



### Spring melodies

The Novi Choralaires and Novi Concert Band plan upcoming performances. The Novi Choralaires will present the "Rhythm of Life" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at the Novi Middle School Auditorium (49000 W. 11 Mile).

The show will feature many classics about life and love, including "When I am 64" by the Beatles and "Circle of Life" by Elton John.

Tickets are \$12 for adults; \$10 for seniors and children ages 3-17. Tickets are available now via cityofnovi.org and at the Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Office (45175 W. 10 Mile).

The Novi Choralaires is made up of men and women from Novi and the surrounding communities, brought together by a shared love of music and fellowship. For more information, visit novichoralaires.org or "like" on Facebook.

Additional performances taking place in Novi this spring include the Novi Civic Theatre's production of Disney's "The Little Mermaid," May 3-12. Tickets are available online at cityofnovi.org and at the Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Office. To learn more about creative art opportunities in Novi, visit cityofnovi.org.

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## 8 Mile work on the way

### Repaving and nonmotorized upgrades slated for this summer

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

Portions of the major thoroughfare between Novi and Northville — Eight Mile Road — are getting a facelift this summer.

The city of Novi agreed to a cost-participation agreement with the Road Commission for Oakland County for the rehabilitation of the east-west road. The

project will include a number of non-motorized improvements. "Rehabilitating Eight Mile Road is an important project for the city of Novi," Novi Director of Public Services Rob Hayes said, "because Eight Mile is an arterial road that carries nearly 9,000 vehicles per day and provides our residents with a key transportation link to the city's ITC Community Sports Park as well as to Maybury State Park in

Northville Township." The Novi City Council approved the agreement with the RCOO for the rehabilitation from Beck Road to Napier Road in the estimated amount of \$174,476. According to Hayes, the city's share is \$523,428, but only \$174,476 is an "out-of-pocket" expense to be funded by the city's Municipal Street Fund. He said the other \$348,952 will be equally funded by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners and the Road Commission for Oakland County under the county's very successful Tri-Party road funding program.

The project includes the repair, mill and overlay of the existing road, along with a right-turn lane for southbound Beck Road at Eight Mile and a passing lane for eastbound Eight Mile at Garfield Road. The non-motorized improvements include:

- a striped bike lane on both sides of Eight Mile between Beck and Napier
- a mid-block crossing of Eight Mile near ITC Community Sports Park to facilitate a future regional trail
- a mid-block crossing of Eight Mile near Garfield to provide a future non-motorized connection to the Maybury State Park entrance.

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Many Novi postal carriers will be involved in collecting food donations during this Saturday's Stamp Out Hunger drive, including (l to r) Luanne Jones, Sherri McIntosh, Caryl McCarthy and Twana White.

## Stamp Out Hunger drive

### Leave nonperishable food at your mailbox Saturday to feed the needy

By Cal Stone  
Staff Writer

Usually when you go to your mailbox, you're looking to see if the letter carrier has left you anything. This Saturday is the opposite — the carriers will be looking to see what you've left. Hopefully, it'll be food to help feed locals in need.

"Once a year, we ask that people leave food at mailboxes by 9 a.m.," said Sherrie McIntosh, Novi's coordinator for Stamp Out Hunger, the nation's largest one-day food drive organized by the National Association of Letter Carriers and the U.S. Postal Service.

It's held annually the second Saturday of May. It began 21 years ago at a single branch and became so successful that it went nationwide a couple of years later.

"There will be no address

missed," said McIntosh, now in her fourth year running the local event. "All the food stays in Novi and goes to local food banks — St. James Church and Faith Community Church."

She said that the need locally is as great as ever as both food banks are running low.

"And this really benefits the school kids who get breakfast and lunch at school when school gets out so they get nutrition throughout the summer," she said.

Items needed include any non-perishable food (soup, cereal, peanut butter, boxed potatoes, etc.) You can leave items in your mailbox or on the ground in a box or bag.

Last year, Novi's letter carriers experimented and gave out plastic bags. It paid off big-time.

"We weigh everything that comes in," McIntosh said.

"I was so happy and proud of Novi last year. We asked everyone to step up, and we almost doubled — a little over 15,000 pounds of food."

"This year, Gleaners donated 22,000 bags so every Novi residence will get one."

"We've found when people get a bag, it's a lot easier for them," McIntosh said.

She and her colleagues will collect the food and bring it back to the post office for distribution.

"We have an assembly line going where we weigh and separate," McIntosh said. "One church has a U-haul, the other has volunteers. We'll wrap it all up by the end of the day. We go until the last carrier pulls in. If it's 6 o'clock at night, then it's 6 o'clock. We all stay until the last carrier pulls in."

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## Automobile accident knocks out power

### Driver injured in May 4 accident on Grand River

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

An automobile accident last Saturday in Novi caused some residents to lose power for part of the day and the driver to be transported to the hospital.

**The cause of the accident is still under investigation and alcohol is not considered to be a factor. The driver was the only occupant.**

According to Assistant Novi Police Chief Jerrod Hart, just before 10:30 a.m. May 4, a 61-year-old Novi resident was driving eastbound on Grand River Avenue near Marty Feldman Chevrolet when he left the roadway.

The man struck a utility pole with his 2011 Honda, knocking out power to several area residences and businesses for approximately six hours as DTE Energy made repairs, Hart said.

"The driver was transported to an area hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries," Hart said.

The cause of the accident is still under investigation and alcohol is not considered to be a factor. The driver was the only occupant and no other vehicles were involved.

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## Novi Middle School students send salmon upstream

Margaret Sheeran and her students at Novi Middle School raised 73 salmon smolts, ranging from a few 2 inch runts up to good-looking 4-inches, according to Matt Lubaway, Salmon in the Classroom chairman.

In the May edition of the Metro-West Steelheaders newsletter, Lubaway wrote the following about an April 27 event.

"Saturday morning Jim Robertson, Mark Davis, and I headed over to Novi Middle School to pick up our latest school of Salmon. The custodian, Clarence Stevenson, again met us and let us in. We drained the 75 gallon tank siphoning water into a 100 qt. marine cooler, while simultaneously capturing fish in the nets and transferred them over. I think we were all thrilled to see

how the fish had grown and how many we still had. Just before we left Clarence said, "It has been interesting, I find it amusing, really amusing. I come into the classroom and every day they are a little bigger. I find myself staring at them and I am so amused!"

We set out for Yates Dam in Rochester Hills and I arrived early as Jim and Mark drove the pickup with our cargo. While waiting I saw families around the Yates Cider Mill and invited them to join us as we released the fish. Henry Nabors arrived and we agreed on a location on the river with slack water current which appeared ideal for the release. The families followed us over and anxiously waited for the fish to arrive;



Novi Middle School students release salmon smolts into the Clinton River at Yates Dam in Rochester Hills on April 27.

finally the kids looked excited as the truck pulled up.

As they gather around to start the release, one mother exclaimed to her three boys, "I just can't believe how lucky we are to experience this." First we check the water temp and luckily both our water and the Clinton River were nearly the exact same temperature at 10° C (OK you figure that out). As we pulled out the nets to agitate the smolts for release in to the Clinton River, one boy anxiously grabbed them both by accident. Soon afterwards we began 1 fish, 2 fish or 5 fish at a time.

As we released the fish about 15 or 20 began to school together behind the back of a sandbar in the river. Too bad we missed that photo. But we watched the salmon in the river for some time, like excited parents watching our offspring head out to grow up."

## There's a place for everyone to help our district succeed

By Steve Matthews  
Guest Columnist

Teams that are successful have people in the right place. I learned this powerful lesson when I was nine years old.



Super Talk

Steve Matthews

start out that way, but in the end we won our league championship. In the first half of the

year we were pretty bad. We were so bad that we finished in last place in our division. The second half of the season we turned it around and won our division. That qualified us to play the Cubs in our version of the World Series.

What was the difference between the first half of the season and the second half of the season? One key point was that the coach, my father, decided to help each of us find the place where we played the best instead of letting us play where we wanted to play. This was a very painful lesson for me.

My goal was to be a pitcher. How hard could it be? I wondered? I had what I thought was the perfect skill - I threw hard. I practiced in my backyard, throwing the ball into a target painted on our cement block wall. So the coach, my father, let me start one game.

I lasted one inning. I walked six batters, hit two others, and struck out the side. As I was standing on the mound I remember hearing adults suggest that perhaps another person should be put in to pitch. And they weren't saying it in a very nice way.

I remember my father trying to be encouraging. He let me get through the inning. I cried as I came to the dugout. He stopped me, looked me in the eye, and said, "I don't think you are a pitcher. But I bet you can find a place for you."

In the final, deciding game of the World Series

later that summer, a high, foul pop fly drifted toward the third base dugout. I slowly circled under the pop fly and made the catch right up against the dugout fence. It was one of the best catches that I ever made.

I jumped for joy, hugged anyone who was near me, and thought of what my Dad had told me. Everyone has a place.

My dad was right - everyone does have a place. More importantly, teams function best when people are in places where they can help the team succeed.

Parents and school employees help our students succeed when we find the places where we can help our students the most.

Some of us teach. Some of us drive busses. Some of us fix computers. Others help students with homework. Others make sure our students get the rest they need and eat healthy food.

All of us try and encourage and support our students. All of us pay attention to each and every student trying to identify what we can say to help.

Here in our district we have people who have found a place where they can contribute and where they help our district succeed. Even though I have only been in our district for a short time, I have met some wonderful people and seen these people in action.

My dad was right. I was not meant to be a pitcher. But he also knew that I could help our team succeed. His commitment to making sure that everyone on our team knew that they had a contribution to make was one of the keys to our success.

I feel the same way about the commitment of the people in our district who help to make us a great team. Everyone in our district has a place. And everyone helps us succeed.

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### NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

#### Bottle, can drive

Spring cleaning time at your house? Bag up those empties for the annual Spring Can and Bottle Drive from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 11.

Novi High School Band and Colorguard students will be going door to door collecting clean, returnable cans and bottles to support the Band Program. Returnables also will be accepted at Novi High School (10 Mile Parking lot) if you'd like to drop them off.

#### A Parent's Guide to Education in Michigan

What is the state's responsibility toward educating its population? Find out at a special seminar, A Parent's Guide to Education in Michigan, from 6:15-9 p.m. Monday, May 13 in the Novi Middle School auditorium.

Topics include student performance and effective schools, teacher recruitment, professional development and evaluation, and public finance of education.

JoAnne Puritan of Channel 7 TV will moderate; a panel discussion will be followed by a Q&A session. Doors open at 5 p.m.; seating is first come, first served.

#### Novi High one of nation's best

Novi High School is ranked the 319th (up from 472nd last year) best high school in the nation, according to the Newsweek/Daily Beast Best High Schools. The home of the Wildcats was also named the sixth highest ranked high school in Michigan (up from 11th last year).

Based on how data is collected - compared to last year's performance - Novi's scores show a 2-percent increase in graduation rate, an increase in Advance Placement and International Baccalaureate tests taken, a 4-percent increase in college-bound seniors, an 11-point increase in SAT scores, and a 2-percent increase (from 3.6 to 3.8) average score on AP tests.

The ranking highlights the best 2,000 public high schools in the nation - those that have proven to be the most effective in turning out college-ready grads. The list is based on six components: graduation rate (25 percent), college acceptance rate (25 percent), AP/IB/AICE tests taken per student (25 percent), average SAT/ACT scores (10 percent), average AP/IB/AICE scores (10 percent), and percent of students enrolled in at least one AP/IB/AICE

#### course (5 percent).

Visit <http://www.thedailybeast.com/newsweek/features/2013/americas-best-high-schools.html> for the full list and related content.

#### Oakland Schools Technical Campus students get DENSO scholarships

This year, the Oakland Schools Education Foundation received 79 applications and awarded on Monday 17 scholarships to deserving high school seniors attending the four Oakland Schools Technical Campuses.

The scholarship program began in 1991 with a \$300,000 endowment by DENSO and has evolved into the current program, a partnership with the Oakland Schools Education Foundation, where the top students (announced at the event) receive a \$2,500 scholarship and the remaining students receive \$1,000-\$2,000 each. Scholarships are awarded based on the applicant's personal goals, academic achievement in technical fields, internships, work experience, and financial need. The scholarships may be applied to any accredited post-secondary institution for tuition, books, and other course-related materials and fees.

The Oakland Schools Technical Campus Southwest (Wixom) students, cluster and post-secondary institution they plan to attend are:

- Melissa Baxter, biotechnology and environmental science, Michigan State University
  - Devon Gosley, health sciences, Oakland University
  - Jerrrell Allen, engineering/emerging technologies, Western Michigan University
  - Annamarie Salazar, business management and technology, Oakland Community College
  - Zachary Taylor, business management and technology, Michigan State University
  - Michael Maxwell, culinary arts/hospitality, Culinary Institute of America
  - Amanda Magretta, business management and technology, OCC/Oakland University, Michigan State, Wayne State or Grand Valley State University
- DENSO International America, Inc., North American headquarters for Japan-based DENSO Corporation, is a global automotive supplier who employs more than 14,000 people at 32 locations in North America. DENSO Corporation supplies advanced automotive technology, systems and components to the world's car-makers. Worldwide, the company employs 120,000 people.

### SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE UPDATES

#### Partnering with USTA to Expand Summer Tennis Leagues

Schoolcraft College's Continuing Education and Professional Development department will be expanding its partnership with the United States Tennis Association (USTA) this summer to host seven additional tennis teams. The USTA League is the country's largest recreational tennis league, helping more than 800,000 participants nationwide get onto the court, have a great time and step up their game.

The league is organized as competitive team match play. Teams are comprised of a minimum of five to eight players depending on division. Teams and matches are set up according to NTRP ratings so teammates and opponents will be at similar skill levels.

Schoolcraft's CEPD programs include a variety of tennis classes and tennis camps for youth of all ages and sponsorship of junior tennis tournaments each summer. Call (734) 462-4408 or visit [www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd) for more information.

#### New class in bioethics

The Philosophy Department will offer PHIL 257 Bioethics, a three-credit class, this spring for the first time. The seven-week class will meet from 1-10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays beginning Monday, May 13. This course introduces students to a variety of ethical issues having to do with biology, health,

and medicine. Students will be introduced to ethical theories and will critically examine various central issues in bioethics. Topics may include: end of life treatment, abortion, allocation of scarce materials, organ donation, the vaccine debate, animal rights, informed consent, justice and healthcare, genetic engineering and the meaning of life/death and technology.

#### Disney Institute Seminar in Healthcare in September

Schoolcraft College's Continuing Education and Professional Development on Monday, Sept. 16 welcomes the Disney Institute and its one-day seminar on Building a Culture of Healthcare Excellence. Engaging Disney Institute professional facilitators will share Disney strategies and philosophies used by its businesses all around the world, and how those key insights have been applied to numerous organizations in the healthcare industry.

This seminar will teach how to create a sustainable culture of service that can lead to a competitive edge for healthcare organizations. While it isn't the first time this seminar has been offered in Metro Detroit, it will mark the very first time it's being offered to a public audience. Registration is currently underway. Space is limited. For more information call (734) 462-4448 or e-mail CEPD@schoolcraft.edu.

## Top WSU honor motivates parapro to keep striving

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Karen McDonald, a paraprofessional at Meads Mill Middle School, has been with the Northville school district 12 years. The Wixom resident recently garnered national kudos with an award through Phi Alpha Theta, the national honor society for history scholars.

"To get this award was really nice," said McDonald, a 1975 Northville High School graduate. She earned a bachelor's degree in telecommunications in her younger days and now is studying at Wayne State University for a second bachelor's and teaching accreditation.

"It was a really nice ceremony," she said of the recognition. "It's an award for academic excellence in the history department."

She works at Meads Mill with kids who struggle academically. "I do love it, it's a great school district," McDonald said of Northville, where she'd like to teach. "It is such a growing area," she added of Northville.

The award helped to motivate her when driving to the WSU campus after work didn't appeal, especially this long past winter. She was encouraged by her students.

"Kids always ask me how I'm doing in school," said McDonald, mom to three grown children, the youngest 29. "They were supportive and congratulated me."



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Meads Mill paraprofessional Karen McDonald was recently recognized with an award by Phi Alpha Theta—a national honor society for history scholars.

Colleagues including Principal Sue Meyer were also quick to congratulate her. Meyer earned her doctorate when McDonald had started at Meads Mill, and that helped inspire the paraprofessional to return to school.

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"If you have more goals, just keep working at them," McDonald said. "That's what inspired

because my commitment has been there," she said of the award.

Friend Kim Peragine of Northville was a classmate since elementary school. "I think it's phenomenal that somebody of her caliber gets a national award," Peragine said of the lifetime membership in Phi Alpha Theta. "She is so intelligent. This is a woman who's super. The only challenge is financial issues."

Peragine praised McDonald's impact on students. "She's so inspiring with the kids. She's great with these kids."

That's what inspired her work as an educator. McDonald anticipates a 2014 Wayne State graduation: "I felt good about it

### WALLED LAKE SCHOOL BRIEFS

#### WLCS Food Service Department commended

The Walled Lake Consolidated School District received commendations from the Michigan Department of Education for the

District's administration of the National School Lunch Program and its compliance with the new meal pattern.

A Validation Review of the performance-based reimbursement certification was conducted at Walled Lake Consolidated Schools on

April 17-18 by a member of the Michigan Department of Education.

The MDE recognized Janet Allen, Food Service director, and her staff for their courtesy and cooperation during the review.

"Mrs. Allen is responsi-

ble for both the Walled Lake Schools and the West Bloomfield Schools Food Service Departments as a result of a collaborative agreement that began this year. She is efficient, adheres to all state and federal Food Service mandates, and offers

quality, nutritional school lunches for more than 21,000 students in both districts. Indeed this is impressive and we salute her for her excellent work," said Kenneth Gutman, superintendent.

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# Communities pitch in to make pathway a reality

Eight Mile repaving includes path to Maybury

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

Walkers, joggers and bicyclists, rejoice — the non-motorized connection to Maybury Park is coming.

In conjunction with the Oakland County road project to repave Eight Mile from Taft to Napier roads this summer, three local municipalities (Novi, Northville Township and Northville) as well as two counties (Oakland and Wayne) have been working toward getting this pathway added in.

The pathway will start just west of the North Beacon Woods neighborhood and go to the Beck Road intersection where there will be a pedestrian crossing.

**Township's contribution**  
Northville Township is giving \$125,000 toward the Eight Mile Road repaving project that includes a pathway making the non-motorized connection to Maybury State Park more of a reality.

Township trustees unanimously approved allocating the funds as part of an agreement with the Road Commission for Oakland County and the City of Northville. Most of the money — \$100,000 of it — will come from what was set aside for pathways in 2013 and the difference will be made up by Metro Act funds, which come from a state-led program that helps maintain public right-of-ways.

"A lot of residents have indicated they like walking and connectivity and pathways. It's a shame really that Maybury Park hasn't had good access, pedestrian access, bike access to it," township Trustee Mindy Herrmann said.

She doesn't expect it to happen this summer, but Herrmann said

## COSTS

According to the cost-participation agreement, Eight Mile will be resurfaced and a non-motorized pathway will be constructed. The total project cost is \$1,655,000, which is just for the area within Northville Township under the jurisdiction of Oakland County. The local match needed is \$597,000. A little more than \$208,000 of that will come from Tri-Party funding along with the city of Northville, which is contributing \$85,477, and the township's \$125,000 for the construction of a non-motorized pathway.

The road commission will contribute \$178,500 toward the local match as well as any costs that go above the aforementioned contributions.

For the road project, the Oakland road commission has budgeted \$4.6 million for the Taft to Napier repaving. More than \$520,000 for the repaving project is through Tri-Party funding.

The hope and eventual goal is to get an agreement from park officials to have a cut-through into the park on the west side of Beck.

According to Northville Township officials, the county road commission, as part of the project, has offered to include filling a gap in the sidewalk/pathway system from the west side of Wood-bend Drive to Beck. This will be similar to the pathway along the west side of Haggerty Road that was completed by Wayne County last year. The cost of this connectivity improvement would have to be borne by the township.

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In addition, there will be pedestrian ramps and signals at all four corners of the intersection of Beck and Eight Mile.

According to Novi's DPS, the total cost of the project is estimated to be \$3,015,000, of which \$1,732,500 is funded with federal grant funds.

## Time line

The section of Eight Mile between Taft and Garfield is expected to be completed in 2013 and the section between Garfield and Napier in 2014.

According to Novi Engineering Manager Brian Coburn and Aaron Staup, construction engineering coordinator, if construction begins by August, it is hoped the project will be completed by the end of September 2013. They said the sched-

ule is dependent on the acquisition of easements, including an easement at the northwest corner of Beck and Eight Mile for the Beck right-turn lane.

Two-way traffic will be maintained throughout the construction period with no proposed detours.

This project is in conjunction with Eight Mile rehabilitation work between Beck and Taft roads, which is in the jurisdiction of the city of Northville and Northville Township. However, the two projects have different funding sources. The Michigan Department of Transportation is responsible for administering the project since federal funds are being used.

## More on Eight Mile

The other portion of Eight Mile being worked on this year is between Center Street and Meadowbrook Road. According to Novi's DPS, Wayne County is proposing to

mostly repair joints along 1.6 miles of the concrete section of Eight Mile to remove the spoiling joints that have large, hazardous potholes.

The existing asphalt intersection of Center Street and Eight Mile in the city of Northville will be fully reconstructed to include some minor turn-lane widening. This intersection will be replaced in two stages with new asphalt pavement. The first stage will constitute a closure of Center Street, south of Eight Mile.

Traffic is expected to detour east to Griswold, then to Main Street and back to Center Street. Construction of this project will start around the beginning of July, with anticipated completion anticipated by September.

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## UPDATES FROM YOUR CITY

### Novi library awarded for quality services

The Library of Michigan has awarded the Novi Public Library a certificate of completion for meeting the Essential Level requirements of the Quality Services Audit Checklist (QSAC). To earn certification, the Novi Public Library demonstrated its competence in seven categories of achievement including Human Resources; Governance/Administration; Services; Collection Development; Technology; Facilities and Equipment; and Public Relations/Marketing.

With more than 400 volunteers, and 70 staff members, Novi Public Library is dedicated to the individual and each visiting individual, along with providing the best environment for their staff.

"We are proud that the Novi Public Library has done such good work in providing services deemed 'essential' by the Library of Michigan," said Mark Sturting, Library Board president.

"By focusing efforts on these key areas, our library has shown a strong commitment to customer service."

QSAC has defined "essential services" — the basics of all library service — as relatively low-cost standards that every library can and

should achieve. They are helpful guidelines for libraries just starting out, while providing important review for more established institutions.

QSAC was made possible by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through LSTA funding. The Institute of Museum and Library Services, an independent Federal grant-making agency dedicated to creating and sustaining a nation of learners by helping libraries and museums serve their communities, supports the Novi Public Library.

"Two years in the making, QSAC represents the work of more than 100 library directors, trustees and staff members who together created measures of quality for our state's public libraries," said State Librarian Nancy Robertson. "The staff of the Novi Public Library is to be commended for achieving a vital milestone in library service."

### Bike Rodeo focuses on fun, fitness and safety

May is National Bike Month, and in celebration, the City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, American Cycle and Fitness, and the Motor City Mountain Biking Association have partnered to offer a free Bike Rodeo from 6-8 p.m. May 24 in the north parking lot of Novi High School.

This program is geared towards kids 5 to 12 years of age and will include an appearance from members of the Novi Police Department and stations including Bike Inspections, Start and Stop, and Rock Dodge. Each participant will leave with a special prize from the event. Pre-registration is not required; bring a bike and helmet.

In the case of inclement

weather, the Bike Rodeo will take place inside the Novi Civic Center.

### Fitness and fun for ones

The City of Novi Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services and One Training Fitness will continue their successful partnership offering children fitness classes. News spring sessions of Parent & Baby Yoga, Babies on the Move, and Wee Fit begin May 14 and registration is going on now via cityofnovi.org.

Parent and Baby Yoga, designed for newborns to crawling age, works with gentle Yoga & Pilates postures and exercises to provide an awareness of their bodies and each other. Emphasis is on relaxation and bonding, facilitating a calm environment for parent and baby. This class takes place on Tuesdays from 10-10:30 a.m. and is \$48 for the six-week session.

Babies on the Move is a playful and fun class for both child and parent. Babies from crawling to 2 years old love to be active and movement is encouraged with exercises promoting rolling, crawling, scooting, bouncing and more. This class is often a child's first opportunity to learn from an adult other than a parent. This class takes place on Wednesdays from 10-10:30 a.m. and is \$48 for the six-week session.

Wee Fit allows young kids to move and play in a safe environment. Children, two to five years old, will enjoy popular, interactive games, obstacle courses, songs, circle time and more. This class has sessions on Wednesdays from 10:45-11:30 a.m. and is \$60 for the and helmet.

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## Under the sea



Novi's Lindsay Webster (Ariel) and Sophie Palakis (Flounder) are featured in the Novi Civic Theatre's latest production, Disney's "The Little Mermaid Jr." The show opens Friday, May 3 and tickets may be purchased online at cityofnovi.org or at the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Office, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. Performances are 7 p.m. Saturday, May 11; and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 12. Ticket are \$12 per adult and \$6 per child (age 3-17) and senior (age 60+). All seats reserved. For more information and to learn more about the Novi Civic Theatre, visit cityofnovi.org or call (248) 347-0400.

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**six-week session**  
Classes will take place at One Training Fitness located at 4000 Grand River Avenue. A FREE demo day for all three classes will take place on Wednesday, May 8 with Parent-Baby Yoga at 9:30 a.m., Babies on the Move at 10:15, and Wee Fit at 11 a.m. The summer session will begin in July. For questions, please call the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at (248) 347-0400.

**Tech classes for 50 and up**  
Tech Talk classes, offered by the City of Novi Old-

er 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 or 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.

**Library offers free tech classes**  
If you are having trou-

ble figuring out Microsoft word, want to learn more about your e-mail, or interested in Skype, the Novi Public Library has free training to help you.

Classes are offered throughout certain months and are held at different time slots. All classes will take place in the computer lab on the second floor at the library (45255 W. Ten Mile Road). Each class lasts anywhere from a half hour to an hour. Pre-registration is required.

PowerPoint Basics, Intermediate Word, Skype Essentials, and Excel Basics are a few of the computer classes; check out the library's website for more information on these courses and to sign up.

Registration is available online at novilibrary.org. For more information on these programs, call (248) 349-0720.

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**CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 29, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **DERRIN SITE PLAN NUMBER 12-33, LOCATED AT 48301 ELEVEN MILE ROAD ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF ELEVEN MILE ROAD, WEST OF BECK ROAD, FOR OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION, DEVELOPMENT, PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WETLAND PERMIT, WOODLAND PERMIT AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL.** The applicant is proposing 50 single-family detached homes with associated infrastructure. Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.

**ELEVEN MILE ROAD**

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SECTION 20  
BECK ROAD  
TEN MILE ROAD

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, May 29, 2013.

Novi Planning Commission  
David Greco, Secretary

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# Prom memories abound



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Jade Antolec, left, and Alyssa Yarrish greet each other with a hug as the prom begins around 7 p.m.

The lobby of the Diamond Center teems with Novi High students as their 2013 prom begins on May 4.



A couple of Novi High students goof off at the start of the prom and pose for a photo.



Holly Holshouser and Alex Sekvloski walk into Novi's 2013 prom on May 4.



Matt Nutile gets some help pinning his boutonniere to his lapel from a nice young lady at Novi's 2013 prom.

# SEMCOG reports on the public's view of infrastructure

SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, has released the results of an extensive regional survey conducted to understand what the public thinks about southeast Michigan's infrastructure network - roads, bridges, transit systems, rail, airports, water systems, sewer systems, ports, and recreational trails and pathways.

Overall, the vast majority of residents feel that the region's infrastructure condition is deteriorating, while perceptions of water and sewer systems are strong, with the majority of residents rating their condition as good/excellent. One exception is the City of Detroit, where fewer than half of residents rate these systems as good/excellent.

Water and sewer conditions also are expected to stay the same or get better, according to the survey.

The survey also shows that the outlook for the transportation system is much more pessimistic. Roads are only rated good/excellent by 25 percent of residents, and most people predict road conditions will stay the same or get even worse in the future.

By a ratio of 2:1, residents rate the current transit system as fair/poor vs. excellent/good, and nearly half expect the transit system condition to stay the same.

While most residents believe they understand how infrastructure is funded, about 25 percent of residents answered "not sure" or "don't know" for all specific funding questions.

Furthermore, one third to one half of respondents gave incorrect answers to specific funding questions. Of particular note, 51 percent mistakenly believe that most road funding comes from local property taxes.

Few believe the current level of funding is adequate (29 percent).

Nearly half believe the current ways of funding infrastructure won't work in the future (49 percent).

70 percent indicate more funding is needed. But, 73 percent also say the amount of funding is not the problem; it's how efficiently we're using it.

Slightly more people (51 percent) would rather pay for roads based on the

number of miles they drive rather than the current method based on the amount of fuel they use.

The survey reveals that the public is willing to take some personal actions to reduce costs rather than pay more for services. The most popular options are: Occasionally working from home (81 percent).

Refraining from using the dishwasher and washing machine during peak hours (81 percent).

Using a less congested route (80 percent).

Reducing the amount of water used each day (78 percent).

Traveling earlier/later to avoid the rush hour (76 percent).

The survey also reveals the public's willingness to engage in action when presented with either/or choices:

Most would rather live with current levels of traffic congestion (63 percent) than pay more to reduce traffic congestion (37 percent).

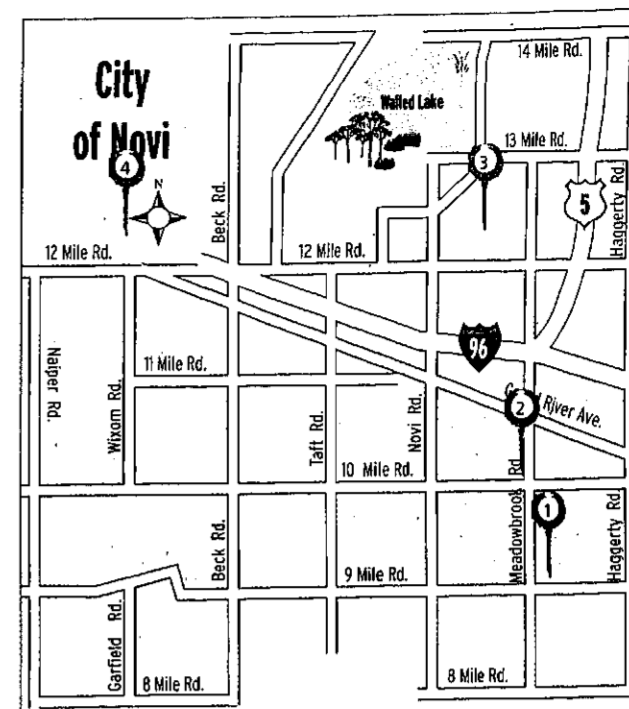
Most would rather carpool to work (55 percent) than pay more to fund road improvements that reduce traffic congestion (45 percent).

The vast majority of residents (80 percent) also believe "we must reinvest in the region's infrastructure so we can prosper economically." Residents agreed that to prosper economically requires reinvestment in infrastructure and they understand that this will save money in the long run.

Residents also have strong opinions about the road system, with most strongly agreeing that "better roads will extend the life of a vehicle" and that "the condition of our road system directly impacts each one of us."

SEMCOG will use the results of the survey to complement a myriad of planning activities, most notably development of the 2040 regional transportation plan and to inform its policies and actions.

SEMCOG is the only organization in southeast Michigan that brings together all governments to solve regional challenges and enhance the quality of life for the seven-county region's 4.7 million people.



## NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

### Larceny at Lifetime Fitness

1 A man had some cash and a cell phone stolen while working out at Lifetime Fitness.

The man reported to Novi Police that \$28, a credit card and Droid phone were taken from his locker, which had been damaged. Another similar incident was reported to police that had a locker picked open and personal items snatched.

### Breaking and entering on Willowbrook

2 A Novi home was broken into recently and a number of items were stolen by an unknown suspect.

On May 2, a homeowner on Willowbrook noticed something amiss after coming home and finding a door into the residence kicked in. The items taken include a Nintendo Wii, games, Dell laptop and jewelry. The case remains open and is under investigation.

### Cocaine possession

3 A suspicious vehicle at South University on 12 Mile Road led to an arrest for possession of cocaine.

On May 2, Novi Police were called to the location at 41555 12 Mile. A man was found asleep inside the car. Police reported seeing a prescription pill bottle on the passenger seat, and asked him if they could see it. It was reported that a variety of pills as well as white substance was found inside the bottle. The substance reportedly tested positive as cocaine.

### Cash stolen at CC

4 \$150 in cash was stolen from a Catholic Central student's wallet while it was being stored inside the school's band room.

On May 2, Novi Police responded to the report of a larceny at the school on Wixom Road. The student left the wallet inside a bag that was stored in the room while participating in Track and Field practice. It was reported there have been other similar incidents at the school.

There is video surveillance that is being looked at and the case remains open.

Compiled by staff writer Lonnie Huhman

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# March of Dimes walk boosts healthy baby cause



Walkers for the March of Dimes on Hines Drive in Livonia.

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Nancy Henzi of Livonia was walking with the "Madison Hope Henzi" team for the March of Dimes April 27. She and husband Matt lost their daughter on Christmas Eve 2007, and have walked each year since then, also in honor of son Knox, 2 1/2.

"Great," she said of their son's health prior to the six-mile March for Babies' start. "Dancing and looking at police cars." Knox made it through most of the six miles before needing a ride.

"We're so grateful for the March of Dimes," his mom said. "The organization means the world to us. They were there just to be supportive. There's so much research they do to give each baby a healthy start."

**40-year milestone**  
Rolland Walt of Farmington Hills is a proud 88-year-old who's a regular.

"This'll be my 40th year, consecutively," said Walt, who received special recognition that morning. "I'm walking for babies. I have healthy grandchildren and healthy children and I'm grateful for that."

Much of his family attended the Hines Park event, which began and ended at the Nankin Mills area in Westland and moved onto Livonia. Walt has three children and five grandkids. "All of my grandchildren are great," he said with a smile when asked about the coming generation.

"Years ago, we worried about polio," Walt recalled. When the vaccine was developed and polio disappeared in western countries, the March of Dimes moved onto premature births.

"I get together with my family for a worthy cause," Walt said. "The March of Dimes is one of the first to walk for a worthwhile charity."

His dad had a store and would collect dimes to fight polio through the March of Dimes. Walt's proud of there being fewer premature babies: "It's getting lower every year and that's what we're walking for. I'm just glad to be 88 years old and do the six-mile walk."

He walks regularly for fitness. "Forty years ago, it didn't mean anything," Walt said of fitness walking. "That's something new."

A tree was planted in Walt's honor in Hines Park, drawing a round of applause.

Walking the route was Cynthia DeVerney of Garden City, walking in honor of her late mom and Cynthia's sister who had a birth defect.

"She died when she was five days old," said DeVerney, whose mother died 20 years ago. She was accompanied by daughter Michelle DeVerney of Leonard, Mich., and grandchildren Jasmine, Caitlyn and Kale.

Cynthia DeVerney said. "That's basically what the March of Dimes has done. I'm just glad it's a beautiful day. This is awesome."

Skies were blue and temperatures rapidly climbed as walkers, many in distinctive T-shirts, made progress. Some T-shirts bore babies' images.

**Mom and daughter**  
Walkers included Gloria Penrod of Livonia and daughter Amanda Penrod, 27, also of Livonia.

"I've just been doing this about the last eight years," Gloria Penrod said. "I enjoy it. Just good exercise, too. Raising money for the babies."

She has friends who've experienced premature births. "It takes a lot of care and a lot of money, especially if you don't have insurance," said Penrod, who likes March of Dimes educational efforts.

Her daughter, an Allen Park Cabrini High graduate who also studied at Henry Ford Community College, agreed.

At the site, sponsored by Ford Motor Co. and the UAW, was state Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland. He and wife Liz have two children, Andrew, 11, and Austin, 7.

"Knowing that I have two healthy kids at home, I'm very blessed," Kosowski said. He agreed premature births and infant mortality are major policy issues.

"It's where we start off at," Kosowski said. "There can never be enough money for that."

The Northville Fire Department had volunteers at the end passing out popcorn. "We've done it for several years," said firefighter/EMT John Sassaman, a Northville Township resident. They have their own popcorn machine, and do the March of Dimes March for Babies as well as many city of Plymouth and Northville events.

Sassaman was joined by Matt Sambath, Corey Devers, Mike Wroblewski, Alex Loisele and Mike Asher, all firefighters.

"We've gone through a fair amount of popcorn," added Sassaman, agreeing the walkers had built up an appetite.

Barbara Bennage of St. Clair Shores is site coordinator/community director for the March of Dimes. The local goal was \$530,000, she said, with money still coming in.

"We do anticipate hitting our goal," said Bennage, adding you can donate online at [www.marchofdimes.org](http://www.marchofdimes.org) under "Donate."

"Awesome," she said in summing up the event. "The people that come out to walk in honor of their babies. We had a great turnout." There were about 2,000 Hines Park walkers and about 200 volunteers.

"We couldn't do it without the volunteers," Bennage said.

# Carnegie Hall pianists perform with Orchard Lake orchestra

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**AYERS, MARGARET GREGORY**  
Margaret "Maggie" Gregory Ayers, 93, died peacefully Thursday, March 28, 2013, at the Perryburg Care and Rehabilitation Center in Perryburg, Ohio, following several years of failing health. She was the widow of the late Arthur Monroe Ayers who died in 2006. Maggie and Art were long-time residents of Wellston, Ohio, then moved to Northville, Michigan in 1970.

**GORDINER, GARY W.**  
Age 69, passed away May 5, 2013. He was born on August 6, 1943, in Detroit, son of Julie & Sylvia Gordiner. He was a proud veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Prior to his retirement, he was a dedicated employee of Milford Fabricating, formerly located in Detroit. He was an avid NASCAR fan and was involved in go-cart racing, winning several awards. Gary was a kind and lovable man. He will always be remembered for his great sense of humor and his ability to make friends wherever he went. Even as his health began to fail, Gary continued to make friends in the nursing home. Gary was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. He is survived by his beloved wife of 31 years, Susan; his children: Scott Gordiner, Robert & Tracy Busky and Danielle Stamer; his father, Julie Gordiner; his grandsons: Kimberly, Dylan, Kennedy, Raelene, Ryan, Madelyn and Marisa; his brothers: Terry & Terri Gordiner; Larry Gordiner and his sisters: Sandra & David Davies, Cynthia & Shaun Malick and many nieces, nephews and loving friends. He was preceded in death by his mother and his four best friends. A private family service will be held at a later date, with burial to follow at a Ridgewood Cemetery in Wellston. The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to staff members at the grinding Masonic Home in Wellsville, the Perryburg Care and Rehabilitation Center, and Hospice of Northwest Ohio for the excellent care given to Maggie during the past six years.

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**MILBURN, CARL E.**  
79, May 1, 2013. Funeral Service May 6, 9:30 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral Mass was held on Sunday, May 5, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon.

**PERRY, VERA R.**  
Of Highland, died May 4, 2013. Services held Tuesday, May 7, at Lynch & Sons, 1100 W. Waukegan, Lynch Funeral Directors.

**SPARROW, TIMOTHY G.**  
Age 54, passed away May 1, 2013. He was born on July 24, 1958, in Dearborn, son of Gerald & Patricia Sparrow. Tim is survived by his beloved wife of 31 years, Susan; his children: Scott Gordiner, Robert & Tracy Busky and Danielle Stamer; his father, Julie Gordiner; his grandsons: Kimberly, Dylan, Kennedy, Raelene, Ryan, Madelyn and Marisa; his brothers: Terry & Terri Gordiner; Larry Gordiner and his sisters: Sandra & David Davies, Cynthia & Shaun Malick and many nieces, nephews and loving friends. Oly, his black lab and loyal friend also survives him. Tim was preceded in death by his brother, Brian. A visitation was held on Sunday, May 5, from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. with Scripture prayers at 7:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A funeral Mass was held on Monday, May 6, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon.

**BECKSTEIN, SALLY J.**  
Age 66, passed away May 4, 2013. She was born on September 2, 1946 in Milan, Michigan, daughter of the late Lyle & Donna Cubberty. She was passionately involved for more than 34 years with the Old Fellows and Rebekahs of MI (O.L.O.F.). She also was a dedicated nurse, who had an endless love for helping others. She will be missed and cherished. Sally is survived by her beloved husband, Edward; loving sons: Dean Beckstein and Gary (Gance), Lori (Lea) Beckstein; grandchildren: Ashley and Cody. She is also survived by her brothers: Norman (Sharon) Bryan, Lyle (Barb) Cubberty, Fred Cubberty and Dean (Ellen) Cubberty; her sisters: Barb (Bob) Hober, Susan West, and Jackie (Ken) Hamilton and many nieces, nephews and loving friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Edward. This big family is all courtesy of Lyle and Donna Cubberty, who she now joins in heaven. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, May 7, from 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. with an Old Fellows service at 7:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, May 8, at 11:00 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon, 200 E. Lake Street, South Lyon. Reverend Michael Horlocker will be officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to LOGO and Rodekath Camp or the First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon. Online guestbook at [www.phillipsfunerals.com](http://www.phillipsfunerals.com)

**HARRAH, CHRISTI R.**  
Age 40, passed away May 1, 2013. She was born on May 29, 1972, in Ann Arbor, to Harold and Sharon Harrah. She was a member of the South Lyon Special Stars and participated in Special Olympics. Christi was very likable and had many friends. She was known for her caring, selfless nature, always had a smile, she was very happy and would willingly cheer up a friend when needed. She was employed by Larry's Footlocker for many years and enjoyed working there. Christi is survived by her loving mother, Sharon; loving sons, cousins, her foster family, the Michals, Haragada Family, and many friends. She was preceded in death by her father Harold in 2007. Visitation was held on May 3, Friday, from 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. with a Scripture Service at 7:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral mass was celebrated on May 4, Saturday, at 10:00 a.m. with a final visitation from 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to South Lyon Special Stars, c/o Rene Butkavich, 814 Hidden Creek, South Lyon, MI 48178 or Leader Dogs for the Blind, 1039 S. Rochester Rd., Rochester Hills, MI 48307.

**STAMBOULIAN, CHARLES**  
Of Farmington Hills, MI was born July 5, 1921 in Detroit, MI and died April 30, 2013. Charlie worked in automotive engineering and design for 36 years, 27 of which were at General Motors in the Chevrolet/Corvette division. He graduated from Case Tech High School in 1939 and went on to earn a Bachelor's degree from Lawrence Tech in Mechanical Engineering. He then served in the U.S. Air Force in the 40th photo reconnaissance intelligence squadron/CIA division in WWII. There he exchanged hundreds of love letters with his future wife Anabell, including ones where he proposed and she accepted. They were married immediately upon his return in 1946. Charlie was also active in the American community, serving in many church groups in Farmington Hills, including the choir, Knights of Vartan, and Parish Council. Charlie is the beloved husband of the late Anabell. The loving father of Thomas Sr. (Linda) Stambouljian and Jimmy (Patricia) Stambouljian, proud grandfather of Thomas Jr., Charles, Kristen, Jessica, Michael and Ani. Dear brother of Nevart (the late George) Godolishian and the late Sevan (the late Steve) Godolishian. He will also be dearly missed by his many nieces, nephews and friends. A memorial service with Military Honors was held at St. John's Armenian Church, 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, on Saturday May 4. Memorial contributions may be directed to St. John's.

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OUR VIEWS

## Lace up Emergency Run proceeds will aid Boston victims

For the past three years, the city's police and fire departments have been teaming up with Novi's Providence Park Hospital, Sam's Club and Running Fit to present the Emergency Run — a 5K run and one-mile stroke walk.

Nearly 400 participated last year on the hospital's campus on the southwest corner of Grand River Avenue and Beek Road.

But expect that number to climb for this Saturday's run for two reasons: it has grown in popularity each year, and the Boston Marathon bombings.

Within an hour of the April 15 tragedy, Boston Mayor Tom Menino said support was coming in from business leaders and local philanthropists who were "heartbroken by the impact this hideous tragedy has had on individuals, their families, and friends. And they want to do everything they can to help these people physically and psychologically in the future."

He and Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick formed the One Fund Boston Inc. to aid the people most affected by the April 15 tragedy, with a cornerstone donation of \$1 million coming from Boston-based John Hancock.

"I am humbled by the outpouring of support by the business community and individuals who are united in their desire to help," said Patrick. "At moments like this, we are one state, one city, and one people."

That feeling of 'one' has extended well beyond Boston, and will be displayed Saturday as proceeds from this year's Emergency Run will benefit the One Fund Boston Inc.

For the past three years, the Emergency Run has been a compliment to healthy Novi initiatives and enhances the partnerships with those who provide emergency services to the Novi community, according to David E. Molloy, director of Public Safety and chief of Police.

But the run means a little more this time around.

"It is an honor to this year donate proceeds from the event to benefit the health and safety of another community and the victims impacted by the horrific events which occurred at the Boston Marathon," said Molloy. "I encourage all Novi community and business members to join the Emergency Run and share how this spirit lives, too, in our community and assist those impacted."

The event will include a HealthFest, open to all community members offering informational booths and displays; a Kid's Korner; the opportunity to interact with emergency first responders; and refreshments.

On-line registration is available at [noviemergencyrun.org](http://noviemergencyrun.org), and registration forms are also available at the Novi Police Department, Providence Park Hospital and Running Fit-Nowi.

The pre-registration fee is \$28 for the run and \$12 for the walk; free for children 8 and under. All pre-paid registrants will receive a dry-fit T-shirt.

Registration and the HealthFest begin at 8 a.m. with the run/walk beginning at 9 a.m.

Awards will be given to the top three finishers in each race category with all participating children receiving a medal.

But the big reward this year will be part of the healing process in Boston. As of Monday, the combined public and corporate donations to One Fund Boston were approaching \$29 million.

Participation in Saturday's Emergency Run is highly encouraged, but you can also make a direct contribution by mailing a check to One Fund Boston Inc., 800 Boylston Street #990009, Boston, MA 02199. Visit <https://secure.onefundboston.org/page/ldonate9.html> for more information.

COMMUNITY VOICE

### What would make your Mother's Day special?



"A day without children." Amanda Harley, with daughter Charlotte Novi



"Sitting down to enjoy a meal without having to get up to get something for someone else." Kate Molnar, with daughters Elayna (left) and Lydia Novi



"Having my husband back. He passed away, so it would be special to have him with me that day." Irma Glaser West Bloomfield



"Spending time with her." Erica Benham Novi

LETTERS

Survivors need you

Many people either know someone who has had cancer or perhaps have been personally diagnosed. The upcoming Novi/Northville community Relay for Life not only helps raise funds to fight cancer, but it also remembers those we've lost to the disease, and celebrates those who have fought and won or who are currently in a battle for their life.

We are looking anyone who has won the fight or who are still fighting to join us for a special survivor ceremony opening the Relay for Life event June 15-16 in downtown Northville's Ford Field. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact me. There will be a special lap around the track with other survivors, gift bags, food, fun, support and inspiration.

One in three people in the United States will be told the words, "You have cancer." Volunteers from the Novi and Northville communities are helping in the fight to make sure that stops happening. It is estimated that over 18,000 residents in Wayne and Oakland counties will be diagnosed. Out of that number, over 6,000 are estimated to not make it to their next birthday.

Help us celebrate. Help us remember. Help us fight back. For more questions, please call (248) 663-3436 or e-mail [rechel.leva@cancer.org](mailto:rechel.leva@cancer.org).

Rachel Leas  
American Cancer Society community representative

Fundraiser thanks

Novi Public Library would like to send a big thanks to the community, sponsors, donors, event committee and all who contributed and participated in the third annual Book It! Fundraiser on April 26. Raising \$11,600 to benefit the Fiction and Electronic Book Collections. This Diamonds and Denim-themed three-hour night filled the library with over 150 guests. An immense amount of time and dedication went into planning this event, and the library genuinely appreciates everyone involved, including the eight sponsors: Steve & Rocky's Restaurant, Chasing Fotos, Walmart, Twelve Oaks Mall, Novi Town Center, Global Office Solutions, Menchie's Frozen Yogurt and Providence Park Hospital.

When the doors opened at 7 p.m., guests were entertained with live music by the talented Sundowners Duo, enjoyed delicious cuisine from Steve & Rocky's Restaurant, and got the chance to participate in a live and silent auction led by Novi Mayor Bob Gatt.

This featured an assortment of outstanding prizes from over 70 local businesses and individuals including: 350 Car Wash, Aggie Dorothy, Bagger Dave's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Black Rock Bar & Grill, Border Cantina, Brian & Lori Burke, Busch's Market, Carraibba's Italian Grill, Cassell & Associates, Chamber Music Society of Detroit, China Café, Coca-Cola, Dairy Queen, Diamond Jim Brady's, Doc Fletcher, Elle Studio, Famous Dave's,

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The Novi Library thanks all those involved in this wonderful event and appreciates all the ongoing support the community gives.

Julie Farkas  
Novi Public Library director

GUEST COLUMN

## If someone's life depended on it, could you spot a stroke?

By Dr. Bruce Silverman  
Guest Columnist

Every 45 seconds, someone in America has a new or recurrent stroke. A stroke is an injury to part of the brain. It is often called a "brain attack."

May is National Stroke Awareness Month.

A stroke occurs when blood supply to a part of your brain is interrupted or severely reduced, depriving brain tissue of oxygen and nutrients. Within a few minutes, brain cells begin to die at a rapid rate. This is critical because your brain cannot grow new brain cells.

Stroke is a medical emergency and every second counts. Prompt treatment of a stroke could mean the difference between life and death—or between recovery and disability. Early treatment can minimize damage to your brain and potential disability.

Knowing the signs and symptoms of a stroke may make it possible for you or family member to get prompt treatment. Remember the signs and symptoms of stroke usually occur suddenly—and frequently there is more than one

symptom.

If you or someone you know experiences one or more of the signs of stroke, get help immediately. Stroke warning signs are:

1. Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body.
2. Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding.
3. Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.
4. Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination.
5. Sudden severe headache with no known cause.

It is important for you to know the warning signs of stroke. Learn as many stroke symptoms as possible so you can recognize stroke and respond as quickly as possible. If you notice these warning signs, you should:

1. Note the time the symptoms first occur.
  2. Call 9-1-1 immediately. Noting the time when symptoms first appear is important to your healthcare provider because it can affect patient treatment decisions. All treatments that may help reduce the effects of stroke have a common factor of time sensitivity.
- St. John Providence Health has pioneered a program called Code Stroke. Through Code Stroke the hospital communicates with a team of stroke experts, including a

radiologist, neurologist and neurovascular specialist within minutes of a patient arriving at one of our network hospitals. St. John Providence Health is a national leader in quickly and accurately administering to patients tPA—a drug that can literally stop a stroke. This is an important point because with stroke, every second is an opportunity to save brain tissue.

St. John Providence stroke centers are certified by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) as Primary Stroke Centers. This certification program was developed by JCAHO in collaboration with the American Stroke Association. Primary Stroke Center certification recognizes the fact that St. John Providence Health makes exceptional efforts to foster better patient outcomes for stroke care.

Dr. Bruce Silverman is a neurologist at St. John Providence Health System. He is the medical director of Neurosciences for Providence and Providence Park Hospitals and a member of the health system's Michigan Stroke Network. He focuses on Medical Neurology, Electrodiagnostics: EMG, EEG, Evoked potentials, Carotid Ultrasound, and Botex Therapy. His offices are in Novi, Farmington Hills and Southfield and can be reached at (866) 501-DOCS (3627).

# Blue vs. Green

## U-M, MSU ADs bring friendly rivalry to chamber event

By Kurt Kuban  
Staff Writer

Dave Brandon and Mark Hollis know a thing or two about the word rivalry. They've been locked in a pretty intense one with each other ever since Brandon took over as athletic director at the University of Michigan in 2010. Hollis, who has been athletic director at Michigan State University since 2008, knows how important it is that his Spartans do well against Brandon's Wolverines—and vice versa.

Despite that rivalry, Brandon and Hollis have developed a friendship, born of mutual respect and the common experience of running big-time athletic departments in the highly competitive Big Ten Conference. That friendship was on full display April 26 at the Laurel Manor in Livonia when the two headlined a luncheon put together by the chambers of commerce from Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and Westland.

With more than 400 people in attendance, the two athletic directors traded barbs, discussed their philosophies about running big-time athletic departments and developing student athletes, and also the pressures they feel from alumni to produce winning teams.

After both men made brief remarks, there was an entertaining question and answer period, as they fielded

questions from those in attendance.

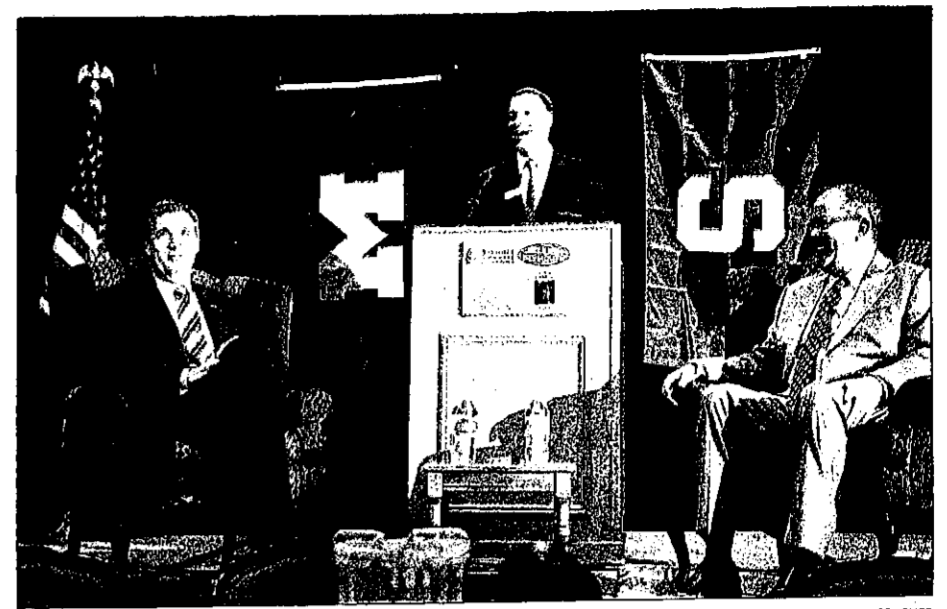
In one of the more humorous moments, Brandon shot down a rumor that he was considering a run for Carl Levin's U.S. Senate seat. He said he was more worried about beating Michigan State.

"You'd have a better chance of running for U.S. Senate," Hollis shot back in jest.

Brandon, who is Michigan's 11th athletic director, talked about all the recent success of the various programs, most notably the basketball team's recent Final Four run that ended in a loss in the NCAA championship game. But he also mentioned the women's volleyball final four run, and national championships by the men's swimming/diving, men's gymnastics and cheerleading teams. At the same time, he stressed the academic achievements of the school's student athletes.

"It's been our best academic year," he said.

All of the recent success has led to double-digit increases in ticket sales, which he said are very important to the department's \$130 million annual budget. The football program produces 75 percent of the revenue, with men's basketball producing a small profit, and the men's hockey team breaking even. The rest of the 28 sports programs lose money, he said.



Livonia Chamber President Dan West fires questions for athletic directors Dave Brandon and Mark Hollis.

Hollis, who is the 18th athletic director in MSU history, said his budget is only \$60 million. He talked about the difficulties of operating winning programs, while at the same time trying to keep the focus on turning out future community leaders.

"We are creating opportunities for hundreds of student athletes, and teaching them how to be leaders. That is very important to us," Hollis said.

While they agreed on much, Hollis and Brandon seemed to have opposite views when asked their opinions on the new playoff format for Division I football. Hollis said he was in favor of a playoff system, saying the four-team format was "a move in the right direction." Brandon said he was supporting the new format, but wasn't necessarily in favor of it.

He called himself a "reluctant participant."

"I don't know where this process ends," he said. "I worry about these young guys having to play 15 games. I know the last couple years at the end of our bowl games, the plane ride home looked like a Medicaid."

Despite their rivalry, both men said they had mutual respect for one another and understand the pressures they both endure.

"We both want to beat the crap out of each other on certain days, but we are also both in a stewardship role trying to make our schools better, our conference better and our state better," Hollis said.

There were many U-M and MSU alumni in attendance, and they were encouraged by Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey and Wes Graff, president of

the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, to voice their loyalties by shouting "Go Blue" or "Go Green."

Traci Sinoock of the Northville Chamber of Commerce was definitely on the "Go Green" side. Still, she said Brandon made a favorable impression.

"I liked Brandon more than I thought I would. He was pretty funny," said the MSU grad.

Not everyone in the audience was a MSU or U-M fan. Some, like Plymouth's Fred Hill, were a bit indifferent to the whole Spartan-Wolverine rivalry thing. Hill's loyalties are with his alma mater, Ohio State University, a noted foe of both schools. Despite that Hill said he really enjoyed the event, especially the good-natured banter between Brandon and

Hollis.

"They were very funny, especially the way they were picking on each other. That's what everyone wanted to hear," he said.

Livonia Chamber President Dan West said the event was a big success, and attributed it not only to the fact that the two athletic directors are a big draw, but also because the various chambers were able to partner together. He can definitely see similar partnerships in the future.

"We're really happy with the turnout. It's good to be able to put multiple chambers together, because you are then able to attract big speakers like this," West said. "It's also good for the various chamber members because of the new networking opportunities. It offers the chance to bring in some new faces, and meet some new people."

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## Mustangs take first in NextTee invitational

Northville defeats eight of top-10 ranked Division I teams

By Sam Eggleston  
 Correspondent

If you follow high school golf, you probably didn't even have Northville on your radar this season. No one would blame you, of course. But that was before the Mustangs came out in the NextTee invitational on Monday and beat everyone — including eight of the top-10 ranked teams in Division I.

"This is beyond amazing," said coach Jeff Balagna. "These five guys have worked really hard this year and all off season to get to this point. They really deserve the honors that were thrown their way this afternoon."

"They all played very smart and kept it together. It's a long grind during some of these tournaments but these boys really stayed focused and knew the game plan."

Northville shot a team total of 288, which tied them with Lake Orion for the top spot until they earned the victory with a fifth-score tie-breaker. Northville's victory put them one stroke ahead of Rochester Adams, which finished third overall, and led them to victory over Detroit Catholic Central, Muskegon Mona Shores, Lakeland, Plymouth, Battle Creek Lakeview and Brother Rice. Those schools are ranked No. 1 through No. 6, respectively, in Division I currently. They also topped Jackson Lumen Christie, ranked No. 2 in Division III, and Country Day, ranked sixth in Division II.

The entire victory came down to the final hole where Todd Goebel was three over par. Northville thought a 73 from Goebel would be good enough for the team to win, but the senior wasn't so sure.

"Rather than listening to my advice and laying up on the final hole, a par five, he went for the green in two and made birdie," said Balagna. "At the time we thought we had won. We were unaware that Lake Orion had also turned in four outstanding scores."

"If Todd would have listened to me and only made par, we would not have won. He was feeling good and knew he had the shot in his bag. What a way to finish the tournament!"

Goebel finished with a 72 — two above par on the challenging Oakland Hills Country Club

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COURTESY OF NORTHVILLE GOLF  
 The Northville boys golf team poses with the trophy at the awards ceremony following their tournament win Monday night. Pictured (from left) are Andrew Sarokin, Andrew Stevens, Matt Evasic, Todd Goebel, Brad Minniear and coach Jeff Balagna.



Wildcat baserunner Grand Wheeler beats a throw from the catcher as he steals second against South Lyon East on April 30.

## Cranking out the hits!

Wildcats finding their offense at just the right time

By Terry Jacoby  
 Correspondent

The Novi baseball team is starting to hit on all cylinders as they racked up 11 runs in an 11-1 romp of Westland John Glenn on Monday.

Novi improved to 6-8 overall and stand 6-2 in the KLA. "Yeah, we played pretty good baseball," Novi coach Rick Green said. "We had some pretty big hits. And I thought we communicated much better on defense."

They had a number of big hits in the fourth inning when the Wildcats broke the game open with six runs. Mario Ferrini started and earned the win. The senior went four innings without allowing a run and just two hits. He struck out five and didn't walk anyone in a solid effort.

Michael Mitchell pitched in relief, going an inning for the winners.

Four Wildcats had multi-hit games. Both Ferrini and Keaton Figurski each went 2 for 3 with a run scored and an RBI. Kyle Matel went 2 for 4 with two runs and Blake Boron went 2 for 2 with a run scored.

**ON TAP**

The Novi baseball team hosted a doubleheader on Wednesday. The Wildcats will finish their postponed doubleheader with Northville on Thursday at Northville. They host a three-team tournament on Saturday with Detroit Country Day and Rochester participating in the annual breast-cancer awareness fundraiser tournament.

Ryan Caputo had three walks, a hit and two RBI. Bryan Klosterma drove in two runs with an RBI. Mitchell, Tyler Whitehead and Nick Sheilar also had hits. An RBI by Andrew Stefan ended the game for Novi.

**Two Stevensons**

On Friday, the Wildcats dropped a pair to Urica Stevenson. They lost the first game 11-6 and the nightcap 4-2.

Novi had better luck with Livonia Stevenson last Wednesday. After dropping a close 2-1 game in the

opener, the Wildcats pounded out a 15-6 win in the nightcap.

Despite the opening loss, the Wildcats showed plenty of fight. Down 1-0 in the seventh inning, Klosterma singled and then Caputo delivered a perfect bunt single. With runners at second and third and no outs, Figurski singled to tie the game at 1-1.

But with runners at first and third and still no outs, the Stevenson pitcher struck out the side to keep the game deadlocked.

In the bottom of the inning, Stevenson loaded the bases and scored the winner on a one-out error.

Ferrini, Figurski and Grant Wheeler also had hits.

Ryan Davis had an outstanding outing on the hill for the Wildcats. The senior allowed no earned runs and five hits in 6 1/3 innings. "It was a gutsy performance because he was fighting an injury," Green said. "He pitched really well."

In the second game, Novi took a 3-0 lead only to see Stevenson score six straight runs. But the Wildcats

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## Shamrocks go through week unbeaten

Squad picks up three big wins, including OT thriller over Cranbrook

By Sam Eggleston  
 Correspondent

As a coach, Detroit Catholic Central lacrosse helmsman Dave Wilson must have had an interesting week. On one hand, he watched as his

**ON TAP**

The Detroit Catholic Central lacrosse team will be back in action when they play in the Catholic High School League tournament Saturday at 7 p.m. They will then play Tuesday at Troy Athens at 7 p.m.

against rival Cranbrook, 14-13.

"Both teams played hard," said Wilson of the Cranbrook game. "It was a hairy game, which is usually the case between these two teams,

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CC attacker Jack Van Ackers wheels around an Orchard Lake St. Mary's defender on April 30 on his way to scoring the first of the Shamrock's goals that game.

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## Wildcats play Okemos to 2-2 draw

By Terry Jacoby  
Correspondent

The Novi soccer team played to a 2-2 tie on Friday with Okemos in a battle between two top-five ranked teams in the state and the last two state champions. The Wildcats (7-1-2 overall) are currently ranked No. 3 in the state with Okemos ranked fourth.

"It was a great high school soccer game with lots of excellent play from both sides," said Novi coach Brian O'Leary.

The Wildcats opened the scoring just 4 minutes into the game when Kendall Kramer sent a cross into the box where Chloe Allen calmly settled the ball and beat the keeper in the early 1-0 lead.

Just 5 minutes later, Novi scored again. Cat Nussion took the ball down the right sideline and played a great ball into the box that Erin Dircks finished for the 2-0 lead.

Okemos would respond 10 minutes later as their first-team all state forward found a little space behind our defense and made us pay for losing track of her as she received a

### ON TAP

The Wildcats, who played South Lyon East on Tuesday, host Northville on Thursday. The Mustangs are ranked eighth in the state. Novi also hosts 10th-ranked Rochester Adams at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

pass over the top and fired it into the net. Okemos would score again with 3 minutes left in the first half on a scramble in front of the goal.

"In the first half Okemos had the wind and for us to be tied 2-2 going against the wind seemed like a good spot to be, as the game was quite even up to that point," O'Leary said.

"In the second half we applied a lot of pressure and had six great scoring chances to one for Okemos, but they made some good defensive plays and we had some near misses."

Novi finished with five corner kicks for four for Okemos. The Wildcats had 17 shots with 9 on goal while Okemos had 7 shots with 5 on goal.

On Thursday, Novi crushed South Lyon 8-0. Dircks had three

goals while Allen and Sydney O'Donnell each scored twice. Jessie Parvana also scored for the winners. Assistants went to Parvana (two), Dirks (two), Allen, Amanda Minasale, Kaylin Hoamaian and Kramer.

### Stevenson

On April 29, Novi defeated Livonia Stevenson 7-0. "In the first half we had the wind but would only get out to a 2-0 in the half," O'Leary said. "Stevenson did a good job of getting players behind the ball and bottling up the middle of the field."

"The first was scored when Dircks crossed a ball from the end line that went over the goalie's head and O'Donnell scored from the back post. The second goal was scored when Dircks found Allen on a nice split pass.

The game stayed 2-0 until 14 minutes left in the game when Novi would score five times. Goals were scored by Allen (two), Parvana, Dircks, and O'Donnell, with assists going to Allen (two), Parvana, Taylor Pavlika, Katrina Koomen and Megan Riley.

Jade Antolec made four saves in goal for Novi.

## Wildcats lacrosse earns a spot in KLAA title game

By Terry Jacoby  
Correspondent

The Novi boys lacrosse team edged Salem in a close game last Friday to set up a showdown with Brighton on Friday. The winner of the Novi-Brighton match will claim the KLAA championship.

Knocking off Salem wasn't easy but it was a great step in the right direction after an impressive 9-7 win. "This was a back and forth game all the way to the end," said Novi coach Eric Hoffman.

Salem tied the score with 3 minutes to go in the game. "Salem had control of the ball and looked like they were going to take the lead," Hoffman said. "Mitch Adams made a great stick side low save with 1 minute to go."

After clearing the ball, Novi called a time out. "We had a play to set up for Justin Danks to take the ball from the wing and either take a shot or feed the crease," Hoffman said. "Justin beat his man and a slide came early. He passed the ball to the crease. John Vandermay caught a low pass and dove around the crease to score the game-winning goal with around 40 seconds left in the game."

Hoffman called it a "great effort" from both

### ON TAP

The Novi boys lacrosse team hosts Brighton at 7 p.m. tomorrow in a KLAA crossover. The Wildcats also host Flint Powers at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 16. The girls team plays Friday at Farmington Harrison and at Dexter on Tuesday.

### Walled Lake Western

Last Wednesday, Novi knocked off Walled Lake Western 16-5. Lucas Buck led the scoring with six goals. Danks had four goals and Chris Kennedy had two goals and two assists. Austin Nicholas, Alex Caprara, Mark Ghanam each scored a goal in the win and Nick Gasporot scored his first of the year.

Defensively, Scott Schramm and Tommy McMaster each had four ground balls. Scott Schramm and Stefan Werth each had two takeaways and Travis Spurling had one. Mitch Adams had seven saves on eight shots and Jake Bielenda had three saves on seven shots. "This game was a full team effort," Hoffman said. "Everyone on the team got a lot of playing time, which will help us going into the playoffs."

With just 56 seconds left, Northville scored the game winner. "It was a very intense and suspenseful game with fans from both Novi and Northville cheering them on," Warda said. Last Wednesday, Novi defeated Salem 13-12.

Troy Athens Last Thursday, the Cats lost to Troy Athens 10-1. Nicholas had Novi's lone goal with an assist from Kennedy, Mitch Adams played a good

game keeping the score close with 16 saves. Scott Schramm had three takeaways and Tommy McMaster had two. "Athens had a good game plan and worked it to perfection," Hoffman said. "We were a little too confident going into the game after the game on Wednesday. As a team we learned that you can't overlook any opponent."

### Girls lacrosse in Ladywood tourney

The Novi girls lacrosse team played in the Ladywood Tournament on Saturday where the Wildcats had an impressive showing. The format of the tournament is six 24-minute games with each team playing about 120 minutes of lacrosse.

"It was a tournament that was for fun and none of the games had a score keeper," said Novi coach Caitlin Warda. And the Wildcats certainly had fun, until they had to leave for a different kind of fun.

"We won three games, lost one and forfeited the last two because my girls had the prom and had to leave the tournament early," Warda said. "The Wildcats were coming off a tough 10-9 loss to Northville last Monday. "Throughout the game it was neck and neck and we were up with only 2 minutes left to play with the score being 9-8," Warda said. "But at 1:46, they scored to tie the game up at 9-9."

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Novi track and field team split up last weekend because of prom and the Wildcats came away with impressive performances at both meets.

On Friday, the Wildcats attended the John Runyan Classic and on Saturday the freshmen and sophomores attended the Sunshine Invitational. As a team the girls won the Runyan Relays. Last Tuesday, the boys squad defeated Northville while the girls lost to the Mustangs. Hannah Lonergan broke the Sunshine Invitational 800-meter record on Saturday. Kerrie McMahan broke the school record in the

## LACROSSE

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ately fed a short outlet pass to Marc Longe, who turned and launched the ball 50 yards to senior defenseman Stephen Jarzynski. The senior cleared the ball, weaving into the Cranbrook defensive zone, and then fed a perfectly-placed ball to Ben Senkowski, who then released a hard shot on goal the found the back of the net for the win.

"It was a great game," Wilson said. Senkowski had two goals in the game while Jack Van Acker, a junior, had four goals and senior attack Alec Gilholty had three goals. John Giampetroni led Cranbrook with five goals

## GOLF

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North Course but, surprisingly, that wasn't the top showing for Northville on the day. Instead, that honor belongs to junior Andrew Sarokin, who shot a staggering 67 — three under par — to tie for first-place overall. "What can you say about Andrew Sarokin?" said Balagna. "He is the leader of this team and his scores show it. Three under on a course like Oakland Hills North is just outstanding. He is quietly putting together an All-State-caliber season. He has finished towards the top of every tournament and has every team low each time out."

Goebel finished second on Northville's squad while Matt Evasic, a senior, shot a 74. Junior Brad Minniear carded a 75 on the day and junior Andrew Stevens shot a 76 — the fifth score that proved to be the deciding factor in Northville's victory in the tournament. "I can't even begin to tell you how happy I am for Matt, Brad and Andrew," said Balagna. "A team is only as good as their three and four scores, and these three guys have been amazing. If one guy has a bad round, the other two pick up the slack. Today all three of them played outstanding."

Balagna entered the tournament not sure what to expect. He said he discussed goals with the team before play began and hadn't even brought up making a run for the top spot.

## BASEBALL

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stormed back with 10 runs in the fifth to take control to stay. Caputo started and was relieved by Myers, who got his club out of a big jam and kept the game close. Luke Bageris went two innings and didn't allow a run to earn the victory. Mitchell ripped a bases-clearing triple for the Wildcats. Wheeler had two hits and two runs scored and Klosterma

3 with two runs and two RBI. Mitchell (two RBI), Wheeler and Boron all had two hits. In the nightcap, Novi won 7-5 as Hall went four innings to earn the win. The senior racked up six strikeouts. Bageris and Myers (save) pitched in relief. Figurski had another big day at the plate. The junior had two hits, two runs and two RBI. Boron also had two hits in the win. Turek (two RBI), Hall (two RBI), Nick Sheelar and Mark Czapski all had hits.

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—By Terry Jacoby

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Novi track impressive The Novi track and field team split up last weekend because of prom and the Wildcats came away with impressive performances at both meets.

On Friday, the Wildcats attended the John Runyan Classic and on Saturday the freshmen and sophomores attended the Sunshine Invitational. As a team the girls won the Runyan Relays. Last Tuesday, the boys squad defeated Northville while the girls lost to the Mustangs. Hannah Lonergan broke the Sunshine Invitational 800-meter record on Saturday. Kerrie McMahan broke the school record in the

high jump last Tuesday with a jump of 5-foot, 6½ inches. All Baha and Jordan Love led the team with 4 x 100 wins. The boys discuss team swept Northville in the dual meet.

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Brandon Langston, Dan Sims, Nick Noles and Conor Naughton finish one-two-three in the 3200m run. Sims set a new school record at 9:30.54.

## Boys track stars continue to excel

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

It took some video replay to verify the feat, but Northville's Dan Sims is the school record holder in the grueling two-mile run.

Sims turned in a time of 9:30.54 in the Livonia Stevenson Invitational to create a new record for the two mile last weekend. His time was so close to the previous mark of 9:30.8 that officials used a video replay to confirm his new mark.

"Dan took second in the mile, but he got what he came for in the two mile when he took down the Northville school record," said first-year Northville head coach Brandon Langston.

Northville also had a big success from Jason Ferrante, who ran a personal-best time of 1:56 while winning the 800-meter race.

The Mustangs also took first in the distance medley relay in 10:40 while the spring medley relay took first by less than a second with a time of 2:31. The 4-by-100 relay team took fourth overall in 45:46 seconds.

Conor Naughton earned his best time in the mile, running a 4:39.95 for fifth while the 4-by-800 relay team took fifth, as did a 4-by-1,600 team. Taking sixth was the pole vault relay and the high-jump relay teams.

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## Coleman breaks two school records

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

If distance runner Rachel Coleman was looking to make an even greater mark on Northville High School, she can consider that mission accomplished.

Coleman, a junior, already holds several records at Northville, but she set the mark for two more last week when she ran in the Golden Triangle Invitational in Saline with the school's girls track and field team.

Coleman set a new mark in the mile — a record she had previously set — with a time of 5:05.7. She went on to create a new all-time record in the two-mile run as well, completing the race in an impressive 11:11.35. "Rachel ran two great races," said first-year head coach Tim Dalton. "She is incredibly talented and it clearly showed on Friday."

Northville also collected a second place finish in the 100-meter hurdles with the stellar running of Lauren Rodriguez while the 4-by-800 team took third in 9:33.9 — the team's fastest time so far this season.

In the 400-meter event, freshman Lindsay Walters ran to third place while Morgan Robertson took fourth in the 300 hurdles and Erin Zimmerman to fifth in the 800. Emma Herrmann ran her best time this season in

## Northville soccer team splits week

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

The Northville Mustang suffered their second loss of the season Monday when they bowed out to the Salem Rocks in Central Division play.

The Mustangs, coached by Eric Brucker, found themselves chasing a highly-energized Salem squad around the pitch for much of the first half and the end result wasn't in Northville's favor as the Rocks took home a 1-0 victory.

The loss drops Northville's record to 10-2-2 overall while Salem climbs to 8-3-1.

"We came out flat today and Salem jump on us early," said Brucker. "They were organized and had us chasing for the first 30 minutes. After we calmed down, we were able to dictate play and created scoring chances."

Unfortunately, Salem's lone goal in the 32nd minute of play was all they would need to earn the victory. It wasn't their only scoring opportunity, however, as the Rocks fired a shot from just 14 yards out about 10 minutes into the game following a scrum for a loose ball in front of the Mustangs' net. Sophomore Sarah Castellano saved the goal for Northville, blocking the shot with her face to keep the game tied.

The Rocks had a second chance just four minutes later when one of their players was tripped from behind and they were awarded a

penalty kick. Senior goalie Kiki Hilmer had to sprawl out in goal for Northville to keep the ball out of the net, but her acrobatics kept the game at 0-0.

Salem's goal at the 32-minute mark came off a rebound as Emma Tardiff collected it and fired it home for the score and the 1-0 lead. The Mustangs looked to tie it four minutes later, sending in a corner kick that floated into the box from the right side. Northville collected the ball and fired a hard shot at Salem's goal that was deflected by the goalie as she dropped to her knees to prevent the score. Northville junior Kyra Dahring collected the rebound and fired it home as the goalie falls backward into the net in an attempt to make the save.

Unluckily, the ball is swiped back out of the net and no goal was awarded.

"Scoring goals and denying goals create big momentum swings," said Brucker. "In the early going it was all Salem. Kiki came up huge with the penalty kick save

### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls soccer team returns to the pitch when they play today at Novi at 7 p.m. before visiting Saline at noon on Saturday. The team will then play at home Tuesday at 7 p.m. against South Lyon. Northville is also scheduled to play a week from today at South Lyon East at 6 p.m.

**Northville 4, Stevenson 0**  
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## Mustangs scoring lots of runs

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

Northville's baseball team put up 41 runs over the past four games — something no coach is going to complain about.

Unfortunately, even with all the scoring, the Mustangs only managed to split the week, earning wins over Wayne Memorial, 16-1, and South Lyon East, 15-0 and 17-7, while taking losses of 12-7 and 2-1 against an allways-powerful Southgate Anderson team.

"Overall it was a pretty good week," said Kostreza. "We seem to have found a better groove offensively scoring a lot of runs this week. The pitching and defense were pretty solid in wins over South Lyon East and Wayne Memorial."

"The week unfortunately culminated in 2 losses versus Southgate."

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**Northville 16, Wayne Memorial 1**  
Against Wayne Memorial, the game was over before it could really get going as the Mustangs won via the 10-run mercy rule at the end of the third inning.

The squad put up 10 runs in the first inning and three in each the second and the third for the victory while giving up just one run in the first to the Zebras.

Huber and Brad Van-Hulle split time on the mound for the win while Huber led the offense with two hits. Picking up three RBIs was Wilds while Slominski, Yan-Hulle, Brandon Patrone and Evan Wieland had two RBIs each.

**Southgate Anderson 12-2, Northville 7-1**  
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The two teams split the singles matches. Erin Day (No. 1 singles) and Allison Lollo (No. 4 singles) both came up short for the Wildcats.

Novi freshman Youna Lee won 6-0, 6-2 at No. 2 singles and sophomore Dhiyva Sridar won 7-5, 6-1 at No. 3 singles.

The Cats continued their dominance in the doubles as they took all six matches.

Caitlin O'Brien and Amy Zhou won 6-1, 6-3 at No. 1 doubles; Rachel Bailey and Dina Fawaz won 6-0, 6-4 at No. 2; Rebecca Chen and Asawari Kanit-

kar won 6-0, 6-0 at No. 3 singles; and Harika Bolimant and Melanie Murphy won 6-1, 6-1 at No. 4.

At No. 5 doubles, Melissa Bunio and Prasanna Ravipati won 6-4, 4-6, 7-5 and at No. 6 doubles, Shakila Khan, Carolyn Zhang and Abigail Swain teamed up for a 6-7 (5), 6-3 (10-7) win.

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Last Tuesday, Novi defeated host Lakeland 8-1. Lee won 6-3, 6-4 at No. 2 singles; Sridar won 6-1, 6-3 at No. 3 singles; Lollo won 6-4, 6-3 at No. 4 singles.

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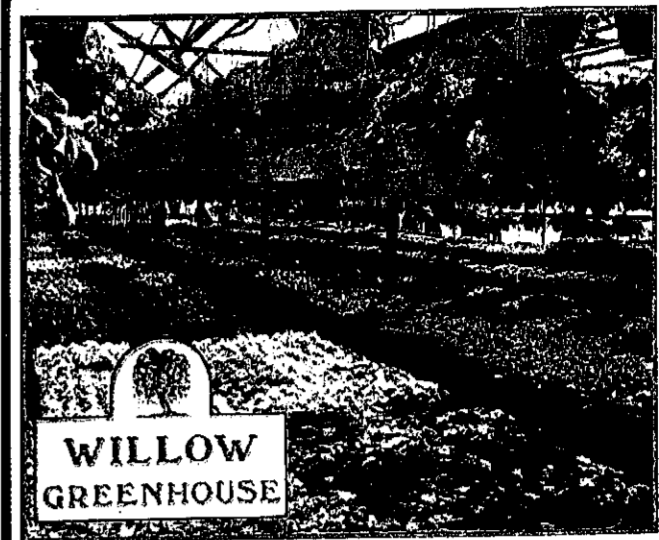
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# Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights

## May: A Picture Perfect Month

The Month of May is Awesome! A month of warm weather, spring flowers, Mother's Day, and even National Photography Month!

### Mom's Special Day (Contest)

It's a picture perfect day to take a picture. Did you know that May is National Photography Month? This day was recognized by the US Congress way back in 1987. That makes May a wonderful time to take some great pictures of you and Mom.

Submit a photo of you and your mom, along with the reason why you selected the photograph and you could win a \$25 Chili's Gift Card to give to mom. Submit photo and narrative to, [cbjordan@hometownlife.com](mailto:cbjordan@hometownlife.com) with the subject line "Mom's Special Day".



You could Win a Gift for MOM!



### A Picture is Worth a 1000 Words!

Taking photographs can be fun and very insightful. A photograph can help tell a story in an instant. Reporters and photo journalists use photographs to help communicate stories every day. Do you have a story that you would like to share? Email it to [cbjordan@hometownlife.com](mailto:cbjordan@hometownlife.com) or share it on Facebook. [facebook.com/ScoopTheNewshound](https://www.facebook.com/ScoopTheNewshound). Your photo could be featured in a future Scoop Hound Dog Highlights.

### Photography Word Find

Just in time for National Photo Month, find the hidden words in the puzzle.

BLURRY	FLASH	SHOT
CAMERA	FOCUS	SMILE
CAPTURE	LIGHTING	STAGE
EXPOSURE	POSE	SUBJECT

D K J X U S O E G O Y  
 A D D Y M Y X V B M Y  
 R O Z I Q P F O C U S  
 E U L T O H S Y S U M  
 M E T S T C E J B U S  
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### Fun & Facts:

*How they fly that is...*

**ENGLISH:** Smile  
**SPANISH:** Sonrisa  
**ITALIAN:** Sorriso  
**FRENCH:** Sourire  
**GERMAN:** Lächeln

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### Help Like Santa

Do you think Santa is busy only at Christmas time? No. Santa is busy all year round. Here is what Santa does. Santa goes to people and tries to teach them "How you can be of help to the needy people".

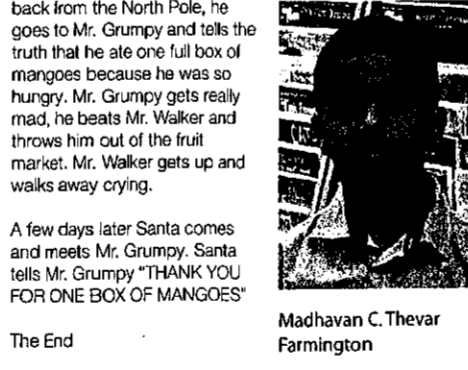
One day Santa was on a teaching mission. He met a rich and rude fruit market owner, Mr. Captain Grumpy. So Santa talks to Mr. Captain Grumpy and Santa explains how important it is to help the needy people. So Mr. Grumpy agreed to send ten boxes of fruit to Santa.

Then comes the first month and Mr. Grumpy makes ten boxes of fruits ready to send to Santa. He calls one of his poor employees, Mr. Walker and tells him to take these ten boxes of fruits to the North Pole and deliver them to Santa Claus.

Mr. Walker is very happy to take the fruits to the North Pole because he is excited to meet Santa Claus. He takes a carrying pole and puts five boxes on one side and five on the other side. He puts the carrying pole on his shoulder and starts the Journey proudly!

The journey was long and tiring. Mr. Walker was hungry. He doesn't think he can walk anymore without eating something. He doesn't have anything to eat except juicy fruits for Santa. So he decided to eat a box of mangoes. Even though he's working in the fruit market, Mr. Grumpy never gave him a single fruit to taste. Now he opens the box and sees the perfectly ripe mangoes. He finishes the whole box of mangoes and delivers the 9 boxes of other fruits to Santa Claus.

Mr. Walker may be a poor person but he is a very honest person. When he comes



Madhavan C. Thevar Farmington

### Share Your Talent!

Do you write, draw, make crafts, take photographs, or do something else that you would like others to know about? We may share your extraordinary talent in an upcoming Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights.



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| Alyssa Moskalczyn<br>Livonia 5/12   | Feld Caswell<br>Canton 5/18      |
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# REAL ESTATE

## Survey says: Buying a home can bring a young couple closer together

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Joe and Katie Allen are working to move into their new Superior Township home, which they've been fixing up the last six months. "Hopefully getting to the end of it," he said. "Classic money pit." In the meantime, the Allens, both 32, are staying with their children, 3 and 5, at her parents' home in Canton.

The Allens sold their first Canton home in January. "Long-term value" is what he cites as an advantage of owning. "We don't usually struggle to be on the same page," he said. He's the "make it happen person" on the home while his wife handles interior design.

They're doing 90 percent of the work themselves, and knew what it would cost, said Joe Allen, who owns an industrial parts distribution company. His wife is a homemaker.

Advice he'd give to other young couples buying a home depends on the person and situation. Allen cautions against major changes if you're not on solid footing in your relationship now.

You need to prepare, he said, and anticipate costs. "Just have a good willingness to roll with what comes along," and plan, he said.

It's good to learn from others' experiences, Allen added. John North, chief operating officer of Troy-based Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel, agrees. "I think it speaks to the value of home ownership," said the 50-year-old Birmingham resident.

A recent survey done by Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel showed that many couples, 18-34 are buying homes and, if done right, that can strengthen a relationship.

Millennials are waiting later to marry, North said. "Their belief that home ownership is part of the American dream. I think young people are acutely aware of that."



North purchased a home before he was married, and now lives with his wife in Birmingham. He too has words of wisdom for younger couples.

"They have to decide their needs and wants, and be willing to compromise," North said. Honesty's essential, and couples must be open about finances. Planning ahead, even 10 years down the road, is also essential, he said, as is having fun. "There's probably nothing more rewarding," North said. "Enjoy it, have fun with it."

He agreed with Allen's assessment on the financial aspect of owning a home. "There's no question that home ownership throughout the years has proven one of the best investments," North said.

"Prices are on the rise pretty much across the board," Realtor North, in the field with CBWM for 15 years, said of the local market. "We've encouraged about the fact Michigan's doing a great job of attracting more jobs. We're encouraged and excited about the future."

He said younger couples now are career-focused but also interested in home ownership.

"We see the value of it, we know what it means to have a home," North said of older buyers. "It helps bring a family together."

He's been with CBWM his entire real estate career, and is encouraged by the local market. "Homes are available in every price range," North said, noting recent events have made bigger homes more affordable for younger couples.

The new study from Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC uncovered that about one in four married couples between the ages of 18-34 purchased their first home together before their wedding date, compared to 14 percent of those ages 45 and older. According to the survey, 35 percent of all married couples purchased their first home together by their second wedding anniversary, and 80 percent of married homeowners who purchased their home while married said it did more to strengthen their relationship than any other purchase they made together.

## Forcible entry suit doubtful

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

Q: My parent's home has been foreclosed upon, but I have remained in possession despite notice that the agent for the closing purchaser intended to enter the premises and remove my parent's belongings while I was out of town. However, the agent entered the premises, removed the belongings, changed the locks, and affixed a "no trespassing" sign to the door. Do I have any basis to sue for forcible entry and detainer as well as conversion, which I am told are possible remedies?

A: Probably not based upon a recent decision from the State of Maryland on similar facts found that a land owner's right to re-enter a premises unlawfully detained had long existed at common law, so long as that re-entry was peaceable, which was apparently the case here. The legislative procedure for obtaining a sheriff's writ of possession was only an alternative available to the landowner, which did not abrogate the common law right of self-help. The court also indicated that public policy supported the reasonable use of self-help in foreclosure repossession. However, you should check with your own attorney to see whether in fact the law in your jurisdiction may be different.

Q: We have a policy that allows one dog at the condominium with no size, weight or breed limitations. A co-owner wants to bring a pit bull into the condominium and we are concerned about that dog staying here. What can we do?

A: You may not have any basis to keep the dog out unless you amend your bylaws to restrict certain types of breeds. However, while Michigan has a strict liability policy with respect to dog bites, not all states do which led to a decision by the Maryland Court of Appeals which had to deal with the "one-bite rule" which holds that a victim must prove that the dog was dangerous or the bite was due to the negligence of the dog owner before liability is established. However, the Maryland Court of Appeals rejected the one-bite rule when the dog is a pit bull saying that pit bulls are "inherently dangerous," and a dog owner — and a landlord who allows the dog to reside in a rented apartment — could be held strictly liable. Moreover, the court in that case said "it is not necessary that the landlord (or the pit bull's owner) have actual knowledge that the specific pit bull involved is dangerous." Similarly, in a recent Kentucky Supreme Court case, the ruling was that a landlord who permits tenants to keep dogs could be as liable for the dog bite as the owner of the dog. You are best advised to speak with your community association attorney and/or if you are a landlord to take the appropriate precautions.

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

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 14-18, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.	31521 Beck St \$52,000 31814 Donnelly St \$35,000 6455 Fairfield St \$75,000 32116 Florence St \$70,000 271 Helen St \$79,000 32944 John Hawk St \$45,000 LIVONIA	29646 Barclay St \$127,000 20822 Beatrice St \$60,000 17311 Bell Creek Ln \$157,000 1306 Brookfield St \$155,000 14232 Cavell St \$95,000 36245 Club Dr \$301,000 36276 Club Dr \$30,000 18506 Deering St \$165,000 14038 Denny St \$330,000 17111 Dolores St \$117,000 17121 Dolores St \$95,000 14539 Ellen Dr \$136,000 11988 Farmington Rd \$88,000 18225 Fremont St \$126,000 15937 Gary Ln \$210,000 35521 Hees St \$130,000 14112 Henry Ruff St \$85,000 11422 Ingram St \$162,000 3339 Knollwood Ave \$162,000 18851 Krieger Dr \$132,000 18797 Mayfield St \$238,000 35110 Nola Cir \$163,000 14585 Park St \$120,000 36075 Parkhurst Ave \$215,000 19019 Stamford St \$204,000 29418 Alvin St \$26,000	36985 Vargo St \$180,000 18849 Westbrook Dr \$215,000 18249 Levee \$160,000 9409 Westwind Dr \$141,000 14812 Vale St \$160,000 NORTHVILLE	16255 Brookwood Ct \$217,000 42199 Crestview Cir \$338,000 39715 Golfview Dr \$515,000 18994 Grande Vista Dr \$208,000 406 Mountainview Dr \$285,000 41624 Rayburn Dr \$285,000 49762 Waterstone Estates Cir \$500,000 17488 Williamsburg Ct \$563,000 PLYMOUTH	16952 Knight \$334,000 11345 Levee \$431,000 18249 Levee \$44,000 12005 Nathalie \$50,000 18428 Negaunee \$45,000 18428 Negaunee \$25,000 11401 Wirston \$70,000 WESTLAND	27558 Ann Arbor Trl \$100,000 35549 Armstrong Ln \$136,000 36011 Avondale St \$84,000 32224 Bertram Dr \$85,000 18428 Bertram Dr \$10,000 18428 Bertram Dr \$10,000 35221 College St \$19,000 8003 Coventry St \$25,000 163 Dawson Ct \$105,000 35541 Dove Trl \$83,000 32500 Grandview Ave \$82,000 36231 Hazelwood St \$80,000 8589 Ingram St \$119,000 37722 Lacrosse St \$80,000 30215 Marshall Ct \$86,000 33309 Mill Race Cir \$85,000 5895 N Christine \$127,000 19498 N Parent St \$20,000 38651 Nelson Cir \$127,000 520 Pattinmill St \$119,000 1303 Sharon St \$60,000 12677 Surrey Hts \$105,000 13007 Woodworth Ct \$50,000
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 Classes start May 20, and are two times a week, Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-10 p.m. For five weeks from class Memorial Day. The address is 41017 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.  
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**Assessment collection**  
 The Meisner Law Group, P.C., announced that Robert M. Meisner will be conducting a seminar on Wednesday, May 15, from 6-8 p.m. covering the assessment collection dilemma.

This seminar is designed for board members and officers, managers, developers, and association members living in or working with a condominium or community association. Explore how to successfully navigate the new challenges in assessment collections for associations. Cost is \$45 for UCOM members (\$65 per person for nonmembers of UCOM). For registration information, contact United Condominium Owners of Michigan, [www.ucomonline.org](http://www.ucomonline.org), (248) 352-1490; e-mail: [info@ucomonline.org](mailto:info@ucomonline.org).

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1 Requests at car doors

2 Liquid-filled vessel in which to clean things

3 Map source

4 20 Spears with animal tail

5 Dish of soybeans called in their pods

6 Horse sound

7 Most valuable

8 Scramble square

9 Fish store

10 Pate of fish

11 27 Steps edge

12 To that place

13 Impassioned hills, like an enraged?

14 Celebs' robes

15 Summer in Quebec

16 Arbitrary order

17 Very quickly

18 Unlabeled?

19 42 Canine? co-star job

20 Williams of tennis

21 52, often 99

22 You

23 100 Weeks with

24 55 calls

25 62 Flight part

26 63 Airport

27 ROTC grads

28 Alkermac

29 84 Toy lot

30 85 ROTC grads

31 86 Alkermac

32 87 Jell-O

33 88 116 White water

34 89 117 Skepically

35 90 123 The Chester and the Heath

36 91 124 Free Your Mind

37 92 125 Nation next to Georgia

38 93 126 127 Wanted

39 94 128 It has three-pointed antlers

40 95 129 DOWN

41 96 130 "I'll be the judge"

42 97 131 2 Fill

43 98 132 3 Ad best award

44 99 133 4 Fido's food

45 100 134 5 So much chutzpah

46 101 135 6 Uncoast start

47 102 136 7 Dallas-to-Laredo dir

48 103 137 8 Laredo dir

49 104 138 9 Visitors' last

50 105 139 10 99

51 106 140 11 99

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