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# NOVI NEWS

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## Democrats' caucus

The Democratic Party will be holding caucuses across the state of Michigan on Saturday. Novi, Novi Township, South Lyon and Lyon Township Democrats will be meeting at the campaign headquarters of Dr. Taj (24293 Novi Road, northwest corner of Novi Road and 10 Mile).

Registration begins at 9 a.m. Visitors will have the opportunity to meet candidates, pick up campaign literature, visit with neighbors, volunteer to work on campaigns, register to be precinct delegates, and join local Democratic clubs.

The main event at the caucus will be voting for President Obama. The vote will be at 11 a.m. The caucus will adjourn shortly afterward.

## OC road funding

The Funding Committee of the Oakland County Federal Aid Task Force will conduct its usual spring meeting, which is open to the public, at 9 a.m. Tuesday, May 8 at the Novi Public Library, 45255 W. 10 Mile Road.

The 14-member committee includes 10 representatives of Oakland's cities, villages and townships; two representatives of the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC); one representative from SMART (the suburban bus system); and one from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

Among the items on the agenda for the May 8 meeting is the discussion of how to use approximately \$4.1 million in federal funds that had previously been awarded to road projects planned in 2013 and 2014 and that have since been delayed.

# Novi teachers want accurate figures before discussing wages

## Matthews doesn't expect layoffs, wants to decrease class sizes

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

Members of the Novi Education Association, which represents teachers in the Novi Community School District, have no qualms with the administration being fiscally responsible with the district's money.

However, when they head to the table in the coming months to discuss the wage reopener in their contract, they want to have as much accurate financial infor-

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**SETH FURLOW**  
NEA public relations chair

mation as possible before reaching an agreement.

Seth Furlow, a Novi High School teacher and public relations chair for the NEA, said accounting practices by the pre-

vious administration — led by Superintendent Pete Dion and Assistant Superintendents Gail Credit and Bob Schram, who have all since left the district — were too conservative.

Furlow said they were under the impression that the district was going to drop under 10 percent fund balance for fiscal year 2011-12 — the minimum the Board of Education requires — and thus adjusted their contracts to help.

In reality, the district started the school year with 16 percent in its fund balance, and is projected to finish with a fund balance between 12 and 13 percent.

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Novi Police Officer Jerrod Hart shares a hug with a well-wisher after the April 27 ceremony at the police department after he was promoted to assistant chief of police.

# Hart earns promotion to assistant chief of police

Jerrod Hart was promoted to Novi assistant police chief last Friday in the Novi Police Department Training Center.

A 21-year veteran of the Novi Police Department, Hart currently served as a lieutenant with the Novi Police Department.

"We are very fortunate to have someone of his

leadership and management capabilities within our organization," said Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David E. Molloy. "He demonstrates a strong commitment to teamwork and our community, possesses a wealth of experience gained from working a variety of diverse assign-

ments, and is committed to the mission, vision, and values of the Novi Police Department."

Hart began his career with the Novi Police Department in 1991 after graduating from Ferris State University with a bachelor's degree in crim-

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# Mother's Day makeovers

## Elle Studio in Novi spoils moms for a day

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

Mother's Day came early for a group of local women thanks to Elle Studio in Novi.

In keeping with the salon's family atmosphere — it is owned by a brother and sister and employs several family members — and looking

to recognize mothers for all they do, the women were treated to free full makeovers, including everything from hair coloring and styling to facials, makeup and clothes from Moda Repeat in Commerce.

Lisa DeMeo, a Farmington Hills mother,

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Novi's Elle Studio gives a Mothers Day makeover to Lisa DeMeo on April 25. DeMeo and Mary Eghigan were given the full treatment, including facials, nails and hair styling by the salon located on Novi Road.

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said her son initiated the whole process, and it was a "big surprise" when she was selected and her daughter told her to call the salon.

"It's really exciting," she said. "You see this happen on television and say, 'I wish this would happen to me,' and today it is happening."

Elle Studio clients nominated mothers for the makeover, with the winners being selected randomly.

Kristen Melzak, front desk manager at the salon, said they wanted to do this for mothers who didn't have time for a makeover or couldn't afford one, and because they wanted to give back. "It makes us feel great that we can help people," she said.

Mary Eghigian, of Novi, couldn't even sit still after getting her facial

Wednesday afternoon, looking around for her stylist to continue the pampering process.

Eghigian initially came to the salon for a shampoo and blow dry, but was taken aback when she found out her granddaughter had nominated her for a makeover.

"I'm nervous and excited," she said. "When I walked in, I wasn't expecting this."

The Meadowbrook Commons resident also couldn't wait to show off her new look to her friends.

"They are going to be jealous," she said. For co-owner Mayco Bojaj, husband of Marina Bojaj, seeing the excitement on the women's faces is why they do it.

"As owners, we want to always continue to give back to the community that has welcomed us," he said.

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**HART**

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inal justice. He will graduate this year with a master's degree in technology from Eastern Michigan University with a concentration in homeland security and emergency management. In 2010, he graduated from the School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC) at Eastern Michigan University.

Throughout his tenure, Hart has held numerous assignments, including serving as a sergeant, detective, field training officer, range instructor, and as the first school resource officer, helping to create a long-standing partnership between the Novi Police Department and Novi Community Schools. He has also served on the West Oakland Major Crime Task Force and has received numerous Department Meritorious Service awards, as well as the MADD Lifesaver Award in 1992, 1993, 1994.

The assistant police chief position became available with the departure of Novi Deputy



A good-sized crowd of city of Novi employees, Novi School District employees and friends and family turned out for the April 27 ceremony for Jerrod Hart's promotion to assistant chief of police for Novi.

Police Chief Tom Lindberg becoming the Milford chief of police. The department chose to restructure the Public Safety Administrative Team to include two assistant police chiefs as opposed to one deputy and one assistant to maintain internal clarity. The assistant police chief positions report to the director of Public Safety/Chief of Police.



Novi Chief of Police Dave Molloy, right, smiles along with officer Jerrod Hart during the April 27 ceremony.

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"We just want it to be fair and equitable," Furlow said. "We understand the situation we are in, and we are proud they run a tight fiscal ship. But we don't want to negotiate pay on false projections."

The main reason behind the budget discrepancy is that school districts throughout the state must try to balance their budgets on projections from the state, rather than actual figures, as school district's budgets are due by the end of June and the state usually does not

have its budget completed.

Superintendent Steve Matthews said he expects the state to provide the district with additional best practice or per-pupil money, and do some retirement reform, but nothing has been announced.

"I think things are better, and it's not doom and gloom," he said. "The state is trying hard to identify revenue earlier, which is a positive for us, and we also are trying to do a better job in budgeting and get a better sense of where our money is, how we are spending our money and budgeting as tightly as possible."

Matthews acknowledged that the district is spending some of its

reserves and it "cannot do that forever."

**Projected deficit**

The projection for 2012-13 is that the district will 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.

Matthews also did note that he does not plan on putting employees on lay-off, and wants to take a look at improving class sizes.

"Our hope is we can get to the contractual limit or under in all classrooms K-12," he said. "Right now we are over in many classrooms in grades 5-12."

Furlow likes that idea, and said the teachers do not want to be "detrimental to anything happening in the classroom."

He said if the state does not help the district in any way, then the NEA would change its stance.

"Of course, we would come to the table with a different mind set," he said.

The district also is in the process of negotiating a new contract with transportation employees, and will be entering into wage negotiations with secretaries and food service employees.

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

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# Follicle frenzy

## Hair-shaving fundraiser aims to stamp out children's cancer

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

Anton Furman thinks one of the saddest sights in the world is a child with cancer. That's why Furman, a Plymouth resident, was

at the Claddagh Irish Pub in Livonia Sunday, taking part for the second straight year in the St. Baldrick's fundraiser to benefit childhood cancer research.

Organized by Eric Bacyinski, the Plymouth

Township deputy clerk who has been involved with the foundation for four years, the fundraiser — for which volunteers raised pledges as they agreed to have their heads shaved — raised nearly \$26,000.

"I think it's a great cause," Furman said. "Kids with cancer ... you're not going to find anything much sadder than that. That's the biggest reason I agreed to this."

In addition to the shaves, the event included a variety of raffle items, donated by The Detroit Lions, Renewal By Anderson, The Detroit Red Wings, The Livonia Chamber of Commerce, Best Buy, A&E Jewelry of Canton, The Plymouth Whalers, Ford Motor Company, Dean Sadler Hair & Makeup Studio, Bikram Yoga of Northville, Claddagh Irish Pub, Sideways, Mary Kay, Fantastic Sams of Plymouth and Jeff Glover & Associates Realtors.

Dramatic Dimensions Entertainment of Garden City provided the music, while Fantastic Sams of Plymouth donated the hair stylists.

But the focus was on more than 30 shaves, all of whom agreed to give up varying amounts of hair for the cause.

One of them was Abdul Shukairy of Farmington Hills.

"My fraternity brother introduced me to (Bacyinski), and he talked me into it," Shukairy said. "I thought, 'What the heck? It's only hair.'"

That attitude helped the fundraiser more than double its original \$10,000 goal. Bacyinski said the event, which drew more than 200 people Sunday, blew past that total quickly, and then flew past the re-established \$15,000 goal. He figures to have raised some \$26,000 by the time all the donations are collected.

The totals were helped by a \$100 donation by the Plymouth Kiwanis - Evening Club, a fundraiser at downtown Plymouth's Dairy King, an early April fundraiser sponsored by the Plymouth Whalers and other events from The Penn Grill and Sun & Snow Sports of Plymouth.

"I've been extremely happy with the event's success," said Bacyinski, who has been in the event for four years and organized the last two. "By all accounts it was a huge success. I want everyone to know that none of this would be possible without the generosity of the many local businesses and donors who stepped up to help out."



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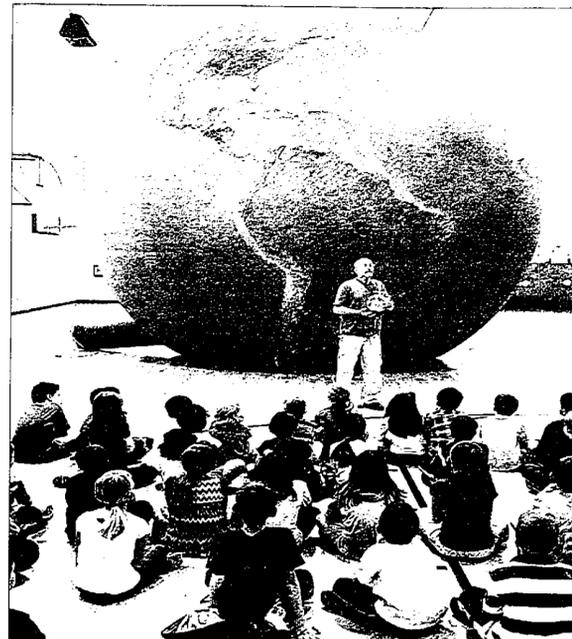
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## A unique view



David Killian (above) brought his 22 foot-high inflatable Earth globe to Novi Woods on April 16. The "Earth Dome" presentation by Mobile Ed. Productions, gave students (below) the ability to see a model of the earth, comprised of a composite of satellite images where one inch equals 30 miles.



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any of the programs offered at The Art Institute of Michigan (28125 Cabot Drive, Novi).

### Kirk makes History Day finals

Matthew Kirk, a home-schooled student from Novi, was among more than 115 Michigan elementary, middle, and high school students who received top honors at the Michigan History Day State Finals on April 28 at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant.

His individual exhibit in the Senior Division (grades 9-12), titled Jack Kilby and the Microchip: A Massive Revolution in Micro Technology, earned him state finals status.

This year, about 5,500 students participated in the Michigan History Day program. After competing in regional districts statewide, 329 students reached the state finals. Finalists chosen at the state competition in the junior and senior divisions now move on to the national contest, called National History Day, held this June in Maryland.

Michigan History Day offers a opportunity to move social science beyond routine learning. Students perform research on an individually chosen topic. They then present their work through the disciplines of writing, art, literature, music, drama, and/or visual communications.

All entries were tied in some way to the 2012 National History Day theme, "Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History."

## NOVI ON CAMPUS

### Olivet College

Olivet College recognized the best of its student body at the annual Honors Convocation held April 18 in the college's Mott Auditorium.

Mark Gouba, a senior from Novi, received the Actor of the Year Award, given to the student who best exemplifies the ideals of acting through dedication, talent and devotion to her or his craft. Gouba appeared in productions during the 2011-12 season and was

selected for the honor by his peers.

In addition, Gouba received the Cho-rister of the Year Award, which is presented to the student who best exemplifies the ideal of choral singing through dedication, talent and collaboration. He also received the Lenora Belle Hazard Memorial Award, which is given to a student who, according to judges, has written the best essay on how his or her music or theatre major(s) will influence his or her life after graduation.

# Everyday effort needed for district to be great

By Steve Matthews  
Guest Columnist

What does a quality organization look like?

A quality organization has employees who, every day, live out the values of that organization. For an organization to be great, the people in the organization have to believe that their everyday effort to support the values of the organization will determine the success of that organization.

Here's one example of an organization that had at least one person who lived the values of the organization but it did not have all employees living those values.

Thirty-five years ago this summer my wife and I married. We arrived at the airport in Seattle two hours early for our honeymoon flight to Hawaii. Check-in started at the counter in the front lobby as there were no pre-printed boarding passes then. The ticket agent gave us our seats, and much to our dismay, we discovered we had been assigned seats in different rows. Not the best way to start our honeymoon.

My wife told the ticket agent it was our honeymoon, but the agent just smiled and said there was nothing she could do. Discouraged we walked to the gate.

Upon arriving at the gate we heard our names called and we approached the airline agent at the counter. She asked for our boarding passes and we handed them over. She then handed us back new



Super Talk  
Steve Matthews

boarding passes with seats assigned in the first class section of the Boeing 747.

We looked up at her with surprise on our faces. She looked back and said, "It's your honeymoon. Enjoy the flight."

On that day many years ago, we dealt with two airline employees. One gave us a great experience. One did not.

I believe that airline had a core set of values. Those values were probably similar to the values that many airlines expressed — focus on the customer, provide great customer experiences, and find solutions to customer problems.

One employee lived those values. One employee did not. District goal number four in Novi focuses on improving organizational quality and customer service. In order to improve our quality we start with a core set of values. We focus on student success and providing opportunities for students.

If we are to achieve these goals, live into our values, then every employee in our district has to embrace that their effort every day is critically important. Our success is not determined by the values or the goals that we can write down on a piece of paper. Our success will be determined by the effort that every

employee in our district gives every day to help us achieve these goals. I come to work every day and try to live out the values of our district. Focus on student success. Help all students achieve at a high level. Provide great opportunities for students.

And my guess is that some of you in our community can help me recall times that I have failed to live up to these values. My goal is to become more consistent, to live the values of our organization every day.

As my wife and I sat in the bubble of the Boeing 747 nearly 35 years ago eating a meal while we flew over the Pacific Ocean, I did not give much thought to the airline employee who made it all possible. But my positive experience was a result of that employee living out the values of that airline company.

As students, parents, and community members experience our district through our classrooms, our athletic events, our plays and concerts, and the many other points of connection between the district and our community, my hope is that every employee lives out the values of our organization. I know that we will stumble on occasion, but my hope is that we continue to get better every day.

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Milford, Md. "Julie" Austin Sessions (nee Elizabeth Sessions) was born August 19, 1925 to Rev. and the late Elizabeth (Bees) Sessions in Rutland, Vermont. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church and a choir member for many years. She was a 1943 graduate of J. W. Weston High School, and earned her B.A. Degree from Stephens College in Columbia, MO. She was employed by Channel 50 in Detroit for 20 years, and later was the banquet manager for the County Club at Lansing. Julie loved theater, cooking, gardening, and her family—particularly family gatherings. She is survived by her son Patrick Austin of Milford, her daughter Jordan (Tom) Brushfield of Melbourne, Australia; her father Rev. E. Sessions; sisters, sister Elizabeth (Lisa) Lang and husband David of Columbia, MO; brother Rev. L. Sessions and wife Barbara of Chicago, IL; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. A Memorial Service will be held at Plymouth Congregational Church, 2001 E. Grand River, Lansing, MI 48906 on Saturday, May 5, 2012 with the Rev. Joy A. Baumgardner and The Rev. David T. Rainfield officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Julie's name to Plymouth Congregational Church. Arrangements by Estes-Leadley Greater Lansing Chapel.

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**BAUER, JOHANNA S.**  
Passed away April 25, 2012. A private family service was held. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. Online condolences: www.phillipsfuneral.com

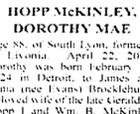
**COLLINS, LAWRENCE**  
Feb. 11, 1917-April 26, 2012. Online Condolences: obrienwilliamsfuneralhome.com

**GIESEKING, FREDERICK "FRED"**  
Nov. 25, 1950-April 21, 2012. Online Condolences: obrienwilliamsfuneralhome.com



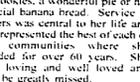
GOLPHIN, THELMA M.

Of Novi: age 72; passed away on April 27, 2012. Thelma was born March 2, 1940, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, the daughter of Walter and Norah Kelly. She was a generous and kind-hearted friend to many and was the loving mother of six children: John, Steven, Kathleen, Dawn, Susanne and Michael, as well as many grandchildren. She is survived by her children and her sisters, Joyce and Sheila. A private, family memorial service celebrating Thelma's life will be held, in Canada, at a later date.



HOPP MCKINLEY, DOROTHY MAE

Age 88, of South Lyon, formerly of Livonia. April 22, 2012. Dorothy was born February 12, 1924 in Detroit, to James and Alma (nee Evans) Brockhurst. Beloved wife of the late Gerald H. Hopp I and Wm. B. McKinley. Loving mother of Gerald H. Hopp II (Susan, Jamie Hopp Gindele (Gary), Janette Hopp (Wayne) (Sean) Hopp Jones (Gary) and Jane Hopp Rathbun (Bob). Loving grandmother of Patrick Jones, Brian Jones, Allison Gindele (Asher), Corey Hopp, Christopher Gindele, Alex Rathbun, Emily Rathbun, 17 additional grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren. Also survived by stepchildren Wm. M. McKinley, Tim McKinley, Lezandra (Kara), T.C. McKinley (Krist), and Cheryl McKinley (Druckennis) (John). Also mourning her loss are two brothers, a sister, three sisters-in-law, several cousins, nieces, nephews and many, many friends. Visitation was held at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia. Funeral services were at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, Livonia. Interment Redford Cemetery. Charitable donations may be made to the Redford Cemetery Association or the Livonia Diabetes Research Foundation (Cincinnati) Chapter. Dorothy led a full and productive life for 88 years. She lived for many years with her family in Livonia and then in South Lyon. She was an active member at Rosedale Gardens Church where she served in a number of capacities. Livonia Arts & Letters and many other Civic and Women's groups. Dorothy succumbed to complications from a heart condition. She believed the best things in life were her family, faith, friends, and the future. She was a friendly, caring neighbor who was always ready to share a batch of cookies, a wonderful pie or her special banana bread. Service to others was central to her life and she represented the best of each of the communities where she resided for over 60 years. She was loving and self-loved and will be greatly missed.



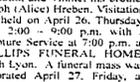
MCDONALD, MARY WILLIAMS

Age 102, formerly of Detroit and Novi, passed from this earthly life into eternal life in Grand Rapids, MI on April 25, 2012. Beloved wife of the late George McDonald. She is survived by her cousins Janis Burhop, Henry Clark, Kathy English, Ralph Townsend, Leola E. English, Helene Glaza and numerous other cousins and friends. Preceded in death by her parents Thomas and Clara Craigie and her brothers Bob and Jack. Volunteered and supported several charitable organizations throughout her lifetime. She was a member of Metropolitan United Methodist Church and she was on the board of Methodist Children's Village. She loved the Detroit Tigers. Funeral Service at 1pm, Thursday, May 3rd at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi, 48240. The family would prefer donations to P.E.O. Sisterhood, 41331 Lagoon Ct., Northville, MI 48167 or Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48202. Online condolences: obrienwilliamsfuneralhome.com



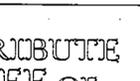
HREBEN, GEORGE F.

Age 70, passed away April 23, 2012. He was born on Nov. 11, 1941 to the late George A. and Cecelia (Karpenski) Hreben. He served in the U.S. Army as an MP Captain. He retired from Ford Motor Company after 28 years of service in finance. George loved his family and spending time with his grandchildren. He also enjoyed playing golf and going on vacation. George is survived by his wife of 48 years, Judith; George J. (Dawn) Hreben, Terri (Robert) Janik; a grandchild: Zoe; Jack, Malcolm, and Vinnie; his brother Joseph (Alice) Hreben. Visitation was held on April 26, Thursday from 2:00 - 9:00 p.m. with a Scripture Service at 7:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A funeral mass was celebrated April 27, Friday, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Church, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, Post Box 14271, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com



MORICONI, LEONARD

Jan. 4, 1932-April 21, 2012. Online Condolences: obrienwilliamsfuneralhome.com



REDIGAN, MARCIA LEE

July 16, 1953-April 24, 2012. Online Condolences: obrienwilliamsfuneralhome.com



SCHURZ, ARCHIE

Age 85, passed April 26, 2012. Memorial service will be held in the near future. Arrangements: Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. www.phillipsfuneral.com



STORCH, JAMES E.

July 2, 1926-April 22, 2012. Online Condolences: obrienwilliamsfuneralhome.com



LYKE, LAWRENCE "BUD"

Lawrence James (Bud) Lyke, age 95, of New Hudson, Michigan, passed away on April 27, 2012 at Caretel Inns, Brighton, Michigan. Bud was born on July 21, 1918, in Salem Township to James and Margaret (Whitmer) Lyke. He was a life-long resident of the South Lyon area. Bud proudly served in the Army Air Corp during World War II. He was stationed in the Pacific and attained the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was a carpenter and farmer for many years, and also worked at a United Memorial Gardens. Bud enjoyed growing vegetables & flowers, exercising and observing the world. He was known for his mischievous sense of humor that spared no one. Most importantly, he cared for his family. Bud was preceded in death by his parents, and siblings Orville Lyke, Phyllis Odgers, Eleanor Carter, Leonard Lyke, and James Lyke. He is survived by his siblings Lulu Witt and Richard Lyke, and many nieces, nephews and friends. A Graveside Service will be held on May 4, Friday, at 11:00 a.m. at Thayer Cemetery, 6 Mile and Napier Roads, Northville, Michigan. Arrangements made by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon, MI. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com



A small vial of "Cap'n Kush" is a legal incense sold at many parts stores and gas stations in the Novi area and its effects mimic those of synthetic marijuana. In small letters at the bottom of the vial it reads "Product is Not For Human Consumption."

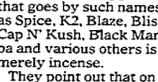
## Judge: Using synthetic marijuana is like playing 'Russian roulette'

### Mackenzie, others warn community about dangerous of K2, Spice

By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer

*"You are playing Russian roulette every time you use it, replacing the pistol with a pipe."*

**BRIAN MACKENZIE**  
52-1 District Court Judge



MACKENZIE, BRIAN

Manufacturers and sellers claim the green, leafy, potpourri-looking product that goes by such names as Spice, K2, Blaze, Bliss, Cap N' Kush, Black Mamba and various others is merely incense. "They point out that on the label of each package it reads, 'not for human consumption,' and as a result are able to dodge legal ramifications. But those who purchase the product are not just getting incense, they are getting a form of synthetic cannabis that mimics marijuana in several ways. And in many other ways this drug is much more dangerous as researchers have found it can cause heart attacks, agitation, drowsiness, vomiting and hallucinations. It also tends to be addictive. "You are playing Russian roulette every time you use it, replacing the pistol with a pipe," said 52-1 District Court Judge Brian Mackenzie. "Using it means you are deciding to risk dying. It has no value, and frankly one side-effect of it if it doesn't kill you is paranoia. I cannot see why anyone would want to use it."

The main reason people are using it is because it is easy to obtain. Many party stores and gas stations sell the various versions of the product behind the counter, as technically the drug is legal. However, according to Rich Isaacson, special agent and public information officer for the Detroit division of the Drug Enforcement Agency, that is not exactly true as users can be prosecuted if the chemicals in the drug mimic other schedule I drugs and are used in the same way. Isaacson said there is legislation pending at the federal and state level, particularly House Bill 5338 and Senate Bill 789 that gives the state Department of Community Health the authority to categorize such substances that pose im-

minent danger to the lives of Michigan residents as controlled substances. "There is no debate, these are dangerous substances," he said. The reason it is able to be sold at stores is because the chemists who manufacture the drug tweak the chemicals used to make it ever so slightly to be in compliance. A version of the drug was banned three years ago, but a newer one, with different chemicals, was created shortly thereafter. "The product is usually sold in small, silvery plastic bags or plastic vials with screw on tops, and it is smoked in joints or pipes. Mackenzie said he has seen an increase of users in his court room because they believe they could not be tested for it. But in his court room if someone is on probation and they are caught using it he will put them in jail. "I had two people in (recently) admit they were using and their reason was simple, 'I didn't think you could catch me,'" he said. "But we have a really good test for it."

Use in Novi Novi Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David Molloy said the use of the drug in Novi is not widespread but he has seen it. "It's something that does concern us," he said. Molloy indicated that he did not know specifically what stores in the city sell the product, but understands it is easy to obtain elsewhere regardless. At the school level, school resource officer Jeremy Stempien said he has come across the drug at Novi High School in the last two years. He said he believes the majority of the students in the school understand how dangerous the drug is, but that doesn't mean

he isn't on the lookout for it. "The scariest thing is that a lot of it is manufactured in people's basements in China and India, and you just don't know what you are putting into your body," he said. Any student caught using the product would be in violation of school policy and subject to punishment. Steve Matthews, Novi Community School District superintendent, said he has not dealt with any issues during his tenure in Novi, but isn't naive to think it's not out there. "What we try to do is educate students as much as possible," he said. "We focus on prevention, but when that doesn't work we focus on supporting (the students) so they will stop using things like that." Stempien said parents should take "great offense" to the fact the drug is out there and keep an eye on their children. Said Isaacson: "In these retail spots where they sell them, there is nothing stopping the community from talking to the managers and owners of these places and saying you may be allowed to sell this but it's wrong and we don't want to patronize your business if you are selling these products."

Mackenzie noted that in November in Texas three teenage boys had heart attacks on the same day after allegedly using different forms of synthetic marijuana. "This is really bad stuff," he said. "I'm not a fan of any of the drugs and don't want to make comparisons, but this is really bad." — Gannett News Services contributed to this article

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# Former CPA ices career for a new one

By Lonnie Huhman Correspondent

Life-long Novi resident Christine "CJ" Kendall has found fulfillment in a cup of flavored ice shavings. Since last June, Kendall has been making the rounds through the local neighborhoods and athletic fields with her Kona Ice truck, offering both kids and adults a refreshing, cool treat on those hot days. "I find lots of joy in this," she said of becoming a Kona Ice franchisee. "There's nothing like interacting with the kids and seeing them smile as they enjoy a Kona Ice." Kendall used to be a



A former CPA, CJ Kendall changed careers last June and can be seen throughout the area selling cool treats from her Kona Ice truck.

certified public accountant and later a controller. But, after a chance meeting in a Cincinnati hotel elevator while she and her husband, Patrick, were on an anniversary

trip, it became clear to her that there was something else out there for her — something that would allow having more time with the family. Kona Ice was having their yearly conference in Cincinnati at the time and Kendall struck up a conversation with one representative. After checking out their website, she decided to go for it. Being a start-up has its ups and downs, but for Kendall it has been more fun. Before, she had hardly any spare time with her kids, especially during the busy season. But now she has more, and that has made all the difference. "We see this as an investment in me and want to eventually grow it into a family business," she said. But for now it's her and the colorful truck, which plays its signature calypso music while kids clam-

or around it, all wanting to get a taste of the pink colada, very cherry, orange sunshine or strawberry fresh (and those are just a few of the flavors offered). She wants the community to know she is here and available for parties, for young and old, and any other event that warrants a tasty, cool treat. Kona Ice doesn't discriminate. Kendall said it's about establishing relationships within the community. Her area of coverage includes the communities of Novi, Northville, South Lyon and Lyon Township. Her first summer was greatly helped by the baseball games and other events, like festivals, held

within these communities. She also works with some local farmers markets and recently freely offered her services to help with the Novi High School senior party. Loving the fact that she gets to be in her hometown area, Kendall is looking to get the word out to those who have not heard or seen her truck around their neighborhood. For anyone interested in having Kendall and Kona Ice come to a work party or school event, call her at (248) 444-4273 or e-mail her at cjkendall@konaice.com. A number of different packages are offered for a variety of events.

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William Corbly, 8, of Novi climbed a rock wall at the zoo. He is assisted by Christian Amundin.

## Chilly temps fail to cool visitors to zoo

The bitter wind and chilly temperatures may have been good for the Arctic Ring of Life at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak, but visitors at the Earth Day celebration April 21 found themselves more suited to bundling up as they visited special exhibits and enjoyed hands-on children's activities. Nevertheless, it was easy being green at the zoo, according to staff. The zoo-wide event was dedicated to celebrating wildlife and educating zoo visitors about environmental conservation. Zoo visitors enjoyed earth-friendly crafts, an endangered species scavenger hunt, a 30-foot rock climbing wall, family yoga classes, animal enrichment and zookeep-

er talks. Live entertainment included a hands-on drumming performance and children's music. The Detroit Zoological Society is a nonprofit organization that operates the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo. Situated on 125 acres of naturalistic habitats, the Detroit Zoo is located at the intersection of 10 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, just off I-696, in Royal Oak. The Detroit Zoo is open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April through Labor Day (with extended hours until 8 p.m. Wednesdays during July and August). Admission is \$14 for adults 15 to 61, \$12 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$9 for children 2 to 14 (children under 2 are free).

## Ward Church hosting Jews for Jesus event

Ruth Rosen of Jews for Jesus will speak at Ward Church's Sanctuary at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 16. There is no admission charge.

Jews for Jesus is an organization that uses creative methods and contemporary issues to present the message that Jesus is the Messiah to Jewish people around the world.

Rosen is the daughter of the late Moishe Rosen, a Jew who believed in Jesus for over 35 years and founded the organization. Rosen refutes the charge that young Jews who accept Christ are either rejecting their Jewishness or rebelling against their parents.

"I was taught to appreciate my Jewishness," Rosen states. "We celebrated the same holidays



Rosen

as my Jewish friends who didn't believe in Jesus. They knew I was Jewish."

They also knew I believed in Jesus. As a child, I assumed that what my parents taught me was true, but as a teenager, like most, I went through a period of "finding my own way." I found that Y'shua (Jesus) was the way, not merely because my parents had taught me to believe, but because I couldn't deny the difference that only He could make in my life."

Rosen has been on staff full-time with Jews for Jesus since 1979. She has traveled around the

world extensively, edited many books, and written several as well. Her most recent book is the biography of her father, Called to Controversy: The Unlikely Story of Moishe Rosen and the Founding of Jews for Jesus, published by Thomas Nelson.

The organization has permanent branches in eight North American cities (San Francisco, Los Angeles, Boston, Chicago, Toronto, New York City, Washington D.C. and Fort Lauderdale) as well as over 127 volunteer chapters spanning some 41 states and five countries. The group's international branches are headquartered in Johannesburg, London, Paris, Odessa, Moscow, Essen, Rio de Janeiro, Kharkov, Dnepropetrovsk, and Tel Aviv. "We exist to make the

Messiahship of Jesus an unavoidable issue to our Jewish people worldwide," said David Brickner, executive director. "There are still a few that haven't heard of us!"

To Rosen and other Jews for Jesus staff, the objective evidence of the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament, as well as the transformation in their own lives provides ample evidence that Jesus was who He claimed to be — the Jewish Messiah. For those who argue that Christianity contradicts the meaning of Judaism, the members of Jews for Jesus say there are answers, which Rosen will be happy to discuss after the presentation.

Call Ward Church at (248) 374-5937 for more information.

## Canton career expo touts hundreds of new jobs

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Aiming to recruit hundreds of workers, national and local companies plan to converge on Canton next Tuesday for a career fair hosted by the Michigan Institute of Aviation and Technology. Over 80 firms representing the aviation, energy, automotive, technical, transportation, manufacturing and government fields, among others, are expected to attend the seventh MIAT Career Expo on the 750-student campus at 2955 S. Haggerty, north of Michigan Avenue.

"It's all different types of companies," said Amy Kienast Linderman, MIAT's national director of business relations. "It really runs the gamut from flight attendants to engineers to accountants to mechanics to dispatchers."

Linderman estimated that 70 percent of the companies are looking to fill positions, though some educational and resource organizations also are set to attend. She said one firm, Indianapolis-based AAR Corp., a global provider of products and services to commercial aviation and government defense indus-

tries, is looking to hire as many as 600 workers. The public is invited to attend the career expo, which is free for job-seekers, and MIAT has spread the word to its current and former students and to more than 5,000 U.S. Armed Forces veterans.

MIAT President Chuck Hawes said the event is intended to link employers to high-quality candidates who can be a good match for their companies.

"Right now, certain industries are experiencing rapid shifts in staffing requirements," Hawes said. "This career expo is an efficient way

for employers to meet and interview well-qualified candidates for certain positions."

Job-seekers attending the career expo are encouraged to bring copies of their resumes, dress professionally and be prepared for possible on-site interviews.

Linderman said job-seekers may simply show up for the expo without registering. For more information, call (800) 447-1310.

MIAT moved to Canton in 2010, though it has been in operation since 1969, formerly at Willow Run Airport. Its website is www.miat.edu.

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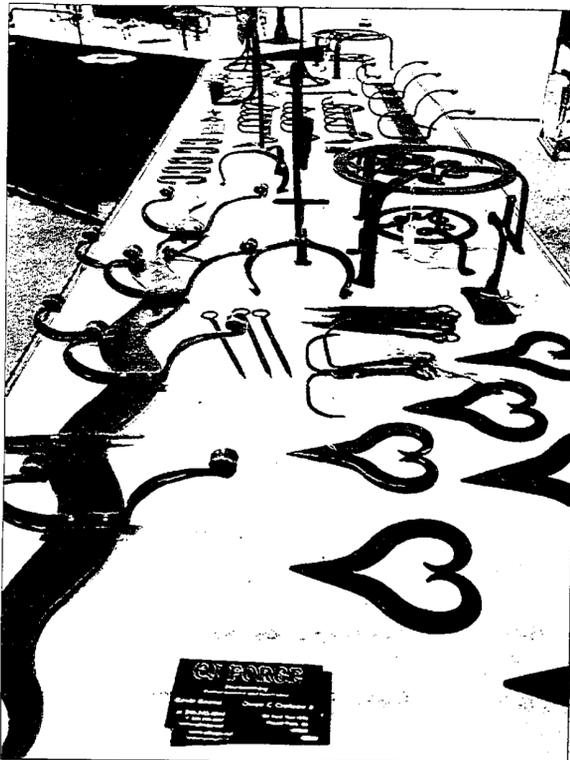
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Plymouth's Thomas Legault preps a canvas for one of his acrylic paintings on April 13 at the Great Lakes Art Fair at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace. The art fair, featuring paintings, photography, sculpture, pottery, woodwork and jewelry ran through Sunday, April 15.



A visitor to the Great Lakes Art Fair takes a look at a painting in the entrance way to the weekend-long show.



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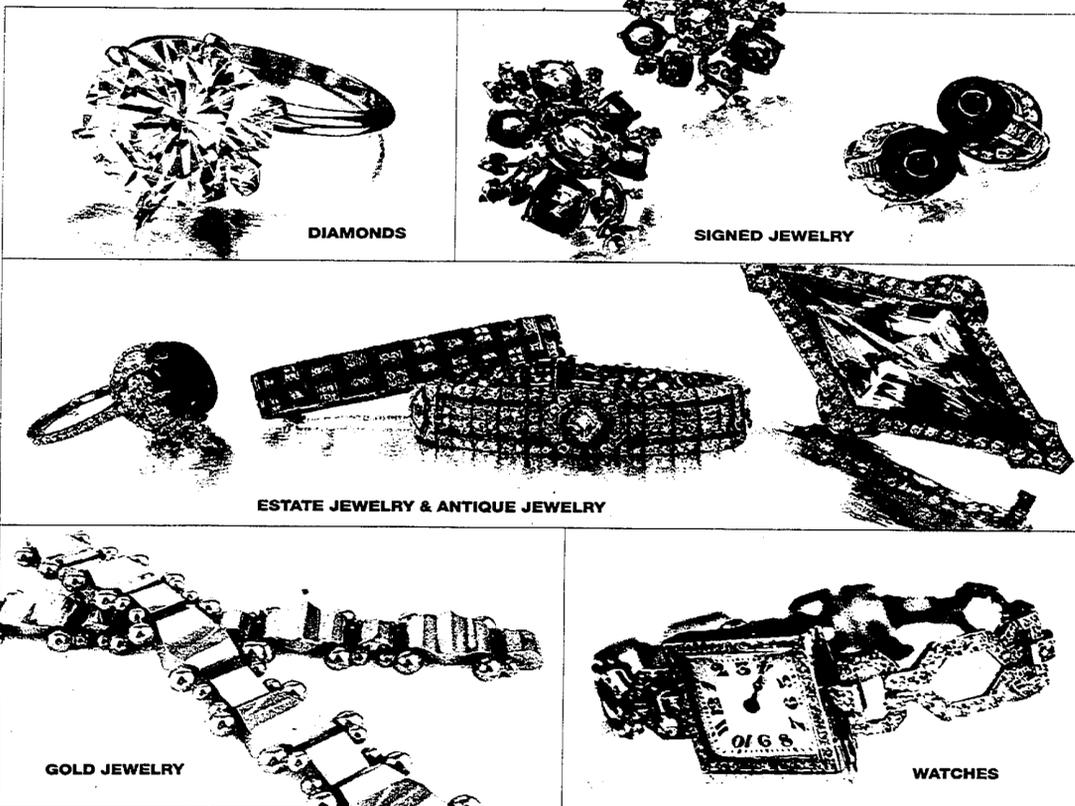
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**Batayeh new director for Walsh-Novi**  
Walsh College announced Eyal Batayeh, of Detroit, has been appointed director for the Novi Campus. Hewill be responsible for managing administrative campus operations, student recruitment and advising, corporate and community outreach, and increasing visibility of the Walsh College Novi campus and its programs to increase enrollment.

“Walsh College has an outstanding record of producing highly qualified business professionals,” said Batayeh. “I look forward to using my skills and 16 years of experience in academic advising and administration to further the success of the Walsh College Novi Campus.”

Before joining Walsh, Batayeh served as the undergraduate program coordinator at The School of Hospitality Business at the Eli Broad College of Business at Michigan State University. He brings more than 16 years of academic advising and leadership experience to Walsh College, including admissions for prospective and current students, transfer credit evaluation, readmission, withdrawal and course and career planning.

Batayeh obtained his bachelor of science degree from the College of Social and master of arts in student affairs administration from Michigan State University.

**The Manor's Berthold recognized**

Lisa Berthold, administrator of The Manor of Novi, a Ciena Healthcare managed skilled nursing community, has been recognized as a national long-term care leader in a top-performing facility by the American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA). The ACHCA established the award to honor leadership excellence in the long-term care industry and showcase the best performing skilled nursing facilities in the United States.

Berthold will receive the Facility Leadership Award for 2012 at the ACHCA's 46th Annual Convocation and Exposition on May 6 in Nashville.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) Minimum Data Set (MDS) quality indicator (QM) and survey data were key criteria in determining the award. The Manor of Novi has demonstrated areas of excellence in these surveys, including health surveys, fire (life safety) survey and overall quality measures outlined by the organization. The award is based on three years of survey data.

The Manor of Novi is a 140-bed skilled nursing community located on Meadowbrook Road in Novi.



Batayeh

**Novi events**

**BLOOD DRIVES**

**Times/Date:** 7 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Sunday, May 6  
**Location:** First United Methodist Church of Northville

**Times/Date:** 9 a.m.-2:45 p.m. Thursday, May 17  
**Location:** Henry Ford Medical, Novi

**Times/Date:** 8 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Sunday, May 20  
**Location:** St. James Church, Novi

**Times/Date:** 2:30-8:15 p.m. Tuesday, May 22  
**Location:** Ridgewood Elementary, Novi

**Times/Date:** 8 a.m.-7:45 p.m.  
**Location:** Providence Park Hospital, Novi

**Times/Date:** 10 a.m.-3:45 p.m.  
**Location:** Novi City Hall

**Location:** Novi Ice Arena  
**Contact:** To set up an appointment, contact Diane Risko at Diane.Risko@redcross.org or (313) 549-7052.

**NAMI METRO FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP**

**Times/Date:** 7-9 p.m. May 8  
**Location:** Providence Hospital Heart Institute, 47601 Grand River in Novi

**Details:** The meetings are free and anyone is welcome to attend. Family support group meetings are typically held the second Tuesday and Thursday of every month.

**Contact:** (248) 348-7197

**CONVERSATIONS IN HEALTH**

**Location:** Providence Park Hospital (southwest corner of Beck Road and Grand River Avenue, Novi) in conference rooms A, B and C (Enter the campus off of Beck Road and continue straight to the building's Heart Institute entrance.

The conference rooms are located immediately to the left.)  
**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 22; Stroke Tuesday, June 19; Intelligent Exercise

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

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**More:** For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Novi Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com.

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.

**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

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

**Contact:** Reservations are free, but seating is limited. Call Sigma Financial toll free at (877) 557-4462 or visit www.123RetirementPlanning.com.

**GRIEVING WITH GREAT HOPE WORKSHOP**

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. May 8, 15, 22 and 23  
**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.goodmourningministry.net or call the Holy Family Parish office.

**Contact:** Holy Family (248)

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Pettijohn & Gough**

Dave and Melissa Pettijohn, of Northville, announce the engagement of their son, Joshua Pettijohn, to Heather Gough, daughter of Vincent and Be Gough, of Wayne, NJ.

The groom-elect graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in construction management and is employed by Clark Construction.

The bride-to-be is employed at Skanska USA Building in New York, N.Y.

A June 2, 2012, wedding in Interlaken, N.Y. is planned.



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Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the

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

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### OUR VIEWS

## Helping business City taking the 'no' out of Novi

Drive-through restaurants are not very common in Novi right now, and they probably won't be in the future even as the Planning Commission looks at modifying standards.

In particular, the commission is eyeing the Town Center District (see map).

The great news is that the city is listening to business owners as about a dozen show interest in opening restaurants with drive-throughs. It wasn't that long ago that businesses and developers referred to it as "No" because it used to be so difficult to navigate through all the procedures and requirements.

Now the city is reconsidering an outright prohibition on drive-throughs in that district and actually looking at an option that could help businesses succeed there. Ten years ago, that wouldn't have happened.

We don't see the City Council ever approving a rash of fast-food restaurants in the district because it just wouldn't be appropriate with the city's long-term vision. This will probably be more of an accessory use as in Panera Bread considering to add a drive-through to its existing operation in the district.

Yes, the language has to be reviewed, and the public will get their chance to chime in at a public hearing before the Planning Commission's recommendation to the City Council for any approval of text amendments to the zoning ordinance — but we're excited this city seems to be intent on finding ways to take the "no" out of Novi.

## Turning to prayer in time of need

Today is the National Day of Prayer, created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the U.S. Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman.

It has been observed on the first Thursday in May since 1988.

This year's theme is "One Nation Under God," taken from the 23rd Psalm, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

There are group prayer events in and around the Novi/Northville area, but if you're unable to attend, you can still participate just by praying for our nation, as well as our state and townships.

Throughout history, Americans and our leaders have prayed for strength and guidance during many definitive moments.

The Pilgrims at Plymouth prayed their first winter. The Founding Fathers called for prayer during the Constitutional Congress.

President Abraham Lincoln prayed before the battle of Gettysburg when the fate of the nation hung in the balance.

President Franklin Roosevelt called for the nation to unite in prayer when American troops stormed the beaches of Normandy in World War II.

Today, prayers are still needed. Our townships, state and nation have plenty of people in need including those struggling to find work and/or keep their homes; those struggling with the aftermath of natural disasters, those struggling with grief, those struggling with family relationships — and the list goes on and on.

And, praying for our country, state and townships can be done any time, any day, not just one day a year. We should also remember in our prayers:

• The men and women serving in our armed forces and their families, who think and worry about them daily.

• The police officers, firefighters, and other first responders who put their safety aside to protect ours.

• Our elected leaders as they seek to meet the challenges facing our city, state and nation.

And, last but not least, thank God for the freedom and liberty in this country to pray not just privately but publicly for the good of all.

## NOVI NEWS

Cal Stone, Community Editor  
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## Battle of the Books winners



The names of the Battle of the Books teams (see Letters below) and their members are as follows:

(pictured) First place: Reading Ops: Shiven Acharya, Aishwarya Narayan, Neha Gogineni, Eshwar Pitchai, Sahana Gubbi and Dhruva Vishwanath; coach Suma Gubbi  
Second, Word Eaters: Sushmita Balraj, Amber Renton, Aditya Chitta, Maithilee Sathe, Advay Muchoor and Ritvik Sehgal; coaches M. Padmanabhan and Madhavi Tumuluri  
Third, Rockin' Readers: Shivani Bongu, Saranya Nistala, Nikita Daniel, Neha Surapaneni, Haarika Karlapati and Nishika Uppala; coach Sandhya Uppala  
The Book Battling Benders: Ajay Arora, Gagan Gupta, Ankur Bansal, Siddhi Nair, Shreya Chadalavada and Haripriya Suryadevara; coach Sushma Suryadevara  
Flying Penguins: Bradley Gamm, Arnav Talukder and Matthew Gamm; coach Moustumi Sarkar  
Girls of Hope: Jamie Fu, Susanna Wu, Erin Shi and Catherine Xu; coach Liping Zhao  
iReaders: Arun Annamalai, Sandhya Singh, Aneesh Cherukuri, Ashwin Vangipuram, Sooraj Sheth and Nikith Veluru; coach Neelam Singh

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### LETTERS

#### Everyone wins in Battle of the Books

The Youth and Teen Services Department of the Novi Public Library would like to acknowledge and congratulate the 80 fifth- and sixth-grade Novi children who participated in our ninth annual Battle of the Books at the Novi Civic Center on Saturday, April 14. Fifteen teams participated, reading the same six books and coming together in a competition to answer questions about those books. We also celebrate the commitment of their parents and coaches who spent so many hours reading and preparing these youngsters for the competition. To us, every single one of these young persons is a winner for participating in our event.

We thank the Friends of the Novi Public Library for their generosity in supporting this program as well as Bonaventure Skating rink, which was kind enough to donate coupons to each of our participants.

Since we know that reading habits begin in childhood, it behooves all of us to focus a substantial amount of our energy on making reading and the use of the public library relevant to this segment of our population.

Activities like Battle of the Books, we believe, do this in an entertaining manner, enriching not just the participants and their families, but the entire community.

Kelly Kolchuk, Suzanne Carpenter, Jennifer Preston, April Stevenson and Phyllis Weeks  
Novi Public Library Youth and Teen Services librarians

#### Secret Service scandal

Regarding the shenanigans of the Secret Service agents in Colombia, I would recommend a bipartisan committee composed of disinterested members whose experiences would give them a tremendous range of insight and perspective about the incident(s). A few prospects could be Bill Clinton, Nevtt Gingrich, and John Edwards for the core group. Other potential members are former N.Y. Gov. Spitzer, former South Carolina Gov. Sanford who walked the Appalachian Trail to see his soul mate in Argentina, and former Sen. Gary Hart if he's still around.

Tiger Woods, Hugh Grant and Charlie Sheen could be consulted for their nonpolitical viewpoint.

Surely, such a group would get to the bottom of the situation.

Patrick Downey  
Novi

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#### Let voters make decision

Just about the time you think politicians have sunk about as low as they can go, along comes someone to lower the bar another couple of notches. I'm talking about the state election panel refusing to approve a petition that would have allowed the question of emergency managers to be decided by a people's vote in November's election.

The panel didn't seem to question the validity or the number of signatures the canvassers had gathered. No, they had much bigger fish to fry. In their infinite wisdom, they rejected it because the printing in the title was too small. Can you believe that? It seems that the font size measured 10 points and the accepted standard is 12 font. I'd have thought a font size of two here and there really wouldn't matter that much on an issue of this importance. But once again I underestimated just how silly and small partisan politics can be.

Let's get real. The only reason panel members Norm Shinkle and Jeff Timmer rejected it was because they and their bosses don't agree with the intent of the petition and don't really trust the intelligence of the voters. It really shouldn't matter what you, I, Shinkle, Timmer or anyone else thinks of the proposal. The people have every right to have it put on the ballot and allow an up or down vote.

There is still some hope that it will be up for a vote in November. The group Stand Up For Democracy plans

to go before the state Court of Appeals and have the panel's decision reversed. Let's hope they have the courage and common sense to do the right thing.

As for Shinkle and Timmer, I suggest they spend the remainder of their term doing something really worthwhile. For instance, they might want to check the Gettysburg Address for any spelling errors and then tackle the Declaration of Independence and make certain the punctuation is up to snuff.

Dave Shingler  
Novi

#### Taxes should be equal

Hopefully, most American citizens know this about taxes: Section 8 Article 1 of the United States Constitution gives Congress the power to assess and collect taxes, to pay debts and provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States. Taxes must be uniform throughout the country.

Generally, what citizens believe and feel about taxes depends on the ideology of their political party. Current Republican leaders like House Majority Leader Eric Cantor believe since small or large businesses produce revenue for paying debts, they should have their taxes slashed; thus jobs are created. House Republicans signed Grover Norquist's no-new-taxes pledge.

President Obama and other Democratic leaders want to simplify the tax code, to work toward equality and accountability. The issue is not about revenue; it is about the middle class, which is taxed unfairly.

Taxes of the wealthiest persons, businesses and corporations should be raised. Are taxes a privilege for living in a free society or a curse? Some think they are like dues for membership in a private or open club.

Others resent them for various reasons. Currently, taxes in the U.S. are lower than any other country. Here are quotes from previous Supreme Court justices:

"Taxes are what we pay for civilized society." — Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.

"We may have a democracy, or we may have wealth concentrated in the hands of the few, but we cannot have both." — Justice Louis Brandeis.

What kind of country we are or will become depends on who we choose to be our leader in November.

Hannah Provence Donigan  
Commerce

### Farmington chorus spring concert

The Farmington Community Chorus, directed by Steven SeGraves and accompanied by assistant director Susan Garr, will present its annual spring concert, "My Sentiments, Exactly" at 8 p.m. Friday, May 4, and Saturday, May 5. The concerts will be held at Mercy High School, located at 29300 West 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

Tickets for the performances are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door, which may be purchased from our website (www.farmingtonchorus.com), or at the Costick Center (248) 473-1800. For further information or mail order tickets, contact the ticket hotline at (248) 682-6562.

The Farmington Community Chorus is a 70+ mixed-voice group which is now in its 33rd year. It is composed of singers from the greater metropolitan Detroit area.

### Run, it's an Emergency!

The City of Novi and the Novi Police and Fire Departments, in partnership with Providence Park Hospital, Sam's Club and Running Fit will host the third annual Emergency Run on Saturday, May 12. The 5K run and one-mile stroke walk will be held on the Providence Park Hospital Campus (Grand River Avenue and Beck Road) in Novi.

Last year's event drew close to 400 participants from 6 to 74 year olds. This year's event will include a HealthFest open to all community members offering informational booths and displays, a Kid's Korner, and refreshments.

Registration and the HealthFest begin at 8 a.m. with the run/walk beginning at 9 a.m. The pre-registration fee, on or before May 9, is \$28 for the run and \$12

for the walk. Registration after May 9 and at the event will be \$35 for the run and \$15 for the walk. Children 8 and under are free. All pre-paid registrants will receive a dry-fit T-shirt. Awards will be given to the top three finishers in each race category with all participating children receiving a medal.

"The Emergency Run is a compliment to healthy Novi initiatives and enhances the partnerships with those who provide emergency services to our community," said David E. Molloy, Novi's director of Public Safety and Chief of Police. "I invite all community and business members to join us as we strive to enhance the health of Novi."

On-line registration and mail in registration forms are available at NoviEmergencyRun.org. Registration forms are also available at the Novi Police Department, Providence Park Hospital and Running Fit-Nov. Proceeds from the event will benefit health and safety initiatives for the Novi community.

For more information regarding the Emergency Run, contact Robin Worland at (248) 347-0416 or visit NoviEmergencyRun.org.

### 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.

### CALENDAR

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free of charge. Continental breakfast provided.

Contact: For more information, contact Julie Paquette at (248) 797-1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com; www.metronovibn.com.

#### NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Contact: www.novichamber.com or call (248) 349-3743

#### 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; novirota.org.

#### NOVI TOASTMASTERS CLUB

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

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

Details: Novi Toastmasters is a community-based club which is part of Toastmasters International. Our diverse group provides

a mutually supportive atmosphere in which all can develop and refine their public speaking and leadership skills. Our members also have fun while building confidence in day-to-day communications and mentoring toward professional and personal excellence. Guests are welcome — and bring a friend. Visit www.novi.freetoasthost.us

#### 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 community. 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 there is the need.

Contact: Lion President Ron Martin, (248) 473-1156 or Lion Secretary Ed Kramer, (248) 348-2747

#### Reunions

NOVI HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES OF 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977 AND 1978

Date: Aug. 11

Location: The Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi

Details: combined class reunion

Contact: Please refer to www.NoviHighSchool.com for more information.

#### 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.

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**CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY**  
 Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road  
 Contact: (248) 349-8967 or visit [holyfamily-novi.org](http://holyfamily-novi.org)

**Mass Schedule**  
 Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday: 9 a.m. Monday-Friday: 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday.

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

**Reconciliation:** Beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment.

**Priests:** Father Bob LaCroix, pastor and Father Michael Zuelch, associate pastor

**Lenten events**  
 Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursdays  
 Details: "Catholicism" DVD discussion

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Fridays  
 Details: Stations of the cross

**CROSSPOINTE MEADOWS CHURCH**  
 Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road  
 Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit [www.crosspointe-meadows.org](http://www.crosspointe-meadows.org)

**Sunday Worship:** 11:15 a.m.  
**Bible study classes:** 10 a.m. for all ages

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

**Destiny Worship Center**  
 Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 6 Mile Road, Northville  
 Contact: [DestinyW3C@gmail.com](mailto:DestinyW3C@gmail.com) or visit [www.DW3C.org](http://www.DW3C.org)

**EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 Location: 34567 7 Mile Road, Livonia  
 Contact: (248) 442-8822

**FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
 Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road  
 Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit [www.faith-community-novi.org](http://www.faith-community-novi.org)

**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.  
**Book of Revelation Study**  
 Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays

**Details:** Come and learn what John is writing about, what the symbolism means, and how this book still speaks to us today.

**Faith Journeys**  
 Date: Third Sundays  
 Details: Following worship and fellowship, someone will share how they have experienced God in their life and the difference that has made.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**  
 Location: 217 N. Wing  
 Contact: (248) 348-1020

**Sunday Worship:** 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.  
**Sunday School:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Ladies Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

**GET LISTED!**

**Submit:** Send calendar submissions via e-mail to [estone@gannett.com](mailto:estone@gannett.com); by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Church Events/Northville-Nowi, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

**Tuesdays**  
**Men's Bible Study:** 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVI-FAMILY INTEGRATED CHURCH**  
 Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road  
 Contact: (248) 349-3647 or [firstbaptist-churchofnovi.org](http://firstbaptist-churchofnovi.org)

**Family Bible Hour:** 9:45 a.m.  
**Family Worship:** 11 a.m.  
**Bible Study:** 6 p.m.

**Family Movie Night:** 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

**FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
 Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of 8 Mile Road  
 Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit [fchnazarene.org](http://fchnazarene.org)

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

**Wednesday Schedule:** 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$5 per person, \$15 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast

**Thursday Schedule:** 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group

**Have a New Kid by Friday!**  
 Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays through May 23

**Details:** A new parenting series by Dr. Kevin Leman. Join for dinner between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. (\$5 per person), followed by the series at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**  
 Location: 200 E. Main Street  
 Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit [firstpres-novi.org](http://firstpres-novi.org)

**Sunday Worship**  
 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:** May 3  
**Details:** Requesting attendees to give us

their ideas for improving the Single Place organization and its activities so we may better serve you.

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

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

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

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

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
 Location: 205 East Lake Street (corner of Wells and 10 Mile Road), South Lyon  
 Contact: (248) 437-2875

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**  
 Location: 777 West 8 Mile Road, Northville  
 Contact: (248) 349-1144 or visit [www.fumcnorthville.org](http://www.fumcnorthville.org)

**Sunday Worship:**  
 Meditative - Held in the Chapel - 8 a.m.  
 Contemporary - Held in the Sanctuary - 9:15 a.m.  
 Traditional - Held in the Sanctuary - 11 a.m.

**Sunday School:**  
 Nursery - 8 a.m.  
 Nursery - 12th grade - 9:15 a.m.  
 Nursery - 6th grade/Special Needs - 11 a.m.

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 Location: 41415 9 Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi  
 Contact: (248) 349-0565

**Sunday:**  
 Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship

**HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
 Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road  
 Contact: (248) 427-1175 or [holycrossnovi@gmail.com](http://holycrossnovi@gmail.com); visit [holycrossnovi.org](http://holycrossnovi.org)

**Sunday Worship:** 7:45 and 10 a.m.  
**Sunday School and Nursery Care:** 10 a.m. Worship Service

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

**LAKES BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

**LIVONIA CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia  
 Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit [www.livoniachurch.net](http://www.livoniachurch.net)

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

**MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
 Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between 8 and 9 Mile roads  
 Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit [mbccc.org](http://mbccc.org) or e-mail to [office@mbccc.org](mailto:office@mbccc.org)

**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)

**Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study**  
 8:45-10:30 a.m.: (caf./@)

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

**NOVI-NORTHVILLE CENTER FOR JEWISH LIFE**  
 Details: A Jewish center with events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events.

Contact: Rabbi Avrohom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or [rabbi@novijewishcenter.com](mailto:rabbi@novijewishcenter.com); [www.novijewishcenter.com](http://www.novijewishcenter.com)

**NOVI UNITED METHODIST**  
 Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road  
 Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit [umcnovi.com](http://umcnovi.com)

**Sunday Worship**  
 Time: 9:45 a.m.  
**Healing Service and Holy Communion**  
 Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month

**Peace Vigil**  
 Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month  
 Location: In front of the church

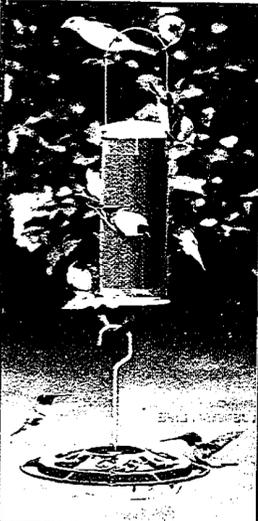
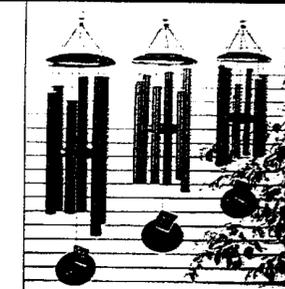
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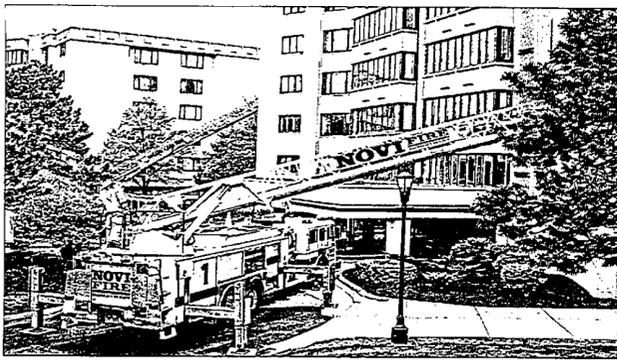
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**Fatal fire**

An 84-year-old woman died from smoke inhalation in a fire at The Enclave of Novi condominium complex around 2:20 p.m. Saturday, April 28. The Novi Fire Department responded to a 9-1-1 call regarding smoke at complex, located at 43050 Twelve Oaks Crescent, to the southeast of Twelve Oaks Mall. The fire department arrived to find an active structure fire. Police and fire personnel cleared the building of residents, but received reports that a woman was trapped on an upper floor. She succumbed to smoke inhalation and was pronounced deceased at Botsford Hospital. No other reported injuries were sustained. The Novi Fire Department advised the fire is under control and received assistance from the Walled Lake Fire Department. The fire is under investigation by the Novi Police and fire departments in cooperation with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.



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**NOVI POLICE BRIEFS**

**Drunk caught hiding pot in police car**

Novi police arrested a man for drunk driving and possession of marijuana after he was stopped on April 26 on Novi Road near Mystic Forest for speeding. According to the police report, the driver was traveling 50 miles per hour in a 40 mph zone before he was stopped. He smelled strongly of intoxicants and told police he had "a beer." He later admitted to having three beers.

The man failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .14 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent.

While sitting in the rear of the police vehicle, the suspect was rustling with what sounded like plastic bags and was moving around. When they arrived at the station, the officer found an estimated 8.6 grams of the drug pushed up between the screen divider and on the floor.

He refused a breath test at the station and a blood draw was taken. He was released pending the blood results.

**Woman caught stealing from Sears**

A 22-year-old woman was arrested for stealing after she was caught taking a pair of earrings and a necklace from Sears on April 28.

According to the police report, the loss prevention officer at the store saw the woman take the items into a dressing room and exit without them. The officer then saw the suspect leave the store before stopping her.

The merchandise was recovered, and the woman said she was borrowing it until she got caught.

The woman was transported to the Novi Police Department before being turned over to Warren police. Sears wishes to prosecute.

**Man stopped on second drunk driving offense**

A 28-year-old Canton man was arrested for his second drunk driving offense and refusing to take a preliminary breath test on April 30 after an officer observed his vehicle speeding and driving erratically on M-5 near 13 Mile Road.

According to police, the driver smelled strongly of intoxicants and admitted to having two mixed drinks. He failed field sobriety tests and refused to take a PBT.

During the arrest process he refused to cooperate by putting his hands behind his back and continued to not cooperate at the hospital during a blood draw.

He was released after he was sober and the report has been submitted to the prosecutor's office for review.

Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller.

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## Wildcats' bats quiet at home, beastly on the road

Novi baseball splits six games midweek by location

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

The rollercoaster of performances by Novi's baseball team continued last week with three losses followed by three wins, with the largest margin of victory and defeat both being 11 runs.

"We're at .500 at 6-6," Novi coach Rick Green said. "I think we could've been 9-3, at worst 9-4, but we've got a long way to go and could do some nice things."

The Wildcats (6-6, 1-4 KLAA Kensington) started out with a 6-5 loss April 23 against Plymouth (9-4, 3-3 Kensington) before dropping an April 25 doubleheader 13-2 and 10-1 to Northville (13-2, 7-0 Kensington), all at home.

Ryan Davis got the start against Plymouth and threw six innings, allowing four earned runs on seven hits (one home run), two walks and three strikeouts before Logan Regnier took over for one inning and allowed two earned runs, two hits, one walk and two strikeouts.

"We had a 5-3 lead going into the final inning and lost it," Green said. "We had some bad breaks, couple bad calls, but it was the

**ON TAP**  
Novi's sluggers (6-6, 1-4 KLAA Kensington) were scheduled for a doubleheader against Livonia Stevenson (12-2, 6-0 Kensington) yesterday before hosting Livonia Churchill (9-2, 5-1 Kensington) tomorrow, visiting Westland John Glenn (0-5, 0-5 Kensington) Monday and then visiting Plymouth Salem (0-5, 0-5 Kensington) for a doubleheader Wednesday. All games start at 4 p.m.

leaving guys on base. We were down 3-1 going into the sixth with bases loaded, one out and didn't score."

Novi scored two RBIs on wild pitches or errors, but also got some offense out of Regnier (2-for-3, RBI, run) and Jimmy Elloff (1-for-4, two RBI), as well as singles each from Ryan Caputo, Derek Ince and Alex King.

Against Northville, Caputo was lit up in the first four and 23 innings on the mound for the first game, allowing nine hits (three doubles, six singles), seven runs, four walks, one hit batter and two

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Wildcat Mark Ghannam, left, stole the ball from Northville netminder Joseph Kim, right, and scored a goal on the visiting Mustangs during the team's April 23 game.

## Wildcat LAX in running for Kensington Conference title

Adams shuts down Novi opponents as Herzog, Burnett, Haynes combine offensively



Wildcat Adam Haynes tries to hang onto the ball as visiting Mustang Max Williams slaps at Haynes' stick during the team's April 23 meeting.

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

The lucky number was nine this week for Novi's boys lacrosse team, who picked up two victories over traditionally tough programs.

Ranked No. 14 in the state, the Wildcats (8-2) defeated rival Northville (3-5) in an 8-8 slugfest April 23 before visiting Notre Dame Prep (5-6) in Pontiac, where the "Cats won 9-6.

Senior Curtis Herzog made the most of his final regular season rivalry match-up against Northville, leading the Wildcats with three goals and an assist on 12 shots. Fellow senior Kent Burnett added two more goals on eight shots.

Also chipping in with one goal apiece were sophomores Mark Ghan-

**ON TAP**

Ranked No. 14, Novi boys lacrosse team (8-2) gets into the thick of KLAA play were scheduled to visit No. 64 Plymouth (4-6) and No. 11 South Lyon Unified (9-0) earlier this week before hosting No. 78 Walled Lake Western (2-8) 6:30 p.m. Friday, visiting No. 47 Plymouth Salem (5-6) 8 p.m. and hosting No. 70 Canton (3-5) 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

nam, Chris Kennedy and junior Lucas Buck. Senior Adam Haynes added an assist and freshman Tommy McMaster led the Wildcats with nine faceoff wins.

Northville took an early 2-1 lead and led 4-3 at halftime before Novi tied

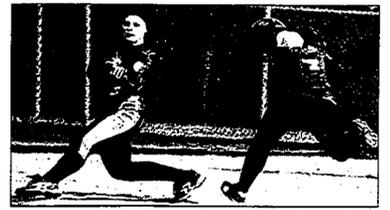
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## Injuries plenty as Novi offense fires blanks

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

Murphy's Law is the concept that anything that can go wrong will go wrong.

For the Novi softball program (0-5, 0-5 KLAA Kensington), injuries have limited the teams' numbers to the bare bones without combining junior varsity with varsity. The "Cats lost a JV player to an off-field concussion two weeks ago. Last week, starting varsity pitcher and senior



Novi's #4 was called safe on this close play at first during the meeting of the two Wildcats teams on April 23.

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## CATHOLIC CENTRAL SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

**Golf team on a hot streak**

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks golf team is on a bit of a tear lately, upending both foes in a tri-match before winning a two-day tournament and then another dual match.

The squad, coached by Bill Hayes, started things off on the right foot with wins over Lutheran North and Orchard Lake St. Mary's during a tri-match. Leading the way for the Shamrocks was Patrick Luther, a senior, as he carded a one-under-par 35 on the day. Junior Preston Dooley fared well, too, shooting a 39 in the match.

In the two-day tournament hosted at Indianwood Country Club, the Shamrocks found themselves trailing after the first day of play only to come back to win the tournament despite tough weather conditions and a field of 25 teams gunning for them. Charlie Green and Dooley each shot 79s over two days to help the Shamrocks to victory.

The Detroit Catholic Central squad then made short work of DeLaSalle in a Catholic High School League match-up, 158-166. Owen Franks, a senior, shot a 38 to lead the team while Dominic Scopone, a senior, and Dooley shot 39s to help their team to victory.

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By Chris Jackett

Track teams undefeated

The Wildcat track and field teams both improved to 3-0 after the boys defeated Plymouth...

Boys golf falls to Stevenson

Taking to the course at Walnut Creek Country Club April 25, Novi's golfers lost 150-156 to Livonia Stevenson.

An Fegert tied for the fourth score at 41. However, it wasn't enough to stop the Spartans...

Girls Lacrosse

Novi's new girls lacrosse program is still getting their feet wet, but have fallen to 0-4 on the inaugural season...

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...



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Wildcat Lance Lilla competes in the 100 meter hurdles on April 24 against Salem High.



Novi Wildcat Hannah Lonagren competes in the 3200 meter relay on April 24 against visiting Salem High.

Mustangs snatch division title from Wildcats

Novi netters battle through invite without 3 top student-athletes

The Wildcats didn't catch many breaks last week, finishing second in the KLA Central Division and at the Bloomfield Hills Lahser Invite.



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Novi Wildcat Abby Wang stretches to return a shot by Northville's No. 1-ranked tennis player Erin Doud as they meet up at Northville High on April 25.

ON TAP

Ranked No. 6 in Division I, Novi's girls tennis team (6-1-1, 4-1 KLA Central) was scheduled to host Walled Lake Western...



No. 2-ranked Wildcat Erin Day returns a volley to Northville's Danielle Romano on April 25.

like a wipeout. Erin made her work for her victory. Junior Abigail Swain filled in over the weekend and managed a 2-1 record...

Senior Emily Sheeran filled in at last Saturday's tournament, losing to Lahser 6-1, 6-1 and St. Clair 6-0, 6-0 before

er 6-2, 3-6, 10-3 in a tiebreaker. At three doubles, junior Rebecca Chen and sophomore Omara Asawari Kantikar were defeated by Northville 6-3, 2-6, 7-6(4), but beat Saline 6-4, 6-2.

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strikeouts. Alex Davis stepped in for one and 2/3 innings and allowed four runs on four hits, plus one walk and no strikeouts.

The second game against Northville was even more disappointing, as Northville's Jeff Gertley tossed a no-hitter. Gertley had three strikeouts, three walks and either a wild pitch or error led to Novi's lone run by Caputo.

LACROSSE

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allowing two runs (one earned) on four hits, two walks and two strikeouts, but turned his ankle on a bunt up the third baseline, so Regnier pitched the final 1/3 inning with a walk and a pop out to end the contest.

The offense really piled on earlier this week against Franklin. Led by Schwanz (4-for-5, two runs, two RBIs), the 'Cats had two hits each from Caputo (three runs, walk, stolen base), Regnier (two runs, two RBIs, stolen base), Ferrini (three runs, two RBIs), Zugaro (run, RBI) and Matt Forche (two runs, RBI), plus one each from King (double, RBI), Boron (a two-RBI double) and Matei (RBI). Luke Bageris (run) and Ince (RBI) walk with bases loaded) also chipped in.



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# Wildcats kickers shut out two division foes

## Pavlika sisters snuff Spartans, Rocks

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

The defending state champion Novi girls soccer team rebounded from their first loss of the season with a pair of shutout victories over division opponents last week.

The Wildcats (5-1-3, 3-1-0 KLAAs Central), ranked No. 5 in Division I, defeated Plymouth Salem (3-2-1, 1-2-0 Central) April 24 and Livonia Stevenson (4-1-0, 2-1-0 Central) April 25.

Senior netminder Sam Pavlika made seven saves to earn a 1-0 shutout over Salem after

Novi junior Erin Dircks sent a first-half cross through Salem's goal box that junior Kelly Cauchi finished with a sliding one-timer for her first varsity goal and eventual game winner.

The 'Cats had a tough time the next night in Livonia.

"To start the game, Stevenson came out with a lot of energy, caused some turnovers in our midfield and put a lot of pressure on us which resulted in them getting a penalty kick five minutes into the game," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said.

Pavlika stopped the early Spartan opportunity, allowing

the Wildcats to regroup.

"Thankfully some subs that got into the game did a very good job of settling the game down for us and bringing some energy of their own," O'Leary said.

Andrea Rybicki and Lauren Pollard did a great job both contributing 30 solid minutes in the first half.

Things shaped up more in Novi's favor in the second half, but still couldn't score until 66 minutes into the game when sophomore Taylor Pavlika sent a pass up to junior Natalie Krygier just past the half line. Krygier dribbled 15 yards and

### ON TAP

Novi's fifth-ranked girls soccer team (5-1-3, 3-1-0 KLAAs Central) was scheduled to host South Lyon (2-1-1, 0-1-0 Central) two nights ago before visiting South Lyon East (6-3-1, 1-3-0 Central) 6 p.m. tonight, hosting No. 2 Northville (8-0-3, 4-0-0 Central) 7 p.m. Tuesday and visiting Plymouth Salem (3-2-1, 1-2-0 Central) 7 p.m. May 10.

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"We would score an insurance goal with five minutes left as Stevenson was sending up extra attackers."

Taylor Pavlika and Krygier connected again as Krygier received a pass up the center, turned, took two touches to the top of the goal box and found the side netting low past the netminder to secure the 2-0 victory.

For Sam Pavlika, the victory was her sixth shutout as the Wildcats outshot Stevenson 8-7.

fired a shot into the upper corner of the net from 25 yards out to give the 'Cats a 1-0 lead.

"In the second half, we came out with much more passion and put lots of pressure on Ste-

venson but they did a good job of bending but not breaking on defense," O'Leary said.

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## SPRING 2012 HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY SPORTS SCHEDULES

Novi Wildcats	5/9 6:30 p.m. Canton	West 5/5 TBA @Okemos
<b>GIRLS SOCCER</b>	All games 7 p.m. unless noted	5/8 @Association XO South
5/3 6 p.m. @ South Lyon East		
5/8 Northville		
5/10 @ Plymouth Salem		
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5/8 @ KLAAs South Crossover		
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<b>TRACK &amp; FIELD</b>	5/8 4 p.m. Livonia Stevenson	
<b>BOYS GOLF</b>	5/3 9 a.m. Milford	
5/7 9 a.m. @ Brighton Invite		
5/8 3 p.m. South Lyon		
5/9 3:30 p.m. @ Northville		
<b>BOYS LACROSSE</b>	5/4 6:30 p.m. Walled Lake Western	
5/7 8 p.m. @ Plymouth Salem		
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	5/8 7 p.m. @ Novi	
	5/10 7 p.m. South Lyon	
	<b>GIRLS TENNIS</b>	
	All games at 4 p.m. unless noted	
	5/3 @Association Crossover	

## INJURIES

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Taylor Scott injured herself in a game and starting varsity first baseman and sophomore Laura Oakley injured herself in gym class.

As a result of the injuries, the two rosters have played musical chairs, but the results have been less than ideal as the 'Cats have been outscored 49-1 in five games this season.

"I would combine the two teams together, but I don't want some of the JV players not to play," Novi coach Bob Lulek said. "When you have one of your better players get hurt, it doesn't help. I'm taking this with a grain of salt."

During the past week, Novi lost 11-1 to Plymouth (8-2, 5-1 Kensington) April 23, 11-0 and 7-0 to Northville (7-1, 5-1 Kensington) April 25 and 10-0 at Livonia Franklin (5-3, 5-2 Kensington) Monday.

The Wildcats fell behind early against Plymouth after a walk and four infield errors by three different basemen led to a 4-0 Novi deficit. Plymouth ended up capitalizing on seven errors, two walks, one hit batter and seven hits off Scott to get 11 runs over the course of the game.

"I don't think she pitched that bad, you just can't make that many errors," Lulek said of the fielders behind Scott.

With Oakley already out with an injury, senior Emma Walter took over first-base duties after senior Kasey Richmond struggled in the position and junior Anna Greulich was sent to the JV roster to fill in for a student-athlete who had a concussion.

Novi got their offense off seven hits, including two — and the season's lone RBI from a complete game — from Christina Oakley, along with two more from junior Kailey Opat.

Scott started on the mound two days later against Northville, but had to leave the game with an injury while the 'Cats were down 7-0. Opat took over and allowed four runs in two innings to end the game by mercy rule.

"Taylor Scott played the first three innings and pulled up lame and couldn't play anymore," said Lulek.

After a brief rest, Scott tried to start the second game of the doubleheader,

### ON TAP

The Wildcats (0-5, 0-5 KLAAs Kensington) hosts Livonia Churchill (5-4, 2-4 Kensington) tomorrow before visiting Westland John Glenn (7-7, 2-4 Kensington) Monday and a doubleheader at Plymouth Salem (0-6, 0-6 Kensington) Wednesday. All contests are at 4 p.m.



Novi Wildcat pitcher #16 goes up against the Plymouth Wildcats on April 23.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

but discovered she was done for the day.

"Taylor could not play at all," Lulek said. "She stepped on the field for one pitch and then went out of the game, so we played with eight players. To our credit, they played very well and played hard and made some nice plays."

Opat stuck it out for all seven innings, but the Mustangs still won 7-0 as Novi only got singles from Opat, Walter and junior Kasey Lowney.

"Northville scored some runs because they hit the ball into the gap in outfield with two outfielders," Lulek said. "The kids played real hard with eight players."

With Scott out, sophomore Natalie Tarant was moved up to varsity against Franklin, but allowed nine hits and three walks in a five-inning 10-0 loss after the Patriots hit five-straight doubles and a home run.

The Wildcat offense had just two hits, three strikeouts and one walk.

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## Lacrosse team drops three

It would appear that the trip down to Indiana wasn't one filled with laughter and joy for the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks lacrosse team. The squad, coached by Dave Wilson, took a 16-3 loss to a very talented Culver Military Academy before dropping a 14-7 match against Western Reserve Academy. The two games were part of the Midwest Tournament.

"They were physically superior and played a great team

game," said Wilson of Culver. "We never really got the car ride out of our legs or heads."

The tournament wasn't a waste, however. Wilson firmly believes there are lessons to be learned in such losses.

"Even though we lost handily, it was a great experience for us to go on the road and play two superior-grade teams," he said.

The Shamrocks also lost to Brother Rice in a Catholic High School League showdown last week, 7-3. The game was a 4-3 match until nine minutes remained when the Warriors tallied three unanswered goals to put the game away.

## Track team competing with tough squads

The Detroit Catholic Central track and field team, coached by Tony Magni, has a schedule filled with top-shelf opponents. That typically doesn't lead to wins, but it does give the track squad plenty of competition to measure themselves against.

The squad recently competed in the Jackson Invitational, finishing fourth behind Saline, Grand Blanc and East Kentwood.

Taking first place for the Shamrocks was Mark Becker, who threw the discus 165-feet-5-inches to secure the top spot. Dylan Roney took ninth and David Houle took 10th for the

Shamrocks in the event. Becker also took second in the shot put, throwing a 58-8.5 while Houle took third and Roney fourth.

The Shamrocks also had a third place finish from Lance Yassay in the high jump as he cleared 5-11 while the 3,200 relay team of Collin Pifer, Danny Savard, Jonathan Malone and Josh Carlin took fourth.

Capturing a third in the 100 and the 300 hurdles was Jack Malinowski while Jonathan Malone took fifth in the 1,600 run and Carlin took third in the 800.

The Shamrocks also competed in the Ypsilanti April Showers relays and finished third behind East Kentwood and

Saline.

The team of Houle, Becker and Michael Popiela took first in the shot put relay while Becker, Roney and Angelo Toppi took first in the discus relay. Also taking a first was the 1,600 run duo of Malone and Nico Lanzetta.

Taking second was the high jump duo of Malinowski and Yassay while Joshua Gandy, Blake Freeman, Thomas Hool and Jared Jolley combined for second place in the 900 hurdle relay. The shuttle hurdles team of Evan Moran, Yassay, Gandy and Malinowski took third while the team of Carlin, Collin Pifer, Andrew Toloff and Kevin Mills took fourth in the 3,200 relay.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 12-173.04 TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 28.5, "PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES," ARTICLE II, "SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS," SECTION 28.5-34, "SITE RESTORATION BOND," IN ORDER TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR POSTING A GUARANTEE TO ALLOW POSTING A PERFORMANCE BOND

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, April 23, 2012 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

Publish: May 3, 2012      0606774604 3x3

**NOTICE  
REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT  
TUP 12-008**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the applicant for NOVI Energy is requesting a Temporary Special Land Use Permit for temporary placement of ground mounted solar panels on Hampton Woods Condo Unit #3 (west of 23955 Novi Road), south of Ten Mile Road - west of Novi Road for 24 months from date of approval.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a temporary special land use permit.

This request will be considered at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 18, 2012 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to Angie Pawlowski and must be received prior to May 17, 2012.

Angie Pawlowski  
Building Department Clerk  
(248) 547-0415

Publish: May 3, 2012

**CITY OF NOVI  
NOTICE OF ADOPTION  
ORDINANCE NO. 12-42.04**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 12-42.04 TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, AT CHAPTER 24, "OUTDOOR GATHERINGS," ARTICLE II, "PERMIT FOR OUTDOOR ASSEMBLY" IN ORDER TO CHANGE THE TIME FOR SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FROM 30 DAYS BEFORE AN EVENT TO 10 DAYS BEFORE AN EVENT AND TO MAKE OTHER MINOR REVISIONS IN THE REVIEW PROCESS.

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## Estate planning and your digital assets — part two

By Dan Hoops  
Guest Columnist

In my last column, I briefly discussed the importance of estate planning if you are a user of a free e-mail service, such as Gmail, Yahoo, Hotmail or AOL. Because Internet users are, more or less, bound by the terms of service they eSign during their lives, this column discusses what to consider in planning a digital legacy.



Dan Hoops

The first question a person needs to answer is whether or not they want someone to access their digital accounts: Facebook, LinkedIn, Gmail, Twitter, etc. For now, the only real option available to users of the most service providers is to give a list of all of their accounts and passwords to someone they trust.

The problem with this option, however, is that accessing the account of another user is a prohibited action under most of the terms of service. Violating the terms of service can result in a complete termination of the account and all of the contents stored. This is true if you have an account with a photo sharing site (e.g. Flickr), e-mail, blog (e.g. blogger.com), or social network (Facebook, Twitter or LinkedIn).

So, going with this option places the user at risk of having his or her account terminated by the service provider. If you are willing to take the risk of violating the terms of service, there

in lies the planning: give someone your account passwords. Otherwise, a person is leaving their many years of stored communications in the hands of the service provider; the account can linger for years, the content published and out-of-control of the creator.

Now before you grant someone carte blanche access to your accounts, you really need to consider this carefully. Are their private communications in your e-mail or social network account that you do not want this trusted person to see? Would this person impersonate you or maybe reply (as you) to e-mail sent to your account? Could this person take all of your content and share it with all of your friends and family? Absolutely.

If you are comfortable with the person you designate as your "digital administrator," then prepare the list of passwords and leave it with your lawyer and testament. While there is nothing under Michigan law that allows you to make any direction to this "digital administrator," you should still provide a list of instructions to this person regarding your wishes. For example, let this person know that they should download or print all of your

data, or that you want them to share the data with certain people, or that their authority is limited to terminating all of your accounts.

Some service providers allow a deceased person's account to be memorialized. In other words, the account becomes permanently fixed and only the service provider has the ability to maintain or remove content posted to the page. Whether or not you want your account memorialized, for example, with your Facebook or LinkedIn account, is something to consider when planning your digital legacy.

If you do make a set of instructions for your digital administrator, be very clear that you want your account terminated, removed or memorialized. This is your decision, not a decision the service provider should be making by default. Service providers place a tremendous amount of value on the number of users of their sites; this is part of their business model (and why we can use their sites for free). There are some things that the user needs to be proactive about and not leave their legacy lost in the ever-changing terms of service.

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## NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Retail sales, outlook remain positive

Michigan retailers' confidence in sales over the next three months is up slightly following March sales that remained positive, according to the latest Michigan Retail Index, a joint project of Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

"Concerns over the price of gasoline haven't evaporated, but they have quieted somewhat as prices have retreated from the record highs of early February. Consumer spending also remains good, further allaying retailers' fears."

The Michigan Retail Index for March found that 49 percent of retailers increased sales over the same month last year, while 26 percent recorded declines and 25 percent saw no change. The results create a seasonally-adjusted performance index of 57.8, down from 59.3 in February. A year ago March it was 42.9.

The Index gauges the performance of the state's overall retail industry, based on monthly surveys conducted by MRA and the Federal Reserve. Index values above 50 generally indicate positive activity; the higher the number, the stronger the activity.

Looking forward, 59 percent of retailers expect sales during April-June to increase over the same period last year, while 8 percent project a decrease and 33 percent no change. That puts the seasonally adjusted outlook index at 69.0, up from 67.9 in February. A year ago March it was 63.8.

Sixty-four percent of southeast Michigan retailers increased sales in March, the best results in the state. They also are the most optimistic, with 75 percent forecasting improved second quarter sales.

National retail sales rose by 0.8 percent in March, according to the U.S. Commerce Department. Excluding cars, gas and food, sales rose 8.2 percent in the first quarter, the biggest gain in two years, the government said.

### SOCAP golf outing

SOCAP Great Lakes, a part of a 25-year-old international network of professionals devoted to consumer affairs and satisfaction issues, is taking registration for its 19th Annual Golf Outing and Early Birdie event, held at the Tanglewood Golf Club in South Lyon on June 7.

The event is open to members and non-members alike and provides an opportunity for members of local industry to network with specialists across a variety of platforms, learn about customer service opportunities and methods, and play 18 holes of golf.

The Early Birdie event, which begins at 8 a.m. and includes breakfast, offers a panel of experts in the field of industry and customer relationships discussing emerging technologies in customer experience management. The presentation and Q&A session features officials from Unilever and Kellogg's who will share key methods they are using to adapt to the next generation of customer care, such as mobile apps and more.

"This event is an excellent opportunity to learn about opportunities available in this dynamic, growing field," says Jason Wolcott, president of SOCAP Great Lakes.

Following the Early Birdie presentation, teams of four will take to the golf course for a scramble on 18 holes at the Tanglewood Golf Club. Dinner and awards will take place at 5 p.m.

"The outing, both social and competitive, provides an excellent opportunity to network with peers in the customer care industry," said Wolcott.

The events take place at Tanglewood Golf Course located at 53503 W. 10 Mile Road in South Lyon. The Early Birdie event begins at 8 a.m., followed by golf at 11:30 a.m. and dinner/awards at 5 p.m. Cost for the Early Birdie event only is \$20; golf plus the Early Birdie event and dinner is \$100; a foursome is \$390. For more information, contact the chapter president at admin@socapgl.org or to register online go to [www.socapgl.org/greatlakes](http://www.socapgl.org/greatlakes).

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