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Grand celebration



The Sri Venkateswara Temple is located on the west side of Taft Road between Grand River

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 Kumbhabishesam (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 activi-



Dilip Kachipudi looks a 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

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

An explosion at the Orotex Corp. in Novi ry to one employee on

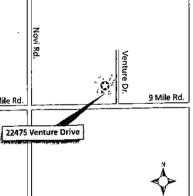
May 31.

According to Jeff Services, a 40-year-old worker was taken to the hospital after being exposed to smoke and may have also suffered some singe burns. As listed in stable condition at Botsford Hos-

firefighters were called to the location at 22475 Venture Drive, near Nine Mile, just before 4 p.m. last Friday. Upon sonnel found Orotex employees evacuating the building and dense

smoke coming from the Although a specific cause was not confirmed vet, Johnson that was on top of a

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machine, and it looks like that lid blew off.

The employee had Johnson said Novi zanine above the 20-

> under investigation. but were checked out by paramedics and

chemical processing

That was caused a lot of the material to be scattered and injure at least

been standing on a mezfoot-high machine when the lid blew off. The fire department

is reasoning the chemicals must have had a bad reaction and ignit ed. However, this is still Johnson said two other workers were exposed Johnson said the

sprinkler system acti-

vated, which put out much of the fire. The rest was put out by firefighters, and there was some water damage. Much of the smoke

> tilated 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

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

Recent developments

trict - and the possibility of more - have the city of Novi reviewing and updating its Master Plan for that area.

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

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 \$45,000 survey, turn to the Opinion page inside.

Barbara McBeth,

area was first envisioned."

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 partici-

McBeth said major redevelopment of the Town Center shopping revitalization of that

major shopping center. She cited the ordinance amendments that now allow limited drivethrough restaurants in the TC-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 particinated in last year's 5K. raising nearly \$37,000. Proceeds support Cancer Services at St. Mary Mer-

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. Registra tion is \$25 on or before Aug. 30 and \$30 on Aug. 31 through race day.

· Awards will be given to the first, second and third place overall male and female winners of each age division of the 5K Run.

 'B-tag' chip timing
 The USATF-certified course begins on St. Mary Mercy Hospital grounds and runners/walkers are then routed through the residential streets of Livonia. · Runners and walk-

ers who register before August 30 are guaranteed a race T-shirt. Sponsorship opportuni-

ties for the 5K are available. For more information, call (734) 655-1590 or to register for the 5K for Cancer, visit stmarymercy.org/SKforcancer.

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.

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ship for the practice of the Hindu religion, with

the main deity of wor-

ship," said Sai Kumar Lingam, chairman of the

temple's Board of Trustces, "We want to promote

religious, moral and spir-

itual growth for children.

adults and seniors based

on their Hindu scrip-

tures.

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

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

ship for Michigan's lies will take this opporgrowing Indian commutunity to come and see our beautiful new facility nity. They expect thouand enjoy the serenity of sands of people to visit the temple in its openour Hindu faith in a seting days According to the of temples in India." He said SVTCC is the Gangadharan, there are

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 buhdist delties hand-carved in India out of solid

approximately 40,000

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Michigan, with a large

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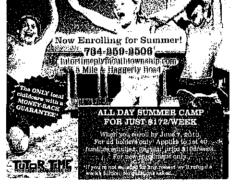
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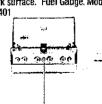
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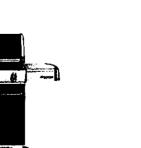


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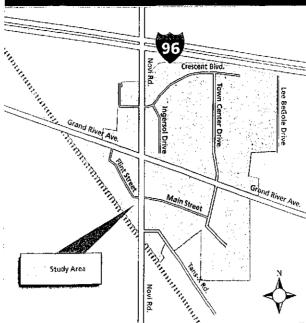


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request to provide drive-through service to

its location at 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

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

"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, includ-• Resurfacing of Grand River Avenue east of Novi Road;

· Additional intersection and driveway improvements and pedestrian crossings;

 Widening of Novi Road to five lanes south of Grand River Avenue, with a bridge constructed over the railroad tracks; and Reconstruction of the Crescent Drive extension west of Novi Road (Fonda

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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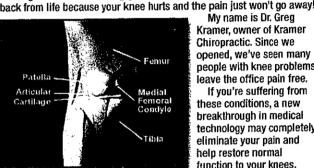
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Living with knee pain can feel like a crippling experience. Let's face it, your knees aren't as young as they used to be, and playing with the kids or grandkids isn't any easier either. Maybe your knee pain keeps you from walking short distances or playing goff like you used to. Nothing's worse than feeling great mentally, but physically feeling held



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Federal Guidelines Apply.

Alleged I-96 shooter's hearing adjourned

Hearings in both Livings-ton and Oakland counties for the alleged Interstate 96 corridor shooter has been adjourned

Raulie Casteel's first pretrial hearing before Livingston County Chief Circuit Judge David Reader has been adjourned to



general's office, which is prosecourt date for County cases. The adjournment in Livingston is due to a conflict on the

judge's calendar.

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 bandoun from his vehi cle at motorists along the I-96 A psychologist with the state's

to Haggerty Road, and

west to Napier Road. In

the City of Northville.

Under the AMA lan-

guage, resources will

be given for situations

involving situations like

a "confirmed structure

fire" which is identified

by a first person caller,

er on scene, or multiple

calls to dispatch.

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 out-

Novi enters into another mutual aid agreement

By Lonnie Huhman

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 Automat ic Mutual Aid Agreement (AMA) that will have both providing resources upon request to each other at no cost in time of emer-"This coverage pro-

vides 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 with needed 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

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

er 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 pro-

vides an engine or lad-

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For further reason to

enter into this agreement

Northville City Manag-

Novi entered into an AMA with Wixom. How ever, neither has called return. Novi will respond to any major fires or othupon each other since its enactment. er major incidents within Johnson said Novi con-

tinues to explore AMAs with Walled Lake, Lyon Township and Farmington Hills. He said Northville Township has declined to participate at police officer or firefight

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UPDATES FROM YOUR CITY

Library's Read Box featured at Lakeshore

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

The Wally Duda Band

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and Times of Henry Ford."

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1:30 p.m.

RSVP by June 10.

Friday, June 14

RSVP by June 12.

South of 5 Mile Road

11:00 a.m.

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 novilibrary.org.

Great Female Artists

Take a nostalgic look back at

famous females of Detroit pre-

sented by the Detroit Historical

Museum. Top it off with an old

Don't miss out

on the fun!

Wednesday, June 26

of Detroit

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1:30 p.m.

RETIREMENT COMMUNITY I INDEPENDENT AND ASSISTED LIVING

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; s'mores 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.

Fach 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

Novi- Mango Languages is

Novi Public Library's website

offering patrons of all ages a

officially up and running on

chance to learn a new language of their choice. French, Greek, Italian, Span-

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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 languag es 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

NEWS BRIEFS

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. relay forlife.org/ and search for your community, Novi or Northville, Everyone is invited to this family

For more information, please contact Rachel Leas, Relay community representative, at (248) 663-3436 or rachel.leas@cancer.org.

Wanted: Gardens Garden fairies come at dawn,

Bless your garden, then they're

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 photograoher, 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 realy 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 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 spon sored by the Friends of the Northville District Library which supports and funds many of the programs and services of the library.

Wixom receives Brooksie

Way grant The City of Wixom's Senior Center received a minigrant to purchase pedometers for "Wixom Seniors Walk America" May-October through the Brooksie Way

Minigrant program.
"We're thrilled HealthPlus has continued this important partnership, which helps support the Brooksie Way Minigrant program," said Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson last week during the program kickoff. "These minigrants 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 ninigrants are having on the health and fitness of our residents."

The Brooksie Way, which includes a half marathon, 10k and 5k races, is named in memory of Brooks Stuart Patterson, the son of the county executive vho 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 minigrant program. The nine mini grants totaled

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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 Kenva 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

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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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Collaborations offer new opportunities for students

Carolyn Brown, Walled Lake Consolidated Schools teacher 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 60 11th-and-12th-grade students received college credit. OCC fully funded the \$10,000 program including the necessary transportathe Orchard Ridge and

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

"The seniors took orientation to college it was offered by the OCC counseling department 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. an Individual Plan for

Employment, IPE, and for independent living.

fidence, college credit and most importantly.

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 stucial Services."



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

WL Central students win College-Sponsored Merit Scholarships

The Walled Lake Con-solidated School District is proud to recognize Brooke Feinstein and Sandeep Siva from High School for winning College-Sponsored Merit

Feinstein won a \$2,000 National Merit Northwestern University arship can be renewed for up to four years while ern University where she plans to study biology. athlete on the WLC Swim and Shir-

Youth Group. She is the succeed in whatever she daughter of Joelle and Mark Levine and William and Elyse Feinstein.

"Brooke is an extremely deserving young wom-WL Central guidance

lenged herself through-Michigan to study engineering. Siva serves as out high school in every a student representacurricular area; she has an insatiable thirst tive for the PTSA and is for knowledge, and a a member of the Varsity Tennis team. He is the remarkable work eth son of Nirupama Siva ic. Brooke's maturity and demeanor stood out and Siva Arunachalam. "Sandeep is truly an the first time I met her. amazing individual with It was obvious then, that she was "an exceptionso much talent, not only academically but he is al student" who would

Siva won a National Merit Michigan State University Scholarship Siva declined the schol arship as he plans to

verine.

standing Engineer! As his Guidance Counselor, I am so proud of him and all his accomplish-

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Ohio Northern University

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

Albion College The following local students graduated earlier this month:

Christopher Mantay graduated magna cum laude Phí Beta Kappa with a degree in philosophy. Mantay was one of just 20 students to graduate with Albion College Honors, signifiying 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 lib-

eral 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 con-centration 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

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 cumu lative grade point average above 3.5. Wells is the son of Gregory and Marion Wells of Novi and a graduate of Brother

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Tae Kwan Do," said Ann

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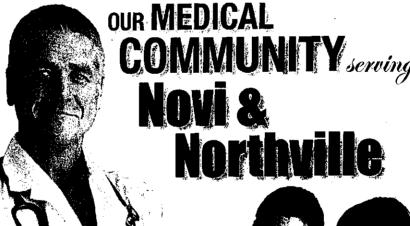
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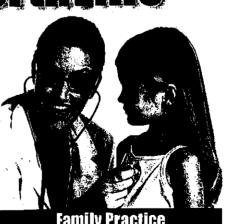
selor. "He has a deep pas-

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











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GERALD (JERRY)

1939-2013
Gerald "Jerry" Osborn, 73, died
Saturday, June 1, 2013 at the
Huron Valley Hospital in Commerce Township following a
lengthy illness. He leaves his
sons, Kevin (Rebecca) and Brian
(Michelle) Osborn; three grandchildren, Alexandra, Michell

was sold in 2000 and was locate

where the "Milford House" is to-day. He continued working as a bus driver while the restaurant

was operating and after it closed until he finally retired from driv-

ing in 2006. Jerry was an avid collector of antique toys, trains and sports memorabilia and had a passion for animals, raising and breeding Alaskan sled dogs

encouraged to a charity choice. For further information

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41 years, where he and Edie raised their children. He was a member of the City of Northville Zoning Board of Appeals for ten

Zoning Board of Appears for two years and was very involved in parks and recreation activities at the city and public school level. He was also a life member at Meadowbrook Country Club. Bruce was a life long sailor, avid golfer and volleyball player. He

gotter and voiceyall player. He was golfing the week previous to being admitted to the hospital where they discovered a hematoma of the brain from which he did not recover. Bruce is survived by his wife of 56

years, Edith Lapham Pegrum; daughters, Susan Pegrum Crossley of Newport Beach, CA,

Karen Pegrum Hoydic Lawrenceville, GA; son, Robo

grandchildren, Diana, Catie, and Erin Hoydic, Trey Crossley, Em-mett, and Robert Bruce Pegrum II. He will be missed and was

loved by all his friends and farr

loved by all his friends and faint-ly. Services will be held June 28th at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, MI, followed by a luncheon at Meadowbook Coun-

try Club. Please sign guestbook

ROSE, JACK H.

Age 89, passed away May 2 2013. A private family service will be held. Online guestood

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PAUL E.

Age 82, passed away May 3 2013. A private family service

was held. phillipsfuneral.com

SYMONS, EUGENE 89, of Milford, 5/31/13.

Husband of Edith.

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FLOSSIE CELESTE

PAROLARI

other weekly during the entire four years of World War H. Af-

four years of World War II. After the war he came back and immediately proposed to her. They were married on March 3, 1946 at St. Vladimir's Catholic Church in Edwardsville, Pennsylvania. They were married for 58 years. She was baptized and raised through St. Agues Catholic Church in Iron River. She was active in Altar Society where she worked on the May Day Celeville.

BAUGHMAN, EDWARD B.

Age 92, passed away May 20, 2013. A private family service was held. Arrangements by Philvas held. Arrangements by Phil ps Funeral Home, South Lyon.

CHECK, William Joseph age 71, passed away Thurs. May 30, 2013. Memorial lun-

on will be held at a later date or date & time of memorial www.phillipsfuneral.com

Marquette, Michigan.
Flossie Celeste Parolari
Kachmarsky, 92, of Marquette, FRANK H., IV FRANK H., JV
Age 45 of Highland, MI, passed
away on May 31, 2013. Survived
by his dear son, Ryan, beloved
flancé, Mary Szydzik; loving parents, Frank & Karen Cooper III;
sister, Natalie (Chris) Mammel;
Brother, Mark (Jody) Cooper;
grandparents, Frank & Marie
Cooper, Jr.; uncles, Richard
(Down) Cooper, Sr. and Larry passed away Sunday evening, June 2, 2013 at the Eastwood Nursing Center in Negaunee, Michigan with her loving family at her side. Flossie was born on September 25, 1920 in Iron Riv-Nursing Center in Negaunee, Michigan with her loving family at her side. Flossie was born on September 25, 1920 in Iron River. Michigan, the youngest daughter of Modesto and Anna (Remondini) Parolari. She resided in that area until 1999 when she moved to Marquette to be near her husband, Andrew P. Kachmarsky, Sr. a resident at the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans. Flossie along with her four sisters worked at her father's grocery store, The Sweet Corner, in Iron River. Beginning at the age of 13, she drove the Dodge delivery truck for both deliveries and passing out her store ads. She was very proud of her awards for ice skating competitions as well as being selected the head majorette for the Iron River Marching Band. While she was known by the nickname "Ozzie". In 1996, Jerry opened a small restaurant with his wife alled "Ozzie's Café and Malt Shop", which operated until it was sold in 2000 and was located where the "Milford Hugh School in Milchell and Leah; and many close friends. Born and raised in Mil-ord, he town. After graduating from Milford High School in 1957, he attended Michigan State University, then along with his father, managed the family's Card elaership in Milford, "Lee Osbern Pontiac/Cadillac/GMC" until 1985. Jerry then took on what he considered his most rewarding job, driving a bus for warding job, driving a bus for "Ozzie". In 1996, Jerry opened a small restaurant with his wife Cooper, Jr.; uncles, kichard (Dawn) Cooper, Sr. and Larry Kress, Frank was an amizing un-cle to, Brady, Olivia, Jon (Sa-mantha), Logan and his great niece, Addyson, Also survived by many extended family mem-bers and dear friends. Frank was pers and dear triends. Frank was preceded in death by his loving grandparents. Edgar & Irene. Kress and aunt, Nancy Campbell. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Millory. Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, Friday, June 7, Harm. Visitation Wednesday 4-9PM and Thurs-day 1-9PM. For further informathe head majorette for the Iron River Marching Band. While she was growing up, Flossic regularly went bird hunting with her father as well as helping him raise and train his bird hunting dogs. Flossic and her Army husband-to-be, Andrew. Sr., who met initially at Midnight Mass on December 24, 1941, wrote to each other weekly during the entire

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held June 3, 2013, www. LynchFuneralDirectors.com Grondin, Shirley Marie ge 91, of Ada and formerly Mil ford, May 29, 2013. Funeral Mass was held June 1, 2013 at St. Mary's Church, www.



active in Altar Society where she worked on the May Day Cele-brations and the October Festivals, She moved to Marquette in 1999. She attended St. Christopher Catholic Church. While her husband was a resident at the Jacobetti Home for Veterans, Flossie daily visited with him, participating in bingo and other activities with him. Survivors include four loving children Dennis (Terry) Kachmarsky of Grass Valley, CA, Dr. Mary Ja-Age 65, a longtime resident of Northville, passed away June 1, 2013. She was born August 7, 1947 in Detroit, Michigan; daughter of Donald and Mary (Brill) Wolfe. Doris received her Bachelor of Science from the Liberactive of Michigan; in 1969. Dennis (Terry) Kachmarsky of Grass Valley, CA, Dr. Mary Ja-Dennis (Terry) Kachmarsky of Grass Valley, CA, Dr. Mary Janet (Robert) Knapp of Northville, MI, Andrew P. (LeAnne) Kachmarsky, Jr. of Marquette, and Ann Marie (Lee) Stimpson of Dalhas TX; ten grandchildren, Erik (Erica) Kachmarsky, Tania (Bob) McDaniel, Heather Knapp, Leslie Knapp, Ariane (Rob) Stassek, Andrew Kachmarsky, Brige Nicole Kachmarsky, Gregory Stimpson, Christopher Nickolas Stimpson, four great grandchildren, Avery. Grace, Claire, and Jack Edmund; also surviving are many nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death besides her parents was her husband, Andrew P. Kachmarsky, Sr. and sisters, Esther Pigeon, Mary Taetsch, Claire, and Jack Edmund; also surviving are many nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death besides her parents was her husband, Andrew P. Kachmarsky, Sr. and sisters, Esther Pigeon, Mary Taetsch, Claire, and Jack Edmund; also surviving are many nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death besides her parents was her husband, Andrew P. Kachmarsky, Sr. and sisters, Esther Pigeon, Mary Taetsch, Claire, and Jack Edmund; also surviving are many nieces and nephews. 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Nunn; they have celebrated over 43 years of marriage. Fami-y and faith were the two most moportant elements in her life. She adored her grandchildren and loved being with family and ends either here in town, at her rme in Crystal Lake, or in Colhome in Crystal Lake, or in Col-orado. She was an active mem-ber of Our Lady of Victory; she taught religious education for many years and enjoyed going to bible study. Doris was an avid sports enthusiast, a dedicate Red Wings follower, and #1 fan other her soccer playing grandchil-Dallavalle. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, June 4th at 3 p.m. at St. Christopher Catholic Church with the Rev. Jeff Johnson officiating. Friends may call at the church ost recent trip was to Poland worked with many charitable or-ganizations; she was active with Meals-On-Wheels and helped raise money for breast cancer re-search. She was loving, positive, and had a great sense of humor. She is survived by her devoted husband Stanley R. Nunn; her loving children Jennifer (Jeff) Hamilton and Jason Nunn; her prior to the Mass. But one nour prior to the Mass. But-ial will take place in the Holy Cross Cemetery on Wednesday, June 5th at 10:00 a.m. Pallbearers will be members of Pattleagres will be members of Msgr. Nolan B. McKevitt Council #689, Knights of Columbus. Those wishing to make an expression of sympathy are kindly asked to consider the Greater Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, 307 S. Hammiton and Jason Nurm, her dear siblings Robert (Stella) Wolfe and Elizabeth (the late Nick) Ruffini; and her cherished grandchildren Julia Hamilton, Flona Nunn, Josh Hamilton, and Front St., Marquette, MI 49855 or the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans Activity Fund, 425 Fisher St., Marquette, MI 49855. The Canale-Tonella Fu-Piper Nunn. She was preceded in death by her parents. A funeral mass will be held Thursday, June 6 at 11am with visitation beginning at 10am at Our Lady of neral Home is assisting the fami-ly where memories may be shared at canalefuneral.com Victory Catholic Church, 133 Canale Tonella Orchard, Northville, Memoria contributions would be appreci-ated to the Arthritis Foundation, PO Box 96280, Washington, D.C. 20077 or the Special Olym-

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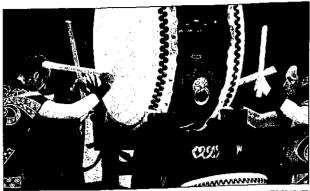
KEMP, HELEN L.

Age 91, passed away June 1, 2013. Visitation June 4. Funeral June 5, at 11a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME

RAYMOND BURT

Of Novi, Michigan passed away
on June 2, 2013. Ray was born
on February 4, 1928 in Sault Ste.
Marie, MI. Ray was preceded in
death by his wife, Ruth Ann in
2007. He is survived by 5 children. 9 grandchildren, and 6
great grandchildren, Services
will be held at Banner Funetal
Home in Alpena, MI on June 8,
2013 with visitation at 10:00 a.m.
and the service at 1000. May **peace** be with you in this time of **sorrow**.

Drumroll, please



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Brian Sole, left, and Tom Menzies of the Raion Taiko (Thunder Drum) group entertain a May 19 assembly at Novi's Village Oaks Elementary. The quartet, also including Chitusa Taguchi and Ken Yasui entertained the staff and students with some traditional Japanese drumming music.

Village Oaks Elementary students watch the Raion Taiko drumming group during its May

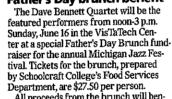


SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE UPDATES

Electric vehicle show

Schoolcraft College will host the Fifth Annual Electric Vehicle Show, which features an opportunity to ride or drive the latest electric vehicles, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 8 at the main campus in Livonia. The show is free and open to the public and offers an opportunity for the public to see all kinds of EVs and Plug-In Hybrid cars up-close, talk to the owners and learn about all of the accessories that used with electric vehicles. Visit www.

Father's Day brunch benefit



All proceeds from the brunch will benefit the annual Michigan Jazz Festival, Sun., July 21. This year's festival, once again hosted by Schoolcraft College on the main campus in Livonia, will include performances on six indoor and outdoor stages from noon-9 p.m. More than 30 individuals, duets and groups are scheduled to perform. For more information about the Father's Day Brunch, including ticket purchase information, call (734)

Piano camp Schoolcraft College's renowned Music Department is sponsoring a special weeklong Summer Piano Camp for school-age students once again June 24-28. Piano students at the elementary, intermediate and advanced levels will enjoy this unique

traditional private lessons.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day, participants will have classes in composition, theory, rhythm, and music history; will perform solo repertoire, piano duets and piano ensembles; and focus on sight-reading skills. Instructors include professional musicians and college professors. A closing recital, which is free and open to the public, will be performed at 7 p.m. on the final day of the camp, Friday, June 28. Tuition for the Summer Piano Camp is

\$325. Deadline for registering is Monday, June 11. Auditions and interviews are required for placement. Registration materials can be requested and appointments can be scheduled by calling (734)

Disney Institute seminar in healthcare

Schoolcraft College's Continuing Education and Professional Development Department on Monday, Sept. 16 welcomes the Disney Institute and its oneday seminar on Building a Culture of Healthcare Excellence. Engaging Dis-ney Institute professional facilitators will share Disney strategies and philoso phies used by its businesses all around the world, and how those key insights have been applied to numerous organizations in the healthcare industry. This seminar will teach how to create a sustainable culture of service that can lead to a competitive edge for healthcare organizations. While it isn't the first time this seminar has been offered in Metro Detroit, it will mark the very first time it's being offered to a public audience. Registration is under way. For more information call (734) 462-4448 or email CEPD@schoolcraft.edu.

Food for thought



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As they head off to summer recess and lots of time to read books, Parkview Elementary is encouraging their students to swap out their already-read-'ems for those other pupils have donated to the school library. From left are Hajime Iwaki, David Barry, Antonio Dimovski, Trinity Stinson and Anna Hu.

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Space race: Walled Lake Western High School travels to Mars

This semester Walled Lake Western High School students and teachers worked collaboratively to create a Mars Space Colony at Walled Lake Western High School, Teachers involved in this collaboration included Jack Wellman, Kelly Weston and David Walther.

The focus of the project was the implementation of an MYP IB Unit entitled, "Pangaea United Mars Space Program. This was an IB Middle Years Program cross-curricular project working in conjunction with the University of Utah's Space

Dynamics Lab. The project became an interdisciplinary. building-wide project including the animation, architecture, art, astronomy, Earth science. engineering, English, marketing, physics, robotics, social studies, television and web design classes.

The final product included a self-guided, hands-on adventure where students could of the features of the colony included a star room where students could identify various constellations; a plant-

growth experiment comparing the growth of mizuna lettuce in Mars soil, Earth soil and an International Space Sta tion substrate; and a Mars land scape with working models of astronauts, land rovers and rockets launching into space. Other areas included an exercise room where students could learn about the effects of low gravity on the body, and a gal-

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ey displaying space food. The end result was a success-



Ben Brown, W.L Western sophomore, and Jack Wellman, W.L Western

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Family's grief prompts benefit walk to fight brain tumors

By Julie Brown

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

"As a way to channel our grief, we formed our 501(c)3," mom Kar-

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'd moved to Livonia

Their organization. Leah's Happy Hearts, is 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 vear 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.

make no-sew fleece blan-

kets for children for the

"It's just a really fun

event," James said of the

holiday shopping. "It's

very rewarding for me."

The family finds the

them grieve. "That's the

main reason we decid-

ed to form it," she said.

"I knew I had to do some-

thing. It was well worth

Offering more treat-

ment options for others

Leah's tumor was in the

helps the family cope.

brain stem and couldn't

described to her parents

by doctors as like taking

Funds from last year's

walk and other fundrais-

ing are supporting a book

Wood Elementary teach-

be biopsied. It was

sand from Jell-O.

it. The pain is always

going to be there."

benefit work helps

with clowns and face

painting. The robot R2D2 will pose for photos, and a light lunch and refreshments will be served. Go to www.leahshappy hearts.org to register and/or create a pledge

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

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

italized children. "We set up a store on three different floors," James said, with children choosing gifts for family members and them-

selves. Area Girl Scouts

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HAPPY FEET FOR HAPPY HEARTS WALK What: Walk benefit-

ing Leah's Happy Hearts, hich raises money for esearch at the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital When: Registration begins at 9 a.m., Satur-

Where: Maybury State Park, Eight Mile west of Beck in Northville Town-More info: Visit www.

leahshappyhearts.org to register and/or create a pledge page.

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 chil-

dren," 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.

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 appre-

ciates "great sponsors," such as Domino's Pizza, Table 5 restaurant of Northville, Sunny J's of Plymouth, and Independent Bank of Livonia. 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 ing Kylie. It was helpful when Kylie turned 16

tal, seeing work there. The teen also benefits from supporters at en James said it draws

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

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 back-

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.

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.

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Novi High School class of 2013 graduate Nina Nafal laugh:

exercise's start on June 1 at Eastern Michigan University's

Convocation Center. Novi's class of 2013 included 518

enters EMU's

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tion Center

Class of 2013 member Christ Kohut.



Chung receives his diploma







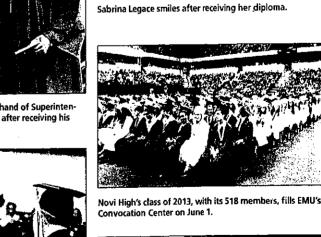
Novi High's Blake Brown shakes the hand of Superinten-



dent Dr. Steven Matthews on June 1 after receiving his

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

GRADUATION

REBECCA CHEN

Parents: Ling Shi, Wen Chen Academic Honors: National Met it Finalist, AP Scholar, Presidential



lar activities: ewspaper, te is, Novi Youth Council Post-gradu ation plans: studying neuro science and psy chology on the

Extra-curricu-

pre-med track at Duke University Career plans: doctor

Career plans: undecided Who has influenced you mos in your academic career and Who has influenced you most why: My mother has influenced in your academic career and why: My close friends have me the most, because her experi ences have taught me to work shaped the person Lam today hard and never give up When I look at their success. I Your most memorable high strive to match it. When I look at their mistakes, I try my best school moment: Winning first place in the state for my feature to learn from it. Essentially, my friends have always motivated me column at MIPA. to become the best person I can

ZIOING (SUNNY) HUANG

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



College Competition, and Con-

AGM Nationals, Lam currently

Michigan's state champion and

have performed at many venues

egie Hall. In the summer, I also

across the country, including Carn-

engage in scientific research, and

my completed projects include

Detroit Medical Center and a

an autism research project at the

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 per-

Post-graduation plans: I am

attending Stanford University in

the fall to study human biology.

Career plans: I want to pursue a

Who has influenced you most

in your academic career and

act like one entity, inspiring me

to constantly strive for improve-

ment 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 thankfu

Your most memorable high

school moment: While working

on an autism research project at

the Detroit Medical Center, I was

tic child by delivering intensive

able to help a three-year-old autis-

behavioral therapy during therapy

sessions. When the child improved

and increasingly smiled, I realized

my passion: to help others in any

NISHANT KAKAR

Parents: Parveen Kakar and

Academic Honors: National Al

Scholar, National Merit Finalist.

summa cum laude, Siemens Com-

way possible.

Meeta Kakar

why: My mother and my teachers

the sciences, business, or law.

career in the field of medicine and

at nursing homes.

forming recitals for senior citizens

certo Competition champion at

nvolved in piar performance and have been awarded many onors, including first place in the Ithaca College School of Music competition, four-time consecu-

tive champion of the Schoolcraft

MacPherson

ation plans University of of Eng Career plans: (undecided on specifically which

Extra-curricular

activities: cross

country and

track captain,

Post-gradu

lifeguard

Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: Mr. DiDio: AP Physics was my favorite class. In it I realized that I should pursue engineering as a career, and he taught me how to dress in style.

Your most memorable high school moment: Being nominated for the senior superlative 'biggest fan" and having no idea what that even means

KARTHIK MUNUGALA

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



Diploma Student

Karthik Munigala

cine volunteer Post-graduation plans: Uni versity of Michigan -- Ross School of Business Career plans: Undecided for now but my interests have been in many different fields from becoming an entrepreneur and invest-

Extra-curricu

cience Club, sec-

retary of Math

Botsford Hospi

tal physical medi-

Club, DECA.

being a theoretical physicist. Only Who has influenced you most in your academic career and

ment banker on Wall Street to

petition Semifinalist. Chemistry why: Although there were many individuals who had really helped Olympiad National Nominee. pave the road for me, I think my AIME Qualifie Top 100 MMPC. topmost influences are my parents. Without their influence and Extra-curricula: motivation I would never have activities: varsity tennis captain,

DECA president.

Cancer Research

er at the Univer

sity of Michigan,

varsity Quiz Bowl

Nishant Kakar

student representative

Math Club president, Model UN

vice president, city Library Board

and Strategic Planning Committee

Post-graduation plans: Harvard

Your most memorable high

days in Anaheim, Californ

Disneyland.

school moment: Spending five

vith a group of friends for DECA

Nationals. We gave a 15-minute

presentation and then spent the

rest of the week hanging out in

TIM MACPHERSON

Parents: Barb and Alex Macpher

Academic Honors: National Mer-

Olympiad Runner-Up, summa cum

it Scholarship finalist, Chemistry

laude, Honor Roll

grown from that second grade kid who was required to take summer school to move on. Without them I would have never realized my talents in math and science. Seeing them work so hard for me every day makes me want to work hard for them and has inspired me to pursue my talents.

Your most memorable high school moment: Picking one specific memorable moment from high school is as difficult as picking out the shinlest star in the night sky. My four years at Novi were best years of my life, and it's going to be hard saying goodbye to some of the greatest teachers and best friends I've met here. This is only the beginning of so much more though, and the bittersweet memories of high school will be cherished lifelong.

AKHIL NISTALA

Parents: Narasimham Nistala Sridevi Nistala Academic Honors: first place in the Michigan Math Prize Competition (MMPC),

grand prize

vinner at the

Science and Engi

neering Fair of

Metro Detroit,

cond place in

Mathematical



Sciences at the Akhil Nistala Intel ISEF, state winner of Siemens Award for Advanced Place ment, USAMO Qualifier **Extra-curricular activities:**

qualified for DECA Internationals in Anaheim, captain of the Quiz Bowl A team which participated at Nationals in Atlanta, sing Car-Post-graduation plans: 4 will be

attending MIT in the fall; planning on pursuing a double major in applied math and computer science. Career plans: undecided Who has influenced you most

in your academic career and why: Mr. Didio, my AP Physics teacher in 10th and 11th grade. Under his guidance. I not only garnered a firm understanding of physics but also grew as an individual. I may not have yet solidified my career aspirations, but under Mr. Didio's influence, I have certainly come of age and have a solid foundation to build upon for

the rest of my life. Your most memorable high school moment: My most memo rable high school moment was winning second place in the Mathematical Sciences category at the Intel ISEF (International Science and Engineering Fair). For this accomplishment I was not only recognized as one of the top projects in the world, but I will also have an asteroid named after me

KENTA ONIMURA

Parents: Akiko and Shigehito Academic Honors: summa cum laude, AP Scholar with Distinction National Merit Finalist Extra-curricular

activities: var-

Japanese School

of Detroit, mate

rials engineering

tion plầns: elec

trical engineer

research

Post-gradua



Oniumura

ing at UCLA Career plans: undecided Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My parents for emphasizing the importance of reading. Your most memorable high school moment: Attending seminar every Tuesday and Thursday of

VIDYA SEKARAN

Parents: Chandra Sekaran and Sumathy Sekaran Academic Honors: National AP Scholar, National Merit Finalist



sadors (activities director), Relay or Life (captai

JV tennis (cap Vidya Sekaran tain), National Honor Society Post-graduation plans: Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan Career plans: management con-

Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My older brother, Bala, has always been there for me when I've needed guidance, support, or a perfectly timed insult to push ne further towards success.

Your most memorable high school moment: There have been quite a few recently, but the most memorable was when I found out I made it to the DECA International Career Development Conference in Anaheim. Califor nia, alongside some of my closest friends.

KRITHIKA SWAMINATHAN

Parents: Malini Swaminathan and Swaminathan Gopalswamy Academic Honors: National Merit Scholarship winner, WXYZ-TV Brightest & Best representa-tive, 2012*13 SIEMENS Award for Advanced Placemen Extra-curricular

activities: First

monic Orchestra

isshinryu karate,

music and dance

undergrad at MIT

for engineering

Indian classical

Quiz Bowl

Post-gradu-

ation plans

violinist in the

DSO's Philhar



Krithika Swaminathan

hopefully something that encom passes all the sciences and math. Who has influenced you most in your academic career and Too many of my teachers have been so amazing that it is impossible for me to choose one as having been most influential My fifth grade teacher, Mr. Johnson in Ann Arbor, my 10th grade math teachers in Belgium, Mme. Lariviere and Ms. Heinen, and my teachers at Novi, including Mr. Helmkamp, Mr. Crockett, and Mrs. Pohlonski, have all been exceedingly eye-opening for me in their own ways. They have all introduced me to different viewpoints biects and have allowed me to expand my scope as a student. One that stands out during

Career plans: Undecided, but

high school is Mrs. DeAngelo. With almost every degree to her name, she truly symbolizes what it means to learn for the pure fun and challenge of it. Her enthusiasm and love for the subjects that she teaches have shown me that it is possible to do what one loves, even if one loves everything. school moment: Senior year has been unforgettable in gen eral. From the first day to college acceptances to the last day of school, I would not have changed

anything had I repeated it.

MARK XU

Parents: Chengyue Xu, Shuxian Honor Roll status (4.0 GPA) for Academic Honors: US National four years; National Honor Soci Chemistry Olympiad top 150, USA Biology Olympiad Semifinalist. ety: salutatorian; many other awards for outstanding perfor-National Merit Finalist and scholmance in various classes arship recipient, AP Scholar with Distinction, AIME qualifier. Phi Beta Kappa, A and B Honor Roll,



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Presidential Award, summa cum

sis, varsity swim and dive team. Science Club. Math Club, and National Honor Society, track team manage

Extra-curricu-

lar activities:

Research in

teacher's assistant at MNCCS Chinese School, chemis-

try tutoring Post-graduation plans: I plan to study chemistry and pre-med at Washington University in St. Louis Career plans: Right now, my goal is to become a doctor, but I'm also interested in medical and chemical research, as well as chemical

engineering. Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My father. I have an enormous amount of respect for his dedication and perseverance. Fe made the difficult journey from China to America, then worked his way up from the bottom to reath success. His example is one that! have always strove to follow, in academics and in everything else. Your most memorable high school moment: Senior skip day

Extra-curricula

olf co-captain

cil chair, member

of the Quiz Bow

played at Nation

volunteer at Bots

als in Atlanta,

Post-graduation

plans: I will be

attending the LSA Honors pro-

gram at the University of Michi-

gan. I plan on taking pre-med

Career plans: psychiatry

courses and majoring in neurosci-

Who has influenced you most

in your academic career and

why: I'm blessed enough to have

a loving family that has supported

me throughout my life and aca-

demic career. My parents and my

older brother have always helped

me find the courage to learn from

my failures, the wisdom to cel-

ebrate my accomplishments hum-

bly, and the confidence to achieve

nothing less than my best. They

are the three most fun, intelligent

and inspiring people I know, and

I strive to make them proud every

Your most memorable high

school moment: A trip to Osco-

da, Michigan, with my golf team

walk on the beach after a DQ run,

getting up before sunrise to play

a beautiful golf course, or staying

up past midnight eating animal

crackers and watching scary real-

ity TV with the lights off, I loved

spending time with the craziest

girls I know and some of my best

Gabriela DeOliveira

Neeral Shailesh Desai

this summer. Whether it was a

ford Hospital

A team that

Novi Youth Coun-

Parents: Steve and Mary Beth mostly because I wasn't allowed Bradshaw

APARNA YECHOOR Parents: Lata and Prasad Yechoor **RAcademic Honors:** summa cum laude, National Merit Finalist, AP Scholar with Distinction, Michigan ter of high school Golf Coach's Association Academi: All-State Team



my friends and Bradshaw family, reading, cooking and going to church just get a temporary job and takwant to do with my life.

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 Señor Roskens and Mrs. Swaffield, have influenced me to take every learning experience in stride as well as encouraging and helping me through the difficult times in

high school. Your most memorable high school moment: My most memoably 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.

Parents: Alan and Laura Dodds Academic honors: High Honor

Club

able for my career path.

as evangelizing in Japan.

Career plans: I plan to go into

foreign affairs with Japan, as well

Who has influenced you most

why: The people who have mos

career are my parents. They both

in your academic career and

influenced me in my academic

work so hard, but at the same

time they always leave room for

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 face, 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

Your most memorable high

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

JESSICA DORNFRIED

Parents: Richard and Felicitas

High Honors Roll and two years

Extra-curricular activities: var

sity volleybal

hasketball.

arsity softball,

church activities,

volunteered at

Affairs hospital

onding with my

the Veterans

4.0. National Honors Society

races to see who can get to their

locker first while talking about

how much we love cats.

Dornfried

school moment: There were way

too many memories in high school

diversion from the path.

play. They have taught me that in

plan to attend



class secretary for two years; after school tutoring; volunteering in KidZone (a church program

for kids in kinde garten through second grade) Post-graduation plans: | plan on attending Madonna University to obtain a degree in elementary education.

Who has influenced you most why: My parents have been the career. My mom and dad have een 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. without the encouragement of

Your most memorable high school moment: X

BRADSHAW

Academic Honors: Student Leadership of the Month, National Honor Society, Outstanding Student Cooking Class, Student Council, Outstanding Citizenshi



Post-graduation plans: I plan to ing some time to figure out what I Career plans: I'm not sure what I

nent is **pr**ob-

ANDREW DODDS

Parents: Chris and Cindy Bixby adomic Honors: Distinguished Roll four years in a row; National Honor Society; multiple other



Career plans: After coilege, I plan

on finding a job as an elementary teacher and working with kids for

in your academic career and biggest influence on my academic would never be where I am today my parents.

BRIANNA LAYNE

three years, Outstanding Christian Character, Honor Roll every quar-Extra-curricu lar activities:



mer. I also enjoy anging out with

work with in the

Daks Church and

at kids camps

during the sum-

losest friends and family 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 Southeast ern 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

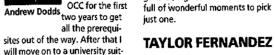
dream is to become a m and move to another country to spread God's love there. Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My mother has influenced me the most in my academic career. She has always been a hard, dedicated worker. From her example. I have learned to put my best foot forward and achieve the

most possible. She taught me the importance of not only working hard but also having a purpose.

GRADUATION

FRANKLIN ROAD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TOP STUDENTS

Your most memorable high school moment: I don't have one single event that I can say is awards for classes throughout the my most memorable high school moment, but when I think back Extracurricular activities: Stuover the past four years, I see dent Governthe times I spent in the locker room with teammates, the time ment treasurer for four years in I was left at 7-Eleven after a vollevball tournament, and cracking up while walking down the Post gradua hallway because I just tripped tion plans: I



Parents: Scott and Michelle Fernandez Academic Honors: High Honors all four years, 3.6 GPA Extra-curricular activities: hockey and golf

and dropped all of my books. In

general, high school for me is too



Going to see where hockey takes me and hope to become a physical therapist/ sports trainer

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 experi ence would be my senior trip to Orlando with my classmates.

JASON FUSCO

Parents: John and Jeannine Fusco Academic Honors: 3.9 GPA, National Honors Society, Out standing Art Ability Award, and Extra-curricular activities: foot-



Post-gradua tion plans: I will be attending OCC and Oak land University majoring in pro med. Also, I will Jason Fusco be playing foot-

hall 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 Susar Lipovsky

Michael Paul Lupo

Thomas Michael Montgo

Sara Elizabeth Hudgens

Rebecca Marie Hulverson

Denna Mafie

Aya Ishikawa

Academic Honors: Distinguished Honors, High Honors, and various



Rachel Lipovsky

nity 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 vherever 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 always encouraging me to persevere when a task becomes challenging and support me in every decision that I make.

Your most memorable high school moment: My most memo rable experience from high school is going on my senior trip to Disnev World in Florida.

MICHAEL LUPO

Parents: Don and Mary Lupo ademic 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



Brightmoor Christian Church: soccer:

piano; guitar; jazz band; missions 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

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 Istrive to work hard in all things hecause of my father's great

example. Your most memorable high school moment: My most memorable high school moment was my mission trip to Guatemal over spring break 2013. On thi trip. I was able to build relation ships with students at a school in Zacapa, Guatemala, teach them English classes, and do work

around the schoolhouse to make it a better learning facility for the students. A week totally devoted to helping others was more memorable than anything else I have ever experienced

VINCENT GREGORI MONTORO

Parents: Mary Susan Montoro and Vincent Montoro Academic Honors: High Honors



Vincent

varsity basebal all four years o my high school career. While playing basebal as my main sport, I have also played football, soccer, and ran cross

Extra-curricula

country during the hasehall off season. Post-graduation plans: College

of the Ozarks, Missouri Career plans: My career plans are to study history and become a nistory professor and teach higher Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My father has influenced me

the most in my academic career by teaching me to always do my best in school and everything I set my mind to. He has excelled in educa tion himself by working hard to earn a PhD, and I would like to do the same by receiving a PhD in military history to further my higher education. His determina tion and hard work have always been something that I have looked up to and desired to do just as well as him one dav.

Your most memorable high school moment: My most memo rable high school moment was when I started pitching my first baseball game my junior year of high school. I pitched a two-hitter and our team won the game against the fourth ranked team i the state.

EMMANUEL PEACE

Parents: Manuel and Annette Academic Honors: 3.8 GPA high honors all four years, distin

guished honors during my senior

vear, National Honors Society Extra Curricula Activities: var sity baseball, var sity basketbali travel basebal Post Gradu ation Plans University of

Michigan; major in business and finance, and to attend law school

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

rable high school moment was

my senior trip to Disney. On our

we bonded. It was a wonderfu

Joshua Tyler Ward

Michael Keith Warren

Craig Michael Latham

Alex Daebum Lee

Darren Gene Whitefield

experience.

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Benjamin Wallace Landry

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Jenna Haitham Sheena

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Richard Minsue Kim

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NOVI HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2013

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Amanda Ryann Geiger

Nicholas Joseph Gasparotto

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Rajkamal Khera

Kevin Daniel Khos

Erica Lynn Kidwell

Joshua Stewart

Derek Christian Stockman Benjamin Clayton Stone

Caitlyn Elizabeth Sultana Dylan James Summer:

Mithil Survadevara

Abigail Irene Swain

Rachael Renee Swain

Krithika Swaminatha

Lindsev Ann Swope Andrew Dylan Szczesniak

Andreea Beatrix Taran

Kaitlyn Brianna Tayloi

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Alyssa Nicole Stein

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

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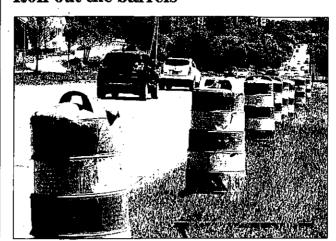
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Roll out the barrels



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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 Cor ridor Corporate Park at

27870 Cabot Drive. This event was pre viously scheduled for ednesday, May 22. "After the September rally and the great feed back from our tenants we knew that we had to have the food trucks back in our beautiful park. We are excited to welcome them again," stated Matthew Sosin, Northern Equities Group President Scheduled to serve up Detroit's best food truck

dor Sausage Co., Green Zebra, Jacques Tacos and Treat Dreams To help celebrate the event, diners will be entertained by local band, The Reefermen, (www. myspace.com/thereefer-

cuisine are Beignets,

Concrete Cuisine, Corri

Simmons **Decorating Den** Interiors wins international design award

Local design professional and business owner Veronica Simmons and her team decoratingden.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 liven up 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 com-

plimenting the rest of our

This was the company's 29th annual International Dream Room awards comition. Judging was done iournalists from across the U.S. and Canada who write about interiors for such publications as Traditional Home, House Beautiful, Design NY, and for national syndication and

regional publications. The Simmons Team was also honored with the com pany's Eagle award for cumulative sales.

Decorating Den Interiors' room makeovers have been featured in such publications as Good Housekeeping, Canadian House 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

exting 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 scribed 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.

> that was perfected by Mahatma Gandhi, Mother Teresa, and Louie the Safecracker and, thus, contributed to their notoriety. In that same spir-

Takin' Care

it, 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 sharpened 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 mouth for talking and two ears for listening!" - and are the last thing we hear just before crashing into a wall. Business is ga-ga 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 'synchronic ity' 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 con-

stant attention to the mobile screen is

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

As Al Pacino uttered in the mov-

ie, 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 let ters 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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OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in February offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating

Unless otherwise noted, all programs take place at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center. 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For pre-registration and location specifics, visit online a www.advantageoakland.com/expand, o call (248) 858-0783.

Financial Management June 6, 9 a.m. to noon

As an introductory seminar, the course covers the basics of financial management, including how to start an accounting system and how to apply the information from key financial statements to help you manage your business. Accounting language including debits and credits, preparation of the balance sheet and profit and loss statement are explained. Cash flow analysis and breakeven are also covered with specific small business examples. Fee: \$40 per person

Business Research -**Feasibility to Expansion**

June 6, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thinking of starting a business and want to research your business idea? Do you want to identify market trends and opportunities to grow your sales? Are you looking for new customers or to diversify your market base? Business research shows you ways to find your ideal customers, your competitors, per form competitive analysis and more. Presented by Oakland County Market Research and an Oakland County Public Library business reference librarian. This workshop is free, but pre-registra-

Venture Plan | 10-Week

June 11-Aug. 20, 6-9 p.m. (no class July 2) Your application must be submit-

FUTURE WORKSHOPS

10: Business Research - Feasibility to

17: CEED Microloan Orientation 17: Writing a Business Plan 30: Legal and Financial Basics for Small

8: Business Research - Feasibility to Expansion 8: Team SBA Financing Roundtables 14: CEED Microloan Orientation 14: Starting a Business 15: Financial Management Basics

21: Writing a Business Plan 22: Health Care Reform and Small Busi-

ted and approved prior to registration. Venture Plan is an intensive 10-week program that helps evaluate business opportunities and develop an action plan for owning or growing a business. This program offers essential business information to help develop entrepreneurial skills and build your business on a strong foundation or help to prepare for expansion. The program utilizes text and online training materials from a nationally-recognized program proven through use with thousands of business es. Fee: \$140 per participant. Thanks to sponsor support, the cost is reduced

CEED Microloan Orientation

June 12, 9-11 a.m. Many small businesses face obstacles when trying to obtain a business loan. The recognition of the serious need for working capital for existing businesses, start-up or expansion, equipment purchases, and job creation is not the priority it once was. If you have a need for alternative financing consider the Microloan Program. Discover the requirements and process necessary to apply and obtain a microloan. Fee: This workshop is free, but pre-registration is



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WINGO



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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. Held at Congregation Beth Ahm in West Bloomfield, the Women-Only Bingo fest was re-dubbed "Drag Queen Wingo." With special guest callers from the Bird Cage in Detroit, funds were raised for educational programs for the David B. Hermelin ORT Resource Center in West Bloomfield (www.hermelinort.org). A portion of the proceeds benefits the Better Jobs Opportunities Program which offers free computer training to unemployed area residents. Next up is ORT Michigan's largest fundraiser of the year -- Rub-a-Dub on Wed. Aug. 21st at Franklin Hills Country Club. Shown (top I to r) are Diane Farber of Bingham Farms, Drag Queen Wingo Guest Caller Sabin from Five 15 Cafe in Royal Oak: Linda Kovan of Novi and Drag Queen Guest Crystal Harding from the Birdcage in Detroit; and (bottom) Dr. Michele Freind (left) of Providence Park Novi and the Bone and Joint Surgical Center of Novi and Maria Golnick of West Bloomfield.



LOCAL EVENTS

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

Date: Monday, June 17 Location: Meadowbrook Country Club.

Details: Proceeds from the event will ben afit the Wellness Center, a St. Mary Mercy facility where patients and families can benefit from care that goes beyond conventional medicine. The facility will house the Center for Integrative Medicine and the Senior Assessment and Resource Institute. The 18-hole scramble features two shotgun starts, one at 7:30 a.m. and an afternoon round at 1:30 p.m. on Meadowbrook's ionship course. An individual Par Golf Package is \$500 per person for 18 holes of golf and a cart. The package includes beverages and refreshments at the turn; breakfast and lunch for morning golfers and the afternoon golfers will receive lunch prior to golf, followed by cocktails and an awards reception afterward.

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; www. wicsd.org/ffe. The cost of \$125 per golfer will include a continental breakfast prior to tee off 18 holes of golf, a RRO lunch at the turn. arrival gifts, a framed photo of foursome, course contests, a "19th hole" reception and a gourmet plated dinner.

Contact: For more information regarding the outing or sponsorships, contact Michelle Bianco, executive director, at (248) 956-2116

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 Chamionship Course, Brighton Details: Cost is \$125 per golfer.

Sizzling Summer Art Series Location: Fuerst 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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NOVI COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Novi Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com.

July 23: Animal Adaptations July 30: Joe Reilly

Aug. 13: "3 Little Pigs – Large and in Charge" puppet show Kids entertainment begins at 10:30

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

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! Toppermos 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

Time/Date: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, 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, in partnership with the American Red Cross. Contact: To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit redcrossblood org. Appointment sign-ups are also available in the hospital cafeteria. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are

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.

Notice of Public Hearing

Oakland FlexTech Academy will hold a public hearing June 10, 2013 at 6:00 pm at the Novi Public Library, 4525 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 to review the proposed 2013-2014 operating budget. A copy of the proposed budg is available for public inspection at 869 S. Old US 23, Suite 500, Brighton, MI 48114.

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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. Each year Corp! Magazine honors and supports deserving business leaders for their continued success in Michigan. Rajaraman will be honored at an event on Thursday, June 27 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

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! Maga-

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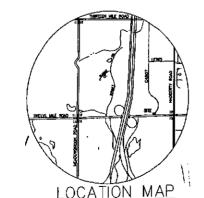
Starry Night

Novi residents Sean and Rebecca Hurwitz attended the Eight Annual Starry Night Gala to benefit Band of Angels at the Townsend Hote in Birmingham. The event raised over \$65,000 which will go towards helping individuals with Dowr syndrome, autism and pairments achieve in dependence and find neaningful schooling and employment op-



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. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 12, ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF TWELVE MILE ROAD AND CABOT DRIVE IN THE OST, PLANNED OFFICE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT. The applicant is proposing to construct a 2,032 sq. ft. Starbuck's restaurant with a drive through. Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the



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.

David Greco, Secretary

Publish: June 6, 2013

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online at hometownlife.com



The following Novi families went to Destin, Fla. For spring break: the Woods,

METROPARKS CALENDAR

General: 2013 annual parking and boat launch permits are available at the park office. Vehicle entry permits are \$25; senior citizen \$15. Boat launching permits are \$30; senior citizen \$15. The HCMA and Oakland County Parks permits, valid within both park systems, are \$48. Daily entry fee is \$5.

Kensington

Note: For more information for registra tion, call the Kensington Park office at (248) 685-1561 or (800) 477-3178. The Nature Center office phone number is (248) 685-0603. Pre-registration required for programs and a \$2 fee per person unless stated otherwise. Park hours are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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. This is a great way for people who are new to bird watching to learn their birds! The program is free with park entry.

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 story time, an outdoor adventure and a take-home craft. Fee: \$5 per child.

Preregistration required.

Silent Stroll: Sunday, June 9, 10 a.m. Join an interpreter while venturing through sections of the nature area in complete silence discovering what gets lost during conversation, Fee: \$4 per person. Preregistration

required. Butterfly Count: Saturday, June 15, noon to 4 p.m. Join an interpreter to help locate and identify butterflies and skippers. Bring binoculars and insect nets if you have them You may also wish to bring a lunch and water. The program is free with park entry. For ages 10 years and older.

Dragonfly Count: Sunday, June 16, noon to 4 p.m. Dragonflies and damselflies are fascinating insects that deserve more attention. Help an interpreter find and name them. Binoculars, boots, lunch and water are suggested as you are expected to be free with park entry. For ages 10 years and

NORTHVILLE / NOVI CHURCH CALENDAR

BRIGHTMOOR CHRIS-TIAN CHURCH

Location: M5 and 13 Mile Road, Novi Contact: (248) 227-4420 or

www.brightmoorchurch.org Celebrate Recovery Time/Dates: 7 p.m. Monday:

Details: Worship, teaching or testimony, and open-shar recovery groups. We offer bring healing for the hurts, deliverance from life-control ling habits, and freedom from the hang-ups that keep and healthy relations with God and others. Enter at Door D on the south side of the building. No cost; free childcare is available for

children birth through fifth grade. Please pre-register when you contact us. CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY Location: 24505 Meadow-

9 a.m. Monday-Friday; 7

Reconciliation: beginning 9

a.m. Saturdays or by appoint

Priests: Rev. Bob LaCroix,

pastor, and Rev. Michael

MEADOWS CHURCH

Location: 29000 Meadow

Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9

a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thurs-

day or visit www.crosspointe-

Bible study classes: 10 a.m.

Details: Nursery and older

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Destiny Worship Center

Location: Ridge Wood

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brook Road Contact: (248) 349-8847 or Mass Schedule

Contact: (248) 349-2345 or Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; novi.org 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and Saturdays

FIRST BAPTIST **CHURCH OF NORTH-**VILLE

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-FAMILY INTE-Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m. Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile

> firstbantistchurchofnovi.org Family Bible Hour: 9:45 Family Worship: 11 a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m.

Elementary School, 49775 6 Mile Road, Northville Contact: DestinyW3C@ Gmail.com or visit www

DW3C.org. **EMMANUEL LUTHERAN** CHURCH Location: 34567 7 Mile

Road, Livonia

Web: www.emmanuel-livo nia.org Contact: (248) 442-8822 Sunday Worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Adult special needs wor

ship: 9:30 a.m. Good news day camp: June 17-21, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; children completed Kdg-6th

Youth group: Tuesdays at

7:45-9 p.m. Women's 'coffee break" bible study: Monday, June 10, 9:30-11 a.m.;"Things don't always work out the way we want them to" **FAITH COMMUNITY**

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Time/Date: 9:15-10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Fellowship:

6 p.m. Evening Service, Worship Service Location: 217 N. Wing Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.

amily Meal, \$5 per person, \$15 per family **Currently on Wednesday** nights: 6:30 p.m. Children's VBS/Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Group Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Wednesdays: 5:30 p.m.

\$15 per family; **Currently on Wednesday** Contact: (248) 349-3647 or nights: 6:30 p.m. Children's VBS/Caravan, Club 56. Bible Study, Quilting Adult Classes, Youth Group Thursday: 6 a.m. Men of

Purpose Prayer Group Family Movie Night: 5:30 FIRST UNITED METHp.m.; fourth Sunday of every **ODIST CHURCH OF**

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NORTHVILLE

Road, Northville

Sunday Worship:

Chapel - 8 a.m.

Location: 777 West 8 Mile

Contact: (248) 349-1144 or

www.fumcnorthville.org

Meditative - Held in the

Sanctuary - 9:15 a.m.

Sanctuary - 11 a.m.

Sunday School:

Nursery - 8 a.m.

Contemporary - Held in the

Nursery - 12th grade - 9:15

Nursery - 6th grade/Special

Traditional - Held in the

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH-VILLE

Location: 200 E. Main Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit www. fpcnorthville.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Location: 205 East Lake

Street (corner of Wells and 10 Mile Road), South Lyon Contact: (248) 437-2875 FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE Location: 21260 Haggerty,

Needs - 11 a.m. north of 8 Mile Road GOOD SHEPHERD Contact: (248) 348-7600 or **LUTHERAN CHURCH** visit dfcnazarene.org Location: 41415 9 Mile Sunday Schedule: 9:30 Road, corner of Meadow a.m. Worship service with brook Road, Novi Praise Band, Children's Sun Contact: (248) 349-0565 day School and Adult Bible Sundays: 8:45 a.m. Sunday ellowship; 10:30 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; School and Bible Study; 10

a.m. Worship service. Children's Church. HOLY CROSS Youth Sunday School and **EPISCOPAL CHURCH** Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Children's program, Youth

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

10 a.m. second Saturday of **HOPE LUTHERAN** CHURCH Family Meal, \$5 per person, Location: 39200 West 12 Mile Road (east of Haggerty Road), Farmington Hills LAKES BAPTIST

Alzheimer's Support Group

CHURCH Location: 309 ker Road Walled Lake LIVONIA CHURCH OF CHRIST Location: 15431 Merriman

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NOVI - NORTHVILLE Contact: (734) 427-8743 or CENTER FOR JEWISH Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. LIFE Details: A Jewish center Bible School: Sunday 10

CHURCH

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.

cheon: 11:30 a.m. fourth

Pilgrim Fellowship: 6 p.m.

Good Friday Cross Walk

Time/Date 6 p.m. Friday,

Details: The traditional

Cross Walk will begin

at Novi United Method

ist Church (10 Mile and

Meadowbrook roads) and

continue to Meadowbrook

Church. This is a somber re-

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March 29

Thursday of each month

Merry Widows Lun-

a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m. with events, programs and activities for all ages MEADOWBROOK throughout the year -children's programs, Sunday CONGREGATIONAL school, adult Jewish classes. Location: 21355 Meadow youth clubs, holiday services brook Road, between 8 and and programs, community social events.

> Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or rabbi@novi jewishcenter.com; www novijewishcenter.com **NOVI UNITED METH-**

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

visit umcnovi.com Facebook Page: https:// www.facebook.com/pages/ Novi-United-Methodist-Church/59782031433 Sunday Worship: 9:45

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

NORTHVILLE CHRIS-TIAN ASSEMBLY Location: 41355 6 Mile Road, Novi

Contact: (248) 348-9030 Sundays 9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children

9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose 1015 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center;

the second level (208/210) Wednesday Family Niaht: 7 p.m.: Adult elec tive 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 of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool

through eighth grade); call

(248) 348-9031.

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OAK POINTE CHURCH Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile

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 Min

istries: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday Details: Overseen by True North Christian Counseling, offering a variety of sup-Divorce Care: Grief Share: At Being Sick); Restarting; Setting Boundaries with Teen & Adult Children: Sin gle and Single Again; Men's Story-Partner Care: Grow-

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clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security

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, Golfsmith, 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

2. Review the Zoning Ordinance standards and the Town Center Design Guidelines

3. Review and make recommendations for Wayfinding signa:

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

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 drivethrough 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.

Susan Rosiek,

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COMMUNITY VOICE

OPINION

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



mistakes, but make sure you learn from them." Kathleen Pillon

"Don't be afraid to make "Treat other people the way you would want to be treated."



"It's a tough situation nowadays. I think the government should be David Hildreth 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

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

Start high school later

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 extracurricular 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?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name address and phone number for verification. Letters should be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following Web: www.hometownlife.com

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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 nights' rest by changing the start time of Novi High school

to a later time. Samantha Martin

Novi High School student Restore national health funding

This year's federal sequester cut national health funding by \$1.5 billion (5 percent), funding that goes to organizations like the National Institutes of Health and to medical research that betters American health every day. A cut of this magnitude will reduce the number of planned research grants by 2,300, cost more than 20,000 jobs nationwide and shrink new economic activity by nearly \$3 billion.

I am no stranger to the impact of heart disease on a family. My mother, Itidal, suffered a heart attack almost 12 years ago and is a survivor. My late brother, George, was born with a congenital heart problem known as right hypoplastic heart syndrome. Sadly, he passed away in 2011 after collapsing during a stress test and then fighting for his life overnight in the ICU.

Last month, I joined more than 300 passionate advocates and traveled to Washington, D.C., for You're the Cure Lobby Day to advocate for those affected by heart disease and stroke and keep medical research a priority in this

We met with lawmakers to discuss how important it is that we restore the NIH back to its original sequester amount of \$32 billion. These cuts have caused Michigan to lose \$31.6 million in funding

for local medical research. Now more than 500 Michigan health-

related jobs are at risk. 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 With the retirement of Rep. Austria, discovering new treatments and the international crowd is represented by even cures for generations to come. We must not give up the fight to increase federal support for the NiH. We can help secure names, including a Lewis and Clarke, sevfunding 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

Janan G. Saba

Livonia

Our system is just

gan residents.

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

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can improve the health of Michi-

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 Engebretson 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

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A humorous guide to congressional names

ver gave much thought to congresional names until Anthony Weiner hit the headlines in 2011, as a dis-

Now we have the 113th Congress with its 535 voting members — 435 in the House of Representatives (plus six non-voting delegates) and 100 from 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: Ruppersberger, Frelinghuysen, Luetkemeyer and Sensen

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.

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 Biggert 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

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 touting 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 Confed erates out there, Geoff Davis of Kentucky resigned last year.

Daines, some Scotts, Sen. Deutch and Reps. Israel and Jordan (not surprisingly, on oppo Many other members share well-known

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

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

On the House floor, Rep. Slaughter i 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 inexpe-

rienced 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

Just how supportive of the U.S. auto industry would Rep. Honda be? Had be been around in the '80s' would

Rep. Yoder have supported Reagan's Star What if Reps. Carolyn Maloney and Ed Markey sponsored a bill together? Would n call it a bunch of Malarkey? Shouldn't Tim Kaine be the House minor-

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

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.

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Hydroplane owner gets thrill showing craft



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

By Diane Gale Andreassi

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

The Northville resident and retired engineer who worked at General Motors and Ford remembers being 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.

Steve Lloyd, owner of Steve's Auto Body, with the trophy.

"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 appreciate the sleek design of a race boat

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.

help of a lot of people, including Steve Lloyd,

owner of Steve's Auto

'To make it this pret-

Poledink said. "I did all

had people help me with

the financial work and

things I couldn't do.

Body in South Lyon.

ty, I couldn't do that,

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 years" before Poledink spent two years bringing and half of it is to take Working on White Lightning "was a chal-

lenge," 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 looking as nice as it is.

Half of it is to enjoy it

son climb into the driver's seat and pretend they are steering the waves. "It sounds hokey, but there's a joy in bringing

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 per-

it to other people," he

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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 liv-ing 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.

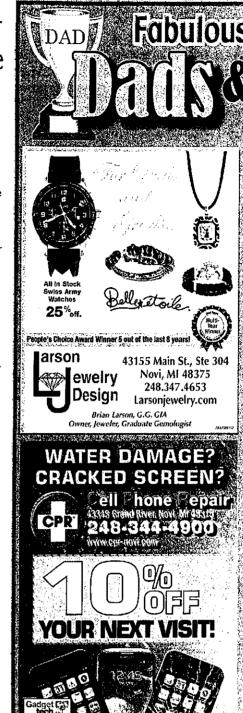
Collaboratively, these programs offered by HOM and Angela Hospice comprise a full continuum of pediatric services to Southeast Michigan. Referrals to the PEC program will come from many institutions in Southeast Michigan, including area hospitals, pediatricians and other nealth care providers. The general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

aged to refer patients and families to the program. "When we reflect 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 Moning. "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 hildren 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 perinatal and ospice 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 pediatriclicensed master social worker, to provide the individual-ized 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 perinatal, early care and pediatric hospice programs in West Michigan since 2006.

HOM began accepting patients and families into the PEC program in Southeast Michigan in mid-April.







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

Karla Swift isn't

The president of the Michigan AFL-CIO realwas 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

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 jeop ardized by these poli-

"These laws are controversial, but they are directly designed to make it harder to speak with one voice when it comes to negotiations 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 mid-



Karla Swift, president of the Michigan AFL-CIO.

its website. Prior to that, Swift had worked for **UAW International for** Swift was raised by 20 years, the last 10 as

Got start at Detroit

Her union activity began when she took on a leadership role at Local 43 at Detroit Dieshe started working in

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-work-

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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 appreci ated the value of a labormanagement 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

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

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

month before.

Union members have

faced concessions in

recent contracts due to

the recession in recent

years. Swift believes

that Gov. Rick Snyder

makers gave a prelude

with right- to-work with

what she described as

"attacks" on local con-

tracts, public sector

collective bargaining

rights, increased tax-

es on pensions, cuts in

public education fund

ing and removal of the

corporations in the way

of tax cuts, Swift said.

Swift points to Sny-

der's comments at that

time that right-to-work

"He lied for two and

That money was given to

earned income credit.

and Republican law

of what was to come

Right-to-work laws make it illegal to require financial support of a union as a condition of employment. Supporters said it gives workto 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 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 "People serving cor-

porations will have to

answer for those policies

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impact on elections than the labor movement, she

On the future of negotiated contracts, Swift said local AFL-CIO affilgain their own contracts because they know the issues firsthand. "The workers who were giving concessions will ground back," she said.

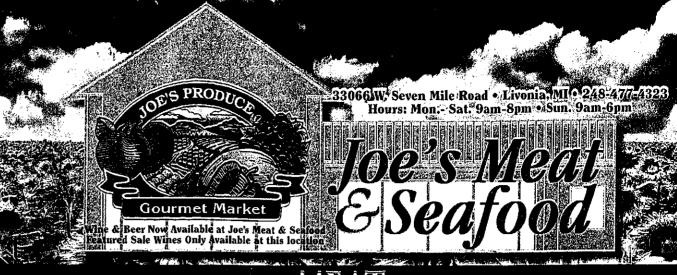
The labor movement umbrella" of a larger movement to improve workers' rights, which helps build communities, a middle class, improved public schools and improves quality of life, according to Swift.

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 entrylevel 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

Swift said there has

been a cultural shift in the labor movement at "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 nterest agenda, but we let them know that the working people aren't



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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

Girls tennis finishes fifth in the state

Williams and Quinn earn state title in No. 4 doubles flight

For the rest of their lives, Shannon Williams and Libby Ouinn 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 distinct honor 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

"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

Williams and Quinn had one of the most impressive seasons of the year, and it was owcased 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 Bahl 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

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

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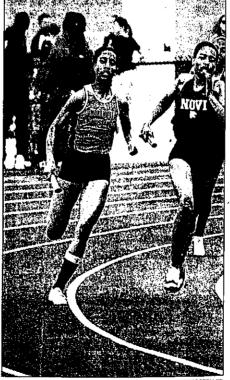
p.m. on Friday at Farm The ington HS. Wildcats advanced to the district

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.

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

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 then 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 plac ing, 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 Northville set the school record in

three other events as well. Rachel Coleman, Nicole Mosteller, Alison Robinson and Erin Zimmer 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

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 certain ly plenty of potential

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

"We had a major turn around this year, and I look forward to the con my team," Warda said. "We have a lot of key picking up the strategy of the game quickly and I know that they will continue to grow into great players. I look for ward to next season.'

But first more on this past season, which game to an end against

"It was a very close so far and have tried so game from start to finhard to build a team that ish." Warda said. "We can mesh well togethgot surpassed in porer. We started out with tions of both halves a very young team with and were unable to pull the majority of our girls ahead from it. We tried very hard and walked iuniors. A lot of our team had never played into the game wanting the win and that's all I together before and we are still trying to grow could have asked for from the players. and get a consistent

team on the field each ev Parker led the Novi Warda said the team attack with two goals each. Megan Murphy went from basic stick and Alanna Clark each skills to actual strategy scored once. in a hurry.

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

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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

man, led the team with ficult part for a little while because everysophomore, finished one learns at a different second on the team with rate." Warda said. "We 37 goals. Yeah, so one had a lot of outstanding can see why the future players come out of the looks promising

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voodwork this vear." Warda singled out na and Julia Clark along with junior Megan Murphy, who never played before this year, as bright spots for the

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

"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 cap tains Lauren Brown and

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Jordan Howard."

Wildcats fall in playoffs to Pioneer

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

"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 losng the next game to Forest Hills East-

Novi, winners of the KLAA Kensington Conference and KLAA 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 Nich olsen 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.

"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

Hoffman said the seniors, including his three captains and Justin Danks, Nick Gasparotto, Austin Nicholsen, Der ek Stockman, Jionni Ivy, Jason Sherran, Sreffan Werth and Yusef Qadeer, will al 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

Pravato, Alex Caprara, Chris Kennedy, Mark Ghannam, Justin Lipski, Brian Stewart, Jonathan Nofar, Matt Kiura, Sam Meisel and Travis Sparling, Also. sophomores Tommy McMaster, Nick Meadors, Ryan Moore JT Lyon, Luke Gulau 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 KLAA and will be better next season with all the experience that our young players got this sea-

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Novi track finishes strong at state meet

By Terry Jacoby

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 a state champion ship 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

In the shot put, Novi's Taylor Pavlika feet, 1 inch. Novi's 1600-meter relay team of Lina Davis, Hannah Lonergan, Taylor Mos-

ley and Kerri Mcmahan took third over all 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

In the long jump, Novi's Ali Taha took fourth place with a leap of 22 feet, 8 inch-In the 200-meter dash, Novi's Jordan

Love placed fourth with a time of 22.23 "Many of these athletes, both boys and

girls, missed advancing in other events by hundredths of a second," said Novi coach Marsha Reid Davis in the 300 hurdles missed All-State by .05 seconds and was ninth over-

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.

all. Love tied for ninth and it came down

"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 soc-





Wildcats battle to the end

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Novi falls in district final to North Farmington

By Terry Jacoby

It was the bottom of the seventh inning on Saturday. The Novi baseball down 6-3 to North Farm ington in a district champi onship game at Farmington High School.

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

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 against the wall on Satur-

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

"We just couldn't get that big hit," said Green, whose 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 against to rattle him. We

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 Matel's

RBI gave the Wildcats a 3-

North Farmington tied the game at 3-3 in the 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 Czap ski and Luke Bageris all

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

Novi advanced to the championship game with an 11-7 victory over Farmington Harrison in the semifinal game on Satur-"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 gutty perfor-

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play, Madness Red 10U had to take the long way to their opponents 35-4 in the winning their first three bracket games on May 19, before running out of steam in the finals against Wichigan Pride. They have ow reached the finals in 6 onsecutive tournaments The team includes (I to standing(Allison Hale, Maggie Murphy, Stephanie Schmunk, Olivia Vitale, mma Dompierre, Lauren Franklin: (kneeling) Kayla Errer, Gaby Cummings, Cassidy Brendtke, Madeline Schornack, Grace Nieto and

Baseball team wins district title

Mustangs will play Saturday against N. Farmington

By Sam Eggleston

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 champion ship 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

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 domi

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team will play Saturday at Novi at 10 a.m. against North Farmington

nated the latter, 9-0.

"The first game was very well pitched and played defensively by both teams," said Kostrzewa of The Northville Mustangs baseball

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 Han "(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 funda-

mentally 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

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

Hansen pitched the complet 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 Plym outh played," Kostrzewa said. "We really kept the momentum going after the walk-off win in the first

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

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Mercy shows no mercy to Novi

By Terry Jacoby

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 champi

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

"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 just 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

final was a great learning experience for such a young team. We will have a lot of

all year.' In the opener, Novi scored three runs

Senior Kailey Oppat had three hits Mallory Dashke had two singles and a Nicole Ireland had three hits including a

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

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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Churchill Chargers, who picked up not

By Sam Eggleston

It was a season of education for the

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 seniors, I am really looking forward to

The season came to a close last week with a 14-4 decision against the Livonia players back next year and this experience will only help down the road. "Our seniors provided great leadership

in the first and three more in the second before blowing the game open with five

including a triple and two RBI; junior double; senior Kasev Lowney had a single, double and two RBI; and freshman triple and a double.

Daschke was the winning pitcher. She went five innings, allowing six hits, two

Softball season closes with district loss

only a two-run home run in the game by Melanie Richardson, but also a grandslam homer by Katie Shereda.

The Mustangs did put up a fight, however Northville Mustangs softball team. er, 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 DeRidder. 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 consistentv improved throughout the season. The kids learned what it takes to win at this

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Novi tennis finishes 12th in the state in Division 1

By Terry Jacoby

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

"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

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 KLAA 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 "I thought all our players bat-tled," Hanson said. "We had two freshmen at two and four singles. Our fourth singles player (Allison Lollo) lost in a hard fought, threeset match. The one and three sin gles 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

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lost in the quarterfinals to second-seeded Jenna Brettschneider 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 Van Dewege and Alyssa Roopas of Ann Arbor Pioneer 6-3, 6-3. After Harika Bollineni and Mel-

anie 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 Hinrichs 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 Goree 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 Sridar 6-2, 6-0; and at No. 4 singles, Batool Hussain of Livonia Stevenson defeated freshman Allison Lol-

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ille Record and Novi News.

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

Individually, Coleman

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 Shahrigian in the

two-mile-just one second out of taking an All-State

spot. Finishing in 10th in

45.79 seconds, while Rob inson ran a 2:18.03 in the

800-meter event for 13th Also competing, though

not scoring in their events, were Alexa Abbott

200 dash and Coleman and

Zimmer in the two mile.

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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 I 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

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 personalbest time of 4:18.49, earned him All-State honors.

Sim's race wasn't the only impressive finish in the mile, either. Teammete 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

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

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



Dan Sims outruns three opponents in the final stretch of the mile to finish fourth in the Division I state finals last weekend

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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Northville soccer team bows out against Novi

By Sam Eggleston

The Northville Mustangs girls soccer season came to a close last Friday against a team that every player knows extreme-

The squad, coached by Eric Brucker, bowed out of the district tournament with a 1-0 loss to eventual district champion Novi last Friday. The game was played a day later than expected due to rain delays the night before.

The lone goal of the game came with just about 16 minutes remaining in the contest on a throw-in from inside the 20yard line of Northville's defensive end. Novi junior Taylor Pavlika fired a dart into the mouth of the Mustangs' goal and Wildcats senior Erin Dircks went airborne and skipped the ball off her head, past the Northville defense and into the goal for

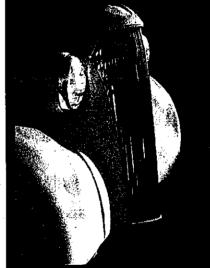
"They had attempted the same play on four occasions in the first half, along with seven prior attempts in the second half, without any success," said Brucker.

The Wildcats then battened the hatches on defense and weathered the oncoming Northville offensive surge.

"(We) pushed everyone forward, but couldn't get the equalizer," said Brucker. The Mustangs did control the tempo of the game in the first half, but they couldn'r get a goal in past Novi goalie Jade Antolec, who also had to stop a near-miss

by the Mustangs with just four minutes remaining in the game off a corner kick. The Mustangs, who were ranked No. 7 in the state heading into the post-season, finished with a 15-4-2 record. The Wildcats, which were ranked No. 3, climbed to 15-2-2 on the season with the win

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es continued to rise in the first quarter with the national gain showing the best year-over-year performance in over sevly report by the National Association of Realtors. A companion breakout of income requirements to purchase a median-priced home on a metro basis shows the typical buyer earns roughly double the income eeded to buy a home in his or her area.

The median existing single-family home price rose in 133 out of 150 metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) based on closings in the first quarter of 2013 compared with first quarter last year, while 17 areas had price declines. In the fourth quarter of 2012, a comparable 133 areas showed price increases from a year earlier, great ly improved from the first quarter of 2012 then prices in only 74 metros were up.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist said many areas are experiencing a seller's market. "The supply/demand balance is clearly tilted toward sellers in a good portion of the country," he said. "Inventory conditions are expected to remain fair constrained this year, so overall price increases should be well above the historic gain of one-to-two percentage points above the rate of inflation. If home builders can continue to ramp up production, then home price growth is expected to moderate in

At the end of the first quarter, there were 1.93 million existing homes available for sale, which is 16.8 percent below the clos of the first quarter of 2012, when 2.32 million homes were on the market.

The national median existing single-family home price was \$176,600 in the first quarter, up 11.3 percent from \$158,600 in the first quarter of 2012. This is the strongest year-over-year price increase since the fourth quarter of 2005 when the median price jumped 13.6 percent. In the fourth quarter of 2012, the median price rose 10.0 percent from a year earlier.

Some of the previously hard-hit markets like Phoenix, Sacramento and Miami continue to experience a dramatic turnaround, while a new set of areas like Atlanta. Minneapolis and Seattle have begun to show strong signs of upward momentum," Yun

The median price is where half of the homes sold for more and half sold for less. However, some of the elevated median prices reflect a shrinking market share of lower priced homes and greater activity in upper priced transactions. Distressed homes - foreclosures and short sales generally sold at discounts of up to 20 percent accounted for 23 percent of first quarter

sales, down from 32 percent a year ago. Total existing-home sales, including single-family and condo, edged up 0.8 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.94 million in the first quarter from 4.90

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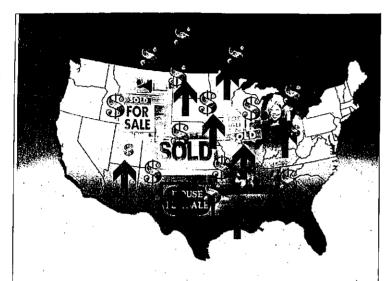
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million in the fourth quarter, and were 9.8 percent above the 4.50 million pace during the first quarter of 2012. Sales were at the highest level since the fourth quarter of 2009, when they reached 4.95 million as

buyers responded to tax incentives. According to Freddie Mac, the national mmitment rate on a 30-year conventional fixed-rate mortgage averaged 3.50 percent in the first quarter, up from a record low 3.36 percent in the fourth quarter; it was 3.92 percent in the first quarter of 2012.

NAR President Gary Thomas, brokerowner of Evergreen Realty in Villa Park, Calif., said conditions remain favorable for buyers, "Even with rising home prices, there is still plenty of buying power in the market," he said. "Historically low mortgage interest rates and home prices that remain well below their peak mean most buyers can purchase well within their means, assuming they meet ongoing stringent credit standards.

A separate breakout of qualifying incomes to purchase a median-priced existing single-family home on a metropolitan area basis demonstrates ample buying power in the current market. Income requirements are determined using several scenarios on down payment percentages and assume 25 percent of gross income devoted to mortgage principal and interest

The national median family income was \$62,200 in the first quarter. However, to price, a buyer making a 5 percent down payment would only need an income of \$36,500. With a 10 percent down payment the required income would be \$34,600,

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while with 20 percent down, the necessary income is \$30,700.

In the condo sector, metro area condominium and cooperative prices - covering changes in 54 metro areas - showed the national median existing-condo price was \$172,400 in the first quarter, up 10.4 percent from the first quarter of 2012. Thirty-nine metros showed increases in their median condo price from a year ago and 15 areas had declines.

Regionally, existing-home sales in the Northeast rose 4.4 percent in the first quarter and are 9.1 percent above the first quarter of 2012. The median existing single-family home price in the Northeast rose 2.9 percent to \$234,000 in the first quarter from a year ago.

In the Midwest, existing-home sales increased 1.2 percent in the first quarter and are 15.0 percent higher than a year ago. The median existing single-fam home price in the Midwest increased 8.2 percent to \$135,100 in the first quarter from the same quarter last year.

Existing-home sales in the South edged up 0.7 percent in the first quarter and are 13.3 percent above the first quarter of 2012. The regional median existing single-family home price was \$156,800 in the first quarter, up 9.3 percent from a year

In the West, which is the region most impacted by limited housing supplies, existing-home sales slipped 1.1 percent above a year ago. The median existing sin gle-family home price in the West jumped 24.4 percent to \$247,800 in the first quarter from the first quarter of 2012.

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