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If you'd like to contribute your experience for the article, contact Wright at (248) 437-2011, ext. 228 or jtheisen@hometownlife.com.

## Graduation memories

Over the next few weeks, O&E Media photographers will take hundreds of graduation photos. These photos are available as framed keepsakes, prints or on T-shirts and coffee mugs. Look for photos inside today's newspaper or view galleries a day after the graduation ceremony on our website, hometownlife.com. Every staff photo is for sale and purchasing one is as easy as clicking on the yellow "buy photo" button above the image.

# Grand celebration



The Sri Venkateswara Temple is located on the west side of Taft Road between Grand River Avenue and 11 Mile Road.

After years of planning and work, all-granite Hindu temple makes its debut

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

In celebration of its unveiling, the new Sri Venkateswara Hindu Temple in Novi began its Maha Kumbhabhishecam (Grand Inauguration) May 28.

It involved seven days of activities celebrating the SVTCC's completion of construction and entry into use as a place of worship for southeast Michigan's Hindu community, according to the temple's Board of Trustees.

The Grand Inauguration culminated Sunday, when His Holiness Sri Sri Sri Tridandi Sreemannarayana Ramanuja Chinna Jeeyar Swami presided over the final day's activities.



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dilip Kachipudi looks at the hand-carved entrance doors of the Sri Venkateswara Temple in Novi prior to the opening this past Sunday. The door is adorned with the 10 forms of the God Vishnu, and is the main entrance to the second floor temple. The temple features many items created by hand in India, and have been undergoing purification rites at the temple before being placed in their permanent positions.

The temple has been five years in the making. Just this past month, workers were putting on the some of the finishing touches in preparation for the opening celebration. The temple cost \$10 million. It's the first all-granite Hindu temple to be built in North

America and is built according to 4,000-year-old Vedic principles. "The mission of Sri Venkateswara Temple is to maintain a formal place of wor-

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## Machine explosion at Novi plant causes a fire

Orotex Corp. employee was hurt May 31

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

An explosion at the Orotex Corp. in Novi led to a fire and injury to one employee on May 31.

According to Jeff Johnson, Novi's director of EMS and Fire Services, a 40-year-old worker was taken to the hospital after being exposed to smoke and chemicals. The man may have also suffered some singe burns. As of last weekend, he was listed in stable condition at Botsford Hospital.

Johnson said Novi firefighters were called to the location at 22475 Venture Drive, near Nine Mile, just before 4 p.m. last Friday. Upon arrival, emergency personnel found Orotex employees evacuating the building and dense smoke coming from the doors.

Although a specific cause was not confirmed yet, Johnson said, "There was a lid that was on top of a chemical processing



machine, and it looks like that lid blew off. That was caused a lot of the material to be scattered and injure at least one employee."

The employee had been standing on a mezzanine above the 20-foot-high machine when the lid blew off. The fire department is reasoning the chemicals must have had a bad reaction and ignited. However, this is still under investigation.

Johnson said two other workers were exposed but were checked out by paramedics and refused to go the hospital.

Johnson said the sprinkler system acti-

ated, which put out much of the fire. The rest was put out by firefighters, and there was some water damage. Much of the smoke inside needed to be ventilated out by the firefighters.

"It's an unfortunate situation for the business, but there were no serious injuries and the fire was stopped from spreading," Johnson said.

Orotex works with various chemicals and plastic polymers to make things like automotive parts.

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## New life coming to Town Center district

Developments prompt city to update Master Plan for area

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

Recent developments in the Town Center district — and the possibility of more — have the city of Novi reviewing and updating its Master Plan for that area.

Barbara McBeth, Community Development deputy director, recommended seeking outside help in reviewing the plan, "due to significant public and private reinvestment in these areas, the renewed energy brought by new land owners and because more than 25 years have passed since the Town Center area was first envisioned."

Novi City Council approved a \$44,900 contract for professional services to Carlisle/Wortman Associates Inc. to review the Master Plan for Land Use, Zoning Ordinance and Wayfinding Signage for the Town Center Study

### OPINION

For the Novi News viewpoint on this \$45,000 survey, turn to the Opinion page inside.

The next step will be a project initiation, with a kickoff meeting with the staff steering committee. Throughout the process, the city will seek citizen input and public participation.

McBeth said major redevelopment of the Town Center shopping center has resulted in revitalization of that major shopping center. She cited the ordinance amendments that now allow limited drive-through restaurants in the JC-1 District as one new change. Panera Bread has been granted a

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# Registration open - Time to start training!

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is hosting its 7th Annual 5K run/walk for Cancer on Sept. 8 at 9 a.m. More than 800 people participated in last year's 5K, raising nearly \$37,000. Proceeds support Cancer Services at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

The 5K run/walk is for cancer awareness. It is a celebration of life for cancer survivors, for those who have cancer, and an opportunity for family members and friends to participate to honor or remember a loved one.

To register, visit [www.stmarymercy.org/5KforCancer](http://www.stmarymercy.org/5KforCancer). Registration is \$25 on or before Aug. 30 and \$30 on Aug. 31 through race day.

## TEMPLE

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ship for the practice of the Hindu religion, with Lord Venkateswara as the main deity of worship," said Sai Kumar Lingam, chairman of the temple's Board of Trustees. "We want to promote religious, moral and spiritual growth for children, adults and seniors based on their Hindu scriptures."

The temple board said the Sri Venkateswara Temple and Cultural Center will accomplish its mission through the following activities: prayer sessions, worshiping of deities, pujas, religious ceremonies and Sunday school classes on Hindu scriptures pertaining to religious culture and moral values.

In addition, it will offer programs for adult spiritual growth, including readings, celebration of Indian cultural and religious festivals, events and days and opportunities for youth leadership, mentoring and volunteerism.

Temple board Vice President Anand Gangadharam said, "The Sri Venkateswara Temple offers a return to a traditional Hindu worshiping experience. We hope fami-



JOHN HEIDER, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Work continued at the Sri Venkateswara Temple on Taft Road on May 30. Pictured is the temple's second floor, main gathering area. The three temples at the front will feature representations of Vishnu and other bhuhidist deities hand-carved in India out of solid granite.

lies will take this opportunity to come and see our beautiful new facility and enjoy the serenity of our Hindu faith in a setting that is reminiscent of temples in India."

He said SVTCC is the principal place of wor-

ship for Michigan's growing Indian community. They expect thousands of people to visit the temple in its opening days.

According to the Gangadharam, there are approximately 40,000

people of Indian origin who live in southeast Michigan, with a large majority of the families living in the suburbs.

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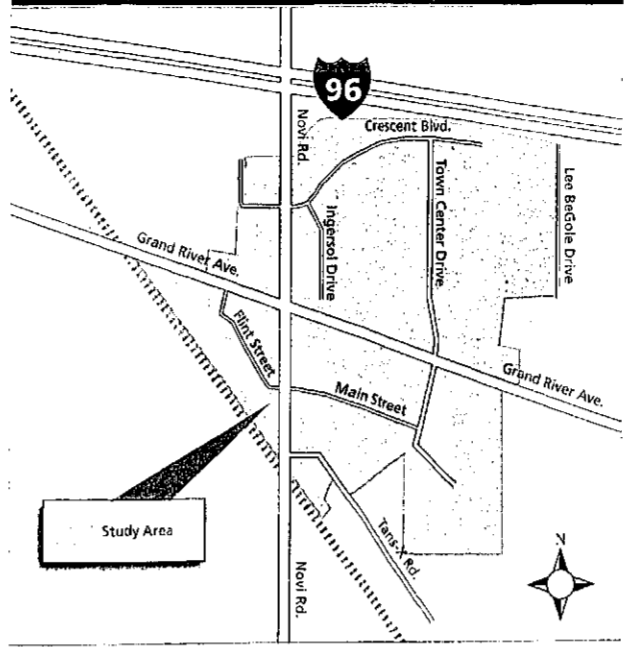
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## TOWN CENTER STUDY AREA



## DISTRICT

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request to provide drive-through service to the City Center Plaza.

City staff, attorney and council worked diligently to clear the complications of the layers of condominium ownership and to clarify public/private responsibilities in order to allow for possible development of the vacant land along both sides of Main Street and east of Novi Road, McBeth added.

She said council's recent approval for construction of a credit union has been the first step forward on that important corner.

"Further development activities are anticipated for the remainder of the vacant land along Main Street in upcoming months," she wrote in her report.

According to McBeth, public investment has also been strong in this area, including:

- Resturfacing of Grand River Avenue east of Novi Road;
- Additional intersection and driveway improvements and pedestrian crossings;

In the master plan study, council also wants to extend the boundaries to include a few properties outside of the initially-defined study area. These parcels include:

- Industrial-zoned property at the south-east corner of Trans-X and Novi Road;
- Industrial-zoned property on the opposite side of Trans-X properties between Lee BeGole Drive and Town Center Drive; and
- The Anglin family properties fronting on Grand River Avenue and Eleven Mile Road, east of Town Center Drive.

In the months to come, the plan is to do an inventory and analysis of past planning documents, zoning ordinance and design guidelines, update the Town Center Design Guidelines, prepare the Master Plan concepts for review, review zoning regulations and develop form-based standards or hybrid code standards to implement design standards and develop Wayfinding Signage Package.

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## How To Get Rid Of Knee Pain Once And For All...Without Drugs, Shots Or Surgery

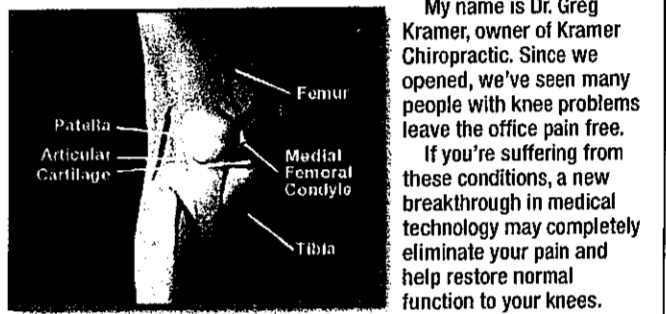
Now, in Livonia, Michigan, one doctor is helping local residents with knee pain live more active, pain-free lives.



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- A full set of specialized x-rays to determine if arthritis is contributing to your pain.
- A thorough analysis of your exam and x-ray findings so we can start mapping out your plan to being pain free.
- You'll see everything first hand and find out if this amazing treatment will be your pain solution, like it has been for so many other patients.

The First 25 Callers Only can get everything I've listed here for only \$35. The normal price for this type of evaluation including x-rays is \$250, so you're saving a considerable amount by taking me up on this offer.

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# Alleged I-96 shooter's hearing adjourned

Hearings in both Livingston and Oakland counties for the alleged Interstate 96 corridor shooter has been adjourned again.

Realie Casteel's first pretrial hearing before Livingston County Chief Circuit Judge David Reader has been adjourned to Friday while there is no new



Casteel

court date for his Oakland County case. The adjournment in Livingston is due to a conflict on the judge's calendar, according to the state attorney

general's office, which is prosecuting the case. Casteel, 43, faces seven counts, including terrorism, in Livingston County and 60 counts in Oakland County in connection with 24 shootings, three of which occurred on I-96 in Livingston County and the rest along trunk lines and side streets in Oakland,

Ingham and Shiawassee counties. The shootings took place from Oct. 16-18 and on Oct. 27. One person was injured. Police allege Casteel randomly fired a handgun from his vehicle at motorists along the I-96 corridor. A psychologist with the state's forensics center found Casteel

competent to stand trial, but the defense is seeking an independent evaluation by a private psychiatrist. Casteel's attorney has said the forensic psychological exam revealed that Casteel suffers from delusional disorder. An evaluation for criminal responsibility remains outstanding.

# Novi enters into another mutual aid agreement

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

In an effort to provide the most appropriate service response to its residents, Novi has entered into another fire mutual aid agreement with a neighboring community.

After approval of both city councils, the City of Northville Fire Department and City of Novi Fire Department have entered into an Automatic Mutual Aid Agreement

(AMA) that will have both providing resources upon request to each other at no cost in time of emergencies or need.

"This coverage provides a safer working environment at these labor intensive fires and offers sound risk management practices," said Novi Director of Fire Operations/EMS Jeff Johnson of the AMA.

Quicker responses will need resources and manpower to structure

fires are part of the basis for this agreement.

Northville Fire Chief James Allen said this arrangement has become more common and it makes sense. He said the department has been exploring this partnership with Novi for some time and views it as a beneficial thing for both communities.

"A lot of departments are going this route... we're recommending that we go this way," said

Allen.

For further reason to enter into this agreement, Northville City Manager Patrick Sullivan said there is no training like real structure fire situations. This will allow the Northville's volunteer department to gain further experience in hazardous situations.

According to Johnson, the AMA agreement provides an engine or ladder from Northville to assist in the area north to

Nine Mile Road and east to Haggerty Road, and west to Napier Road. In return, Novi will respond to any major fires or other major incidents within the City of Northville.

Under the AMA language, resources will be given for situations involving situations like a "confirmed structure fire" which is identified by a first person caller, police officer or firefighter on scene, or multiple calls to dispatch.

This past November, Novi entered into an AMA with Wixom. However, neither has called upon each other since its enactment.

Johnson said Novi continues to explore AMAs with Walled Lake, Lyon Township and Farmington Hills. He said Northville Township has declined to participate at this time.

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## UPDATES FROM YOUR CITY

### Library's Read Box featured at Lakeshore Park

While you are enjoying your time this summer either barbecuing, mountain biking or taking a walk on the nature trail at Lakeshore Park, make sure to check out Novi Public Library's Read Box now until October. This one of a kind box designed by Lori Taylor expresses an elaborate amount of detail and tells a story just from the unique artwork. Visitors will get the chance to read a book and keep it as long as they would like or share it with family and friends. There will be a variety of books for all ages and checked each week for needed refills by library

staff. Inside each book, there will be a bookplate reminding visitors of what the Read Box entails, and encouraging park guests to read, enjoy and share.

The City of Novi Department of Public Services and Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services had a big hand in assisting with this project, which could not have been possible without their help. Be sure to visit Lakeshore Park now through October to take a glimpse of this unique piece of art and read a book of your choice.

For more information about this Read Box and Novi Public Library's Summer Reading Program visit novipubliclibrary.org.

### Spend the night under the stars at Lakeshore Park

The City of Novi Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services is proud to present the Great Campout at Lakeshore Park from 4 p.m. Saturday, June 22 to 10 a.m. Sunday, June 23. Join other community members in this unique opportunity to spend the night in a Novi park.

The Great Campout will feature a hot dog meal, smores sponsored by Meijer, extended beach hours, the movie, "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs"; an introduction to geocaching with Oakland County Parks; and a continental breakfast in the morning. Additionally, Walled Lake will host their

annual fireworks on the same evening, viewable from the Lakeshore Park Beach.

Each campsite is 15x15 feet, allowing for two tents and up to six people. No pets or alcohol will be allowed and an adult is required at each site. Campsites are \$35 each. In the case of inclement weather, camping will be at your own risk. Registration is available online at cityofnovi.org.

### Novi Public Library now offering online language learning system

Novi-Mango Languages is officially up and running on Novi Public Library's website, offering patrons of all ages a

chance to learn a new language of their choice.

French, Greek, Italian, Spanish, Korean and Russian are just a few of the languages that Mango offers.

With 40 foreign languages to explore and 15 ESL courses available for patrons, this free service offered by the library will help you speak fluently with just a click of the mouse. Patrons will have the opportunity to learn everyday languages spoken all around the world, which is designed to help increase their vocabulary and grammar skills. Mango offers both basic and complete courses that use interactive methods to keep users engaged and interested in this fun learning experience.

## For Kenyan kids



The International Surgical Mission Support (ISMS) is a secular, non-political organization created to provide free medical care to the poor all over the world. In June, Dr. Mehul Mehta (shown with his wife, Mehul), a surgeon at Oakland Regional Hospital, will join the Michigan Team of 24 members on a mission to Kenya. The team will be performing surgery on adults and children in need during their 10 day trip. More information on ISMS may be found at www.ismission.org. Michigan Surgery Specialist office locations and Oakland Regional Hospital locations, including Novi, hosted a donation drive from April 22 through May 8. The drive was open to the public and their employees. Individuals dropped off hundreds of comfort and basic items for children of Kenya that will be receiving much needed medical attention. Items included toys, shoes, blankets and more. Monetary donations may still be made at www.ismission.org and they are tax deductible.



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## Almost

Jack Wilson plays with his dog Willow after getting out of Novi Meadows on May 29. On June 13, elementary school kids like Wilson will have a bit more time for recreation, as the school year ends.

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**Father's Day Brunch**  
Friday, June 14  
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**Novi/Northville Relay**  
Soon, the joint community Novi/Northville Relay for Life will be here. It's a 24-hour walk, run and campout all helping to raise awareness and funds in the fight against cancer through the American Cancer Society on June 15-16. Many people in your community are volunteering right now and it would be great for you to be a part of this tremendous event. Right now, the Relay is still in need of teams to sign up and help in the fight. Sign up your team on the community website. Go to <http://www.relayforlife.org/> and search for your community, Novi or Northville. Everyone is invited to this family event. For more information, please contact Rachel Leas, Relay community representative, at (248) 663-3436 or [rachel.leas@cancer.org](mailto:rachel.leas@cancer.org).

**Wanted: Gardens**  
Garden fairies come at dawn, Bless your garden, then they're gone. If your Novi or Northville garden has been blessed through your hard work and a touch of fairy dust, would you like to share it with others? The Gardeners of Northville and Novi (aka the No-No's) are looking for gardens to be submitted for a place in their June 2014 Garden Walk. If you are interested in submitting your garden for consideration or if you have any questions, please call Audrey Murphy (248) 349-0376. All gardens will be visited by Audrey and other members of the Garden Walk Committee this June.

**African safari at library**  
The Friends of the Northville District Library will present William E. Cowger, award winning freelance photographer, to share his love of Africa through his pictorial journal of Tanzania and the Serengeti at 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 18. In 1999, after 30-plus years in the computer industry, Cowger decided he really wanted to be an international travel and wildlife photographer. Since then, his passion for the art of photography,

love of Africa, and the thrill of the bush has become his reality. While Cowger, a Troy resident, has traveled to 56 countries with many more on his bucket list, the only place that keeps drawing him back is Africa. "It is a life changing experience for most, and at least the trip of a lifetime for all," he said. For more information, call the library at (248) 349-3020 to reserve your seat. Attendance is free of charge. This is just one of the events sponsored by the Friends of the Northville District Library which supports and funds many of the programs and services of the library.

**Wixom receives Brookside Way grant**  
The City of Wixom's Senior Center received a migrant to purchase pedometers for "Wixom Seniors Walk America" May-October through the Brookside Way Mini-grant program. "We're thrilled HealthPlus has continued this important partnership, which helps support the Brookside Way Mini-grant program," said Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson last week during the program kickoff. "These mini-grants have invested more than \$100,000 into our communities, supporting projects that continue to impact the quality of life we all seek. My son would be gratified to see the positive impact these migrants are having on the health and fitness of our residents." The Brookside Way, which includes a half marathon, 10k and 5k races, is named in memory of Brooks Stuart Patterson, the son of the county executive, who died after an accident in 2007. The 10k race is new this year. The races can be run or walked and are set for Sept. 29 on the Meadow Brook Music Festival at Oakland University. HealthPlus President and CEO Bruce Hill greeted representatives of the organizations as they were handed their checks. Support from HealthPlus and other sponsors help fund the migrant program. The nine mini grants totaled \$9,442.

## Senior All Night Party Committee Northville High School Class of 2013 Wishes to Thank All Those Involved in Making This Year's Party a Huge Success

To the committee members who worked so hard over the past year, to all the volunteers who donated their time and energy, to the community who supported us, and to all the many who contributed to ensure that the graduating class of 2013 had a night to remember we express our sincere gratitude.

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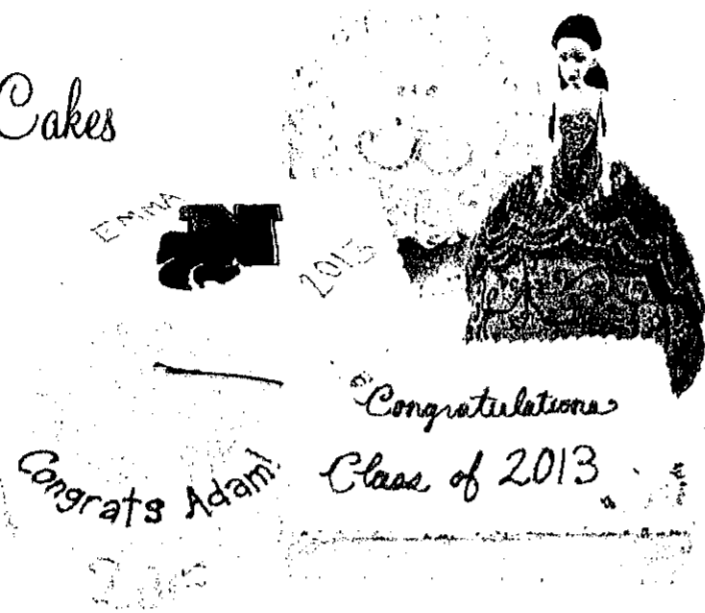


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## Collaborations offer new opportunities for students

Carolyn Brown, Walled Lake Consolidated Schools teacher consultant with Special Services, initiated two successful programs for high school students with Individual Education Plans, IEPs, who were on track to complete high school.

In a collaborative program with Oakland Community College, 60 11th- and 12th-grade students received college credit. OCC fully funded the \$10,000 program including the necessary transportation of students to both the Orchard Ridge and

Highland Lakes campuses. Some 30 students took classes in the fall and another 30 students completed classes this spring. Some of the classes included success seminars, time management, study strategies and orientation to college.

"The seniors took orientation to college it was offered by the OCC counseling department and 30 seniors earned one college credit. We are excited to continue this program because OCC has agreed to continue to offer this to

Walled Lake students," Brown said.

The second opportunity offers a camp experience for 11th- and 12th-grade students, through the Michigan Career Technical Institute, MCTI, beginning in July in Plainwell, MI. MCTI, through the Michigan Rehabilitation Services, MRS, is offering two, one-week sessions for our students. Students will develop an Individual Plan for Employment, IPE, and they will be assessed for independent living.

"These experiences

give our students confidence, college credit and most importantly, opportunities to begin a bright future," Brown said.

Dr. Sheryl Brown, director of Special Services, said: "Carolyn's networking with Oakland Community College, Michigan Career and Technical Institute and MRS has expanded career/technical and college opportunities for our students. She is a strong advocate and ambassador for the students we serve in Special Services."



Shown (l to r) are Michele Maye-Abele, WLS career development facilitator; Anthony Thomas, OCC counselor/instructor and Carolyn Brown, Special Services teacher consultant.

## WL Central students win College-Sponsored Merit Scholarships

The Walled Lake Consolidated School District is proud to recognize Brooke Feinstein and Sandeep Siva from Walled Lake Central High School for winning College-Sponsored Merit Scholarships.

Feinstein won a \$2,000 National Merit Northwestern University Scholarship. This scholarship can be renewed for up to four years while she attends Northwestern University where she plans to study biology.

Feinstein has been an athlete on the WLC Swim



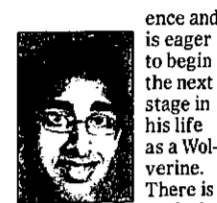
Feinstein  
Team and Ski Team. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and Shishalom Temple Youth Group. She is the daughter of Joelle and Mark Levine and William and Elyse Feinstein.

Brooke is an extremely deserving young woman," said Lynne Morse, WL Central guidance counselor. "She has challenged herself throughout high school in every curricular area; she has an insatiable thirst for knowledge, and a remarkable work ethic. Brooke's maturity and demeanor stood out the first time I met her. It was obvious then, that she was an exceptional student" who would succeed in whatever she endeavors to do."

Siva won a National Merit Michigan State University Scholarship. Siva declined the scholarship as he plans to

attend the University of Michigan to study engineering. Siva serves as a student representative for the PTSA and is a member of the Varsity Tennis team. He is the son of Nirupama Siva and Siva Arunachalam.

"Sandeep is truly an amazing individual with so much talent, not only academically but he is also an exceptional violinist and Black Belt in Tae Kwan Do," said Ann Marie Rutherford, WL Central guidance counselor. "He has a deep passion for math and sci-



Siva  
ence and is eager to begin the next stage in his life as a Wolverine. There is no doubt he will be an outstanding Engineer! As his Guidance Counselor, I am so proud of him and all his accomplishments."

About 200 colleges and universities currently underwrite approximately 4,800 National Merit Scholarships in each annual competition. Only Finalists who plan to attend a college or university that sponsors Merit Scholarship awards can be considered for one. Winners are chosen by officials of the sponsoring college or university. Each Finalist who accepts a college-sponsored award must use it at the institution financing it; a change in college choice cancels the scholarship.

### NOVI ON CAMPUS

#### Ohio Northern University

Matthew A. Sims, son of Michael and Elaine Sims, of Novi, has been named to the Deans' List for the spring semester 2012-13. He is a senior majoring in pharmaceutical business. The deans' list includes students who attain a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 grading system.

#### Albion College

The following local students graduated earlier this month:

Christopher Mantay graduated magna cum laude Phi Beta Kappa with a degree in philosophy. Mantay was one of just 20 students to graduate with Albion College Honors, signifying completion of the College Honors Program and an original thesis. The honor of magna cum laude signifies that Mantay graduated with a cumulative grade point average above 3.75. Phi Beta Kappa recognizes the top 10 percent of the class in liberal studies majors.

Mantay is the son of Dale and Julie Mantay of Novi and a graduate of Northville High School.

Austin Probst graduated magna cum laude Phi Beta Kappa with a degree in public policy and sociology, with a concentration in the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Leadership in Public Policy and Service. The honor of magna cum laude signifies that Probst graduated with a cumulative grade point average above 3.75. Probst is the son of Wayne and Christina Probst of Wixom and a graduate of Walled Lake Western High School.

Zachary Wells graduated cum laude with a degree in economics & management with a minor in cell and molecular biology. The honor of cum laude signifies that Wells graduated with a cumulative grade point average above 3.5. Wells is the son of Gregory and Marion Wells of Novi and a graduate of Brother Rice High School.

### I believe in music

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Irish musician Terry Murphy entertains a lunch-hour crowd at the Novi Public Library on May 23. Murphy sang a number of tunes of Ireland and of the Irish in America.

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# Family's grief prompts benefit walk to fight brain tumors

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Karen Cioma James and husband Phil grieve the death of daughter Leah, who was diagnosed at age 4 1/2 with an inoperable brain tumor. Leah lived just over a year after that before passing in 2005.

"As a way to channel our grief, we formed our 501(c)(3)," mom Karen said.

The family also includes daughter Kylie, 16, who attended Northville Christian Academy.

"We learned to love Northville," Karen James said of the family, which is now living in Florida for her husband's work.

They moved to Livonia after marrying.

Their organization, Leah's Happy Hearts, is based on the little girl's expression of "My heart is happy." The annual "Happy Feet for Happy Hearts Walk" will be held Saturday, June 8, at Maybury State Park, Eight Mile west of Beck in Northville Township.

The organization's board is made up of many friends. "Most of them knew Leah," she said.

This is the sixth year for the walk, which last year drew about 200.

Registration will start 9 a.m., the walk at 10 a.m. For every \$20 in pledges raised, participants will receive 25 raffle tickets, with additional raffle tickets offered for purchase at the walk. There will be a dove release and a butterfly release, along



More walkers are always welcome at the event, set for this Saturday, June 8, at Maybury State Park.

with clowns and face painting.

The robot R2D2 will pose for photos, and a light lunch and refreshments will be served. Go to [www.leahshappyhearts.org](http://www.leahshappyhearts.org) to register and/or create a pledge page.

People are encouraged to sign up in advance but walk-ins are also welcome.

Proceeds will support pediatric brain tumor research at the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, where Leah was treated. The organization also puts on each year a holiday shopping event for hospitalized children.

"We set up a store on three different floors," she said, with children choosing gifts for family members and themselves. Area Girl Scouts

make no-sew fleece blankets for children for the event.

"It's just a really fun event," James said of the holiday shopping. "It's very rewarding for me."

The family finds the benefit work helps them grieve. "That's the main reason we decided to form it," she said. "I knew I had to do something. It was well worth it. The pain is always going to be there."

Offering more treatment options for others helps the family cope. Leah's tumor was in the brain stem and couldn't be biopsied. It was described to her parents by doctors as like taking sand from Jell-O.

Funds from last year's walk and other fundraising are supporting a book to be written by Ridge Wood Elementary teach-

## 6TH ANNUAL HAPPY FEET FOR HAPPY HEARTS WALK

• **What:** Walk benefiting Leah's Happy Hearts, which raises money for pediatric brain tumor research at the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital

• **When:** Registration begins at 9 a.m., Saturday, June 8

• **Where:** Maybury State Park, Eight Mile west of Beck in Northville Township

• **More info:** Visit [www.leahshappyhearts.org](http://www.leahshappyhearts.org) to register and/or create a pledge page.



Leah James was just 4 1/2 when diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. She died in 2005, and her family holds an annual benefit walk to support pediatric brain tumor research and other projects.

er Sue Beth Balash in the Northville school district. The book will be for children diagnosed with tumors and their siblings.

"It's supposed to inspire hope for children," said James, adding C.S. Mott Hospital is also working on that.

The main character will be named Leah and the book will share the girl's joyful spirit but not be her story. The book will be shared with other hospitals down the road.

At the June 8 event, the Northville Fire Department helps with a fire truck and fire hats for the kids. "They've been great, always there for us," James said.

James and other organizers would be happy to raise \$20,000 from the June 8 walk. She appreciates "great sponsors," such as Domino's Pizza, Table 5 restaurant of Northville, Sunny J's of Plymouth, and Independent Bank of Livonia.

The James family moved to Florida in 2009, and plans to return to Michigan when Kylie graduates from high school, with Northville their first choice. "It's been difficult for her but she's getting along as best she can," mom said of Leah's death impacting Kylie. It was helpful when Kylie turned 16 and could visit the hospital, seeing work there.

The teen also benefits from supporters at the annual walk. Karen James said it draws from Northville, Novi, Livonia and Plymouth,

as well as their family members from Trenton, Whitmore Lake and Monroe.

James is pleased with this year's raffle prizes, including Detroit Tigers Den seats, an iPad and an American Girls doll. Leah's favorite color was purple, so the walk features purple T-shirts and balloons. Each walker will get a purple backpack.

Leah is buried in Livonia and the family appreciates a couple, friends and neighbors, who care for the grave. "I'm very lucky to have them," James said.

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# Congratulations Class of 2013



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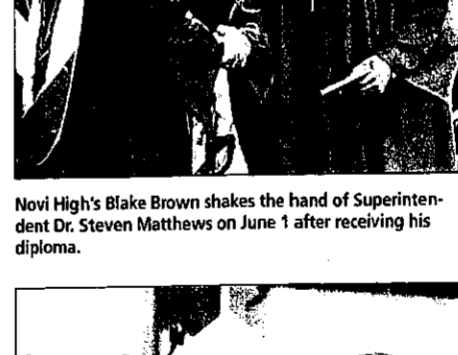
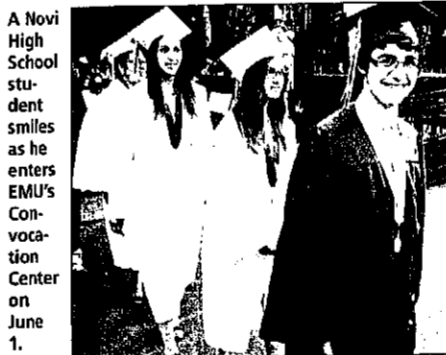
Novi students line up to receive their diplomas on June 1.



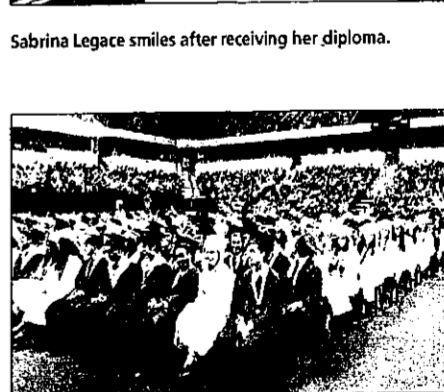
Novi High's Raymond Chung receives his diploma on June 1.

YeEun Kim graduates on June 1 with Novi High's class of 2013.

Novi High School class of 2013 graduate Nina Nafal laughs with some friends as she awaits the commencement exercise's start on June 1 at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center. Novi's class of 2013 included 518 students.



Novi High's Blake Brown shakes the hand of Superintendent Dr. Steven Matthews on June 1 after receiving his diploma.

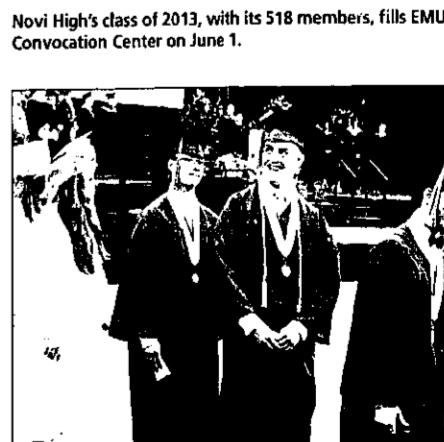


Novi High's class of 2013, with its 518 members, fills EMU's Convocation Center on June 1.



Class of 2013 member Christ Kohut.

Novi High School student Marie Sharma receives her diploma on June 1 at EMU's Convocation Center.



Novi High's class of 2013 enters EMU's Convocation Center.

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NOVI HIGH SCHOOL TOP STUDENTS

REBECCA CHEN

Parents: Ling Shi, Wen Chen
Academic Honors: National Merit Finalist, AP Scholar, Presidential Scholar nominee



Rebecca Chen

Extra-curricular activities: newspaper, tennis, Novi Youth Council
Post-graduation plans: studying neuroscience and psychology on the pre-med track at Duke University
Career plans: doctor
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My mother has influenced me the most, because her experiences have taught me to work hard and never give up.
Your most memorable high school moment: Winning first place in the state for my feature column at MIPA.

ZIQING (SUNNY) HUANG

Parents: WeiXin Huang and James Hong
Academic Honors: Scholastics Art and Writing Gold Key Award, National Merit Letter of Commendation, AP Scholar with Distinction, summa cum laude, Science Department Award

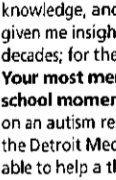


Sunny Huang

Extra-curricular activities: I am actively involved in piano performance and have been awarded many honors, including first place in the Ithaca College School of Music competition, four-time consecutive champion of the Scholastic Competition, and Comcerto Competition champion at AGM Nationals. I am currently Michigan's state champion and have performed at many venues across the country, including Carnegie Hall. In the summer, I also engage in scientific research, and my completed projects include an autism research project at the Detroit Medical Center and a mouse oocyte research project at Michigan State University. I am also the president of Piano Club and Art Club. I enjoy volunteering at Providence Park Hospital and leading student musicians in performing recitals for senior citizens at nursing homes.
Post-graduation plans: I am attending Stanford University in the fall to study human biology.
Career plans: I want to pursue a career in the field of medicine and the sciences, business, or law.
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My mother and my teachers act like one entity, inspiring me to constantly strive for improvement with their undying support. My teachers enthusiastically share with me their experiences, their knowledge, and my mother has given me insight for almost two decades; for them I am thankful.
Your most memorable high school moment: While working on an autism research project at the Detroit Medical Center, I was able to help a three-year-old autistic child by delivering intensive behavioral therapy during therapy sessions. When the child improved and increasingly smiled, I realized my passion: to help others in any way possible.

KARTHIK MUNIGALA

Parents: Uma Munugala and Naga Munugala
Academic Honors: National Merit Finalist; United States Presidential Scholar; National Merit Finalist; High School Honors Science Program (HSHSP) research student; summa cum laude; AP Scholar and IB Diploma Student



Karthik Munigala

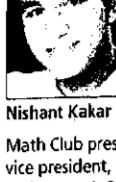
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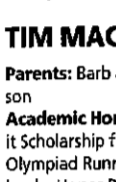


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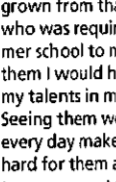
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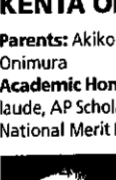


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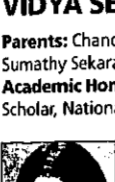
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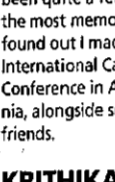


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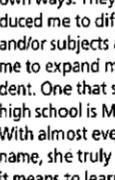


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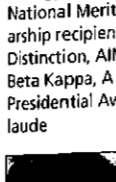
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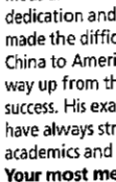


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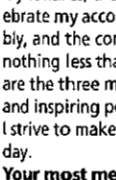


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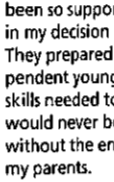


Stephanie Bixby

Extra-curricular activities: Student Council for two years; class secretary for two years; after-school tutoring; volunteering in KidZone (a church program for kids in kindergarten through second grade)
Post-graduation plans: I plan on attending Madonna University to obtain a degree in elementary education.
Career plans: After college, I plan on finding a job as an elementary teacher and working with kids for a living.
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My parents have been the biggest influence on my academic career. My mom and dad have been so supportive and helpful in my decision making process. They prepared me to be an independent young adult with the skills needed to succeed in life. I would never be where I am today without the encouragement of my parents.
Your most memorable high school moment: X

ANDREW DODDS

Parents: Alan and Laura Dodds
Academic honors: High Honor Roll four years in a row; National Honor Society; multiple other awards for classes throughout the years



Andrew Dodds

Extra-curricular activities: Student Government treasurer for four years in a row; Japanese Club
Post-graduation plans: I plan to attend OCC for the first two years to get all the prerequisites out of the way. After that I will move on to a university suitable for my career path.
Career plans: I plan to go into foreign affairs with Japan, as well as evangelizing in Japan.
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: The people who have most influenced me in my academic career are my parents. They both work so hard, but at the same time they always leave room for play. They have taught me that in order to enjoy life the most, we have to try our hardest. At the same time, if we try our hardest and fall flat on our faces, it's all right because we did our best. However, this is not an excuse not to try and to fail, which can be a diversion from the path.
Your most memorable high school moment: There were way too many memories in high school to single any one memory out, but the more recent memories I can remember would be having car marker wars, writing on all my friends' cars with car markers. Another memory would be having races to see who can get to their locker first while talking about how much we love cats.

BRIANNA LAYNE BRADSHAW

Parents: Steve and Mary Beth Bradshaw
Academic Honors: Student Leadership of the Month, National Honor Society, Outstanding Student Cooking Class, Student Council, Outstanding Citizenship three years, Outstanding Christian Character, Honor Roll every quarter of high school

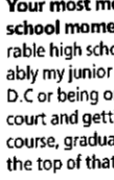


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Extra-curricular activities: I work with in the nursery of The Oaks Church and at kids camps during the summer. I also enjoy hanging out with my friends and family, reading, cooking and going to church.
Post-graduation plans: I plan to just get a temporary job and taking some time to figure out what I want to do with my life.
Career plans: I'm not sure what I want to do yet, but have a variety of things I am considering.
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My teachers, specifically Senior Roskens and Mrs. Swaffield, have influenced me to strive for learning experiences to strive for as well as encouraging and helping me through the difficult times in high school.
Your most memorable high school moment: My most memorable high school moment is probably my junior trip to Washington D.C. or being on homecoming court and getting prom queen. Of course, graduating will soon be at the top of that list.

JESSICA DORNFRIED

Parents: Richard and Felicitas Dorndorf
Academic Honors: Two years High Honor Roll and two years 4.0, National Honors Society
Extra-curricular activities: varsity volleyball, basketball, church activities, volunteered at the Veterans Affairs hospital, bonding with my closest friends and family



Jessica Dorndorf

Post-graduation plans: In the fall, I plan to take online classes while living and studying in Nicaragua for my first year of college. Afterwards, I am considering attending Southeastern University in Lakeland, Florida.
Career plans: Currently, I plan to earn a teaching degree and be an elementary teacher or enter the field of ESL, which is teaching English as a secondary language. My dream is to become a missionary and move to another country to spread God's love there.
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My mother has influenced me the most in my academic career. She has always been a hard, dedicated worker. From her example, I have learned to put my best foot forward and achieve the

JASON FUSCO

Parents: John and Jeannine Fusco
Academic Honors: 3.9 GPA, National Honors Society, Outstanding Art Ability Award, and High Honors
Extra-curricular activities: football, track, baseball, and Power Kids Club (Pontiac Ministry)
Post-graduation plans: I will be attending OCC and Oakland University, majoring in pre-med. Also, I will be playing football at Oakland University.
Career plans: I would like to go as far as I can with football and seek a job opportunity with it. I also plan on being a chiropractor if football does not work out.
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My family has influenced me to do my very best in everything I do and strive for excellence.
Your most memorable high school moment: Homecoming football games were my most exciting moments in high school.

RACHEL MAE LIPOVSKY

Parents: Kevin and Susan Lipovsky
Academic Honors: Distinguished Honors, High Honors, and various other awards
Extra-curricular activities: piano and vocal leader at Orchard Hills Baptist Church, Lifeguard at the Jewish Community Center, helps as a volunteer at Another Way Pregnancy Center, Sunday school teacher at Orchard Hills Baptist Church for infants and youth, varsity soccer, active in various mission organizations
Post-Graduation Plans: Spring Arbor University
Career Plans: pursue a career in graphic design and glorify God wherever His plans lead
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My parents have been the most influential people in my academic career. My parents are to persevere when a task becomes challenging and support me in every decision that I make.
Your most memorable high school moment: My most memorable experience from high school is going on my senior trip to Disney World in Florida.

MICHAEL LUPO

Parents: Don and Mary Lupo
Academic Honors: 4.0 GPA; valedictorian; National Honor Society; Distinguished Honors for four years; passed MMTA Level 10 piano testing; first place in statewide piano competitions; top 10 in national piano competition
Extra-curricular activities: teach piano lessons; keyboard player in the youth group band at Brightmoor Christian Church; volunteer at Brightmoor Christian Church; soccer; piano; guitar; jazz band; missions trips
Post-graduation plans: Wayne State University; double major in music performance and business.
Career plans: Uncertain but want to work in a job to utilize the financial side of business and musical gifts.
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My father has influenced me the most in my academic career. He has always taught me to work hard in every aspect of life and to always do my best. He has instilled in me a strong work ethic and inspired me to achieve greatness in every area. He is a leader in his field of work, and he reminds me often that I am a leader with a high standard to meet in all of my endeavors. He taught me that a hardworking man will outperform a talented, lazy man, and so I strive to work hard in all things because of my father's great example.
Your most memorable high school moment: My most memorable high school moment was my mission trip to Guatemala over spring break 2013. On this trip, I was able to build relationships with students at a school in Zacapa, Guatemala, teach them English classes, and do work

EMMANUEL PEACE

Parents: Manuel and Annette Peace
Academic Honors: 3.8 GPA, high honors all four years, distinguished honors during my senior year, National Honors Society
Extra Curricular Activities: varsity baseball, varsity basketball, travel baseball
Post Graduation Plans: University of Michigan; major in business and finance, and to attend law school after
Career Plans: My career plans are to become a lawyer.
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My parents have influenced me the most in my academic career. They have always encouraged me to strive for excellence in everything that I do.
Your most memorable high school moment: My most memorable high school moment was my senior trip to Disney. On our trip my class had a great time and we bonded. It was a wonderful experience.

TAYLOR FERNANDEZ

Parents: Scott and Michelle Fernandez
Academic Honors: High Honors all four years, 3.6 GPA
Extra-curricular activities: hockey and golf
Post-graduation plans: playing junior hockey for New Jersey Hitmen of the EIHL, plan on playing Division 1 hockey out east and getting an education in exercise science
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Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My parents have influenced my academic career the most due to the fact they have always encouraged me to do everything to the very best of my ability.
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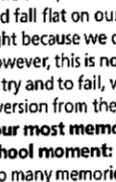


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Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My parents have influenced my academic career the most due to the fact they have always encouraged me to do everything to the very best of my ability.
Your most memorable high school moment: My most memorable high school experience would be my senior trip to Orlando with my classmates.

JESSICA DORNFRIED

Parents: Richard and Felicitas Dorndorf
Academic Honors: Two years High Honor Roll and two years 4.0, National Honors Society
Extra-curricular activities: varsity volleyball, basketball, church activities, volunteered at the Veterans Affairs hospital, bonding with my closest friends and family



Jessica Dorndorf

Post-graduation plans: In the fall, I plan to take online classes while living and studying in Nicaragua for my first year of college. Afterwards, I am considering attending Southeastern University in Lakeland, Florida.
Career plans: Currently, I plan to earn a teaching degree and be an elementary teacher or enter the field of ESL, which is teaching English as a secondary language. My dream is to become a missionary and move to another country to spread God's love there.
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My mother has influenced me the most in my academic career. She has always been a hard, dedicated worker. From her example, I have learned to put my best foot forward and achieve the

JASON FUSCO

Parents: John and Jeannine Fusco
Academic Honors: 3.9 GPA, National Honors Society, Outstanding Art Ability Award, and High Honors
Extra-curricular activities: football, track, baseball, and Power Kids Club (Pontiac Ministry)
Post-graduation plans: I will be attending OCC and Oakland University, majoring in pre-med. Also, I will be playing football at Oakland University.
Career plans: I would like to go as far as I can with football and seek a job opportunity with it. I also plan on being a chiropractor if football does not work out.
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My family has influenced me to do my very best in everything I do and strive for excellence.
Your most memorable high school moment: Homecoming football games were my most exciting moments in high school.



Jason Fusco

Parents: John and Jeannine Fusco
Academic Honors: 3.9 GPA, National Honors Society, Outstanding Art Ability Award, and High Honors
Extra-curricular activities: football, track, baseball, and Power Kids Club (Pontiac Ministry)

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A member of Novi's class of 2013 smiles as she enters the Convocation Center.

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## Roll out the barrels

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Novi and Northville commuters will be getting used to seeing lots of construction barrels along Eight Mile between Center and Griswold as a major re-surfacing project soon gets under way.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

## Food truck rally June 11

Motor City Street Eats and Northern Equities Group are teaming up to bring Detroit food trucks to Novi on Tuesday, June 11 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Haggerty Corridor Corporate Park at 27870 Cabot Drive.

This event was previously scheduled for Wednesday, May 22.

"After the September rally and the great feedback from our tenants we knew that we had to have the food trucks back on our beautiful park. We are excited to welcome them again," said Matthew Sossin, Northern Equities Group President. Scheduled to serve up Detroit's best food truck cuisine are Beignets, Concrete Cuisine, Corridor Sausage Co., Green Zebra, Jacques Tocous and Treat Dreams.

To help celebrate the event, diners will be entertained by local band, The Reefermen. (www.myspace.com/therefermen.)

## Simmons Decorating Den Interiors wins international design award

Local design professional and business owner Veronica Simmons and her team (www.thesimmonsteam.com) were recently honored to receive a top design award in her company's international design contest for outstanding design work. The award was presented at Decorating Den Interiors 44th annual conference held recently in Memphis.

Simmons was awarded third prize for her dramatic room makeover in the Home Office category. "The homeowners were looking for a space where they could wind down away from the kids, as well as pay bills and grade papers, since the wife is a teacher. They were open to color, so I wanted to use a little color to live up to the previously dull space," said Simmons. The homeowners were very pleased with their new space, and had this to say about their experi-

ence working with Veronica and The Simmons Team. "Our new office has turned into an oasis in our home. It's rich, vibrant colors set it apart from the rest of the main floor while complementing the rest of our decor."

This was the company's 29th annual International Dream Room awards competition. Judging was done by journalists from across the U.S. and Canada who write about interiors for such publications as Traditional, Design NY, and for national syndication and regional publications. The Simmons Team was also honored with the company's Eagle award for cumulative sales. Decorating Den Interiors' room makeovers have been featured in such publications as Good Housekeeping, Canadian Home and Home, Better Homes and Gardens, Woman's Day, House Beautiful and House and Garden. The company has been featured in a variety of design segments on HGTV and The Discovery Channel.

## Listening trumps mobile technology

By Lee Meadows  
Guest Columnist

Texting and tweeting and apps, oh my! Is anyone out there listening? You know, that ancient art, practiced during the glory days of the 20th century that required a human encounter. It was scribbled in all the self-help books of the 1970s and 1980s and has been foundational pillar of the Dale Carnegie skill of human improvement for thousands of attendees.

Listening is a skill that was perfected by Mahatma Gandhi, Mother Teresa, and Louie the Safecracker and, thus, contributed to their notoriety.

In that same spirit, the lack of listening skills contributed to the demise of Julius Caesar, Marie Antoinette, and Al Capone. The dark passage into oblivion is littered with

common phrases that swing like razor-sharp pendulums, slowly slicing away the tenuous connection that exists between us. These famous phrases echo through our conscious as we skim along the human abyss — "You see what happens when you don't listen?" "You're not listening to me!" "Had you just taken a moment to listen ...?" "All you had to do was listen." "You were given one month for talking and two ears for listening!" — and are the last thing we hear just before crashing into a wall.

Business is go-go over the 'mobilizing' of the work place. From the desk top to the laptop to the "mobile" information center in which e-mail, texts, voicemail, Internet access, appointment calendars (and their "reminders") that chime, ring, buzz and electrocute, and the hundreds of apps that allow for "synchronicity" of tasks and behavior. In many ways it is a musical concert of multi-colored apps brought together to work in harmonic efficiency such that the "digital" word is the "new" talking and the constant attention to the mobile screen is listening!

The ultimate irony would be that two smartphone users are texting each other to inquire about the burger they both ordered.

As Al Pacino uttered in the movie, *And Justice For All*, "There's something really wrong here!" From cubicle to conference room to church pew to street corner, mobile technology has contributed to skillful finger dexterity and shortened the English language to series of single digits, capitalized letters in lieu of a complete statement and a series of "mood" faces to help complete the thought. Meanwhile, who's listening? There was a point in time when the focus of listening was to teach the process of "not interrupting," being focused on the speaker, clarifying what you heard and then offering a response. It is a much harder skill to master when your eyes are fixed on your mobile device. At a time when the complexity of what we do is threaded through a number of downloadable apps, are we really as "connected" as we are, often led to believe? As the gap between texting and talking widens, it begs the question: Is there a connection between the rise in pharmacological dependency and decline in phenomenological listening? The importance of listening has been documented long before we recognized it as a skill. As a species, we had to evolve away from the belief that certain people are "born" listeners to the more acceptable notion that listening is a skill that is learned by most people. Having taken so long to come this far, there is no comfort in knowing that we may be abandoning the skill of listening in favor of our texting needs.

There is a long-held belief that mobile technology has contributed to the rise in workplace productivity. This belief is probably more true than untrue. However, there is historically longer proof that listening contributes to the rise in workplace morale. Just turn around in your cubicle and ask the person across from you, "What's on your mind?"

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With a record-breaking crowd of nearly 400, ORT America Michigan Region had a new twist to their annual WINGO fundraiser.



NOVI COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LOCAL EVENTS

Golf Outings

ST. MARY MERCY HOSPITAL 18TH ANNUAL TEE IT UP GOLF CLASSIC

Date: Monday, June 17

Location: Meadowbrook Country Club, Northville

Details: Proceeds from the event will benefit the Wellness Center, a St. Mary Mercy facility where patients and families can benefit from care that goes beyond conventional medicine.

WALLED LAKE FOUNDATION FOR EXCELLENCE FOURTH ANNUAL SCRAMBLE

Date: June 24

Location: Edgewood Country Club

Details: Raises funds for the Walled Lake School District. Online registration is open and accepting individual golfers along with business sponsorships through June 14.

FORE THE STARS INAUGURAL GOLF CLASSIC

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. registration; noon shotgun start; Friday, June 28

Location: Oak Pointe Country Club's Championship Course, Brighton

Details: Cost is \$125 per golfer.

Sizzling Summer Art Series

Location: Fuert Park (southeast corner of Taft and Ten Mile roads, Novi)

TREMENDOUS TUESDAYS

Time: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

June 18: Dakini Circus

June 25: John the Magician

July 9: Jason Kollum: Comedy Juggler

July 16: "Fisherman and his wife" theatre

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show July 23: Animal Adaptations

July 30: Joe Reilly

Aug. 6: Try this at home! Hands-On Museum

Aug. 13: "3 Little Pigs - Large and in Charge" puppet show

Kids entertainment begins at 10:30 a.m.

FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

Times: Music starts at 6:30 p.m. and movies begin at 8:45 p.m.

June 21: Out of this world! Cosmic Groove and "Robots"

July 26: Sweet Summer Fun! Candy Band and "Wreck-it Ralph"

Aug. 16: Bugs and Insects! Toppermost Beatles Tribute Band and "A Bug's Life"

BLOOD DRIVES

Location: St. Mary Mercy Hospital, North Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia

Time/Date: 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, June 14

Time/Date: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8

Time/Date: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10

Time/Date: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12

Details: The public is invited to join St. Mary Mercy Hospital employees and volunteers in donating blood at the event.

Bereavement Meetings

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

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

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

Wish You Were Here



The following Novi families went to Destin, Fla. For spring break: the Woods, O'Connors, Taulbees, Wilsons, Mullins and Thibaudeau.

METROPARKS CALENDAR

General: 2013 annual parking and boat launch permits are available at the park office. Vehicle entry permits are \$25; senior citizen \$15.

Kensington

Note: For more information for registration, call the Kensington Park office at (248) 685-1561 or (800) 477-3178.

NATURE CENTER

Breeding Bird Survey: Saturday, June 8, 7-10 a.m. During this three-hour survey, volunteers will help to identify the species of birds that nest at Kensington by looking and listening for them from designated points along the trail.

Tot Time - Bullfrogs and Turtle Logs:

Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m. A special introduction for toddlers to the amazing world of reptiles and amphibians! This program will feature live turtles, tadpoles and frogs.

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NORTHVILLE / NOVI CHURCH CALENDAR

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BRIGHTMOOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Location: M5 and 13 Mile Road, Novi

Contact: (248) 227-4420 or www.brightmoorchurch.org

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Location: 34567 7 Mile Road, Livonia

Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org

Contact: (248) 442-8822

Sunday Worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Adult special needs worship: 9:30 a.m.

Good news day camp: June 17-21, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; children completed K-6th grade.

Youth group: Tuesdays at 7:45-9 p.m.

Women's "coffee break" bible study: Monday, June 10, 9:30-11 a.m.

Details: "Things don't always work out the way we want them to"

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road

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

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Women's Bible Study Time/Date: 9:15-10:30 a.m. Saturdays

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE

Location: 217 N. Wing

Contact: (248) 348-1020

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

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

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVI-FAITH INTEGRATED CHURCH

Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org

Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.

Family Worship: 11 a.m.

Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF

Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia

Contact: (248) 427-8743 or visit www.1stumcchurch.net

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m., Wednesday 7 p.m.

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between 8 and 9 Mile roads

Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister (248) 348-7757; visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Church School: 10-11 a.m.

Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.

Merry Widows Luncheon: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month

Pilgrim Fellowship: 6 p.m. Sundays

Good Friday Cross Walk: Time/Date 6 p.m. Friday, March 29

Details: The traditional Cross Walk will begin at Novi United Methodist Church (10 Mile and Meadowbrook roads) and continue to Meadowbrook Church.

HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 427-1175 or holycrossnovi@gmail.com; visit holycrossnovi.org

Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10 a.m.

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

Alzheimer's Support Group: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Location: 39200 West 12 Mile Road (east of Haggerty Road), Farmington Hills

LAKES BAPTIST CHURCH

Location: 309 Ker Road, Walled Lake

LIVONIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia

Contact: (248) 348-9030

Sundays 9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children

9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium

10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)

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

NOVI - NORTHVILLE CENTER FOR JEWISH LIFE

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

Contact: Rabbi Avrohom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or rabbi@novi-jewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com

NOVI UNITED METHODIST

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit unmcnovi.org

Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Novi-United-Methodist-Church/59782031433

Time/Date: 9:45 a.m.

Healing Service and Holy Communion: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month

Peace Vigil: noon, first Sunday of every month in front of the church. Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

OAK POINTE CHURCH

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi

Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org

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

ReNew Life Group Ministries: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday

Details: Overseen by True North Christian Counseling, offering a variety of support and relational groups: Divorce Care; Grief Share; Life Disrupted (Doing Well At Being Sick); Restoring; Setting Boundaries with Teen & Adult Children; Single and Single Again; Men's Integrity; Cross Current; Her Story-Partner Care; Growing Seasons (for children); and two new groups are Caretakers and Knit Together (Adoption/Foster Care) Workshops.

NOVI NEWSMAKERS

Marvel Technologies CEO wins Entrepreneur of Distinction Award

Marvel Technologies Inc., provider of IT services and solutions, announced that its chief executive officer, Bala Rajaraman, is named as 2013 Entrepreneur of Distinction by Corp! Magazine.

"I am very happy to accept this award on behalf of Marvel Technologies," said Rajaraman. "It is very encouraging and motivating to be recognized for our successful efforts. We extend our thanks to Corp! Magazine for their support."

Starry Night

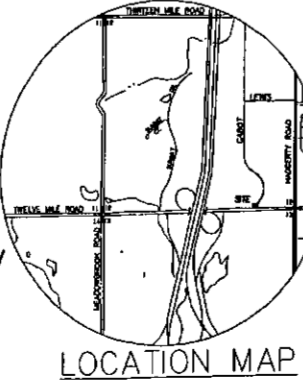
Novi residents Sean and Rebecca Hurwitz attended the Eight Annual Starry Night Gala to benefit Band of Angels at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.

The event raised over \$65,000 which will go towards helping individuals with Down syndrome, autism and other cognitive impairments achieve independence and find meaningful schooling and employment opportunities.

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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, June 26, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider STARBUCKS, SITE PLAN NUMBER 13-38, FOR RETAIL SERVICE OVERLAY, PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 26, 2013.

Novi Planning Commission David Greco, Secretary

Publish: June 6, 2013

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### OUR VIEWS

## \$45,000 study Money well spent on Town Center District

When the Town Center District was created in 1985, the intent was to create a unique, multi-use area with special design details that would bring an identity for this area of Novi.

In addition to the Town Center Shopping Center, development since that time has also included the Main Street developments, the City Center Plaza and its outlots, and the newer buildings on the west side of Novi Road, north of Grand River.

More recently, there has been much new construction and reinvestment in the Town Center District. There has been significant renovation and redevelopment of the Town Center Shopping Center, with many new tenants over the last couple of years (Walmart, Goldsmith, Performance Bike, and Ulta) as well as others relocating in the center (Diamond Jim Brady's and Running Fit).

The Main Street development (south of Grand River and east of Novi Road) was created under the TC-1 Ordinance standards, and it includes the Atrium building, the former Vic's Market development (now anchored by Better Health, Blue Fin and Epic), and the Main Street East buildings.

New development plans for Main Street were presented in 2007, which included mixed use buildings (retail, office and residential), but construction never started on those approved plans. The property ownership has changed hands a couple of times since the initial development took place, with new owners now inquiring about development possibilities.

Long-story short, a lot has happened in the district -- enough to prompt City Council to approve a \$44,900 contract for professional services to Carlisle/Wortman Associates Inc. to review the Town Center area and make sure the city is maximizing its potential.

That may or may not sound like a lot of money to a Novi taxpayer, but know this: There are approximately 60 properties in the study area, with more than 100 different businesses. As of 2011, there was more than \$88 million in taxable value in the study area and perimeter properties.

There are also a number of vacant parcels in the study area, including:

- those on the north and south sides of Main Street, east of Novi Road,
- the former cement factory on Flint Street, west of Novi Road, and
- vacant land on the east side of Town Center Drive, north of Eleven Mile Road.

New developments and redevelopments will only enhance that taxable value.

The study is expected to take four to five months, and will involve review and input from key property owners and businesses in the district, the Planning Commission, and representatives from the City. Ideas and suggestions are to be welcomed in a variety of methods. There are three outcomes to the study including:

1. Review the recommendations of the Master Plan for Land Use,
2. Review the Zoning Ordinance standards and the Town Center Design Guidelines
3. Review and make recommendations for Wayfinding signage.

Depending on the outcome of the study, there may be updates to the master plan recommendations and ordinance standards, along with updated design standards and recommendations for enhanced wayfinding signs.

A study of this magnitude is due. There has not been a formal planning study of the Town Center Districts since the mid 1980s. (There have been land use reviews with each Master Plan Review, and a few zoning ordinance amendments to address certain needs over the last seven years. Ordinance amendments have addressed the need for taller mixed-use buildings than the ordinance allowed, outside sales with retail stores, and limited drive-through facilities.)

Given the recent substantial reinvestments in the area, both public and private, and the amount of time that has passed since the area was first envisioned, the city wants to ensure that the appropriate land use and zoning regulations are in place moving forward, along with appropriate design standards and wayfinding signage to insure the continued success of this key area of the City.

\$45,000? Money well spent.

### COMMUNITY VOICE

## Do you have any tips or advice for a graduating high school senior?



"It's not always how smart you are, it's how hard you work. Find mentors or do some job shadowing. Some people already have it figured out and can be very helpful."  
**Eric Schleuder**  
Novi



"Don't be afraid to make mistakes, but make sure you learn from them."  
**Kathleen Pillon**  
Northville



"Treat other people the way you would want to be treated."  
**David Hildreth**  
Novi



"It's a tough situation nowadays. I think the government should be doing a better job of partnering with private business to create jobs for today's younger people so they can in turn give back."  
**Ruth Weber**  
Novi

### LETTERS

#### Become enlightened

If you are dissatisfied, disappointed and angry about how you are being represented in local, county, state or national government, now is the time to start working for change. Research those who represent you, know which bills they have sponsored or supported. Learn about their qualifications and experience as well as the principles which guide them. Are they moderate or extreme in ideology? It is important to know which individuals plus which groups support the officials financially. Too often money buys elections.

In the 2010 mid-term elections, right-wing extremists in the Republican Party -- members of the Tea Party -- won offices in the U.S. Congress and in other governmental agencies. Evidence of gridlock, failure to compromise, lack of progress to deal with and solve serious problems resulted. Reasonable, moderate Republicans realize the harm being done to their party.

Get and stay involved in the democratic process beginning now. Contact your representatives by phone, letter or e-mail. Discuss issues with family and friends. Vote in all elections!

An enlightened electorate preserves democracy.

**Hannah Provence Donigan**  
Commerce

**Samantha Martin**  
Novi High School student

#### Start high school later

As a high school student, I know how hectic schedules can get. With school starting at 7:15 a.m., I find myself in a kind of continual state of exhaustion, and so, I am sure, do my peers. It is not in the nature of a teenager to want to go to bed at a good time. In fact, according to a study by the National Sleep Foundation, it is perfectly normal to be unable to get to sleep before 11 p.m. With bus arrival times around 6:45 a.m., even if high school students are asleep by 10 p.m., the maximum number of hours sleeping they will receive is eight and three-quarter hours. However, this is in no way plausible as most students need at least a half hour to get ready in the morning. It's easily seen that most students are getting way below the recommended nine and a quarter hours for teenagers.

School takes a lot. With six classes, each with their own individual homework, there is always a lot to do. These things cannot be done if the body and mind are tired from lack of sleep. In addition, there are 52 different extra-curricular activities that Novi High School offers, many of which come with huge time commitments. With these in mind, it is almost impossible

#### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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to get to bed early at all. If enough students, parents and community members come together to notify the school board of these problems, then maybe we can make a difference. Protect the future of education by giving students the gift of a good night's rest by changing the start time of Novi High school to a later time.

**Jared Engbretson**  
Novi High School student

**Thank you, teachers**

The next time you hear our governor, state legislator or school board criticize the 'greed' of teachers who want to be treated fairly, think of Newtown, Conn., and Moore, Okla. The next time you hear an interview of the school superintendent who refuses to negotiate with the teachers union, think of Newtown and Moore.

Think of all these brave, life-saving teachers who truly with their actions, care for our children. Those weren't governors, senators or school board members shielding children from tornado winds in Oklahoma. Those were teachers.

Thank you all.

**Skip Wehrle**  
Garden City

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I want people to know the importance of continued medical research. We have bright children diagnosed with congenital heart problems that deserve a promising future with the help of advanced medical research. We need to restore funding to support the NIH's programs for those affected by heart in communities across Michigan.

Medical research is vital to discovering new treatments and even cures for generations to come. We must not give up the fight to increase federal support for the NIH. We can help secure funding for the NIH by writing our Michigan legislators personally or through volunteering with the American Heart Association's You're the Cure advocacy network. I encourage you to visit [youthecure.org](http://youthecure.org) to learn how you can improve the health of Michigan residents.

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Our criminal justice system today is very just in both setting precedents for the future and providing everyone with a fair and unbiased trial.

Based on the precedent set by the case *Miranda vs. Arizona*, citizens have the "right to remain silent" when charged with a crime. The criminal justice system is also fair regarding unreasonable searches and seizures. The Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution protects citizens from "unreasonable searches and seizures." The criminal justice system also provides the defendant with the "right to be judged by an impartial jury of one's peers." The Sixth Amendment clearly protects this right. As you can see, the criminal justice system provides the defendant with a speedy and fair trial, an impartial jury, and protects a citizen's right to remain silent, ultimately making it just.

**Jared Engbretson**  
Novi High School student

## A humorous guide to congressional names

By Nick Thomas  
Guest Columnist

I never gave much thought to congressional names until Anthony Weiner hit the headlines in 2011, as a disgraced member of the do-nothing 112th Congress.

Now we have the 113th Congress with its 535 voting members -- 435 in the House of Representatives (plus six non-voting delegates) and 100 in the Senate. Are there any members in this batch of political gems who also have interesting names? It turns out quite a few do.

The most common last name is Johnson (six of them), followed by Miller, Scott and Smith (four each) and Young, Davis and Bishop (three each). Some of the more unusual names include: Ruppberger, Frelinghuysen, Luetkemeyer and Sensenbrenner.

It would seem there are a few colorful individuals, too, including some Blacks and Browns, a couple of Greens, a Whitehouse and a Schwartz. Others are just plain animals, such as Reps. Foxx, Labrador, Bass, Fincher, Wolf, Duckworth, Horsford and Doggett and Sen. Coons.

The list also includes members who are Kind, Blunt, Grimm, Long and Hurt and one who is Camp. There's a Flake, a Harper and a Payne and another is the Pitts. Thankfully, the only Biggie in the 112th Congress was defeated in the 2012 election. And while it may take some convincing, compared to the previous Congress, we can't label any current member Boren. Still, even on a good day, one senator from Idaho is always Crapo.

In the 113th Congress, you can find Waters, Brooks and Meadows, as well as a Cook, Boxer, Gardner, Hunter and a Barber. There are also three (jolly?) Rogers in the group. But despite having a Pastor and several Bishops, no Christian is listed on the congressional roll from any of the 50 states.

The group boasts a Carter, Kennedy, Buchanan, Wilson, McKinley and Johnson. But unfortunately, for all you closet Confederates out there, Geoff Davis of Kentucky resigned last year.

With the retirement of Rep. Austria, the international crowd is represented by Daines, some Scotts, Sen. Deutch and Reps. Israel and Jordan (not surprisingly, on opposite sides of the aisle).

Many other members share well-known names, including a Lewis and Clarke, sev-

eral Mr. Rogers and a Daniel Webster. And let's not forget a bunch of Bradys. Louisiana has Reps. Alexander and Fleming, and there's also Democratic stars Warren and Beatty.

In the previous Congress, Democratic Sens. Bill and Ben Nelson usually voted along party lines. But since Ben's retirement, the Democrat votes are now reduced to a Half Nelson.

On the House floor, Rep. Slaughter is known for her killer speeches, while Rep. Cleaver's wit can quickly cut an opponent down to size. And can Rep. Petri dish it out at times, too? He sure can bug his opponents. It's just a pity Sen. Lugar was defeated in his Republican primary, as he had a reputation for being a straight shooter.

While we sometimes see ugly partisan debates in Congress, it's still unprofessional for either side to tell colleagues to go to Heck. That's because both Dennis Heck, the Washington Democrat, and Joe Heck, the Republican from Nevada, are fairly inexperienced members to seek out for advice.

After considering the names of House and Senate members, some unanswered questions still remain:

Could we really trust Ohio's Rep. Fudge to chair the House Finance Committee?

Though they left Congress last year, were House members more comfortable leaving money matters to Reps. Schilling and Pence?

Just how supportive of the U.S. auto industry would Rep. Honda be?

Had he been around in the '80s, would Rep. Yoder have supported Reagan's Star Wars initiative?

What if Reps. Carolyn Maloney and Ed Markey sponsored a bill together? Would Joe Biden call it a bunch of Malarikey? Shouldn't Tim Kaine be the House minority whip?

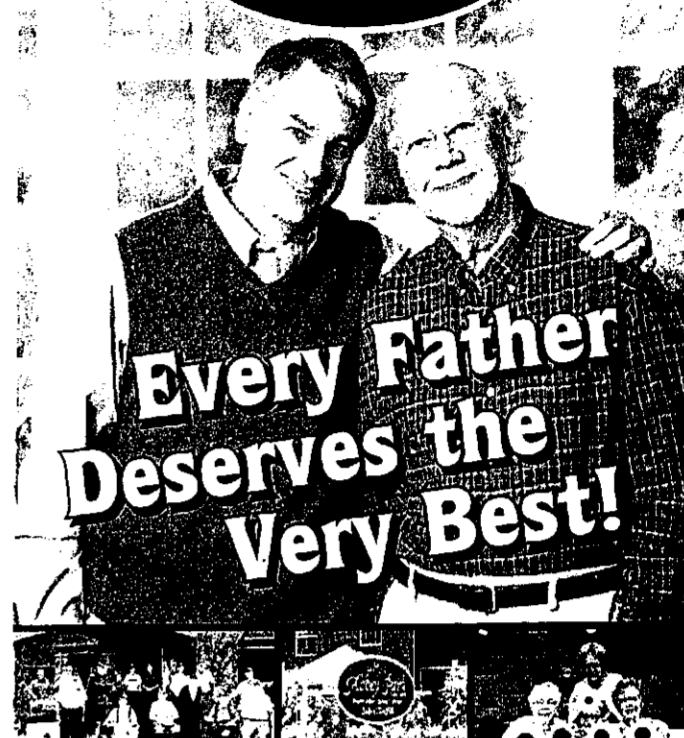
And, let's face it, isn't Sen. Graham crack-cars?

With its rampant gridlock and political scandals, the previous Congress was not a shining example of our democracy at work. But at least one weiner didn't make it back to tarnish the 113th Congress.

Nick Thomas's features and columns have appeared in more than 275 magazines and newspapers, including the Washington Post, LA Times, Chicago Tribune and Christian Science Monitor. He can be reached at his blog: <http://getnick.blogspot.com>.

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## Hydroplane owner gets thrill showing craft



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Steve's Auto Body revamped a hydroplane that won first place at Autorama earlier this year. Pictured are (from left) Hydroplane owner Paul Poledink, crew member Sandy Ross and Steve Lloyd, owner of Steve's Auto Body, with the trophy.

By Diane Gale Andreassi  
Staff Writer

White Lightning, a hydroplane that won first in its class at Autorama earlier this year, has come a long way since Paul Poledink rescued it from a barn in Canada about five years ago.

The Northville resident and retired engineer who worked at General Motors and Ford remembers being thrilled on outings to the hydroplane races on the Detroit Riv-

er with his dad. While boats and water sports have always been part of his life, Poledink said he couldn't pass up the chance to own his own antique race boat.

"This came along and I said, 'Wow, do I really want to be involved in hydroplanes?'" he said. "This is the ultimate in recreational boats."

Owning the 41-year-old CE-52 E Class racer has been a joy that he likes to share with others who appreciate the sleek design of a race boat that looks like it's flying

### SEE IT

Paul Poledink encourages hydroplane enthusiasts to come see White Lightning at Walled Lake Thunder June 8-9; the Gold Cup on the Detroit River July 12-13 and Quake on the Lake July 19-21 in Waterford.

as it skims the water at speeds as fast as 90 mph. "I never thought I would have anything like this," he said.

"The antique boat sat in a barn for 'years and years' before Poledink spent two years bringing back its luster with the

help of a lot of people, including Steve Lloyd, owner of Steve's Auto Body in South Lyon.

"To make it this pretty, I couldn't do that," Poledink said. "I did all the financial work and had people help me with things I couldn't do.

Half of it is to enjoy it and half of it is to take it around and let people enjoy it."

Working on White Lightning "was a challenge," Lloyd said. "We've done so many things here that there's really not too many things we can't do. It was cracked and the paint had fallen off. A lot of times, with fiberglass, it just breaks down and cracks. It wasn't in real bad condition, but it needed some pretty drastic repairs to get it looking as nice as it is."

The work paid off, Poledink said, because the reaction he gets from onlookers makes all the money and labor worthwhile. There are few thrills that compare to watching a young person climb into the driver's seat and pretend they are steering the race boat across the waves.

"It sounds hokey, but there's a joy in bringing it to other people," he added.

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## Hospice of Michigan, Angela Hospice partner to expand pediatric care

Hospice of Michigan, the oldest and largest non-profit hospice program in the state, has received a grant that will allow it to bring its Pediatric Early Care program to Southeast Michigan by collaborating with Livonia-based Angela Hospice.

PEC is appropriate when a child is diagnosed or is living with a potentially life-limiting illness, continues to receive curative treatment and is not yet eligible for hospice services. HOM provides a wide range of PEC services, including compassionate support and education for the whole family, to help maintain the child's comfort of body, mind and spirit.

HOM will collaborate with Angela Hospice to offer prenatal counseling and hospice referrals when appropriate for the patient. Angela Hospice was one of the first hospices in Michigan to offer pediatric care to families of children with life-limiting illness. In 2001, Angela Hospice became the first organization in Michigan and only the second in the United States to offer prenatal counseling, serving parents who are facing the knowledge that their unborn baby may not survive or may be born with a life-limiting illness.

Collaboratively, these programs offered by HOM and Angela Hospice comprise a full continuum of pediatric services to Southeast Michigan. Referrals to the PEC program will come from many institutions in Southeast Michigan, including area hospitals, pediatricians and other health care providers. The general public is also encouraged to refer patients and families to the program.

"When we refer on hospice care, we typically think of the support needed for elderly patients and their families. Yet, families who are facing the realities of a very sick child or baby also need a tremendous amount of support," said Angela Hospice Executive Director Mary Beth Moring. "We are pleased to be partnering with Hospice of Michigan as they expand the breadth of their PEC program. Our goal is to provide the best support possible for children and their families, and together we'll be able to help even more children and families in our community."

HOM President and CEO Dottie Deremo noted, "Our partnership with Angela Hospice to provide prenatal and hospice services allows us to offer a full continuum of pediatric care and prevents the duplication of programs, which is so critical in today's healthcare environment. Angela Hospice is a like-minded partner that shares our philosophy of patient care."

HOM has hired Alexa Frye, an experienced pediatric-licensed master social worker, to provide the individualized support to patients and families for its pediatric early care program in Southeast Michigan. The program will be directed by Mary Spicketts, pediatric program director for HOM who has led the prenatal, early care and pediatric hospice programs in West Michigan since 2006.

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# State AFL-CIO president: Workers will respond in 2014 election season

By Ken Abramczyk  
Correspondent

Karla Swift isn't deterred. The president of the Michigan AFL-CIO realizes the labor movement was set back with the passage of Michigan's right-to-work legislation in December. That only makes Swift more determined to ensure workers around the state learn about the benefits of union membership and what she believed helped her in her life as a lifelong union member.

Swift said the Michigan AFL-CIO met with its affiliates to discuss with members what right-to-work means. "Supporters say it's about freedom for working people, but what they are talking about is less time with their families and their access to health care," Swift said. "These are the things that are jeopardized by these policies."

"These laws are controversial, but they are directly designed to make it harder to speak with one voice when it comes to negotiations. We are talking with the members and their families about what these policies really mean." Swift, a Livonia resident, was sworn into her presidency in October 2011 after her election by the Michigan AFL-CIO. She was the state director of We Are The People, a coalition of seniors, students and state residents working to protect the middle class, according to



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Karla Swift, president of the Michigan AFL-CIO.

its website. Prior to that, Swift had worked for UAW International for 20 years, the last 10 as an organizing director.

### Got start at Detroit Diesel

Her union activity began when she took on a leadership role at Local 43 at Detroit Diesel in Romulus, where she started working in 1977.

One activity led to another, as she worked on political action committees and assisted in contract negotiations.

"It was an important part of working there and being fully engaged," Swift said. "If you have a union where you work, it is the best way to be — a full partner with your co-workers and the community.

It was a personal commitment." Swift was raised by parents who supported unions, she said. "I was raised on a belief that it was important for people to stand up for themselves."

Swift's mother was a postal worker; her father was an engineer and was not a union member.

"He shared a healthy respect for them and worked with them," Swift said. "He appreciated the value of a labor-management partnership."

Her father recognized that under the collective bargaining process "everyone does better with job security, health care and a pension, that a middle class is what was built."

a half year," Swift said. Snyder acted at the behest of Republican lawmakers and corporations, Swift said. "That (right-to-work) really was not a product of 2012, but a product of 2010," Swift said of his election and placing Republican majorities in the state House and Senate.

That evolved into the placement of Proposal 2, the proposal to place collective bargaining in the state constitution, onto the state ballot last year. After right-to-work passed in December, Snyder said Proposal 2 was a "massive over-reach" and said right-to-work discussions "took off" after state voters rejected Proposal 2 the month before.

Right-to-work laws make it illegal to require financial support of a union as a condition of employment. Supporters said it gives workers freedom of a choice to join a union and would bring more jobs to Michigan, but critics argue that it would drive down wages and benefits. Unions have noted that with right-to-work allows members to opt out of unions even though they reap benefits of collective bargaining and contracts and representation during grievances.

### Labor and elections

Swift is confident union members, their households and retired employees will make their voices heard in 2014.

"People serving corporations will have to answer for those policies

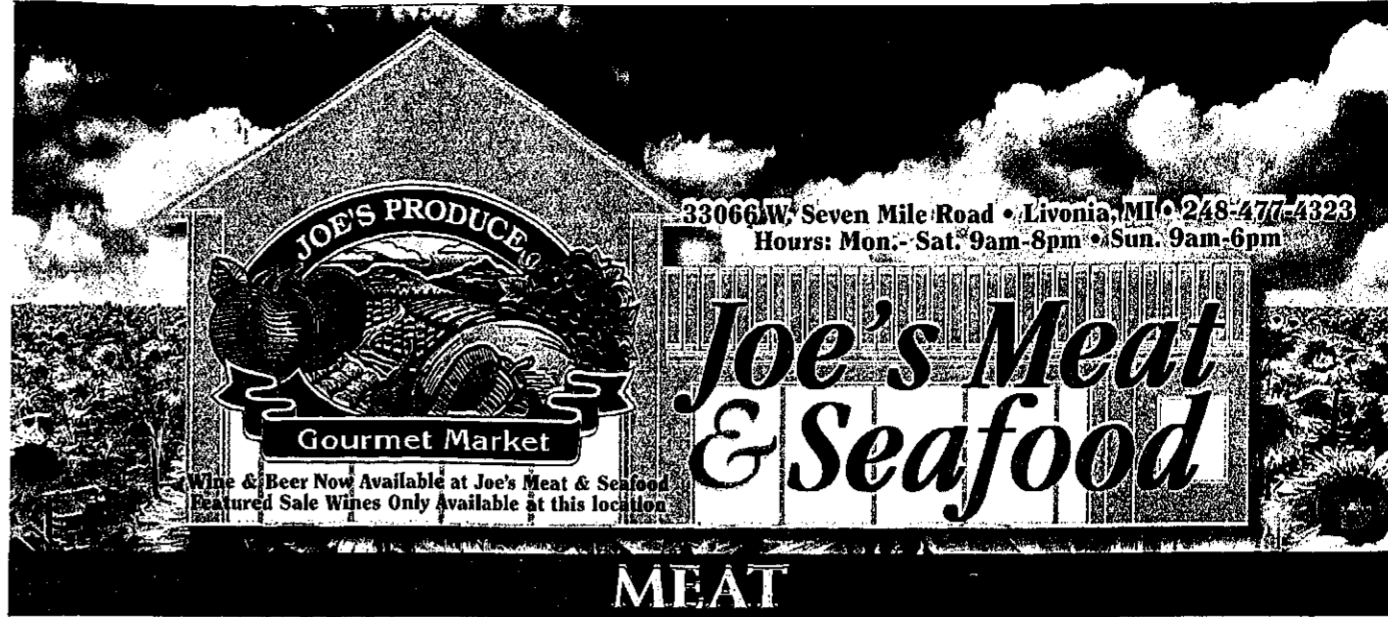
in 2014," Swift said. No organization has a larger impact on elections than the labor movement, she said.

On the future of negotiated contracts, Swift said local AFL-CIO affiliates are left to bargain their own contracts because they know the issues firsthand. "The workers who were giving concessions will be trying to win some ground back," she said.

The labor movement is the "underutilized umbrella" of a larger movement to improve working conditions and workers' rights, which helps build communities, a middle class, improved public schools and improves quality of life, according to Swift.

The Michigan AFL-CIO and the union movement will be working on coalitions and causes for everyday people, Swift said. She used young workers as an example. Low entry-level positions do not allow students to pay off debts on college loans. "And they are not able to access a good job," Swift said. "There are things we have to do something about at a policy level."

Swift said there has been a cultural shift in the labor movement at large. "We're empowering employees to stand up for themselves," she said. "We weren't able to stop Gov. Snyder and the Legislature from pushing their special interest agenda, but we let them know that the working people aren't fooled."



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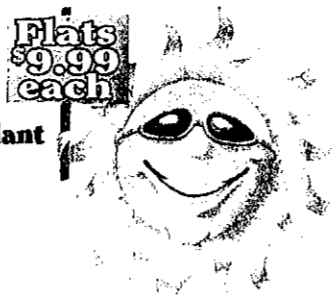
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Northville's No. 4 doubles team of Shannon Williams and Libby Quinn earned the distinction of being Division I state champions in their flight after a remarkable weekend performance.

**Girls tennis finishes fifth in the state**  
Williams and Quinn earn state title in No. 4 doubles flight

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

For the rest of their lives, Shannon Williams and Libby Quinn will always know that in 2013, they were the absolute best tennis players in the state of Michigan among their peers.

The duo, which has been on an absolute tear all season long, earned the distinction of becoming state champions after defeating Farmington Hills Mercy's Julie Flanagan and Sarah Hinrichs in the title tilt. Their finish helped the Mustangs to a fifth-place team finish at the Division I state finals, which were held in Midland last weekend.

Port Huron Northern won the state title with 24 points while Farmington Hills

Mercy took second with 22 and Grosse Pointe South and Clarkston tied for third with 20 points each. Northville finished with 14.

"What a remarkable weekend," said Northville coach Linda Jones. She added that it's been a pretty remarkable season as a whole. "The girls' team, this season, won the division title, association title, conference title and regional title on their way to the state championships. (It was) a great season in all."

Williams and Quinn had one of the most impressive seasons of the year, and it was showcased by the fact that they entered the tournament as a No. 1 seed. The team earned a first-round bye before topping Holland West Ottawa's Kelly Hayes and Susan Fender in the second round, 6-2, 6-

4. In the third round, the Mustangs duo defeated West Bloomfield's Olivia Chan and Kathie Wu, 6-0, 6-0.

In the semi-finals, Williams and Quinn topped No. 4 seed Emma St. Pierre and Sonal Bahi of Ann Arbor Pioneer, 6-2, 6-4. Northville's No. 3 singles player, Claudia Ma, also had an outstanding day, fighting her way right to the semi-finals.

As the No. 4 seed in her flight, Ma earned a bye in the first round before going on to defeat Arushi Mahajan of Troy, 6-2, 6-2, and the No. 5-seeded Rosa Wu from Ann Arbor Huron, 6-4, 6-3. Ma's final match came in the form of a 6-1, 6-2 loss to the No. 1-seeded player from Clarkston, Dana Olsen, who went on to win

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**Novi wins district soccer title**

By Terry Jacoby  
Correspondent

In another typical year for the successful Novi girls' soccer program, the Wildcats blanked Farmington Hills Mercy 2-0 on Saturday in a district final to advance to regionals.

Cat Nussio scored the first goal off a Taylor Pavlika throw-in and Chloe Allen scored off an Erin Dircks assist for the Wildcats. Both goals were scored in the first half as Novi dominated, outshooting Mercy 13-3 for the game.

Jade Antolec made three saves for the shutout.

The Wildcats advanced to the district final with a 1-0 win over rival Northville on Friday in the district semifinal.

Novi scored the game's only goal with 12 minutes left to play when Dircks flicked a Pavlika throw-in toward the goal and it found its way between two defenders and into the net.

**ON TAP**

Novi (16-2-2) advances to play Dearborn Edsel Ford at 5 p.m. on Wednesday at Farmington High School. The other game in the Region is Saline vs. Plymouth. The winners will play at 6 p.m. on Friday at Farmington HS.

**Girls track team showcases pure talent**



Alexa Abbott pushes herself to the limit as she runs her leg of the 4-by-400 relay for the Northville Mustangs girls track team.

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs girls track and field team ended their season with some remarkable numbers: 12, 7, 4 and 10.

"The first number, 12, signifies the number of athletes the Mustangs were able to send to the Division I state finals last weekend, held at East Kentwood High School in Grand Rapids. There, the team not only finished in seventh place, but they set four Northville High School records and had 10 athletes come home with All-State honors.

"It was an incredible day for the community of Northville, Northville High School and for our team," said first-year head coach Tim Dalton.

"We finished seventh in the state, which is far as I know is the highest ever finish for girls track and field at Northville. I could not think of a better way to end the season than the way we did."

The most impressive finishes for the Northville Mustangs came in the 100-meter hurdles, where the Mustangs not only had two competitors compete, but had two come away with All-State honors.

Morgan Robertson ran to second place in the event, finishing in 15.08 seconds - just 0.3 seconds away from first place. Hot on her heels and in fourth place was Lauren Rodriguez, who ran a 15.12. Both athletes earned All-State honors,



The Northville Mustangs track team gathers after the state finals last weekend.

which are awarded to the top-eight finishes in each event.

"We knew we had two of the best hurdlers in the state and they proved it today," said Dalton. "They both will be returning next year, which is very exciting for us."

And while that was the most impressive finish in terms of placing, the most surprising performance came from the 4-by-400 relay team of Robertson, Nadia Affes, Alexa Abbott and Lindsay Walters. The team was seeded 16th heading into the state finals and when all was said and done they ran to fifth place and set the school record in 3:58.75.

"We talk all the time with our kids about making the most of your opportunities—these four sure did," said Dalton. "It is something they will remember for the rest of their lives."

Northville set the school record in three other events as well. Rachel Coleman, Nicole Mosteller, Alison Robinson and Erin Zimmerman ran the 4-by-800 in 9:16.57, which was good for fourth place in the state, while the 4-by-200 team of Chloe Abbott, Alexa Abbott, Affes and Robert-

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# Saline bounces Novi in girls' lacrosse

By Terry Jacoby  
Correspondent

The building blocks are in place for a big future for the Novi girls' lacrosse program. Despite an 11-6 loss to Saline on May 22 in a state playoff game, the Wildcats showed plenty of promise and certainly plenty of potential this past season.

And that's why coach Caitlin Warda is not only proud of her team but excited about the future.

"We had a major turnaround this year, and I look forward to the continuous development of my team," Warda said.

"We have a lot of key sophomores that are picking up the strategy of the game quickly and I know that they will continue to grow into great players. I look forward to next season."

But first more on this past season, which came to an end against the Hornets.

"It was a very close game from start to finish," Warda said. "We got surpassed in portions of both halves and were unable to pull ahead from it. We tried very hard and walked into the game wanting the win and that's all I could have asked for from the players."

Gina Salemi and Haley Parker led the Novi attack with two goals each. Megan Murphy and Alanna Clark each scored once.

The Wildcats finished the year at 5-12 but improved throughout the season.

Salemi, only a fresh-



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Wildcat Gina Salemi prepares to shoot - and score on - a Saline Hornet goalie - during Novi's May 22 visit to the school.

man, led the team with 48 goals. Clark, only a sophomore, finished second on the team with 37 goals. Yeah, so one can see why the future looks promising.

"Our team this year in comparison to where we were last year is like night and day," Warda said. "We have come so far and have tried so hard to build a team that can mesh well together. We started out with a very young team with the majority of our girls being sophomores and juniors. A lot of our team had never played together before and we are still trying to grow and get a consistent team on the field each year."

Warda said the team went from basic stick skills to actual strategy in a hurry.

"Trying to put together the skill set development with the new strategy is going to continue to be the most dif-

ficult part for a little while because everyone learns at a different rate," Warda said. "We had a lot of outstanding players come out of the woodwork this year."

Warda singled out Salemi and sisters Alanna and Julia Clark along with junior Megan Murphy, who never played before this year, as bright spots for the future.

"They were all new to the team this year and a big part of our team," she said.

"The girls that came into the season from last year who have been a big asset to our program were our two junior captains Haley Parker and Megan Paul, juniors Nicole Lazzara and Georgia Freeman and our two senior captains Lauren Brown and Jordan Howard."

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# Wildcats fall in playoffs to Pioneer

By Terry Jacoby  
Correspondent

After experiencing a successful regular season, the Novi boys' lacrosse team ran into a strong Ann Arbor Pioneer team in the first round of regionals on May 23 at Ann Arbor Pioneer.

It was a hard fought first half with Pioneer leading 4-2 going into halftime. But Pioneer dominated the third quarter and took control of the game in the second half.

"They had possession of the ball for most of the quarter and took advantage of mistakes by our defense," Novi coach Eric Hoffman said. "We just couldn't get any offense going. Our defense kept us in the game."

The Pioneers, last year's Division 1 runner-up, went on to an 11-3 victory over the vastly improved and successful Wildcats. Pioneer (10-7) ended up losing the next game to Forest Hills East-ern/Northern.

Novi, winners of the KLAAs Kensington Conference and KLAAs championship, finished the season at 12-7.

Mitch Adams had 12 saves in the loss to Pioneer. Travis Sparling and Tommy McMaster each had two takeaways and two groundballs. Justin Danks led the scoring with two goals and Austin Nicholson had one goal for Novi.

"As a team we were getting good shots, but their goalie was up for the challenge," Hoffman said. "We had a total of 33 shots, but not all were on goal. And the ones that were on goal, their goalie handled."

Hoffman, in his first year at Novi, said he couldn't have been more proud of the effort his players gave this season.

# Novi track finishes strong at state meet

By Terry Jacoby  
Correspondent

The Novi girls' track and field team finished in 10th place with 20 points at the state Track and Field championships on Saturday at East Kentwood High School. Grosse Pointe South ran away with the state title with 76 points.

Kerri McMahan won the state championship with her leap of 5 feet, 6 inches in the high jump. Three other girls managed 5-5 but couldn't get to 5-6.

McMahan, only a junior, qualified for the state meet with a jump of 5-3. She saved her best for last, peaking at the right time and at the right place to capture gold.

In the shot put, Novi's Taylor Pavlika finished fifth overall with a toss of 121 feet, 1 inch.

Novi's 1600-meter relay team of Lina Davis, Hannah Lonergan, Taylor Mosley and Kerri McMahan took third overall with a time of 3:57.37. Grosse Pointe South won the event in 3:52.32.

The Novi boys' track and field team placed 24th in the state with 10.33 points

"As a team we learned that you have to play a full 48 minutes of the game and that the team must work together to reach our goals," he said. "We had great leadership with captains Mitch Adams, Scott Schramm and Lucas Buck. All three led by example on and off the field."

Hoffman said the seniors, including his three captains and Justin Danks, Nick Gasparotto, Austin Nicholson, Derek Stockman, Jonni Ivy, Jason Sherran, Sreiffan Werth and Yusuf Qadeer, will all be missed next year.

"At least three of our seniors will be playing college lacrosse next year," he said. "Scott Schramm is going to Albion College and Mitch Adams and Lucas Buck will be attending Alma."

"Losing 11 seniors is never easy. But we have a young nucleus of players returning next year."

That nucleus begins with juniors Keith Pravatato, Alex Caprara, Chris Kennedy, Mark Ghannani, Justin Lipski, Brian Stewart, Jonathan Nofar, Matt Klura, Sam Mersel and Travis Sparling. Also, sophomores Tommy McMaster, Nick Meadors, Ryan Moore JT Lyon, Luke Gulak, Michael Werth and John Vander-Mey are expected back next year.

"Most of our returning players are playing on summer travel teams which will help the growth of our team for next season," Hoffman said. "Our season may have ended on a bad note but we grew as a team, won the KLAAs and will be better next season with all the experience that our young players got this season."

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at the state finals.

In the long jump, Novi's Ali Thaha took fourth place with a leap of 22 feet, 8 inches.

In the 200-meter dash, Novi's Jordan Love placed fourth with a time of 22.23 seconds.

"Many of these athletes, both boys and girls, missed advancing in other events by hundredths of a second," said Novi coach Marshia Reid.

Davis in the 300 hurdles missed All-State by .05 seconds and was ninth overall. Love tied for ninth and it came down to thousandths of a second in advancing to the finals for All-State.

Also, Pavlika splits her time between track and soccer so she played a soccer game Friday night for the Wildcats.

"She came up on Saturday morning not knowing if she would be able to throw discus because she was in the last heat for throwing," Reid said. "We had to petition to have her throw out of order, which they granted. She then threw three throws and missed her final throws so that she could go back to Livonia for a noon soccer game."

# Wildcats battle to the end Novi falls in district final to North Farmington

By Terry Jacoby  
Correspondent

It was the bottom of the seventh inning on Saturday. The Novi baseball team entered the inning down 6-3 to North Farmington in a district championship game at Farmington High School.

With two outs, Keaton Figurski ripped a double. Then, Bryan Klosterman singled and coach Rick Green had two on, with two outs and down three runs.

Was it magic time? The Wildcats have had some big moments this season with some solid games and a few nice comebacks. In fact, Novi trailed in this game 2-0 before taking a 3-2 lead early in the contest. This group simply never gave up and that spirit was on display with their backs against the wall on Saturday.

But the Cats also have lost a few games they might have won with a big hit here or a play in the field there. Unfortunately for Novi, this game turned out to be one of those games.

"We just couldn't get that big hit," said Green, whose team led 6-3 and ended the season with an 18-17 overall record. "We had a guy on second base with no outs in the fifth, and didn't score. They had a freshman pitcher who we just couldn't get enough going against to rattle him. We hit some balls hard but

right at people."

After North Farmington led 2-0 after two innings, Novi came right back with three runs to take the lead. With the bases loaded, Andrew Turek had an infield hit that resulted in two runs. Kyle Mate's RBI gave the Wildcats a 3-2 lead.

North Farmington tied the game at 3-3 in the fourth inning. They scored three more in the sixth to take a 6-3 lead and held on for a district title.

Tyler Whitehead started for Novi and went 3 2/3 innings, allowing three runs, seven hits with one strikeout and no walks. Blair Myers, Mark Czapski and Luke Bageris all pitched in relief.

Figurski had a double, RBI and two walks and Mario Ferrini had two hits and scored a run. Matel, Klosterman, Ryan Caputo, Nick Shelar and Mitchell Hall all had hits for the Wildcats.

Novi advanced to the championship game with an 11-7 victory over Farmington Harrison in the semifinal game on Saturday.

"We led 10-1 and we were one hit from a mercy and the next thing you know it's a ballgame," Green said.

Ryan Davis started and was solid for five innings before getting tired in the sixth. He finished with six strikeouts, one walk and four earned runs allowed. "It was a gutsy performance," Green said.

# NSA May Madness Runner Up



After going 2-1 in pool play, Madness Red 10U had to take the long way to the finals. They outscored their opponents 35-4 in the winning their first three bracket games on May 19, before running out of steam in the finals against Michigan Pride. They have now reached the finals in 6 consecutive tournaments. The team includes (1 to 7, standing) Allison Hale, Maggie Murphy, Stephanie Schmurk, Olivia Vitale, Emma Dompierre, Lauren Franklin, (kneeling) Kayla Errer, Gaby Cummings, Cassidy Brandtke, Madeline Schorrack, Grace Nieto and Allie Page.

# Baseball team wins district title

## Mustangs will play Saturday against N. Farmington

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

Northville Mustangs baseball coach John Kostrzewa knew coming into the 2013 season that his team had the ability to win some big games.

With a district championship tucked safely away in their belt, the Mustangs have already proved him right. Now, they have the biggest games of the season ahead of them, starting with a 10 a.m. showdown Saturday in Novi against North Farmington for a chance to advance in the regional tournament.

In order to get there, however, the Mustangs had to take on both Churchill and Canton. The squad won the first game, 2-1, and dominated the latter, 9-0.

"The first game was very well pitched and played defensively by both teams," said Kostrzewa of the close win over Churchill.

## ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs baseball team will play Saturday at Novi at 10 a.m. against North Farmington in the regional semi-final game.

The contest came down to the final inning when Brad VanHulle slapped one of Northville's two RBIs to earn the win. The other RBI came from Thomas Huber. Splitting time on the mound were Taylor Turner and Jake Hansen.

"(They) did a fantastic job on the mound for us," said Kostrzewa. "Turner pitched 6 1/3 innings of baseball, allowing just one run, before handing the ball over to Hansen with the tying run on second. Hansen picked up a strikeout and then coaxed the next batter into hitting a ground ball that led to the end of the inning."

"We were able to execute fundamentally in the seventh, drawing a walk and then sacrifice, setting the table for Brad VanHulle, who came up big with a clutch base hit to win the game," said Kostrzewa. "It was an exciting finish to a very well-played game by both teams."

In the second game, the Mustangs dominated the game early and never stopped.

"We kept the pressure on offensively all game long with contributions up and down the order," said Kostrzewa.

Hansen pitched the complete game for the win, allowing just four hits while striking out eight. "Jake pounded the strike zone and got a number of quick outs, and the defense held strong," Kostrzewa said.

Huber had two RBIs with three hits in the victory, including a triple in the third inning to help the Mustangs to the victory. In total, Northville scored seven runs in the first three innings of play. They added their final two runs in the sixth.

"It was great to see us come out the second game and play well after having to wait several hours while Canton and Plymouth played," Kostrzewa said. "We really kept the momentum going after the walk-off win in the first game."

"Giving up one run the whole day was very impressive. Jake and Taylor did a great job and our defense was strong."

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## Mercy shows no mercy to Novi

By Terry Jacoby  
Correspondent

The Novi softball team was involved in two 14-4 games on Saturday in the districts hosted by Farmington High School. Unfortunately for the Wildcats, they were on the short side of one of those games.

After breaking out the bats and knocking around Farmington Harrison 14-4 in a district semifinal game on Saturday, the Wildcats fell to Farmington Hills Mercy 14-4 in five innings in the district championship game.

Coach Bob Lulek said it was a roller-coaster season for the Wildcats so a roller-coaster day was a fitting ending for a very young Novi ballclub that played hard no matter what the scoreboard showed.

"We played really well in that first game and we hit the ball hard and all over the field," said Lulek. "We had three seniors who had to leave for graduation before the championship game but Mercy was very good. The kids played really hard, like they did all season. Our pitching wasn't strong enough in the end against a good team."

Novi finished the season at 14-24. "We did a little better than I thought we would," Lulek said. "There are always a few games that you think we could have won had we played a little better and we had our share of those. But the effort was

always there and playing in a district final was a great learning experience for such a young team. We will have a lot of players back next year and this experience will only help down the road.

"Our seniors provided great leadership all year."

In the opener, Novi scored three runs in the first and three more in the second before blowing the game open with five in the third.

Senior Kailey Oppat had three hits including a triple and two RBIs, junior Mallory Dashke had two singles and a double, senior Kasey Lowney had a single, double and two RBIs, and freshman Nicole Ireland had three hits including a triple and a double.

Jenna Lowney and Christina Oakley each had two hits, and Brooke Embley and Anna Greulich each had one hit for the Wildcats.

Daschke was the winning pitcher. She went five innings, allowing six hits, two earned runs with two strikeouts. "She did a real nice job for us," Lulek said.

In the finals, Mercy led 3-1 in the third inning and then scored five runs in the third and never looked back.

Ireland had two singles for the Wildcats. Daschke, Oakley, Miranda Hanby, Kasey Lowney, Casey Lawler and Budde Madison all had hits in the loss.

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## Novi tennis finishes 12th in the state in Division 1

By Terry Jacoby  
Correspondent

### FINAL DIVISION 1 TENNIS STANDINGS

1. Port Huron Northern - 24
2. Farmington Hills Mercy - 22
3. Grosse Pointe South - 20
4. Clarkston - 20
5. Northville - 14
6. Traverse City Central - 13
7. Ann Arbor Pioneer - 13
8. Ann Arbor Huron - 12
9. West Bloomfield - 11
10. Midland Dow - 10
11. Troy - 9
12. Novi - 8
13. Hudsonville - 8

The Novi tennis team netted eight points at the Division 1 state tennis finals in Midland on Saturday and finished in 12th place in the state despite fielding a young team in 2013.

"It was right where I figured we would finish," said Novi coach Jim Hanson. "We were always close to cracking the top 10 all year so finishing 12th in the state is a pretty good place to end up. I thought we played very well. We obviously played really good competition and it was a really good learning experience, especially for our young players."

Novi finished the season at 9-4 overall, with all four losses coming to top 10 teams. The Wildcats lost to Grosse Pointe South (third in the state), Northville (fifth), Ann Arbor Huron (eighth) and West Bloomfield (ninth).

Novi went 7-1 in the KLAAs with the only loss against Northville.

"We only lose three seniors of the 12 players we took to states so we do have a lot of kids coming back next year," Hanson said. "And this experience will only help."

All four of Novi's doubles teams won matches, including the No. 4 doubles team which beat a sixth seed.

"I thought all our players battled," Hanson said. "We had two freshmen at two and four singles. Our fourth singles player (Allison Lollo) lost in a hard fought, three-set match. The one and three singles players had tough opponents in the first round but still battled. I was proud of their efforts."

After getting a bye in the first round, the Wildcats' No. 1 doubles team of Caitlin O'Brien and Amy Zhou defeated Dearborn's Megan Bolger and Lara Fawaz 6-1, 6-2. The duo then lost in the quarterfinals to top-seeded Paige Olsen and Alex Whall of Clarkston 6-1, 6-1.

At No. 2 doubles, Rachel Bailey and Dina Fawaz got a bye in the first round and then knocked off Mackenzie Bedor and Monique Zentner of Clarkston, 6-3, 6-1. They

lost in the quarterfinals to second-seeded Jenna Bretschneider and Maddie Neaton of Port Huron Northern 6-0, 6-2.

After a bye in the first round, Novi's No. 3 doubles team of Rebecca Chen and Asawari Kanitkar defeated Bethany Paarlberg and Claudia Barajas of Holland West Ottawa, 6-0, 6-4. The Wildcats duo then lost to second-seeded Evie VanDewege and Alyssa Roopas of Ann Arbor Pioneer 6-3, 6-3.

After Harika Bollinetti and Melanie Murphy drew a bye in the first round at No. 4 doubles, the Novi twosome defeated sixth-seeded Katie Forche and Leena Penumalee of Troy, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4. They lost in the quarterfinals to third-seeded Julie Flanagan and Sarah Himrichs of Farmington Hills Mercy 6-3, 6-3.

The young Novi singles players all lost in the first round against the state's best players.

At No. 1 singles, Carmella Gorie of Grosse Pointe South defeated sophomore Erin Day 6-2, 6-2; at No. 2 singles, Ivana Nujic of Hudsonville defeated freshman Youna Lee 6-0, 1-6, 6-1; at No. 3 singles, Afua Ofori-Darko of Midland Dow defeated sophomore Dhivya Sridhar 6-2, 6-0; and at No. 4 singles, Batool Hussain of Livonia Stevenson defeated freshman Allison Lollo 6-3, 3-6, 6-0.

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## Softball season closes with district loss

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

It was a season of education for the Northville Mustangs softball team.

The young squad, coached by Jim Ritz in his first year at the helm, compiled an 11-17 record despite having to replace seven starters from the prior season and lost their starting pitcher, Nicolette Thibodeau for the season due to an injury during their seventh game of the 2013 campaign.

"While we had to contend with a couple of significant injuries and a very competitive schedule, our kids never gave up," Ritz said. "Our young players matured a great deal. While we will miss our seniors, I am really looking forward to next season."

The season came to a close last week with a 14-4 decision against the Livonia

Churchill Chargers, who picked up not only a two-run home run in the game by Melanie Richardson, but also a grand-slam homer by Katie Shereda.

The Mustangs did put up a fight, however, cutting into Churchill's lead to make it an 8-4 contest in the fourth inning thanks to a RBI double in the fourth inning by senior Grace DeRöder.

Leading Northville's offense in the game were Melissa Swart and Micaela Petrucci, who had two hits each.

"We didn't finish as well as we would have liked, but it was a season with many positives," said Ritz. "We consistently improved throughout the season. The kids learned what it takes to win at this level."

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## TENNIS

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the state title. At No. 1 singles, Northville's Reeshma Kumar won her first match against Taylor McLaughlin of Utica Eisenhower, 6-3, 6-2, before bowing out against the eventual state champion from Saline, Mary Hanna, 6-0, 6-1.

Second singles player Emma Worley also won her first match, defeating Sanika Kulkarni of Ann Arbor Pioneer, 6-2, 6-3, before falling to Isabella Spindler of Clarkston in a hard-fought match, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4. Spindler went on to take second in the state.

In the fourth singles flight, Northville's Alex Jeannotte had a first-round bye and then fell to Clarkston's Katie Hubregsen in the second round, 1-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Anika Mukherji and Danielle Romano, Northville's No. 1 doubles team had a first-round bye and a win in the second round, 6-2, 6-4, over Farmington Hills Mercy's Gia Toler and Gillian Toler before bowing to Troy's Kalie Collins and Brittny Priese, 7-5, 7-5.

In the second doubles flight, Northville's Jordan Herzmia and Elizabeth Sakorafis fell, surprisingly, in the second round after opening the day with a bye. They found themselves against a very determined Hudsonville duo of Bryce Halasma and Morgan Brodien, who defeated them in a very intense match-up, 6-3, 4-6, 7-6(6).

At No. 3 doubles, the team of Chloe Page and Paige Baal took a first-round bye and went on to beat Troy Athens' Hanka Lekovic and Sarah Yee, 6-0, 6-0, before falling to Farmington Hills Mercy's No. 4-seeded Christy Snyder and Julia Shaw, 6-3, 6-4.

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## Dan Sims lights up state finals in track

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent



Brandon Langston  
Dan Sims outruns three opponents in the final stretch of the mile to finish fourth in the Division 1 state finals last weekend.

The Northville Mustangs boys track and field team has plenty to be proud of.

First and foremost, they have the pride in knowing they qualified six athletes for the Division 1 track and field finals, which were held last weekend at East Kentwood High School. Secondly, they left Grand Rapids with a teammate who not only took fourth-place in his event, but took home one of the top honors a high school athlete can attain.

Dan Sims dug-deep and practically sprinted the last 100 meters of the mile run last weekend, passing three opponents over the final leg of the race to take fourth place overall. His finish, which was a personal-best time of 4:18.49, earned him All-State honors.

Sims' race was the only impressive finish in the mile, either. Teammate Nick Noles turned in a personal-best time of 4:20.17, which was good enough for ninth place—just one spot away from earning an All-State spot.

Sims also ran to 36th in the two-mile run in a time of 9:59.

"It was a fantastic finish to our 2013 campaign to qualify six guys for the state track meet," said first-year coach Brandon Langston. "That track meet (features) the best runners this state has to offer. The guys worked so hard all year to earn the opportunity to prove themselves against the best. They all represented Northville and it was an honor to call myself their coach."

Northville also had a 13th-place finish from Anthony Soures in the 400-meter dash, while Jason Ferrante finished in the top-20 with a two-minute run in the 800-meter event—a race he ran despite being ill last weekend.

The 4-by-400 relay team of Ryan Flanagan, Nathan Tajer, Ferrante and Soures ran their second-best time of the season for

a top-25 finish at the finals. They finished the race in 3:29.

Northville will graduate Flanagan and Tajer from this year's squad.

"It's great that we are returning four of them for next year, however I'm not sure how we will fill the void left by the seniors," Langston said. "Flanagan and Tajer really set the bar high not only by their talent, but with their leadership and how great they were as teammates."

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## TRACK

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son ran to sixth place in 1:42.94 to set the school mark.

Individually, Coleman ran a remarkable mile race, finishing in 4:57.37 to take eighth overall, earn All-State honors and set the school mark yet again.

Northville also had a 9th-place finish from Taleen Shahrighian in the two-mile—just one second out of taking an All-State spot. Finishing in 10th in the 300 hurdles was Rodriguez, who finished in 45.73 seconds, while Robinson ran a 2:18.03 in the 800-meter event for 13th place.

Also competing, though not scoring in their events, were Alexa Abbott and Chloe Abbott in the 200 dash and Coleman and Zimmer in the two mile.

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Looking for a job: Your wants versus needs

Susan Ricker, CareerBuilder Writer
When you're job searching, it can sometimes seem like you're in a dysfunctional relationship. It's always about what the companies want and what you're willing to compromise to make them happy.

Education
Some companies offer tuition reimbursement and other educational opportunities to their employees, including access to seminars, workshops and certifications.

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Are you on somebody else's insurance plan, or are you looking for a job with health benefits? Determine which type of insurance you'd prefer and which benefits may not be as important to you.

Location
Are you willing to relocate for a great job? Is commuting an option for you? Or are you more interested in staying local? Being more flexible may give you more opportunities in your job search.

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Crossword puzzle grid with clues for words like 'Stick with it', 'Wife of Cronus', 'Man Minder', etc.

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GEOARIOT WESTSWWI
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