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Civilian pistol safety class on Saturday

The Novi Police Department will be offering a Civilian Pistol Safety Class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 21 at the Novi Police Department Training Center (45125 W. 10 Mile Road). After lunch, participants will move to the Novi Firearms Training Center to complete the course.

The course fulfills both the classroom and shooting requirements to obtain a Michigan Concealed Pistol License. Participants must be 21 years old and do not have to be a Novi resident to attend.

Registration forms are available at the Novi Police Department, or online at cityofnovi.org. The \$200 course fee may be paid by cash or money order. Class size is limited.

Students must bring their own equipment, including a personal handgun, 100 rounds of ammunition, safety glasses, and shooter's earmuffs or ear plugs to participate in the course.

For more information, visit cityofnovi.org or contact Sergeant Michael Warren at mwarren@cityofnovi.org or (248) 347.0572.



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Novi resident Darren Yankee awoke early Sunday, July 8, to find his 2010 Ford pickup truck ablaze in his Hampshire Street home. Yankee tried to put out the blaze using a garden hose, but once the gas tank caught fire, he instead concentrated the hose's water on his home which was ten feet away. The truck was a complete loss. Investigators have speculated that fireworks were deliberately set off in the truck's bed and they lit the vehicle on fire.

Vandalism on the rise in Chase Farms

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

Novi resident Bridgett Yankee knew things were bad in her neighborhood as far as vandals and destruction of property were concerned, but now it's gone "above and beyond."

"We are disgusted and frightened," Yankee said after the July 8 incident that left her husband's truck badly burned from what they believe were fireworks. "This has crossed the line from vandalism to arson."

Their concerns started early that Sunday, when the Yankee family was first awakened by some voices. However, after a check through the windows, they didn't see anything or anyone.

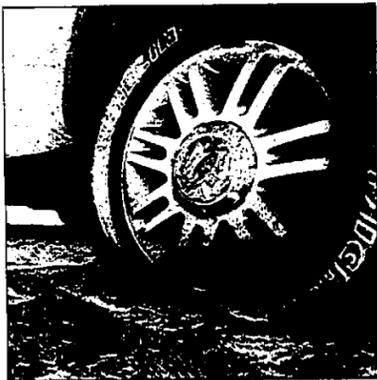
They later learned their neighbors had called police about a smoke bomb being set inside their storm door that had rolled into their home after they opened the door because someone had rung the door bell.

It was around 5:30 a.m. when the vandals struck again. This time the Yankees were roused by some explosion noises outside. Yankee's son called out, saying the truck in the driveway was on fire. They believe someone threw fireworks into the truck's bed liner, causing it to catch fire.

It burned so badly that it may be beyond recovery, she said. The gas tank had melted onto the driveway. Even the driveway, trees near the truck and another vehicle were burned slightly.

"This neighborhood is being victimized, and what makes it so scary is that it's so random yet consistent," Yankee said. "I'm wondering if parents know where their kids are at night and if there is any action to catch these individuals. I know it's tricky, but something needs to be done."

According to Novi Police Chief David Molloy, something is being done. He



The burned tire on Darren Yankee's Ford pickup truck.

said police have stepped up patrols in the Chase Farms neighborhood, which is where the Yankee family lives, because there has been a string of vandalism reports along Hampshire Street and Picadilly Circle.

According to CrimeMapping.com, since June 1 there have been at least eight incidents of vandalism in the Novi community.

"We take these cases very seriously," Molloy said of the Yankees's truck. "An incident like this could have set the house on fire considering how close the truck was to it."

He said the truck fire is currently under investigation and no specific cause has been determined. However, he said there were reports of fireworks being set off that night, so they are under the assumption that could have been the cause.

"We are going to do everything we can

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Keeping his heritage alive

Economic development director garners fellowship for his music

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Ara Topouzian, Novi's economic development director, has \$25,000 to work with — and it's not for a city project.

Topouzian recently learned he received a Kresge Artist Fellowship, from Kresge Arts of Detroit, a program of the Kresge Foundation.

"That seems to be the million dollar question," the Farmington Hills resident said when

asked about spending the fellowship money. He'll use it to advance his music.

"I don't know what shape or form that will take," he said.

Early exposure

He's 42 and began playing the cornet some 25 years ago in public school. Topouzian plays Armenian and Middle Eastern music, starting in earnest after college.

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Ara Topouzian, Novi's economic development director, received a Kresge Artist Fellowship. The Farmington Hills resident plays Armenian and Middle Eastern music, in keeping with his heritage.

Council OKs pathway pact, discusses unattended children

The Novi City Council recently approved a pathway measure through an International Transmission Co. right of way.

The meeting and agreement are "just to kind of hammer out all the details," including how to service the overhead lines if need be, said Victor Cardenas, assistant city manager. They are high-powered transmission lines.

The new pathway will be done in a couple of phases along 11 Mile running north on ITC land west of Beck Road and south of Providence Park. Funding details aren't yet worked out for the pathway, which could open in 2013-14.

"This is just the license agreement with

ITC," Cardenas said. The pathway will be for walkers, runners and bicyclists, but not for any motor vehicles.

Council July 2 also held a first reading of an ordinance on unattended children left in vehicles. Upon approval, city police will be able to cite individuals on the spot.

"This gives us ticketing power," Cardenas said. "It's just kind of cleaning up our ordinances. We do have a lot of shopping in the city obviously. There are some possibilities that could happen."

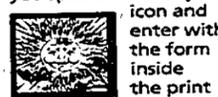
Council discussed the Main Street project at a special meeting Monday, July 9.

— By Julie Brown

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Getting back to her roots

Country singer/songwriter Anita Cochran to perform New Hudson show

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer



New Hudson native Anita Cochran will bring her band — and her Harley — to the annual Operation Injured Soldier Lyon Ride and Picnic in the Park on July 21.

In just the last month country music singer/songwriter Anita Cochran has toured all over the globe. Performing with country star Terri Clark, Cochran's musical talents have been on display in Norway, Germany and Italy, before coming back to North America for a small tour in Canada this week. She says she has loved all of the shows, but she is really looking forward to one very special performance at the end of this month — at James Atchison Memorial Park in New Hudson.

Cochran, who moved to Nashville in 1994 to kick start her musical career, grew up in Lyon Township, just a few miles from the park where she will perform on July 21 at 7 p.m. In fact, it will be the first time she has performed in her hometown since leaving for Nashville.

"I'm very excited. It's always nice to come back and play in Michigan, especially five minutes from where I grew up," said Cochran, best known for her hit duet with Steve Wariner, "What If I Said," which climbed to number one on the country charts in 1998.

"I grew up in New Hudson. Our family still has a home there. Although I'm happy living in Nashville, I still miss my time there. It will always be home to me."

Another reason Cochran (born Anita Renee Cockerham) is so excited about the show is the fact it is a fundraiser for Operation Injured Soldiers, a local non-profit that funds hunting, fishing and recreational trips for injured troops all over the country. It is the second time Cochran has come home to play a fundraiser for the group

— she also played a Christmas show in Novi in 2010. Cochran said it's an honor to play for the group.

"This is such a great cause. Our troops risk their lives for us. Many have suffered terrible injuries. Their lives have changed so much. This organization gives them something to do, whether it be hunting or fishing, that they wouldn't be able to do otherwise. It's the least we can do to come out and support them by playing, or buying a ticket for the show," Cochran said.

Al Hogan of Operation Injured Soldiers said he is hoping Cochran will draw a big crowd. After watching her performance for the group in 2010, he said he has no doubt it will be a great show.

"She was just great at our Christmas show. She really had the crowd going. I know she's going to put on another great show," Hogan said. "I know a lot of locals remember her growing up. It will be a real homecoming."

In addition to touring with Clark, who is a longtime friend, Cochran con-

tinues to work on her solo material. Her last record, *Serenity*, came out two years ago. She is currently writing new material, and hopes to record in the near future.

The New Hudson show will be a 90-minute performance, which means she will not only play her own music, but she plans to throw in a few of her favorite cover songs as well. She will bring a five-piece backing band, and says the show will have a lot of energy.

"We will bring the crowd up to the beat and have a lot of fun," she said.

Cochran's performance is actually the second part of a day full of activities to raise funds for the group. Injured Soldiers. Earlier in the day, the organization will host its annual Lyon Ride and Picnic in the Park. The motorcycle cruise leaves Oakland County before returning to the park, where the picnic will take place. The event includes a motorcycle rodeo (at 2:30 p.m.), and a fire department "hose down" for the kids.

Cost for the ride is \$20 per rider, and includes lunch and a T-shirt, along

DETAILS

When: July 21. Ride registration begins at 11 a.m., and ride and picnic begin at noon.

Where: James Atchison Memorial Park in New Hudson.

New Hudson native Anita Cochran will perform, with special guest Jay Jolley, beginning at 7 p.m.

Tickets: Cost for the ride is \$20 per rider, and includes lunch and a T-shirt, along with a ticket to Cochran's show. Tickets for just the show are \$15 and can be purchased at the gate. All proceeds help injured soldiers.

More info: www.injuredsoldiers.org or call (248) 437-1144.

with a ticket to Cochran's show. If you don't want to participate in the ride, but still want to attend the show, tickets will be \$15. All proceeds go to helping soldiers who have been injured while protecting America.

Jay Jolley, an up and coming country crossover artist who hails from Michigan and has several songs being played on stations across the country, including "Stop and Think of Me" and "It's a Friday Thing," will be the opening act. For more information, visit www.jolly.com.

In addition, Operation Injured Soldiers is still looking for show sponsors, which can help cover some of Cochran's travel expenses. Sponsors will receive tickets to the show, advertisements in the event brochure and a meet and greet with Cochran. For more information about being a sponsor, contact Operation Injured Soldiers at (248) 437-1144.

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HERITAGE

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"I'd always loved listening to it," he said. He recalled playing tambourine as a grade schooler with a band in Atlantic City.

"I got my exposure to it quite young." He'd often record live performances, as there wasn't a lot available commercially.

"I would play them over and over again. That's how I learned to play the music," he said.

His parents are both Armenian and U.S.-born, with his grandparents having survived the Armenian genocide of 1915 and coming here via Ellis Island.

"They were able to escape the Armenian genocide," he said of his grandparents, noting some of their family members died.

Topouzian's dad was in upstate New York, his mom from Detroit. The couple met at a local Armenian athletic weekend Labor Day, which included music.

Ara Topouzian is married to Della and they're the parents of daughter, Aline, 3, and son Alec, 11 months.

The fellowship was announced June 28. "I knew a couple of weeks before that," he said.

"I knew it was very competitive," said Topouzian, who didn't have to

complete live for the fellowship. "I really went into it without any expectations."

He sent audio and video, along with a biography and other detailed information. He appreciates the funding, but also especially the recognition of world music.

"It's not mainstream music," he said. It's rewarding to bring world music to a wider audience.

He wants his kids and others to hear the genre and keep it alive. Topouzian, who's paid as a performer, does concerts and festivals, playing the kanun, a laptop harp with 76 strings.

He's done many performances, including jazz. "I've always called it a professional hobby," he said, noting its difference from economic development work. "I do it as a stress reliever."

He performed at Orchestra Hall with an ensemble of about 18. About a half dozen people from the audience approached him at the after glow later.

"Those are people I work with during the day," he said. "It's definitely a change of pace."

For more and a listen to Topouzian's music, visit www.aratopouzian.com online.

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VANDALISM

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to identify who did this," Molloy said.

He said considering past experiences with similar cases, there is a good chance the perpetrators live in the area and could be juveniles.

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suspects. In addition, the Community Emergency Response Team has been getting the word out in the neighborhoods about the incidents.

In the meantime, Molloy said keep an eye out and call the police if any suspicious activity is observed.

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CORRECTION

In last week's All-Area boys lacrosse article, Novi senior Curtis Herzog's name was misspelled.

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Press preview highlights Concours d'Elegance

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Lee Barthel, who lives in Farmington Hills with a Northville address, was pleased to bring his 1932 Nash Victoria Coupe to the press day for the upcoming Concours d'Elegance. It's been restored mostly by professionals.

"I do very little work myself," said Barthel, 67, owner of Barthel Contracting, road contractor, and Eagle Mechanical, a heating and cooling business. Unlike some of the other classic car owners congregated Tuesday for the press preview, Barthel hires others to restore cars.

The one he brought is his oldest. He also owns a 1935 Auburn and a 1936 Pierce-Arrow which was driven coast to coast some nine years ago in a caravan. Barthel owns seven classic cars in all.

"I like the older ones more than the newer ones," he said, noting his newer cars have been modified to look different.

In 1945, his dad was offered a Pierce-Arrow by his boss, but the father was worried about parts and the car being out of production.

"My dad knew a thing or two about cars as well," Barthel said with a smile.

He's been coming to the Concours d'Elegance some 15 to 20 years, including at Meadowbrook. "I really like the people," Barthel said.

"In the Classic Car Club, I know people from all over the country." He likes seeing so many at reunions whose company he likes.

Motor City fun

Tuesday was a big car day (and a motorcycle as well) with many classic cars on display at the Inn at St. John's to promote the Concours d'Elegance. The event will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 29, at the Inn at St. John's. Jerry Szoostak of Plymouth drove his 1910 Stanley Steamer the short distance for the press event. He's owned the car since February and not until it was mostly restored when he bought it, with Szoostak needing to do paint touchup and some other work.

That car is noteworthy for running on steam. Szoostak owns 14 classic cars ranging from 1908 to 1966. "I was an engineer," he said. "I like mechanical things." His dad worked in a Pontiac dealership.

He's retired from his heating/cooling and electrical business. "Stay home now and play with cars," said Szoostak, 64, adding a hotter day is actually better for the steam-powered car. "You get to meet other enthusiasts for the hobby." He's been in Concours, now in its 34th year, for a number of years.

Larry Miller of Plymouth Township brought his 1957 Ford Fairlane 500 with a retractable hardtop. He owns another 1957 Ford Fairlane, a '57 Pontiac two-door hardtop, and a '57 Olds two-door hardtop. He recalled colleagues joking he was stuck in 1957.

A year ago, Miller, 67, got a 1939 Ford roadster with a rumble seat. He also owns still his first car, a 1970 Plymouth Fury 123 convertible. Miller drives a 2011 Grand Marquis daily and is a Ford Motor Co. retiree.

Cars were front and center at St. John's, as was art. Tom Hale, who's been an artist 35 years, lives in Farmington Hills with a Northville post office. He did the poster for this year's Concours d'Elegance, which will be auctioned before the event.

Wes Graff, president of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, noted the area hotels that fill up. "They'll shop, they'll dine," said Graff, helped along by shuttle service to downtown Plymouth and Northville.

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Sullivan agreed Northville events, shopping and dining will appeal to attendees. "That'll be a draw for exhibitors at the Concours who will have a great time in Northville," he said.

Paul Wegert of Brighton is general manager of the Inn at St. John's, on the job over 10 years. He agreed the economic impact is large.

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Businesses benefit

The July 29 event has significant economic impact, organizers and supporters agree. "This helps put Plymouth Township on the international map," said Richard Reaume, Plymouth Township supervisor.

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business because of the show," Wegert said.

Some visitors didn't know the Inn at St. John's, a former Catholic seminary, existed. Some are surprised to see ballrooms for weddings and conference rooms good for business meeting use.

"We're looking for a long-term relationship," said Wegert, who appreciates the good board of directors and car selection process. "Just changing it up each year has added a new flair."

The golf course closes Friday night and reopens that Monday for the event, Wegert said, and it's quickly set up and taken down.

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Kidney Foundation fundraiser set for July 23 at Poole's

Staff from the Meadowbrook Country Club and Walnut Creek Country Club will go head to head as guest bartenders at Poole's Tavern, on Main in downtown Northville, Monday, July 23. The event, set for 5-11 p.m., is a benefit for the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan.

"We're going to have celebrity bartenders in," said John Casey, a Northville Township resident and owner of Poole's. The event is headlined "Who Is Your Country Club Kidney Clash?"

"It's pretty wild," Casey

said. The two general managers from the country clubs will compete as guest bartenders, as will the head golf pros, starters and locker room attendants.

Each dollar raised by guest bartenders from each country club equals one vote, with more votes increasing chances of winning. The country club that raises the highest amount of money earns the title of "Best Country Club." A minimum donation of \$20 to the NKFM is requested. All funds raised by the event support the NKFM's direct patient

services and prevention programs offered to the more than 900,000 Michigan residents living with kidney disease.

To vote/donate for your favorite country club, or to learn more, visit donate.kidney.org/WhosYourCountryClub. Click on your favorite country club's logo to make an online donation, or make a donation the evening of the event.

For more information about the NKFM, visit www.nkfm.org or call (800) 482-1455.

— By Julie Brown

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Clear communication key to educational success

By Steve Matthews
Guest Columnist



Super Talk
Steve Matthews

Last weekend I was pulling out my car into the garage. We have a 4x4 board on the garage floor that marks the spot where we should stop our cars as we pull in. It had been too close to the bikes and golf clubs so I moved it.

As I pulled into the garage, I said to my wife, "I moved the board forward."

She said, "But it was too close to the bikes already, why didn't you move it back."

I said, "I know it was too close to the bikes, that's why I moved it forward."

She said, "You should have said you moved it back."

Last night the house was warm.

As we sat on the couch reading, I said to my wife, "I think I will turn the air conditioner up."

She said, "It's warm in here. I think you should turn the air conditioner down."

I said, "I know it's warm, that's why I am going to turn the air conditioner up."

She said, "Turning it up means you are raising the temperature, not lowering the temperature. You should have said you were turning the air conditioner down."

Even though my wife and I have known each other for 38 years and have been married for 35 years, it appears that

we still may look at things differently and have problems communicating clearly.

If Jan and I have problems communicating clearly, it's no wonder that communication is sometimes an issue in businesses and school districts. Jan and I see and talk with each other every day. We know what the slight change in our voice means, what the raised eyebrow indicates, what the stare is trying to say. Yet, even with our background and our familiarity, we still look at things differently.

In just over six short weeks, school will start again here in the Novi Community School District. I believe that the goals of the district and the goals parents have for their children are the same. We both want the school district to ensure that our students will learn, that our students will develop the ability to think and reason, and that our students will grow into healthy and well-adjusted adults. I believe that both the school district and parents want students to be safe, to be cared for, and to be valued.

Yet, at times, it seems like we don't understand one another. We get the feeling that the other person is not listening, or at least not hearing. I believe that if we would take a minute we would discover that we both want the same thing. We may be saying it differently, but the end result is the same.

As we prepare to start the new school year, my resolve is to listen more carefully and communicate more clearly. On those occasions when it seems like we are not hearing one another, I will try and remember that everyone wants our students to be successful. There will be times when we disagree but I don't want there to be times when we don't understand one another.

So if I say something you don't understand please take a minute to help me make it clearer. If you say something that I don't understand I am committed to taking a minute to make sure that we try and communicate clearly.

I have learned many lessons from my wife. One of the important ones is that communication is not easy. But with work we can understand each other.

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Paula Danielle Langley (Novi High School Class of 2008) graduated May 12 from the Honors College, summa cum laude (3.98) with a bachelor of arts in political science and a bachelor of fine arts in dance. She has accepted a position for this fall with Teach for America (AmeriCorp) in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Grand Valley State
The following Novi students on the Dean's List for the winter 2012 semester maintained a 3.5 grade point average and were enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits: Alexander B. Baumgarten; Eric L. Baumgarten; Ashleigh N. Bowne; Lisa M. Copeland; Michelle N. Croad; Hilary M. Diacono; Kyle A. Diephuis; Jordan D. Duff; Elizabeth A. Engelsen; Laura A. Ferriss; Brian L. Forreider; Alyssa M. Fraser; Bradley J. Frey; Vincent R. Gasparotto; Timothy F. Hartland; Jillian M. Hilliard; Lindsay M. Kohls; Sarah R. Less; Evan Lian; Melissa L. Ludke; Todd D. Lukasiewicz; Spencer A. Masiewicz; Courtney E. Maximuk; Hollie McDonald; Michelle A. Medved; Hayley L. Miller; Erika L. Mullins; Brendan T. Murphy; Marisa J. Pierson; Victoria M. Schnaidt; Natalie R. Schultz; Joseph J. Shada; Amy E. Spitz; Sarah N. Sultana; Ryan M. Thomas; Daniel A. Wall; Lisa M. Wilson; William C. Woods; Nicholas J. Wright; and Tenki K. Yamada.

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Golf, health talk

Pro golfer Fred Funk visits Providence Park Hospital

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Pro golfer Fred Funk is well paid to worry about his golf game — but he doesn't want you to worry unduly about yours.



Senior PGA player Fred Funk talks about his knee replacement surgery during a July 10 visit to Novi Providence Park Hospital.

Funk, 56, was in town for the U.S. Senior Open and came to the hospital to meet patients and staff. One of his sponsors is the Stryker firm, which makes the knee used in Funk's right knee 2009 replacement surgery.

Funk said of everyday golfers on the course. "It doesn't matter what you tell them, they don't do it anyway" when it comes to the sport.



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Senior PGA golfer Fred Funk, right, compares his knee-replacement scar with Cathy Laten, left, and Karen Harris at Novi's Providence Park Hospital on July 11. All three have had their knees replaced and Funk was able to resume his golfing career after having his done a few years ago. Funk, who was in the area for a weekend tournament, visited Providence Park to promote the company that made his knee replacement part.

ing average of 72.08. He's 32nd in career earnings on the PGA Tour, and served as men's golf coach at the University of Maryland, his alma mater, 1982-88.

"I thought it was a really nice opportunity for Providence," said Dr. David Markel, M.D., orthopedic surgeon with a subspecialty of hip and knee replacement. He's also chair of the program at Providence.

Passages

Obituaries, Memories & Remembrances



BISHOP, MARCIA ELLEN

Of South Lyon, Mi., age 91, passed away on July 4, 2012 at Arbor Hosp in Ann Arbor, Mi. Marcia was born on December 18, 1920 in Detroit, MI to Harry and Mabel Rich. Her father was a lithographer and editor of the Detroit Saturday Night Newspaper. Her mother was an executive secretary and both had moved to Detroit from the Rochester, NY area. Marcia fondly remembered spending summers on the shores of Lake St. Clair with her father before he died during her early teen years. Marcia graduated from Detroit Cooley high school at age 16 and worked in the Detroit area until she married Norman Bishop in 1959. Together, they raised five children and were married for 57 years prior to Norman's death in 1996. Both were active members of the New Hudson Methodist Church during the later years of her life. Marcia also belonged to her local TOPS chapter for several years. Her special interests included the following: Michigan sports teams, especially the Detroit Tigers, playing cards with friends and reading. She had an uncommon intellect and enjoyed providing loving counsel and advice to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends. Marcia was a wonderful mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who lived a long productive life and will be dearly missed by all who knew her. She is survived by her sister, Marilyn Sedore, South Lyon, MI; daughters Joan (Lynn) Blunt, Ann Arbor, MI and Nancy (Wesley) Winn, Novi, MI; sons Norman (Margaret) Bishop, Chesapeake, VA and Phillip (Sheri) Bishop, Austin, TX. Three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by another daughter, Barbara (Jack) Owens. A memorial service and celebration of Marcia's life will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, August 18, 2012 at the First Funeral Home, 3767 West Liberty Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to her favorite charity, the Make-A-Wish Foundation.



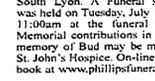
FRESCURA, WEST EDWARD

Age 11, of Fenton, passed away Sunday, July 1, 2012. Services were held 11 AM Friday, July 6, 2012 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Entombment followed in Tyrone Memory Gardens. West was born September 5, 2000 in Pontiac, the son of Brian and Jennifer (Parkinson) Frescura. He had just completed 5th grade at Hyatt Elementary School in Linden, West loved Star Wars, basketball, swimming and his pet Turtle. Dribble. He had a huge heart and would do anything, for anyone. Surviving are: parents, Brian and Jennifer; brothers, Wyatt and Colt; grandparents, Bruce and Ruby Stewart, John and Lark Frescura, Harold and Carolyn Parkinson; great-grandparents, Shirley Palm, Nan and Mel Schultz, Margie Parkinson; aunts and uncles, Mike, Tracy, Derek, Chris, Dusty, Rayna, Shane and Priscilla and many cousins. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharppfunerals.com. Those desiring may make contributions to the Friends of West Frescura c/o S/S Bank.



HOLMAN, ROBERT H. "BUD"

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LARKIN, MARGARET T.

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DOANE, BARBARA
Age 79, passed away July 15, 2012. She was born on May 10, 1933, in Kirksville, MO, to the late Leslie and Bertha (McFarland) Darnel. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon for over 50 years. She enjoyed being involved and helping out at Active Faith. Barbara is survived by her son Matthew (Amanda) Doane. She was preceded in death by her husband Roy in 1991; her two sons: Mark in 2009 and Miles in 2008. Memorial service will be held on August 16th, Saturday, at 11:00 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon, 205 E. Lake Street, South Lyon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hosp, 2366 Oak Valley Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

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"More people are doing better long, which is good," Markel said.

"Living longer" That's changed the questions health care folks now ask after the surgery. Questions now are often can a patient golf nine or even 18 holes without a cart, or bicycle. "People are living longer," Markel said, and his specialty is predicted to be the fastest growing medical area.

Several of his patients came to the Novi hospital that day, including Gary and Cathy Latendresse of Grosse Ile, both golfers. "We're Dr. Markel fans and we're Fred Funk fans," said Gary. "We're always looking for a road trip."

"The couple, both 69, have had three knees done between them, both of his and one of hers. "This one's coming next," Cathy said of her second. He had his done in November 2007 and October 2011, she in November 2011. Both Cathy and Gary noted the speed of recovery. "You walk out of the hospital," he said.

He got on the course not too long after surgery, with Markel interjecting humorously "Less than was advised" during the Providence appearance. Funk, whose favorite course is Pebble Beach, turned pro in 1981. The former newspaper circulation supervisor is splitting his time this year between the PGA Tour

'Grub Crawl' highlights Northville's best cuisine

The eighth annual Grub Crawl of the Northville Chamber of Commerce returns 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 24. Participating restaurants will provide free samples of appetizers and signature items along with cash bar specials for "Crawlers."

Event holders will receive a flier and event map highlighting participating restaurants. Free shuttle transportation operates on a 15-minute schedule to take "Crawlers" from one restaurant to the next. Participants are also welcome to travel on their own.

RESTAURANTS

Restaurants include Aubree's of Northville, Brann's Sizzlin' Steaks and Sports Grille, Bricks of Northville, Buckminster Public House, Edward's Cafe and Caterers, Sive (Inn at St. John's), Northville Sports Den, Gaucho Brazilian Steakhouse, Poole's Tavern, Qdoba Mexican Grill, and Rusty Bucket Tavern. Qdoba and Bricks are the new additions this year, with Qdoba just having opened.

available at the purple house chamber of office, Gardenview's store downtown or Good Time Party Store on Seven Mile. Organizers also reach out into township, including Sive, a chamber member just into Plymouth Township. For more information, call the chamber at (248) 349-7640 or visit www.northville.org. Tickets are \$30 and you must be age 21 or up.

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Art smart

Kids find 'have fun' main rule in this art class

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Julie Woodard doesn't set a bunch of rules for her art classes at the Northville Art House. "You can design your own pointy ears," she told eight students ages 7-13 during a recent class in which they drew fairies and trolls. "They do not have to look exactly like mine."

Some students added wings to their woodland fairy. Some came to the front of the room to the easel to make eye designs under Woodard's tutelage. "Nice coloring job," the instructor told one youngster. "I like that."

Woodard lives in Northville Township and earned a master's degree as a clinical psychologist. She's also a "self-taught artist."

She got some capable help in the Monday-Wednesday-Friday class from Ellen Gessert of Northville, a 2009 Northville High School graduate. Gessert's a senior majoring in art education at Michigan State University.

"I'm creating my own curriculum and making my own projects," said Gessert, who likes the class age range. "I'm very excited."

Gessert also teaches some kids' classes on her own at the Art House, and works with students up to age 15. "So it's a big range," she said.

This class included drawing on Monday, with Wednesday sculpting. The students gave the class high marks.



Art instructor Julie Woodard checks on the progress of siblings Irmgard, 7, left, and Georgina Pallas, 8, during their Monday, July 9, morning class at the Northville Art House.



A student in Julie Woodard's July 9 kids' art class works on a drawing.



Julie Woodard, center, leads a July 9 drawing class at the Northville Art House for kids. She is assisted by college student Ellen Gessert, standing at left.

Every Oegema, 7, is a second grader at Deerfield Elementary in Novi. "I've never done sculpting," she said. "I'm looking forward to it. And I love painting."

Woodard said students paint on the Friday session, creating fairy doors often seen around downtown Northville businesses. "They're going to create their own," she said. "These are their own to keep."

The art classes have a different theme each week, and will continue through August. You can find registration information online (www.northvillearts.org) or by calling (248) 344-0497. There are also many adult classes open to those age 13 and up.

The troll drawing was popular with the kids. "You have a troll brother?" joked Woodard with a child who wanted to put up a "Keep Out" sign. "I had three of those."

She encourages creativity: "Design your own. Have fun," Woodard told the class.

"Oooh, I love the eyebrows. Good job, guys. You're awesome," she added.

"We have all sorts of really neat classes here for kids," said Woodard during a break in which the kids went outside to enjoy the sunshine. She's been teaching at the Art House about four years. "Very, very helpful," she said of Gessert, the MSU senior. "It gets to be pretty busy."

The Art House is at 215 W. Cady, near the Northville post office and across from the Northville District Library.

"It's fun," said Emmy Buckman, 13, a Hillside Middle School eighth grader. She was learning "different ways to draw fairies and trolls."

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Novi retirees immerse themselves in Italian culture, cuisine at Fox Run

Novi is thousands of miles away from Italy, but you'd never know it at Fox Run retirement community where a newly-formed Italian-American club by residents is quickly attracting new members who are to immerse themselves in Italian culture and cuisine.

Resident Joe Jones, an organizer of the club who is not Italian by birth, speaks some Italian, has visited Italy about 30 times, and cooks Italian meals like risotto and Fegato alla Veneziana, a dish of calf's liver and onions served over polenta, whenever he gets the chance, sharing his meals with his neighbors.

When Jones moved to Fox Run, he was happy to discover many Italian-Americans live there. He began hosting Italian lunches, preparing the main course, while his friend and neighbor Bruno Morelli brought the cannoli.

Jones and his friends at Fox Run have enjoyed sharing the culture and food so much that they formed an official Italian-American club, which they named La Bella Vita.

"It's very new. We've only had a couple of meetings, but it's growing every meeting, and more people are coming, including non-Italians, which is good," Jones said. "Those of us who are involved are really happy about it."

Lori Lyon, a fellow Fox Run neighbor and the vice president of the La Bella Vita club, comes from a traditional Italian family. Her father was born in a

small town outside Rome, and her Italian grandparents lived in the house next door to her while she was growing up in the United States. She speaks enough Italian to get by when she visits the country. She has taken eight trips to Italy and has been to every region except Sicily.

"We hope to form a family, the way Italian families share and the way they do things together," Lyon said. "We thought we would bring that to Fox Run." She said the La Bella Vita club plans to host Italian language classes to teach basic phrases. It also will bring in speakers to teach residents about Italian art, culture, music, and food.

"We want it to be fun and give people some new experiences," Lyon said. "Italy is roughly the size of Arizona, and when you stop and think about what came out of that culture—from Michelangelo to the roads the Romans built—there is a tremendous amount of culture there, and most of us have never studied Italian history."

As the La Bella Vita club becomes more established, Jones said the group hopes to raise some money that it will donate to local Italian organizations. He said it will also host other activities like a Columbus Day event and other gatherings that celebrate Italian culture and heritage.

Whichever direction the La Bella Vita club decides to take, at its core will remain the simple concept of camaraderie among people interested in Italian culture.

Now open



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plato's Closet has opened a new store in Novi Town Center to buy and sell the latest looks in brand name, gently used clothing and accessories for teen and 20-something guys and girls. The store features a huge selection of trendy, designer styles as well as everyday basics, all at up to 70 percent off mall retail prices. "The opening of Plato's Closet provides still another great new shopping experience in Novi Town Center," said NTC general manager, Jim Clear. "Plato's Closet's target audience of teens, young women and men complements the growing list of new stores and restaurants that have recently opened in our new Center." The store's address is 43283 Crescent Boulevard; phone (248) 374-8075. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon-6 p.m. Sunday. More information can be found at www.platoscloset.com. Shown, employee Sara Kolc restocks merchandise at the Novi Town Center shop on July 10.

NOVI NEWSMAKERS

Fox Run developer notes promotion

Erickson Living, developer and manager of Fox Run in Novi, announced that Scott Gensler, the company's vice president of Financial Planning, Analysis and Reporting, has been selected as the new vice president of Business Development.

In this new leadership position, Gensler will work within Erickson Living's Corporate Affairs Division to identify and evaluate new business opportunities.

Ulrich named VP

Kenneth J. Ulrich, of Novi, has been appointed vice president, Human Resources, at Lutheran Social Services of Michigan. He comes from Ally Financial, Inc. (formerly GMAC) in Detroit, where he was director of human resources.



Ulrich

Ulrich previously worked for GMAC for 19 years, serving as director of global compensation and GMAC College, and holding positions for GMAC in Frankfurt, Germany and Zurich, Switzerland. He holds a bachelor's degree in business from Michigan State University and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Michigan.

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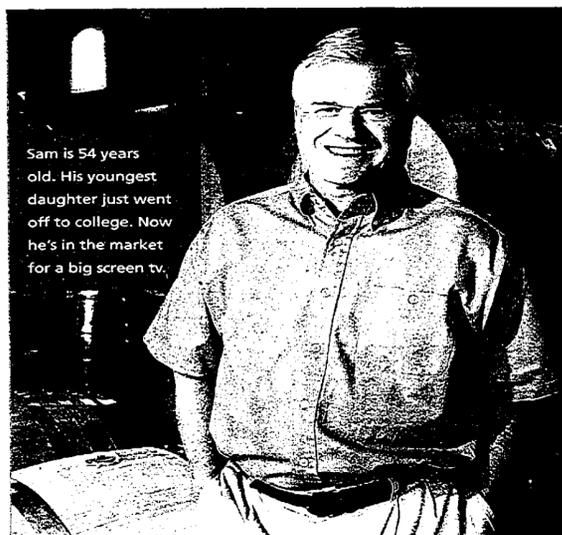
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Novi events

BLOOD DRIVES
Time/Date: 9:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 22
Location: Holy Family Church
Time/Date: 1-6:45 p.m. Monday, July 23
Location: Northville Township Fire Department
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Tuesday, July 24
Location: Busch's Market
Time/Date: 1-6:45 p.m. Thursday, July 26
Location: VFW Post 4012 Northville
Contact: To make an appointment, donors can go to www.redcrossblood.org and enter the zip code.
GREAT LAKES STATE FAIR
Dates: Aug. 31-Sept. 3
Location: Suburban Collection Showplace, Grand River Avenue (between Taft and Beck roads), Novi



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Grand River update

Work continues along Grand River Avenue on July 3. Much of the pavement and gutters from Novi Road to Meadowbrook are nearing completion. The entire project should be done by September.

get a space for \$20. Therapy Choir Michigan will perform at 6:15 June 1, Face Painting by Community Choices of Westland
Contact: MichiganArtsCraftsShow@gmail.com; visit <http://www.MichiganArtsCraftsShow.com>; or call (248) 396-0396

BEREAVEMENT MEETINGS

Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. third Tuesdays
Location: Novi Civic Center (10 Mile between Taft and Novi roads)
Details: Led by Michael M. Meyer, D. Min., goal is to give each participant an opportunity to share their story. Handouts describing the phases of grief and the tasks of grief are available.

NOVI SENIOR CENTER

Location: 25075 Meadowbrook Road
Contact: (248) 347-0414; theglin@cityof-novi.org

Business

NORTHVILLE-NOVI BUSINESS NETWORKING BREAKFAST
Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. first and third Tuesdays (except Nov. and Dec., which are just the first Tuesdays)
Location: Kerby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty Road

Details: Business networking focused on building relationships. The Sunrise Networking Group, LLC (www.sunrisenetworking.com), or SNG for short, is a group of about 250 business leaders who help each other to build more business by referring people to each other. Cost of breakfast is \$10.
Contact: Fonda Milana 586-232-3009 or fmlana@sunrisefinancialgroup.com

METRO NOVI BNI

Time/Date: 7-8 a.m. every Wednesday
Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road (north of Eight Mile), Novi
Details: BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals to each other. Members learn how to create and refine an "elevator speech," develop a broad network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited to attend free of charge. Continental breakfast provided.
Contact: For more information, contact Julie Paquette at (248) 797-1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com; www.metronovibni.com.

NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Contact: www.novitchamber.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; novirotary.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, Penickton 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.

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Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to ctstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.
More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Novi Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com.

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

Library Lines

WALLED LAKE LIBRARY

Location: 1499 East West Maple Road, Walled Lake
Contact: (248) 624-3772

HUD Counseling

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. first Mondays
Details: HUD-certified counselors are available to assist homeowners at risk of foreclosure. Learn how to work with your lender to avoid foreclosure. There is no charge for this service. Please call if you wish to attend. One-on-one sessions will be scheduled.

Book Discussion Group

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. first Thursdays
Details: Please drop in or call the library if you are interested in joining this recently-formed group.

Microsoft Excel Part 2

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 24
Details: Advanced, creating and working with worksheets and charts. Participants in the Excel classes should already know the basics of using a PC. Laptop PCs will be provided. There is no charge, but please register in advance by calling the library or email admin@walledlakelibrary.org; space is limited.

NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY

Location: 45255 W. 10 Mile Road
Hours: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10-5 Friday-Saturday; closed Sundays (Memorial Day-Labor Day)
Details: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the library or on the library website.
Contact: (248) 349-0720
Web: www.novilibrary.org

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

Knit 2gether Knitting Circle

Time/Date: 10-11:30 a.m. Thursdays, July 19 and 26
Details: If you have a leaning towards knitting or any of the related handicrafts Knit 2gether Knitting Circle just might be your cup of tea. No instructor; no registration, and of course, attendance is free.

Baffling Bill the Magician

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to noon Thursday, July 19

Book Chats (grades K-5)

Time/Date: 1-2 p.m. (grades K-2), 2-3 p.m. (grades 3-5), 4-5 p.m. (grades 6-8), and 7-8 p.m. (grades 9-12) Thursday, July 19
Details: Novi Library is proud to partner with our Novi Schools to offer fantastic guest hosts who will facilitate book discussions. Refer to the detailed information sent home from school in June.

Beginning Writers Workshop

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Friday, July 20
Details: An introduction to creative writing for adults - techniques and advice that can get you started on getting your story or poem from idea to printed page. Kathy Mutch, coordinator of the Novi Library Writers Group, is the presenter. Please register.

Please see CALENDAR, A13

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 8, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT 18.261 FOR A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 97-18 AS AMENDED, THE CITY ZONING ORDINANCE AT ARTICLE 26. GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 2616. SITE PLAN REVIEW (ALL DISTRICTS) IN ORDER TO ALLOW ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL OF SITE PLANS PROPOSING A REDUCTION IN BUILDING SIZE FROM A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PLAN.**

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, August 8, 2012.

Novi Planning Commission
 David Greco, Secretary
 Publish: July 19, 2012

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT TUP 12-018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the applicant for Suburban Collection Showplace is requesting a Temporary Special Land Use Permit at 46410 Grand River Ave. parcels 5029-16-176-022 & 5029-16-176-020. The applicant is requesting approval to use the above parcels for overflow parking and recreational vehicle parking for Great Lakes State Fair participants between August 29, 2012 and September 5, 2012 in accordance with Section 97-18 of the Zoning Ordinance.

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 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 7, 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 August 6, 2012.

Angie Pawlowski
 (248) 347-0415

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Northville Township Qdoba invited local merchants to stop by on July 9 for a free lunch so they could test their kitchen. The restaurant was slated to open to the public on July 10.

Taste of Mexico

Qdoba eatery arrives to complement restaurant scene

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

A new Qdoba restaurant, featuring fresh Mexican fare, is coming to 8 Mile and Haggerty roads in Northville Township.

Jessica Waugh, regional marketing specialist for Qdoba, said the grand opening July 10 allowed the first 50 guests to enjoy a free entree.

Qdoba has another restaurant at Six Mile and Newburgh in Livonia. "We think there's a big enough distance between Livonia and the Northville area," Waugh said. "We are very excited to be in the Northville community."

Getting involved

The already involved in such events as the Northville High School all-night party for graduating seniors, as well as the Jingle Bell Run at Northville Downs, for which they've provided tortilla soup for four years.

The local Qdoba, which has hired 20 people, is also involved in the Taste of Novi event, as well as the Northville Chamber of Commerce Club Crawl.

"It just depends on what the needs are," said Waugh, who's been with Qdoba about five and a half years. She's pleased so many locals could be hired, with a few staffers coming from nearby restaurants for training. Waugh noted there isn't fast food, with chips, guacamole and other products often made locally using fresh ingredients. "We take a lot of pride in the food we serve," she said, adding the average entree runs \$7-9.

Room for 72

The restaurant seats 72, said Lauren Preston, who handles Nontraditional Marketing and PR for Qdoba Restaurant Corp. Qdoba doesn't serve alcohol.

The Northville location



Northville Township Qdoba employee Jennifer Hathorne smiles as she wraps up a burrito order for a customer during the restaurant's trial-run day on July 9.



Northville Township's Qdoba restaurant at Eight Mile and Haggerty.

will be the 23rd Qdoba in greater Detroit, including Ann Arbor, according to Preston. There is a nearby Qdoba on the border but Qdoba officials aren't concerned about competing.

The two competing restaurants are different, Preston said. At Qdoba, guests walk through the line and watch while entrees are crafted to fit their taste, preference and dietary needs.

They choose from such options as tacos, burritos, taco salads, quesadillas, nachos and others. Guests then select their toppings such as vegetarian black or pinto beans, meats or veggies, five salsas, guacamole smashed by hand, and

jbrown@hometownlife.com

Was sandwich encounter a teaching moment?

By Lee Meadows Guest Columnist

Apparently, my reference to the world as a "living classroom" came back to haunt me despite my best efforts to blame it on Socrates. The combination of academic scholarship and professional consulting has drawn me back into the world of air travel. As a result, I find that I am in airports waiting to complete the next leg of a journey.



Taking Care of Business

On a recent flight back from Atlanta, I had the good sense to arrive early enough to endure the security check, the ride on the tram and the slow ascent on the escalator to my gate area where the sea of travelers were reminiscent of crowd rushing scene from a 1920's film. I had a 90-minute wait before boarding, realized I was hungry and availed myself of the long line of familiar, fast food brands, watering holes and quaint but unknown food vendors. I decided to break from tradition and go with a lesser-known food vendor. I rationalized that it was my way of helping the economy.

My vendor of choice was a sandwich shop that specialized in home-made offerings at airport prices. I checked the menu and decided on a non-descript, peanut butter and jelly sandwich. I figured that a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, like microwave popcorn, is a difficult process to disrupt. As my turn to order approached, I told the young person taking the order that I wanted a peanut butter and jelly sandwich along with a medium ice tea. He passed the order onto the person responsible for building my sandwich. I eased down to the part of the counter where the completed item would be given to me.

As I was waiting, I could not help but be intrigued by what I heard. The young lady who was putting together my sandwich was ranting, "I HATE THIS JOB! I

HATE THIS JOB! I HATE THIS JOB!" If the goal was to make sure that everyone in line heard her rant, then mission accomplished! We all heard her and my dilemma became apparent. To say something or not to say something that is the question. As a professor of management for Walsh College, I am always in a teaching mode - but as a weary traveler, I just wanted to fly home.

So, if you freeze frame, here is what you would have seen: On my right shoulder was the visual conscious of me, dressed to do a formal presentation for a client, whispering in my right ear, "Leave it alone, Lee! She's a bad hire and this organization is responsible for the consequences of its hiring decisions." On my left shoulder, the other visual conscious of me, dressed to give a lecture to my Walsh students, leaned into my left ear and said, "You're a teacher and you have to help her realize the consequences of her actions. It's a teaching moment and you have to act!"

Unfreeze the frame and return to the moment when she brought me my sandwich. I knew what I had to do. As she handed me my sandwich, I said, "Young lady, I have a question I want you to think about." She gave me that student-caught-surfing-the-net-during-a-lecture look as I continued on. "Ask yourself, what did I do to put myself in a position where I am working a job that I hate?"

"Excuse me, sir?" She replied, "But that's none of your business." "On the contrary, young lady. The moment you went public, it became my business and the business of everyone who came here to get a sandwich and depart for destinations unknown to share with everyone they meet about their encounter at this sandwich shop." She gave me the sandwich, rolled her eyes and turned to fill the next order. By then, several customers had left and I went to my waiting area. I sat down, thought about the encounter and threw away the sandwich.

Lee E. Meadows, Ph.D. is a professor of management at Walsh College working at the Novi Campus. He can be contacted at imeadows@walshcollege.edu.

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OUR VIEWS

Excellence in education

Northville, Novi districts aim high and hit the mark

The Baseline rivalry between the Northville and Novi school districts is a friendly one, but there is one thing both districts are united and serious about: excelling in education.

The recently released 2012 (MME) results confirm that the Mustangs (Northville) and Wildcats (Novi) are some of the smartest students in the state.

It can be confusing trying to keep up with all of the education system's acronyms. The MME stands for Michigan Merit Exam, which also includes the ACT. The standardized test (created in 1959 as American College Testing and shortened to ACT in 1996) "was established as a way to impartially assess a student's potential for success in college, help students gauge their abilities in the core subjects taught in high school, and to assist colleges in admission by providing a standardized measurement of a student's ability from different schools across the world," according to the non-profit organization.

The MME replaced the MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) for high schoolers six years ago (although the MEAP is still given to elementary and middle school students). The MME assesses students in grade 11 and eligible students in grade 12 based on Michigan high school standards. It is administered each March, and consists of three components:

• ACT Plus Writing college entrance examination

• WorkKeys job skills assessments in reading, mathematics, and "locating information"

• Michigan-developed assessments in mathematics, science, and social studies

The combined assessments measure student learning under the Michigan high school standards, benchmarks and core content expectations used to evaluate whether or not high schools achieve AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) required by the federal NCLB (No Child Left Behind) Act.

Students in both districts have once again achieved levels that are much higher than the state averages in reading, writing, math, science and social studies, and among the top performing districts in Oakland and Wayne counties. Northville's percentages improved in the first four categories compared to 2011 results and were steady in social studies while Novi students have shown improvement in all five areas.

What makes this even more impressive is the fact that in September 2011, the Michigan Department of Education implemented higher proficiency cut scores for both the MME and the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP). This was done so rankings would show student performance aligned with college and career readiness as opposed to the work-readiness of the previous lower standards.

These remarkable percentages show that both Novi and Northville are graduating students who have handled a very challenging high school curriculum and are prepared for the next chapter of their lives.

And administrators in both districts know that the key to success is a unified vision that includes teachers, students, parents ... and the community as a whole. All four are on board with the same focus.

These latest results are impressive, but we have no doubt that both districts will use the data to improve. That's the way they've become the best, and that's the way they'll continue to be two of the top performing districts in Michigan.

From the school boards and administrators of Northville and Novi (Northville Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher and Novi Superintendent Steve Matthews, respectively) to the classroom teachers and the pupils, congratulations on setting the bar high and hitting it.

MICHIGAN MERIT EXAM 2012 RESULTS

Percentage of students performing at the "Proficient" or "Advanced" levels:

	Northville	Novi	Statewide	Subject
83	63	29		Math
83	73	56		Reading
52	57	26		Science
66	65	41		Social Studies
82	72	49		Writing

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COMMUNITY VOICE

We asked folks outside Novi's Emagine Theater: "What's the must-see movie this summer?"



"The Amazing Spider-Man". Just the special effects alone were great. It's very exciting."
Mark Waldman
Commerce Township



"We're going into to see 'Ice Age 3' right now, but we also thought that 'The Tooth Fairy' was really funny."
Pat Sopa
Novi



"The Avengers". I liked how there's lots of action, the 3D was great and I liked how they all teamed up for 'good'.
Ben Wilson, 10
Novi



"The Amazing Spider-Man". It had good 3D, an easy-to-follow plot, lots of action and a good storyline."
Amari Bryant, 13
Novi

LETTERS

Say no to fracking

In May, land near Lakeshore Park was leased in a mineral rights auction to the oil and natural gas company Jordan Development Co.

Jordan Development has practiced fracking in the past. While they haven't announced their plans for the land, the nature of the lease makes it very likely that they will try to frack.

The pollution from fracking poses economic problems. It is costly to update water treatment plants to handle extra pollution caused by the chemicals from the fracking process. Property values decrease and air quality suffers in areas with fracking.

Fracking companies also bring false promises of job creation and spending. In reality, most of the jobs created are temporary and most spending occurs at their corporate base, not in the local areas. Because of the temporary nature of fracking, it creates boom and bust cycles that hurt the economy instead of helping it.

Even though land has already been leased, Novi still has time to make health, the economy and the environment a priority. Novi should send the message to oil companies that fracking is dangerous and not welcome in our community.

Erin Kwederis
Novi

Cassis write-in candidacy endorsed

It is unusual for non-partisan elected officials to publicly support Republican or Democrat candidates running for higher office. However, an exception must be made for Nancy Cassis, who is running a strong and vibrant write-in campaign for the Republican nomination for the 11th District U.S. Congressional seat.

I serve as the vice president on the Novi Board of Education, so I've had first-hand knowledge and experience of Ms. Cassis's never-ending support for education when she served as our state senator in Lansing from 2002-10.

So, please don't forget to write-in Nancy Cassis on your Aug. 7 Republican primary ballot. Ms. Cassis has a solid, proven track record of public service. She will represent us well.

Ms. Cassis is an experienced educator, who worked as a school psychologist for the Novi Community Schools from 1980-96. She understands good, solid educational policy.

I could write pages and pages of her accomplishments, so here are a few highlights:

1. Ms. Cassis saved the \$2,500 Michigan Merit Award scholarships from the legislative axe.

2. Ms. Cassis initiated a landmark legislative package to prevent early learning failure.

The "SAVE" program gives students the skills they need to succeed both in school and in life.

3. Ms. Cassis authored a bill that provides sentencing guidelines for sex offenders who live, work or

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loiter in student safety zones.

4. Ms. Cassis introduced legislation that streamlines information reported to the state by schools, so that your local school districts can put those budget savings back into the classroom.

5. Ms. Cassis authored a bill that establishes additional requirements regarding reading instructions of the renewal of teachers' certification.

Simply put, Ms. Cassis understands that a quality education is the key that unlocks the future for our next generation of students.

For these reasons, it is with great pleasure that I endorse Nancy Cassis in her quest to become a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, serving Michigan's 11th District in western Wayne and Oakland counties.

She's looking out for you and your kids!

Dennis O'Connor
vice president, Novi Board of Education

Calling out Cassis

I am really shocked and disappointed in your decision to endorse Nancy Cassis for U.S. Congress. Ms. Cassis has evidently decided that truth has no place in her campaign.

The recent political mailer Mrs. Cassis sent out outlined how Mr. Bentivolio was for amnesty and against the policy Arizona is implementing to protect her borders. This is a blatant lie and can be confirmed very easily if you and your paper had any kind of journalistic ethics. Please go to www.bentivolioforcongress.com and see what Mr. Bentivolio's stance is on border security and immigration policy.

In a world where truth is a virtue, I would like to think that your paper would change your endorsement or at the very least print the truth about Mrs. Cassis's lies. Unfortunately, I have grown cynical that either you or Mrs. Cassis will do the right thing.

Patrick A. Hogan
Northville

Mrs. Cassis is a local citizen who has done many good things, but that should not give her a free pass to let outright lies about her opponent.

It's become a cliché how politicians can't be trusted, but it's situations like these that make normal citizens shake their heads and distrust both politicians and newspapers that have no regard for the truth.

David Lloyd
Novi

Support DIA millage vote

I realize that there is going to be a ballot proposal millage in August on the Detroit Institute of Arts. If I were old enough to vote, I would agree and vote for the proposal millage because it is very recreational for families who want to enjoy the art; inspiring for amateur artists who want to pursue a career in art; and for school field trips so the students and teachers can be educated by the art.

Also, people who vote for this and get taxed would get free admission to the DIA. I agree and disagree with that. I agree with it because since they are being taxed, they should get their money's worth and actually go to the DIA. I disagree with this because people who didn't vote for the proposal millage have to be taxed because their county's vote made them pay the taxes.

John Xuereb, 12
Boy Scout Troop 903,
Northville

What flyovers?

What happened to the two announced 4th of July parade flyovers? As we watched the parade from our viewing spot opposite the judges' reviewing area, we heard multiple announcements of two flyovers: one from Selfridge and one from the Air National Guard. The flyovers always produce goose bumps and really set the parade's patriotic tone.

The only flyovers we saw were the planes towing advertising banners. I assume the presence of these slow-flying aircraft in the airspace over the parade route caused the jets we were anticipating to divert from their intended route.

Did the gain of a few advertising dollars cause this year's 4th of July parade to lose a traditional, exciting, stirring, crowd-pleasing moment or moments? If so, what a shame.

L.T. Sylvestre
Northville

Signs of disrespect

I sure would be nice if candidates for public office, especially those who already hold public office, had sufficient respect for law and ordinances that they ensured that their political signs were placed ONLY on private property. The intersections of Six Mile and Bradner, Six Mile and Winchester and Six Mile and Sheldon look pretty trashy.

Patrick A. Hogan
Northville

CALENDAR

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Super Summer Story Time for Preschoolers

Time/Date: 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Saturday, July 21
Details: Summer's a busy time, but we'd love to have you join us for some stories, songs, and maybe even a craft!

Lego Club

Time/Date: 6-6:45 p.m. Monday, July 23
Details: Join us for Lego show-and-tell and building activities. We supply the Legos, you supply the imagination. For grades K-4.

Mandarin Language Conversation Group

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, July 23
Details: Adults & Teens interested in practicing the Mandarin language are invited to meet-up at the Novi Public Library on the second Monday of the month. If you are interested in starting a language conversation group at the Novi Public Library, please contact Maureen Simari at (248) 349-0720 ext. 7269. Registration required.

Little Creatures with Dan the Creature Man

Time/Date: 10:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesday, July 24

Details: In partnership with Novi Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services, the Library invites you to bring your blanket, family, and friends to Fuest Park to celebrate summer with this live animal show. Afterwards, make a summer tradition by walking to the Library to checkout your favorite summer reads. If the weather is inclement, the program will be in the meeting room of the Library.

Help for Families from OLHSA

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, July 24 and 31

Details: Meet with an OLHSA (Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency) staff member for support with Medicaid, food, cash, foreclosure, and many other human services. Please call the OLHSA office at (248) 209-2686 to make an appointment.

Teen/Teen Glow Party

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 24
Details: Light up your summer by joining the party! For grades 5-12. Registration required.

Novi Historical Commission Meeting

Time/Date: 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 25
Details: Public is always welcome. Meetings discuss ongoing and future projects of the Novi Historical Commission.

Helping Your Toddler Talk

Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, July 25 and August 1

Details: If you have a toddler with speech delays, this three-part workshop will teach you strategies to work with your child at home. Childcare is not available. Presented

by Early On Oakland. Registration required. Library Strategic Planning Focus Group

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 25
Details: In an effort to keep the Library moving forward with valuable services, programs, and resources, a strategic planning committee has been formed to create a five-year plan for the library. As community members, your input is very important to us! Members of the Novi community are invited to attend a focus group session to provide feedback on how the library can better serve you.

Camp Out Movie Night

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 25
Details: Bring your sleeping bag and pillow to enjoy a movie on our big screen. For grades K-4.

Wacky Olympics

Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. Thursday, July 26
Details: Think the Olympics are just for the professionals? Think again, and join us for a chance to show off your superior skills as you vie for the gold in fun and funky games, races, and contests that have never been in an Olympics before! For grades K-6. Registration required.

Novi Writers' Group

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 28

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

Cirque Amongus

Time/Date: 10:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesday, July 31

Details: In partnership with Novi Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services, the Library invites you to bring your blanket, family, and friends to Fuest Park to celebrate summer with this great variety show. Afterwards, make a summer tradition by walking to the library to checkout your favorite summer reads. If the weather is inclement, the program will be in the meeting room of the library.

Tween/Teen Summer Reading Finale!

Time/Date: 3-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 31
Details: Complete the Teen Summer Reading Game and earn the right to register with a librarian for the 2012 Summer Reading Finale at Paradise Park. Pick up a flyer at the library or see a librarian for details! For grades 5-12.

An E-reader Sampler

Time/Date: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1

Details: Learn how to download library items to your eReader with hands-on instruction. Please have an email account set up prior to coming, and bring your fully charged eReader and Novi library card with you. Registration required.

NOVI NEWS BRIEFS

Skate Bus

The Skate Bus, a new program presented in partnership with the PLUS Skate Shop in Farmington, will take local skateboarders, ages 6 years and up, to premier skate parks throughout Michigan and Ohio.

The bus pick-up and drop-off is at the Novi Civic Center at 10 a.m. and Riley Skate Park in Farmington Hills at 10:15 a.m. for the Aug. 25 trip to Sylvania/Toledo, Ohio.

All skaters under the age of 9 must be accompanied by a parent. Participants should be a lunch.

The deadline to register is Aug. 10. The cost is \$29 and includes a Skate Bus T-shirt. Registration is going on now at the City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department located inside the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West 10 Mile Road or the PLUS Skate Shop in Farmington. For more information, contact Greg Morris, recreation supervisor, at (248) 735-5646 or gmmorris@cityofnovi.org.

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Paralyzed veterans play ball!

The Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA), based in Novi, is getting geared up for their Annual Membership Picnic which will take place Saturday, July 21. This year's picnic will come with an added bonus as members will be able to utilize the completely wheelchair accessible Miracle League of Plymouth baseball field.

Nearly 75 MPVA members are expected to come out ready to "play ball." The event is free and it is just one of the many functions that the MPVA offers its membership, individuals with spinal cord injuries or disease (SCI/D), to gather together and build fellowship.

"We always look forward to our summer picnic with our members, but this year we have a special opportunity to play baseball. Many of our members are typically not able to do so because we do not always have the ability to access baseball fields from our wheelchairs. Thanks to the Miracle League of Plymouth, we will be able to get out and share one of America's favorite pastimes," said Michael Harris, MPVA Executive Director.

The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the field at 357 Theodore Street in Plymouth. For more information on the Miracle League of Plymouth, please visit: www.miracleleagueplymouth.org. For more information on the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America, please visit: www.michiganpva.org.

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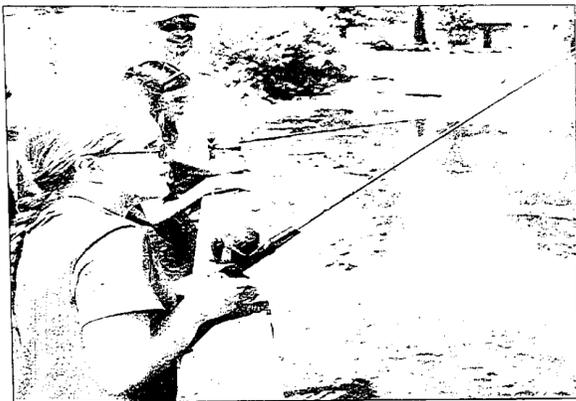
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Fun on the Fourth



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Abby O'Meara tries her hand at fishing during the Village Oaks Fourth of July picnic. The Novi subdivision holds a parade, picnic and swimming in their pool for their residents every July 4.



As the sweat on the shirt of Sal Purtuesi can attest, it got really hot attending the grill at the July 4 Village Oaks picnic. Bill Eriksson, right, also helps out.

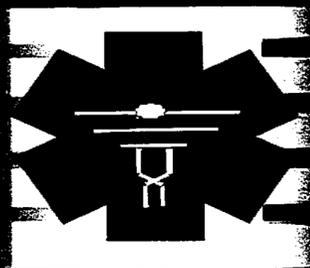


Vince Shira enjoys a paddle around the pool with his daughter Sophie, 2, piggybacking along during the Village Oaks July 4 picnic.



The Village Oak community pool got a bit busy during its Fourth of July picnic.

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CHURCH

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE
Location: 777 West 8 Mile Road, Northville
Contact: (248) 349-1144 or visit 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
Sundays
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; visit 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
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 or e-mail to office@mbccc.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Church School: 10-11 a.m.

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CHURCH

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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, pro-

grams 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 Suskind at (248) 790-6075 or rabbim@novijewishcenter.com

NOVI UNITED METHODIST
Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit 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

Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

Advent Service

Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday

OAK POINTE CHURCH

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi
Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org

Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday

ReNew Life Group Ministries

Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday

Details: Overseen by TrueNorth Christian Counseling, offering a variety of support and relational groups: Divorce Care; Grief Share; Life Disrupted (Doing Well At Being Sick);

Restarting; Setting Boundaries with Teen & Adult Children; Single and Single Again; Men's Integrity; Cross Current; Her Story-Partner Care; Growing Seasons (for children); and two new groups are Caretakers and Knitted Together (Adoption/Foster Care) Workshops.

Contact: (248) 912-0043; <http://www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups/renew/index.html>

Women's Life Groups Ministries

Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday

Men's Life Groups Ministries

Time/Date: 6 a.m. every Friday morning at various locations For both Women's and Men's Life Groups Ministries, please contact the church office.

ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

Location: 23455 Novi Road

Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665

Preschool/Kids Choir

Time/Date: 7:15-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday

Details: For ages three to six; ongoing event; no need to pre-register; all are welcome.

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OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Location: 770 Thayer, Northville

Contact: (248) 349-2621 or olvnorthville.org

Saturday Worship

Time: 5 p.m.

Sunday Worship

Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

OUR SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service

PENTECOSTALS OF NOVI

Location: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 697-8158 or visit www.thepentecostalsofnovi.org

PLYMOUTH-ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth

Contact: 734-453-0190, ext. 16, or visit www.stjohnsplymouth.org

PRAISE BAPTIST CHURCH

Location: 45000 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth

Contact: (734) 748-3898

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Retail fraud, theft third degree

A 37-year-old man is suspected in the theft of a \$75 pair of Ralph Lauren Polo shorts from the Lord & Taylor store located in Twelve Oaks Mall.

On July 14, the man, who is a known shoplifter in the mall, was spotted by a loss prevention officer. He was seen entering the Lord & Taylor location into the Polo department. He picked out a tan pair of shorts and two pairs of blue ones, and then entered a dressing room. The LPO observed him exit the room with only two pairs.

He put them back on the rack and left the store. After a check, LPO found an empty hanger and a defeated sensor tag. Despite asking for help from mall security and telling him to stop as he was about to leave the mall, the suspect was able to get away.

A BOL or be on the lookout has been issued for the suspect.

Larcenies

There were two larcenies reported in Novi during the last week or so, which had a Novi woman having bicycle stolen as well as four signs taken from the Chase Farms subdivision.

On July 15, a 49-year-old woman who lives on Bramblewood Drive told police that sometime on July 14 or 15th her road bike was taken from her garage. She had last seen the Felt brand road bike on the 14th, but left her door open during that day and evening and that's when it may have been taken. It's valued at \$2,200 and is described as being red with a carbon frame with 21 speeds.

The other case occurred on Piccadilly Circle and Kempshire Street sometime during July 10-12. Four road signs were stolen from those two roads as well as ones from Oxford and Chase Drive. This follows several cases of vandalism in the same neighborhood.

Mailboxes damaged

There were two reports of mailboxes being damaged in the neighborhoods north and south of 10 Mile Road.

The first incident occurred on Wintergreen Circle. A Novi homeowner told police that his mailbox had been pushed over after it had been recently repaired following a similar incident. It was on a post with another box.

The second incident occurred on Roma Ridge Drive on July 13. This time the homeowner found her mail box missing, but the post still intact. She later found the box 50 feet away from the post with the lid knocked off. There were no witnesses.

Compiled by correspondent Lonnie Huhman

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B-Cubed

Blues, Brews and Brats envisioned as a signature South Lyon event

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

If you think it's been hot in South Lyon lately, just wait until Saturday, July 28 when the streets of downtown will be cookin' up with hot blues music and some grilled food during the very first Blues, Brews and Brats event.

Add in some cool, locally-brewed suds, and you have a perfect recipe for a great evening of music and local cheer.

That's the whole goal of the Chamber of Commerce for the South Lyon Area, which is putting on the event — the first of what is hoped to be many more in the future, according to the Kim Thompson, director of the chamber. The event will take place right downtown on the closed off Lafayette Street.

"We're hoping this is the first of many of these types of events for downtown," said Thompson, who took over the chamber earlier this year. "We want to build on the 'B-Cubed' theme, and have one of these events every summer, so we can give the community a signature event. It's a perfect summer-time event."

The musical line-up includes Barbara Payton

and the Instigators from 4-5:30 p.m., followed by jump blues from the little big band that can, Those Delta Rhythm Kings, from 6-7:30 p.m. The evening wraps up with Billy Davis, a 50-year-old blues veteran and prolific songwriter who is known for his flamboyant theatrics.

Local restaurants will be providing the grilled brats. And then there is the beer tent. The South Lyon-based Witch's Hat Brewing Company will showcase their signature brews along with a special recipe called B-Cubed Pils created specifically for this event.

The local business will be the only beer provider during the event. Whitney Stone, president of 2 Stones Events which put the show together for the chamber, said musical acts are outstanding.

"This is just a killer music lineup, especially for a first-time event. I think anybody who digs blues is going to be floored by any of these three acts," she said.

Barbara Payton
Barbara Payton is a sultry, Detroit rock singer/songwriter with a soulful, bluesy voice. Recognized as one of Detroit's most powerful and engaging live performers, Barbara Payton has rocked stages, festivals, arenas and private listening rooms for more than 25 years. In addition, she has toured as a background singer for both Bob Seger and Kid Rock.

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With her band the Instigators, Stone said Payton will put on a fantastic show. "We had the pleasure of booking Barb Payton many times. She is one of Detroit's premiere vocalists, and her band is downright dangerous. Bobby Murray, who played for years for the late Etta James, and Kris Kurzawa are an amazing one-two punch on guitars. And rhythm sections don't come any better — Nolan Mendel on bass and Ron Pangborn on drums," Stone said.

Those Delta Rhythm Kings
Stone described Those Delta Rhythm Kings, who go on at 6 p.m., as a "groovy little band" that performs jump blues from the 1940s and beyond. They personify the party-time culture so popular in post-war America. Founded in 1988 and based in Lansing, they've played the length and breadth of Michigan, into Canada and as far south as Memphis. They've played a host of club gigs and festivals, backed the great James Harman and have opened shows for Roomful of Blues, Mark Hummel, Rod Piazza, Bobby Rush, Pat Benatar and many others. The band's three recordings have received radio play across the country and in Europe. Their brand of horn-driven blues appeals to music lovers of all ages. Members include Ray Aleshire on vocals, Rod Aleshire on bass, John David-

INAUGURAL BLUES, BREWS AND BRATS

• **When:** 4-11 p.m., Saturday, July 28
• **Where:** Closed streets of downtown South Lyon
• **Music acts:** Barbara Payton and the Instigators, Those Delta Rhythm Kings, and Billy Davis
• **More info:** www.southlyonchamber.com/1123/blues_brews_and_brats.asp



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"The family fun is at Rec Fest during the day, and then mom and dad can go home, get a sitter and come and have a good time," Thompson said.

For more information, visit www.southlyonchamber.com/1123/blues_brews_and_brats.asp.



Billy Davis is a legendary Detroit guitarist, and I don't use that term lightly. Google his name and you'll see what I mean. He's usually below radar on the performance scene, so this is really a special treat to be able to present him as the highlight of this inaugural blues festival. If you want to see a real-deal, old-school blues performance, Billy Davis will bring it," Stone said.

Despite the fact that Davis is best known as a songwriter for a number of soul musicians, and as a writer/producer of commercial jingles, mostly for Coca-Cola. With a career dating back to the 1950s, Davis has worked with many, many people in the industry, including Berry Gordy, who he co-wrote a number of hit songs for Jackie Wilson, including "Lonely Tears." He also worked with Etta James, James Brown, The Dells, and Jimi Hendrix.

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Northville's Stojkov ace of All-Area

By Jeff Theisen
 Sports Writer

Northville had a huge season with more than 30 wins this year and starting pitcher and No. 4 hitter Matt Stojkov was a main reason for the success.

The senior went 11-1 on the mound while allowing just five earned runs all year. He bested five top-10 ranked teams, including Plymouth three times. Stojkov also proved potent at the plate with a .379 average and led the team in RBI.

Stojkov is the 2012 All-Area Baseball Player of the Year.

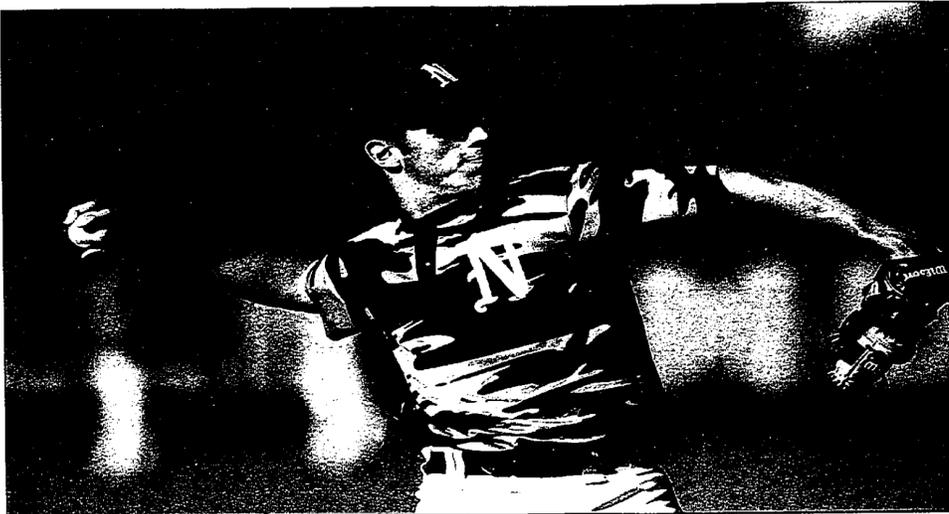
"He was absolutely dominant on the mound this season throwing multiple one-hitters and shut-outs," said coach John Koztrzewa. "Also hit fourth in our lineup and did a great job at third when not pitching."

Along the way, Stojkov earned All-Conference, All-District, All-Regional and First Team All-State honors as well as being voted team MVP. Stojkov played in the MHSBCA Senior All-Star Game and will continue his playing days at Saginaw Valley State University.

First team

Jeff Gertley, Northville
 The Mustang senior provided another strong arm on the mound with his lone loss coming to Brighton in March. Gertley was also a strong hitter, posting a .438 average.

Gertley will continue playing at Adrian College after earning All-Conference, All-Region, All-District and All-State Second Team honors.



Northville's Matt Stojkov is the 2012 All-Area Baseball Player of the Year.

"Incredibly athletic and did a fantastic job pitching this season," said Koztrzewa. "Played a great center field for us as well."

Connor Smith, Northville

The senior shortstop also earned All-State Second Team honors after leading the team in runs, hitting .379 and finishing second on the team in runs batted in. Smith also earned All-Conference, All-District and All-Region honors.

"After being hurt

for the majority of the past two seasons, Connor put together a fantastic senior season," said Koztrzewa. "Connor broke our single season record with 18 doubles this year. Connor also played a superb shortstop, committing only three errors the entire year. That is amazing giving the amount of work the shortstop gets."

"He was our leadoff hitter and really got our team jump started each game."

Brett Macdonald, Northville

The senior catcher provided plenty of pop at the plate with a .350 average, a team-high five HRs and 32 RBI for third on the team. He earned All-Conference and All-District honors and will play at Grand Valley State next year.

"Brett controlled the running game for us. Nobody ran with him behind the plate, and that is the greatest compliment for a catcher defensively," said Koztrzewa.

Jacob Lee, Milford
 The junior pitcher and short stop finished with a .413 average with two

home runs, 25 RBI and nine walks for a .456 on base percentage.

"Extra coach on the field, great instincts for the game," said Rogatski.

Chris Orr, Milford

The senior third baseman led the Maverick with a .422 average. He also walked 19 times for an on base percentage of .547.

"The top leader on the team, tough player," said coach John Rogatski.

The senior outfielder/pitcher made a strong candidate for Player of the Year. He belted out a team-high seven home runs to go with five triples and nine doubles for 88 total bases and a .485 batting average. Throw in 18

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Northville's Buckingham leads loaded field

By Sam Eggleston
 Correspondent

One of the hardest teams to pick here for our All-Area selections has been, and mostly likely always will be, the softball team. Why? Well, first and foremost, there are a slew of talented players, but what's even more difficult is how closely matched nearly every top-tier player in the area is with their fellow standouts.

But, like with every All-Area team, tough decisions were made, statistics were scoured and coaches' opinions were sought.

Even the All-Area Player of the Year was a tough decision for 2012, but when all was said and done, the winner was Jennifer Buckingham of Northville.

Buckingham, a senior center fielder for the Mustangs, was one of only two first-team All-State selections out of the area this year — an accomplishment in its own right due to the immensely talent-

ed players selected to that coveted squad. She also earned All-Conference, All-District and All-Region honors while leading her team with a .489 batting average, 58 hits, 24 stolen bases and 46 runs scored and a near-flawless defensive fielding presence.

"Jen was our lead-off batter all season, and the team was better every time she got on base," said Northville coach Kary Couchman. "She was very hard to defend because of her unbelievable speed."

Buckingham will be playing at Hope College next year. Buckingham was a four-year varsity player for the Mustangs.

First team

Sydney Jones, South Lyon East So.

Pitcher

Jones compiled a 15-3 record this year as the starting pitcher for the Cougars. She had four shutouts in 2012 while picking up 119 strikeouts and a 2.48 ERA.

"Sydney Jones had a great season in the pitch-

ers' circle," said Steve Richvalsky. "She was the winning pitcher against some very tough competition, including this year's DII state champion, Livonia Ladywood, and DI powerhouse, Canton. Sydney is very competitive. She battles and never gives in to the competition."

What's more is that Jones had something only one other player had this year — a nomination for First-Team honors from an opposing coach.

Laura Pond, Northville Sr.

Pond is the kind of pitcher any coach would salivate to have as a starter. She was an All-KLAA, All-District, All-Region and honorable mention All-State selection while picking up 228 strikeouts and walking just 21 batters all year. Her ERA? A sickening 0.64. In the batters box she had a .434 on-base percentage and had 49 hits this year and 23 RBIs.

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Mustang Jen Buckingham bunts. She is the 2012 All-Area Softball Player of the Year.

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Wilson resigns after seven months as Novi AD Returns to former position in Gaylord with family

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

The head of the Wildcats' athletic program is in transition once again. Novi Athletic Director Christian Wilson has resigned to return to Gaylord where his wife and two sons still live. Wilson's wife, Beth, works at Orsco Memorial Hospital in Gaylord and his sons Mitchell and Matthew will be in seventh and sixth grade, respectively. "The family expected their Gaylord house to sell by April after they put it

on the market in November, but that wasn't the case. Wilson had been living in the guest room of Beth's college roommate while he worked in Novi and commuted home to Gaylord on weekends. "I thought it was the best with family and my wife's position at the hospital," Wilson said. "I wouldn't change the last six or seven months for anything. I'm sad to leave. I have mixed emotions because I really enjoyed my stay at Novi. At the same time, I'm looking forward to being able to be with my wife and kids full time."

Wilson took over the AD position Nov. 28, 2011, after Curt Ellis left the position Sept. 15 for a job with Saline Area Schools, the district he grew up in and currently resides in. Former 17-year Novi volleyball coach Julie Fiset served as interim AD for two months while Wilson, the assistant principal/athletic director of Gaylord High School at the time, was interviewed and hired. Conveniently, Wilson's successor in Gaylord was promoted to a principal position, so his dual position is open, just with a larger emphasis on the

assistant principal aspect than the athletic director portion. "As much as I personally loved the position at Novi and working with the coaches and kids, over the summer there was a change with Gaylord where an assistant principal moved up to principal and a spot opened up," Wilson said. "I'm grateful for Gaylord to welcome me back. A lot of places would just say you made your decision seven months ago and now you have to live with it."

Wilson's last day in his Novi AD position was June 29, although he's been trying to help out during the transitional period. District officials said interested applicants have already been in touch. "I'm trying to help out as much as I can with the transition," Wilson said. "I imagine they would try to get someone in by the start of the fall season." Until a replacement is hired, Athletics Secretary Carol Sprys and Novi High School Principal Carol Diglio will share in the athletic director duties. The fall schedule is already complete, with contests set to begin Aug. 16.

Wang ousts area netters on the court

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

The local girls tennis scene is competitive every year, especially among baseline rivals Novi and Northville, who are consistently ranked in Division I's top 10. This year wasn't any different, but it was Novi senior Abby Wang who cruised through the competition at one singles, earning an 18-4 record and All-State honors, earning her the All-Area Player of the Year honor.

Grosse Pointe South and Rochester." Northville coach Sandy Woolfall said. "She received All-State honors and will play at Saginaw Valley this fall."

Mackenzie Powers & Claudia Ma (Northville Sr./Fr. 1D)

Seeded No. 6 in their flight of the Division I tournament Northville senior Mackenzie Powers and freshman Claudia Ma took a 17-4 record and earned to All-State honors after an impressive run that included KLLA and regional titles, as well as an Okemos Invite title.

"They didn't start the season as partners. Due to an injury on the team they didn't play their first match together until the end of April," Northville coach Sandy Woolfall said. "Upset the No. 2 team from Troy to advance to the semifinal round at States and then gave the state champs from Clarkston a real fight in the semis."

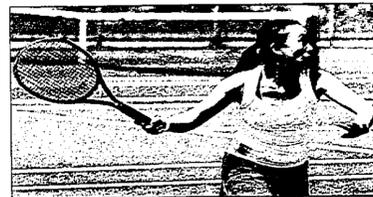
Elizabeth Sakorafas & Jordan Hermiz (Northville Jr./Fr. 2D)

The Mustang duo of junior Elizabeth Sakorafas and freshman Jordan Hermiz earned an All-State honorable mention, two doubles with a 2-3 record after winning KLLA and regional titles en route to a finish in the Division I semifinals.

Elizabeth Sakorafas & Jordan Hermiz (Northville Sr. 1S)

Northville's leader throughout the year was senior Erin Doud. With an All-State 18-9 record, Doud led from one singles, earning a victory at the state meet and advancing to the KLLA semifinals.

"Also won the Ann Arbor Tournament this year with wins against Ann Arbor Pioneer,



Wildcat singles player Abby Wang is the 2012 All-Area Tennis Player of the Year.

Behind a 17-7 record at two singles, sophomore Danielle Romano advanced to the semifinals in both the KLLA and regional tournaments before an early exit in the Division I tournament to the No. 4 seed from Grosse Pointe South.

Erin Day (Novi Fr. 2S)

As just a freshman, Novi's Erin Day matched up against some of the best student-athletes in the state at two singles. She amassed an 11-10 record while bringing home a regional title in her first season as a Wildcat.

"Erin had the opportunity to play a lot of top players in Division I and always gave her opponent no hard fought, competitive match," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "Her 11-10 record is a reflection of the competition she played."

Emily Sheeran & Amy Zhou (Novi Sr./So. 1D)

The Wildcats' doubles squads were led by senior Emily Sheeran and sophomore Amy Zhou, who went 11-6 at one doubles while advancing to the state quarterfinals, regional finals and KLLA semifinals.

"They were second at the regional and had good wins against Saline,

Novi this past season," Novi coach Jim Hanson said.

Second team Alex Jeannotte (Northville So. 4S)

Behind a 26-4 record, Northville sophomore Alex Jeannotte won regional and KLLA titles at four singles for the Mustangs in her second season playing at the four singles flight.

Sydney Sinclair (Lakeland Sr. 3S)

Captaining the Eagles squad, White Lake Lakeland senior Sydney Sinclair capped a three-year varsity career with a 20-6 record at three singles after two years in the doubles ranks.

Caitlin O'Brien (Novi Jr. 4S)

The runner up in her flight at both the regional and KLLA level, junior Caitlin O'Brien finished the season with a 15-11 record with a pair of three-set losses to Jeannotte during the final two local tournaments.

Emily Kwederis & Ori Nagasaka (Novi Sr. 2D)

Novi seniors Emily Kwederis and Ori Nagasaka finished as runners-up at both the KLLA and regional level, capping the season with a 16-8 record to culminate a pair of three-year varsity careers.

Val Triupiano & Shannon Williams (Northville Jr. 4D)

With a regional title and Division quarterfinal finish, juniors Val Triupiano and Shannon Williams racked up an 18-4 record at four doubles.

Rachel Bailey & Dina Fawaz (Novi So. 4D)

Behind a KLLA title and regional runner-up finish, sophomores Rachel Bailey and Dina Fawaz finished the four

ALL-AREA GIRLS TENNIS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

ABBY WANG, Novi
Erin Doud, Northville
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Danielle Romano, Northville
Erin Day, Novi
Emily Sheeran, Novi
Amy Zhou, Novi
Paige Baal, Northville
Rebecca Chen, Novi
Asawari Kanitkar, Novi

SECOND TEAM

Alex Jeannotte, Northville
Sydney Sinclair, Lakeland
Caitlin O'Brien, Novi
Emily Kwederis, Novi
Ori Nagasaka, Novi
Val Triupiano, Northville
Shannon Williams, Northville
Rachel Bailey, Novi
Dina Fawaz, Novi
Dhivya Sridar, Novi
Jenny Quang, South Lyon

HONORABLE MENTION

Novi - Angela Huang & Alice Jiang (Sr. 5D)
South Lyon East - Abbie Fielding & Samantha Roney (Jr/Sr. 1D)

DOUBLE SEASON WITH A 16-7 RECORD

Dhivya Sridar (Novi Fr. 3S)
As a young freshman, Novi's Dhivya Sridar was KLLA runner up and a regional semifinalist at three singles, where she accumulated a 12-11 record.

JENNY QUANG (South Lyon Sr. 2S)

South Lyon senior Jenny Quang was the first-ever Lions tennis player to be seeded in KLLA post-season action. She was the fourth seed in the two singles bracket of the KLLA's "B" competition among teams that finished fourth through sixth in their respective divisions.

Editor's note: The Milford coach was out of the country and unable to contribute to the story.

BASEBALL

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walks and 10 hit by pitch and he carried an on base percentage of .598. Regner also had speed to burn with 19 thefts while only being caught four times. He also led the team with 44 runs scored and was second in RBI with 27. "Logan has a very high ceiling of talent that I have ever coached in terms of strength, athleticism and baseball instincts," said coach Rick Green. "Logan is a very fierce competitor and will attending CMU to further his academic

and baseball careers."

Tyler Schwanz, Novi

The senior assistant captain spent time at third and on the mound. Schwanz knocked out a .408 average while leading the team with 31 runs batted in. He struck out just seven times in 127 total plate appearances and gained 20 walks for an on base percentage of .504. On the mound, Schwanz went 2-3 with 32 strikeouts in 29 innings pitched.

"Tyler was a late bloomer and really excelled in his junior and senior years to earn him First Team All-Conference and All-District awards for third base," said Green.

"Tyler had a great arm and smooth swing."

Tyler will be furthering his education and baseball career at Saginaw Valley.

James Eloff, Novi

The senior captain spent all of his time up the middle, either pitching or playing short. He was a perfect 6-0 on the mound with a 2.88 ERA. Eloff also managed to bat .313 at the plate and was third in RBI with 23.

"Jimmy, like Logan was a fierce competitor," said Green. "He was the pitcher that I felt most comfortable with in terms of keeping us in a ball game no matter who the competition was. Jimmy came up with big

win after big win. James was a three year starting and was First Team All-Conference and All-District."

Eloff will continue his career at Grand Rapids Community College.

Shane Taylor, East

The senior Cougar locked down the three hole for East and made a switch from short to third which helped the overall team defense improve. Taylor finished with a .367 average and a .500 on base percentage. He led the team with 14 RBI and was second in runs with 13.

"Shane Taylor is a senior and was our leader," said coach Ken Spratke. "He hit in the 3-hole all year long for us and produced. He showed up everyday for practice and absorbed everything we gave him."

Dan Jaklic, Milford

The senior center field and pitcher finished the year with a .302 average, including a home run.

Mike Zugaro, Novi

The senior second baseman finished the year with a .328 average and a .438 on base percentage. He swiped five bases with getting caught and scored 13 runs.

Ryan Davis, Novi

The junior pitcher started seven games and pitched in seven more, finishing the year 6-2 with a 2.98 ERA. He struck out 42 in 49.1 innings of work.

Jeremy Dinsmore, East

The junior took on a new role with the team as a left fielder and co-lead the team with 18 hits and was second with 11 walks for an on base percentage of .397.

Bobby Schumacher, Lakeland

The senior catcher brought a calming influence to a Lakeland staff. Eagle coach Todd Miller was out of the country and could not get stats in before printing.

ALL-AREA BASEBALL

Player of the Year Matt Stojkov, Northville

First Team

Jeff Gertley, Northville
Cory Smith, Northville
Brett Macdonald, Northville
Chris Orr, Milford
Jacob Lee, Milford
Logan Regner, Novi
Tyler Schwanz, Novi
James Eloff, Novi
Shane Taylor, East

Second Team

Alex Larson, Milford
Mike Zugaro, Novi
Ryan Davis, Novi
Jeremy Dinsmore, East
Bobby Schumacher, Lakeland
Honorable Mention
East: Hunter O'Rourke (jr)
Novi: Mario Ferrini, Ryan Caputo
Lakeland: Ross Heiman

Jack Flynn, Lakeland

The junior outfielder will look to turn the ship as a senior for Lakeland after the Eagles struggled to a 9-19 record this season.

Editor's note: Catholic Central and South Lyon did not return several attempts for information.

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SOFTBALL

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"Laura dedicated herself to becoming a better player on the mound and in the batter's box by working year round," said Coachman. "She has an attitude when it comes to the game and is one of the most competitive players we had. She's a team player, though, and is humble despite all of her accomplishments."

Pond will be playing for Oakland University next season.

Sierra Burke, Lakeland Sr. Catcher

A three-year starter for the Eagles, Burke proved herself invaluable in every facet of Lakeland's success. She batted a .347 and was key offensively with some big hits in the state tournament to help the Eagles to the MHSAA Final Four.

"She hits for power and is an outstanding defensive catcher," said Joe Aslup, Lakeland's coach. "She was almost impossible to steal on."

Burke will play for Oakland Community College next year.

Maddie Carr, Milford Jr. Infield

When the Mavericks needed a leader, Carr was the first one to step up and showcase herself as a hard worker and a team player. That's why she was the lone Milford representative on the All-KLAA squad this year and a sure-pick for the All-Area team.

"Maddie is a fantastic ball player and can always be counted on to get the hit and to make the play," said her coach Meg Dyer.

Carr had a .367 batting average with 17 RBIs and a fielding percentage of .958.

Jessica Mehr, South Lyon So. Infield

Jessica Mehr didn't take long to make a name for herself on the South Lyon Lions squad, earning All-District, All-Region and All-State honorable mention honors in just her second year in the high school ranks.

"Jessie Mehr has talent and strength beyond her years," said her coach

ALL-AREA SOFTBALL

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Jennifer Buckingham, Northville

FIRST TEAM

Sydney Jones, South Lyon East; Laura Pond, Northville; Sierra Burke, Lakeland; Maddie Carr, Milford; Jessica Mehr, South Lyon East; Kelsey Hines, South Lyon East; Gabby Williams, South Lyon; Kelley Merkle, Lakeland; Olivia Richvasky, South Lyon East; Ellie Asher, Northville; Madison Burgess, Lakeland; Karissa Gawronski, Lakeland

SECOND TEAM

Anika Wiesinger, Lakeland; Rachel Morrin, Milford; Allie Chapekis, Northville; Abby Robinson, Novi; Lindsay Smith, Milford; Samantha Dunnigan, Lakeland; Morgan Craft, Lakeland; Meredith Williams, Northville; Kasey Lowney, Novi; Nicole Wojcik, Milford; Micaela Petrucci, Northville; Honorable Mention: Selena Hicks, Northville; Rachel Deacon, South Lyon East; Makenzie Nieto, Kelley Doty, Olivia Nelson; Milford: Becky Morrin, Lauren Baletmann, Aubrey Long; South Lyon: Jessie Brandon

Jaelyn O'Connell. "She had the best batting average and the second-best fielding percentage for the Lions this year. We look forward to her bringing her hard work and knowledge to the team next season as we continue to build the program."

Kelsey Hines, South Lyon East Sr. Infield

What we like most about Hines isn't her .382 batting average or her 382 home runs or even her 33 RBIs. Our favorite thing about Hines is that she had a .990 fielding percentage with just two errors out of 201 plays this year.

"Defensively, Kelsey played a near-flawless first base," said Richvasky. "She made the stretch look easy as a first baseman. If the ball was in the general area, Kelsey would come up with the catch."

Hines will attend Grand Valley State University next year. She was an All-KLAA, All-District and All-Region selection.

Gabby Williams, South Lyon Sr. Infield

An All-District and All-

Region selection this year, Williams was a huge part of keeping the Lions in each of the games they played thanks to her defensive presence and outstanding offensive capabilities.

"Gabby is a wonderfully talented player who shows her leadership on and off the field," said O'Connell. "She will play next year at Wayne State University and we look forward to seeing her accomplishments."

Kelley Merkle, Lakeland Jr. Infield

It's almost staggering to see Merkle at the plate — she's got an eye for the ball that is absolutely unmatched in the KLAA.

She's a two-year starter for the Eagles at third base and picked up a .520 batting average and compiled a whopping .981 fielding percentage, all while leading her team with 15 doubles and four triples this season. She earned honorable mention All-State honors for her efforts, too, and was in the discussion for Player of the Year honors.

Olivia Richvasky, South Lyon East Sr. Outfield

It's rare that the two players who were debated over for the Player of the Year honors are outfielders, but Richvasky made the decision very difficult. Richvasky had a .477 batting average this year, 33 RBIs and 35 runs scored while snagging 28 stolen bases this year out of 28 attempts.

Defensively, she had zero errors this year for a perfect fielding percentage and threw three runners out from her center field position.

"Olivia had a tremendous season and great career at South Lyon East," said Richvasky. "I am extremely proud of Olivia because she always worked hard and gave every out ounce of energy she had, regardless if it was in a game, team practice or individual workout."

She earned All-KLAA, All-District, All-Region and was one of only two area All-State selections in 2012. She will continue her career with the University of Michigan Wolverines.

Ellie Asher, Northville Sr. Outfield

An All-District selection this season, Asher was a strong presence offensively. Let's be generous for the Northville Mustangs she faced this year, gathering up just a 2.3 ERA in the process. She has verbally committed to Concordia.

Allie Chapekis, Northville So. Catcher

An All-Conference selection this year, Chapekis was key in Northville's defensive strategy in her second season behind the plate. But don't let her defensive-minded play fool you — she was an offensive powerhouse as well, slapping out a .393 batting average and a .439 on-base percentage this year while she knocked up 48 hits, including 12 doubles, four triples and three home runs. She also had a team-leading 35 RBIs this season.

Abby Robinson, Novi Sr. Infield

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Rachel Morrin, Milford Jr. Pitcher

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Northville H-League ends with Storm earning title Youth baseball World Series has plenty of exciting moments

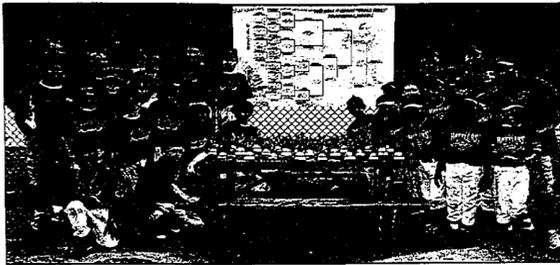
By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

The 2012 Northville H-League baseball season came to a close late last month with an exciting World Series Tournament that found the Northville Storm defeating the Northville Timber Rattlers for the championship title.

The season started with 12 teams and ended when the Storm put together an 8-1 run in the final, double-elimination tournament.

The Timber Rattlers, which had defeated the No. 1 and No. 4 seeded teams in the tournament, won the winner's bracket to advance to the finals and faced off against the Storm, which came out of the elimination bracket on June 28.

The Storm had finished their season with 12 wins in their last 15 regular-



The Northville Storm defeats the Northville Timber Rattlers for the championship title of the 2012 Northville H-League.

season and tournament games despite being a No. 8 seed in the bracket. They took a loss to the No. 1 seeded Volcanoes in the early rounds of the World Series but focused on coming back for the championship.

"In order to win the

championship out of the losers bracket, we needed to defeat our opponent twice," said coach Jeff Helner. "We knew that the long road to the World Series Championship was going to be tough."

The Storm and the

Timber Rattlers faced off twice in two days to determine the champion. In the first game, the Storm earned a 9-6 victory following a three-run second-inning off-limits from Ryan Velucci, Connor Halberg and Aaron Deschamps.

"It didn't end exact-

ly like we wanted, but I am so very proud of how my kids developed as ball players this year, and that's really the point of all this," said Rattlers coach Jeff Kane.

The Storm proved that perseverance and desire, mixed with having a good time, can lead to great things for any team — even those ranked eighth at the start of a tournament.

"The greatest part about our team's journey to the championship was that it was a true team effort," said Helner. "We were able to accomplish both of our team goals that were set at the beginning of the season. The first goal was to become better baseball players. The second goal was to have fun. And, what can be more fun than winning the MBSA H-League World Series Championship?"

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SPORTS SHORTS

Baseball tryouts

The Northville Cubs U13 baseball team is holding tryouts July 29 (5-7 pm), July 30 (6-8 pm) and Aug. 1 (6-8 pm) at Maybury State Park off 8 Mile Road for the 2013 season.

The Cubs are a fourth-year team that competes in the KVBSA travel league's advanced division. The Cubs finished this season in second place with an 11-6-1 record. The Cubs also went 4-2 in pool play at Cooperstown Dreams Park.

The Cubs play between 50 and 60 games April through July, consisting of about 18 league games, eight week-

end tournaments and scrimmages. We also hold indoor winter training sessions beginning in January. More than 90 percent of the Cubs team has been together for three years. We are devoted to creating a fun and focused environment for kids to play baseball and prepare for high school ball if that is their desire.

The Cubs will consider players from Northville or any surrounding communities. Please contact Jim Marshall at jim@northvillebaseball.com if interested in attending a tryout session or if you have additional questions.

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Panasonic dives into scoreboard fundraiser with \$10K donation

By Lonnie Huhman Correspondent

Northville High student Shilpi Sharma, who will be a senior this coming school year and is the girls swim team captain, started an initiative to solicit donations from corporations to raise money for a new swim scoreboard at the school.

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Rally planned to urge Congress to support homeownership

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, Michigan Association of Home Builders and the National Association of Homebuilders are joining forces to host a major mid-summer Rally for Homeownership where federal, state and local officials will join with Michigan citizens to highlight the need for pro-housing policies at the local, state and federal levels. This non-partisan event is one of seven major homeownership rallies currently planned by NABHB throughout the country in 2012.

Legislative and regulatory proposals now under consideration by government policy makers would greatly harm homeowners, home buyers, the housing market and the nation's economy. "It is important that Michigan families know homeownership is under attack and have an opportunity to have their voices heard by our legislators," said Robert Filka, CEO of MAHB.

The event, which is open to everyone who is interested in protecting and enhancing the American dream of homeownership will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, July 20, at Gardenview Estates Development, located at Joy Road and the Southfield Freeway in Detroit. As many as 700 concerned citizens, legislators and policy makers are expected to attend.

NABHB has established a website at which people can register to attend the rally and sign a petition of support. The site can be found at www.ProtectHomeownership.com. The site describes how tax, legislative and regulatory policies currently under consideration would scale back or eliminate the mortgage interest deduction and make mortgages and small business loans unaffordable and difficult to obtain. It also features expert analysis and reports, data from homeownership surveys and polls, and the answers to many frequently asked questions about housing and homeownership.

"A strong housing market is not only important to help more Michigan citizens realize the dream of homeownership, but it is essential to revitalizing Michigan's economy," Filka said. "When builders are constructing homes that means jobs and investment, which provide a better quality of life and support for Michigan schools and municipalities."

"Housing means jobs," Stoskopf said. "NABHB estimates that for each new home that is built, three new jobs are created, not only for builders but in the industries where lumber, concrete, lighting fixtures, heating and cooling equipment and other products that go into a home are produced. More jobs are created when real estate agents, lawyers and brokers provide services to home builders and home buyers. Beyond that, every house that is built generates about \$90,000 in government revenue — \$67,000 in federal taxes and \$23,000 in state and local taxes."

Approach short sale with care

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: Our condominium lawyer has contacted us about a short sale of a unit owner where there are substantial assessments due and owing and wants us to make a substantial compromise of the back assessments. What has been your experience?

A: Obviously, each case depends upon its own facts and circumstances, but generally, I advise my community association clients to stand firm with respect to short sales since it is the mortgage company that should bear the brunt of any loss given the fact that they permitted the loan to be made in the first instance, perhaps, based upon unjustifiable reasons or basis as has been shown throughout the country. Perhaps you should get a second opinion from another attorney who is experienced in community association law and who may be best able to negotiate with the mortgagee and/or the seller of the unit on behalf of the association.

Q: We are talking about converting our voluntary association into a mandatory one. Is that difficult?

A: Generally, it is difficult to get all of the members of the subdivision involved in the mandatory association unless you are providing substantial benefits to membership in that association. Another way in which a voluntary association can become a mandatory one, is through governmental action creating a water, gas, utility or similar district including, perhaps, a special assessment district; or as previously discussed, creating a new association when each member would have to choose to join. Also, if this is a homeowner's association, membership of individual owners would have to be evidenced by recording a declaration including covenants running with the land in order to bind present and future owners. You are best advised, however, depending upon your jurisdiction, to consult with a knowledgeable real estate and/or community association attorney.

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Realtor associations urge responsible appraisal process

Developing and reporting property values more accurately is critical to improving market performance, reducing risk and strengthening the housing finance system, according to the National Association of Realtors.



That message was delivered recently by Frank Gregoire, immediate past chair of NAR's Real Property Valuation Committee, in testimony before the House Financial Services Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Development regarding appraisal oversight.

"As the leading advocate for housing issues, Realtors know that an accurate appraisal is an important part of the home buying process and that a strong and independent appraisal industry is critical to restoring faith in the mortgage origination process," said Gregoire, a state-certified appraisal appraiser and president of Gregoire & Gregoire Inc. in St. Petersburg, Fla. "There are many challenges currently facing the appraisal industry, and we have appraisals as one of the most crucial and overlooked aspects of the recovery of the real estate market."

Bob Taylor, a Realtor, heads up the appraisal management committee for the Michigan Association of Realtors. He handles marketing and development, and was MAR president in 2010. He's with Coldwell Banker Wealth Advisors in Birmingham and has been a Realtor 38 years. "I was very pleased with Frank's testimony," said Taylor, who knows Gregoire professionally. Taylor chairs the Research Committee for NAR this year, and is on the Real Property Valuation Committee with Gregoire for NAR.

"Let's say quality. I think that might be a better way to put it," Taylor said of appraisal issues. "There's a lot of misinformation, which has made it difficult." Fee erosion "There has been some erosion of fees." Some more experienced appraisers have retired or don't do mortgage work. "There are also many that do an excellent job," Taylor emphasized. The appraisal is done for the lender. They need to make sure the collateral is sufficient," Taylor said. He had four transactions in 2010

where the house didn't appraise sufficiently for the mortgage, but the deals went through by other means. "They found other ways to make it work. It's strictly designed to evaluate the collateral of the house," Taylor said. Appraisers evaluate a house at a certain period of days. "It took a little bit of time for them to accept the empirical data that the metro Detroit market is improving. Agents could assist with real-time information to demonstrate market improvement," he said. "The appraiser can't just decide on a whim that this is what's going on," Taylor said. He sees the bigger problem is agents and purchasers who don't understand lenders are less concerned about process than perhaps they should be. Agents need to identify those lenders that care. MAR has developed some questions for agents to ask their lenders, such as "How do they operate when there is a reconsideration of value?" Buyers should receive a copy of the appraisal done on the house, Taylor said. "We want real estate agents to be prepared for the questions" coming from that report. All appraisals must be based on a random basis, but there should be a panel of appraisers close to the market who can appraise it on a given day. Those pros must understand the mean-

ing of being north or south of Five Mile in Livonia, Taylor said. If appraisers come from Troy or Saline, "you can end up with somebody who doesn't understand those nuances in the marketplace." The buyer can meet the appraiser, but should understand it's not a client-type situation like a home inspection. "The appraiser is really working for the lender. It's really not something I would see the buyer attending," Taylor said. Nothing prohibits the agent from meeting with the appraiser, he stressed. His observation is that MAR "is working very diligently to better inform its members about the appraisal process."

House testimony In his House testimony, Gregoire said that a number of issues are impacting the credibility of appraisals, including appraisal competency and local market knowledge, challenges in accurately estimating market value in stabilizing markets, and the lack of oversight and regulation of Appraisal Management Companies (AMCs). While many AMCs provide legitimate services for legitimate fees, he believes that all AMCs should be required to register with the state appraisal regulatory agencies where they are providing appraisal management services. Current AMCs are often unregulated at the federal level and not sub-

ject to state AMC regulations, which exacerbates problems because it leads to different standards and creates confusion. Lenders should also be prohibited from retaining appraisers in community association law and who may be best able to negotiate with the mortgagee and/or the seller of the unit on behalf of the association.

Gregoire said that while appraisals are the gold standard for mortgage originators, there is also an important role for broker price opinions, comparative market analyses and automated valuation models. While some organizations focus only on appraisals, NAR is the only real estate trade association that can speak with authority on appraisals and alternative valuation products. NAR has long been seeking to ensure credible valuation of real property for the industry and since 1993 has encouraged appraisers to demonstrate their professionalism by earning one or both of NAR's appraisal designations. The Residential Accredited Appraiser (RAA) and General Accredited Appraiser (GAA) are awarded to certified appraisers with education and experience in excess of the minimum state qualifications. Earlier this year, NAR also adopted the Responsible Valuation Policy, which serves as a guide for members and staff in advocacy efforts for federal legislation and regulatory policy. Through its subsidiary, the Realtors' Property Appraisal (RPA), and its Real Property Valuation Committee, NAR is able to provide one of the most comprehensive sets of data and tools for determining credible home values.

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