

Novi News

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Rockin' Under the Stars

The popular cover band Fifty Amp Fuse will headline Rockin' Under the Stars, presented by the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, June 15, on the grounds of the Multi-Lakes Conservation Association in Commerce. Buck Naked will open the show at 6:30 p.m. Fifty Amp Fuse will take the stage from 8-11 p.m.

The cost for the event is \$5 per person, with no cost for children age 12 and under. Those attending should bring lawn chairs or blankets. Food, beer, wine and soft drink concessions will be available throughout the event. No coolers or carry-ins will be permitted. Event participants are also encouraged to bring nonperishable food and personal care products to the show. These items will be donated to the Open Door Outreach Center in Waterford.

Additional information on the event can be found at www.LakesAreaChamber.com or by calling (248) 624-2826.

Ever caught a foul ball?

Have you ever caught a foul ball or a home run ball at a Major League baseball game? If so, sports writer Jeff Theisen would like to talk to you.

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

Orange barrel season kicks off

Here's what you need to know about road construction projects

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The road construction season is upon the communities of Northville and Novi, with several big projects in the works for this summer.

- Eight Mile, both east and west sections
- East Lake Drive in Novi
- South Center in downtown Northville
- Seven Mile/Center intersection

- Haggerty
- Hutton in Northville
- A number of projects on neighborhood streets in Novi

Expect some delays along Eight Mile in the coming months, but also some big improvements. The project is being led by the Road Commission for Oakland County, which is planning significant improvements to Eight Mile between Napier and Beck roads in Novi and between Beck and Taft roads in the city of Northville and Northville Township. The project should begin this month. The Wayne County Department of Public Services is also planning on making pavement

improvements to the Eight Mile/North Center Street intersection, along with pavement rehabilitation of Eight Mile from the CSX Railroad bridge to Meadowbrook. Construction on this two-mile stretch of five-lane roadway, and the North Center Street intersection, should start in mid-summer and be completed in fall 2013.

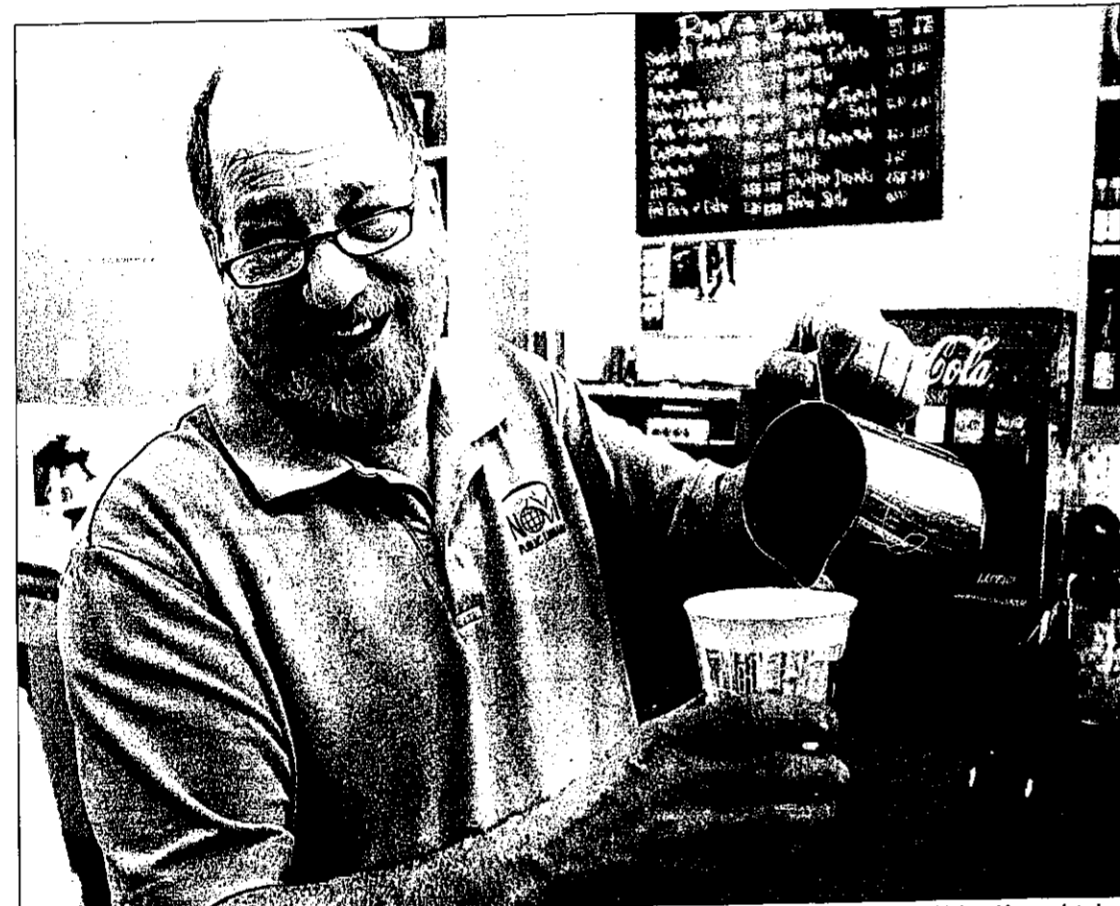
The first stage will constitute a closure of Center, south of Eight Mile. The second stage will close Center north of Eight Mile. The work at this intersection will not begin until after June 17; it is anticipated it will be complete by Aug. 30.

In Novi, East Lake Drive, between Endwell and 13 Mile,

was closed May 23 for repairs and is planned to be reopened June 14. This is part of the Pavilion Shore Park improvements. The contractor is installing a raised crosswalk to connect the parking lot on the east side of East Lake Drive to the new park, installing new curb and gutter and repaving East Lake Drive from 13 Mile to the curve at the lake.

The South Center Street project will take place between Seven Mile and Cady in downtown Northville. The street will be milled and repaved. There will also be upgrading of sidewalks and repairs made to the

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Gary Bernstein pours a lot of cups of coffee at the library's Read-A-Latte cafe. He's now offering more types of food and drink and has updated the cafe's look, hoping to make the cafe, near the library's entrance, a place people will visit more frequently. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Library's Read-a-Latte Cafe a hidden gem

Bernsteins offer great food, service

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The café inside the Novi Public Library is a hidden gem for many patrons who have come to know its tasty selections.

Whether a student studying at the library and needing a pick-me-up or a senior citizen wanting to take something home for dinner, the Read-a-Latte café run by Gary and Lola Bernstein is a place that caters to all of the patrons who walk

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Grand Traverse Distillery bringing tasting room to Novi

Northern Michigan-based operation specializes in whiskey, vodka

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

A unique type of business is coming to Novi's Town Center—Northern Michigan's oldest micro distillery. Located in Traverse City, the Grand Traverse Distillery is the vision of Kent Rabish, a

Michigan native. After visiting micro distilleries on the West Coast, Rabish saw the opportunity to bring hand crafted spirits to Michigan. They specialize in whiskey and vodka.

Rabish operates four Grand Traverse Distillery tasting rooms throughout the state. "What we offer is hand-crafted spirits, using locally grown grains, which supports Michigan agriculture," Grand Traverse said on its website (<http://www.grandtraversedis-tillery.com>).

The Novi City Council unanimously approved the Grand Traverse Distillery request for a New Spirit Tasting Room with a new Sunday Sales Permit.

Novi City Manager Clay Pearson said this is not a Class C quota liquor license, which is what many other locations have in Novi. Rather it's a unique situation that involves Grand Traverse having a Small Distillers License.

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through the library doors.

"That's our goal - to appeal to all of the patrons of the library," Gary said. "There's a whole range of people who come here, so we know they have different tastes and we want to fill the need they may have."

The Bernsteins have been in charge of the café for the last three years and just recently renewed the lease for another three. They want to get the word out to those who don't know about this service offered at the library.

"At many libraries, if a patron gets hungry they may have to leave to get something to eat or drink. That's not the case here," Gary said. The café is located just inside the front door and to the right. The menu is ever-changing, but there are some favorites like the grilled panini that make it a more than dependable spot to pick up a snack or drink.

The café is not a

convenience store and their selection does not come from a vending machine.

Homemade is the theme. From the tuna pasta, chicken salad, and macaroni and cheese, Lola prepares most of the dishes served at the café herself. There's also a variety of sweets with things like cake and candy available.

"That's what we pride ourselves on, our homemade dishes," Gary said. "But we also know patrons have different tastes at different times, so we need to be there with a good variety."

The café is a mix of nostalgic and modern with customer service being the main priority. Each week there are specials and the product is always above quality at a reasonable price.

Next time you're in the library looking for a good book or DVD, stop by the café and give one of the panini sandwiches a try.

The library is located at 425S 10 Mile.

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Cancer fighters join forces at annual Relay for Life

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

This year's Novi/Northville Relay for Life has a \$72,000 goal in the American Cancer Society fight to eliminate the disease.

Last year, Novi/Northville event raised \$62,000. Relay is a team event in which team walkers walk continuously for 24 hours, symbolic of the cancer fight not sleeping.

"It's not too late to become involved," said Rachel Leas, community organizer for the ACS. "The more the merrier. If you want to come fight cancer with us, we're going to welcome you with open arms."

The event will be this Saturday and Sunday, at Ford Field park, downtown Northville. This is the second year Novi and Northville have joined forces to raise money, and a Northville event took place at that site for many previous years.

"They were a separate event and then we combined the communities," Leas said. This year's chair is Natalie Trzytczyk, assisted by co-chair Kat Dooley. Trzytczyk is experienced and knowledgeable, Leas said, and Dooley brings a good new take to the event, making them a great team.

Cancer survivors are asked to arrive 9:30 a.m. Saturday for the survivors' victory lap at the 10 a.m. kickoff, beginning near the main stage where there will be opening ceremonies. A luncheon for survivors and caregivers is on tap, with donated food from



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California Pizza Kitchen as well as gift bags for survivors.

The local event has about 200 teams and over 200 participants, Leas said. Saturday around 9:30 p.m., there will be luminaries around the area lit in honor and memory of those who've faced cancer or lost the battle.

The local community also has a student event. "Of course, we'd always like more participation," Leas said, noting the June 15-16 event is a bit behind last year. "We really have some awesome teams. These dedicated teams have all been directly affected by cancer."

Those participants have a "have to do" sense, she said, "a good obligation. They're always reinforcing ways to make money so it never gets boring for them."

Leas also tips her hat to local students who in addition to their own event participate June 15-16. "There are about four student teams this month plus other students who mix in with friends and family on other teams."

"I definitely think that makes a difference," she said. "I think student participation is huge. They're the ones who keep us up through the night. It's a huge part of the event."

She agreed the carnival-type atmosphere (this year's theme is "Board Games") and socializing make Relay fun.

You're welcome to go to www.relayforlife.org and search for Northville or Novi. The event wraps up 10 a.m.

The top two local fundraising teams are First United Methodist Church of Northville and TTC Holdings Corp.

Relay for Life was started in 1985 by Gordy Klatt, who ran and raised \$27,000. The next year, it became a team-based event and has grown.

"It's definitely international now," she said. Many metro Detroit communities host successful Relays.

She's grateful for large teams sticking around and for community support.

"They're out there fighting. We do want to see an end to this disease. We have made huge, huge strides."

Many cancer survivors are celebrating more birthdays, she said.

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Legacy Gala to honor the Barrs on Saturday

David Barr and Beth Dwaiby-Barr will be honored at the Legacy Gala on Saturday, June 15 at the Novi Civic Center in Novi. David has been a sculptor for 50 years and is the founder of Michigan Legacy Art Park, located in Benzie County. The love of his life, Beth, played a fundamental role in his career and has touched and influenced the lives of many through her own work as a professional dancer, instructor and choreographer.



Beth Dwaiby-Barr and David Barr will be honored at the Novi Civic Center on Saturday.

ABOUT MICHIGAN LEGACY ART PARK

Michigan Legacy Art Park, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, offers an unparalleled experience of art, nature and history. More than 40 major works of art line 16 miles of hiking trails that wind through a 30-acre preserve of wooded hills. The Art Park inspires artists to create sculptures that interpret Michigan's history, culture and environment. The Art Park is a unique cultural and recreation destination located on the grounds of Crystal Mountain.

The education programs at Michigan Legacy Art Park serve the needs of local students. Area teachers bring hundreds of students to explore the Art Park for curriculum-based field trips each year. Through the "Looking to Learn" materials for teachers, students receive memorable lessons about history, math, science, culture and the environment.

Crystal Mountain and Michigan Legacy Art Park received the Governor's Award for Innovative Tourism Collaboration in March 2009. Michigan Legacy Art Park is supported in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts and Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Michigan Legacy Art Park is located at 12500 Crystal Mountain Drive in Thompsonville. For more information, call (231) 378-2000 ext 7122 or visit www.michiganlegacyartpark.org.



The City of Novi acquired the Napier Road home and grounds sculpture artist David Barr to use as an art park. JOHN NEDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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.

Right now, the Relay is still in need of teams to sign up and help in the fight. Sign up your team on the community website. Go to http://www.relayforlife.org/ and search for your community, Novi or Northville. Everyone is invited to this family event.

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

Wanted: Gardens

Garden fairies come at dawn. Bless your garden, then they're gone.

If your Novi or Northville garden has been blessed through your hard work and a touch of fairy dust, would you like to share it with others?

The Gardeners of Northville and Novi (aka the No-No's) are looking for gardens to be submitted for a place in their June 2014 Garden Walk.

If you are interested in submitting your garden for consideration or if you have any questions, please call Audrey Murphy (248) 349-0376. All gardens will be visited by Audrey and other members of the Garden

Walk Committee this month.

Wixom receives Brookside Way grant

The City of Wixom's Senior Center received a migrant to purchase pedometers for "Wixom Seniors Walk America" May-October through the Brookside Way Migrant program.

"We're thrilled HealthPlus has continued this important partnership, which helps support the Brookside Way Migrant program," said Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson last week during the program kickoff.

"These migrants have invested more than \$100,000 into our communities, supporting projects that continue to impact the quality of life we all seek. My son would be gratified to see the positive impact these migrants are having on the health and fitness of our residents."

The Brookside Way, which includes a half marathon, 10k and 5k races, is named in memory of Brooks Stuart Patterson, the son of the county executive, who died after an accident in 2007. The 10k race is new this year. The races can be run or walked and are set for Sept. 29 on the Meadow Brook Music Festival at Oakland University.

HealthPlus President and CEO Bruce Hill greeted representatives of the organizations as they were handed their checks. Support from HealthPlus and other sponsors help fund the migrant program.

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which was recently created by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission to encourage small business growth in the state.

"This is a Michigan company, and I think this is a time when we need to help Michigan

companies," said Wayne Wrobel before making a motion to approve the request. "It's a good fit in the 'Town Center'."

The business will be located at 4320 11 Mile, north of Grand River Avenue, just east of 'Town Center Drive.

According to Pearson, the Police and Fire departments have no objections to the request, pending approval of final ins-

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District makes three leadership changes

The Novi Community School District Board of Education approved three appointments at the June 6 meeting: Andy Comb as Novi Middle School's new assistant principal; Carol Banks Diglio as the assistant superintendent of Human Resources; and Shailee Patel as the director of Student Services.

"I am excited for Novi and for our employees," said Dr. Steve Matthews, superintendent of the Novi Community School District.

Andy Comb

"Mr. Comb comes with a vast array of experiences and an educational background that will strengthen the academic culture of Novi," said Stephanie Schriener, Novi Middle School principal.

Comb began his career as a social studies teacher in the Van Buren Public Schools. As a teacher he served as a department chair, principal of extended summer school, implemented an Advanced Placement Psychology program, and was an active member of the School Improvement Team.

Comb graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in psychology and history and earned his master's degree from Marquette College.

"Mr. Comb's strengths include experience with diversity, knowledge and background with data evaluation, and a passion for each and every student," Schriener said. "He is a welcome addition to our staff and will be a leader in our district."

Carol Diglio

"Ms. Diglio will bring an energy and a passion to this position that will help move us forward as a district," said Matthews.

Shailee Patel

"We are excited to welcome Ms. Patel to our Novi family," said RJ Webber, assistant superintendent of Academics.

Patel has a bachelor's degree from the University of Cincinnati, a master's degree from Miami University of Ohio, and an educational specialist degree from Oakland University.

Patel most recently served as a supervisor of Special Services at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park in the Plymouth-Canton School District. Previously, she had been assistant principal at Salem High School in Plymouth-Canton; a special education teacher consultant at the Northville Public Schools; and a special education teacher at Eastwood Middle School in Columbus, Ohio.

"Ms. Patel brings a host of experiences that will empower her to serve our students with special needs at a very high level," said Webber. "Her boundless energy, deep passion for serving others, and commitment to children will make her a valuable part of our school district and help Novi become an even better place."

Green school



Orchard Hills Elementary achieved Michigan Green School status for the second year. Staff and students have been working hard to carry out a series of earth-friendly activities throughout the school. The school received an official certificate signed by the governor and a flag to display proudly in the school. Pictured are kindergarten students showing off the grass they grew for Earth Day while first grade students study soil.

Little grads



Faith Community Preschool's class is celebrating another successful school year, and students participated in a graduation/moving up ceremony and are shown with their "self-portraits." Some students will be moving up for another year of preschool, and some will be moving on to kindergarten. Shown (l to r) are Nick Everet, Aever Tur, Owen Onder, Noah Lee, Sahib Marok, Levi Matas, Jason Kwon, Bella Molnar, Brielle Hale, Kaylin Montgomery. (Missing from the picture is Johnathan Weir)

UPDATES FROM YOUR CITY

Library's Read Box at Lakeshore Park

While you are enjoying your time this summer either barbecuing, mountain biking or taking a walk on the nature trail at Lakeshore Park, make sure to check out Novi Public Library's Read Box now until October.

This one of a kind box designed by Lori Taylor expresses an elaborate amount of detail and tells a story just from the unique artwork. Visitors will get the chance to read a book and keep it as long as they would like or share it with family and friends. There will be a variety of books for all ages and checked each week for needed refills by library staff.

Inside each book, there will

be a bookplate reminding visitors of what the Read Box entails, and encouraging park guests to read, enjoy and share.

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

Spent 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.

Each campsite is 15x15 feet, allowing for two tents and up to six people. No pets or alcohol will be allowed and an adult

is required at each site. Campsites are \$35 each. In the case of inclement weather, camping will be at your own risk. Registration is available online at cityofnovi.org.

Online language learning system

Novi-Mango Languages is officially up and running on Novi Public Library's website, offering patrons of all ages a chance to learn a new language of their choice.

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

With 40 foreign languages to explore and 15 ESL courses available for patrons, this free service offered by the library will help you speak fluently

with just a click of the mouse. Patrons will have the opportunity to learn everyday languages spoken all around the world, which is designed to help increase their vocabulary and grammar skills. Mango offers both basic and complete courses that use interactive methods to keep users engaged and interested in this fun learning experience.

By creating a Mango account, patrons are able to add a profile on the Mango log in page and will have the opportunity to track their progress at home, at the library and through the apps now available for iPhone and Android phone carriers.

For more information, visit NoviLibrary.org and mango-languages.com.

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<h3>Brighton</h3> <p>LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH 5021 Pleasant Valley Road • Brighton, MI 48114 910-227-3112 8:30 a.m. Communion Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School Rev. Dale Hedblom, Pastor www.lordoflife.org</p> <p>HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL www.hspcc.net at the corner of Lincoln & March Rd. 913-211-9192 Fr. John Recco, Pastor Weekend Liturgies: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Please see our website for Holy Family and St. John's.</p>	<h3>Milford</h3> <p>CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH Preschool, Pre-K & Kids • Mt. Synod 670 General Motors Rd., Milford Church office: (248) 684-4885 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Rev. Peter Larson</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST OF MILFORD WORTHINGTON 133 Detroit St., Milford • 484-5695 Pastor: Steve Swartz Sabbath School 9:15 a.m. • Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Worship Services: 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. • 1st & 2nd Sundays www.fbmilford.org</p>	<h3>Novi</h3> <p>ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI 46325 10 Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48374 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8:30 & 11:30 a.m. Mgr. John Kasza, Pastor Parish Office: 248-7778</p> <p>NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 1017 W. 1st Mile Road • Novi, MI 48375 Sunday Worship 8:45 a.m. Rev. James H. Smith, Pastor 248-349-2652 www.umcnovi.org Lutheran Social Service available for those who need it.</p> <p>HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH 24335 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375 Saturday 4:30 p.m. (English) & 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Fr. Bob LaCorte, Pastor Fr. Michael Zuelich, Associate Parish Office: 248-8647 • www.holyfamily.org</p> <p>HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL 40700 W. Ten Mile Rd. • 248-427-1715 Sunday Worship 7:45 a.m. & 10 a.m. Worship Service Wednesday 11:45 a.m. Rev. Ann Webber, Rector holycrossmich@gmail.com</p> <p>BRIGHTON CHURCH 40800 W. 13 Mile Road, Novi on the corner of M-56 & W-115a Sundays 9:15a & 11:15a www.brightnorchurch.org something for the entire family</p>
<h3>Walled Lake</h3> <p>CROSSPOINT COMMUNITY CHURCH 1851 S. Commerce Rd. Walled Lake 939 a.m. • Sunday School 10:30 a.m. • Morning Worship Rev. Kenneth Warren • 565-531-2021 www.cpcwalledlake.com</p>	<h3>West Highland Baptist Church</h3> <p>118 S. Baptist Ridge Rd., Westland, MI 48090 248-687-1210 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Wednesday 10 a.m. Also Small Groups • Ministry Teams</p>	<h3>MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH</h3> 21355 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi at 8 1/2 Mile 248-348-7757 • www.mbc.org Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister
<h3>Whitmore Lake</h3> <p>FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH 10774 Nine Mile Road Rev. M. Lee Taylor • 449-2582 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.</p>	<h3>Milford United Methodist Church</h3> 1000 Atlantic St., Milford, MI 48361 Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. Children's Church at 9:30 a.m. Groups for Children, Youth and Adults 248-684-2719 www.umilford.com	<h3>OAK POINTE CHURCH</h3> 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi Saturday Worship 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m. Sunday 9:15 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. Casual, contemporary service Phone (248) 912-0043 www.oakpointe.org
<h3>Livonia</h3> <p>FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Services held at: St. Andrew Episcopal Church 16300 Hubbard Road • Livonia South of Old Middle Road Adult Bible Classes: 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Chloe Svingen, Pastor Dr. James R. McGuire • Nursery Provided</p>	<h3>MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</h3> Pastor Brent Johnson 238 N. Main Street, Milford MI 248-2005 www.milfordpc.org Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Rev. David Brown, Pastor 248-437-2222 • www.milfordpres.org	<h3>CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN</h3> (Missouri Synod) Pastor Terry Nelson 437-8810 • 486-4335 Crowned Rd. at 10 Mile Worship: 10 a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Adult Bible Study: 9 a.m.
<h3>New Hudson</h3> <p>NEW HUDSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 5070 Cassell Drive • New Hudson MI 48155 248-437-6121 • Central & Senior Pastor Sunday School & Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m. www.nhmethodist.org</p>	<h3>Freedom Life Church</h3> Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Freedom Cor 3:7 1209 E. Commerce, Milford Worship: Sun 11 a.m., Wed 7 p.m. We are here through Christ Jesus to provide Freedom to those who are hurting, abandoned, neglected and oppressed.	<h3>The Church of Christ</h3> 2185 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, MI 48178 248-437-3085 • www.southlyon.org 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship Wednesday: 7 p.m. Midweek Ministries 7 p.m. Rob Collicott, Pastor
<h3>Plymouth</h3> <p>St. John's Episcopal Church A church that shares the light of Christ 574 S. Grandwood Rd. • Plymouth, MI 48170 734-453-0190 www.stjohns.org Services on Sunday mornings at: 7:00 a.m. (English) • 10:00 a.m. (English) 9:00 a.m. (Spanish) • 11:00 a.m. (Spanish) 10:30 a.m. (English) • 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)</p>	<h3>NEW HOPE - A Unitarian Universalist Congregation</h3> 3760 Grand River Ave., New Hudson, MI 48155 Phone: 248-474-9198 Sunday Celebration of Life Service 10:30 a.m. Rev. Suzanne Paul, Minister Website: http://www.newhope.org	<h3>SOLID ROCK BIBLE CHURCH</h3> Levity 500 and Leving People 22125 Pontiac Trail • 248-486-4400 (In Roundtable Shopping Center) Bathed Powerhouse Office SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:30 a.m. Rev. Hecunian, Pastor/Teacher www.solidrockchurch.com
<h3>Northville</h3> <p>NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN Experience Life Each Week Sunday Worship: 9:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Children's Programs www.nccnlife.org 41255 Six Mile Road 248-348-9030 www.nccnlife.org</p>	<h3>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</h3> 777 West 6 Mile Road • 248-486-1344 Worship: 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Midweek: 7:00 p.m. & 10:00 a.m. Rev. Dr. Steven A. Guss, Senior Pastor www.fumnorthville.org	<h3>CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH</h3> 28000 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon 248-486-0400 www.crossroads.net Sunday Services: 8:45, 10 & 11:30 a.m.
<h3>WARD CHURCH</h3> 40800 W. 13 Mile Road Novi, MI 48375 Phone: 248-349-2652 www.ward.org Worship: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. Children's Program available at 10:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. The Traditional Service is broadcast on the radio each week at 11:30 a.m. on 105.9 FM.	<h3>OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH</h3> 133 Orchard Dr., Northville WEEKEND LITURGIES: Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. Church 345-2821, Church 349-3810 Religious Education: 349-2859 Rev. James Thomson, Pastor	<h3>HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</h3> 683 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 48317 248-807-1311 • www.umh.org Summer Sunday Worship: 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Main Church: 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. MSWS Youth: 10:30 a.m. Inventory for all addresses: Fri. 9:30 p.m.

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Global art



Eight Walled Lake School students and four Walled Lake School Graduates are involved in the world's largest Global Participatory Art Project called "Inside Out". The students involved are: Kevin Riley, Jordan Palermo, and Sydney Stewart from WL Central HS; Campbell Culling, WL Northern HS; Beau Blankenship, Sarah Banks MS; Eve Culling, Walnut Creek MS; Collin Beck and Spencer Beck, Mary Helen Guest Elementary. WL Central graduates are: Sean Riley, Nicholas Roman, Sean Hansen & Mitch Kemp. The portraits at five different locations throughout Walled Lake: Bay Side Grill & Sports Bar, 142 E. Walled Lake Dr., Barrel's of Wine Party Store 136 E. Walled Lake Dr., Goddard Talmay Insurance Company 347 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake Community Education Building 615 N. Pontiac Trail and Tuffy Muffler at the corner of Maple & Pontiac Trail.

GOLF OUTINGS

ST. MARY MERCY HOSPITAL 18TH ANNUAL TEE IT UP GOLF CLASSIC
Date: Monday, June 17
Location: Meadowbrook Country Club, Northville
Details: Proceeds from the event will benefit the Wellness Center, a St. Mary Mercy facility where patients and families can benefit from care that goes beyond conventional medicine. 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 exclusive championship 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

FORE THE STARS NAUTICAL GOLF CLASSIC

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. registration; noon shotgun start; Friday, June 28
Location: Oak Pointe Country Club's Championship Course, Brighton
Details: Cost is \$125 per golfer.

LOCAL EVENTS

DEMOCRATS TO MEET
Time/Date: 6 p.m. socializer; 7 p.m. meeting; Tuesday, June 18
Location: Novi United Methodist Church, 4167 West 10 Mile, Novi (south side, near the intersection of Meadowbrook Road and across from Bush's

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Supperclub!
Details: A guest speaker from the Michigan Democratic party will address a meeting of the Democrats of West Oakland County. Members are asked to bring a can of food to support local food banks. Meeting free and open to the public. Snacks provided, pizza may be purchased.
Contact: www.mydemis.info

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 16; www.wlcsd.org/ffe. The cost of \$125 per golfer will include a

contingental breakfast

to see off, 18 holes of golf, a BBQ lunch at the turn, arrival gifts, a framed photo of foursome, course contests, a "9th 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 or michellebianco@wllsdc.org.

SIZZLING SUMMER ART SERIES
Location: Funest Park (south-east corner of Taft and Ten Mile roads, Novi)
Time: 10:30-11:30 a.m.
June 18: Dakini Circus
July 9: Jason the Magician
July 23: Animal Adaptations
July 30: Joe Reilly
Aug. 6: Try this at home! Hands-On Museum
Aug. 13: "3 Little Pigs - Large and in Charge" puppet show
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! Comic: Groove and "Robots"
July 1: Sweet Summer Fun! Candy Band and "Wreck-it Ralph"
Aug. 16: Bugs and Insects! Toppermost Beatles Tribute Band and "A Bug's Life"
BLOOD DRIVES
Location: St. Mary Mercy Hospital, North Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia
Time/Date: 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, June 14
Time/Date: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8
Time/Date: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10
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 preferred.

Help for Families, Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency (OLHSA)

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Tuesday
Details: Meet with an OLHSA (Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency) staff member for support with Medicaid, food or cash assistance, foreclosure assistance and many other human services. Please call the OLHSA office at (248) 209-2883 to make an appointment.
Knit Together Knitting Circle
Time/Date: 10:10-11:30 a.m. every Thursday
Details: If you have a leaning towards knitting or any of the related handcrafts (crocheting, quilting, embroidery, etc.) Knit Together Knitting Circle just might be your cup of tea. Skill levels range from complete "newbie" to "expert". No instructor; no registration. Bring your gear, your enthusiasm, your questions, and your stories. And, of course, attendance is free.

NOVI ROTARY CLUB

Time/Date: Noon every Thursday
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NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Time/Date: 6 p.m. social; 6:30 p.m. meeting starts; second and fourth Wednesdays
Location: LeC's Sports Bar & Grill Restaurant, lower level, 40380 Grand River, west of Haggerty. Visitors are welcome, dinner is from the menu. Dinner is not to be used as a networking event.
Contact: Lion President Ron Martin, (248) 473-1156 or Lion Secretary Ed Kramer, (248) 348-2747

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Contact: (248) 349-0720
Web: www.novipubliclibrary.org
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Time/Date: 7 p.m. fourth Wednesdays
Location: Providence Park Hospital, Novi
Details: For women with concerns about cardiac health to share information and sisterhood at monthly meetings
Contact: Sharon Mallon, (248) 348-5189.

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Contact: To RSVP call (248) 349-0225 or (248) 685-9226.

AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Time/Date: 6:15-8:30 p.m., second Wednesdays
Location: DoubleTree Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi
Details: Novi Oaks is a chapter of the American Business Women's Association - a national organization. Our energetic group meets monthly for networking and a program featuring speakers on a broad array of market-relevant topics. We strive to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support and national recognition. Guests are always welcome; advance registration is required. Visit www.abwa-novi.org.
Contact: Holly Hengstbeck at publicity@abwa-novi.org

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BIRD, WALTER A.
Passed away June 8, 2013. A private family service was held. Phillips Funeral Home, S. Lyon.

DeROSA, CAROL ANN (nee REIS)
Age 75, died on March 10, 2013, at her home in Atlanta, MI, after a long battle with cancer. She was the wife of the late Russell H. DeRosa, Jr. (d. January 3, 2012). Carol was born in Milford, MI, on December 21, 1937, to the late Donald (d. October 20, 1973) and Evelyn Reis. She attended Huron Valley schools and graduated from Milford High School in 1955. She also graduated from Sherwood School of Music in Chicago. Carol was an accomplished pianist and often accompanied the choir at her church in Livonia. She was an accomplished seamstress and needle worker as well. She loved to sing and to work in her flower gardens. Carol is survived by her four sons, Russell A. (Cindy), Ronald (Deb), Richard and Robert DeRosa, and four grandsons. Other survivors include her mother, Evelyn, sisters Joyce Reis and Phyllis Rickard (Don), brothers Don (Vicki), Ken, and Jerry Reis (Nancy), nephew Robert Reis, as well as other extended family and friends. A Memorial Service was held at Christ Lutheran Church, Milford on Wednesday, June 12, 2013. Pastor Peter Larsen officiated.

DICKEY, BARTLETT C.
Age 90 of Milford, Michigan, formerly of Port Huron, passed away April 20, 2013. He was born November 27, 1922 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, son of C. B. and Edna Dickey. He was preceded in death by his son, Roger Dickey, in 2003. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, sons Alan (Mary) and David (Lisa), daughter-in-law, Lily, and eight grandchildren.

DUNIFON, VIOLET M.
Age 89, passed away peacefully April 28, 2013. She was born March 25, 1925 in Ticketham, England. Violet is remembered for her great English accent and interesting stories. She was always classy, feisty and full of life. She was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, Robert Dunifon. Violet is survived by her children Rosemary, Brian Dunifon and Brian Dunifon of South Lyon. Grandchildren James Dunifon and Jennifer Sturza. Great grandchild Emily Dunifon.

FURLONG, JAMES
Dec. 6, 1925 - May 25, 2013
obituaries@funeralhome.com

GUTHRIE, LESTER
June 24, 1926 - May 29, 2013
obituaries@funeralhome.com

HOWELL, JASON R.
Age 34, passed away June 4, 2013. A service will be held at a later date. Arrangements Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon.

KELLY, FRANCIS
January 6, 1927 - May 26, 2013
obituaries@funeralhome.com

MAYNARD, THOMAS RICHARDS "DICK", IV
A long time resident of Commerce Township, died on June 5, 2013 after suffering a heart attack. He was 65 years old. He is survived by Karen, his beloved wife of thirty-five years; daughter, Dawn (Sam) Kucht; sons, Tom (Sherril) Hermans, Russ Hermans and Tom (Annie) Maynard; grandchildren, Avery and Emma Kucht, Elaine and Holly Hermans, and Jay and Max Maynard. He also leaves brothers, Pat (Michelle) McDonnell, Paul (Donna) Maynard, sister, Helen (Ray) Lipke and many brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, work associates, pinocchio club friends, and many, many other dear friends. Tom has enjoyed working with Numatics in Highland and Novi for over twenty years. A Funeral Mass was held on June 10, 2013 at St. Mary Our Lady of the Saouas Catholic Church, Milford. Memorials may be made in his name to Community Sharing. For further information please phone: 248-684-6645 or visit: LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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O'CONNELL, ROBERT
October 12, 1935 - May 31, 2013
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RADECKI, IRENE
August 29, 1925 - May 29, 2013
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RYSKAMP, SHIRLEY E.
Age 90 of Highland, died on June 6, 2013. Services held June 11, LynchFuneralDirectors.com

RZEPKA, STANLEY J.
May 11, 1928 - June 3, 2013
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WELSH, ROBERT L.
Age 81, of Milford, passed away June 3, 2013. Preceded to death by Carol, his beloved wife of 56 years. Survived by his loving children, Laurie Welsh, Valerie (Neal) Koozer, Bob Welsh, Tom (Erin) Welsh, Patricia Welsh; grandchildren, Amy Florence and Michelle Pickup, Nicholas Koozer, Anna, Tara, Adam and Evan Welsh, Connor and Michael Welsh, Ashley (Stephen) Balone, Brandon LaCarter; great-grandchildren, Alvin Gaines, Vincent and Michael Balone; brother-in-law, John Edgerton; sister-in-law, Liz Edgerton; sister-in-law, Liz Edgerton; sister-in-law, Liz Edgerton. Burial in Milford, Saturday, June 8. For further information please contact Lynck & Sons Funeral Directors, Milford 248-684-6645. LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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WOMENHEART OF NOVI
Time/Date: 7 p.m. fourth Wednesdays
Location: Providence Park Hospital, Novi
Details: For women with concerns about cardiac health to share information and sisterhood at monthly meetings
Contact: Sharon Mallon, (248) 348-5189.

BUSINESS LOCAL BUSINESS NETWORK MEETINGS
Time/Date: 8:45-10:15 a.m. first and third Wednesdays
Details: The Novi II chapter of Local Business Network (LBN) is a well established, dynamic professional networking group. We are looking for new members to pass referrals to. Please come check us out.
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AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
Time/Date: 6:15-8:30 p.m., second Wednesdays
Location: DoubleTree Hotel,

OAKLAND COUNTY ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

The following are construction projects on Oakland County Road that could cause traffic delays. The Road Commission for Oakland County list includes its work, as well as projects conducted by others, under permit, on roads under the jurisdiction of the road commission. Officials said projects can change from day to day, whether due to weather or other issues. Find the RCO on the web at www.rcocweb.org or on Twitter and Facebook.

ROCHESTER HILLS

Road: Livernois Road, Long Lake Road to Avon Road
Project: RCO is resurfacing this section of Livernois. There are intermittent lane closures and motorists should expect delays.
Completion Date: June 7

ROYAL OAK

Road: Coolidge Highway, Webster Road to Woodward Ave.
Project: RCO will resurface this section of Coolidge Highway. At least one lane of traffic will remain open in each direction during construction, but motorists should expect delays.
Completion Date: Open to traffic by July 3

BIRMINGHAM

Road: Southfield Road at 14 Mile
Project: Consumers Energy began repairs last week on a gas line under the road at this intersection. There will be only one lane of northbound Southfield Road open during the work, and one lane of westbound 14 Mile to southbound Southfield.
Completion Date: Approximately June 7

BINGHAM FARMS

Road: 13 Mile between Telegraph and Lahser roads
Project: RCO will replace the 13 Mile Road bridge over the Rouge River in this section of 13 Mile starting approximately June 17. This section of 13 Mile will be closed to through traffic during the project. The detour route during the closure will be Lahser Road to 12 Mile Road to Telegraph Road and back to 13 Mile and vice versa. Completion Date: Open to traffic by Oct. 1.

ORION TOWNSHIP

Road: Baldwin Road, 1-75 to Indianwood Road
Project: RCO is resurfacing this section of Baldwin. At least one lane will remain open at all times, but motorists may be directed by flaggers and experience delays.
Completion Date: June 14

ORCHARD LAKE

Road: Pontiac Trail from Orchard Lake Road to Old Orchard Trail
Project: RCO will resurface this section of Pontiac Trail. Completion Date: By July 1
Ferdale
Road: Eastbound 10 Mile Road, Huron Street to Ferndale city limits
Project: RCO will resurface this section of eastbound 10 Mile, which is also the I-696 Service Drive, beginning likely by the end of the month.
Completion Date: by June 14

SOUTHFIELD

Road: Greenfield Road between 13 Mile and Webster
Project: The City of Southfield has closed two lanes of this section of Greenfield Road so the city's contractor can install a liner in a water main under the road. The lanes are expected to remain closed until approximately June 18. During that time, the road will be reduced to one through lane in each direction and a center left-turn lane.
Completion Date: Approximately June 18

HOLLY TOWNSHIP

Road: East Holly Road between I-75 and Tindall Road (east)
Project: The road commission has issued a permit to Precision Pipeline to close this section of East Holly Road to make an emergency repair to an Enbridge Energy pipeline. All ramps on and off of I-75 at East Holly Road remain open, but traffic will not be able to travel to the east on East Holly. During the closure, the detour route for East Holly Road through traffic will be Dixie Highway to Grange Hall Road to Saginaw Street/North Holly road and back to Maple Street/East Holly Road and vice versa. However, heavy trucks are not allowed through the Village of Holly, and should follow Dixie Highway to Grange Hall Road to I-75 and vice versa. I-75 traffic wishing to go east on East Holly should use the Grange Hall exit instead and go east on Grange Hall Road and south on Dixie Highway.
Completion Date: July 2

ADDISON TOWNSHIP

Road: Rochester Road from just south of Mack Road to the southern Leonard Village limits
Project: RCO closed this section for a resurfacing project. During the closure, the detour route for through traffic will be Lakeville Road to Lake George Road to Leonard Road and back to Rochester Road and vice versa.
Completion Date: This is the

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curbs and gutters. This project will be completed by another at the Seven Mile intersection. According to the Northville City Public Services Department, the Wayne County Department of Public Services is also planning pavement improvements to the Seven Mile/South Center Street intersection, along with heavy pavement resurfacing of Seven Mile from South Rogers to East Edenderry.

The city of Northville is planning sanitary sewer modifications and street improvements to Hutton between Rayson and East Dunlap. This \$295,000 project is expected to begin in mid-summer and be completed in late 2013.

Novi's neighborhood road program will have concrete work being done this year to such areas as Keenan Court from Williams Drive (reconstructed), Sullivan Lane from Williams Drive to Kail Court (partial reconstruction) and Dunbarton Drive from Taft Road to Huntington Cross (joint slab repair). These are just a few in the first phase. There will also be a second phase for asphalt.

To learn more about the Novi projects, visit www.cityofnovi.org/Services/PublicServices/Engineering/RoadConstruction/RoadConstructionOverview.asp. And for Northville, visit www.ci.northville.mi.us/Services/PublicWorks/StreetImprovements.asp.

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Promise Ball



Novi residents Megan and Mike Phelps and recently attended the 28th Annual Promise Ball at the MGM Grand Detroit to help fund type 1 diabetes (T1D) research. The black-tie gala benefited the JDRF Metro Detroit & Southeast Michigan Chapter. The evening included an elaborate "Fund a Cure" auction and dancing to the band InTigue. JULIE VOLES

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Members of OakTAC — Oakland County Law Enforcement Tactical Response Coordinating Group — in protective gear during a recent training exercise.

Mutual aid group tests its mettle in small squad tactics

Members of OakTAC — Oakland County Law Enforcement Tactical Response Coordinating Group — that includes Novi police, got their

exercise recently at a long-planned joint training. OakTAC joined forces with the Sterling Heights Police Department and Western Wayne County Mobile Field Force for the training exercise at the

ment and Western Wayne County Mobile Field Force for the training exercise at the location south of Ten Mile Road and heard a single gunshot. Nobody came to

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Novi man reportedly commits suicide during a welfare check

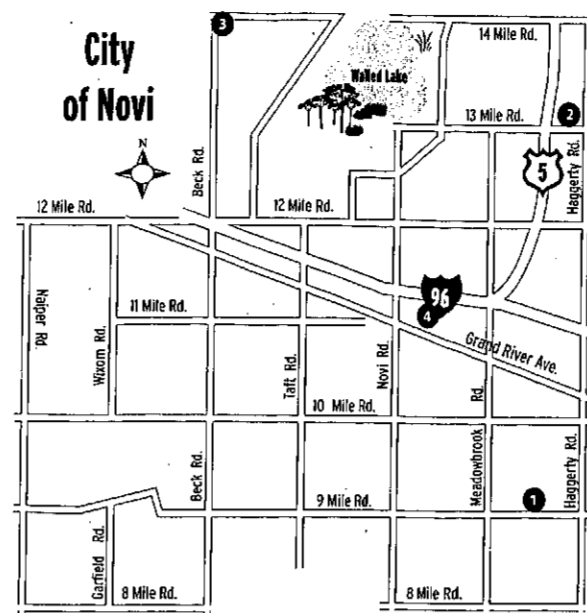
By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

A 59-year-old Novi man reportedly shot himself in the Shorebrook Townhomes at 23399 Haggerty Road during a welfare check by Novi Police on June 7. According to Novi Police, around 5 p.m. Friday, the department received a call from a woman who said she received a concerning email from her brother stating she should wait until the next morning to call the police and they will find him. Police arrived at the location south of Ten Mile Road and heard a single gunshot. Nobody came to

the door and there was no observed movement or sounds from inside the location. There was no answer to multiple police telephone calls made to the home. Because the complete situation was unknown to the officers and a shot was heard, the area was closed off and residents were asked to leave their homes. Novi Police called in the Farmington Hills Police Department to assist, and sent to the scene its own as well as West Bloomfield's Special Response Team (SRT) to conduct a tactical entry. Additionally, the Michigan State Police Bomb Squad was called.

According to Novi Police, a robot equipped with a camera was sent into the residence to survey the scene. Five hours after the initial call, the man was found dead in the basement. This was later confirmed by a team that entered to confirm the death. It appeared to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Novi Assistant Police Chief Jerrod Hart said the man's family has been notified. A follow-up investigation is underway and an autopsy is planned.

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Burglary on Oakwood Drive

A home on Oakwood Drive was reportedly burglarized of jewelry by a suspect who may have entered through an unlocked door.

On May 15, Novi Police were told by the homeowner of the stolen items. A check of the residence turned up no signs of any damage to doors or other entry ways. The homeowner had come to find a number of personal items missing and things out of place.

Items stolen include a gold necklace with pearls and a class ring for the 1977 class of North Farmington High School. The only clue to possible entry was an unlocked rear sliding door.

iPhone stolen at school

A cell phone was stolen while a teenager was

playing basketball. On May 14, the teen was playing basketball in the Franklin Road School at Brightmoor Church on 13 Mile Road and had plugged in the phone to a wall socket to charge.

When he came back, the phone was gone but the charger was still there. The Find My iPhone app was used, but it could only give a general area. The phone was pinpointed somewhere in an apartment complex in Farmington Hills, which has a number of buildings. There are no suspects.

Strong arm robbery

A man reported to Novi Police that he met with another man in the Planet Fitness parking lot near Beck Road and was robbed.

The man told police that he had previously met the suspect on a dating web site. They met on May 15 and upon

arrival the victim told police the suspect immediately began frisking him and asking where his money was, which there was none. The suspect did take his iPhone 5.

Drunken driving

A Ohio man was stopped for having a headlight out, which led to his drunken driving arrest.

On May 20, Novi Police stopped the vehicle with an Ohio plate at Town Center and 11 Mile Road. The police reported smelling the odor of intoxicants inside the vehicle. During his field sobriety tests the man had trouble with the heel-toe test, stepping on his foot twice. The breathalyzer test came back with a .10 percent blood-alcohol content.

Compiled by staff writer Lonnie Huhman.

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CREST Facility on the campus of Oakland Community College in Auburn Hills.

Members trained in small squad tactics and crowd control and were able to use some of the newest equipment obtained in conjunction with two successful federal grant applications submitted by the recently formed work group.

OCC students, many who are in the Criminal Justice Program, served as actors to make the training as realistic as possible. Command and control, joint tactical deployment of personnel, and the coordination of personnel from dif-

ferent agencies were part of the training. The history of the group dates back to 2009 when Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard hosted a meeting that ultimately generated discussion over the need for a more regional response to large scale incidents.

The purpose of the group is to provide coordination of resources and training, and ultimately position Oakland County to more effectively and efficiently respond in the event of a major incident requiring mutual aid.

In 2010, OakTAC received a Federal Homeland Security Grant for personal protective equipment to outfit 100 officers responding to civil unrest incidents and two train-

ers to house and quickly deploy the equipment.

In 2011, OakTAC received another Federal Homeland Security Grant to purchase crowd control barricades, two trailers to house that equipment, and funding to cover personnel costs for a large scale training exercise to test and use the new equipment.

In early 2012, Interlocal Service Agreements were signed by the participating agencies, and last week's joint training exercise was planned.

Some of the other police department members include the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, Southfield, Bloomfield Hills, Farmington Public Safety and others in Oakland County.

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McCotter staffer pleads no contest in petition scandal

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

One of former U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter's staffers has pleaded no contest in the petition signature scandal involving his office last summer.

Mary Turnbull, a Howell resident and McCotter's former district representative, pleaded no contest May 28 to the charge of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner before Oakland County Circuit Judge Leo Bowman in Pontiac.

Turnbull was accused of being one of four staffers on the former Livonia Congressman's campaign involved in illegally copying signatures for petitions to put McCotter

on the ballot. After the signatures were found to be invalid, McCotter said he would run as a write-in candidate before dropping out of the race altogether. He then resigned his position in Congress. Turnbull is scheduled to be sentenced July 9. She faces a maximum penalty of five years in prison.

McCotter was replaced by Democrat David Curson of Belleville for about six weeks after the November election in the 11th District before redistricting took place earlier this year. The current representative for Livonia is Millard Republican Kerry Benivolio, who originally filed to run against McCotter in the GOP primary last summer.

Turnbull's case is the second to be resolved. Another former staffer, Livonia resident Lorraine O'Brady, was sentenced to 20 days in jail or 20 days in a work-release program after she pleaded guilty to five counts of falsely signing a nomination petition as a circulator, all misdemeanors.

Two other staffer, Paul Seewald and Don Youchaung, continue to face charges in the state court system. Both were originally charged with conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner, but both had those charges dropped by Wayne County Circuit Judge Margie Braxton. The Michigan attorney general's office is currently appealing the decision to the state Court of Appeals.

McCotter was subpoenaed in the pair's preliminary examination in Livonia's 16th District Court last fall. He was not charged with any crimes involving the falsified signatures.

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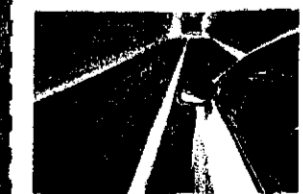
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CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL TOP TEN STUDENTS

JON CONLEY



Parents: Nancy and Steve Academic Honors: Gabriel Richard Honors, Archdiocese of Detroit Academic Achievement Award, National Merit Scholar Extra-curricular activities: lacrosse, go-karts, Post-graduation plans: I will be continuing my student-athlete career at Tufts University. Career plans: I have a strong interest in business and economics. I plan on majoring in economics with a minor in entrepreneurial leadership. Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: From an early age, my parents instilled in me a strong work ethic. This sentiment has spurred me to always put forth my best effort. Your most memorable high school moment: TBD on June 8.

DAVID HOULE

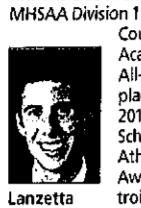


Parents: David and Michelle Academic Honors: First Team All-State Academic Football Team 2012, Commended National Merit Scholar, AP Scholar member of the National Honor Society, President of the Award for Academic Excellence, 2013 Whelan School Athlete Award Extra-curricular activities: Catholic Central football and track teams; I volunteer at various food banks and organizations throughout the year. Post-graduation plans: Attending Massachusetts Institute of Technology MIT and will be playing football there. Career plans: I will pursue a career in the field of engineering. Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My freshman honors English teacher and shot put coach, Mr. Grewe, influenced me the most. He inspired me academically and athletically to work hard and reach my full potential. Your most memorable high school moment: My most memorable moment was playing football at Ford Field. Twice for the state championship and twice for the Catholic League Prep Bowl.

NICHOLAS LANZETTA

Parents: Jim and Jennifer Academic Honors: National Merit Commended Student; University of Michigan Regents Merit Scholar; AP Scholar With Distinction; Departmental Awards in English, AP History, AP Statistics; Permanent Gabriel

Richard Club Member; MHSA Division 1 Cross Country Academic All-State, first place, 2011, 2012; MHSAA Athlete Award; Detroit Catholic League Frank Lanzaetta



Parents: Guyott Cross Country Scholar-Athlete-Leader Award nominee Extra-curricular activities: All-State cross country, track and field runner; National Honor Society; fourth grade Catechism teacher at St. Kenneth Church - Timothy Youth Award, 2012, 2013; Latin Club; math/science tutor; three-year volunteer at the Mary Angela Run Post-graduation plans: I will be studying biology on chemistry at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Career plans: My career plans include going to medical school and becoming a doctor specializing in heart disease or radiology. Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My parents had the greatest influence on my academic career. They expected me to always give my best to all that I did and to never settle for anything less. In leading by example, my parents taught me the meaning of true dedication and the importance of maximum effort. Also, I must acknowledge my cross country and track coach, Coach Magni played a much larger role in my life than just a coach. He taught me over the span of four years what it takes to be truly committed to something in life, and how perseverance pays off in the end. Your most memorable high school moment: My experience at cross country camp the past three summers is by far my stand-out memory of high school. Our team spent two weeks each summer camping in tents in Cananda, running up to 14 miles a day. We learned to adapt to camp life, including taking "showers" in Lake Huron and dealing last summer with a 40-foot tree falling and crushing my tent and several others. The team bonding experience during camp was incredible.

ALEXANDER LOVELAND

Parents: Robert Loveland, Michelle Loveland Academic Honors: National Merit Scholar Finalist; Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction; Congressional Award silver certificate; Gabriel Richard Club; Top 200 finish in the Michigan Math Prize Competition; National Honors Society Extra-curricular activities: Detroit Catholic Central

BRANDON ROACH

Parents: Jim and Paula Roach Academic Honors: Salutatorian, Class of 2013; National Merit Finalist; Archdiocese of Detroit Scholastic All-Catholic Award; Fr. Gabriel Richard Award and Award of Merit; Catholic Central Academic Team; Catholic Central Science Olympiad Team; Catholic Central Spec-



Student Council 2010-2012; Junior Class officer 2011-2012; Detroit Catholic Central soccer 2009-2012 - varsity 2011-2012 - varsity Captain 2012; National Honor Society 2011-2013; club soccer (travel Premier) 2009-2013; Young People Who Care Mission Trip - Summer 2012; Disc Sports Club 2012-2013; intramural football, basketball 2009-2013; Catholic Central track 2010; Christian Appalachian Project Mission Trip 2010; Kairos retreat leader 2013; church youth group 2012-2013 Post-graduation plans: I will be attending the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor to study actuarial science and mathematics Career plans: After college, I plan to be a practicing actuary and perhaps later return to graduate school for a master's degree in business. Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My parents have influenced me most in my academic career. They create a positive home environment that promotes learning, growth, and fun. They are both excellent role models and they have encouraged and supported me throughout all of my high school endeavors. They have helped shape me into the man I am today, and I can never thank them enough. Your most memorable high school moment: My most memorable high school moment was my first day of high school in freshman year. My homeroom teacher, Mr. Magni, told us to look out the window at the August day. He said before you know it, the leaves will turn brown and fall off of the trees, winter will pass, spring will come, and you will be sophomores. Then two more years will pass, and you will be graduating, looking back at this moment wondering where the time went, but knowing you spent it well at Catholic Central. His words were very true, as high school flew by, but it was an awesome experience.

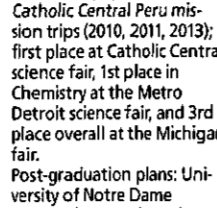
DOMINIC RUSSEL

Parents: Catherine and Jeffery Russel Academic Honors: National Honors Society, Gabriel Richard Award, Catholic League All-Academic Scholar; National Merit Commended Student, AP Scholar Extra-curricular activities: cross country, track and field, marching and symphonic band, Disc Sports Club, Shamrock Voice Post-graduation plans: Attending the University of Michigan and studying political science. Career plans: Attending a prestigious law school and becoming a lawyer. Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My two brothers Anthony and Joey because I see all the hard work they put in to their academic careers and I simply want to match it. Also, my parents for always encouraging me to work hard. Your most memorable high school moment: Attending cross country camp every summer was certainly my most favorite high school experience. Specifically, I loved my junior year when we built a massive structure of logs on the beach in the middle of the night.

MATTHEW SCOTT SOLARZ

Parents: Mark and Joan Solarz Academic Honors: National Merit Finalist, Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction, Kettering University Technology Award, American Polish Engineering Association Scholarship winner, National Honor

trium newspaper staff writer; Catholic Central Peru mission trips (2010, 2011, 2013); first place at Catholic Central science fair, 1st place in Chemistry at the Metro Detroit science fair, and 3rd place overall at the Michigan fair.



Post-graduation plans: University of Notre Dame Career plans: nuclear physicist (research or teaching) Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My seventh- and eighth-grade science teacher, Mrs. Pek. She strongly encouraged me to pursue a career in the sciences, but above that, she made science very interesting to me at a critical point in my academic career. Without her, it is extremely unlikely that I would be heading to Notre Dame to study physics. Your most memorable high school moment: Playing on the 2012 NAQT national Quiz Bowl championships in Georgia. Being able to represent Catholic Central at that level was a great honor.

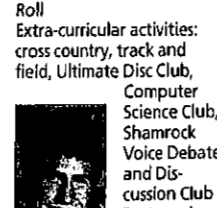
KEVIN WALSH

Parents: John and Gina Walsh Academic Honors: MHSAA Scholar Athlete Finalist; All-Catholic League Academic (Scholar Athlete); Gabriel Richard Award, Catholic League All-Academic Scholar; National Merit Commended Student, AP Scholar Extra-curricular activities: cross country, track and field, marching and symphonic band, Disc Sports Club, Shamrock Voice Post-graduation plans: Attending the University of Michigan and studying political science. Career plans: Attending a prestigious law school and becoming a lawyer. Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My two brothers Anthony and Joey because I see all the hard work they put in to their academic careers and I simply want to match it. Also, my parents for always encouraging me to work hard. Your most memorable high school moment: Attending cross country camp every summer was certainly my most favorite high school experience. Specifically, I loved my junior year when we built a massive structure of logs on the beach in the middle of the night.

COLIN WHITEHEAD

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Society, Permanent Honor Roll Extra-curricular activities: cross country, track and field, Ultimate Disc Club, Computer Science Club, Shamrock Voice Debate and Discussion Club Post-graduation plans: University of Michigan



College of Engineering for computer science Career plans: Software engineering/development Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My parents, for never letting me give anything less than my best in school. Your most memorable high school moment: Earning my varsity letter in cross country.

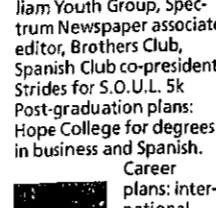
LOGAN WHITEHEAD

Parents: Joan and Dean Whitehead Academic Honors: National Honor Society, Gabriel Richard Award, Catholic League All-Academic Scholar; National Merit Commended Student, AP Scholar Extra-curricular activities: cross country, track and field, marching and symphonic band, Disc Sports Club, Shamrock Voice Post-graduation plans: Attending the University of Michigan and studying political science. Career plans: Attending a prestigious law school and becoming a lawyer. Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My two brothers Anthony and Joey because I see all the hard work they put in to their academic careers and I simply want to match it. Also, my parents for always encouraging me to work hard. Your most memorable high school moment: Attending cross country camp every summer was certainly my most favorite high school experience. Specifically, I loved my junior year when we built a massive structure of logs on the beach in the middle of the night.

CHRISTOPHER STUOSSY-VIDAS

Parents: Matthew and Jennifer Academic Honors: National Merit Commended Student; University of Michigan Regents Merit Scholar; AP Scholar With Distinction; Departmental Awards in English, AP History, AP Statistics; Permanent Gabriel

CW3 Soccer Club, St. William Youth Group, Spectrum Newspaper associate editor, Brothers Club, Spanish Club co-president, Strides for S.O.U.L. 5K Post-graduation plans: Hope College for degrees in business and Spanish.



Career plans: international business working in a Spanish-speaking country and possibly seminary. Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: Mr. William Hayes, dean of Students (now retired), a CC counselor; many staff and teachers at CC; Dr. Michael Bech; CW3 soccer coach Mike Ciolfi; my parents and my twin brother, Logan. I was seriously ill for three years, and they kept me focused and supported me in many ways so that I could stay in school and graduate at the top of my class. Your most memorable high school moment: When the plane touched down in Peru on a CC school mission trip in 2011, it hit me this could be a life-changing experience. We worked at two orphanages for boys, where we will return this summer to continue the mission.

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Location: M5 and 13 Mile Road, Novi **Contact:** (248) 227-4420 or www.brightmoorchurch.org **Celebrate Recovery** Time/Dates: 7 p.m. Mondays **Details:** Worship, teaching or testimony, and open-share recovery groups. We offer the principles and tools to bring healing for the hurts, deliverance from life-controlling habits, and freedom from the hang-ups that keep us from developing strong and healthy relationships 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. **Women's Coffee Break Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m. Sundays; for children entering kindergarten through third grade; no program June 30. **Women's Coffee Break Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m. July 8; "What are we really doing with our time?" **Good News Day Camp:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 17-21; children completing kindergarten through sixth grade; (248) 442-8822. **Vacation Bible School:** "Everywhere Fun Fair"; 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Aug. 5-9; for children entering pre-school through sixth grade. **Youth group:** 7:45-9 p.m. Tuesdays **Rummage Sale:** July 18-20

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road **Contact:** (248) 349-8847 or visit www.holyfamily.org **Mass Schedule** Time/Dates: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday, 9 a.m. Monday-Friday; 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish) **Holy days:** 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. **Reconciliation:** beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment **Priests:** Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and Rev. Michael Zuelch, associate pastor

CROSSPOINTE MEADOWS CHURCH

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road **Contact:** (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org. **Sunday worship:** 11:15 a.m. **Bible study classes:** 10 a.m. for all ages **Details:** Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

DESTINY WORSHIP CENTER

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 6 Mile Road, Northville **Contact:** DestinyW3C@gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org.

Community rallies for Cipriano family at annual 5K Classic

By Joanne Maliszewski Staff writer



Tanner Cipriano, 2013 Detroit Catholic Central valedictorian, talks to the more than 1,300 runners, walkers and friends who attended the second annual Cipriano Classic 5K at the Farmington YMCA Friday night.

Cloudy skies and cooler temperatures couldn't keep away the more than 1,300 runners, walkers, family and friends who gathered Friday night at the Farmington YMCA to get their exercise and raise money for a good cause: the Cipriano family of Farmington Hills. "In the past year, my family has had quite a few obstacles to get over," Tanner Cipriano told the burgeoning crowd at the 2nd Annual Cipriano Classic 5K. "My family will be forever in your debt." Cipriano, senior class president and valedictorian at Detroit Catholic Central, alerted those

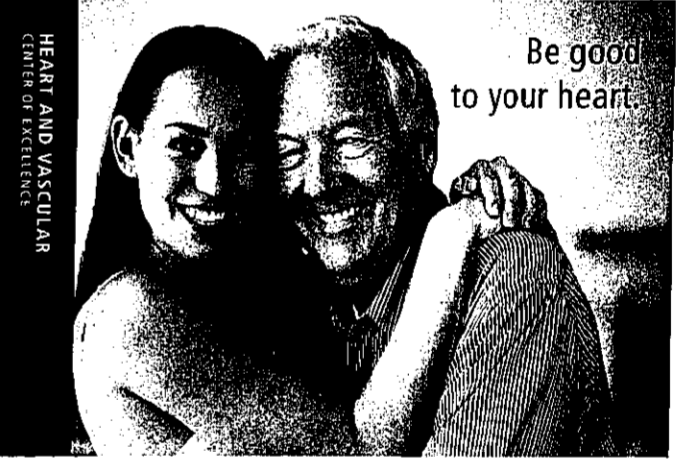
gathered that his mom, Rose, was mingling with old friends at the Friday night event and that his brother, Salvatore, is still recovering. "He will return." The annual 5K event was established last year to support the Cipriano family and to raise money for the Cipriano Children's Trust. The Oakland Circuit Court trial began Monday for Tucker Cipriano and his friend, Mitchell Young, who face murder charges in the April 16, 2012, baseball bat beating death of Bob Cipriano, Tucker's father, and the beatings of his mother, Rose, and brother Salvatore. Tucker and his sister, Isabella, were not injured

during the attack in their Farmington Hills home. "I feel a lot of people felt wounded (by the attack) in this community," said event volunteer coordinator Carolyn Romnick, an acquaintance of Rose Cipriano's. "So many people know this can also happen to them." That's just one of many reasons why the event and the opportunity to help the Cipriano family draws runners and walkers, as well as 150 volunteers to help out at the 5K. "I feel it's good to help out and contribute to the cause," said Maura Ehrlich, 15, of Farmington Hills. Maura and her mom, Eileen, as well as Farmington Hills friends

Christy Edwards and her kids, Summer, 14, and Chase, 16, were ready - and dressed in their Cipriano Classic 5K t-shirts - to hit the pavement to raise money for the family. "People admired the Ciprianos. There was no facade with them. They were involved in the community," Romnick said. The Farmington YMCA on Farmington Road, is the perfect venue for the Cipriano Classic. It is where Rose Cipriano worked. "This is a grassroots race. It has just come together," said organizer Jenny Birmelin. *maliszewski@hometownlife.com | 313-550-8558*

CHURCH CALENDAR

- BRIGHTMOOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH** Location: M5 and 13 Mile Road, Novi Contact: (248) 227-4420 or www.brightmoorchurch.org Celebrate Recovery Time/Dates: 7 p.m. Mondays Details: Worship, teaching or testimony, and open-share recovery groups. We offer the principles and tools to bring healing for the hurts, deliverance from life-controlling habits, and freedom from the hang-ups that keep us from developing strong and healthy relationships 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.
- EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH** Location: 34567 7 Mile Road, Livonia Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org Contact: (248) 442-8822 Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (10 a.m. only June 30) Adult special needs worship: 9:30 a.m. June 17-21; 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.; children completed K-6th grade Youth group: Tuesdays at 7:45-9 p.m. Women's coffee break bible study: Monday, June 10, 9:30-11 a.m. "Things don't always work out the way we want them to" Children's Summer Sunday Church: 9:30 a.m. Sundays; for children entering kindergarten through third grade; no program June 30. Women's Coffee Break Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. July 8; "What are we really doing with our time?" Good News Day Camp: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 17-21; children completing kindergarten through sixth grade; (248) 442-8822. Vacation Bible School: "Everywhere Fun Fair"; 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Aug. 5-9; for children entering pre-school through sixth grade. Youth group: 7:45-9 p.m. Tuesdays Rummage Sale: July 18-20
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVI-FAMILY INTEGRATED CHURCH** Location: 45391 W. 11 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchnovi.org Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. Family Worship: 11 a.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month
- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE** Location: 200 E. Main Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit www.fpnorthville.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** Location: 205 East Lake Street (corner of Willis and 10 Mile Road), South Farmington Hills Contact: (248) 437-2875
- FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE** Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of 8 Mile Road Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfnazarene.org Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band; Children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service; Children's Church; Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service Wednesdays: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$5 per person, \$15 per family; 6:30 p.m. Children's VBS/Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Group Thursdays: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group
- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE** Location: 777 West 8 Mile Road, Northville Contact: (248) 348-1144 or www.fumnorthville.org Sunday Worship: Held in the Chapel - 8 a.m.; Contemporary - Held in the Sanctuary - 9:15 a.m.; Traditional - Held in the Sanctuary - 11 a.m.
- HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH** Location: 35200 West 12 Mile Road (east of Haggerty Road), Farmington Hills Contact: (248) 427-8743 or visit www.hopelutheran.net Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.
- LAKES BAPTIST CHURCH** Location: 309 Ker Road, Walled Lake Contact: (248) 349-0555 Sundays: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship
- LIVONIA CHURCH OF CHRIST** Location: 15431 Merriam Road, Livonia Contact: (734) 427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.
- NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY** Location: 41355 6 Mile Road Contact: (248) 348-9030 Sundays: 9:10 a.m. Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children; 9 a.m. Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium; 10:15 a.m. Contemporary service in worship center; children's suzer church on the second level (208210). Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.; Adult elective classes; junior and senior high ministries; children's programs, Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade); call (248) 348-9031.
- MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH** Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between 8 and 9 Mile roads Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister (248) 348-7357; visit mlbc.org or e-mail to office@mlbc.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.



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SOCIAL SECURITY

Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits. Attorneys J.B. Bleske and Jennifer Allonsi have 42 years combined experience representing only Social Security disability clients. And they personally meet with all clients and appear personally at all court hearings. Many large firms assign inexperienced attorneys to your case. And some of these firms are located thousands of miles away and only fly the attorney in the day of the court hearing. Attorneys Bleske and Allonsi have vast experience before local Michigan judges. subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bleske and Allonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups. Attorneys Bleske and Allonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even set. Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for such years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security disability cases win a much higher percentage yet. In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bleske has written a book for attorneys about the

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OUR VIEWS

Don't give thief easy access to valuables

As spring turns into summer, families are spending more time outside. Whether it's working in the garden or playing ball, getting a chance to bask in the sun's warmth is a welcome rite of the season.

Look around. There are more children and adults out walking, running, riding bikes through the neighborhoods and down the streets. In the past month, the Novi community has awakened from its hibernation and is embracing this mostly pleasant weather.

And there's another seasonal pattern, as well. Items are disappearing from cars, yards and garages with a bit more regularity. There's no epidemic or major crime spree, to be sure. More, it's a matter of convenience and perhaps weak wills.

When people are out and about, they notice more things, whether it's peering into an open garage or the window of a car parked along the street. Nothing wrong with that. People's eyes naturally are drawn toward anything that's a bit different. It's when there's a wallet or a laptop sitting on the front passenger seat, left there after a long day at work, that keeps the eyes lingering a bit longer. Or a set of golf clubs in the bed of a pickup. Or a case of beer next to the fridge inside that garage.

And no one is sight. With the warmer weather, a car window more likely may be left — fully or partially — open. You may be playing a round of golf the next morning. Or you're not quite used to remembering to close the garage door while it's still light out, which is sticking around later and later in the evening.

In most cases, no big deal. Ask David Molloy, Novi's chief of police. He'll tell you, overall, the community is a safe one. He'll be quick to add, however, that you can do a few easy things to avoid becoming a victim.

A little common sense goes a long way. That means lock your doors to the house and car and don't leave valuables in plain view.

Most would-be criminals are looking for the easy target. A locked door usually is deterrent enough. Why risk breaking a window and having someone hear that distinctive sound and coming out to investigate? Better off to move along to see if that next car poses a better opportunity. So double-check that you closed the windows and locked the doors.

And it's up to everyone to watch out for each other. More than 10, 15 years ago, we're a mobile society, framed by expressways that offer quick access to travelers from throughout the region and state.

People need to be aware of their surroundings. On those occasions you see something that doesn't look quite right in your neighborhood — a car driving slowly back and forth or a person inexplicably knocking on doors — call the police and let them handle it. The community plays an important role in policing a city. It's a message that everyone must take to heart.

In addition to protecting personal items, everyone should also focus on their own safety as well. Don't think it can't happen to you. Stay alert and keep your mind on your surroundings. Trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable in a situation, leave.

When people describe the best aspects of life in the suburbs, they often turn to the sense of safety or security or comfort to be found. There's no denying that those attributes exist here more than many places. Whether attending school, going to church or enjoying a parade, it's an enviable atmosphere.

With just a little bit of common sense and overall awareness, everyone can help make sure those idyllic qualities of Novi remain close to the truth.



Don't leave your valuables in plain view in your car, where a thief can easily nab them. Cars should always be locked up. GETTY IMAGES/ANASTASIOUK

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COMMUNITY VOICE

Any big plans this summer?

We asked this question at the Northville and Novi Public libraries.



"We're going back to the U.K. to visit, and so my son can see his grandparents."

Allison Jolliff
Novi



"I'm a local author and run an organization called Professionals Against Bullying. We will be having some programs this summer, one for summer literacy and another called the 'Unbullying Seminar.'"

Tara Michener
Novi



"With gas prices the way they are we can't go too far, but we will make a trip Up North to Ludington."

Pat Bialek
Northville



"I will enjoy two road trips this summer with some retired colleagues. We will be visiting some northern Michigan wineries."

Kathy H.
Northville

LETTERS

Support the Healthy Michigan Plan

As the CEOs of three major health systems in Michigan, we support Gov. Snyder's Healthy Michigan Plan that strives to improve and strengthen our state's Medicaid program and offer health insurance to low-income working adults.

Failing to accept federal support to provide health insurance to an estimated 450,000 working Michigan adults — including many veterans — will have serious consequences to our local economy. Michigan will forgo about \$2.1 billion in economic activity and an estimated 18,000 new jobs generated by the additional federal dollars coming into the state's health care system.

Business leaders across Michigan — including the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, Small Business Association of Michigan and the Detroit Regional Chamber — are quick to point out that Medicaid reform can help slow the increase in health insurance premiums paid by Michigan employers, by reducing the burden of uncompensated care currently borne by Michigan hospitals. According to some estimates, this cost-shift has imposed a hidden tax of about \$1,000 per family through higher health insurance premiums.

Some have suggested that the state cannot afford to enhance Medicaid. Yet this argument is not supported by several reports. They conclude that, with matching federal dollars, and the resulting healthier workforce, Michigan would actually save money by strengthening Medicaid. Adopting the governor's plan would also address the untreated health issues faced by Michiganders who are currently uninsured, putting patients and their families on a healthier course.

Today's Medicaid program is not perfect. The historical challenges posed by health care provider reimbursement and primary care access will not evaporate overnight, though in a recent report most providers indicated their willingness to take on newly covered patients.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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Goodbye, Mr. Seymour

My heart is saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Phil Seymour, the prosecuting attorney for the City of Novi. Phil has been my friend since I started with the city almost 40 years ago. He was a brilliant lawyer, a dynamic person, a loving father and devoted husband, and someone who I always labeled "the nicest man that I have ever known." He is, was, and always will be that.

God bless you, Phil Seymour. Today, you are in paradise. Please keep his loving family in your thoughts and prayers.

Bob Gatt
Novi mayor

Don't sign

Anti-choice extremist groups in Michigan, through a coordinated effort, will soon start circulating petitions with the goal of banning private insurance providers from supplying health insurance plans that cover abortion.

Women who decide to have abortion coverage would be required to purchase a separate abortion rider. This radical initiative would provide no exceptions for rape, incest or women's health. Less than 3 percent of Michigan's citizens could become the architects of this law by providing 258,088 signatures gathered over 180 days.

Once the Michigan Legislature receives the completed petitions, this body will have 40 days to approve them and then the initiative becomes law. Recently, the Republican-dominated Legislature and Right to Life of Michigan failed to bring this legislation to fruition. However, this alternative strategy makes their objective much more achievable.

This extreme, anti-women's health initiative needs to be defeated. Michiganders have it within their power to defeat this invasive and outrageous proposal by simply declining to sign the petitions.

Jill Farber-Branson
West Bloomfield

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, University of Michigan Health System and St. John Providence Health System have the resources and willingness to care for Medicaid patients.

By embracing the opportunity to enhance Michigan's Medicaid program, we can improve health outcomes and program sustainability while creating efficiencies that will enable us to cover more of our citizens.

Our hospitals and clinical staff have a long history of treating the uninsured and underinsured in Southeast Michigan. While not the easy thing to do, it is the right thing to do.

But we cannot solve the problems of the uninsured and underinsured on our own. Legislators have a unique opportunity to provide additional access to health care services for these vulnerable populations, relieve our businesses of some of the burden of cost-shifting, create new jobs and save our state precious tax dollars.

To those who argue we cannot afford to support Gov. Snyder's plan, we say: We cannot afford not to support the Healthy Michigan Plan.

Gary Faja
president & CEO, Saint Joseph Mercy Health System
Ora Pescovitz
CEO, University of Michigan Health System
Jean Meyer
interim president & CEO, St. John Providence Health System

GUEST COLUMN

Help save bomber plant at Willow Run

The Yankee Air Museum and its partner, the Michigan Aerospace Foundation, are on a mission to save a cornerstone of the Arsenal of Democracy.

The historic bomber plant at Willow Run Airport, which turned over more than 8,700 B-24 Liberator heavy bombers in World War II, is headed for demolition. The legacy of this factory goes well beyond building armaments. This complex helped build a nation in every way imaginable.

My good friend, the great broadcaster and meteorologist Sonny Eliot, passed to a better place, Nov. 16, 2012. Sonny was a pilot and combat veteran of the U.S. Army Air Forces in World War II. He commanded a B-24 Liberator in the strategic air war against Nazi Germany. His B-24 was shot down, but he survived. For 18 months, he was a prisoner

of war. Sonny was also a life member of the Yankee Air Museum.

If he were here, I'm sure he would be working to save the bomber plant. Now my friend is forecasting with his intangible charm, perpetually happy atmospheres in his heavenly realm. Sonny's brilliance could shed light on light. So I'll take a cue from his style manual and keep this message simple, direct and true.

We need help to save the bomber plant. The opportunity to save a critical portion of the plant arose just recently. More importantly, we have only until Aug. 1 to raise the needed funds. At present, we need to raise more than \$5 million. We've raised \$3 million so far.

The Yankee Air Museum and Michigan Aerospace Foundation need media champions. We simply do not have the wherewithal

to conduct the kind of mass communications necessary to be successful. We need to get the word out, tell our story and ask for help far and wide to achieve our mission.

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Blue Zone: Link between lifestyle and life expectancy played out at Fox Run

By Mel Tansill
Correspondent

Scientific research conducted in 2004 by National Geographic and Dan Buettner identified pockets around the world where people live measurably better. In these Blue Zones - in locales such as Okinawa, Japan; Sardinia, Italy; Loma Linda, California; Nicoya, Costa Rica; and Ikaria, Greece - researchers found that people who improve their lifestyle can look and feel better at every age and add 12 years to their life expectancy.

The Blue Zone is being played out daily at Fox Run retirement community in Novi, where 1,000 residents are exercising, socializing and eating smartly in order to maximize their health and wellness. Executive Director Michael McCormick sees first-hand the way Fox Run residents are improving their quality of life in a Blue Zone mode.

Socialization, according to McCormick, is a key component of the Blue Zone at Fox Run. "It is both intergenerational and intra-generational," he said. "Two or more people socializing implies a value, a worth the members of the group have for each other. This empowers people and strengthens their self-worth."

McCormick points to the nearly 100 resident-run clubs and the daily interaction between students and residents being supportive of the Blue Zone. "Our servers are high school students who relate how much they learn from serving our residents. They cherish the experience and our



Arnetta Whitehouse gets some assistance from Fox Run personal trainer Michael Knight during a May 6 session at the Novi community's workout facility. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Lowering calories to a healthy level so as to maintain optimal weight is a good thing.

Run allows those residents who do not want a loaded plate to have a smaller meal. Getting a healthy mix of nutrients such as trace minerals and omega-3 fatty acids is easy in diets rich in vegetables and seafood, as is available on any menu," he said.

A wide array of fitness programs - everything from dance classes to walking groups to water aerobics to treadmills - complement the Blue Zone found at Fox Run. "There is a lot of evidence Alzheimer's and heart disease can be delayed with exercise," said McCormick.

residents certainly enjoy them," he said. In addition, good nutritional programs under the auspices of Dining Services is key, he said. Lowering daily calories to a healthy level so as to maintain optimal weight is understood as a good thing and it is being practiced by residents. "Fox



Jim Knoll, left, and Glen Addley work out on stationary exercise machines on May 6 at Fox Run in Novi. Both men said they hit the gym every day of the week except Sunday; that's reserved for church. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Wildcats advance to state semifinals

Novi knocks off top-ranked Plymouth in shootout

By Terry Jacoby
Correspondent

The Novi girls soccer team might not have started the season with a state title on their mind but it's clearly front and center now. It's also only two more wins away.

The Wildcats knocked off Plymouth, the No. 1 ranked team in the state and No. 4 ranked team in the country, on Friday in a quarterfinal game at Farmington High School. The 1-0 victory came in a shootout, after two halves of soccer and two overtimes resulted in a scoreless tie.

The Wildcats play Grandville on Wednesday at 5 p.m. in a state semifinal game at Holt High School. The state finals are Saturday at MSU.

Novi came into the game 18-2-2, with both losses to Plymouth, a 2-1 loss in the first game of the season and a 1-0 loss in the crossover game.

"In the first game Madi Lewis, Plymouth's All American forward, got both assists, and in the second game she got the assist, so our No. 1 goal was stopping her," said Novi coach Brian O'Leary. "Karissa Koomen did a great job all night of man marking her, but Kaylin Hoomaian, Amanda Minissale and Karissa Koomen also did a great job of double teaming her whenever she got the ball and that was a new strategy that we did not use the first two games."

Another Plymouth player who hurt the Wildcats in those earlier games was center mid Stephanie Dillon.

"So this game we man marked her as well with either Kendall Kramer or Natalie Krygier and they both did a great job of shutting her down," O'Leary said. "And the



Wildcat Kaylin Hoomaian, right, converted on this penalty shot in the second half to advance Novi's lead to 4-0. A hand-foul had been called in Edsel Ford's goalie box. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

last player that hurt us the first two games was their left mid Morgan Klubunde so we man marked her as well with Caterina Nussion and Cat did a great job of shutting her down as well, with some help occasionally from Kaylin Hoomaian."

That left the rest of the players to try and generate some offense for Novi.

For the game, Novi had 15 shots and Plymouth had nine. Novi had 10 on goal and they had four. Novi also had four cornerkicks to their one.

"We had some real dangerous chances but their goalie made some good saves to keep

us off the board," O'Leary said. "Jade Antolec did not have any difficult shots, of their four on goal all were harmless, but Jade made five great plays on balls that went into the box, catching four of them in traffic and punching away the other."

Regulation would end in a scoreless tie, so the game went to overtime. No one would score in the first 10-minute overtime, and no one scored in the second 10-minute overtime. So it was on to a shootout to determine a winner. Plymouth shot first and



Novi Wildcat freshman Chloe Allen contributed to Novi's 5-0 victory on June 5 as she was consistently bringing the ball into Edsel Ford's defensive zone. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Shamrocks golf team wins regional, moves on to finals

Squad will focus on one shot at a time in title tournament

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks are slated to play in the MHSAA state finals starting tomorrow at Forest Akers golf course, located at Michigan State University.

When Mike Anderson took the head coaching position for the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks golf team for this season, he knew that he was inheriting a team full of talented players.

That's why from the very start of the 2013 campaign, he and the Shamrocks have had the goal of qualifying for the state finals.

That goal has been accomplished.

The Shamrocks put on quite a show last Wednesday



CC's Charliv Green tees off at Wixom's Lyon Oaks golf course during June 5 MHSAA a playoff match. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

at Lyon Oaks golf course in Wixom last Wednesday when they put up a score of 309 points to win the MHSAA

regional tournament. Finishing in second, also with regional tournament. Finishing in second, also with

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Novi's Garrett Buckley watches his tee shot on June 5 at Lyon Oaks during a MHSAA playoff match. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi comes up short at golf regionals

Kozinski qualifies as an individual

By Terry Jacoby
Correspondent

The Novi golf team finished sixth at Lyon Oaks at regionals with a team score of 317, failing to qualify for the state tournament on Saturday.

But senior Brad Kozinski qualified as an individual by

shooting a great score of 75. "It was a very difficult day because the course was not marked properly for hazards which caused some confusion for all the players and the pins were placed in difficult locations," said Novi coach Brad

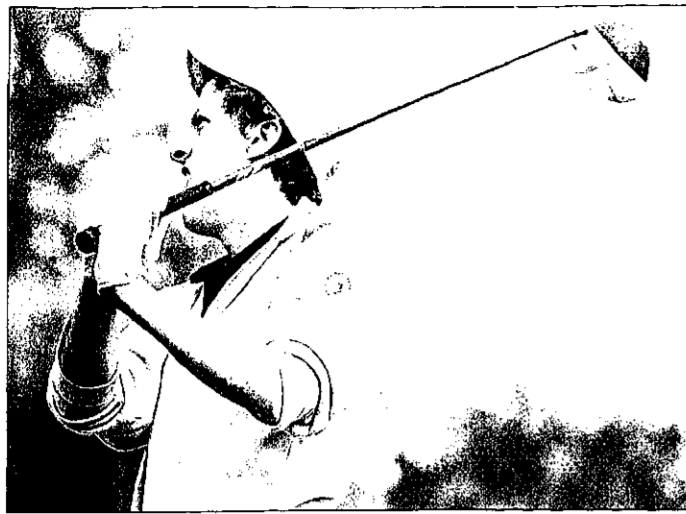
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Novi Wildcat Brad Kozinski watches his ball as it leaves the tee during June 5 MHSAA playoff match at Lyon Oaks. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Novi Wildcat Jason Carless tees off at Lyon Oaks on June 5 during MHSAA playoff action. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Huss. "I still believe we could have qualified if we played the way we have most of the year, but it didn't happen that day. Hopefully, next year will bring better results and we will qualify as a team. We have the talent to do it."

Kozinski's 75 was the third best score of the 72 of the top players in the area.

"This was a well-deserved honor for a

great young man and excellent golfer who has been a pleasure to be around the past four years," Huss said.

The state meet is Friday and Saturday at Forest Akers West, Michigan State's home course.

"Brad is a real leader for the team and has started since his freshman year," Huss said. "He has a great demeanor, attitude and personality."

Kozinski played in eight tournaments this year and scored in the 70's in six of them. For

the second consecutive year his scores counted in all 10 dual meets as Novi won the Central Division the past two years.

"He has been a great teammate and he will be missed," Huss said. "I am looking forward to see how well he does against the top players this weekend. I am confident he will do well since he has done so all year."

Terry Jacoby is a freelance writer covering sports for the Novi News.

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309 points, was Lakeland, while Hartland finished third with 319 points.

"The boys have been playing well," said Anderson. "We were very proud of our victory at regionals. The conditions were difficult, but the guys really held it together."

"We didn't get off to a very good start, but just kept on working hard and it paid off."

Leading the way in the tournament for the Shamrocks were senior Corey Szmadzinski and sophomore Glen Plot as both linksters turned in scores of 76 on the day, which was good enough to tie them for the fourth-best individual finish in the regional.

Not far behind was senior Charlie Green, who carded a 77, while senior Phil Ritchie shot an 80 and junior Dan Ault recorded an 82.

The top score, individ-

ually, came from Kyle Gaines of Brother Rice, who shot an impressive 68 despite the conditions. He was joined by Novi's Brad Kozinski (75) and Birmingham Seaholm's Tim Pearce (77) as individual qualifiers who will advance to the state finals tournament.

For the Shamrocks, this weekend's state finals, which will be held at Michigan State University's Forest Akers golf course, will be about program, on what has made them so successful in 2013.

"Our goal all year long was to make it to the finals," said Anderson. "Now that we have accomplished that goal, we will continue to focus on what got us there. If the guys stay focused and execute one shot at a time, we should find ourselves with an opportunity to win."

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer covering sports for the Novi News and Northville Record.



Catholic Central Shamrock Phil Ritchie tees off at Wixom's Lyon Oaks golf course during June 5 MHSAA playoff match. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Team links with champion student for clear win

By Diane Gale Andreassi
Staff Writer

There's something about Nate Bennett that sets him apart as a champion.

The boys on the South Lyon High School varsity boys basketball team see it. The coaches see it. His dad sees it. And, more importantly, Bennett sees it.



Nate Bennett poses with the South Lyon High School boys varsity basketball team before it won the district championship game against Howell earlier this year.

"I get the water for the players and I help with the talks before and after games," said Nate, who is autistic and has a severe learning disability. "It's a really fun job. They enjoyed having me on the team and they said nice things about me. It made me feel wonderful, too."

The players call him Coach Nate, and he has gone to nearly all the basketball games and most of the practices for the last two years, offering the players water, collecting the balls during free throws and giving talks before and after games.

If there was one message he wanted to give the players, Nate said, "You can count on me as the number one teammate."

Luke Short, senior captain, said Nate "has an equally important role as any other member on our team. Nate makes the games and practices more fun with his smile and positive energy. Nate also made us thankful for the abilities we've been given."

Nate's enthusiasm and the affect he has on the players inspired Troy Weidman, SLHS junior varsity basketball coach and assistant varsity coach, to bring a national program, Champions Committed to Kids, to the community. CCK promotes a bond between children with medical conditions and disabilities with local athletic teams to inspire each other.

Earlier this month, Weidman invited coaches from area high schools, universities and hospitals to see how CCK works.

"Nate stole the show," said Weidman, executive director of REPS, a com-

munity-based recreation program stressing positive coaching and playing.

South Lyon Community Schools has joined the ranks of Missouri State University, Drury University, Baptist Bible College and 14 high schools to bring Champions Committed to Kids to their institutions. Nate is the first to be part of the recently formed Michigan Chapter of Champions Committed to Kids.

Weidman is working with Daran Armstrong, a former varsity assistant basketball coach at Brighton High School, to launch CCK statewide.

"Nate really gave more than we gave him," Weidman said. "He gave us perspective and what's important in life."

Before the South Lyon boys varsity basketball team went on the court to compete in the district championship against Howell earlier this year, the coaches entered the room where the team was waiting and found Nate going through the drills and giving a pregame speech. Players were absolutely quiet and gave him their rapt attention, Weidman said. Nate, 18, was about to stop when he saw the coaches approach, Weidman said, but they took a step back and asked him to continue. SLHS won that game and the players seemed to win in other ways that day, too.

"One of the things we didn't realize at first was how great Nate would be in giving our guys perspective," said Doug Host, South Lyon's bas-

ketball coach. "Sometimes in sports, we get focused on the end results. One of the things we always want to do is give our guys leadership opportunities. This is a way for our kids to give back. It's been a great opportunity on both sides."

Nate is poised and articulate as he explained his role bringing water to the players, going over drills and cheering them on.

"It's affected him at home and at school," his dad, Steve Bennett, said. "That outgoing nature of Nate pretty much started with the basketball program. He got connected with other kids at the school through it. He got to know the members of the team and with the students at the game and he really came out of his shell."

Bennett said he was hesitant to allow Nate to get involved with the program at first.

"We didn't know what the players were like or what the coaches were like," he said. "We were blown away by their acceptance of Nate. They have proven to be excellent role models for Nate and the parents of those players accepted Nate."

Nate's teacher Lindsay LaRocca said she has seen a big improvement in his social skills since he got involved with the team.

"It makes him feel special," she said. "He interacts more with his peers. He's come a long way."

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WILDCATS

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Antolec made a great save, but Novi also missed on its first attempt.

Antolec again stopped Plymouth's second attempt and Novi's Kendall Kramer scored to give the Wildcats a 1-0 lead.

Plymouth's third shooter would score to tie the game, but Natalie Krygier answered to give Novi a 2-1 lead in the shootout.

Antolec made a great diving save on their fourth shooter, but Novi also missed on its attempt.

So, with a 2-1 lead and only one shooter left for each team, Plymouth

shot wide and the Wildcats won the game.

"It was an incredible win for our team," O'Leary said.

The Wildcats blanked Dearborn Edsel Ford 5-0 in a regional D-1 soccer game on Wednesday to advance to the quarterfinals against Plymouth.

The game will be at 6 p.m. on Friday at Farmington High School.

Novi (17-2-2) scored its first goal 7 minutes into the game when Evan Dircks scored off a Taylor Parvika assist for the early 1-0 lead.

At the 15-minute mark, Jessie Parvana scored on a rebound from a Katrina Koomen shot and the score would stay 2-0 until halftime.

Just one minute into the second half, the Wild-

cats went up 3-0 when Dircks scored off a Pavlika throw-in.

Ten minutes later, Chloe Allen took a Natalie Krygier through ball, beat the goalie and took a shot that was blocked by an Edsel Ford defender, but it hit her arm and Novi was awarded a penalty kick.

Kaylin Hoomaigan got the honors and delivered Novi's fourth goal.

With 10 minutes left in the game, an Edsel Ford defender fouled in the box and Aubrey Soave converted that penalty kick for the final goal.

The Wildcats had 27 shots to just four for Edsel Ford.

Terry Jacoby is a freelance writer covering sports for the Novi News.

U18 champs



Waza FC West 95 Black, coached by Dan Diac, won the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association U18 State Cup Tournament with a dominating 4-0 win over Grand Rapids Crew Jr.s on June 1 at Total Soccer Wixom. Donald Payne led the team with three goals and Keaton Lovock added another. Matt Wilson contributed two assists while Bryan Maxwell and Tyler Simpson had one assist each. Aaron Krupa and Graham Keep shared goalkeeping for a combined clean sheet. This state cup is the teams third in a row and fourth overall (U14, U16, U17 and U18) and they were also a finalist at U13. They will now compete in the Region 2 Championship Tournament in Des Moines, Iowa from June 22-26. Eleven of the players from this team will be playing soccer in college in the fall. Pictured (l to r, back) are Coach Dan Diac, Coach Dominic Scluma, Bryan Maxwell (Commerce/Western Michigan University), Matt Wilson (Novi/Oakland University), Joe Trombly (Farmington/Michigan State), Troy Dolmetzsch (Northville/East Tennessee State), Ryan Golke (Stuyvesant Township/University of Detroit), Trevor Nessel (Novi/Michigan State), Keaton Lovock (Macomb/Northwood University) and Coach Mario Scicluna; (middle) Donald Payne (Farmington Hills/Saginaw Valley), Dom Hajdu (Farmington Hills/Northwood University), Ronnie Basin (Farmington Hills/University of Michigan), Mussa Ibrahim (Ann Arbor/Earlham College), Dalton Amez (Macomb/Northwood University), Alex Iseviski (Westland/Saginaw Valley), Hussain Sandifer (Ann Arbor/Michigan State) and Tyler Simpson (Westland/Concordia College); (front) Aaron Krupa (Ann Arbor/Michigan State), U18 State Cup Championship Trophy, and Graham Keep (Ann Arbor/University of Michigan).

Novi Sports Briefs

Saint Catherine of Siena wins a district title in softball

The Saint Catherine of Siena Academy's softball season now includes a district title.

The all-girls' Catholic high school in Wixom recently won a division title in its first varsity season. On Friday, the Stars won a district championship with a 13-3 mercy rule victory over Southfield Christian and a 4-1 victory over Royal Oak Shrine in the finals.

Saint Catherine of Siena will play at noon on Saturday in the University Liggett Regional against the winner from district 128.

"It was a great team effort," said coach Bob Green.

In the finals, junior pitcher Mary Green got the win with nine strikeouts and only three hits allowed and no walks.

Emily Nowka got the go-ahead RBI in the third inning and the Stars tacked on a few more runs to pad the lead.

"We had key hits from junior Emily Nowka and sophomore Sarah LaRocca who hit a double and a triple," Green said. "We had aggressive base running from junior Ailie Barsb to score from second on a perfect bunt by Mary Green for our first run. We also had great defense all around, especially by freshman Emily Awdish at first base."

Sign up for Novi summer athletic camps

Novi Athletics announces the opening of the Novi Wildcat sports camps and clinics registration. Choose from 10 different sports and activities and take your game to the next level. Campus include:

Novi Lady Wildcats Basketball: 9 a.m.-noon, June 17-21; for students

entering grades second-ninth.

Novi Wildcats Boys Basketball: 9 a.m.-noon, June 24-28; for grades third-ninth.

Field Hockey 101: 9:11-30 a.m., July 16-19; for girls going into sixth-10th grades.

Summer Swim: noon-2 p.m., July 8-12; for boys and girls entering fourth-eighth grades.

Advanced Competitive Swimming: noon-2 p.m., July 15-19; for boys and girls entering grades seventh-12th.

Girls Summer Cheer Clinic: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., July 8-10; for girls ages 5-12.

Novi Wildcat Youth Football Camp: 9-11 a.m., July 22-25; for students entering third-eighth grades.

Novi Wildcat High School Football: 3-6 p.m., July 22-25; for students entering grades ninth-12th.

Novi Wildcat Volleyball: 9 a.m.-noon, July 8-10; for students entering grades fifth-10th.

Boys Lacrosse: 9-11 a.m., July 8-11; for boys entering fourth-sixth grades. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., July 8-11; for boys entering seventh and eighth grades.

Improve your individual and team skills learning from Novi High School's national coaches and coaching staff. All sessions take place in top-quality athletics facilities on the Novi High School campus, where you'll interact and compete with other camp and clinic participants.

Camps and clinics vary in length from half-day to full-day camps lasting an entire week. This offers variety for every family and all of their different needs.

Don't miss out on early registration. Sign up today at www.novi.k12.mi.us (click on Athletics and follow the prompts to the summer sports camps page).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2013-2014 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Thursday, June 20, 2013, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan, the Board of Education of Novi Community School District will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2013-2014 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2013-2014 budget until after the public hearing. Beginning June 18, 2013, a copy of the 2013-2014 proposed budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, will be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Shari Lebo, Secretary
Novi School District/Board of Education
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Carrier turn to the experts

Coming soon



A Michigan-based vodka distillery is planned to take out this space at Novi Town Center soon. See the full story on the front page.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Name ProtectCell's icon and win \$1,000

Novi-based ProtectCELL is asking everyone for a little help in naming the company's new icon, a "mobile superhero" of sorts.

The contest runs through June 20 with a grand prize of \$1,000 and three first prizes of \$200 each. The contest is open only to legal residents of the United States who have the age of majority in his or her state of residence at the time of entry. Full contest rules and an entry form are all available at facebook.com/ProtectCELL in the "Name the ProtectCELL Superhero" app.

Chamber's Fifth Annual No. VI Dinner Tour set for June 25

Novi restaurants are ready to put their top dishes on display at the fifth annual No. VI Dinner Tour on Tuesday, June 25.

This event -- sponsored by

Varsity Lincoln and organized by the Novi Chamber of Commerce -- is open to the public, and allows patrons to taste samples of signature dishes and appetizers from several restaurants.

Some of the restaurants featured on the tour are: Carrabba's Italian Grill, Bonefish Grill, Novi Chophouse, Steve & Rocky's, Toasted Oak Grill & Market, and Black Rock Bar & Grill.

The tour runs from 5:30-10 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$25 for groups of six or more. Registration is required, and tickets include food, non-alcoholic beverages and transportation. Transportation is being provided via luxury coaches from Millennium Limousines.

Attendance is anticipated at more than 200. Register online for tickets at www.novichamber.com or by calling the chamber office at (248) 349-3743.

Taking the Blackberry 10 for a test drive

So close, yet so far away. Those six words so perfectly describe the conundrum that is Blackberry. Six to seven years ago, the now-embattled phone manufacturer had a stranglehold on the smartphone market. As unlimited texting plans became common place for students and recent graduates, the Blackberry was no longer a tool exclusively for business people.



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TECH SAVVY

provided better reliability, service and features.

The Blackberry 10, which was released this spring, was supposed to be Blackberry's answer to all the previous mistakes and an answer to the critics who ditched it years ago.

I used the Blackberry 10 extensively for about a week, courtesy of Verizon Wireless, which carries Blackberry 10 on its 4G network.

I found the new interface to be easy to use and somewhat refreshing -- especially compared to the Blackberry I used to own. The display is cleaner and more crisp than Android devices and the navigation is absolutely on par with the iPhone.

Unlike its predecessors, the Blackberry 10 doesn't require

any battery pulls. For those of you who never owned a Blackberry, the dreaded battery pull was a daily occurrence when the device would crash. A few too many messages or emails and the unit would seize up like an original Nintendo.

This is no longer a problem and literally can't be, since the battery is internal, much like the iPhone.

But while the phone was a huge upgrade to anything Blackberry has done before, it has still missed the mark in one major area: applications. Blackberry App World still has such a limited app store that the device is not even worth considering.

Why would anyone give up an Android, Apple, Windows or Google device -- with a virtually limitless supply of apps -- for Blackberry, which doesn't even have a free version of Netflix? Pandora doesn't exist in Blackberry

App World and neither do some of the newest social sites like Vine or SnapChat. Not even Instagram -- the site purchased by Facebook for \$1 billion last year -- is available for Blackberry devices.

Moreover, some of my favorite niche applications for business travel, daily reading, gaming or productivity were not available. My AT&T Uverse app? Forget about it -- there's no DVRing shows remotely if you are in Blackberry's world.

Even if Blackberry were to make a huge push with developers to increase its application library, it is now trailing in two key areas where it used to lead: typing and free messaging.

One of the best features of the original Blackberry models was the keyboard -- it was and still is easier to use than a touchscreen. And although the new touchscreens aren't bad,

quicker is always better.

Secondly, Blackberry always had a huge leg up on the competition with its BBM (Blackberry Messenger Service). With it, users could contact other Blackberry users for free. It still exists on the Blackberry 10, but what use is it if only one of your contacts has a Blackberry?

Blackberry messenger was a great tool that was neglected for too long and I feel strongly that it is one of the reasons the company has faltered over the years. Assigning a lengthy and confusing pin number to message users with was hard enough. Scanning a QR code from their phone to add them to your address book was even harder.

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Pros: Pay, or regret later

Q: I just found out that our management company recommended an attorney to us because, as she told another managing agent, he gives her free advice. What is your comment about that?

A: Lawyers undertake all types of marketing strategies, and in the community association world, giving free advice or doing favors for management companies is something that some lawyers do in order to gain favor with the managing agents. However, if that was the sole reason why your managing agent picked this attorney, or otherwise gave him or her preferential treatment in the selection process, you need to get rid of both the attorney and the managing agent. Remember, you get what you pay for!

Q: Our former management company who has handled a number of projects for a national developer made disparaging comments about a prospective attorney who we wish to consider for our condominium association. We believe that these comments were made because the developer did not want this attorney to be engaged in representing our association. One of our board members is naively following the advice of our former managing agent. How can we convince him otherwise?

A: Generally speaking, when someone suggests unsolicited that you should not retain an attorney, CPA, or management company, there may well be an ulterior reason for doing so. Obviously, in this case, it would appear that the developer has buttered the bread of this managing agent including trying to dictate to the new directors of the condominium association after they have taken over control who should be representing them, presumably against the developer. When your opposition tells you who you shouldn't hire, that is probably the first person you should hire.

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TECHNOLOGY CHANGING WAY HOMES ARE BOUGHT

Technology plays a vital role in today's society and is transforming the way Realtors do business. That's according to Curt Beardsley, vice president of product marketing for realtor.com®, who shared his perspective on the growing mobile technology environment at the "Industry, Technology and Vision" forum during the Realtors Midyear Legislative Meetings & Trade Expo.

According to data from the 2012 National Association of Realtors Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers, more than eight out of 10 home buyers who used the Internet in their search reported that online photos and detailed property information were very useful. Forty-five percent of buyers found virtual tours very useful, and 41 percent liked interactive maps and neighborhood information. Realtor.com® offers potential home buyers all of these features on the site. "Realtor.com®, NAR's official property listing website, is

one of the most visited real estate sites on the Internet, attracting an average of 44 million total visits every month from more than 10 million unique visitors. The online world is continuing to blossom; lead generation has gone up 60 percent on realtor.com® and a lot of that is being driven by mobile," said Beardsley. "Mobile is helping change consumer expectations; smartphones are the backbone of our daily media use and should be the starting point for designing consumer experiences with clients."

New trends
Beardsley highlighted some new technology trends on the rise, including smart watches, a wearable watch device with enhanced technology features; Facebook Home, software for your phone that offers a more seamless version of the social media site; and geo-fencing, a new technology that alerts consumers when they are in

close proximity to something they may have researched online.

"Given the Internet's convenience and round-the-clock accessibility, it's not surprising that many home buyers first look online for properties and information when beginning their search. Most buyers rely on Realtor-supported online resources like multiple listing service websites and realtor.com®," said National Association of Realtors President Gary Thomas, broker-owner of Evergreen Realty, in Villa Park, Calif.

"After they've done their own real estate research, consumers can then turn to realtor.com® for the Internet's most comprehensive directory of Realtors who can help home buyers and sellers achieve their goals," said Beardsley.

Mobile growing
As the adoption of mobile smartphone devices has exploded, Beardsley said real-

tor.com® has positioned itself as the top-rated real estate app on all of the major platforms, including iPhone/iPad, Android and Windows 7. Mobile visits now account for 20 percent of realtor.com® traffic. Beardsley urged the audience of Realtors to stay abreast of technology trends and the many mobile tools available now to help them build their business.

"Netflix is a great example of a business effectively leveraging customer trends. The company researched consumer content preferences and commissioned an original TV series based on what that data revealed; the resulting series is now the most watched on Netflix," he said. "What this means for real estate is that it's become vital to ensure that consumers can access information how and when they want -- and if they can't, then their experience becomes frustrating. You must design the experience to match what consumers are trying to do," said Beardsley.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

New agents

Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel recently welcomed a number of new sales associates to the company.

They are: Birmingham -- Sufian Hannon, Brenda Shapiro, Courtney Dunford; Clarkston -- Jimmy Tottingham; Commerce -- Tracy Slintak; Grosse Pointe -- Lisa Hofmann; Ionia -- Al Cockerum, Kristine Bosley; Northville -- Ellen Frink, Vita Good, Anna Klugman, Carol McGarvey; Rochester -- Dean Acciavatti, Greg Moran.

"We are pleased that these exceptional people have chosen Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel," said John North, CBWM COO. "We are always excited to welcome associates who share our core values of integrity, a passion for service,

a positive attitude and drive for results."

Free real estate career seminar

Learn about the Keller Williams \$50,000 income guarantee during the seminar scheduled from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 20, at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100 in Plymouth.

For more information, contact Jim Raines at 734-459-4700, or jimraines@kw.com.

Short sales

If you own more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures. Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about how the procedures work. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short

sales and the different steps involved.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. Thursdays at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Additional parking across the street in back. Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or e-mail june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. E-mail Georgia@valuer Realty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

Learn about reverse mortgages. RSVP with Larry Brady at 800-260-5484, Ext. 33.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. each first Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate. Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership.

Any questions or concerns, call Wayne Koehler at 313-277-4168.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Address	Price	Address	Price	Address	Price	Address	Price
These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the weeks of Jan. 28 - Feb. 1, 2013 at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.		36 Hidden Rdg	\$2,500,000	2905 Shirley St	\$110,000	385 Princeton Dr	\$159,000
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		506 Newburne Pointe	\$168,000	22420 Lilac St	\$55,000	56565 Ten Mile Rd	\$176,000
		6910 Orinco Cir	\$224,000	FARMINGTON HILLS		52851 Trailwood Dr	\$2,000
		6120 Westmoor Rd	\$240,000	23168 Albion Ave	\$75,000	52851 Trailwood Dr	\$65,000
		BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP		34441 Chantilly Ct	\$290,000	53662 Valleywood Dr	\$234,000
		1189 Blue Heron Ct	\$1,350,000	31194 Country Way	\$120,000	SOUTHFIELD	
		3952 Cottontail Ln	\$609,000	25314 Crown Point Ct	\$293,000	29418 Brentwood St	\$27,000
		629 E Fox Hills Dr	\$54,000	28104 Gettysburg St	\$206,000	29650 Everett St	\$50,000
		2499 Parcels Cir	\$176,000	35377 Naples	\$350,000	28102 Fontana Dr	\$82,000
		2085 Quanton Rd	\$370,000	29707 Pendleton Club Dr	\$39,000	26278 Franklin Pointe Dr	\$60,000
		26814 W 14 Mile Rd	\$180,000	20823 Randall St	\$160,000	21617 Frazer Ave	\$35,000
		42160 Woodward Ave	\$80,000	38424 Saratoga Cir	\$148,000	29432 Guy St	\$139,000
		Unit 72		29225 Scotten St	\$95,000	18540 Jeanette St	\$172,000
		BIRMINGHAM		21524 Wheeler St	\$98,000	TROY	
		1283 Holland St	\$459,000	30364 Wicklow Rd	\$225,000	7428 Big Ben Trail	\$259,000
		533 Wallace St	\$850,000	MILFORD		10293 Degrand St	\$330,000
		BLOOMFIELD HILLS		746 E Liberty St	\$108,000		
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Timeless — and tired — job-search tactics

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Unless you're looking for work at a medieval-themed restaurant, the last impression you want to give an employer is of being behind the times. That's one reason many job seekers become preoccupied with using only the latest tools and techniques to find a job. As a result, they often neglect some successful time-tested methods.

Of course, plenty of traditional techniques have gone extinct for good reason. Before you go retro, distinguish the do's from the don'ts. Here are some low-tech methods worth reviving. They can help you stand out and make a positive impression no matter the era.

Take cover.

Some vintage tactics, such as writing a cover letter, aren't as passé as you might think. In a recent Robert Half survey of senior managers, 91 percent of respondents said cover letters are valuable when evaluating job candidates. Don't skip the cover letter just because a company's online application system doesn't request one. If there's no field designated for a cover letter, you can often attach extra documentation. In fact, 79 percent of employers said it's common to receive cover letters even when applicants submit résumés electronically.

Stock up on stamps.

The vast majority of résumés are submitted online or via email. That's why mailing yours as a hard copy can be effective. Once the hiring manager recovers from the shock of receiving a piece of mail, he might open

it out of sheer curiosity. That alone puts you ahead of the dozens or even hundreds of other résumés waiting in the person's inbox. However, you shouldn't rely on regular mail alone; use it as a follow-up to an online résumé. Just be aware of the employer's preferences. Some make it clear in the job posting that they will consider only electronic submissions.

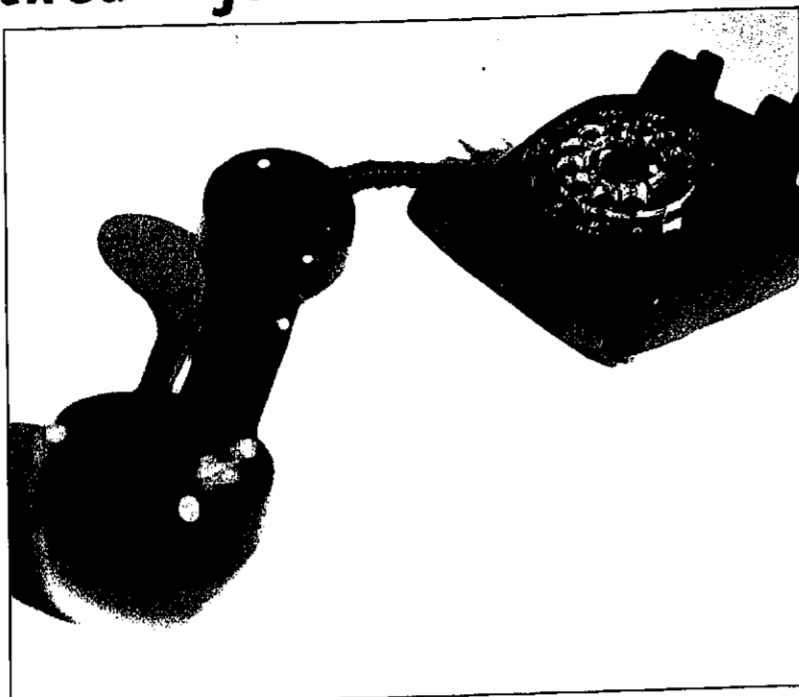
Use your phone's 'phone' feature.

Follow up after submitting your résumé by calling the hiring manager. A phone call may require more nerve than an email, but the results justify the effort. A voicemail beats an email in at least three key ways: it demonstrates your assertiveness, reaffirms your interest in the opportunity and comes across as more personal than words on the screen. If the hiring manager answers the call, that's even better. You've already established a direct personal connection.

Take the time to say thanks.

Since even the most tech-savvy job seeker knows to follow up after an interview, why not do so in a way that conveys genuine gratitude and a personal touch? Reinforce your thank-you email with a handwritten note mailed within a day or two of the meeting.

Borrowing from the past won't strengthen your job search if you're not selective about the tactics you choose. The following bygone techniques and assumptions have earned their place in the job-search dustbin:



The all-purpose résumé.

It's been 20 years since altering your résumé meant typing up a new document from scratch, or at least using an ancient substance known as white-out. Now, there's no excuse for not tailoring every résumé you send to each specific opportunity.

Résumé relics.

The traditional objective statement on a résumé has been better days. By focusing on your wishes, not on what you can provide the employer, you may start off on the wrong foot. It's much more useful to provide a targeted professional summary instead. Similarly, an exhaustive résumé that lists every job you've ever had makes

it hard for a time-strapped hiring manager to find the most relevant material.

Formality for its own sake.

Good manners never go out of style, but that doesn't mean your correspondence should read like something out of Downton Abbey. Phrases like "To whom it may concern" and "Dear sir or madam" can distance you from the reader. Instead, try to find the hiring manager's name. Calling the company is usually enough to reveal this nugget of information. If you have no luck, use the person's title.

Today's most successful job seekers combine an awareness of modern technology

with a desire to establish old-fashioned personal contact whenever possible. Not by coincidence, that's the kind of versatility most employers — even medieval restaurants — are looking for.

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EMERGENCY BRIGHTON/ SCARBOROUGH MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR WANTED
Must have 2 plus years experience. Skills include:
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• Electricity
• Locksmith
• Preventive Maintenance
• Basic Driveway SWS
Must be on call for emergencies. Some weekends and holidays.
For Inquiries Please Call:
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At least 10 years exp. Must be reliable. Call 517-261-6627.

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Must have valid driver's license & be reliable. **248-961-4408**

LAR TECHNICIAN
To do computer testing for auto test systems in BQC. Computer skills required. No field work. Benefits.
Email to churpess@meritperformance.org

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FIRE/WATER TECHNICIAN
Part/full time, with over 10 years experience. Job duties include but not limited to: specialty assignment, service light demolition, water restoration, mold abatement, fire and smoke damage mitigation, content move out and pack ups and content cleaning. No experience necessary. A plus: Must have reliable transportation, ability to lift up to 50 lbs. & pass drug screening. Requires applicant to work normal business hours plus on call and weekends as needed.
Apply in person: **Times, Thurs or Friday, 201 Appleton Way, Suite 202, Brighton.**

GLASS GLAZIER
Commercial/Industrial/Residential for glass company in Fenwick. Must have 3+ years experience in glass installation. Responsibilities include: Glass installation, window measurements, and repair of glass. Skilled ability to communicate with clients & carry heavy objects up to 75 lbs. capable of using hand tools & equipment. Must be on call for emergencies & weekends. **Call: 248-343-4706**

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LOOKING FOR BOOTH
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HOME HEALTH CARE
Full time/weekend/night. Must have own vehicle. New area. Earnings \$12/hr. **734-227-9143, 248-471-9168**

LOCAL MAY HELP NEEDED
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HOUSEKEEPERS NEEDED
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Must have experience. **Phone Call Mike: 248-343-6209**

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For roofing crew. Full time, hourly pay, must have transportation, be dependable & be able to start immediately. **(800) 558-2308**

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Company needs all positions for lawn maintenance, irrigation, trees, shrubs & landscaping. Experience preferred but not necessary. Contact us at: **810-923-7070** or email at: jobs@mynewhometown.com

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Maintenance Laborer - Brighton Central Park in Brighton, a Full Time hourly opening in the Maintenance Department on the city staff. This is an entry level position. Knowledge in building repair or facility maintenance; prior experience or training helpful in a definite plus. We phone calls please. 1 year experience. Please only no background checks to be performed on application at 1014 E. Grand River Ave. Brighton, MI 48116. You can also email us a resume to hr@cityofbrighton.com

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Real Estate Sales Position Opening
Join the company that's been ranked #1 in the industry for 10 years. This year, ranked among the top 100 companies in the industry.
• Full-time position
• Flexible work hours
• Unlimited earning potential
• Agent already compensated
• Real Estate License
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• No travel to meet your professional goals.
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