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## March Madness tix

We are giving away tickets to the March 23 session of the men's NCAA basketball tournament at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Both Michigan State and U of M are playing at the Palace and could be featured in action Saturday. Share the contest link with a Facebook friend and get an extra five chances to win if they also enter the contest. To enter, visit our website, Hometownlife.com, and click on the Don't Miss module on the right-hand side. The drawing is tomorrow morning, Friday, March 22, so get those entries in!



Improvements to Eight Mile Road (shown fading west) include repaving and bike lanes on each side to Napier Road as well as pedestrian improvements at this intersection at Beck Road.

## 8 Mile upgrades coming

But current plan doesn't include path

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

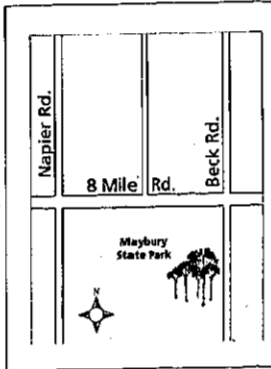
Eight Mile Road improvements, planned for the Beck to Napier roads segment, are scheduled to start this summer. While the improvements are numerous (see infobox), at this point, there is no plan for a sidewalk or pathway in Novi's section of the project. And that has some concerned.

"A lot better, but not good

enough," said Novi Mayor Pro Tem Dave Staudt of the project's current look.

He called the need for a pathway along this segment a critical part of their long-term plan for a more walkable Novi. He wants to see additional direction taken and information gathered during the upcoming budget process or have city staff determine what

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## Listen @ Library

The Chamber Music Society of Detroit (CMSD) will present Piffaro, The Renaissance Band, in a free family-friendly concert at the Novi Public Library (45255 Ten Mile Road) at 3 p.m. Sunday. There are no advance reservations and seating is first-come, first-served. For more information, call 248-855-6070 or visit www.ChamberMusicDetroit.org.

## Talent Show

Novi High School's third annual International Talent Show will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, March 22 in the auditorium. All proceeds are donated this year to The Hunger Project. Last year, over 300 people attended the event which raised over \$2,200 donated to Doctors Without Borders. The show will feature Novi High students performing in acts representing various countries. Some of the many acts include dances, soloists, instrumentals, drum lines, and more. A food court will be set up where attendees can sample international foods. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at the door.

## Who controls Novi liquor licenses?



"The character of the community is our responsibility."

TERRY MARGOLIS  
Novi City Council

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

When it comes to liquor licenses, Novi leaders believe they know what's best for the community, and they're working toward retaining local control. Currently, the state Liquor Control Commission feels it

should have the only say in this process.

"The character of the community is our responsibility," said Councilmember Terry Margolis. "We have always had the ability to review in a real way the liquor license transfers that

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## Armed robber hits Mobil

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

A Novi gas station was robbed at gunpoint on St. Patrick's Day with the suspect escaping with an undisclosed amount of money.

According to Novi Assistant Police Chief Jerrod Hart, an armed robbery took place on Sunday evening at the Mobil station on the southwest corner of Grand River Avenue and Novi Road.

Hart said that around 10 p.m. a man entered the store, approached the clerk at the front counter, produced a handgun, and then demanded money. The clerk complied and handed over an undisclosed amount of cash from the register.

There were no injuries reported. Novi Police said the suspect then fled to the south, and a Novi Police Department K-9 unit later tracked him to a nearby parking lot where the track was lost.

According to police, the suspect is described as a white male, 30-40 years-old, 5'10" to 6'0" tall, weighing about 175 pounds, and wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans.

Anyone with information can contact the Novi Police Department at (248) 348-7100 or anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAK UP.

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## Sizzling Summer: Art Series expands at Fuerst Park

By Cal Stone  
Staff Writer

For the fourth consecutive summer, the City of Novi will be offering free events each week, beginning with the end of school and running through August.

Tremendous Tuesdays will run from 10:30-11:30 a.m., and will typically draw up to 500 people to Fuerst Park (southeast corner of Taft and Ten Mile roads).

Stephanie Schuetzler, the city's recreation coordinator for cultural arts, came on board in the middle of last summer.

"This is my first summer to book all the entertainment, so I'm excited," she said. "This year, we tried to reach out and find different entertainment and new groups. We found the Detroit Fire Guild has a trio that does sword-swallowing, fire bowling and acrobatics."

The Dakini Circus will kick off the events on June 18. Following Tuesdays will feature magicians, jugglers, animal adaptations by Cranbrook, a hands-on museum from Ann Arbor and more.

The city has also revamped its Friday nights series.

"Last year we did four movies and four concerts," said Schuetzler, "but it was difficult to commit to eight Friday

nights in the summer. And people were looking for more than just bands and movies."

This summer, three Friday nights will be theme oriented with a performer and matching movie.

"In July it will be a community art project where we'll turn the park into a big Candyland game board," said Schuetzler. "Kids can reserve a square and chalk decorate it."

The Candy Band will perform followed by the movie "Wreck-It Ralph". Food trucks will also be on site each Friday night to offer food and drinks for purchase.

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### SCHEDULE

#### TREMENDOUS TUESDAYS

- June 18: Dakini Circus
  - June 25: John the Magician
  - July 9: Jason Kollum: Comedy Juggler
  - July 16: "Fisherman and his wife" theatre show
  - July 23: Animal Adaptations
  - July 30: Joe Reilly
  - Aug. 6: Try this at home! Hands-On Museum
  - Aug. 13: "3 Little Pigs - Large and in Charge" puppet show
- Kids entertainment begins at 10:30 a.m.
- #### FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHTS
- June 21: Out of this world! Cosmic Groove and "Robots"
  - July 26: Sweet Summer Fun! Candy Band and "Wreck-It Ralph"
  - Aug. 16: Bugs and Insects! Toppermost Beatles Tribute Band and "A Bug's Life"
- Music starts at 6:30 p.m. and movies begin at 8:45 p.m.



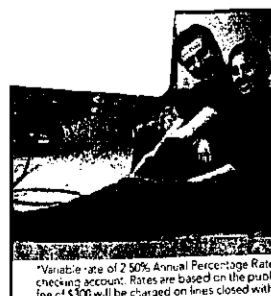
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**Tax time**



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Sue VanLandingham, left, assists Marilyn Smith with her 2012 income tax forms during a March 7 AARP event at the Novi Civic Center. AARP's trained volunteers will be helping people fill out and submit their taxes every Thursday until tax day in April at the Civic Center. Reservations are required for a session.

**CORRECTION**

Last week's article, "Redevelopment Ready Community," stated that Novi was the only city in Oakland County to be accepted into the program. Lathrup Village, which is a city, was also accepted.

**UPDATES FROM YOUR CITY**

**Civilian pistol class offered**

Due to overwhelming demand, the Novi Police Department has added an additional civilian pistol safety class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, March 23 and April 20 at the Novi Police Department Training Center (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.

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, shooter's earmuffs or ear plugs, a pen or pencil, a baseball cap, and they must wear loose, comfortable clothing 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, contact Sergeant Michael Warren at (248) 347-0572.

**Hop over to the Novi Civic Center for an evening of fun!**

Celebrate the unofficial kick-off to spring at the annual Flashlight Egg Hunt from 7:30-9 p.m. Friday, March 22. The City of Novi Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department invites area children, ages 3-12, to bring a basket and flashlight to enjoy searching the Novi Civic Center lawn for goodie filled eggs and prizes from Paradise Park, Novi Ice Arena, and Novi Youth Assistance.

Prior to the hunt, children will enjoy indoor activities including an inflatable bouncer, pictures with the bunny, an activity station, popcorn and sno-cones. Biggby Coffee will be on hand with warm treats and Macaroni Kid of Novi will delight children with a special craft. The price, \$8 for residents and \$10 for non-residents, is for the participating child. There is no charge for parents to enjoy and take pictures. The hunt will be separated by age with three to five year olds hunting at 7:45 p.m., 6- to 9-year-olds at 8:15 p.m., and those ages 10+ at 8:40 p.m. In the case of inclement weather such as rain, the hunt will be held inside the Novi Civic Center; dress for evening temperatures. The Novi Civic Center is located at 45175 West Ten Mile Road.

Registration is available now at cityofnovi.org or at the Novi Parks office located inside the Novi Civic Center. For more

information, please call (248) 347-0400 or visit cityofnovi.org.

**Tech classes for 50 and up**

"Tech" Talk classes, offered by the City of Novi Older Adult Services, are designed for those 50 and above who are interested in becoming more tech savvy. The classes will introduce smart phones, buying and selling on the Internet, and using technology to remain independent.

Each class will be held at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, between 6:15-8:15 p.m. and \$15 per resident and \$18 per non-resident. Pre-registration required for each class.

"Monday, April 15 Using Technology to maintain your independence. Register is available online at the Older Adult Services office located inside the Novi Civic Center. For more information, call (248) 347-0414. To learn more about older adult programs in Novi, visit cityofnovi.org.

**Super Saturdays beat winter blues**

Super Saturdays, presented by City of Novi Older Adult Services, fills the prescription of much needed fun with themed activities taking place on Saturdays between 4-6 p.m.

Dinner, entertainment and friendship are on the menu at the Meadowbrook Activity Center (Novi Senior Center), 25075 Meadowbrook Road. Participants must be 55 or older and the cost is \$7.50 per resident or \$9 per non-resident, per event. Tickets may be purchased at the Older Adult Services office located inside the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road.

**Saturday, March 23, Disney Celebration - "M.I.C.K.E.Y. M.O.U.S.E."** and "It's a Small World After All" are two of many songs that bring smiles and special memories of one's childhood. Come reminisce and share fun stories. Ticket deadline is March 20.

**Saturday, May 5, Kentucky Derby** - Hear the roar of the crowd and the high energy announcers at Churchill Downs during the most exciting two minutes in sports! Have fun watching the race and "horsing around" doing Derby Day activities. Ticket deadline is May 1.

"Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance. Registration deadline is the Wednesday prior to the Saturday event or until sold out. Transportation to the events is available for \$1 each way. Please call to reserve a ride by calling (248) 735-5617.

For more information about Older Adult Services in Novi including upcoming events and classes, visit cityofnovi.org or call Novi Older Adult Services at (248) 347-0414.

**Wayne State professor looks at mind-body influence, pain**

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Clinical psychologist Mark A. Lumley is a professor and director of Clinical Training in the psychology department at Wayne State University. The 50-year-old Novi resident is doing research on the role of stress and emotions in chronic pain disorders.

They include irritable bowel syndrome, fibromyalgia, headaches, and rheumatoid arthritis. Many conditions overlap, Lumley said, and the brain and central nervous system "get disrupted really easily."

**Sources of stress**

External sources of stress are those like a job loss, crime, or death of a loved one. Developmental sources put people at greater risk for not handling stress well. "What do you do when something bad happens to you? How do you adapt to that? Some people do well and some people do poorly."

Lower socioeconomic status generally gets more negative life events. "But the sort of stress I'm interested in seems to be all over the place." Even those raised in affluent homes can face demand to be perfect. "I'm not good enough" feelings are common.

Some people keep secrets. "And it takes an emotional toll. It's another source of stress," Lumley said. Unresolved conflicts related to bad experiences in life can mean people have trouble standing their ground and asserting themselves. They also have trouble with "dropping their guard" and becoming close to others. Two "core human domains," "for many people, especially women, our culture, that capacity's been stifled, it's been inhibited."

He and colleagues are doing National Institutes of Health-supported research on helping people resolve stress by expressing genuine feelings.

Relaxation work (yoga, prayer, meditation), diet and exercise do help, he said, as does better sleep. "Lots of research has shown they have some benefit."

Veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder gets little benefit from that. They generally receive some form of exposure therapy where they face emotional memories they have been avoiding.

"You have to emotional process it away." "The truth is, I don't know yet how it's going to work out." He's been doing a series of smaller studies for 15 years.

He attempts to develop and test the health effects of emotional interventions (emotional experiencing and expression techniques to unleash effects of trauma or conflicts). He compares new approaches to well-tested cognitive-behavioral symptom management and educational interventions. The researchers are seeking to determine whether the emotion-oriented techniques will perform better than standard approaches. The goal is to learn which patients are helped most by each approach.

Lumley said there isn't much research like his. When Wayne State issued a press release about two years ago on

a NIH grant for his work, he got a TV mention from JoAnne Puritan of Channel 7.

"Our phone had 200 voicemail messages the next morning," said Lumley, noting a lot of people are in pain and don't have much to help them. A handful of practitioners do work clinically.

He's finding exposure therapy useful for returning veterans. "That's the best thing to do for post-traumatic stress disorder."

**Doctors' dilemma**

Some physicians are overwhelmed in dealing with patients with chronic pain, and may turn to the prescription pad. "Many physicians don't know how to work at multiple levels. There's lots of patients who are not getting their needs met," Lumley said.

Patients are complicated for physicians, too. "Their families invalidate them and doctors don't believe them. It's not a simple thing."

Conditions are due largely to altered brain and nerve functioning, but the brain is also the most important "pain and system" organ, strongly influenced by a person's development and emotional experiences.

He said you can change the brain through learning experiences. "A lot of



Mark A. Lumley of Novi, a Wayne State University professor, is researching how stress and emotions interact in chronic pain disorders.

patients have been told 'It's all in your head.' The experience of one's body really starts mostly in the brain. Maybe we can change the brain through relearning things."

The Lumley family has been in Novi since 1991. All their kids went through Novi schools, and are 2008, '10 and '12 graduates. Three headed to the University of Michigan and one to Michigan State University. They were active in the Novi Jaguars soccer club for years. The family worships at First United Methodist Church of Northville. To learn more about Lumley's studies on fibromyalgia or irritable bowel syndrome, call (313) 577-2258, or go to this website: http://fibrostudy.cla.wayne.edu.

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## Ammons earns Teacher of the Year honor

Includes 1-year lease from Suburban Collection

Katie Ammons, a seventh-grade life skills teacher at Novi Middle School, was named Teacher of the Year for the Novi School District last Friday.

"A painting displayed in my classroom reads: 'I will teach you, you will teach me, together we will learn.' My colleagues and students teach me daily," said Ammons. "I sincerely hope they realize this honor was a team effort! Thank you!"

Adding to this honor, Ammons was awarded a one-year free lease of an automobile from The Suburban Collection.

"Katie Ammons is a wonderful representative of the great teachers we have in the Novi Community School District,"

said Novi Superintendent Dr. Steve Matthews. "She knows her subject, she cares about students, and she comes prepared every day to make a difference in the lives of our students. Teachers make a difference and she represents what is good about teaching."

Bob MacKenzie, general manager of a number of The Suburban Collection dealerships, including Suburban Chrysler/Jeep/Dodge Ram of Novi, noted the importance of outstanding educators like Ammons to the community.

"We are pleased to recognize her achievements and reward her with a new vehicle for this coming year," said MacKenzie. "It is our way of saying 'thank you' to the top teacher who makes so much of a difference to the children in the communities where we do business."

The Novi Community School District nominates three teachers, one each at the elementary, middle and high school level. This year's nominated teachers were Debbie Steinway, a Special Education Resource Room teacher at Novi Woods Elementary, Katy Dinkelmann, a Dance and IB Theory of Knowledge teacher at Novi High School and Katie Ammons.

The Executive Board of the Novi Educational Foundation completes a second review of the nominee's applications, solicits additional feedback from parents, students and the community, and then makes the difficult decision of selecting the winner.

"Selecting just one of our teachers for this annual award is challenging because Novi has so many wonderful learning leaders," said Geoff Wood, NEF chairperson. "The Suburban Collection/Novi Education Foundation Teacher of the Year award is an important part of bringing recognition to the leadership demonstrated by Novi's teachers every day in the classroom as they emulate the 7 Habits of the Leader in Me (NEF's fundraising initiative)."

In addition to Novi, The Suburban Collection this year will again award a one-year lease of a vehicle to Teachers of the Year in seven other communities in southeastern Michigan where they do business. These school systems include: Birmingham, Troy, Ferndale, Sterling Heights/Utica, Farming-



Shown (l to r) are Stephanie Schriener, Novi Middle School principal; Katie Ammons, Teacher of the Year; Bob McKenzie, general manager of the Suburban Collection; and Geoff Wood, Novi Education Foundation chairperson.

ton, Clarkston and Waterford.

"From the time I pick up the new Ford Escape this Saturday, to the day it is turned in, it will be a visual reminder of the support provided by the Novi district and surrounding community," said Ammons. "A daily goal I have is to enter and exit work with a smile. You can count on this goal being achieved for years to come!"

## Novi High inducts 78 into National Honor Society

At total of 78 students from Novi High School were inducted into membership of the National Honor Society in a ceremony held at the school on March 14.

Members were selected by a faculty council for meeting high standards of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Miho To-Navarro, Novi High School graduate of the class of 2013 and former member of Novi's National Honor Society, was the keynote speaker for the event. Miho is now a clinical social worker at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in the University of Michigan Health System. Her speech emphasized the importance of pursuing a career that will make students happy and also proud in the future.

Of the 78 students, there were 66 sophomores, and 12 juniors. The new inductees join a group of 119 previous members of the organization at Novi High School.

"National Honor Society members are chosen for and then expected to continue their exemplary contributions to the school and community," said Barbara Clift, chapter adviser. "They are the leaders in the school who display honesty, integrity, compassion, and scholarship."

The Novi High School Chapter has been active since 1968.

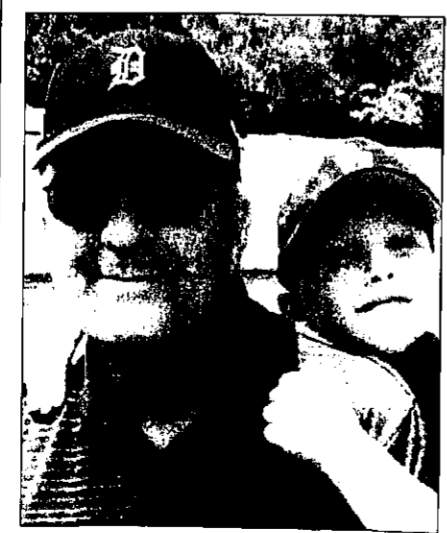
The National Honor Society ranks as one of

### NOVI HIGH'S 2013 NHS INDUCTEES

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| Palvi Bhardwaj       | Amy Lalain         |
| Faith Boone          | Hannah Latham      |
| Aishu Chandrakanthan | Jessica Leone      |
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| Prateek Chintalapati | Kevin Lu           |
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| Julia Clark          | Ethan Lu           |
| Erin Day             | Nakoul Makim       |
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| Dan Dixon            | Rose Maylen        |
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| Connor Howell        | Kanika Saxena      |
| Megan Hrit           | David Schulte      |
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| Estwar Inapuri       | Dhivya Sridar      |
| Tresa Jacob          | Evan Thomas        |
| Kaartik Jain         | Komal Tur          |
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| Gyuha Jang           | Katie Wheeler      |
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| Andy Kim             | Megan Zydeck       |
| Selena Komesu        |                    |
| Jordan Kramer        |                    |

the nation's high schools and, since 1921 millions of students have been selected for membership.

### Raffle winner



Edward Scharrer, shown with his grandson Stephen, purchased the winning ticket in the Foundation for Excellence Tuition Expedition raffle. He will receive \$15,250 in scholarship funds. Scharrer, of Commerce Township, bought the ticket to assist his seven grandchildren with college expenses. Scharrer is a past employee of the Walled Lake School Employees Federal Credit Union. He said: "It was a huge surprise to receive the call from the Foundation on Saturday, and I am thrilled to be the recipient!" Some 305 tickets were sold for a total of \$30,500 in raffle sales.

## Educators must also be aware of changes

By Steve Matthews  
Guest Columnist

Some time back, I was at a conference and Hall Davidson of Discovery Education was speaking. His audience of Michigan superintendents listened as he talked about the need to look for and use technology in interesting and powerful ways if we are going to reach students. Throughout his talk he connected seamlessly with websites and technology tools that helped his audience learn.



Super Talk  
Steve Matthews

During the course of his presentation he made an interesting comment about how educators sometimes assume that things can't or won't change because we believe we are just too important. He suggested that other industries have made the same fatal comment in the past. One example was media, particularly newspapers and magazines, who, when faced with incredible challenges from technology, proudly believed that their delivery system did not need to change because everyone needed newspapers and magazines. After all, where would one get news and insight? How could anyone live without newspapers and magazines being delivered to their home?

He said that educators sometimes act like these giant media conglomerates. "Schools don't need to change. What we do and how we do it has to be done this way."

I thought of that presentation as I read two articles recently. I connected to one via the New York Times website and the other I read via the Seattle Times online app. These two articles, unrelated except for their commentary on how life in the 21st century keeps changing, made me think about how education needs to be sensitive to the changes that are occurring all around us.

The Seattle Times article talked about the difficulty an online company was having remaining competitive and finding a way to turn a profit. The article said that this company was being replaced

by a competitor that really was not supposed to be a competitor. The author stated that the company was struggling and it was surprised "But this is how disruption happens in tech... something comes out of left field and provides a new way to do something."

The New York Times provided a great example of how something is coming out of left field and will potentially change education. Students in Britain were being taught math online through tutors in India.

Is how we do things in American education the best and only way to do things? I would like to say yes, but the evidence is accumulating that there are other ways to teach and learn. Just because classrooms today look a lot like the classrooms of 40

years ago or the classrooms of one hundred years ago, does not mean that the classrooms of next year will look the same.

This is how disruption happens. Something comes out of left field and provides a new way to do something. Those of us responsible for educating today's youth need to be aware of and sensitive to the changes that might happen. Instead of being shaken by the disruptive forces at work in our world, we need to be involved in shaping those disruptive forces to help our students learn.

Steve Matthews is the superintendent of the Novi district. He can be reached at smathews@novi.k12.mi.us, (248) 449-1204, www.twitter.com/dcmathews, or www.novisuperintendent.blogspot.com.

### NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

#### Healthy habits

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan is seeking submissions for the second year of "Make the Play for Healthy Habits," a video contest that challenges kids to answer the following question: "What would you do to make Michigan healthier?" starting with the lives of family, teachers, and classmates. The winner will get a school assembly featuring Detroit Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford.

Students, grades four through eight, can participate by submitting short videos no longer than two minutes long by March 29. Ten semifinalists' videos will be chosen and posted for public voting from April 6-26. The winner will be announced on April 30.

For more information, visit [HealthyMichigan.org/kidcontest](http://HealthyMichigan.org/kidcontest).

#### Walled Lake Central to host College Fair

Walled Lake Central High School (1600 Oakley Park Road) is hosting a College Fair from 6:30-8 p.m. April 30 in Central's gymnasiums. All Walled Lake Schools students are welcome to attend this very informative event. College representatives from all over Michigan as well as several out of state representatives will be here to answer questions about their university and programs offered.

Over 50 colleges and universities will have representatives in attendance for students and parents at this event. In state schools include: Michigan State, Wayne State, Oakland University and the University of Michigan. Out of state schools include: Penn State, the University of Alabama, the University of Toledo and Ohio State University.

For more information, please visit [www.wlcsd.org](http://www.wlcsd.org) or contact Ann Marie Rutherford at [annmarierutherford@wlcsd.org](mailto:annmarierutherford@wlcsd.org) or (248) 956-4829.

#### WL tree fundraiser

The Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center (WLOEC) is selling three types of pine and spruce trees - Red Pine, Eastern White Pine and Norway Spruce - for planting this spring.

Seedlings should be delivered in mid-late April. All customers will receive a minimum of two weeks notice before the plants arrive. All orders must be sent via email to [stuart@wloec.org](mailto:stuart@wloec.org) by March 22. All orders must be picked up at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center. You will be notified via email about pick up dates/times. Payment is due at time of pick up.

All seedlings will be individually bagged with planting directions. These trees are typically very good

#### PTO Today Parent Group Expo

PTO Today's Annual Parent Group Expo will return to the Suburban Collection Showplace from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 27. For \$10, PTO and PTA leaders and volunteers will have unlimited access to over 100 of the best school-related companies ready to help them plan school events, fundraisers, and projects for the next year.

Popular fundraising and school services companies such as World's Finest Chocolate, Great American Opportunities, Otis Spunkmeyer, BRAX Spirit Cups, Chuck E. Cheese's, Flower Power, Little Caesar's and Gordon Food Service will be exhibiting this year and giving away free samples, great prizes and tons of information all day long.

For more information on the PTO Today Expo in Novi, visit [www.ptotoday.com/events/register/detroit](http://www.ptotoday.com/events/register/detroit), or contact Leader Support team at (800) 644-3561, Ext. 208.

### Achievement



The Walled Lake Consolidated School District's Adult Education/Adult ESL Programs have received a \$5,000 Incentive Award from the Michigan Office of Adult Education.

Walled Lake received this award by meeting the following criteria:

- Number of students who participate in Pre- and Post-testing protocols
- Number of students who demonstrate growth in academic achievement
- Number of students who attain goals outlined on adult learning plans, which include earning their GED and finding employment

The award funds will be added to the adult education program to support classroom programs, materials, technology and student activities. Shown (l to r) are Walled Lake Adult education teachers Michelle Martin, Janet Williams, Elaine Peterson, Donna Esper, Marilyn Hoskow and Kristie Marshall.

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## NOVI COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Local Events

## "THE EMBRACE OF AGING"

**Time/Date:** 5 p.m. Saturday, April 20  
**Location:** Imagine Theater, Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain-walk, Novi

**Details:** A screening of a film on the male perspective of growing old, produced and directed by Keith Farnie. Cost is \$10 with event support Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter.

**Contact:** To reserve six or more tickets, contact Visionist! Entertainment at

## ART EXPLORATION

**Time/Date:** 12:30-2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25

**Location:** Meadowbrook Activity Center, Novi

**Details:** The next Lunch & Learn is a PowerPoint presentation focusing on the diverse collections of the University of Michigan Museum of Art, presented by the UM museum's art docents. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$7 for residents; \$8.50 for non-residents.

**Contact:** For more information contact City of Novi Older Adult Services at (248) 347-0421 or visit [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org).

## BEREAVEMENT MEETINGS

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

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

**Details:** Led by Michael M. Meyer, D. Min., goal is to give each participant an opportunity to share their story.

## WOMENHEART OF NOVI

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. fourth Wednesdays

**Location:** Providence Park Hospital, Novi

**Details:** For women with concerns about cardiac health to share information and sisterhood at monthly meetings

**Contact:** Sharon Mallon, (248) 348-5189

## NOVI SENIOR CENTER

**Location:** 25075 Meadowbrook Road

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

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

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

## Business

## LOCAL BUSINESS NETWORK MEETINGS

**Time/Date:** 8:45-10:15 a.m. first and third Wednesdays

**Details:** The Novi II chapter of Local Business Network (LBN) is a well established, dynamic, professional networking group. We are looking for new members to pass referrals to. Please come check us out.

**Contact:** To RSVP call (248) 349-6225 or (248) 685-9225.

## AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

**Time/Date:** 6:15-8:30 p.m., second Wednesdays

**Location:** DoubleTree Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi

**Details:** Novi Oaks is a chapter of the American Business Women's Association - a national organization. Our energetic group meets monthly for networking and a program featuring speakers on a broad array of market-relevant topics. We strive to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support and national recognition. Guests are always welcome; advance registration is required. Visit [www.abwa-novi.org](http://www.abwa-novi.org).

**Contact:** Holly Hengstbeck at [publicity@abwa-novi.org](mailto:publicity@abwa-novi.org)

## NORTHVILLE-NOVI BUSINESS NETWORKING BREAKFAST

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

**Location:** Kerby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty

**Details:** Business networking focused on building relationships. The Sunrise Networking Group, LLC ([www.sunrisenetworkinggroup.com](http://www.sunrisenetworkinggroup.com)), or SNC for short, is a group of about 250 business leaders who help each other to build more business by referring people to each other. Breakfast is \$10.

**Contact:** Fonda Milana, (586) 232-3009 or [fmilana@sunrisefinancialgroup.com](mailto:fmilana@sunrisefinancialgroup.com)

## METRO NOVI BNI

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

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

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

**Contact:** Contact Julie Paquette at (248) 797-1665 or [juliepaquette67@gmail.com](mailto:juliepaquette67@gmail.com); [www.metrobninovi.com](http://www.metrobninovi.com)

## NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**Time/Date:** 8:30-9:30 a.m. every Tuesday

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

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

## HUD COUNSELING

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

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

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## LICENSES

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come into this community, and I'm not willing to give that up."

City Council may amend its ordinances and procedures so it has approval power over the who, what and where of liquor licenses in Novi, Council approved at a two-fold decision at its March 11 meeting.

The first motion will involve city officials exploring potential changes to its existing licensing ordinance.

The second may see the implementation of a special land use permit requirement in approving the transfer of a liquor license.

Both motions passed 6-1.

Mayor Bob Gatt, who is in favor of retaining local control, voted no against the first motion because he thought it didn't have "enough teeth" to it and should include a possible amended requirement to have a plan of operations reviewed for any future license transfer.

"I don't think that the people in Lansing should tell us who and what and where we will give liquor licenses ... it's a function that belongs with the city," said Gatt.

Mayor Pro Tem Dave Staudt voted yes on the first motion, but not on the second because a special land use permit may be too much added regulation. He said the LCC's interpretation of the process is expected to be

reviewed by the state Attorney General's office, and once that's done the city should move forward.

"I believe we should wait the process out and not add additional ordinances for this specific purpose," said Staudt.

City Manager Clay Pearson said the basis for the possible amendments is that the LCC has announced new procedures for the processing of liquor licenses. He said this will impact local communities and is an apparent effort to make the LCC's operations more "efficient."

"For years it was standard procedure for the City of Novi to be part of the process for any proposed transfer of a liquor license within its boundaries," he said.

He said the LCC has reinterpreted existing state statutes as not requiring prior or local legislative approval of transfers of liquor licenses. The change would include transfers from one person to another, but might also apply to transfers of licenses into Novi from other communities.

The recommendation for special land use regulations will be reviewed by the Planning Commission in their upcoming meetings and then sent back to City Council for a final decision.

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## SERIES

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The Sizzling Summer Art Series is presented in partnership with Community Financial as the premium sponsor. Novi Community Education and Novi Youth Assistance are helping out

as well as other groups and businesses in the area.

Novi Public Library also is partnering in this series and supporting the Tuesday morning events.

"Our goal is something free for families and outside," said Schuetzler.

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## 8 MILE

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the actual costs would be to get it done.

Councilmember Andrew Mutch, who along with Staudt is part of Novi's Walkable Committee, reiterated his support for the project and pathway. He said support for a pathway goes across all three municipalities involved with the county project, which also includes the City of Northville and Northville Township. Northville hopes to fill in their pathway segments along that side.

Mutch said he recognizes that this pathway is not part of the county's plan and is low on Novi's priority list because of the level of development in that area. But he believes Novi should still work toward it.

**Residents' views**

The pathway gaps along the north side of Eight Mile between Beck and Garfield, and Napier, are ranked 76th and 106th, respectively, out of 125 segments city-wide, according to the Walkable Novi Committee's Pathway Analysis and Process

2012 Annual Update.

"Getting a connection to Maybury State Park ... would be a big one for residents in our community," Mutch said. "A lot of people want to get there, and they want to be able to get there safely. And they don't want to drive there. We have a state park on our border, and right now the only way you can get there is by car ... there is no reason it shouldn't be more accessible."

Neighborhood resident Jeff Beno was at the council meeting to voice his support for the pathway as well. He said he represented a lot of other like minds in the Tuscan Reserve and Maybury Park Estates subdivisions, which are located off of Eight Mile near the park. He said the widened shoulders don't help families with young children get to the park or elsewhere.

"The residents of these two subdivisions feel very isolated from our surroundings ... we have no pathway to get to Maybury State Park; we have no pathway to get to any of our schools; we have no pathway to get to downtown Northville or any of the Novi city

services ... that's been expressed by a number of our residents," Beno said.

**Project funding**

Novi City Council on Monday unanimously approved authorizing participation in the Road Commission for Oakland County's 2013 Tri-Party Program for Road Improvements. Council dedicated Novi's 2013 allotment of \$161,697 to the construction of Eight Mile Road (Beck Road to Napier Road) Rehabilitation Project, which completes the city's portion for the project's needed funding.

According to Novi's Public Services Department, the total amount allocated for the local match for the project would be \$523,428 (including the original 2012 allocation of \$156,293, plus an additional 2012 allocation of \$205,438, and 2013 allocation of \$161,697).

The current estimated cost for the city's portion of the project is \$531,000. City staff said using Tri-Party funds would limit the actual costs for Novi to \$177,000.

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## City of Novi

## Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center, 4575 W. Maple Road to consider:

Case No. PZ13-0014 28401 Novi Road (Haban Mexican Grill)

The applicant is requesting a variance from Section 28-531 of the Novi Sign Ordinance to allow a second wall sign of 37.5 sq. ft. for a proposed new restaurant. The property is located west of Novi Rd. and north of Grand River Ave. in the TC, Town Center District.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCE, Section 28-531 permits a single sign to be installed at this restaurant location.

Case No. PZ13-0015 21060 Haggerty Road (Mc Donald's)

The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2503 to allow a side yard dumpster enclosure and Section 2507 to allow a front yard leading area. The property is located east of Haggerty Rd and north of 8 Mile Rd. in the PS Zoning District.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2503 requires necessary structures be located in the rear yard and be setback 10 ft. minimum from any building and Section 2507 requires that Loading Spaces be located in the rear yard or interior side yard of a lot with double frontage in the PS Zoning District.

Case No. PZ13-0016 27500 Novi Road (Cheesecake Factory)

The applicant is requesting a variance from Section 28-531 of

## God's gifts

### Evangelism's essential for Novi-based minister, author

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer



Minister and author Althea M. Brown of Novi wrote "Evangelism: Go Make ... (Matt. 28:19)." **(Matt. 28:19)**

The Rev. Althea M. Brown of Novi's eager to share the message of her book, *Evangelism: Go Make ... (Matt. 28:19)*. "We are called to go and make sheen," said Brown, in her late 50s and with some 25 years in ministry teaching evangelism seminars. "He's not coming back on denominations."

Brown earned her doctorate of ministry degree from Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit, where she did her dissertation on evangelism. She also holds a doctor of chiropractic degree from Life University in Marietta, Ga., along with a master of divinity degree from Turner Theological Seminary (International Theological Center) in Atlanta, Ga.

She's an itinerant elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and has written other books, including *Holy Spirit: Fruit and Gifts and Seminar and Praise and Worship: Heaven's Address*, the latter co-authored with pastor Tony Evans.

Information on Brown and her books is online at [www.DrAltheaMBrown.com](http://www.DrAltheaMBrown.com).

"To me, this was more user-friendly," she said of her evangelism book, which is written in mainstream language. "This is not new, but it's new to the public."

All her books are based on teaching she's done in

geling at the grocery store, barber shop or hair salon.

Brown gives Scripture references when asked. "That's why Jesus Christ died on the cross," Christ paid the price for our sins, she said, and we only need to believe and receive.

"I think a lot of people get disenchanted in church. There is only one perfect man. He's coming back for one bride without a blemish, without a wrinkle.

"God our Father is faithful and just. He died for our sins," she said of Jesus.

Brown has two young adult children, a son attending Madonna University and a married daughter in school in Maryland. She has a grandson and another grandchild on the way, and considers her son-in-law a son.

"The schools in Novi were good," she said of her children's time in the Walled Lake district. "It was great for them. I moved here for them."

She cares for her ailing mother now, and at some point would like to spend winters in Georgia, warm weather here.

"They did get to see my kids grow up," she said of her parents, including her father who's since died. Her mom has seen her great-grandchild.

Brown's books are available through her website, as well as Amazon.com and in local bookstores.

## Mackay joins Level One

Level One Bank has hired Timothy R. Mackay as senior vice president of Retail Banking. The announcement was made by Patrick J. Fehring, president and CEO of Level One Bank.

Mackay graduated from Hope College with a B.A. in business administration. He currently resides in Novi with his wife, Tricia, and their teenage quadruplets.

In his new position, Mackay will focus on the retail division in an effort to grow and develop consumer banking for Level One Bank. Currently operating seven bank-

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Mackay

ing centers, primarily in Oakland County. Mackay plans to cultivate a new service model and improve product offerings.

"As we continue our robust growth in South-eastern Michigan, we remain committed to the quality of our products, services, and team members," said Fehring. "Tim brings an abundance of retail leadership experience along with high integri-

ty and an inherent customer service orientation. He is an outstanding addition to our executive team and we look forward to his contributions."

Prior to joining Level One, Mackay served for seven years as senior vice president/retail executive at a bank in South Florida where he was responsible for the leadership and financial success of 63 banking centers and the management of over 400 employees. Mackay also worked for 10 years as vice president/retail regional manager for a Michigan-based bank prior to his time in Florida.

## ENGAGEMENT

### Waggy-Pierce

Eric Mathew Waggy of Novi and Melissa Nicole Pierce of Washington Township are engaged to be married. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Gregory and Susan Pierce of Washington Township. She graduated with a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University in 2011 and is currently attending Moody Theological Seminary in Plymouth for a master's degree in counseling psychology.

The future groom is the son of Eric and Barbara Waggy of Novi. He graduated from Michigan State University in 2010 with a bachelor's degree in



Eric Waggy and Melissa Pierce

mechanical engineering and is currently working at MSU with a Christian organization called Cru

(formerly Campus Crusade for Christ). A July 28, 2013, wedding is planned.

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## Air Museum goes to moon with NASA exhibit

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

The Yankee Air Museum, known for its collection of artifacts dating back to World War I, is going to the moon without leaving the earth.

For the first time ever, the museum is hosting a traveling exhibit of space artifacts, and kicked it off with a NASA Fly Me to the Moon Launch Party last Saturday.

The exhibit includes items on loan from the Johnson Space Center in Texas and Marshall Space Center in Alabama as well as the Air Zoo in Kalamazoo and will showcase items of astronaut, and Michigan native, Jack Lousma who was member of the astronaut support crews for the Apollo 9, 10 and 13 in the late 1960s and 1970 and pilot of the Sky Lab-3 mission in 1973.

"This is our first travel exhibit and our first educational exhibit," said Rachel Krumwiede, the museum's director of education. "We want to start having formal education programs, but we needed exhibits that tie in with what students are learning. We can do World War II, but what about the space race and the Cold War? We decided on Project Apollo and went for it."

In addition to the exhibit, there will be special activities such as a bungee run, Velcro wall and moon walk. The first 200 youngsters will receive a goodie bag.

The University of Michigan Astronomy Club will be there to do telescopic

experiments — weather permitting — and there will be a VEX robot station where guests can try their hand at picking up simulated moon rocks and complete different tasks.

The special guest for the evening will be Lousma, who will speak about his experiences and be available for a one-hour photo session.

### On loan

The museum went through the loan application process and was able to get the exhibit free of charge. It also was able to find a donor to cover the shipping costs of the exhibit pieces which have been arriving almost daily.

"This is kind of like Christmas," said Krumwiede. "We've always been able to window shop, but now we can say 'buy.'"

The exhibit will include the full space suit with helmet and gloves that Lousma wore during two spacewalks while on Sky Lab, the precursor to the Space Station, and his flight suit. There will be a panel display about Project Apollo, covering all of the Apollo missions including Apollo 11, the first manned landing on the moon's surface.

"We'll have a one-third scale model of the command and lunar modules," said Bob Catalano, member of the museum's collections department. "There will be cutouts to look into the command module and see three astronauts inside in the position when they take off. The lunar mod-

ule people won't be able to look inside."

There also will be a pop-up display on the Hubble space telescope. While it isn't Apollo related, it's being included in the exhibit "because Hubble is awesome," said Krumwiede.

### Space artifacts

Artifacts from space exploration include tool kits, meal pouches, a urine collection device and items from Catalano's personal collection — photographs signed by Neil Armstrong, Gene Cernan and Lousma and an Apollo 12 photo signed by the crew — Charles Conrad Jr., Alan Bean and Richard Gordon Jr. — and first day covers for astronauts Sally Ride and Judy Resnik.

"We wanted to include them because of women being involved in NASA," Catalano said.

The museum is offering the display as an educational program for school groups and boy and girl scout troops throughout the three-month exhibition. Educators and scout leaders interested in visiting the exhibit can contact Krumwiede at (734) 483-4030, Ext. 227, or by e-mail at [rachel.krumwiede@yankeemuseum.org](mailto:rachel.krumwiede@yankeemuseum.org) for more information.

"Jackson had all the air stuff until the museum closed, then it went to the Air Zoo," said Krumwiede. "Unless you want to go to the west side of the state, we believe this is may be the first NASA display in southeast Michigan."

For more information, contact Sue Mason at (313) 222-6751 or [smason@hometownlife.com](mailto:smason@hometownlife.com). Twitter: @SusanMarieMason



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Rachel Krumwiede, director of education at the Yankee Air Museum, shows off the space suit worn by astronaut Jack Lousma as part of a 1973 mission to the Sky Lab.

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The 18th annual Novi Backyard, Pool & Spa Show will run from Friday-Sunday, March 22-24 at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi.

"Homeowners will find everything that they need to create a backyard setting perfect for a home

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Hundreds of ideas, products and services are available from the major outdoor living environment categories on display including inground and above ground pools, hot tubs, spas, swim spas,

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Homeowners will find the information they need about building and buying a pool or spa at show exhibits. Experts are available with tips and advice on purchasing, planning, maintenance, safety and landscaping. "Exhibitors will showcase for backyard living a variety of renewing and improvement options including high-end hard-

## DETAILS

**Event:** Novi Backyard, Pool & Spa Show  
**Times/Dates:** 3-9 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday; March 22-24  
**Location:** Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi  
**Cost:** \$8 for adults; \$4 for children ages 6-14; free for children ages 5 and younger. Discount coupons for \$2 off adult admission are available at show's website.  
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### BULLOCK, TOMI

Age 86, March 12, 2013. The devoted husband of Marjorie. Proud father of Tyler, Pat and Abigail. Brother of Gail (Robert) Halabicky, Judy (Tony) Nowak, Dennis (Carol), Mary (the late Garfield) Reynolds, Phyllis (the late Jim) Collins, Edward (Doris), Bill (Susan) and the late Gary (Sherry). Son of the late Edward and Pavlis. Funeral Services took place Saturday, March 16, 2013 at Church of the Holy Family. In lieu of flowers donations in Tomi's name may be made to The Bullock Children's Education Fund.

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### EGBERT, MARY L.

A long time resident of Safford in Lake City passed from this life to be with her Lord on Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at her home. Mary was 92 years old. She was born in Wisconsin, Pennsylvania on February 14, 1921 to George and Stella McClain. Mary was the beloved wife of Earl L. Egbert. Earl was the love of her life and best husband. They married on Sweetest Day, October 18, 1952 at St. Margaret Mary's Church in Detroit. Michelle, Mary was a devout Catholic and strong woman of faith and family. Mary and Earl were very involved with the parish of St. Stephen's Church. Mary loved reading, traveling, birds, spending time with family and most of all being with her best buddy, Earl. She is a beautiful love story. They had just celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary in October. She is survived by her husband, Earl, of Lake City and her six children, whom she called her "Bible people": Mari (Kathy) Rauch, Edith (Paul) Hill, Laurie (Mike) Lynch, James (Audrey) Egbert, John (Yvonne) Egbert, and Jean (Frankie) Egbert. She is survived by her sister Patricia (Raymond) Gries and sister in law Lida McClain. Also surviving her are twelve grandchildren: Paul Hill, Jr., Robert Hill, Kelly Hill, Kevin Hill, Ann Egbert, Megan Egbert, Zachary Egbert, Lauren Egbert, Benjamin Pringley and Christopher Pringley. She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Stella McClain, two brothers: Raymond and George McClain, a sister in law, Josephine McClain and a niece Linda McClain. Visitation will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 15th at the Young Funeral Home, with a vigil service at 7:00 p.m. The funeral mass will be 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 16th at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Lake City with Rev. Craig Haider officiating. Burial will be in the Lake City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers it was Mary's request that donations be made to Parkinson's Research, Parkinson's Disease Foundation, Suite 1509, New York, New York 10018. An online obituary may be viewed and condolences offered at www.youngfuneral.com

### KALINOWSKI, GEORGE J.

Age 87, passed away March 15, 2013. He was born on March 27, 1925, in Poland. He was a member of the Polish Underground Army during the German invasion of Poland. During that time, George became a P.O.W. After the war, George found and moved his immediate family to Detroit, where he attended college and received a formal education. George retired from Ford Motor Co. as an Electrical Engineer at age 65. He is survived by his beloved wife, Marie, in 2009, and is survived by his son, Edward (Valerie), Marjorie of Kenosha, and grandchildren, Adam and Sara; his sisters, Efigenia Martins, Balmeira (Carlos), Theresa Martins, brother, Antonio "Machado" (Lidia) Marques, niece, Corinne (Randy) Betowski, and many extended family and dear friends. Funeral Mass was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Milford, March 18, 2013. Burial Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Twp. Memorials may be held at Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon.

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### MILLER, KARL HENRY

Age 48 of Northville died Wednesday, March 11, 2013 at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia, Michigan. Karl was born on April 21, 1964 in Detroit, Michigan to Joseph and Donna Koffler. He attended Our Lady of Victory grade school and graduated from Northville High School in 1982. Karl worked various jobs throughout his life. He was an Operational Specialist (OS-SN) in the United States Navy and became a shipping and handling coordinator for the Hayden-McNeil Publishing Company in Northville. Karl was an avid collector of vinyl records, enjoyed listening to beatle's music, watching episodes of the Three Stooges, fishing of Lake Manoma in Gaylord, and spending time with his family dog Deiter. Karl was a devoted father to his daughter Kaitlyn. He is survived by his daughter Kaitlyn of Northville, his parents Donna and Joseph Koffler of Gaylord, his sister Kristina, brother in law Peter Hill, and his brother Kevin and sister in law Kathleen of Warren, VA. A memorial celebration for Karl will be held at 11:00 AM, Friday, March 15, 2013 at Northrup-Sassaman Funeral Directors located at 18091 Northville Rd., Northville, MI 48168 (248) 348-1233. Music selection will be provided by Kaitlyn. A luncheon with reception will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 15th at the Young Funeral Home, with a vigil service at 7:00 p.m. The funeral mass will be 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 16th at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Lake City with Rev. Craig Haider officiating. Burial will be in the Lake City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers it was Mary's request that donations be made to Parkinson's Research, Parkinson's Disease Foundation, Suite 1509, New York, New York 10018. An online obituary may be viewed and condolences offered at www.youngfuneral.com

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## NOVI NEWS BRIEFS

### Green Gala

The Novi Educational Foundation (NEF) is hosting the 7th Annual Green Gala fundraising event at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 23 at the Lyon Oaks County Park on Pontiac Trail in Wixom.

The annual extravaganza has grown in attendance over the years. Approximately 300 people come and enjoy casual games, silent auctions and raffles, dancing, food and drinks. Participants include parents, sponsors, community members, businesses, Novi Board of Education trustees, Novi City Council members, NEF Board members, Novi education staff, Novi alumni and friends of Novi schools.

Tickets (\$90) may be purchased at all Novi public school buildings or on NEF website: www.novieducationalfoundation.org

### St. John Providence Health offers free colorectal testing kit

To raise awareness of colorectal cancer, St. John Providence Health System will be providing free, at-home colorectal testing kits during the month of March, Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

The general public is invited to stop in at any of our cancer centers or outpatient pharmacy locations to pick up a kit. You may also call the St. John Providence Health cancer care coordinator toll-free at (866) 246-4673 to have a kit mailed to your home.

When you request a kit, you'll be required to complete a brief registration which includes demographic information and the name of your primary care physician.

After completing the 3-day testing at home, you'll mail your completed response card in a postage-paid envelope back to St. John Providence whose staff will follow up as needed.

If you have an abnormal result, St. John Providence Health will also notify your primary care physician as indicated. If you do not have a primary care physician, we will provide a referral or make an appointment for you.

### Health screenings

If you are 18 or older, find high-quality free and low-cost health screenings for serious illnesses, such as obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, cancer and heart disease, at the Project Healthy Living event from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, March 22 at the William M. Costick Activities Center at 28600 Eleven Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

This open-to-the-public public health event is locally sponsored by the Farmington Area Commission on Aging, the City of Farmington Hills Senior Division, and Botsford Hospital.

For more information, visit <http://projecthealthy.org> or call (248) 473-

## St. Pat's fun



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Brenda Butler assists her son Joseph, 6, in a skills game against Joseph's buddy, Nick Landam, 6, during the March 14 Mother-Son St. Patrick's Day party at Novi's Paradise Park. About 50 moms and sons got together for a pizza dinner and evening of laser tag, bowling and arcade games.



Becky Gomez and son Ethan, 4, go through the buffet line for some pizza at the March 14 Mother-Son St. Patrick's Day party at Novi's Paradise Park.

## Meet Easter Bunny

All signs point to spring at Twelve Oaks Mall this April as the Easter Bunny hops into the lush, colorful Central Park Garden display March 8-30. Photos with the Easter Bunny are available for purchase, and each child who visits receives a free gift. Central Park Garden is located in the Lower Level Center Court.

Twelve Oaks will be closed on Easter Sunday, March 31. Photo operation hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Easter Bunny takes brief carrot breaks throughout the day. A complete list of photo packages and prices is available on [www.shoptwelveoaks.com](http://www.shoptwelveoaks.com).

## On the go

Did you know that Hometownlife.com, the online home of the Novi News, has a mobile site that brings the latest news to your smart phone? Just navigate to Hometownlife.com from a mobile device for updates throughout the day. The site brings you all the news as soon as it hits the web.

Breaking crime stories, local prep sports scores and features about Novi that you won't read anywhere else are all available on your mobile device at Hometownlife.com

For more information regarding this Directory, please call Sue Sare at 248-437-2011, ext. 247 or e-mail: [ssare@hometownlife.com](mailto:ssare@hometownlife.com)

# City to meet with county road commission for planning

Tip administrators, planners and engineers of the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) recently began the process of meeting with officials of almost every city, village and township in Oakland County as part of RCOC's biennial Strategic Planning process.

Since 1985, RCOC officials have met every two years with the communities to ensure the community officials play an active role in setting the Road Commission strategy for coming years.

"Although the City of Novi looks forward to meeting with

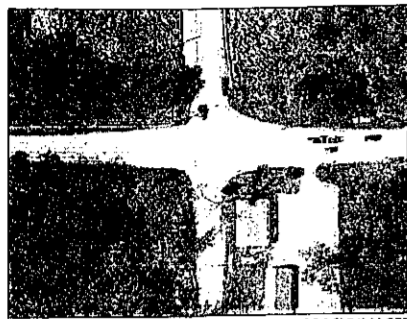
the RCOC in early April, our partnership transcends the every-two-year meeting," said Clay Pearson, Novi city manager. "We communicate regularly throughout projects, several grant award processes, and routine maintenance work. Being able to sit down and plot out the next several years puts a stamp to the valuable relationship we have established with our county partners."

RCOC Managing Director Dennis Kolar explained that the process allows RCOC to regularly take the pulse of the communities on large issues as well as ensure community officials have an avenue to discuss road needs and provide feedback on day-to-day road maintenance issues.

"Through these meetings, we keep abreast of what is happening in the communities. We learn about the new developments, redevelopment efforts and the related traffic problems and road needs," Kolar noted. "It helps promote a better understanding of the issues on the parts of both the communities and the Road Commission."

In addition to identifying

### OUR VIEWS



This aerial view of the intersection shows 10 Mile Road from left (west) to right (east) with Napier Road running top (north) to bottom (south).

## Act now, RCOC Intersection too dangerous to wait

The Road Commission for Oakland County is estimating the total cost of projects to be under construction this year at \$44.7 million.

Unfortunately, none of that money is going toward making the high-speed, low-visibility intersection of 10 Mile and Napier roads any safer.

The speed limit on 10 Mile is 50 miles per hour. And when you're eastbound on that hill approaching Napier, you better be ready for vehicles on Napier pulling out onto 10 Mile or crossing it. Or, be prepared for vehicles westbound on 10 Mile turning south onto Napier.

Likewise, those drivers on Napier have to make a very quick decision to pull out on to 10 Mile, especially when the setting sun adds another challenging element.

### SEE FOR YOURSELF

To see what it's like to drive through this intersection, watch the video attached to this editorial online at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

It is one of the most dangerous intersections in Novi, and it's only getting worse as the local population keeps growing.

But the city really can't do anything about it. For many of the higher-volume/speed roadways, the City of Novi does not own or control the roadway, according to Clay Pearson, city manager, so Novi can only work with the Road Commission for Oakland County or MDOT.

Statistics can be boring, but they prove a point. At the risk of overwhelming readers with numbers:

- A SEMCOG (Southeast Michigan Council of Governments) report shows daily traffic on 10 Mile at 6,070 eastbound west of Napier, and 4,930 westbound east of Napier.

- There were 20 accidents reported at the intersection from 2006-10, but the casualty ratio is the highest in the city at .550.

Paving of Napier from 10 Mile north to Grand River was accomplished a few years ago, and paving from 10 Mile south to Eight Mile will, hopefully, happen in 2016.

That's an improvement, but it still doesn't address the safety issues at the intersection of Napier and 10 Mile where another personal-injury accident occurred just last Thursday.

In the RCOC's Strategic Planning Process for the past three years, one of its long-term measures includes improving the intersection. But, as the Novi News reported last month, residents in the area are begging for action now by asking the RCOC to make this part of its short-term solution.

Pearson said Novi is "ready and encouraging moving on design, budgeting and construction for improvements to Napier Road up to and including the intersection with 10 Mile Road."

Lannie Young, Lyon Township's supervisor, said the project (traffic signal, turn lanes, bypass lanes, etc.) is estimated at \$3.5 million. The good news is that federal funds are available to help cover 80 percent of the cost with the county contributing 10 percent and Novi and Lyon Township both adding 5 percent.

The bad news? Those federal funds won't be available until 2016 at the earliest. For the folks who have to deal with that intersection daily, three years is too long to wait.

### COMMUNITY VOICE

## How do you think the U-M and MSU men's basketball teams will fare in the tournament? (Today, the Wolverines face South Dakota State and the Spartans take on Valparaiso.)



"It will depend on matchups, but I think Michigan may be too young, so I see them maybe making the Sweet 16. MSU is stronger because of Izzo, so I see them possibly making the Final Four. But I still bleed Maize-and-Blue."

Jim Kaskey  
Northville

"Go Blue! All the way. MSU has been choking in recent years."

Michelle Walker  
Novi

"MSU will probably go further. U-M has been having shooting problems lately, so I think they will see an early exit."

Jim Walker  
Novi

"I see U-M out of the first round with the way they've been playing. MSU will make it to the Sweet 16, but both teams don't have enough defense when it matters."

Shayne Welch  
Novi

### LETTERS

#### School day starts too soon

Don't we all hate when the alarm clock comes screaming at us that it is time to wake up? Don't we feel we haven't rested what should have and feel tired for the remainder of the day? Many students seem to be very tired and annoyed with this routine, and if students were to be able to go to school a little bit later, grades would much improve by a considerable amount.

In 2005, studies were conducted on how start time affects student academic performance. The studies showed that by starting later, grades were actually improving; even a congressional resolution was recommended for schools to start later in the day. More sleep would improve cognitive performance and reasoning in subjects that require a higher amount of it, such as math, science classes. Like the studies have demonstrated, students' performance would

improve by great amount. We students feel that we need more sleep in order to function properly during the course of the day. Much like wind-up toys, when we are fully winded, we'll work at our highest capabilities and work as much as possible. For better performances, we should start school later in the morning, or we will be like half-wound toys.

Cayetano Garcia Cachay  
Novi High School student

#### Shovel those sidewalks

Novi is in store for another harsh winter. To keep our community active this winter, every resident needs to frequently shovel their front sidewalks. Keeping Novi's sidewalks clear of snow will allow citizens to remain lively throughout the winter.

While I was in middle school, trudging through the deep snow to the bus stop was treacherous. Wearing snow boots to school is not considered "cool" for teenagers. As a result of the unshoveled paths, I walked

around school all day with cold, wet pants and shoes. If residents could just shovel the small portion of sidewalk in front of their house, this entire hassle could be avoided for all current Novi Community Schools students.

Additionally, as a current member of the Novi High School girls cross country team I would like to continue running throughout the winter. However, running on snowy sidewalks is very cumbersome and dangerous. Many Novi residents would also enjoy the use of sidewalks in the winter for numerous additional reasons.

Novi's city ordinance requires residents and business owners to clear all ice and snow from sidewalks in 48 hours from the conclusion of a snowstorm with an accumulation larger than two inches. This is a civic responsibility of home and business owners. As this winter approaches, you must be sure to have your sidewalks cleared.

Hannah Latham  
Novi High School sophomore

### GUEST COLUMN

## Taking on challenges of next two years in U.S. Senate

By Carl Levin  
Guest Columnist

I have decided not to run for re-election in 2014.

This decision was extremely difficult because I love representing the people of Michigan in the U.S. Senate and fighting for the things that I believe are important to them.

As Barbara and I struggled with the question of whether I should run again, we focused on our belief that our country is at a crossroads that will determine our economic health and security for decades to come. We decided that I can best serve my state and nation by concentrating in the next two years on the challenging issues before us that I am in a position to help address, in other words, by doing my job without the distraction of campaigning for re-election.

Here are some of those issues. Years of bipartisan work by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations that I chair have shed light on tax avoidance schemes that are a major drain on our treasury. The huge loss of corporate tax receipts caused by the

shift of U.S. corporate tax revenue to offshore tax havens is but one example of the egregious tax loopholes that we must end. Thirty of our most profitable companies paid no taxes over a recent three-year period although they had over \$150 billion in profits.

Tax avoidance schemes that have no economic justification or purpose other than to avoid paying taxes may be legal but they should not be. These schemes add hundreds of billions of dollars to the deficit. They lead to cuts in education, research, national security, law enforcement, infrastructure, food safety and other important investments in our nation. And they add to the tax burden of ordinary Americans who have to pick up the slack and accelerate the economic inequality in our country. I want to fight to bring an end to this unjustified drain on the Treasury.

Second, I want to ensure that the manufacturing renaissance that has led Michigan's economic comeback continues. We've made progress in building the partnerships we need to help U.S. manufacturers succeed, but the next two years will be crucial to sustaining and building on that progress.

A third item I want to tackle is a growing blight on our political system that I believe I can help address: the use of secret money

to fund political campaigns. Our tax laws are supposed to prevent secret contributions to tax exempt organizations for political purposes. My Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations needs to look into the failure of the IRS to enforce our tax laws and stem the flood of hundreds of millions of secret dollars flowing into our elections, eroding public confidence in our democracy.

Finally, the next two years will also be important in dealing with fiscal pressures on our military readiness. As chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I am determined to do all I can to address that issue. I also believe we need to pursue the rapid transfer of responsibility for Afghan security to the Afghans. And, as our troops come home, we must do a better job of caring for those who bear both the visible and invisible wounds of war.

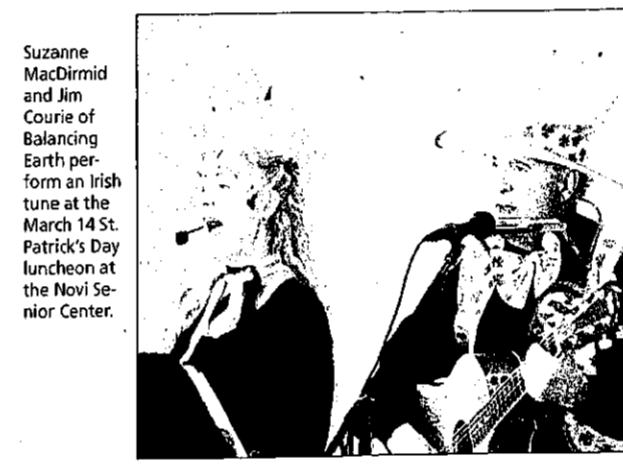
These issues will have an enormous impact on the people of Michigan and the nation for years to come, and we need to confront them. I can think of no better way to spend the next two years than to devote all of my energy and attention to taking on these challenges.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan. He announced March 7 he would not seek re-election in 2014.

### Lucky listeners



Alice Masson smiles and applauds the musical efforts of Balancing Earth as they play on March 14 at the Novi Senior Center's St. Patrick's Day Luncheon. The duo of Jim Courie and Suzanne MacDermid played many Irish tunes for the holiday.



Suzanne MacDermid and Jim Courie of Balancing Earth perform an Irish tune at the March 14 St. Patrick's Day Luncheon at the Novi Senior Center.

### Sweet stuff



Tollgate Farm volunteer John MacInnis tests the sugar content of the sap that he's boiling down on March 1 at the Novi facility. Merle Baker said that the maple trees, just north of the farm, began running with sap the last week of February - and that they had collected about 100 gallons of sap from on March 1. The sap will be boiled down some syrup and then sold at the farm. Visitors are welcome to stop by and watch the production any day of the week except Sundays.

## Coming Soon... DISCOVER NOVI 2013 COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

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Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road

Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org

**Mass Schedule**

**Time/Days:** 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Friday; 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday

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

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

**Priests:** Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and Rev. Michael Zuelch, associate pastor

**CROSSPOINTE MEADOWS CHURCH**

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org

**Sunday Worship:** 11:15 a.m.

**Bible study classes:** 10 a.m. for all ages

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

**Destiny Worship Center**

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 6 Mile Road, Northville

Contact: DestinyW3C@gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org

**EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Location: 34567 7 Mile Road, Livonia

Contact: (248) 442-8822

**Sunday Worship:** 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. (55 at 9:30 for all ages). Ministry for Special Needs Adults contact: jud@emmanuel-livonia.org

**FATH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit www.fathcommunity.org

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**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m. Worship with Easter Cantata

**Time/Dates:** 10 a.m. Sunday, March 24

**Maudy Thursday Service**

**Time/Dates:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 28

**New Visitor Luncheon following service**

**Date:** Sunday, April 14

**Rummage Sale**

**Times/Dates:** 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 18 and 9 a.m. to noon April 19

**Women's Bible Study**

**Time/Dates:** 9:15-10:30 a.m. Saturdays

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**

Location: 217 N. Wing

Contact: (248) 348-1020

**Sunday Worship:** 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.

**Sunday School:** 9:30 a.m.

**Ladies Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays

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

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# SPORTS

## Short leads Lions to sweet 16

By Jeff Theisen  
 Sports Writer

Some players lead in certain statistical categories for a team, and some just lead all over the place. South Lyon's Luke Short is of the latter.

The senior guard/forward led the Lions to the final 16 in the state playoffs and a KIAA Central Division title. He put up 18 points, five rebounds, 3.3 steals and 2.5 assists per game. Short hit 72.6 percent of his free throws and connected on 40 percent of his threes.

"He was just a force all year long," said coach Doug Host. "Luke is a player who can dominate a game in so many ways — whether it's on the defensive side of the floor, securing a key steal or grabbing an important rebound or just locking up one of the opposing team's best players."

Short capped off the district final game by tying his career high of 28 points against Howell. He scored 20 or more points 13 times this season. "He can get to the basket almost any time he wants, rise up and shoot jumpers over the top of guy or step outside and knock down the perimeter shot," said Host. "Just as impressive though is how Luke supports and lifts all the guys around him. He is just a fantastic teammate."

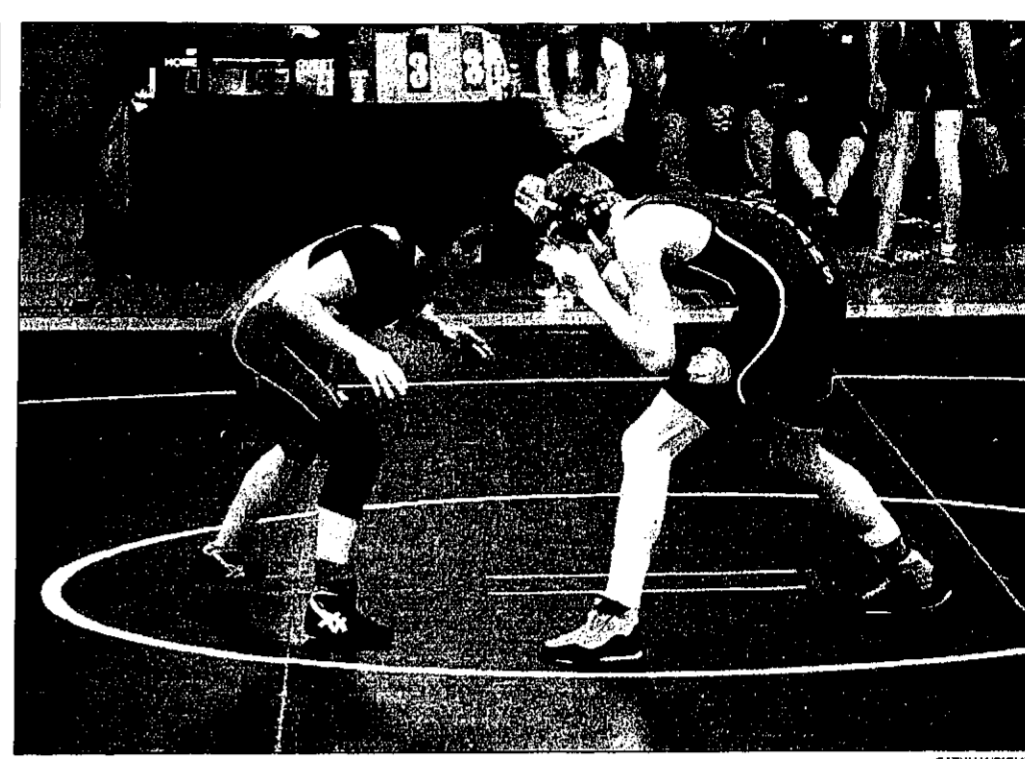
**First team**  
**Andrew Meacham, Northville**  
 If Short was 1A, Meacham was 1B for Player of the Year honors. His numbers are right there at 19.4 points and 5.4 rebounds a night. The junior made 72 percent at the line and hit 42 percent from the floor for the Mustangs.

"Andrew is a tremendously skilled player that can score in a variety of ways anywhere on the floor," said coach Todd Sander. "He can dominate inside when he wants to and stretch defenses with his accuracy from long range."

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South Lyon senior Luke Short is the All-Area boys basketball Player of the Year.



Novi's Kelsey Larkin (left) competes against a boy from Lakeview.

CATHY WRIGHT

## Lone female wrestler pushes self to victory

Novi's Larkin kept going, now competing nationally

By Chris Jackett  
 Correspondent

Sometimes, you just have to do what you love. Novi senior Kelsey Larkin, who turns 18 Wednesday, was in that boat a few years ago as the lone female wrestler in the Wildcats' program.

"I'm the only girl who ever wrestled for Novi," Larkin said. "I had to earn my respect, definitely. They really saw how dedicated I was and then I was just one of the guys."

Since starting as a 13-year-

old seventh-grader, Larkin has competed in the 112-pound weight class for the varsity squad the past two seasons, regularly taking on male wrestlers. However, there are a few other local female wrestlers out there at Wayne Memorial, Romulus, Lincoln, Monroe, DeWitt and Northville.

"Every single girl that I've wrestled this season, I've beaten," Larkin said, noting that she improved from winning just two high school matches last season to more than 10 this past winter.

"Last year, I was awful, I

was terrible. I only won two matches the entire season. I've improved a lot."

She was restricted to just practices as both a freshman and sophomore due to health problems, but didn't let that deter her either.

Larkin's interest in learning wrestling had two initial factors of motivation. Not only was she on the wrong end of some roughhousing with an older sibling, but she also expected it to be more like Word Wrestling Entertainment.

"I always did martial arts, Tae Kwon Do and Kara-

te, and I had an older sister who'd beat me up and I couldn't do anything because she was four years older," Larkin said.

Although her high school season is now over, Larkin is still in the midst of competition season. She will compete in the United States Girls' Wrestling Association meet March 16-17 at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti and then head to Oklahoma March 28-April 1 for a national women's tournament.

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## Northville Broncos runner-up in state playoffs

The Northville Prep Hockey team traveled to Jackson's Optimist Arena for the JV/Prep MAHA State Playoffs beginning March 8. The team went on a great run, winning four straight games to reach the championship game on March 10 against Novi. The Broncos lost the game, 3-2 in overtime.

Here is a summary of their run through the tournament.



The Northville Prep hockey team took second place at the state tournament. Back row (from left) Assistant Coach Ken Bloom, Taylor Turner, Brett Ridener, Alex Ridener, Tyler Marcotte, Sean O'Malley, Troy Youmans, Nick Strom, Kellan Flayer, Henry Chang, Adam Balok, Nick Stegmeyer, Christian Winkleplek and Head Coach Don Middaugh. Front row (from left) Kevin Onofrio, Kevin O'Connell, Anthony Solak, Randy Stoeber, Sam Bradley, Cameron Layne, Brendan Hicks and Nick Zalewski.

**Northville 4, Shamrock Prep 2**

The Broncos faced Shamrock Prep in their opening game of American Conference pool play. Both teams got off to a slow start, but Sam Bradley notched an exciting short-handed goal for Northville at 9:20 in the first period. The Rocks answered two minutes later with their own short-handed goal and the period ended tied at 1-1. Kellan Flayer

came on strong early in the second and scored on a pass from Nick Stegmeyer to take back the lead for the Broncos. The remainder of the period was scoreless as both teams put up four penalties apiece in the heated contest.

In the third, it was Shamrock Prep who tallied the first goal capitalizing on another Northville penalty. But Northville would have the last word (and goals) on the day as first Henry Chang and Alex Ridener set up

Tyler Marcotte for a goal at 2:26 remaining in the period. Kellan Flayer scored on the Rocks' empty net to seal the victory. Nick Zalewski was the winning goalie.

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**ALL-AREA**

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**Conner Weidman, South Lyon**

The Lion senior specialized in hitting from the outside. Weidman hit three triples in the regional final against Ypsilanti and 40 on the year. Weidman averaged 11.2 points, 3.3 rebounds and 1.9 steals a night. At the line he was almost automatic at 86.4 percent.

"Conner is one of those guys who do just all the little things well," said Host. "Looking at him, you wouldn't think he's the toughest guy in the world, but he's a player who truly knows how to make the game extremely tough on opponents, because they have to be perfect. They have to contest his shots; they can't go for his fakes. They can't foul him. They just can't make a mistake or he can make them pay."

"Defensively, he always boxes out, always has his hands ready to pounce on errant dribble and always beats guys to the spot. He is one tough competitor."

**Garrett Moores, Catholic Central**

The senior forward/center was a top player for the Shamrocks with 10 points and six boards and two assists per game.

"Garrett has been our most consistent player this year," said coach Bill Dyer. "He got better as the season went on. We asked him to play at the center position for most of the year, and he did it without com-

**ALL-AREA BOYS BASKETBALL**

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**East**

Josh Corey, Milford  
Stewart Henzi, Northville  
Andrew Meacham, Northville  
Conner Weidman, South Lyon  
Garrett Moores, Catholic Central  
Jacob Lee, Milford  
Brad Govan, Lakeland  
Second team  
Bill Harrison, South Lyon  
Nick Troxell, Lakeland  
Jack Leckner, South Lyon

plaint. He was the best rebounder on the floor most nights. He led us in rebounding and steals."

**Jacob Lee, Milford**

The senior forward knocked in 10 points and grabbed four rebounds a game for Milford. Lee produced from the floor (42 percent) and at the line (70 percent).

"He knocked down 12 three-pointers was second on the team in defensive rebounding with 62 defensive rebounds," said coach Chip Lutz.

**Brad Govan, Lakeland**

The senior guard hit did most of his work in the paint for the young Lakeland Eagles. He averaged 10 points and a team-high seven rebounds per game. Govan was selected First Team All-KLAA.

**Second team**

Bill Harrison, South Lyon

The senior point guard didn't have the flashy numbers, but he was the glue that held the offense together. Harrison almost

averaged more assists (4.2) than points (5.0). He also grabbed 3.2 rebounds and shot 70 percent at the line. Harrison finished the year with 13 points against Ypsilanti.

**Nick Troxell, Lakeland**

The junior forward averaged 10 points and six rebounds for the Eagles.

**Jack Leckner, South Lyon**

The junior guard almost never came off the floor for the Cougars. The captain averaged 7.5 points per game.

**Josh Corey, Milford**

The senior guard hit from inside or outside for the Mavericks, averaging nine points and one rebound per game. He led the team with 29 makes from beyond the arc and hit for 61 three-pointers in the last two years.

**Stewart Henzi, Northville**

The senior averaged 9.2 points and 6.1 rebounds while hitting 42 percent of his shots for the Mustangs.

**HOCKEY**

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**Northville 6, Trenton 5**

Northville Prep took on Trenton in their second game of the state tournament and came away with their second win, clinching the first seed of the American Conference bracket. Kevin O'Connell started the Broncos off at 7:53 in the 1st period with assists from Brendan Hicks and Cameron Layne. Next, with both teams a man down, Sam Bradley found the back of the net off passes from Sean O'Malley and Anthony Solack. Leading 2-0 to start the 2nd period, Nick Strom and Troy Youmans fed Bradley for a power play goal at 12:41 before Trenton took advantage with their own power play goal. Again with the advantage, Nick Stegmeyer and Kellan Flayer traded passes in front of the net to see Brett Ridener punch in for a beautiful goal, increasing the Bronco's lead. Trenton would score two even strength goals and Stegmeyer would net another power play goal for Northville before the second period was over. In the third, Trenton took control scoring two goals less than a minute apart to tie the game. In an exciting finish, Flayer scored with just 7.8 seconds left on the clock to win the game. Kevin Onofrio got the win in goal.

**Northville 10, Southgate 1**

There was a whole lot of scoring in the game against Southgate. Nick Stegmeyer scored two goals and had four assists while Kellan Flayer earned a hat track and an assist. Defensesmen Henry Chang earned three points with a goal and two assists, and Anthony Solack and Troy Youmans each picked up two assists

in the evening game. Also scoring for Northville were Cameron Layne, Randy Stoever and Tyler Marotte. The Broncos outshot the Titans 72-10—the young Southgate goalie having a stunning game in net despite the outcome for his team. Southgate's lone goal was a short hander a few minutes into the second period spoiling a shut out for goalie Kevin Onofrio.

**Northville 6, Hartland 3**

Northville, faced off against number two seed from the National bracket, Hartland, in the semi-finals. Coincidentally, Hartland was the same team Northville faced in the semis of the 2012 state tournament—and the outcome would also be the same. It was a strong 1st period for the Broncos with four goals and only two penalties on the score sheet. Randy Stoever punched in the first goal off passes from Anthony Solack and Sam Bradley in the first two minutes of the game. The same line tallied the next two goals with Bradley scoring at 11:50, and then Stoever, with his second goal of the game, at 8:22. Seconds later Kellan Flayer added to the Bronco's lead, but Hartland would answer that goal to put themselves on the scoreboard before the period was over.

**Novi 3, Northville 2 (OT)**

Crosstown rivals Novi and Northville battled for the first goal in the opening period of the state championship game. Goalie Nick Zaleski made several great saves and the Broncos got eight shots on the Wild net, but it was Novi that would earn the first goal of the game which came at 2:17 remaining in the first period. The second period was hard fought as well. Zaleski saved all 10 shots Novi fired at him in the second. The Broncos were also unable to score despite three power play opportunities, and the period ended with Novi still in control of the scoreboard.

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Up 4-1 to start the second, Nick Stegmeyer notched the next goal for Northville at 10:19 with Flayer assisting. The Eagles answered again, scoring their second goal two minutes later. In the final period, Brett Ridener tallied another one for Northville with assists going to Henry Chang and Flayer. Hartland put up a strong fight in the third, firing 18 shots at goalie Nick Zaleski in hopes of catching the Broncos, but were only able to make one count.

Northville Prep took on Trenton in their second game of the state tournament and came away with their second win, clinching the first seed of the American Conference bracket. Kevin O'Connell started the Broncos off at 7:53 in the 1st period with assists from Brendan Hicks and Cameron Layne. Next, with both teams a man down, Sam Bradley found the back of the net off passes from Sean O'Malley and Anthony Solack. Leading 2-0 to start the 2nd period, Nick Strom and Troy Youmans fed Bradley for a power play goal at 12:41 before Trenton took advantage with their own power play goal. Again with the advantage, Nick Stegmeyer and Kellan Flayer traded passes in front of the net to see Brett Ridener punch in for a beautiful goal, increasing the Bronco's lead. Trenton would score two even strength goals and Stegmeyer would net another power play goal for Northville before the second period was over. In the third, Trenton took control scoring two goals less than a minute apart to tie the game. In an exciting finish, Flayer scored with just 7.8 seconds left on the clock to win the game. Kevin Onofrio got the win in goal.

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**Rec champs**



It was three-peat for the Mambas in a hard-fought, 56-54 victory over Novi's rec team. The Northville Rec Basketball Winter League (10th-12th graders) champions are (from left) Sean Conway, Nick Lowe, Brad Merlo, Evan Swish, Joel Kish, Kyle Brenner, Coach Dennis Merlo, Troy Dolmetsch and Assistant Coach Mark Merlo. Missing from the photo are Brandon Patrone and Robert Perrano.

**Wolfpack wins fourth tournament**



The Northville Wolfpack 8th grade girls basketball team competed in the Saline Southeast Championship Tournament on March 9. The Wolfpack compiled a 4-0 record playing teams from Ann Arbor, Plymouth/Canton and Livonia to win the tournament. This is the fourth tournament win this year for the girls. Pictured are (back row from left) are scorekeeper Gary Beason, Head Coach Steve Grant, (front row from left) Elle Thallman, Jenna Lauderback, Hannah Grant, Karina Moore, Jane Beny, Tara Beason, Hannah O'Sullivan, Chloe Zulcosky, and Connie Kritzmanich. Not pictured are Assistant Coach Steve Thallman and Nicole Martin.

**WRESTLER**

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"I'm on the Team Michigan women's national team," Larkin said. "I practice out in Howell twice a week and in Fenton once a week, but it's busy because I'm a track captain this year. The USGWA this weekend I have no idea. It could be all over the board. I haven't wrestled in that tournament since eighth grade."

Larkin said success at the two tournaments, plus another in Florida this May, could help earn her a trip to Rio de Janeiro for an international tournament. She's also hopeful for a shot to participate in future Olympic trials.

"The best thing in the world to happen would be I go to Rio," Larkin said. A November 2012 third-place finish at the Nuway Southwest Kickoff Classic "The Freak Show" in Las Vegas, Larkin said she learned a better scope of female wrestling from one of her opponents from California. "I beat this girl and became friends and she



Novi's Kelsey Larkin is the Wildcat program's lone female wrestler.

was astounded we don't have a high school women's division," said Larkin, who noted that there are more female wrestlers in Michigan's Upper Peninsula than locally. "I feel its more accepted up there because of their lifestyle with hunting, fishing."

Larkin said she only knows of 14 colleges or universities with female wrestling teams, and she even received an offer from the University of Winnipeg's program, but none of the schools have the medical program she's looking for, meaning she'll be attending Wayne State University in the fall.

"It's a great sport and takes a lot of hard work. It's not for everybody," Larkin said, noting that interest in the female side of the sport is increasing as more girls put aside any adversity they may face while getting into the sport. "It's definitely increasing. It's really just being mature and ignore what they say and doing what you love."

"I would also like to acknowledge coach (Brad) Huss, coach Joel Smith, coach (David) Milner and coach Ponder who helped me through my four years of wrestling. A lot of schools that have girl wrestlers, they aren't treated equally or accepted. I was extremely lucky to have the support and help that I needed from them. None of this would have been possible without them."

In addition to training with her Team Michigan female teammates, Larkin has been training with her Novi lightweight male teammates, such as seniors Dan DeNova (103 pounds), Andrew Park (119) and Tony Levy (125). For more on the USGWA, visit www.usgwa.com.

**Mother Nature hinders start to spring season**

Teams all dealing with same problem

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

When Purxsautawney Phil stuck his head out of the ground earlier this year and predicted an early spring, the people cheered.

And why not? Who doesn't like an early spring?

But, it seems, that the groundhog may not have been entirely truthful. With the official start to spring arriving yesterday, the weather outside is, well, less than favorable. Just ask the high school athletes who are used to being outside this time of year playing baseball and softball, running track and tossing around the ol' rugby ball. Better yet, ask the coaches who are trying to figure out the best way to train them to be ready for the upcoming season.

Eric Brucker and the Northville Mustangs girls soccer team will be looking to challenge for division and conference titles this year and beyond. But they, like everyone else, have had a slow start to the season.

"Our tryouts weren't impacted at all because we held them indoors, but we had to cancel our first scrimmages and reschedule them," he said.

But the team has been finding ways to cope. Total Soccer in Wixom has a full-field indoor facility that has allowed the Mustangs keep in shape, and the new field

turf on the Northville football field has allowed for some outdoor practice despite the soccer field still being covered in snow.

Not every sport has indoor facilities they can take advantage of, though. John Kostreza is the head coach of the Mustangs' baseball team and while his squad has been working on the fundamentals of the game and getting their throwing arms in shape through indoor workouts, not everything can emulate an outdoor diamond.

"The weather has impacted our ability to run live team offensive and defensive situations that are difficult to simulate indoors," said Kostreza. "Outfield play is also impacted, because you can't simulate fly balls indoors."

The team has been working on getting their hitting and pitching ready for the upcoming season, as well as establishing their rigorous practice schedule.

"Even though we are indoors we try to have a consistent routine each day where individual offensive and defensive fundamentals are focused on so we can spend more time team oriented strategies outdoors," Kostreza said.

Having new athletes on a team has meant outdoor practices for some teams have to be focuses and intense, despite

the potential delays that come with training.

"The hard part is keeping the kids moving and warm," said Ron Cornell, the head coach of the Northville Knights Rugby Football Club, which is made up of players from Northville, Novi, Detroit Catholic Central and Canton this season. "Because so many are new to the sport, we have to frequently stop the drills in our early practice sessions to explain a particular technique or situation."

The Knights did spend a few extra days inside, mostly because they participated in an indoor mini-scrimmage at the University of Michigan last week with Birmingham, Dexter and Traverse City. But after that, they've been right out in the weather.

"Rugby is a sport that is meant to be played in all conditions," said Cornell. One consolation for the coaches in the area? They aren't the only ones who have to deal with the weather.

"Everybody is in the same boat," Kostreza said. "I know last year at this time we were much further ahead, but it is what it is."

And if there's one thing you can't control, it's Mother Nature, or the sometimes not-so-accurate predictions of sooth-saying animals. "The groundhog lied, but we'll play through it," said Brucker.

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The former Novi Expo site at Novi Road and I-96 could be one of the areas targeted by the state's Redevelopment Ready program. See story on page A1.

## Samsung delivers fresh camera experience

By Jon Gunnells  
Guest Columnist

Many of us own phones, MP3 players, computers and other devices with built-in cameras, but have you ever seen a digital camera with Wi-Fi? With its new line of "smart" cameras, Samsung allows picture-takers to access the Internet on the go and seamlessly share photos to social networks.



Tech Savvy  
Jon Gunnells

I tested a new Samsung Galaxy camera, which featured a full-touch screen and Wi-Fi courtesy of Verizon Wireless. Verizon is just one way to get wireless Internet on a smart phone — free wireless hot spots are another.

Like the Galaxy smartphones, the Galaxy camera may be the coolest camera on the market. It has a number of mind-blowing features, including voice-command so you can talk to your camera and slow-motion video shooting capabilities. Imagine taking videos of sports in slow motion and then uploading them to the Web.

### Impressive specs

The Galaxy Smartphone is sleek and easy to use for beginners, but also has impressive specs like a 21x optical zoom for more advanced users. It runs on 3G or Wi-Fi, so you can share photos with groups easily. No more waiting as every person in the group takes a photo with their not-so-cool Galaxy camera.

The Galaxy also includes a content manager, photo editing wizard and video editing wizard. And in true Samsung Galaxy fashion, the camera features a nearly five-inch ultra-clear screen. This 16-megapixel camera costs \$549 and can be purchased from Verizon Wireless.

For users who want more professional shots with less of the cool digital functions, Samsung also has a line of smart cameras, including its NX100 that captures pictures in its 20.3 megapixels and records photos in 1080p high-definition. For those of you keeping score at home, the NX100 records higher-definition videos than the iPhone and takes photos with two times the amount of megapixels. Even Samsung's cheapest smart cam-

era model has features that will make picture taking easy. The DV150 which retails for \$139, offers a front-facing LCD screen, self-portrait mode and even jump mode to help users capture the exact type of photos they love to take. This new line of Samsung smart cameras is just another example of innovative products being developed by the South Korean-based company. While the company is still battling Apple for market share in the mobile and tablet world, there is arguably no company making a full-line of electronics better than Samsung is right now.

### Digital March Madness

Important basketball games during your work day are happening this week with major college basketball conference tournaments and next week with the NCAA tournament. There are many ways to follow the action from your cubicle or office — without your boss knowing.

This year, the NCAA — in conjunction with your cable company — is making every game available for free on computers and mobile devices. Users who visit [www.ncaa.com/marchmadness](http://www.ncaa.com/marchmadness) can download an application that will stream games during the entire weekend. And if the games are blocked at work, you can stream them using your wireless connection (just be careful of high data costs).

If you don't need video, keeping up with the tournament is as easy as checking news and scores with an app. Consider using the Sporting News NCAA basketball app for scores. It is free and available for Android and iPhone devices.

Additionally, ESPN is offering a similar app called "Bracket Bound 2013." It provides scores, highlights and access to the ESPN tournament challenge. The coolest app of all might be the Buffalo Wild Wings Big Shot Challenge, where users play a game using augmented reality. Top scorers can even win a \$25 Buffalo Wild Wings gift card or a trip to the 2014 Final Four. And as always, the app is free and available on Android and iPhone devices.

Jon Gunnells is a freelance writer and social media planner. Comments or suggestions for future columns? E-mail [Jonathan.Gunnells@gmail.com](mailto:Jonathan.Gunnells@gmail.com).

### NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Signature sells, leases

Signature Associates has negotiated the sale of 32,355 square feet of hi-tech space located at 41131-41135 Vincent Court, Novi, to Dan Law.

Jim Montgomery and John Fricke of Signature Associates represented the seller, Vincent Court LLC. The seller owns a number of facilities in Michigan. This represented an opportunity to leverage the existing tenant's lease in a sale.

Signature Associates also negotiated the lease of 4,545 square feet of hi-tech space located at 28003 Center Oaks Court, Wixom.

Steve Kozak of Signature Associates represented both the landlord, Center Oaks Business Center, LLC and the tenant, Environmental Resources Group.

men with dress clothing for work.

"Metro Detroit is expected to add close to 40,000 jobs in the next few years. This charitable initiative is especially important, as it better equips members of our community who have upcoming interviews, or are starting new jobs," said Stan Finsilver, executive vice president and sponsor of Friedman's Charitable Committee.

Both organizations are in need of gently-used suit outfits including pant suits, jackets, button-up shirts, blouses, slacks, purses, jewelry and closed-toe shoes.

To increase the drive's impact on the community, Friedman is encouraging other organizations to join this initiative throughout the Metro Detroit area. Friedman will provide marketing materials to any company that wants to publicize the drive.

#### Friedman hosts clothing drive

In addition, Friedman will be traveling to Farmington Hills, Novi, West Bloomfield, and Southfield to collect donations on Friday, April 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All organizations interested in participating should contact Friedman's Charitable Committee at [charitable.committee@freg.com](mailto:charitable.committee@freg.com) or (248) 324-2000 to register for the drive.

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#### Advancing in the Resurgent Economy

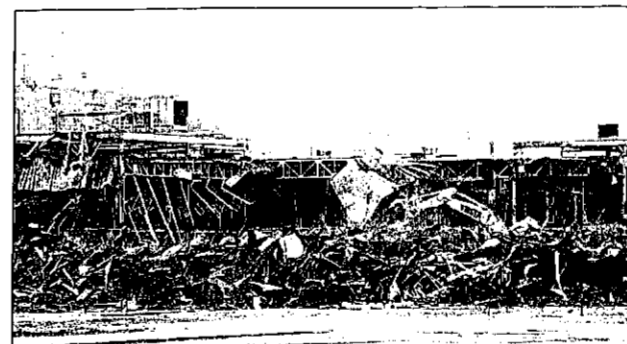
The PMI Great Lakes Chapter will hold its 12th Annual Symposium on April 26 at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi, with the theme being Advancing in the Resurgent Economy.

The importance of creating rapid business value to be competitive in today's business environment is a central focus placed on professional project managers in all industries. Participants at this one-day event will discover how organizations can be equipped to embrace efficient practices, promote team innovation, and incorporate the best project management practices to create rapid value delivery.

The event's featured speakers possess a diversity of backgrounds including manufacturing, software engineering, health care, financial management, banking, project management, entrepreneurship, and marketing. Professionals leading initiatives for Ford Motor Company, General Motors Corporation, and Chrysler Corporation will be joined by independent consulting practitioners with international engagements.

For more information about registering, visit <http://www.pmigle.org/>

### Halfway done



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A backhoe from Testa Demolition continues work on tearing apart the Ford Wixom plant on March 15. The plant is about 50 percent demolished as work has continued through the winter on taking down the 4.7 million square foot plant. The industrial complex Trident Barrow Management purchased the rights to develop three-quarters of the facility.

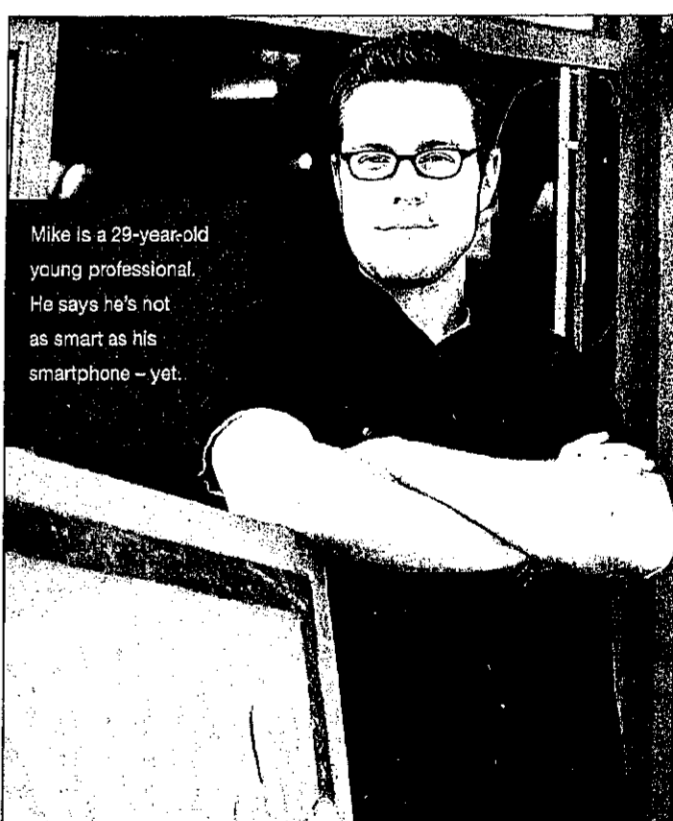
### OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months. Unless otherwise noted, all programs take place at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For pre-registration and location specifics, visit [www.advantageoakland.com/expand](http://www.advantageoakland.com/expand), or call (248) 858-0783.

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## Encouraging news emerges on home permit front

Based on single-family new home permit data compiled by the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan in its Southeastern Michigan Residential Building Activity Report, a total of 250 single-family home permits were issued in Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair and Wayne counties in January 2013.

From a year-over-year perspective, permit activity in January was nearly 84 percentage points higher than January 2012 (136). This year's January total is also the fastest to start a year since 2007. Finally, from a trailing 12-month perspective, southeastern Michigan reached a total of 3,758 permits which is 46 percent higher than January 2012 (2,569) and the highest level since September 2007 (3,849).

Michael Stoskopf, CEO of the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan, said, "We've off to a great start," following an improving 2012. "In January, we're off to our best start since 2007."

His organization does a monthly index for builders. "They set a new record high for their optimism index," said Stoskopf, a Williamston, Mich., resident.

"Existing home inventories are very low. That has a definite positive effect on new home construction."

He agreed that opens up job opportunities in the skilled trades, with a challenge now to find carpenters and those who do drywall and plumbing, and similar work.

"The ability to find skilled labor," Stoskopf said, looms large now, with surviving businesses also seeking that labor pool. "They're looking for tal-



Michael Stoskopf

ent to hire as well. That is our next big challenge."

He and colleagues are buoyed by the recent encouraging news.

"There were times when I would wonder if we could get back to this," said Stoskopf, adding the figures are only 45-50 percent back. "Hopefully that will continue."

Oakland County led the way with 119 single-family home permits issued. Macomb and Wayne were literally deadlocked with 68 and 63 permits, respectively. St. Clair County did not have any single-family home permits issued in January.



Michael Stoskopf, CEO of the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan, with other industry leaders.

This report is based on an algorithm created by HBA's Stoskopf. It is issued monthly by the association including a six-month forecast and a trailing 12-month perspective. Headquartered in West Bloomfield, Home Builders Association of SE Michigan (HBA) and Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) are trade associations representing 500 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multi-family residential construction industry. HBA is affiliated with the Home Builders Association of Michigan in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.

Staff writer Julie Brown contributed to this report.

## Ill. court rules on security force

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

Q: I have heard about a recent case out of Illinois regarding the association's passage of various rules for the benefit of its private security force. Can you give me any details on same?

A: In a recent decision reached by the Illinois Supreme Court, it was held that an Illinois homeowners' association's private security force can, pursuant to its duly passed rules, set and monitor speed limits on private association owned roads by use of



Robert Meisner

both audio and visual devices and by use of a stop, detain and ticket protocol if the speeders are homeowner members who drive in excess of the posted speed limit; further, the court said that the use of oscillating amber lights on security devices is lawful. It may also be possible, although the Court did not address this, that a Homeowner's Association's third-party security services vendor is also allowed to use the same lawful methods for enforcing association speed rules. However, it seems that the court is saying that only members may be ticketed, not guests or invitees who can only be verbally warned to slow down and asked to observe the speed limits. This opens the avenue for much more enforcement, at least in Illinois, and perhaps, in other states, of the right to enforce the road regulations although the association runs the risk of being threatened with a false imprisonment claim as was the case in Illinois. See your attorney first!

Q: The last time I was in Sedona, Ariz., there was nothing but traffic lined up which impeded my ability to consider investing in residential property. Do you have any information concerning any improvement?

A: Sedona has gone through a major traffic reconfiguration using roundabouts as opposed to stop signs and stop lights which has substantially improved the viability of traffic in the city. While my recent last visit was during the off season, it appeared that traffic was moving smoothly without any major tie-ups, and having talked to a number of the residents, it appears that traffic is much better during even the higher season which is generally in the spring. I also note much of the development areas which used to be on dirt roads are now paved with a number of residential developments springing up as the economy turns for the better.

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, \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping/handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit [www.robertmeisner-law.com](http://www.robertmeisner-law.com). This column should not be construed as legal advice.

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

Table with 4 columns: Address, Price, Address, Price. Lists various residential sales in Wayne County.

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Table with 4 columns: Address, Price, Address, Price. Lists various residential sales in Oakland County.

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# Car Report

## Advertising Feature

### In Demand: Lincoln Looks Beyond Shortages of MKZ



By Dale Buss

Is the glass half-empty or half-full for the new Lincoln MKZ? It really doesn't matter—Lincoln dealers and many customers remain eager to get their hands on the short-of-supply MKZ as quickly as they can.

Still, there's the intriguing possibility that the current shortages of the first of the completely new line of Lincoln vehicles will end up enhancing Lincoln's brand equity, at least in the long run.

For now, Lincoln and MKZ clearly remain in a fix. After a months-long brand-repositioning effort that began last fall and has involved everything from Abraham Lincoln in TV commercials to dredging up of the old Lincoln Motor Company name for the division, Lincoln made a big and successful splash last month with a couple of Super Bowl commercials.

Lincoln has followed that up with its buzz-worthy "Sound and Vision" project with Beck, re-imagining David Bowie in a sound-immersive concert facilitated with state-of-the-art technology.

The car clearly is a cut above Lincolns of old, with a distinctive design that also has established a style language for future Lincolns. Prices for MKZ start at \$35,925 for a front-wheel-drive model with a 240-horsepower 2.0-liter turbocharged, four-cylinder engine. They can range up to around \$50,000 for a well-equipped, all-wheel-drive model, the same price segment as competitors Acura TL, Audi A4, BMW 328i, Cadillac CTS and Mercedes-Benz C-Class.

MKZ offers six-speed or continuously variable automatic transmissions. Mileage comes in at 22 mpg city/31 highway/25 combined for the all-wheel-drive versions, better than most of its market segment competitors.

Amenities include standard adaptive LED headlamps and taillights, 10-way power driver and front passenger seats; sync and MyLincoln Touch; and driver's seat memory, as well as options such as lane-departure warning and prevention, inflatable rear seat belts, adaptive cruise control and heated and cooled seats in the front.

Ford has successfully whetted a great deal of interest among the younger demographic that Lincoln now is seeking for its reimagined brand, even though so far there's only one of the four new products available that are envisioned for the line over the next few years. In fact, Lincoln is attracting many consumers who probably never had thought of the brand in its crustier incarnation, which lasted until about two months ago.

"About 90 percent of our online shopping of the brand represents first-time

shoppers on a Lincoln Web site," Lincoln spokesman Tom Kowaleski told me. "That shows the direction and focus of the brand."

So it's too bad, then, that Lincoln hasn't even come close to being able to supply the demand for the new MKZ that it has been creating so effectively. Sales of the new MKZ in February were merely 945 units, about 62 percent below sales a year earlier of the old version of the vehicle.

The reason is a bottleneck in the inspection process of MKZs coming off the line at the Hermosillo, Mexico, plant where the vehicle is made. Ford has gotten its plant in Flat Rock involved to attempt to expedite some inspections.

Lincoln expects dealers to have normal stocking levels by early April but has been steadfast about not short-cutting the inspection process—ensuring that the cars display top-notch quality once they do reach eager purchasers. "You need to get the first new chance at these buyers right," Kowaleski said.

But is there something to be said for the possibility that the cachet of the recast Lincoln brand, and of the MKZ itself, could be enhanced by its current scarcity? After all, many an auto executive has said that they'd



The 2013 Lincoln MKZ shows off styling that is the future design direction for the brand.

rather produce one unit too few of a new car than one unit too many. Many luxury brands ranging from Audi to Ferrari deliberately work a little paucity of supply into their calculations to generate yearnings for their vehicles that boost brand equity and dealer and corporate profits.

No—this isn't a deliberate scenario for Lincoln. The company would much rather have enough MKZs on hand already -- moving crisply off dealer lots every day, getting into the national car "park" and creating favorable impressions -- than making everyone wait.

There's simply too much goodwill to be earned and re-earned in the early days of the brand's overhaul for any kind of scarcity of MKZ to be of benefit. But there is much to be gained simply by ensuring that each car is flawless, especially given some of the launch recalls that Ford has sustained lately.

In short, maybe down the road, after the brand has been clearly re-established, there could be a new Lincoln model where output is deliberately curtailed, but Lincoln isn't there yet.



Inside, the MKZ stocks amenities but remains sleek-looking.

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