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# Fair to feature three bands

**Bright House Net**works is officially the presenting sponsor of The Great Lakes State Fair which will be held at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi Aug. 31 through Sept. 3. Three Americanastyle acts have been booked for the main stage from 7-11 p.m.

Friday-Sunday. Led by front woman Amanda Bailey, Annabelle Road will start the fair off with their sound of Carrie Underwood meets Johnny Cash by way of Lynyrd

Skynyrd. The following night will feature the winner of 33 Detroit Music Awards, singer/songwriter Jill Jack and her band. Jill began her professional career singing backup with well known Detroit country and rock names The Forbes **Brothers and Stewart** Francke. By the late 90s she was writing constantly, fronting her own band and beginning to open for what would become a long list of prominent touring acts — Bob Seger, Emmylou Harris, Shawn Colvin, Patty Griffin, Dan Fogelberg, Marshall Crenshaw. Chris Isaak, and Loretta Lynn.

Sunday evening, David Shelby will perform songs that reflect his love for Nashville, the history of country music, and his gritty "Rock On!" sensibilities are pure Detroit.

For more information, visit www.greatlakesstatefair.org.

# **PRIMARY ELECTION 2012**

# Road millage passes

Increase will generate \$2.1 million in additional funds

> By Cal Stone Community Editor

Novi voters approved an increase in road millage funds by nearly 8 percent in Tuesday's primary with yes votes outnumbering no votes in 15

of the city's 21 precincts.
"It's a big deal," City
Manager Clay Pearson
said. "We need the additional resources and flexibility."

It was late in the evening when Pearson heard the results at home -4,187 yes to 3,576 no. "That's a pretty good

margin for something like this," he said. "It seemed pretty comfortable. You never know with these things, but I

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Congressional hopeful Nancy Cassis greets a former student — Denis Berry — at her Tuesday night election headquarters at Central Park Estates as they await word of Cassis' Republican write-in campaign against Kerry Bentivolio for the 11th

# Bentivolio wins GOP vote over Cassis

By Ken Abramczyk Staff Writer

Kerry Bentivolio handily won the 11th Congressional District Republican race, successfully fending off a spirited write-in campaign by for-mer state Sen. Nancy Cassis of Novi. Syed Taj defeated William Roberts for the Democratic nomination.

Bentivolio greeted supporters Tuesday night who cheered "Kerry, Kerry, Kerry" at the Novi Sheraton.



Bentivolio

"Together we won for the grass-roots and showing that principles matter," he said.

Bentivolio congratulated Cassis for her campaign, and asked Cassis for her support and stand for conservative values and liberties.

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# Caparo closing affects 270 workers

By Cal Stone Community Edito

Two hundred seventy employees will be without jobs when Caparo Vehicle Components permanently closes both of its Novi facilities by the end of this month.

The company was in the process of finalizing the terms for sale of the business that it "reasonably believed would have allowed the company to continue operations," according to a letter sent Aug. 1 by Michael Dustmann, COO of Caparo in North America, to Stephanie Beckhorn, manager, state of Michigan's Workforce Investment Act.

"Unfortunately," Dust-mann wrote, "the buyer is unexpectedly unwilling to proceed with the sale due to the lack of commitment by

customers."
He added that this has caused Caparo's customers to exercise their right to resource orders and move tooling, beginning immedi-

The two Novi facilities are located on the north side of Grand River, west of Novi Road, and assessed

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# Novi administrators: School rankings unfair

# Seven of eight labeled 'Focus Schools'

By Cal Stone nunity Editor

Comparing MEAP scores and Michigan Merit Exam results with other districts in Oakland County, Novi is achieving at a very high level - in fact, in the top five of all subject areas at all grade levels.

The state's ranking on achievement shows all Novi's schools in the top third of more than 3,000 schools. Deerfield Elementary is in the 99 percentile and Novi Woods is at 98 percent.

But one wouldn't know it based on new top-to-bottom rankings released Aug. 2 by the Michigan Department of Education under



"It's frustrating. The state is approaching us as Big Brother, but the reality is they don't know why we have these gaps and the unique characteristics of Novi." STEVE MATTHEWS

a new accountability measure-

The state received a waiver of the requirement of the federal No Child Left Behind Act which aimed for having 100 percent of students at an achieving level by 2014 — and now uses a new measure that identifies the

Novi schools superintendent

gap between the top 30 percent and bottom 30 percent of stu-

The 10 percent with the largest gaps are identified as Focus Schools, and seven of Novi's eight schools have been labeled as such.

"It means we have a whole

# **EDITORIAL**

Be sure to see the Opinion page inside for the Novi News view on the state's top-to-bottom school rankings.

lot of high-achieving students, so the state is going to spend resources to help close the gaps," said Steve Matthews, Novi's superintendent. "We think it's wrong. It's not a good way to measure success.

The list of 358 Focus Schools includes ones from high-achieving districts, like Bloomfield Hills. Grosse Pointe and Troy. that wouldn't normally be expected to have low-achieving students.

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The Blue Fin Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi Bar will be moving into the former Gus O'Connor's locale on Main Street in downtown Novi.

# Japanese restaurant coming to former Gus O'Connor's

Blue Fin expected to open early next year

restaurant.

more steaks and a raw

The Howell resident is

says he grew up in the

father owned. He came

sous chef for 14 years. He's targeting early next year to spring

for the Novi opening,

restaurant businesses his

to the United States, went

to school and worked as a

bar," Meng said.

It's been vacant for more than a year, but the site of the former Gus O'Connor's Irish pub in downtown Novi is now being converted into a Japanese steakhouse.

Ĵim Oegama, president owner of the building on Main Street, confirmed that Eddie Meng has signed a lease to operate Blue Fin Japanese Steakouse & Sushi Bar.

Meng and his partner have also owned and operated for five years Blue Fin in Howell at 4313 E. Grand River Ave-

"We were looking to expand in so many different areas - Lansing, Ann

Hills," Meng said, add-ing that they settled on Novi because "it's a nice weeks prior. Meng says area. There are so many Japanese Americans and they'll employee 50 to 60 and, if all goes well, Asians around there, and they'll be looking at a the area could handle another upscale seafood Gus O'Connor's had an

eight-year run in Novi until owner Ed Smith and He said the Novi location is more than 8,000 his company that ran the square feet, while How-ell's is 3,200. The larger pub, Irish Beer Works, ran into financial trouspace will allow them to bles. It officially closed add more options for dinits doors Memorial Day "We're going to do more types of seafood — of weekend last year, and Smith filed for Chapter 7 course, some sushi, and

bankruptcy a week later. At the time, Oegama said: "We believe it's a great corner in Novi, and we are excited about getoriginally from China and ting that space leased out

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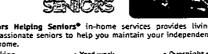
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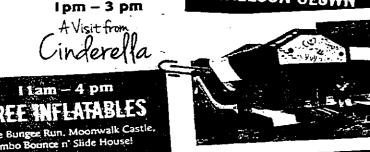
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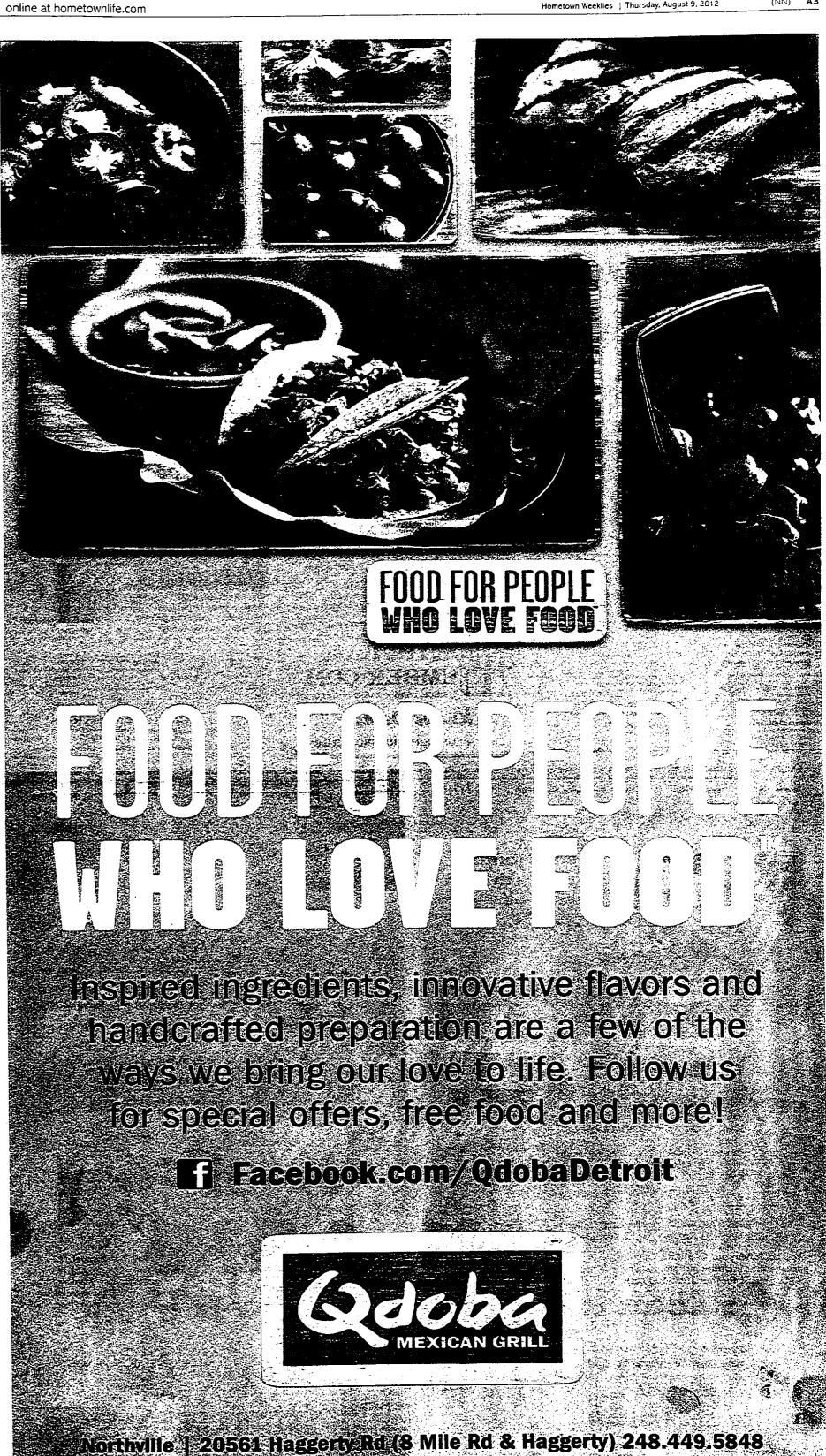
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# **Heels Over Head**

Novi High gears for competition season at band camp

By Lonnie Huhman

This year's competition performance for the Novi High School Marching Band, which was practiced all last week at band camp, is about a relationship break-up. The over 160 students in the band have been working hard to bring emotions ranging from anger, sadnes: to reconciliation to life through visuals and music.

The role of the male in the break-up will be bolstered by the horns and drums while the female role will come to life through the color guard.

Their first big showing be at this year's Fanfare, which is a Michigan Competing Band Association competition scheduled to be hosted in Novi.

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The Novi High School Marching Band practices their "Heels Over Head" performance

At camp is where it all starts for the 9-12 graders going into a year of competition and performanc-

Director Mark Hourigan said the camp is time for the group to get as much of the performance learned as they can.

"It's called 'Heels Over Head' which is a play on words," Hourigan said of the break-up theme. "We

will be exploring the emotions that come with that through the music and visuals. It should be really cool once we get it all down.'

Junior tuba player Josh Scarlett said camp is a time "to hone your skills" and get in condition for the season. But it's also about fun and learning. "This is hard work.

I was intimidated," Josh said of camp. "But it's and learn about working together as a marching

Senior Brenna Cameron, center drum major and mellophone soloist for the show, agreed and said the camps and performances she has done throughout high sousol have enriched her so much.



CAL STONE, EDITOR

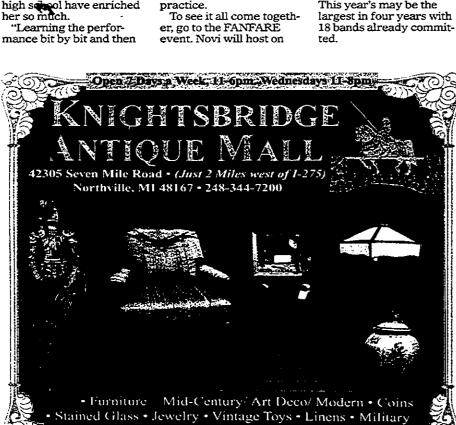
Novi High School senior Brenna Cameron, center drum maor and mellophone soloist for the marching band show.



Novi High's drumline, including Garrett Flowers, left, found an interesting way to wrap up and keep out the heat as they practiced on Aug. 3 at the start of the march-

making it come together ing feeling," Brenna said at camp looking on while her band mates began moving in sync during a practice.

Sept. 22 and it's expected to draw high school marching bands from all over the metro Detroit area to compete for awards and placement. This year's may be the



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The Oakland County Sheriff's Department is looking for help in identifying these suspects in an ATM skimming scheme in Oakland, Wayne and Livingston counties by calling (248)

# ATM cash skimming hits local banks

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The Oakland County Sheriff Department is looking for help in identifying five suspects in an ATM skimming scheme that has scammed \$500,000 from local banks

and credit unions. According to Oakland County Sheriff Lt. Clay

Jansson, the perpetrators have committed the skimming crime in 12 Oakand communities and in Wayne and Livingston counties. Novi, Commerce Township, West Bloomfield Township, Livonia, Ferndale, Westland, and Wixom have all been impacted.

Jansson said the first case reported was on

June 28. The suspects are attaching an external techimportant that individnological device that can uals keep track of their help them read PIN codes accounts, just in case. and duplicate ATM cards. The suspects have taken

out amounts up to as high

as \$500, but usually stick

to smaller withdrawals,

core information from its The U.S. Secret Service is also working with local agencies on the case. But. He said because of this because they have surveil-

lance photographs, Jansson said they are looking to the public for help. He said this is the first time he has dealt with such a crime.

"The best way we'll be able to solve this is if someone can help us name or identify a suspect," Jansson said.

The police are looking for identification (names) on the suspects and the

is reported as a 2010 Blue Ford Fusion. Those with any infor-

mation can contact the Oakland County Sheriff's Office at (248) 858-4950 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-Speak Up. Reward money is available.

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# **NOVI POLICE BRIEFS**

## Malicious property destruction

1 Seven incidents of proper-I ty destruction were reported to the Novi police during the first week or so of August.

Two cases occurred on Hollydale Street on Aug. 2-3 with both having a vehicle damaged.

One victim reported to police that his 1999 Ford vehicle was parked at his residence and the next morning the windshield was cracked. It appeared as if it may have been done by a punch-type of

The second Hollydale incident happened to a Novi woman's car while visiting a friend's home and staved overnight.

Upon returning to it the next day she found her tires deflated and later found out they were punc-

# MDOP Part 2

Park Ridge Road was the scene ∠of two property destruction cases. On Aug. 2-3 a Novi woman also had her car tires punctured and

damaged causing them to deflate. The second incident on the road had a Novi man's 1999 GMC Van damaged by having the tires flattened by an unknown suspect.

# Sugar in the gas tank 3A Novi woman found her gas tank and brake line had been

damaged after having checked at Marty Feldman Chevrolet. On Aug. 6 the woman had her vehicle taken into the dealership

because it would not take gasoline. A dealership service person found a blue cloth with sugar inside the gas tank as well as the ABS brake line

There are no suspects at this time.

# Drünken driving

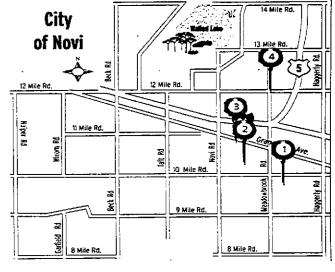
4 A 27-year-old driver was arrested for drunken driving after being stopped for driving with no headlights on just before

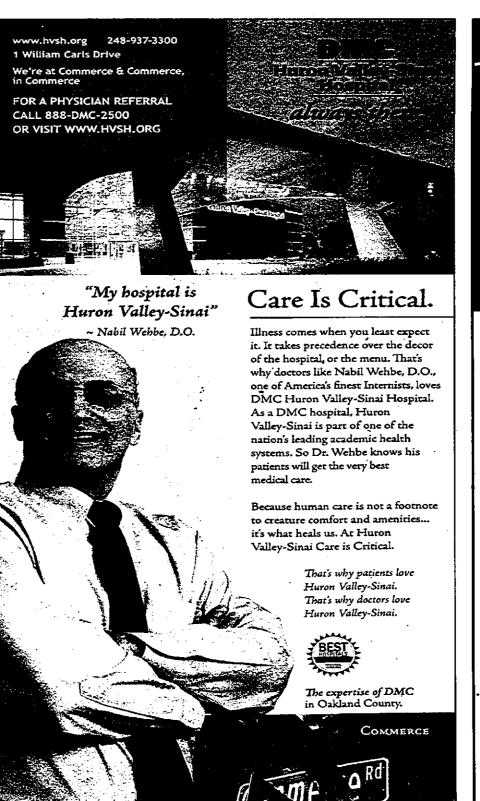
The man was stopped at 12 Mile and Meadowbrook roads after being spotted by Novi police. Upon making contact with the driver the police reported smelling intoxicants inside

the vehicle. The driver said he had been drinking at a wedding held at the Crown Plaza Hotel.

The police then had the man perform field sobriety test, which he had trouble with and led to a preliminary breathalyzer test that registered a blood-alcohol content of .112 percent.

Compiled by staff writer Lonnie Huh-









Caparo Vehicle Components will soon be closing its facilities on Grand River Avenue in Novi.

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this year for \$1,069,750 and \$1,829,100. Aug. 17 is anticipated to be the last day of employment for affected employees, who are non-union with no

"bumping" rights. 'Caparo was one of the last heavy industrial plants to close in our area. They were good corporate citizens and we are sorry to see this happen to the company and 270 employees that will need new jobs. said Ara Topouzian. Novi's economic development director. "The good news is that Caparo is very active in assisting all of their workforce in seeking new employment. In an economy that is in need of a technical workforce, employees from Caparo are much in demand and will hopefully find employment soon-

Caparo Vehicle Components, Inc., produces metal stampings, welded assemblies and e-coated components for OEMs and major Tier-1 suppliers. The operations have evolved from a supplier of body-in-white and chassis components to a recognized supplier of safety-critical components for the occupant safety market where zero defects are a must.

Headquarters in Novi, the business has two manufacturing locations: Novi, with 200,000 square feet, and San Luis Poto-

Mike is a 29-year-old

young professional

He says he's not

as smart as his

square feet.
Caparo was founded in 1968 by British industri-

alist Lord Paul of Marylebone. The company's business interests are predominantly in steel engineered and vehicular products. Caparo's wider activities encompass materials testing services, hotels, film distribution and private equity investment. Headquar tered in London, Caparo's operations are located at more than 50 sites in the Great Britain, North America, India and Spain, Caparo Vehicle Components was formed Nov. 1 2007, when Caparo acquired for about \$15 million Novi-based Voestalpine Polynorm, a steelstamping company with annual sales of about \$60 nillion. It was owned by Linz, Austria-based Voestalnine AG Crain's Detroit Business noted

Deal, \$25 million and under" story in March 2008.

"One of the primary reasons we were interested was we saw this as an opportunity to grow Caparo in North America," Dustmann told Crain's. "And we think, based on the reaction we've received from current customers and potential customers, that we will be very successful in the

the transaction in a "Best

long term."
A few years ago, Caparo Vehicle Components received a \$1 million MEGA Grant via the Michigan Economic Development Corp.

## THOSE AFFECTED

Here is the breakdown of employees who will lose their jobs when Caparo Vehicle Components shuts down its Novi operations later this month, according to paperwork filed with the state of Michigan Workforce Investment Act.

Hourly permanent employees:

Press operators 27 General labor 51 Quality inspectors 9 Maintenance 3 Too! Room 13 Hilo drivers 6 Shipping/Receiving 12 Team leaders 12 Weld technicians 4 **SUB TOTAL 137** Salaried perma employees: Operations 14 SG&A 11 Clerical 3 SUB TOTAL **Hourly temporary** General labor 96 Clerical 6

Team Leaders 3

**SUB TOTAL 105** 

**TOTAL 270** 

ee retention in Michigan. However, Topouzian does not believe the company "turned it on" based on its job growth, "so it was never used." He added that no Novi dollars were spent on that, either.

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# Daly resigns from Novi Chamber of Commerce

Helped in merger of two organizations

By Cal Stone
Community Editor

Linda Daly resigned as executive director of the Novi Chamber of Com-

merce, effective Aug. 3.
Daly was hired five
years ago as a marketing director during
the merger of the Novi
Chamber of Commerce
and the Greater Novi
Chamber of Commerce,
and then became the
executive director.

She was "instrumental in the transition" of the chambers merging, said Board of Directors chairman Jeff Wilk, of Carrabba's Italian

Grill in Novi. He notified the chamber's

membership of the resignation via an

"Her passion for helping the business community will be missed," said Wilk. "We are sorry to lose Linda, but excited for her future employment endeavors." Daly will continue in Novi, working

ment complex celebrating its seventh year on Grand River Avenue.
While the board searches for a new executive director, Sheryl Romzek, events manager, has agreed to step into the role. She has been with the chamber for four years.

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online at hometownlife.com

Wilk said the board was to meet today to discuss specifically how their search for Daly's replacement will progress. The original Novi chamber, established in 1967 and now boasting 542 members, is gearing up for the annual golf outing fundraiser Aug. 15.

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Coach Don Riddell (far right) and Novi Rotary President Mark Whitfield (far left) with two Novi Rotarians who served as district governors in past years — Mav Sanghvi (second from left)and Vic Cassis (second from right).

# Novi Rotary meets new 'coach', Don Riddell

Every year (July 1-June 30) Rotary is rejuvenated with all new volunteer officers and directors from top to bottom - at Rotary International level with a new international president, at district level with a new district governor, and at club Level with a new president.

This is done for several reasons, but one important reason is that these volunteer positions require a great deal of time commitment from the individual vol-

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unteers and their significant others, and after a year of service many are ready for a break. Another reason is that the new officers and directors begin their years with new enthusiasm and new ideas, which helps to keep Rotary dynamic and effective service organization.

zation.
On Aug. 2, the new governor for District 6380 (which includes 52 clubs in Michigan and Ontario), Don Riddell, visited Novi Rotary to introduce himself and explain

his ideas and expectations for his year as Governor. Riddell prefers the title of 'coach' to gov ernor, and explained how all Rotarians in all clubs are important playmakers for the Rotary International Team, and why he believes that each Rotarian can and should seek to get involved in the big plays that can win the game for the Rotarians' communities and for the ultimate game of world peace. Riddell also reminded Rotarians that while Rotary International has been fighting

for the ultimate game of world peace. Riddell also reminded Rotarians that while Rotary International has been fighting hard to win the game of polio eradication for the world, including raising of billions of dollars and tremendous amounts of hands-ons involvement, they now stand in the position of fourth-andgoal, the biggest play, an need to finish the game successfully.





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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 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 28, 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 27, 2012.

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Until that time, Mark; her husband, Dr. Abe Slaim; her board members, friends, family and generous readers have a lot of fundraising to do. Mark first enlisted her mother. Florine Mark, a Farmington Hills resident and CEO of Weight Watchers Group, to host an introductory party at her home. Simultaneously, the Ted and Jane Von Voigtlander Foundation gave a \$5 million lead gift to the North Star Reach \$26.2 million capital campaign, giving it a great head start. North Star Reach also won \$30,000 in the Art Van Charity Challenge. Pictured (I to r) are North Star Reach Board president Sheri Mark of Bloomfield Hills and Novi resident Mary Golota.

## WEDDING

**Howard & Schwein** 

**NEIGHBORS** 

Erica Ann Howard and Jonathan Sam-uel Schwein were married May 26, 2012, at St. Thomas Aquinas in East Lansing with Father Anthony Strouse officiating.

The bride is the daughter of James and Tami Howard, of Novi. She attended Michigan State University and is a registered clinical dietician at Lakeland Community Hospital. Her attendants included Allison Howard, Jordan Howard, Brittany Anderson, Sarah Friesema, Claire Moore, and Kaitlyn Moser (flow-

The groom is the son of Terri and Dave Anderson, of Dansville, Mich., and Joe and Darlene DiGiovanni, of Dewitt, Mich. He is a veteran of the Army National Guard. He is currently studying respiratory therapy. His attendants included Joe DiGiovanni, Jr., Nick DiGiovanni, Eric Cupp, James Lagrou, and Chris Rutan. Ushers were Alex Hook and Pat Mussell.

A reception was held at Hawk Hollow Golf Course, Bath, Mich.. The couple honeymooned in Key West and Cozumel and will reside in Niles, Mich.



Jonathan Schwein and Erica Howard

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# Family Self Defense Center continues to take top honors nationally

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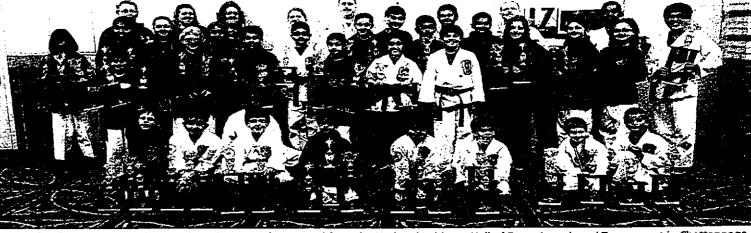
Students and coaches recently returned from the National Isshinryu Hall of Fame Awards and Tournament in Chattanooga, Tenn., where the students broke all previ ous school records. The Tournament included Isshinryu stylists from all over the world each competing in kata, weapons and kumite divisions. A record 62 trophies were earned by the FSDC competitors, with 12 National Champions crowned.

First Place National Champions: Andrew, Alex and Tom Pospeshil, Caleb and Katelyn Desmier, Josh O'Meara (two titles), Krishna Kiru (two titles), Lizzy Arnold, Mark Swanson, and Shashank Swam-

**Grand Champion**ship Participants: Josh O'Meara and Krishna Kiru both in kata Second Place Awards:

Caleb and Katelyn (two awards) Desmier, Krishna Kiru, Krithika Swami nathan (2 awards), Mark and Ryan Swanson (both two awards), Mitchel Huang, Noah D'Arcy, Shaelyn Carroll, Tanaz Naterwala (two awards), and Trina Frick (two awards).

Abby O'Meara, Alex Pospeshil, Anthony DeFeo, Benjamin



Family Self Defense Center students and coaches recently returned from the National Isshinryu Hall of Fame Awards and Tournament in Chattanooga

Matas, Devon DeCaire (two awards), Joshua Huang, Justin Frick, Mitchel Huang (two awards), Shaelyn Carroll (two awards), Shashank Swaminathan, and Tom

Pospeshil. Fourth Place Awards: Abby O'Meara, Alex Pospeshil, Anthony DeFeo, Benjamin Matas, Caleb Desmier, Joshua Huang (two awards), Justin Frick (two awards), Kathy O'Meara, Lizzy Arnold, Ryan T'Giros, Shankar Kiru (three awards), Soorya Ramap-

pan (two awards), and Yogesh Mohanrai **Medal Recipients:** Abhay Vora, Andrew Swanson, Anjali Singh, James Takeshita, Ram Kiru and Savanna Frick.

**National Awards** Received by Senseis and Students

**National Number One** Sensei in the Country for 2012: Edmund, Mr. Z,

Fernale Karate Student in the Country ages 13-17: Lizzv Arnold.

**National Number One** lr. Female Competitor in the Country: Tanaz Naterwala. Top Five Isshinryu

where the students broke all previous school records

Teaching Dojos in the Country: Family Self Defense Center for the seventh consecutive year. Top Five in the Country: Chris Szelap, female

Instructors; Randy Fancher, male instructors; Trina Frick, Krishna Kiru and Tanaz Nater wala, female karate students; Andrew Swanson, Zach Verhelle, James Takeshita and Andrew Pospeshil, male kara-te students; Shaelyn Carroll. Jr., female competitor; Mitchel Huang, Soorya Ramappan and Rohun Savanur, Jr., male competitors; The Swan-

Isshinryu. The students of FSDC have had a banner 2012 tournament season thus far, earning 300 trophies

son Family and Shan-

kar Kiru, contribution to

Family Self Defense Center offers classes in Isshinrvu karate and

samurai sport sword throughout the year through Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services. More information can be found by visiting karatebyfsdc.com, or



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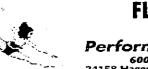


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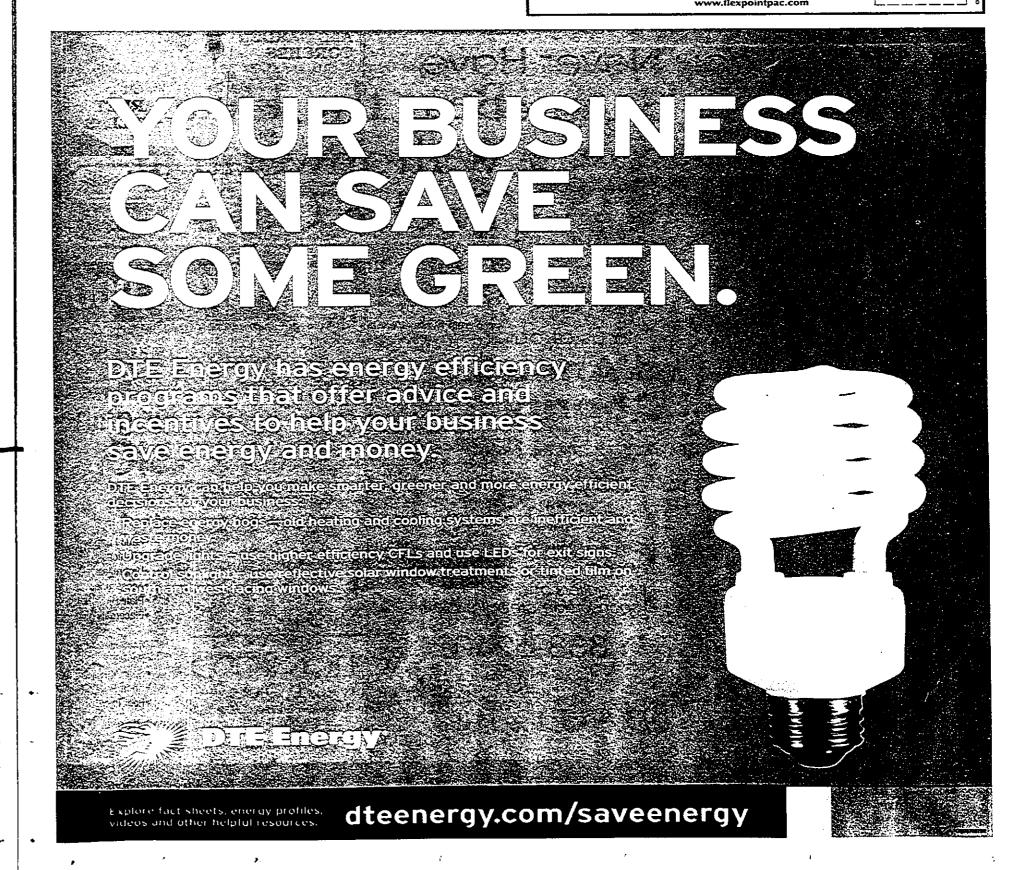
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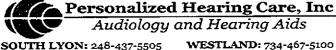
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# Works from three local artists on display in the Novi Civic Center **Atrium Gallery**

The City of Novi is hosting artwork by Kathleen Boettcher, Patricia Dombecki and Peter Lichomski in the Civic Center Atrium Gallery through

Sept. 20. Boettcher is a former art teacher who fell in love with creating art at a very young age. She puts her experience to use by creating life-like scenes using pastels and various types of paint. Her future goals include doing some larger scale pieces and abstraction. Kathleen is actively involved in many art groups and societies throughout Metro Detroit.

Dombecki is a well accomplished artist who uses mixed media and collage to create her artwork. Her style allows for plenty of creativity while offering the appro priate amount of control over the composition in her pieces. Her handson approach to art is one that she also carries with her throughout life. This allows her to enjoy the experience and challenge of working with materials while being physical-

Lichomski was born in Warsaw. Poland and focuses primarily on watercolor painting. He has won numerous awards for his artwork When creating pieces. Lichomski lets the pain move freely on the paper



to create the sky, sea, and large surfaces. Much of the remainder of the piece is about silhouettes with shadowing being the finishing touch to his

watercolor pieces. Upcoming exhibits in the Novi Civic Center Atrium Gallery include pieces from Colored Pencil Society in October and ArtsNovi in Novem ber. Other opportunities for viewing public art displays in Novi include

sculptures at Fuerst Park and multiple installations at the Novi Public

online at hometownlife.com

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is currently seeking artists for Novi Civic Center Atrium Gal lery shows in 2013. Applications will be accepted through Sept. 30. Please contact Stephanie Schuetzler at sschuetzler@ cityofnovi.org to request application form.



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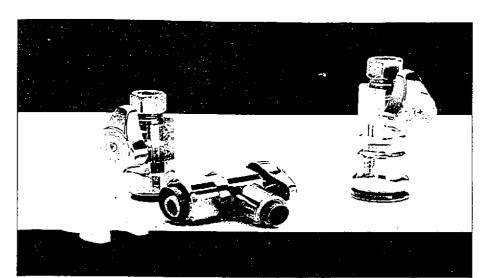


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Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on

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nector on the outlet side. All three watertight options are designed, machined and assembled in the USA, available in both straight and angle configurations, and in compliance with the new federal no-lead legislation effective January 4, 2014. The advantage of the push connect technology is that no tools are required for installation and can be installed on three types of tubing. The result is an "installation ready" water stop that's compatible with copper, PEX and CPVC, 100-per cent leak tested and IAP-MO and CSA certified. An enhanced benefit of BrassCraft technology is the pre-inserted tube

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well as our determination to provide superior products to plumbers everywhere," said Jim Pletcher, BrassCraft Manufacturing vice president of Wholesale Sales, "Additionally, the Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act, which takes effect in approximately 18 months. has been fully embraced by BrassCraft Manufacturing and our no-lead compliant line of push connect technology water stops is a perfect exam-

technology reflects our continued commitment to quality and innovation, as

ple of our goal to help plumbers and wholesal ers make a smooth transi-

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## workshop is free, but preregistration is required. **Fundamentals** of Starting a

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ty, an SBA representative. a MI-SBTDC consultant

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and business banker.

Business This seminar is for anyone thinking about going examine their entrepreneurial skills, learn how to implement their ideas and receive a list of pitfalls to avoid when starting a Aug. 9, 6-9 p.m. Fee: \$30

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class is Twitter for Busi-

Aug. 15, 6-9 p.m. Fee:

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and find and track people

create your Twitter social

media schedule, and inte-

Business

week program designed for owners, CEO's and top management team members of small businesses with at least two years of operating expeemployees, and annual revenue of between \$100,000-\$749,000. Fast-Trac Growth Venture is normally \$700 per participant. Sponsor suppor allows us to offer a scholarship-reduced rate. Aug. 9-Oct. 11 (10 sessions), 6-9 p.m. Fee: \$140

# Team SBA Financing Roundtable

Before you apply for a business loan, we recommend that you attend the Financing Roundtable. This session is best suited to those with good credit, a solid business dea and money to invest in their business. The session will demystify small business financing. You'll learn how the lending process works and what is expected of you. You'll see how the Small Business Administration (SBA) can assist with our SBA Guaranteed Loan Program. (The SBA does not provide loan guarantees to real estate investment

OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS firms, including purchasing and rehabbing houses for sale. This type of financing is not discussed at the roundtables.) Pre-

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advanced strategies for reaching influencers and building a long-lasting online community and explore ways to take Twitter beyond social media marketing. Build a commedia marketing strategy, integrate Twitter and traditional marketing channels to deliver a competi tive advantage, establish a social media Twitter time line, grow your follower base and engage participants, learn how to adver tise with Twitter-promoted tweets, ensure a reasonable rate of return on your social media investment and acquire the tools you need to deputize your employees for organization-wide Twitter engage ment. \*Prerequisites for this class are Twitter for Business (Beginner and Intermediate.) Aug. 22, 6-9 p.m. Fee:

**SCORE CHECK OUT** 

THE NUMBERS IN TODAY'S **SPORTS** SECTION

# **NOVI NEWSMAKERS**

Hills; Vice President of

Education Cory Lee, of

Novi: Vice President of

of Highland; Vice Presi-

dent of Public Relations

Secretary Estelle Caine,

Linda Hagan, of Novi;

and Sergeant at Arms

Moonseok Lee, of North-

Individuals interested

in improving or practic-

ing public speaking and

leadership skills are invit

ed to attend a meeting at

the Toastmasters Club of

Walsh College. Meetings

are held the first and third

Friday each month from

8-9 a.m., at the Walsh Col-

lege Novi Campus, 41500

Gardenbrook Road (off of

Meadowbrook Road, just

Membership Walt Hickok,

Young joins Habitat board Sommers Schwartz

Young was elected to a term with

Board of Directors Young is a licensed build

er and has regularly volunteered his time to Habitat as a site supervisor since 2010. Young is an associate with the firm n its Business Litigation

# Club elects new officers

The Toastmasters Club at Walsh College recently elected its officers for 2012-2013: President Gene

nue), in Novi. "The Toastmasters Club at Walsh College provides a supportive and positive

At each Toastmasters meeting, members and guests enjoy practicing or listening to prepared speeches, Table Topics of Farmington Hills; Trea-(impromptu speeches), surer Mike Karol, of Novi;

bers have the opportunity

to develop their commu-

nication and leadership

skills," said Zalubas.

and speech evaluations, in addition to practicing leadership skills. "Table Topics are one of my favorite parts of the meeting," said Zalubas. "This is where guests and members volunteer to speak for one to two minutes. It helps you think

The next Toastmasters meeting will be held at 8 a.m. Friday, Aug. 3, at the Walsh College Novi Cam-

and speak clearly on your

north of Grand River Ave-For more information about the Toastmasters Club at Walsh College. contact Walt Hickok at

# **NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS**

## Retail sales and forecasts slip but remain positive

Michigan retail sales and forecasts stalled in June but continued to show improvement over last year, according to the Michigan Retail Index, a joint project of Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago The performance of

Michigan's retail industry slipped from May to June, catching up to a national trend that began two months earlier." said MRA President and CEO James P. Hallan, "Howev er, we are still seeing year to-year growth, a broader picture of where we are.

Michigan's unemployment rate rose in May and June, contributing to the falloff in retail sales performance in June, Hallan

The June Michigan Retail Index found that 50 percent of retailers increased sales over the same month last year, while 33 percent recorded declines and 17 percent saw no change. The results create a seasonally adjusted performance index of 58.6, down from 61.9 in

May. A year ago June it The Index gauges the performance of the state's overall retail industry. veys conducted by MRA

and the Federal Reserve.

Index values above 50 ger erally indicate positive activity; the higher the number, the stronger the

Looking forward, 58 per cent of retailers expect sales during July-September to increase over the same period last year while 17 percent project a decrease and 25 percent no change.

That puts the seasonally adjusted outlook index at 71.9, down from 77.5 in June. A year ago June it was 63.7.

For the important back to-school sales period, 53 percent of retailers said they expect flat sales compared to last year, while 31 percent expect improved

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# **SOCIAL SECURITY**

Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage.
And, if an appeal is necessary cimately 60% of those who cases before a court date is ever

> Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security

In addition to practicing only attorney Bleske has written a book for attorneys about the

subject and mas been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bleske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and radio progra lave given speeches t many groups. Attorneys Bieske

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

Bieske and Altonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is 275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a tree sultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking o possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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# **UPDATES FROM YOUR CITY**

## Civilian pistol safety class offered by the Novi Police Department

The Novi Police Department will be offering a Civilian Pistol Safety Class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 at the Novi Police Department Training Center located at 45125 W. Ten Mile Road. The course fulfills both the classroom and shooting requirements to obtain a Michigan Concealed Pistol

License (CPL). Registration forms are available online at cityofnovi.org and at the Novi Police Department. Completed registration forms and the \$200 course fee (cash or money order), may be returned to the

Novi Police Department. Class size is limited, and all participants are subject to a criminal background check.

LOCAL NEWS

After lunch, participants will move to the Novi Firearms Training Center to complete the course. 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. Participants must be 21 years old and do not have to be a Novi resident to attend.

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



Kim Pernick, wife of Judge Jason Pernick, who is runing for Circuit Court judge in Oakland County, greets voters at the Novi Civic Center on Aug. 7 as voting gets underway.

# Passages

LINDQUIST, William A.

Age 67, passed August 2, 2012. Interment at Great Lakes

National Cemetery, Aug. 17 11:30am. Online Guestbook

McCLINTOCK,

MELVIN

Age 88, passed away peacefully in his sleep on July 31, 2012. He was born on October 6, 1923, to the

late Clyde and Hazel (Hann

McClintock. He graduated from Bellevue High School and gradu-ated from Wayne State University with his Bachelors and Masters

Degree. He served in the Air Force during WWII and flew over 50 missions. He was a proud B-24 pilot and was in the 7th Bomb Group 493 Bombardier Squadron. He flew the "Hump" and was a member of the Hump.

and was a member of the Hump

Pilots Association, Melvin is sur

vived by his loving children Ronald & Gwyn McClintock

Gregory & Sandy McClintock Jeffrey & Kathy McClintock;

dren, many cousins and extended

family. He was preceded in death

by his wife Eileen McClintock in 2007. Visitation was on August 3. Friday, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL

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ALSOBROOKS. GERALD Aug. 12, 1944 - Aug. 2, 2012



ATTON (WILLIAMS), PEGGY F. Age 89 of Grand Rapids former Age 89 of Grand Rapids former-ly Northville died peacefully with her family on August 4, 2012. Surviving are her husband E. Kirk, six children: Barbara and William Haskin, Kirk and Janet Atton, Scott and Lesley Atton, Dana and Linda Atton, Blythe Dana and Linda Atton, Blytne and Mark Rushlow, Sean Atton, ten grandchildren, seventeen great grandchildren, two sisters, June Bell, Sally and William Dahlquist, nieces and nephews. Per her wish cremation will receive occur. Her family will receive occur. Her family will receive visitors Saturday August 11, 2012 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the funeral home. A Celebration of her life will be held at 1:00 pm a the Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunfap Street Northville MI.

ind Lymphoma Society. www.arsulowiczbrothers.com 616-735-9900

Peggy's family suggests memori-al contributions to the Leukemia

BRECKENFELD, D.O. DR. ROBERT BURTON Vresident of Brighton, and native Okemos, died unexpectedly after suffering a heart attack in northern Michigan. He was pre-ceded in death by his wife, Kathy Lustig) Breckenfeld i and is survived by his children, Jill (Ben) Thompson, Jane Breckenfeld, John Breckenfeld, and Joyce (Nick) Rundlett; grandchildren, Jamin, Leah, Kort, & Sean Thompson; step-children, Jack Hanlon and Karyn (Aaron) Bocko; brothers, Jim (Ginny) and Bill Breckenfeld; his extended family and many, many dear friends, "Dr. B" was retired from Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills where he served as an Emergency Room physician for over thirty-seven years. He was a traduate of Okemos High School, Michigan State University, and Chicago Osteopathic Medical School, A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 600 E. Main Street, Brighton, on Thursday, August 9, at 11AM. Visitation will be held on Thursday from 10AM until the ime of service. Memorials may River Watershed Council 1100 N Main St., #210, Ann Arbor, Mi 48104 or to The Kite Network (Grief Counselor Training), e/o Christy Miller 4624 Packard St., Ann Arbor, MI 48108, For further

www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com COMBS, Willard "Billy" Age 40, of Salem Twp., died nexpectedly 8/3/12. Loving son a father. A service was held 3/7.12, Casterline Funeral Home. South Lyon, ML



## FLYNN. DORIS MAY

Age 96 and a long time resident of Milford, passed away August 4, 2012. Doris was born on July 21, 1916 in Highland Park, Michigan. She was a faithful member of the Milford Presbyterian Church for sixty-six years and worked as a secretary with Huron Valley Schools and the GM Proving Grounds. Doris was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard S. Flynn, a son, Gerald, and granddaughter, Brynn Ann, She is survived by sons, Robert (Jill) and Dennis (Kitty); daughter, Deborah: daughter-in-law, Alice Flynn; grandchildren, Shannon, Bridget (Roger), Erin, Kathleen, Jeffrey (Lisa), Richard (Michelle), Heather (Mark), Charity, Christina, and Brian; great grandchildren, Sean, Eric, Luke, Colin, Ashlov Kola Luke, Colin, Ashley, Kyle, Megan, Nicole, Emily, Samantha, Mark, Joseph, Nathan, and Elizabeth; great great grand-daughter, Evelyn and many dear friends. Funeral Services were held at the Milford Presbyterian

Church, Milford, on Monday, August 6, 2012. Memorials may be made in her name to the Milford Public Library. For further information please hone 248-684-6645 or visit www.l.ynchFuneralDirectors.com

GAGNON, JOHN F. Age 91, passed away August 2, 2012. A private family service was held. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

# HOFSESS.

Age 54, born on September 6, 1957 in Terre Haute, Indiana, passed away on August 1, 2012 in Highland, Michigan; Beloved wife of Bruce Meek for 36 years; STEPHEN D. Age 73, passed away August 3, 2012. Steve was a loving husband to Hofsess and father of Loving mother of Shaun (Joy Meek and Mandy (Scott) Adams Cherished grandmother of Jayden Meek; Dear sister of Mark (Robin) McClintock and Pam Douglas Hofsess and Denise Samsel. He was a good grandfa-ther to his eight grandchildren. He was the tenth of 12 children born Myers: Cheryl was preceded by her father Donald McClintock, to Clay and Beulah (Fitzgerald) Hofsess and is survived by four sisters and two brothers. He casino goer and known for he love of collecting figurine sought to find humor in everything and loved to tell stories. Everyone who knew Steve knew that behind the sometimes gruff love of baking and her world renowned cookies she loved to xterior was one of the kindest make. Memorials appreciated to St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospice or Woodland Cancer and most compassionate people they'd ever met. He enjoyed working with his hands, playing Scrabble and collecting antique Center in Brighton, Arrang cars, especially hearses and ambu lances. He served in the Army National Guard and worked 30 years for General Motors before of the Elton Black and Soi Funeral Home, Please visit retiring in 2000. Visitation will be MEYERS, RUBY LEE on Friday, August 10, 4:00 pm to

KEMP, JAMES A.

Age 67, passed away August 1, 2012. He was born on May 19, 1945, in Detroit, to the late Richard and

Esther (Eggert) Kemp. He served in the U.S. Army from 1963-1966, part of which he was sta-tioned in Vietnam. On Aug. 12,

1967 he married his beloved wife Joyce Pedersen. Jim was a devot-ed and loving husband, father and grandfather. Jim is survived by his

wife of 45 years, Joyce Kemp; 2 daughters: Gail Kemp, Katherine

Kemp: 2 granddaughters: Abigai

Kemp & Alexis Lingenfelter

brother Robert Kemp, and many nieces, nephews and extended family and in-laws. He was pre-

ceded in death by his parents and sister Carolyn, Visitation was held on August 3, Friday and Aug. 4, A funeral service was held on

August 4, Saturday, at 11:00 a.m. of PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME.

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Organizations, P.O. Box 96322. Vashington, DC, 20090-6322. Online guestbook:

www.phillipsfuneral.com

7:00 pm at the Highland Chapel of the Elton Black and Son Funeral Home, 3295 E. Highland Rd., Highland. In lieu of flowers. Age 89, passed away August 4, 2012. Funeral Aug. 8, Ip.m., at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. Graveside service Aug. 9. at 11a.m. at Roselawn Memorial ons should be made to the Make-a-Wish Foundation Cemetery, LaSalle, MI Please visit www.

eltonblackandsonhighland.com O'NEILL, DENNIS F. January 18, 1939-August 4, 2012 Online condolences: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

TOMAKOWSKI,

JOSEPH JR. June 21, 1986 – August 1, 2012 Online condolences:

## obriensullivantimeralhome.com WILSON (ROPER),

EMILY ANN Age 42, formally of South Lyc passed away August 2, 2012. Born on October 31, 1969 to the late Troy Kenneth Roper and Janet (Pichler) Reynolds. She i Janet (Pichler) Reynolds, She is survived by Matthew Wilson, Sr., Matthew Wilson, II, Kyle Wilson. Survived by her mother, Janet (Kenneth) Reynolds, Timothy Roper, Loleen Roper, Barbara (Paul) Trata, Troy (Tonje) Roper and several nieces and nephews. Memorial services will be held at the VFW Hall, 125 McHattie in South Lyon on Sunday, August 12, 2012 from 1pm-4pm. Please no flowers, donations will be accepted at memorial service.

May **peace** be with you in this time of **sorrow**.

Continued from page A1 think we did a good job of getting the

word out." With more than 21 percent of Novi's 38,331 registered voters casting ballots, Pearson thought it was a "pretty decent primary turnout."

ROADS

In surveys, residents of Novi had continually said that quality local roads are a high priority, and they backed that up with this vote to increase the road millage to 1.5 mills for maintenance and improvements. It will cost the owner of a home with a market value of \$250,000 about \$90 per year and generate an additional \$2.1 million that can only be used for roads, sidewalks and pathways. The majority of the funds, 65 percent, would be used on neighborhood streets, while 25 percent would go to major roads. Non-motorized facilities --including new sidewalks, pathways and intersections - would get the remain-

ing 10 percent. The city has reiterated that this will not cause homeowners' taxes to go up when the increased millage becomes available in 2013 because the overall tax rate for 2012-13 was reduced from 10.5416 to 10.2 mills. Less was needed for debt service and the millage for a storm water component was lower. This new millage will remain in place unless it is changed by amending the city charter (and subject to Headlee rollback provisions). Taxpayers will see it on

HOME, South Lyon. A funeral service was held on August 4, Saturday, at the First Presbyterian next summer's tax bill. Church of South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com "I can foresee looking at trying to do some additional engineering work this winter so we're in a position to roll with as much construction as possible next

year," Pearson said. Novi uses a Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating system to assess road conditions. Novi's average PASER rating in 2011 was 6.25. The scale ranges from 1 to 10, with 1 being pavement in failed condition and 10 being new pavement in excellent condition.

# PRIMARY RESULTS

Here's how Novi voted on the road mill-

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Here's how the voting broke down in Novi's 21 precincts in Tuesday's primary election. Registered voters 38,331

Total ballots cast 8,238 Absentee ballots cast 2.815 5,033 (61.09 percent) Republican 2,812 (34.13 percent) Nonpartisan 393 (4.77 percent) Voter turnout 21.49 percent

The city currently manages approximately 172 miles of road and, of that number, 19 miles are in poor condition (PASER 1-3), 98 miles in fair (PASER 4-5) and 55 miles very good (PASER 6-10). Funding from the new millage will be used to reconstruct or rehab roads in "poor" condition, while those rat-' would receive routine mainte

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# RANKINGS

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The state, however, feels this new designation places a brighter focus on the struggling students in those schools.

'We are committed to closing the achievement gaps in all of our schools for all of our students," state Superintendent of Public Instruction Mike Fla nagan said. "With this measure of transparency, schools will be identified and held accountable for the achievement of all of their students."

The MDE will now develop and provide a District Toolkit for districts that have Focus Schools, providing technical assistance in the form of MDE-trained and paid-for district improvement facil-

Novi administrators participated in a webinar with MDE representatives the day before the rankings were released to try to help the district understand what it means.

"It's all relative," said RJ Weber. Novi's assistant superintendent for academics. "We may stay on the list for a long period or short period. No answers made us feel comfortable, and it doesn't help you to understand what to do better. Right now, I think we're already on

track." Matthews said the state will now come in and tell Novi to do things that the dis-

trict has already been doing.
"It's frustrating," he said. "The state is approaching us as Big Brother, but the reality is they don't know why we have these gaps and the unique characteristics of Novi" like a variety of economic classes and cultures.

The seven Novi schools designated as Focus include Novi High School, Novi Middle School and Novi Meadows, Deerfield, Novi Woods, Orchard Hills and Parkview elementaries.

In addition to Focus Schools, the state has two other designations. • Reward Schools (286 schools in 178 districts) include the top 5 percent of schools on the annual top-to-bottom rank-

ing of all Michigan schools, and the top 5 percent of schools making the greatest academic progress over the previous

 Priority Schools (146 schools in 49) districts) are those in the bottom 5 percent of the annual top-to-bottom ranking, and any high school with a graduation rate of less than 60 percent for three consecutive years.

# Novi's plan

Local administrators are proud of their district's achievements, but they are also well aware of the gaps. "One of the goals we established when I came here was to eliminate the gaps,"

said Matthews, who took over the superintendent position one year ago. Weber said the district is developing a "robust internal accountability system" that allows staff to know how each student is doing so instruction can be moni-

tored to help them. "We've been doing this for a few years," Weber said, "and we're the only county district to use a national norm

test twice a year.' Matthews, Weber and Nick Kalakailo. director of student growth and accountability, all expressed concern that Novi parents may doubt that their children aren't being served as well as expected.

"Now they wake up and read something that says their school is on a watch list," Weber said. "And we feel bad for students who feel we may not be doing as well. That's simply not the case. Parents worry — is it going to affect my kid's ability to get into a particular school?" With the Focus Schools designation, districts must now send letters by Aug.

21 informing parents of the rankings. Kalakailo said the rankings are just based on one year, which really doesn't establish a trend.

"It's a moment," he said. "We would all agree that keeping our eye on the gap is admirable, but we're already doing that, The state telling us isn't going to help us

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is the dominant theme of the art project. The St. Joseph arts program is aimed at creating an experience that heals bodies, nurtures souls and comforts

hearts. Submissions represented a variety of media, including sculpture; two-dimensional amonovitheatre.com. The Andiand three-dimensional artwork: original art: oil, watercolor and acrylic paintings; limited edition prints, giclee prints, mixedmedia art, glass, mosaics, wall sculpture, fabric art, collages

> both purchased and commissioned, will be placed in the new main lobby, elevator lobbies, waiting rooms, corridors, consultation rooms, patient rooms and public areas. More than 225 artists from

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and photography.

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boarders, ages 6 and up, to pre-

mier 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 age 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 gmorris@cityofnovi.org.

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The results below for the Aug. 7 primary only include vote totals for Novi. Overall winners are denoted with

## **OUR VIEWS**

# Rankings rankle

Newest achievement measures give inaccurate view of Novi schools

When Michigan received a flexibility request to the No Child Left Behind Act, the state created a new standard of measuring achievement - one that identifies the gap between the highest 30 percent and lowest 30 percent of a school's student achievement.

The 10 percent of schools with the widest gap are labeled Focus Schools. The Michigan department of Education on Aug. 2 announced that 358 schools including seven of eight in Novi - are

on that list. Bet that surprises you, especially considering Novi is one of the top performing school districts in the state.

But if you look at why some of Novi's schools have been labeled - incorrectly, we believe - with the Focus designation, you'll be able to breathe easier knowing that your children are still in one of the best public education systems in

Take, for example, Deerfield Elementary, which is ranked the 10th highest achieving school in the entire state. Yes, the gap between its highest and lowest students is very high - but even the lowest achieving students at Deerfield are still proficient on MEAP.

Novi High School has achievement on the MME assessment that is 9 to 36 percent higher than some high schools not designated as Focus Schools in Oakland County - yet Novi High School is identified as a Focus School because it has so many high-achieving students that the gap is skewed.

So, now the state is going to spend resources to help close the gaps at Novi schools, and that's just wrong. Those funds should be going toward helping districts that desperately need it. If that doesn't make sense to the folks in Lansing, then it's no wonder we're in such

poor financial shape.
The goal of No Child Left Behind - 100 percent of students achieving adequate yearly progress - was unrealistic, but the new measure created by the state's waiver is a poor way to determine success.

Novi residents, many of whom moved here because of our fine education system, are now wondering when they read this new information if they made the right move. Trust us - you did.

The Novi district is measuring achievement a variety of ways: MEAP results Northwest Assessment results; curriculum assessments; defining what it means to grow and achieve in Novi; and a soonto-be-revamped report card system.

These are the areas where Novi needs to focus its energy, not with someone from the state telling our district that it needs instructional coaches, a literacy library with proper materials, opportunities for teachers to talk to each other about struggling students, or a curriculum that is clearly articulated and acces-

Novi already has all of that. And you are going to hear other districts trumpeting the fact that they have no Focus Schools -- yet their achievements are far lower than Novi. Do those districts deserve applause for closing their gaps? Absolutely, but don't be fooled into thinking these latest rankings are an apples-to-apples comparison.

All this isn't to say that Steve Matthews, Novi's superintendent, isn't concerned about the gap. Its elimination was established as one of his goals when he came here two years ago.

Novi is dealing with a very diverse student body with multiple cultures, languages and economic classes. Yes, there are gaps, but these new rankings undeservedly call out the district without addressing the schools that truly need



Cal Stone, Community Editor Susan Rosiek,

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## **COMMUNITY VOICE**

# What do you want to do before summer is over?



**OPINION** 

We've missed it and are so glad it's here in

Karen Furca, with grandkids Hailey and Ivan



JT O'Connor

I want to go to Lego

Land in Florida."

"I want to go see the

new Jason Bourne movie



"I want to go rock hounding up north, maybe near Copper Har-

Bruce Kaufman bor or Fort Wilkins." Chuck Amberger

## LETTERS

## **Vote for Dems**

After his re-election committee turned in hundreds of forged signatures, Congressman Thaddeus McCotter resigned, causing a need for a special election to replace him. Estimated cost, \$650,000.

L. Brooks Patterson challenged the redistricting done by the committee charged with that task all the way to the state Supreme Court, where it was upheld. Estimated cost, more than \$100,000.

Failing there, he had legislation written in Lansing applying to Oakland County only so the sitting commissioners could draw the new districts. Extra cost, unknown.

Since his takeover as Speaker of the House, John Bonner has held 33 different votes on the house floor to repeal the Affordable Care Act, knowing it would not go anywhere from there. Estimated cost, \$48 million.

While he was president, George W. Bush started Medicare Part D, added the Department of Homeland Security, causing huge expansions of our government, and started two wars all while cutting taxes and not attempting to pay for any of it.

All Republicans call themselves fiscal conservatives. Some say don't blame the party, blame the individual. The problem is the individuals make up the party.

Vote for the Democrats, they are the ones that will save taxpayers money and turn the economy around.

Carleen M. Tindall

# Job creator?

Gov. Romney criticized President Obama for the weak recovery in our economy, Apparently, Gov. Romney does not realize there have been 28 consecutive job growth months in the private sector under President Obama

Obama was handed an economy by President Bush where we were losing 700,000 jobs a month.

Mitt Romney's principle campaign message in opposing President Obama is that Romney is a job creator. He knows how to do this. This caused us to wonder just when and

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how Romney acquired this secret skill which he possesses? Certainly not as governor of Massachusetts, where his state was 47th in job creation when Romney left this job

Certainly not while he ran Bain Capital, where Romney, as head of this venture capital company, bought and sold other companies. Bain Capital's mission was to make money for select investors and not create jobs.

Bain Capital, under Romney, was known as having "pioneered outsourcing." Perhaps Romney created outsourced jobs in India, China and South America. But his job creating skills were all at the expense of American jobs. Which goes back to the central question. How did Romney become the job creator? Only he knows, and he is not telling.

**Gerald Maxey** Farmington Hills

# Make a choice

The upcoming presidential election will come down to fairness or freedom. Mitt Romney offers freedom. His idea of freedom is you are on your own. You will not be able to rely on the government

breaks for the wealthy so they can create profits. He will do away with regulations so you will not be held accountable for anything like the banks during the Bush years. Remember when they received bailouts but did not go to jail for causing us all to lose equity in our homes and in our 401(k)s?

for any help. He will work for tax

Also he won't release any more tax returns because he really doesn't want you to know how he makes his money and where he keeps it. By the way, in 2010 he and Ann took a \$77,000 tax loss on Ann's horse. Apparently the horse eats a lot.

On the other side, President Obama is running on fairness, especially for the middle class. He had an American Jobs Program that would have helped put people back to work. But guess what? The Republican-House would not even consider it. They want people to be unemployed so you will blame President Obama for it. Obama wants to have loans for small businesses and loan for students and help for seniors.

Well, you have a choice in November. Either help the rich get richer or the middle class gets better jobs. Remember, we also need to elect more Democrats so we can pass the American Jobs Program and put people back to work. Of course, this is my opinion. What is yours?

# Joanne Braund

# Happy birthday, Medicare

July 30, 1965, was one of this nation's finest achievements when President Johnson signed the Mediguaranteed coverage not provided by private insurers at a price they

could afford. Too bad the Paul Ryan budget plan in Congress now will privatize Medicare and force seniors to pay more for less coverage. Let Congressman Mike Rogers know you want Medicare protected. Telephone (517) 702-8000.

Delphine Palkowski. South Lyon

# **STAFF COLUMN**

# Changes at the Novi News but focus remains on top-notch coverage

or the past year and a half I've been editing the Novi News and the Northville Record. I did it because my pub lisher asked me, like many of

my colleagues, to take on extra work in this recession. But I also wanted to see how I'd deal with the challenge. I'm

proud of both

newspapers, the work we've done and the awards we've won. The Novi News is in its 57th year, and today marks the first edition of the Northville Record's 143rd

Starting this week, I now get to focus all my energies as editor on the Novi News as my colleague, Kurt Kuban takes on neighboring Northville. He's as good as they come, and I'm confident he will take that paper to the next level. And there have been oth-

er changes. Longtime staffer Nathan Mueller has left the Novi beat to take on reporting respon-sibilities at the South Oakland Eccentric which covers his hometown Royal Oak and surrounding

Joining our Novi News team is Lonnie Huhman who will be splitting his time between Novi and

Huhman, most recently a correspondent, was previously a staff writer at the Record in 2001 Of course, we still have who I consider to be the best community newspaper photographer/videographer anywhere - John Heider This is my 24th year in this

industry. I became editor of the Novi News in March 2002, switched to Northville about five years later, and then did both. I love Novi and have ever since I came here. I'm excited to again be here full time!

Cal Stone is the editor of the Novi News. He can be reached at cstone@ hometownlife.com or (248) 437-2011.

# Novi joins three counties in passing DIA millage

ties approved the Detroit Institute of Arts millage proposal on Tuesday's hallot by a 2-to-1 margin, according to early election results.

In Macomb County, it was much closer, with 51 percent voting yes and 49 percent no.
But DIA officials said they need-

ed just two of the three counties to approve it to prevent services and ly cut during the next two to three years. Novi voters approved the proposal

The proposal — 0.2 mills for 10 years — will cost the owner of a \$150,000 home about \$15 annually over the next decade.

The tax will generate approximately \$23 million per year — \$10 million in Oakland, \$8 million in Wayne and \$5 million in Macomb. The DIA's operating budget is \$25 million

# **DIA PROPOSALS**

Here's how voters in the tri-county area, including Novi, voted on the Detroit Institute of Arts millage in Tuesdav's election

**Oakland County** \*Yes 81,703 **Wayne County** 163,543 76,444 b County 61,930 Νo 2,825

The tax will cover the shortfall for museum operating expenses caused by the loss of funding from the state and city of Detroit, said Annmadent and chief operating officer of the DIA.

Residents in these three counties will now have free general admission to the museum

Currently, the DIA receives no state, county or city funding. From 1893 to the early 1990s, it received support from the city of Detroit's general fund. In the 1970s, it began receiving money from the state budget. But beginning in the 1990s, as a series of economic downturns hit the state, state funding was steadily reduced and then eliminated. The same thing happened with city fund-

The museum has been relying on the private sector for operations, a model that is not sustainable, Erick-

Compiled by staff members Karen Smith, Phil Allmen and Cal Stone.

# BENTIVOLIO

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5,050 to 2,825.

"This victory is your victory," Bentivolic said. The victory was against the odds, and stood for freedoms. You know freedom stands for prosperity. "Some politicians try to convince

us to give up freedom," he added. "They want government to run our businesses, to get between us and our doctors. They want to take our money and spend less on ourselves. It is a congressman's No. 1 job to protect our freedom, not to take it

Bentivolio said he wanted to reduce taxes through tax reform and repeal the Affordable Health

Campaign manager Robert Dindoffer said Bentivolio won through the grass-roots organization of the campaign. "This is a victory for them," Dindoffer said, pointing to supporters. "And those who could not make it here tonight because it's so late. The volunteers who knocked on 10,000 doors. It is their

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IOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Victor Cassis models a wristband that he and his wife, Nancy, were giving voters on Aug. 7 to remind them to write in Nancy's name in the Republican party's 11th Congressional District race.

victory."
Dindoffer said the campaign will now focus on the September primary election for the remainder of Thaddeus McCotter's term in the current 11th District and the November election in the new reconfigured 11th District.

Bentivolio finished with 29,129 votes overall to Cassis's 13,816. In Novi, he edged her 2,305 to 2,225. Cassis, who greeted her campaign volunteers Tuesday night in Novi, said the campaign hinged on how successfully her campaign educated voters "that they had a choice." Cassis hit precincts from Troy to Livonia with her husband Vic, with hopes of winning a writein election

"We tried to motivate them to vote for a write-in," she said. Cassis had hoped that the endorsements of several high-profile Republicans would carry her through as a writein and as a strong conservative with a track record.

Taj appeared optimistic early in the evening at his campaign headquarters in Novi. He thanked his campaign supporters for their hard work with phone calls. "Overall it was a great experi-

ence," he said. "For all of the campaign, it was a great experience." Tai said voters were looking for leadership in the district, "For the last 10 years, people have been fed

Taj said his next step was developing a strategy for whoever he faces. "It all depends," Taj said early in the evening on election night. I have two, one for Kerry and one







LOCAL NEWS

Josh O'Meara may appear to have a cookie painfully rolling down his face but in fact he's taking part in the "Minute-to-Win-It"-style competition on July 17 at the Novi Public Library. This contest saw who could place a cookie on their forehead — and then without using their hands — get the treat into their mouth. Josh won this round and moved on to later



Lauren Fokken, 14, tries to thread a series of ziti pasta onto her spaghetti noodle during the July 17 "Minute-to-Win-it"-style competition at the Novi Library for kids. Fokken was the first of this round to complete the assignment and moved on to further competition.



Larry Rubel, 17, was the last person standing to keep all three of his balloons in the air ously during the Novi Library July 17 competition

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Dylan O'Connor, 10, competes in the Novi Public Library's "Minute-To-Win-It" games on July 17. This contest involved seeing how to pick up and balance a total of two M&Ms on straws - using a straw in the mouth.



Novi Public Library held a "Minute-to-Win-It"-style competition for teens on July 17.



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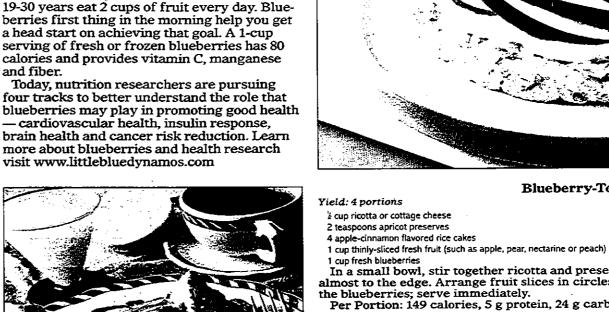
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**Blueberry-stuffed French Toast** Yield: 4 to 6 portions

teaspoon grated orange peel

% cup orange juice

3 tablespoons sugar, divide

Pinch salt, optional 1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries (thawed and drained, if frozen)

8 slices (1-% inches thick) Italian bread & cup sliced almonds

Blueberry Orange Sauce (recipe follows)
Preheat oven to 400°F. Spray a large baking sheet with cooking spray. In a medium bowl beat eggs, peel, juice, 2 tablespoons of the sugar and the salt until well blended. Pour into a 13- by 9- by 2-inch baking pan; set aside. In a small bowl combine blueberries and the remaining 1 tablespoon sugar; set aside. With the tip of a sharp knife, cut a 1-1/2-inch wide pocket in the side of each bread slice. Fill pockets with reserved blueberry mixture, dividing evenly. Place filled slices in egg mixture. Let stand, turning once, until egg mixture is absorbed, about 5 minutes on each side. Arrange bread on prepared baking sheet; sprinkle with almonds. Bake until golden brown, about 15 minutes, turning slices after 10 minutes. Serve with Blueberry Orange Sauce.

## Blueberry Orange Sauce Yield: 2 cups

3 tablespoons sugar

1 tablespoon cornstarch

1/4 teaspoon salt, optional

¼ cup orange juice 1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries

1 cup orange sections (about 2 oranges) In a cup combine sugar, cornstarch and salt. Set aside. In a small saucepan bring orange juice and 4 cup water to a boil. Add blueberries and orange sections. Return to a boil. Cook until liquid is released from fruit, about 2 minutes. Stir in sugar mixture. Cook, stirring constantly, until sauce thickens, 1 to 2 minutes.

# **Blueberry Mini-Muffins**

Yield: 24 mini-muffins 2 cups self-rising flour

ኔ cup sugar

1 large egg, lightly beaten 2 cup butter, melted

1½ cups fresh blueberrie Preheat oven to 425°F. Lightly grease 24 (1-inch) mini-muffin pan cups. In a medium-sized bowl, combine flour and sugar. Make a well in the center; add milk, egg and butter. Stir gently until mixture begins to form a soft dough; fold in berries; spoon into mini-muffin cups, dividing evenly. Bake until tops are golden, 12 to 15 min-

utes. Serve warm. Per muffin: 83 calories, 13 g carbohydrate, 2.6 g total fat, 1.5 g saturated fat



**Blueberry-Topped Rice Cakes** 

In a small bowl, stir together ricotta and preserves. Spoon an equal amount on each of the rice cakes almost to the edge. Arrange fruit slices in circles on top of the ricotta mixture. Top each with ¼ cup of the blueberries; serve immediately.

Per Portion: 149 calories, 5 g protein, 24 g carbohydrate, 4 g fat, 39 mg sodium, 16 mg cholesterol

# Blueberry Breakfast Bake

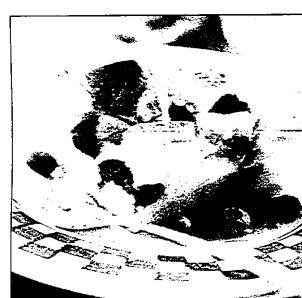
Yield: 9 portions 1 loaf (14 ounces) sliced, firm textured white bread, crusts removed,

2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries, divided 4 ounces light cream cheese (from an 8-ounce package), cut in 4-inch

8 eggs, beaten 1½ cups lowfat milk

2 cup maple syrup 's cup melted butter

Preheat oven to 350°F. Remove crusts from bread. Cut in 1-inch cubes (makes about 10 cups). Cut cream cheese in small cubes (makes about 1 cup). Grease a 9-by 9-by- 2-inch baking dish. Place half of the bread cubes in the dish. Scatter cream cheese cubes and 1 cup of blueberries over the bread. Top with remaining bread cubes and blueberries. In a bowl, combine eggs, milk, maple syrup and butter. Carefully pour over bread mixture. Bake until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean, about 1 hour, covering with aluminum foil if edges brown too much. To serve, cut in squares. Accompany with additional maple syrup, if desired.



## **Blueberry Pumpkin Bread** Serves 8

1 cup canned solid-pack pumpkin

💃 cup sugar

% cup orange juice 2 large eggs

¼ cup vegetable oil 2 cups all-purpose flour

2 teaspoons baking powder k teaspoon salt

Yield: 4 cup

over cake.

1 cup sifted confectioners sugar

2 tablespoons softened butter. 1½ to 2 tablespoons milk

½-teaspoon vanilla

1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice

1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries, not thawed White icing, optional (recipe follows)

Preheat oven to 350° F. Butter an 8½- by 4½-inch loaf pan. In large bowl with electric mixer, beat pumpkin, sugar, orange juice, eggs and oil until smooth, about 1 minute. In small bowl, stir flour, baking powder, salt and pumpkin pie spice; add to pumpkin mixture; stir just until combined. Spoon h of batter into pan; spread evenly. Stir blueberries into remaining batter in bowl and spoon over batter in pan, spread evenly. Bake until a wooden skewer or toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 60 to 65 minutes. Cool in pan on a rack for 10 minutes; turn out onto rack; cool completely. May be wrapped and refrigerated for up to 4 days, or frozen for up to 1 month. If desired, drizzle with icing.

White Icing

Combine sugar and butter in a bowl. Add the

milk and vanilla and beat until smooth. Drizzle



2 pounds mixed, torn salad greens

Blueberry Vinaigrette (recipe follows) 4 cups fresh blueberries

4 cups fresh orange sections or canned mandarin oranges, drained 2 cups granola

Toss salad greens with 1½ cups of the Blueberry Vinaigrette. Divide the dressed greens among eight large plates. Arrange 1/2 cup orange sections and ½ cup blueberries on top of each salad. Sprinkle each salad with 4 cup granola. Drizzle remaining dressing on top. Serve immediately.

## **Blueberry Vinaigrette** Yield: 2 cups

1 cup olive oil

1 cup frozen thawed blueberries

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard 2 tablespoons brown sugar

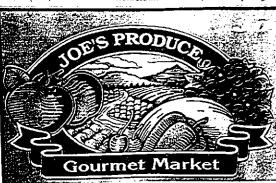
2 teaspoons minced shallot

k teaspoon kosher salt

½ teaspoon ground white peppe

½ teaspoon paprika Combine ingredients in food processor contain-

er. Process until mixture is smooth. Chill at least 30 minutes to blend flavors.



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Northville will be look-

# Football practice starts across Michigan

Northville Mustangs looking for another successful season

As the first full week of August made its way onto the calendar, many Northville High School lays until they were back

For the Northville Mustangs football team, head coach Matt Ladach, class was already in ses-

Ladach doesn't hide the fact that he's excited over the 2012 season. But, truthfully, he's excit-ed about football no matter what year it is. "If I wasn't excited, I

wouldn't be coaching,' Ladach said. "I (couldn't) wait for Monday and I can't wait for Thursday, either. I really can't wait for our opener against Lakeland on August 24!" The Mustangs came into the season in as good

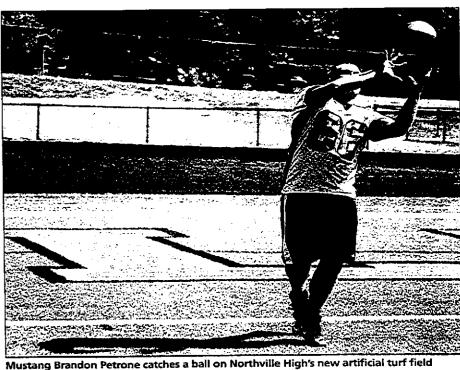
ing to have an upbeat tempo all season long and een under Ladach's their first practice of the time at the program's year proved it. Lots of lead. That's because of sweating, lots of training their summer conditionand lots of coaching took place throughout the dayical as one might think. Instead there were tires long event. being thrown and sledge is expected to transfer hammers being lifted. smoothly into the North-And at the end of it all?

ville playing style this or to the Michigan High School Athletics Association mandatory dead will hear often this fall is 'play fast," said Ladach. week from July 30-Aug. 5 were all about mental 'That's the primary goal of our defense. We will preparedness more than demand a lighting-fast anything else.
"Our players have

Training focuses on fundamentals on the first day and the ability to follow-through and finish on each and every play from blocking to running to tackling and more. But the most important lesson being taught

tempo from our offense

this week at Northville Please see FOOTBALL, B2



# Trio of Novi girls compete in USAV tournament

From left to right, Novi residents Erin O'Leary, Olivia Bradford and Christina Hudgens recently participated in an international volleyball tournament in lowa. The three girls were among an elite group throughout all of Michigan and northern Indiana to make the two 10-person USA Volleyball Lakeshore Regional High Performance teams.

Talented young players show promise for future of Wildcat program Events Center in Des Moines, Iowa. Residents Christina Hudgens, 14,

By Chris Jackett

Novi High School's varsity vollevball team has regularly been ranked among the best in the state during the past decade, but a handful of future Wildcats have already showed promise during a recent international tournament through USA Volleyball's High Perfor-

mance program. Three Novi girls were among the 20 chosen last month to participate for the two Lakeshore Region teams - which consist of Michigan and northern Indiana - at a USAV tournament July 24-28 at the Iowa

and Erin O'Leary, 12, played with the select team (1998-99 birthdays), while Olivia Bradford, 15, played with the youth team (1996-97 birthdays). O'Leary was the only 12 year old on her region's team, which consisted of one 13 year old and eight 14 year olds.

"I play two to three years up,"
O'Leary said. "They had two tryouts. Then they invite 20 girls to go to a three-day camp. It was a great opportunity. It was probably the best coaching I've ever gotten. It was a wakeup."
O'Leary, who played with the

Novi-based Skill Ignition AAU team last season and plans to play with Ann Arbor-based A2 this fall, said the three Novi girls were chosen from a pool of about 30 of the region's top youth players during a camp at Western Michigan University just two weeks before the Iowa

"We definitely got to know each other when we got there. Most peo-ple's parents didn't even come," O'Leary said, noting hers were some of the few to make the sevenhour drive. "It was very high level competition. There were teams

Please see USAV, B3

Northville Mustang QB Joey Hewlett winds up to throw a pass on the first day of practice.

# **FOOTBALL**

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isn't about down blocking or form tackling, but the fact that there is no difor an end or a linebacker or a defensive back. Each and every player is one

thing and one thing only: A Mustang.

"Being a selfless individual is a character trait that will help our players live successful lives as they grow older," said Ladach. We talk about making sacrifices for the team and I ask our players to put the

Each and every lesson being taught on the field is for the betterwhole, said Ladach. That, if last year's success was any indication, will translate into nothing but good things for the Mustangs

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# Kelly Maise looks to help Alma to MIAA title

Northville graduate big part of Scots' game plan

son with 484.

The Scots will have

their hands full, however,

with perennial top teams

Calvin College and Hope

By Sam Eggleston

LOCAL SPORTS

The Alma College Scots will be looking to get in the hunt for the MIAA conference title this year when the volleyball sea-

son picks back up.
The squad, which has finished in third place in the MIAA for the last two seasons, has one of Northville's top volley-

again this season and will through in order to make be using her to help reach a run at the MIAA chamtheir season goals. Kelly pionship. Both teams are Maise, a 2009 graduate of Northville High School, typically highly ranked nationally and Calvin Colhas been starting for the Scots since her freshman lege was the national champion in 2011. season. She is the North-Maise will be seeing ville record holder for most kills in a single sea-

the court from a slightly different perspective this year, transitioning from an outside hitter and defensive specialist to libero in 2012.

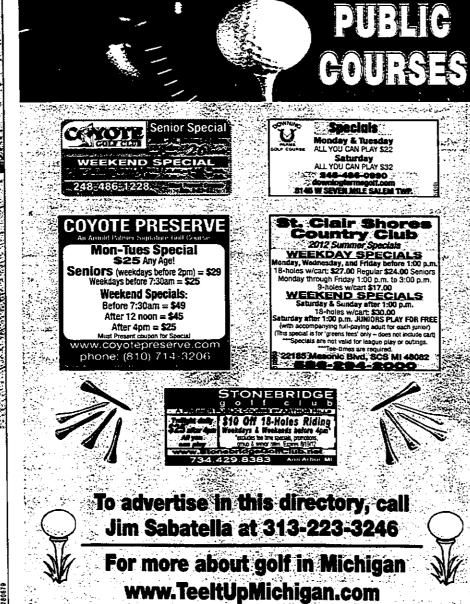


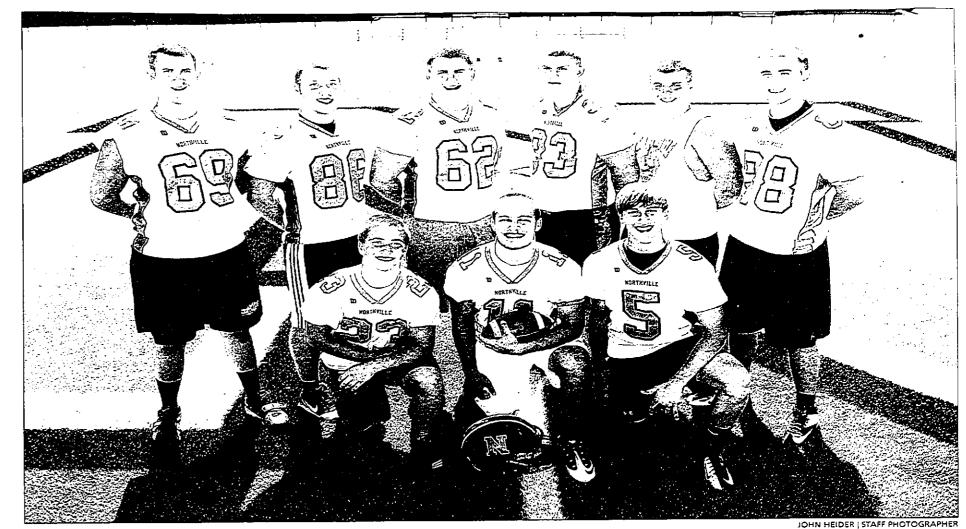
Northville 2009 graduate Kelly Maise celebrates a point for Alma.

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A few varsity football team members enjoy a visit to their new artificial turf field. Back row, from left: David Hornshaw, Brandon Petrone, Evan Schriner, Jon Wines, R.J. Holloway and Sean Conway. Front row: Sam Tacconelli, Joey Hewlett and Nick Stegmeyer.

# Northville stadium project on schedule

written in both end zones. What's more is the new scoreboard,

lights and sound system are all

# Fundraisers to be held for Phase 2

By Sam Eggleston

online at hometownlife.com

The Northville Mustangs football teams are going to have a thanks to a lot of hard work by the Auch Construction Co. Construction of Phase 1 of the

ule. The artificial turf was completed three weeks ago and if you haven't stopped by to see it yet, then you may want to. The turf features orange let-

Northville athletics director

Bryan Masi, is right on sched-

ters trimmed in black and orange with a big, block "N" in the middle of the field and Northville

than skill."

scene can be. But she's

also been to Nationals

with one of the USAV

High Performance teams.

which also put a national

completed as well and the fence work and some concrete work is being finished up currently and will be ready for the first home game of the season. The Phase 1 stadium proj-

ect has come together nicely," said Masi. "Almost all projects are complete including the turf, press box, sound system, lights

the oversight of Jeff Hamilton, President of Auch Construction and Northville resident. We are excited to show the Northville tions when we kick off the foot-

and scoreboard. Auch Con-

struction Company has done

an outstanding job thanks to

ball season on August 24." But the project isn't quite finished yet. Phase 2 work still

Club, which was key in helping raise money to cover Phase 1 projects, will be holding fund-raising events over the next year to help pay for the upgrades. Phase 2 will include new entrance ways in both the north and south ends of the stadium as well as renovated team rooms and storage areas and a renovated ticket and concession building complete with a

games, as opposed to the

AAU standard best of

three games. But each

praised their experience

formance program and

with the USAV High Per

hopes to participate again

# USVA

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from all over the place. It was the best level of competition I've ever played. We played teams from California, Florida and Hawaii, I think all 10 of us girls improved. Hudgens said the select

ty and Aquinas College, gave her some strategic insight she hopes will be beneficial as she attempts to break into the Wildcats' volleyball program as a freshman this week.

"The camp was really fun at Western," Hudgens said. "It was really awesome because they really knew what they were talking about. They taught us more strategy

other country's all-star A setter with Michigan

"The play was definite-Elite and off-season St. ly a lot better," Hudgens James CYO player, Hudsaid. "I think it's helped gens knows how competitive the local volleyball me out a lot. For the most part, we were all good allaround players." with her AAU team and

Although the girls didn't have much time for sight seeing while playing seven matches during the week -both finishing 4-3 with select landing eighth of 18

squads and youth landing seventh of 18 - they did get a few special visitors. "We had the mayor of

Des Moines talk to us and one of the Olympic players - who didn't end up going – who came and answered questions for us," Hudgens said. The competition was

next year. For more information on the program, visit www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball/High-Perforthe girls because all seven matches were decid-





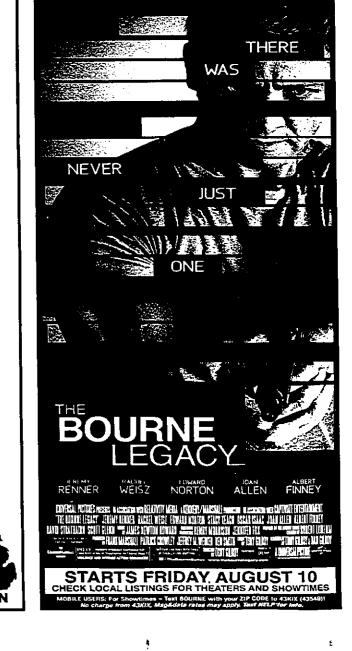
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# Royal Oak's Gordon named new Novi athletic director

New AD ends 22-year stint with RONS to take 'dream job' in Novi

Student-athletes at Novi High School will have a fourth face running the athletic department in the past 11 months, but this one plans to be running it for the rest of his career. Royal Oak High School Athletic Director/Assistant Principal Brian Gordon was selected Aug. 2 to take control of the athletic director position at Novi High School, effective

"The Novi reputation is just fantastic. I sort of want to hang my hat there for a very, very long time." Gordon said, "The programs are just amazing and the community is so supportive. They truly understand the impact athletics can have on students."

A 45-year-old Rochester Hills resident, Gordon succeeds Christian Wilson, who served in the position from Nov. 28, 2011, until June 30, 2012 before moving back to Gaylord because the housing market would not allow his family to sell their house. Wilson had taken over for interim AD Julie Fisette, who spent



Royal Oak Athletic Director/Assistant Principal Brian Gordon was selected Aug. 2 to become Novi High School's newest athletic director this fall. Gordon succeeds Christian Wilson, who held the position for seven months after Curt Ellis resigned last September.

after Curt Ellis left the position Sept. 15 for a job with Saline Area Schools, the dis-

trict where Ellis lives. Gordon knows a little something about longevity. Since graduating from Central Michigan University in 1990, he has spent the past 22 years with Royal Oak Neighborhood

from where he grew up in

"Royal Oak is very dear and close to my heart," Gordon said. "It was an opportunity. It's an amazing school district. Royal Oak is amazing, as well. (One reason was) probably because it was just an athletic director job and not with the assistant principal respon-

sibilities with it. "I want to thank everybody at Royal Oak and all the support. You don't advance through life without a lot of people helping

Prior to becoming a dual athletic director and assistant principal at ROHS, Gordon was a teacher in the district at the elementary, junior high and high school level. He has also coached football, basketball, baseball, golf and even pole vaulting at different points in his career, but transitioned his collegiate baseball playing career into a coaching role at

He was named to the Michi-

gan Baseball Coaches Hall of

Fame in 2011 after serving 15

years in the head varsity base-

hall coach position until he was

named athletic director in 2010

as health advisory chairman, Curriculum Cabinet member for eight years and the district's in-house suspension director for three years. Although he wasn't brought in for an interview when he applied for the position last year, he said the timing and extra year of experience at ROHS made this year a better He was the junior varsity coach

during his first five years with

hard to maintain the tradition

of Novi Wildcat athletics and

continue to move our athletic

importance of athletics, and

he understands how it can con-

tribute to the overall academic

focus of our district. He will be

Gordon's experiences in Roy-

al Oak also includes four years

a tireless worker for us."

"Mr. Gordon understands the

program forward.

He also earned his Master of

the district.

about 14 administrators, coaches and teachers chose him. "Last year would've been a difficult transition. I'm a

online at hometownlife.com

Arts degree in sports adminisbeliever things happen for a tration from Wayne State Unireason," Gordon said. "The versity in 2000.
"Mr. Gordon will be an excelone thing I can't wait to do is to meet all the kids and coaches lent addition to our adminisand staff members at Novi. I'll trative team," Superintendent be listening to a lot of people. Dr. Steve M. Matthews said in I look forward to a lot of great a release. "He understands and is passionate about athletics. Because he already lives He will come to Novi and work

locally in Rochester Hills, he won't have to deal with relocating as Wilson had planned to do. His wife, Jill, is a 24-year mainstay as a Clawson Public Schools teacher and former middle school coach. His daughter McKenzie is a senior and his son Zachary is a sophomore, both at Rochester High. Both are involved in athletics for the Falcons through cheerleading, football and baseball, respectively.

Athletics is definitely in our blood. Its something that's been a part of our family," Gordon

Gordon said he looks forward to his first Friday Night Lights experience with Novi Aug. 23 when the Wildcats host Brighton in the football season open-

# Local sailers get special surprise in Mackinac race

Mike Medwid has sailed the Port Huron to Mackinac race many times, but this year's race took on a different twist in a practically

brand new boat. The Commerce Township native sailed the race throughout the 1980s and even a few years ago aboard a different vessel - the EZ Money.

Medwid ordered a new boat some five years ago and got it delivered in May this year. It was named the Notso EZ Mon-

ey<u>.</u> Medwid decided to put a crew together for the new race, with the special idea of getting his sons - Sam and Matt -



The crew and family of the Notso EZ Money show off the jerseys made up for the Port Huron to Mackinac race.

part of the 11-member crew. Matt had also sailed with him on several oth-

Commerce Township) explains what the crew was made up of: "A lot of the boats in the Mac are

crews and racing vessels. Our boat is a cruiser, and the team was just a bunch of dudes who wanted to

ence of it all. Of course we had hoped to win just the same. But a little pre-race

no sleep for the experi-

luck brought something new to the race. The major area sports teams each draw a team out of the hat and are represented by that boat in a minirace between the local

Medwid's boat was pulled by the Detroit Red Wings. He decided to go all out and get erseys made up for the crew and others involved with the boat. going as far as putting biggest difference being a picture of the boat was also on the back of the

in the race," said Mike Medwid. "It was cool. It was a big thing to have that this year. It was fun

While the Notso EZ Money didn't win it's par ticular class, it did finish first in the race for the

"We did not do very well in our class, so it was nice to win something." said Matt. "And the jerseys Mike got us were

Mike Medwid summed up the race: "It was a new boat this vear and we didn't have much time to get to know the boat and how to sail it, but we did pretty good." All while looking good

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Harriet Campbell

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**Motor City Madness tryouts** For 13+ year olds, Madness has a pretryout practice on Aug. 9 from 6-8:30 p.m. at Power Park. Tryouts are Aug. 11-12th at Power Park.

The schedule is as follows: 2pm-4pm: 10U (10 and under) 4pm-6pm: 12U (12 and under)

• 6pm-8pm: 14U (14 and under) • 12-2pm: 16U (Sunday only) Pitcher and catchers run an addition-

For registration information and more details, please visit our website at http:// www.eteamz.com/motorcity. The Madness organization will consider players from Novi and the surround-

ing communities. Please contact Chris

Lawler at mcmadness.softball@gmail.

com for questions.

Soccer Challenge Hines Park Ford has teamed up with the Total Sports Complex in Wixom and

the South Lyon Soccer Club to conduct two separate Escape Soccer Skills Challenge events. The Total Sports event will be Aug. 11

from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The South Lyon Soccer Club event will be Aug. 28 from 5-8 p.m. Boys and girls, ages 8-13, will compete in a series of challenges designed to encourage teamwork, improve their soccer skills and most importantly, have fun

Additional information on the Ford Escape Soccer Skills Challenge as well as the related sweepstakes contest to enter for a change to win a twoyear lease of a 2013 Ford Escape can be found at www.fordescapesoccerskillschallenge.com/findevent

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Jack Armstrong - Royal Oak

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Jack of Royal Oak spent the Fourth of July with this family at their family cottage for their annual Kid's Day. The day was filled with fun, games and competition including sack races, limbo contests, eggs participating in the Milford toss, tug of war, wheel barrel racing, water balloons and more. This year Jack



Meaghan Dick -

Hope Drogmiller - Novi



Help Scoop find his way through the park

Dad on a carousel at Greenfield time. Meaghan really liked the rides in the old cars around the a carousel ride".





A day with Dad!

Elizabeth from Farmington and her dad kayaking on the a pond on the autumn Saturday to go kayaking with my dad: It's our ow

Elizabeth Ho



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dad at the Grand Prix. "Dad made me a pine-wood Derby car and I won first place this year, I brought home a trophy because my dad made me a terrific car Thank you Dad and I love you!





# Five rules for buying a foreclosure or short sale with confidence

Buyers are still clamoring for real estate deals in this turbulent market. Foreclosures and short sales offer some of the best bargains, but also have a higher risk level. Still, more than four in five adults think foreclosures and short sales can be good deals. according to a recent American Society of Home Inspectors survey.

Some analysts say the rebound has begun and home prices may rise by the end of 2012. This means now may be buyers' last chance to take advantage of affordable properties and low interest rates. If you want to score a bargain before the housing market recovers, you'll need to follow a few rules to invest with certainty.

Make a wise investment by adhering to these five rules while shopping distressed properties: • Rule 1: Position yourself

for success Before starting your search, get preapproved for a mortgage so when a good deal

presents itself, you're positioned to submit a bid right away to be the first offer on the bank's desk. Work with an experienced real estate agent who can help guide you through the daunting sea of foreclosures and short sales. Bidding can be complicated and time-consuming, especially when working with a home sale needing bank

approval. A good agent will know how to navigate through the paperwork and red tape. • Rule 2: Do your research A real estate agent can help you with research, but it's wise to do some on your own. Are there any undisclosed liens on the property? Is the seller behind on his property taxes? What permit records does the city have on file? This information will be critical during decision-making. Work with your agent to ensure the contract requires any delinquent taxes, liens or assessments

Eighty-four percent of adults surveyed by ASHI said they would be more likely to purchase a distressed property after a home inspection has determined its condition.

A home inspection gives you the confidence to move forward with your purchase because you'll have as much knowledge as possible about the condition of the property. An inspector will visually examine the condition of the home's roof, attic and insuand structural components, and electrical systems. Be

lation, foundation, basement as well as interior plumbing sure to find an ASHI-Certified Inspector to ensure your inspector is experienced, as many states have minimal licensing requirements. To find a local ACI, use ASHI's "Find an Inspector" tool on www.ASHI.org.

 Rule 4: Budget for repairs When looking at short sales and foreclosures, remember price is only one aspect to consider. A home will almost always require some type of

repair. After receiving your inspection report, you can estimate costs associated with necessary repairs, maintenance or energy-efficient improvements.

• Rule 5: Assess the neigh-

borhood Location should be a top consideration when purchasing real estate, and in a tough housing market, it's even more important. A home has limited worth if it's located in a less desirable neighborhood. High foreclosure rates can turn a once-desirable neighborhood into one many might likely avoid. These loca tions are likely to see a slower recovery than more populated or favorable areas less affected by the economy. Make location as important as price when making a purchase deci-

Protect yourself with knowledge and expert advice to make a confident, smart decision about your largest invest-

- Courtesy ARA

# **HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TR**

These are the area residential realestate closings recorded the week of April 23-27, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

45916 S Stonewood Ki	3223,000
44437 Savery Dr	\$25,000
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41688 White Tail Ln	\$128,000
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402 Clair St	\$64,000
31031 Dawson St	\$74,000
33364 Florence St	\$52,000
6188 Lathers St	\$82,000
30934 Sheridan St	\$20,000
LIVONIA	
15640 Alpine Dr	\$155,000
35988 Ann Arbor Tri	\$39,000
11041 Arden St	\$176,000
15169 Cayour St	\$53,000
15015 Ellen Dr	\$128,000
14050 Hubbard St	\$153,000
14724 Ingram St	\$150,000
37267 Kingsburn Dr	\$320,000
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• Rule 3: Always get a home

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000	34234 Parkdale Ct	\$88,000
,000	8910 Stonehouse Ave	\$142,000
.000	11084 Sunset St	\$80,000
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Oporto Ave	\$4,000	47097 Golfview Ln	\$1,500,0
Parkdale Ct	\$88,000	628 Harding St	\$269,0
Stonehouse Ave	\$142,000	9481 N Ridge Rd	\$270,0
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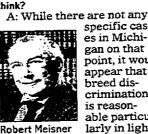
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# dogs by breed By Robert Meisner Guest Columnist

Restricting

Q: I am wondering whether our lawfully restrict certain breeds of dogs. We don't think that the size and weight limitations are reasonable, but we do want to keep certain dogs out. What do you



gan on that point, it would appear that crimination larly in light of various

cases which

have found, by way of example, that pit bulls and cross breed pit bulls are inherently dangerous. In Michigan, there is strict liability for a dog bite. I would prefer to have breed discrimination as opposed to limitations on the size and weight of an animal which may have no reasonable bearing to the propensity of the animal to cause a problem and the Michigan Court of Appeals in an unpublished decision has so held. As always, it is best to get an opinion from a knowledgeable community association attor-

Q: I understand that Fannie Mae may have recently issued an opinion on private transfer fee covenants. Do you have any information?

A: As of March 16, 2012, the Federal Housing Finance Agency issued a final rule and directive which prohibits Fannie Mae from purchasing or investing in any mortgages on properties encumbered by certain private transfer fee covenants, securities backed by such mortgages, or securities backed by the income stream from such coveed transfer fee covenants, as defined in the final rule (the "Regulation"), However, the final rule excludes private transfer fees paid to homeowner association, condominiums, cooperatives, and certain tax-exempt organizations that use private transfer fee proceeds to benefit the property. You should determine whether in fact your particular property comes within any

exemptions to the regulation. Q: Our association has a situation where some of the residents have established a Facebook group i order to have residents be able to send notices of missing pets, ask to borrow tools, offer babysitting and pet sitting services and, otherwise connect with each other. However. they are using the name of the Association in their Facebook page title. Is there anything we can do

A: Generally speaking, the association lawyer will be probably be concerned about having the association's name in the Facebook group's title causing confusion between the association's own Facebook page and the group's Facebook page. There is also concern about whether the residents' Facebook page will provide information which is inaccurate and will not give the association itself an opportunity to monitor what goes on the page and take down any negative posts which could adversely affect real estate values. This of course could result in litigation, but hopefully it can be resolved amicably.

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

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Median annual pay: \$34.030 2. Electrician Electricians install and maintain electrical systems in homes, businesses and factories. Although most electricians learn through a formal apprenticeship, some start out by attending a technical school. Most states require licensing. Median annual pay:

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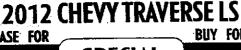
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