both at 7 p.m.

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Facing some pressure, Novi goalie Morgan Egner looks to get rid of the ball.



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NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Chris Jackett

Girls lacrosse lose opener

In their program debut, Novi's girls lacrosse team (0-1) dropped a 10-3 decision to Farmington Hills Harrison (1-4). After hosting Grosse Pointe South (1-2) last night, the girls face Farmington Hills Mercy (0-1) at a neutral site Saturday before visiting Grosse Pointe South Monday.

Track teams both win

The Wildcat track and field programs got a jump on South Lyon East April 10 in South Lyon. The boys defeated the Cougars 117-20 and the girls won 120-17 as both teams improved to 1-0.

Youth Girls Basketball Camp

Novi girls varsity basketball coach Bill Kelp is hosting a basketball

camp 9 a.m.-noon June 18-22 for girls in grades two through nine. Competition will be separated between grades two through five and six through nine.

The camp, which will take place at the high school gym and fieldhouse, will focus on dribbling, shooting, passing, pivoting, faking, rebounding, team play, sportsmanship and an introduction to the Wildcats' offensive and defensive schemes that led the team to KLA Central Division titles for each of the past three years.

Cost to attend is \$120 and gym clothes and shoes are required. Awards and trophies will be given for individual and team competitions, while all participants will receive a T-shirt and outdoor basketball. Register online at www.novi.k12.mi.us/athletics under "Summer Camps."

Contact coach Kelp at bkelp@novi.k12.mi.us for more information.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former Novi News staff writer.

Novi spins past South Lyon schools Wildcat reserves crush Lions and Cougars 17-1

By Chris Jackett

Many of Novi's girls tennis players got a rest last week when the Wildcats cleaned house against South Lyon and South Lyon East. The Wildcats (3-0, 2-0 KLA Central) played many of their reserves April 12 against their former KVC rival Lions (0-1, 0-1 Central) and April 13 against the Cougars (1-1, 0-1 Central) and won each match 8-1 and 9-0, respectively.

"We played a little different lineup, but a competitive lineup and got some of the younger kids in our program some varsity experience," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "East gave us some good battles in singles, and so did South Lyon.

For many girls, it was their first taste of varsity experience and each picked up at least one victory during the two matches.

"They're good players, we just don't have room for them this year on varsity. So they're waiting their turn and they're hungry," Hanson said.

"They're very capable players, but like every kid in our program, they're striving to get better each day and they've just got a few things to work on, just like the varsity do."

Sophomore Amy Zhou and junior Caitlin O'Brien split the one singles job, with Zhou defeated South Lyon 6-0, 6-1 and O'Brien defeating East 6-1, 6-4. Each will normally play doubles this season.

"I think Amy Zhou did extremely well against South Lyon at one singles and Caitlin O'Brien played two in the South Lyon match and one in South Lyon East and did a nice job," Hanson said.

O'Brien won 6-3, 6-1 at two singles against South Lyon, which sophomore Dina Fawaz won 6-3, 6-4 against East.

The Lions got their lone flight victory at three singles, defeating junior Melanie Murphy 5-7, 7-5, 7-6(3). "It was a battle. Melanie played a good match," Hanson said.

Sophomore Rachel Bailey won Novi's three singles match against east 6-3, 6-4.

At four singles, senior Yolanda Zhang played in both matches, winning 3-6, 6-1, 6-3 against South Lyon and 6-1, 6-2 against East.



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Novi High's Erin Day competes on March 29 against a Rochester High opponent.

ON TAP

Ranked No. 8 in Division I, Novi's girls tennis team (3-0, 2-0 KLA Central) had a busy week scheduled with matches against Div. IV No. 2 Ann Arbor Greenhills Monday, at Plymouth Salem (0-1, 0-1 Central) Tuesday, at Livonia Stevenson (0-1, 0-1 Central) 4 p.m. tonight and then at the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invite 8 a.m. Saturday, where they'll face No. 1 Clarkston, No. 6 Pioneer and No. 10 Troy.

"It's going to be a good test," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. The "Cats then visit No. 7 Northville (2-0, 2-0 Central) Tuesday and host No. 3 Saline Thursday, both at 4 p.m.

"She's a foreign exchange student we've took onto varsity this year," Hanson said. "She's got pretty good groundstrokes. She'll be playing some doubles for us."

A lot of doubles pairings were tested last week, but seniors Angela Huang and Alice Jiang played one doubles together twice last week, earning a 6-3, 6-2 win against the Lions and 6-2, 6-2 win over the Cougars.

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"Alice and Angela played five doubles for us last year and are again competing for that five spot," Hanson said.

Juniors Rachel Murray and Amy Tan were also a consistent team at four doubles, winning 6-0, 6-1 against Lyon and 6-4, 6-2 against East.

In the other matches against South Lyon, Fawaz and junior Abigail Swain won two doubles 6-1, 6-1; sophomore Hanika Bollinetti and junior Bhavana Tetali won three doubles 6-1, 6-0 and junior Prasanti Ravipati and freshman Shakila Khan won five doubles 6-1, 6-1.

Against East, senior Natalie Doherty and Swain won two doubles 6-0, 6-2; Bollinetti and junior Melissa Buntio won three doubles 6-1, 6-0 and Murphy and Ravipati won five doubles 6-0, 6-0.

Saturday's Saline Invite was canceled due to poor weather. Although the "Cats missed the chance to battle Ann Arbor Greenhills, Ann Arbor Huron, West Bloomfield, Saline and Midland Dow, they'll face all but Dow in individual dual meets at some point this season.

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Caputo leads Wildcats to pair of victories Complete game, two winning hits start Novi's baseball season at 2-1

By Chris Jackett

Although the Wildcats' season opener had a little bit of rust on it from spring break, Novi's baseball team rebounded from the loss to string wins in their next two games last week.

The "Cats (2-1) dropped a 9-4 contest to Walled Lake Western April 10 in their home opener despite offensive contributions from half their lineup.

"We played real floppy defensively," Novi coach Rick Green said of his team's up-and-down performance. "We should've had a lot more unearned runs than what we were credited for."

Tyler Schwanz got the start and lasted two innings, giving up three hits, three earned runs and four walks while notching four strikeouts. Jimmy Eloff pitched the last three innings, allowing six hits and six runs (two unearned) to go with one strikeout.

The offense was highlighted by two RBIs from Tyler Schwanz (1-for-3, one double), as well as 2-for-4 batting from Mario Ferrini (RBI) and two steals on two attempts by Logan Regnier (1-for-1, one run, three walks).

Eloff (1-for-4) chipped in with one run and Derek Ince went 1-for-3.

"Ince is really swinging the bat well compared to where he was last year," Green said. "Ferrini's been playing really well."

Things turned around the next day as the bats heated up early and Novi defeated North Farmington 7-4.

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Wildcat Ryan Caputo takes a baseball to his back — and first base — after being hit by the pitcher on March 28.

Ryan Caputo started off what would be a big week with a 1-for-4 performance. However, that hit was a two-out single up the center that allowed runners to come in from second and third to break the tie and give Novi the game-winning RBI in a close contest at Walled Lake Central last Saturday.

In a similar two-out scenario with runners on second and third, Caputo knocked a two-run score to right field to break a 0-0 sixth-inning tie.

"Caputo had another big hit," Green said. "He stuck his bat out and knocked a bloop over the first baseman's head and drove in two runs."

On top of bringing home

four strikeouts and two walks.

"We got off to a good start and scored three runs in the first inning, and then not again 'til the fifth," Green said. "We didn't have good at bats."

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Novi's sluggers (2-1) were scheduled to visit Canton last night before a 4 p.m. doubleheader Friday at South Lyon East and a 10 a.m. Saturday doubleheader at Livonia Stevenson before the "Cats host Plymouth 4 p.m. Monday.

The winning run, Caputo pitched a complete game, allowing eight hits, five strikeouts, two walks and one unearned run in a full seven innings.

"That was an outstanding game pitched by him," Green said. "He

was hitting the spots. I let him finish it out."

On a slow offensive day, Alex Barry had a double on a pinch hit and then pinch runner Ferrini had a seventh-inning hit, while Eloff and Ince each added a single, while Ince also had a walk and sacrifice.

"Seems like we've been disciplined at the plate," Green said. "We need to get the bats going a little bit more."

Green also credited Mike Zugaro with two huge plays at second base; one when he had to dive to cut it off and another when there was a ground ball heading into

the outfield that hopped up and blocked it while Central had two outs and the bases loaded.

The "Cats were supposed to have three more games, but different circumstances canceled the others. The second game of the Western doubleheader was a scheduled conflict, the second game of the Central doubleheader was rained out with Novi trailing 6-1 and Monday's Hartland game was postponed due to a death in the opposing coach's family.

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Pavlika made the only two saves required of her. "We played well throughout, especially on defense," O'Leary said. "The entire starting defense of Jaqui Kozlowski, Kaylin Hooiman, Katie Rudzinski and Lauren Pollard were exceptional." With an assist in the earlier game, Rudzinski was a big contributor this past week. "Katie Rudzinski has had a good week," O'Leary said. "She does not play club soccer, so it usually takes her a few weeks to shake the rust off and she is just now starting to get back to form. She is a solid defender that also has the ability to send great, dangerous balls to our forwards/midfielders." It was sophomore Taylor Pavlika that had a solid cross against Saline



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Wildcat Erin Dirks, left, tries to work around an Ann Arbor Pioneer during the teams' March 28 game.

that went to Seelenbinder in the goal box. Seelenbinder shielded the ball past her defender as it came down and was able to turn and put

it over the goalie's head into the side netting. "She is talented player that can play any position," O'Leary said of Seelenbinder. "Last year, we were short defenders, so she started every game on defense. This year we are short on forwards and have extra defenders, so she has played the last two games at forward. She also has the ability to play midfield. That is a great luxury to have as a coach because it allows me to keep my 11 best on the field and just have Katie play a different position." Novi has outscored opponents 4-2 through the first five games combined. Although the defense hasn't missed a beat, the offense is still looking to recover from the loss of so much firepower from last season.

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BASKETBALL ALL-AREA

PLAYER OF THE YEAR Kyle Cooper, Catholic Central

FIRST TEAM Matt Doneth, Catholic Central; Luke Short, South Lyon; Jeffrey Gertley, Northville; Brandon Wallace, Milford; Steven Sloboda, Milford

SECOND TEAM Richard Katkic, Catholic Central; Brett MacDonald, Northville

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He earned the nickname "The Boss" as a starting freshman on our Class A quarterfinal team. He is without question the best leader I have ever seen or coached in 24 years.

Doneth is headed to Cornell where he will also play football.

Luke Short, South Lyon

The junior Lion point guard is a two-time All-KLAA player and was selected team MVP by his peers. He led South Lyon with 12.4 points a game, dished out three assists and recorded 2.1 thefts per night. He was also second in rebounding. He shot 40 percent from the floor and from three-point land.

"Luke is an outstanding offensive player because he can hurt you in so many ways - inside, outside, getting to the basket and drawing fouls," said coach Doug Host. "He can be an intimidating presence at the defensive end with his length and quickness, but probably the biggest compliment I can give to him is that everyone else on the team just feels more comfortable when he is on the floor."

SECOND TEAM Jeffrey Gertley, Northville

The Northville senior guard put up 12 points a game with a 60-percent shooting percentage and an 80-percent clip at the free throw line. He dished out 3.5 assists with three steals with only 1.5 turnovers a night. Gertley earned First Team All-Conference honors. "Jeff is a terrific player and a special person," said coach Todd Sanders. "He missed the first 5 games of the season due to injury, and it was not surprising he helped turn around our season after getting healthy. Though he led us in almost every statistical category, he does so much more for our team. He makes everyone around him better and compete. He willed us to more than a couple victories this year."

Andrew Meacham, Northville

The Mustang sophomore forward averaged 10 points and five rebounds a night with only 1.2 turnovers a game. He put up 30 points in the final game in the district semifinals against Salem.

Brandon Wallace, Milford

The senior guard didn't put up huge numbers for the defensive-minded KLAA West Division champion Mavericks (18-5), but he was the glue that kept everything together on both ends of the floor. He averaged eight points a game and shot better than 40 percent from the floor. Wallace was selected First Team All-Conference and carries a 4.016 GPA.

"While that may not seem like much, that is significant on a team that only scored about 41 points per game. Statistically, he accounted for approximately 20 percent of our total points," said coach Chip Lutz. "Brandon played approximate-

ly 743 of the 756 possible minutes that we played this year, Jacob Lee, Josh Corey, Alex Larson Northville; Jeffrey Hewlett, Andrew Potalera South Lyon; Bill Harrison, Derek Talaga Novi; Michael Jocz Lakeland; Nick Troxell

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Novi orthodontists finish office renovation

The orthodontic practice of Lawrence Spillane, D.D.S., M.S. and James Reynolds, D.D.S., M.S. completed the renovation of its Novi office at 45500 10 Mile Road. The treatment bays, consultation room and reception area were all modernized with sleek hardwood floors, stone countertops and new furnishings and fixtures to complement the growing, technology-driven practice. Additionally, the floor plan was redesigned to enhance patient comfort and customer service.

The office, which currently serves approximately 2,000 patients, was established by Spillane in 1991. Reynolds joined the practice in 2002. In the fall of 2008, Spillane & Reynolds Orthodontics opened a second location in Rochester Hills to serve the orthodontic needs of northern Oakland and northeast Macomb counties. In April, 2010 the brand new facility in the heart of Rochester Hills at 1202 Walton Boulevard, Suite 200.

Reynolds says the popularity of both the Rochester Hills and Novi offices is based on the practice's commitment to customized patient care. "We invest in technology and education that allows us to customize every treatment plan for every patient before the actual process of applying a brace or wire begins," said Reynolds, who is a diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics, the highest distinction achievable in the specialty of ortho-

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Groupon losing credibility with poor deals

By Jon Gunnells Guest Columnist

A few months ago, I used this column to recommend Groupon and a host of other online deal sites as a way for consumers to save money. Consider this a retraction. Lately I've been noticing Groupons (group online discounts for dinners, activities, getaways and more) that are marketed as deep discounts, but a quick Google search showed the exercise equipment could be found cheaper on Amazon.com, with shipping included.

A similar misleading Groupon appeared in March, when a Schwinn recumbent bike said to be \$499, was being sold for \$235. Groupon.com said the bike was 53-percent discounted in bold numbers, but the bike retails online for about \$300, not \$499 like Groupon said. And then there was that pesky fine print - an extra \$39 for shipping. For those keeping score at home, that made the bike \$26 less than anywhere else, but nowhere near a 53-percent discount.

Recumbent bikes aren't the only misleading Groupons. Today alone, I was able to find a number of alleged deals, for trips and goods that weren't really a good deal. The next was a five-piece dining room set said to retail for \$760 being listed for \$349. One problem - this recommended deal is for the exact dining room table I

own, and it cost me about \$280 with shipping from Overstock.com. Marking up prices before sales to make products look more attractive is nothing new, but Groupon.com is centered around the idea of negotiating better deals for savvy consumers. Under the "How it Works" section at Groupon.com, these magical deals are said to be possible because "Groupon negotiates huge discounts - usually 50-90 percent off - with popular businesses."

It appears Groupon may need some new negotiators. Maybe I'm being too harsh; those awesome Groupon negotiators do appear to have one redeeming quality and that's getting deals on hotels and vacation packages. Many of the Groupon getaways are cheaper than any other online vacation booking agent, but not by much. With Groupon, an online shopper can save \$10-\$20 per night on a hotel or resort. To do so, one has to purchase a hotel voucher using two third parties because Groupon works with Expedia to secure hotel and vacation packages for its Groupon Getaway deals. Then customers have to call the hotel and book the room using their voucher that they bought from an intermediary on behalf of another intermediary.

With all of the time and effort, it might just be easier to call the hotel directly. One more caveat on the Groupon getaways: The Groupon negotiators were unable to negotiate long lists of blackout dates and other restrictions. In many cases, the Groupon getaway deals are only available for a short amount of time - like a week - and are located outside of peak travel time. So if your alleged deal is for a hotel room in Niagara Falls, it is likely in the colder months. If your alleged deal is in, say, Florida, it is probably during the same season. Again, all Groupon deals aren't bad. There are still plenty of discounts on local establishments that can save you money. There are however, many Groupons that aren't really deals. A little research and online window shopping can help you determine which daily deals are what they appear. And if you are a deal site junkie, you will be happy to know another deal site has popped up. Google recently released a beta version (beta is a fancy tech word for test) of Google Offers - the Internet search giant's rival to Groupon. Of course, a little searching has already shown Google Offers has some of the same drawbacks as Groupon, especially where vacations and hotel deals are concerned.

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and played as a team and trusted each other. That was something we needed to work on."

Wilson did say that his team did have some mental mistakes in the game that led to a couple of easy scores for St. Michaels, but he added that if his team continues to improve the way they did in that game then "we can be very, very good."

Leading the way in that contest were Alec Gilhooly and Nick Gangel, who had two goals each.

The victory gave the Shamrocks a 7-0 record on the year.

The squad also defeated Catholic High School League rivals DeLaSalle and Cranbrook last week. Against DeLaSalle the Shamrocks dominated from the start with an 18-8 victory. Gilhooly scored seven goals in the contest while Mike Brzezinski was busy winning over 80-percent of the face-offs to help his team to victory. Chris Naubert and Jon Conley split time in goal.

The Catholic Central squad earned a 13-7 victory over Cranbrook as Andrew Nemes put in three goals to lead his squad. Brzezinski had another outstanding day, winning just over 70-percent of the face-offs to keep his team on the offensive. Naubert earned the win in goal.

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dropped to No. 35 while Novi climbed to Nov. 15.

Senior Kent Burnett, who had four goals and an assist on 18 shots, led the offensive flurry. Senior Curtis Herzog added three goals and an assist.

"Kent and Curtis are continuing the success they experienced last year, and are really benefiting from our system," Zoroya said. "They no longer have to create offense themselves, they instead get to take advantage of the opportunities our offense creates."

Also chipping in were sophomore Mark Ghannam with two goals and junior Lucas Buck with one goal. Senior Matt Brasil won 14 face-offs for Novi. "Matt has been working hard since the day I took over in September," Zoroya said. "Last year, he was a back-up goalie, but he was eager to play a bigger role. We moved him to face-offs in the off-season and he's really proven that he can do it. We didn't want to overwhelm him early in the season, so we've slowly been giving him more and more time. He's really taken the opportunity and run with it."

Junior netminder Mitch Adams allowed four goals on five shots in 14 minutes, giving senior Alex Kinnamon a chance to come in and notch saves on seven of 10 shots he faced over 34 minutes. Novi took 39 shots. The script was flipped two nights later when Novi visited North Farmington Friday. Adams had 11 saves on 17 shots in 41 minutes, but Kinnamon was scored on during all four shots against him during a seven-minute span. However, Novi held a 31-21 shot advantage, leading to a 14-10 victory.

"Both goalies are playing incredibly well for us," Zoroya said. "It's nice to know that we have a unit with the experience and depth that we have."

The "Cats took an initial 4-1 lead after the first quarter and 8-3 lead into halftime before the Raiders' cut it to 11-7, but could never catch up. Herzog had six goals and an assist, while Burnett finished with four goals

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By Julie Brown  
Q&A Staff Writer

Ken Pozek, 26, of Northville Township was pleased to be recognized by *Realtor* magazine as a finalist for "30 Under 30" honorees.

The annual designation of the National Association of Realtors publication recognizes those up and coming in the field. Realtor Pozek is a salesperson for Keller Williams Northville Market Center in Novi and can be reached at [www.kenpozek.com](http://www.kenpozek.com).

He began in real estate investing out of high school, and has been in sales full time the last six years. Pozek, who's married to Holly and dad to kids ages 3 years and 5 months, earned an associate's degree in business administration from Henry Ford Community College.

"We're staying busy and tired," he said with a chuckle of his young family. Pozek got into sales as the market dropped and investing wasn't smart. "I got into that full time and haven't looked back," he said. "I absolutely love it."

He's been with Keller Williams Northville Market Center three years.

"I meet people from diverse backgrounds and I get to see beautiful homes," Pozek said. "Every day is different. It's something I look forward to every day."

Down the road, he'd also like to do sales training in his field. Pozek holds Luxury Marketing Specialist and Certified Distressed Property Expert designations.

He agreed the real estate market is improving the last three or four months, with homes often listed on Friday and sold by Monday. "The market's starting to really heat up," Pozek said.

"I specialize more or less in a geographical area" including Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi and South Lyon. He's an aspiring pilot in his free time, and also enjoys being with their children and volunteering at church, Detroit World Outreach in Redford.

A total of 50 finalists were chosen by the magazine. This year's "30 Under 30" honorees will be announced Wednesday, May 16.

The 30 honorees will be featured in the May/June issue.

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## Liability limited in slip/fall

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

Q: Recently a pedestrian slipped and fell on black ice on a public sidewalk that abutted our condominium. The condominium snowplowing company had cleaned the snow on the day of the snowfall and had inspected the premises the next day, but not the day when the pedestrian fell. The pedestrian is suing the association and the snowplowing contract company. Do you think they have any liability?

A: While each state is different, a recent New Jersey case held that even though a town ordinance required all owners to clear snow and ice from an abutting sidewalk within six hours after every snowfall or formation of ice, the pedestrian in that case lacked standing to sue because such ordinances are not enacted for the benefit of individual members of the public, but rather to impose on those regulated the burdens of the government. The court further said that although common law property owners had no duty to clear the snow or ice from a public sidewalk abutting their land, this rule was modified 30 years earlier to impose liability on commercial property owners for injuries on the sidewalks abutting their properties caused by their negligent failure to maintain the sidewalks in a reasonably good condition. The court went on to say that whether a property is commercial or residential, you must focus on the nature of the use of the property and not the nature of the ownership. In the case at hand, the court ruled that the condominium's use was residential — only residents could be members of the association. The deeds expressly restricted use as private residences and there was no retail space and no provision for any goods to the public. The court, in effect, declined to extend the duty to residential owners and the court stressed the importance of the doctrine of stare decisis for predictability and reliance and any departure from the well settled rule would require special justification.

Q: I have heard that Rio de Janeiro and Brazil itself is very expensive in terms of buying a home or renting an apartment. Have you had any experience with that?

A: In a recent trip to Rio, I can certainly confirm that prices in Brazil are extremely high for real estate and almost anything else you purchase. Obviously, the closer you are to the famous beaches, like Copacabana, the more expensive real estate will be. Additionally, real estate including high rise condominiums near the mountain which houses "Christ the Redeemer," can also be extremely expensive, even in U.S. terms. There are limitations on how much real estate you can purchase in Brazil and, as in any other instance, you are best advised to consult with a local Realtor who speaks English as well as with a local attorney, with your attorney here monitoring the situation.

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 [rmeisner@meisner-law.com](mailto:rmeisner@meisner-law.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. 9-13, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

2099 S Cavalier Dr \$110,000	17717 Westbrook Dr \$151,000	11301 Garfield \$38,000
1500 S Shelburn Rd \$142,000	48837 Broadmoor Cir S \$293,000	11619 Grayfield \$19,000
1201 Terrell Ct \$142,000	44855 Broadmoor Cir S \$288,000	25515 Ivanhoe \$17,000
7904 Thornwood St \$210,000	44957 Broadmoor Cir S \$320,000	15531 Lexington \$50,000
1776 Tremont Rd \$210,000	475 Eaton Dr \$178,000	17225 Lyndon \$24,000
4524 Turnberry Dr \$230,000	18874 Heather Ridge Dr \$525,000	18710 Macarthur \$40,000
43667 Westminister Way \$149,000	42284 Ludlow Ct \$265,000	9609 Tecumseh \$47,000
44862 Weymouth Dr \$225,000	19555 Manner Ct \$70,000	9979 Virgil \$20,000
CANTON	15385 Merion Ct \$151,000	32600 Ann Arbor Trl \$64,000
30620 Rosslyn Ave \$44,000	49265 Parkshore Ct \$700,000	1612 Ashby St \$46,000
33028 Sheridan St \$76,000	46479 Pinehurst Cir S \$580,000	35248 Bakewell St \$29,000
12105 Arcola St \$18,000	15460 Prestwick Cir N \$509,000	1021 Berkshire St \$31,000
29458 Bobrich St \$33,000	675 Randolph St \$45,000	31741 Birchwood St \$35,000
16883 Comstock St \$185,000	18230 Woodbury Ct \$880,000	35103 Birchwood St \$95,000
3516 Elizabeth Ave Unit 195 \$76,000	10004 Hartel Ct \$65,000	34254 Frances St \$63,000
50161 Grant St \$250,000	13825 Buckingham Ct \$353,000	5634 N Parent St \$16,000
7400 Hillsboro Dr \$145,000	683 Deer St \$230,000	6232 N Radcliffe St \$74,000
43280 Keystone Ln \$185,000	839 Forest Ave \$489,000	8000 N Wildwood St \$123,000
1687 McInane St \$335,000	15209 Lakewood Dr \$155,000	1313 Selma St \$45,000
45110 N Spring Dr \$123,000	9440 N Sheldon Rd \$400,000	35120 University St \$39,000
327 Patriot St \$115,000	9110 Rocker Ave \$180,000	
6628 Paul Revere Ln \$174,000		

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 27-30, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

4944 Malibu Dr \$333,000	28725 W 10 Mile Rd \$30,000	24357 Woodham Rd \$299,000
4118 Nearbrook Rd \$450,000	21820 Waldron St \$110,000	SOUTH LYON
5181 Nob Hill Ct \$330,000	FRANKLIN	25500 Belladonna \$344,000
4111 Waterwheel Ln \$325,000*	27380 Willowgreen Ct \$290,000	25726 Coach Ln \$283,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	Lathrup Village	25888 Cobblers Ln \$280,000
4740 Birdside Dr \$249,000	28521 Sunset Blvd W \$55,000	20945 Greenbriar Cir \$235,000
3256 Greenlawn Ave \$60,000	MILFORD	21220 Laser Ln \$270,000
3785 Ranya Dr \$300,000	2149 Fyke Dr \$225,000	261 Lyon Blvd \$112,000
1595 Switzerland Dr \$150,000	1689 Hunters Lake Dr \$585,000	456 Orchard Rdg \$60,000
FARMINGTON	710 Oakland Ave \$50,000	33761 Prescott Ln W \$61,000
32905 Grand River Ave \$318,000	862 Panorama Ct \$88,000	SOUTHFIELD
20829 Laurelwood St \$148,000	1120 Riverside St \$273,000	23348 Cornerstone Village Dr \$37,000
23075 Violet Ct \$69,000	43561 W Highland Rd \$118,000	17221 Madison St \$155,000
28735 W 10 Mile Rd \$30,000	NOVI	21147 Mahon Dr \$132,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	27539 Belgrave Pl \$145,000	WHITE LAKE
28905 Creek Bend Dr \$250,000	50624 Billenca Dr \$521,000	8705 Gosley Beach Dr \$245,000
36177 Fox Glen \$205,000	41995 Bonchart Dr \$369,000	8180 Highland Rd \$113,000
28075 Golf Pointe Blvd \$225,000	50814 Calvert Isle Dr \$95,000	44 S Hulbert St \$104,000
25779 Kilreigh Ct \$185,000	27505 Cromwell Rd \$254,000	8323 Vanden Dr \$89,000
36050 Paddlerford Rd \$130,000	25736 Glamorgan \$130,000	
27875 Peppermill Rd \$138,000	30838 Palmer Dr \$160,000	
37049 Sandalwood \$160,000	21675 Sunflower Rd \$120,000	
35820 Springvale St \$177,000	24014 Woodham \$175,000	

### REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

#### Short Sale Seminar: Is It for Me?

Come with your questions to a Free Seminar and learn about what a short sale is and the different alternatives available. Explore your options with a professional resource panel. Buyers looking to learn about short sales also welcome. Wednesday, April 25, at Livonia Public Library, 32777 Five Mile. Call Sheila Roma, (248) 760-6785, or Debbi McLaughlin, (248) 561-0077, by Friday, April 20, to reserve a spot.

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**Real Estate Career Seminar**

Learn about the \$50,000 income guarantee Thursday, April 19, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Keller Williams Realty 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. For more information, contact: Mike Workman at (734) 459-4700 or [mworkman@kw.com](mailto:mworkman@kw.com).

**Seminar on Tuesdays**

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. No obligation. Learn about reverse mortgages. RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 33.

**Free Foreclosure Tours**

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

**Top buildings**

The Building Owners and Managers Association of Metro Detroit announced two local winners in the 2011-2012 "The Regional Outstanding Building of the Year Awards (TOBY). The

winners include: One Kennedy Square and Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, both located in Detroit.

In the first round of the TOBY Awards, at the local level, One Kennedy Square in Detroit took first place in the 100,000-to-249,999-square-foot category as Building of the Year and Coleman A. Young Municipal Center also in Detroit was named first in the Government Building category. The buildings went on to win in the same categories at the North Central regional level competing against entries from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky.

The program honors outstanding leaders and commercial properties in the local commercial real estate industry. The TOBY Awards, now in its 27th year, is the most prestigious and comprehensive program of its kind in the commercial real estate industry, recognizing excellence in office building

ownership and management. All facets of a building's operations are thoroughly evaluated during the judging process, including tenant relations programs, community involvement, emergency preparedness and security standards, and continuing education for building personnel. Floor plans, site plans and photographs round out an in depth portfolio, providing the judges with an extensive examination of the building. "TOBY winners represent the commercial real estate industry's best of the best in office management setting; the benchmark for the industry," said Janet Langlois, executive director, BOMA of Metro Detroit.

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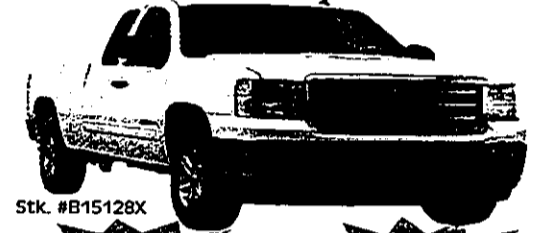
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