

NOVI NEWS

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Dinner Tour

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: Diamond Jim Brady's, Genji Japanese Steakhouse, 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 Millennium Limousines.

Register online for tickets at www.novichamber.com or by calling the chamber office at 248-349-3743.

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.

To contribute, contact Theisen at 248-437-2011, Ext. 225, or at jtheisen@gannett.com.

ArtsNovi

MEETING OF THE MINDS FOR LOCAL ARTISTS, SUPPORTERS



Members of the ArtsNovi group - which includes (from left) Richard Kawcha, Mark Kondraciuk, Patty Dombecki and Al Ponkey - are looking to promote the creation of art by Novi citizens. JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

ArtsNovi artists are, in some cases, working full time as artists. Others are doctors, homemakers, a graphic artist, retirees, a home health care provider and a site inspector. Artists work with paint, mixed media, photography, paper arts and scrimshaw.

"I do acrylic and photography, contemporary and abstract," said Mary Kondraciuk of Novi, current president of the group. Kondraciuk came across an item on ArtsNovi in the Novi News. "It was quite a few years ago when I started painting," she said. "They were very nurturing."

ArtsNovi was founded in 2007 by Whitney McClellan-Stone and Brian Sleeth. The group works to enrich and expand the arts in Novi, including providing venues for artists to showcase work. Emerging and established artists support each other by sharing knowledge of art creation, dis-

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Novi council expands alcohol policy

Ice Arena and Barr Art Park now included

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The City of Novi has adjusted its policy and rules regarding alcohol on public property to allow consumption of alcohol to be extended to the Ice Arena and Villa Barr Art Park during special events.

On June 3, the Novi City Council approved by a 6-1 vote an amendment to expand its 2010 decision to allow consumption of alcohol at the Novi Civic Center, Township Hall and Novi Public Library on a permanent basis. Novi City Manager Clay Pearson said a request made by the Novi Youth Hockey Association was one of the reasons why this change was proposed.

According to the city's policy,



The Novi Ice Arena is included in a revised city policy that will allow alcohol use for special events at more city-owned locations. JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

the use of alcohol is limited to these specific locations and is subject to certain rules. The city does not maintain a liquor license for any of its facilities.

Council member Andrew Mutch was the lone dissenting vote, noting the inclusion of the Ice Arena causing his concerns.

being applied at the other city facilities.

According to the Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Department, the City Council has determined that, at the specific facilities designated in the policy, alcohol can be possessed and consumed either: under a special event license issued by the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission to a nonprofit organization for a specific event; or as part of a private event for which no license is required from the state.

Ice Arena details

Another rule states that no alcohol may be consumed at any city facility during hours of operation for the conduct of official business. (8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday), but the Ice Arena has different hours.

Mutch raised the question of whether alcohol would be served

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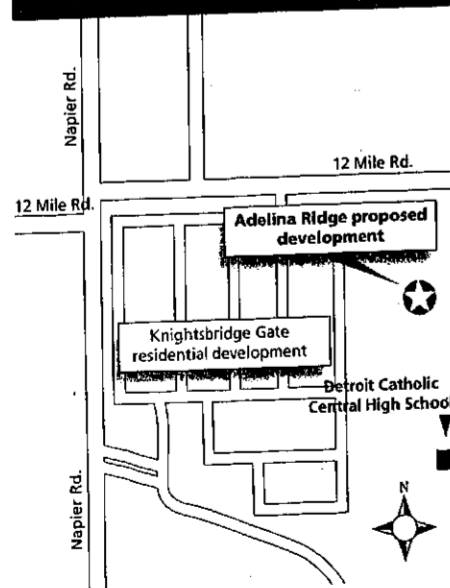
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Adelina Ridge



New development will bring 146 homes to Novi

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

A large residential development will bring 146 new homes to a now-vacant piece of property in the western corner of Novi.

The 64-acre Adelina Ridge will be built south of 12 Mile and east of Napier, just east of the existing Knightsbridge Gate residential development.

Pinnacle - Novi 12 LLC has proposed a minimum lot size of 9,000 square feet and a minimum lot width of 75 feet.

The planners have proposed a three-phase plan. The first phase is located at the north end of the site and would be composed of 35 units. Phase 2 is located in the middle of the site and composed of 43 units, and the third is located on the south end of the site and would have 68 units.

According to Barb McBeth, Novi's deputy community development direc-

tor, the plans are sensitive to the existing natural features on the site, which will allow for the preservation of existing woodland and wetland areas. The development will also be enhanced with park space for the residents of the subdivision, including benches for seating, and landscaping and hard-scaping improvements near the entrance to the subdivision.

Pinnacle has also proposed a five-foot sidewalk along both sides of the proposed street network throughout the development, which is in accordance with city requirements. A five-foot sidewalk has been provided along 12 Mile, but Novi's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan recommends a six-foot sidewalk along that thoroughfare. The applicant will need to revise this plan. In addition, a potential eight-foot pathway connection to the neighboring

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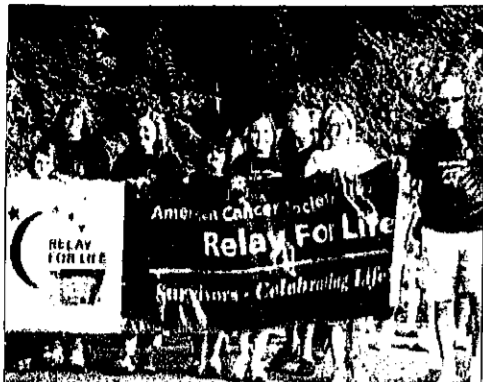
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Fighting cancer



The second annual Novi/Northville Relay for Life event was held June 15-16 at Ford Field in downtown Northville. Organizers of this year's event set a goal of raising \$72,000 to help the American Cancer Society's fight to eliminate the disease. Relay is a team event in which team walkers walk continuously for 24 hours, symbolic of the cancer fight not sleeping. Shown is the team of Hope Drogmiller (center). The local event had about 20 teams and over 200 participants. COURTESY DROGMILLER



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DEVELOPMENT

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property has also been proposed near the southeast corner of the site. McBeth said the development does not need site plan approval from the City Council. However, city officials expect that a Design and Construction Standard variance will be requested from the City Council prior to the start of the third phase of the development in order to allow a variation in the road pavement standards for a few locations.

McBeth said the Planning Commission approved the project's Preliminary Site Plan with the Open Space Preservation Option on April 24.

The project has also received administrative Final Site Plan approval. Novi's Open Space Preservation Option is intended "... to encourage the long-term preservation of open space and natural features and the provision of recreation and open space areas."

According to Novi's planning review, the site has a substantial amount of regulated woodlands and wetlands and meets the general eligibility requirements outlined in the ordinance detailing the Open Space Preservation Option.

In order to qualify for the option, the applicant must save a minimum of 10 percent of the site as permanent open space. According to the review, the applicant has proposed 20.65 percent open space.

McBeth said Pinnacle is now getting information together to schedule a preconstruction meeting.

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play and business experience. They've participated in the Great Lakes Art Fair at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. ArtsNovi also works with Novi Parks and Recreation to present the Novi Sizzling Summer Arts Series, including bands, vendors and movie nights. It's 6:30 p.m. June 21, July 26 and Aug. 16 at Fueser Park in Novi. "We learn not just about art, but about the business of art," Kondraciuk said. "There's an artists' community that really nurtures and supports each other. It's been quite a journey since I began."

She has succinct advice for young artists: "I think the best thing is just never, ever give up your art." "We want people to know we're here," Kondraciuk added of ArtsNovi. "We want to gain new members, so that artists can be helped."

LEARN MORE

ArtsNovi meetings are usually the fourth Monday of the month, with some variation. Upcoming dates are: June 24, July 22, Aug. 26, Sept. 23, Oct. 28, Nov. 25 and Dec. 16 at the Novi Civic Center on 10 Mile near Taft. ArtsNovi can be reached at artsnovi@yahoo.com or 248-773-9915. There's also a Facebook page under ArtsNovi.

ARTSNovi will have a Novi Civic Center Atrium Exhibit this fall.

Stephanie Schuetzler of Novi Parks and Recreation is the city liaison for the group.

Several members of ArtsNovi have recently won awards in juried shows. At the South Lyon Fine Art Society's Spring Into Art Show, Dattatraya Phadke earned a first-place prize and an honorable mention. Bob Wesley and Patty Dombek also both won an honorable mention.

At the VFAA PAN Show, Dombek earned the Becky Fischer Memorial Art Award for her painting titled "Chicken Scratch" and the Joy Hummel Memorial Poetry Award for her matching original poem, also titled "Chicken Scratch."

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ALCOHOL

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at an event during the regular hours at the Ice Arena.

Jason Mangum, director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, said the primary difference with the Ice Arena is that its "regular business hours" are not comparable to the Civic Center. He said the Ice Arena operates seven days a week, often from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. or later.

"So while the Ice Arena has 'regular business hours' it's not comparable to business hours at the Civic Center where residents

conduct business Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.," Mangum said.

He added that alcohol events at the Ice Arena will only be for approved special events that utilize the entire facility. In addition, it will not be permitted during times of general programming such as public skating.

Examples of alcohol use at the Ice Arena could include events such as the forthcoming Alumni Classic hockey tournament, and possibly working with the Novi Youth Hockey Association for their inquiry about alcohol being allowed during their Game Day event.

Under the policy for

the Ice Arena, the nonprofit must be connected to or involved in activities that relate to the City of Novi (such as a local Novi-area youth hockey or skating group) and that generate rental fees for the ice arena in excess of \$100,000 per year.

No more than three events may be held by any one nonprofit within a 12-month period. A violation of policy would have a city staff member intervening whenever he or she encounters a violation of the policy.

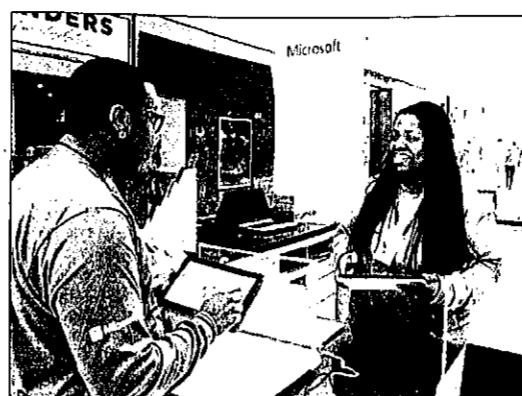
Depending upon the severity, staff might ask the sponsor of the event to stop the violation or they could close down the portion of the event

involving alcohol. If the sponsor fails to comply, city staff may call the police for enforcement and it could result in the forfeiture of the \$500 deposit.

Since March 2010, there have been 17 alcohol rentals at the Civic Center and six rentals at the Novi Public Library.

According to city officials, all alcohol events to date have been maintained with high regard to the venue, exhibiting control of the guests and distribution of beverages in accordance with the alcohol use application contract and city policy.

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Microsoft Retail Store employees Greg Hodges and Janica Burkhead tend to their Twelve Oaks Mall kiosk June 8. The shop, featuring Surface tablet computers and Windows phone products, recently opened in the lower level of the mall near Lord & Taylor.

Microsoft makes its mark at 12 Oaks Mall

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

The new Microsoft specialty store is up and running in Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall, and it's the first one in Michigan. A brick-and-mortar outlet may seem to go against the "online only" school of thought, especially for a company that specializes in software. But according to Jonathan Adashek, general manager, Communications Strategy, Microsoft, their customers say they value physical stores for connecting them to products.

"Our knowledgeable associates make the customer experience as entertaining, educational and easy as possible," said Adashek. "This is also a way for Microsoft to build relationships with customers one at a time by providing personalized information and service to suit their individual needs."

Customers looking to shop online can still visit <http://www.microsoftstore.com>. In the Novi store, customers will have access to "the same excellent choice, value, service and engaging experience that Microsoft's products and services offer in other markets across the United States and Canada," said Adashek.

The store will offer a curated assortment of world-class products including Microsoft Surface Pro with Windows 8, Windows 8 phones, Xbox, Kinect and Office 365. Although the company does not disclose details like the number of employees at the Novi store, Adashek said Microsoft has hired experts to help pick the right products for your individual needs.

So, why did Microsoft pick Novi for its first specialty store in Michigan? Adashek said they consider a number of factors, including foot traffic and demographics in the surrounding areas. "We have identified the best locations for Microsoft specialty stores based on our customers' needs and preferences," he said. "As with every other element of our stores, we listen to customers and adapt our strategy, opening stores in new locations and shopping environments as it makes sense."

The company recently expanded its retail growth by opening three more of the specialty stores in Roseville, Calif., Arlington, Texas, and Seattle, Wash. A full line Microsoft retail store is opening on June 28 at The Somerset Collection in Troy.

UPDATES FROM YOUR CITY

Spent Saturday 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 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.

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.

Stave off summer boredom with camps

Summer is the perfect time for children to explore new adventures, make friends, gain skills and enhance self-confidence. The City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department offers a wide variety of affordable camps with something to meet the interests of every child including sports, creative arts, and outdoor fun. Registration is going on now at cityofnovi.org. Parents are encouraged to register soon to avoid hearing the inevitable "I'm bored!" 2013 summer camps include:

Lakeshore Adventure Camp (with daily and weekly rates)
Musical Theatre Camps
Horseback Riding Camps
Sports Camps including: Challenger Soccer, Basketball, Golf, Volleyball
Girls Lacrosse Skills Sessions
Martial Arts Camps
Art and Painting Fundamental Camps

Comprehensive summer camp information is available online at cityofnovi.org or by calling the Novi Parks office at 248-347-0400.

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 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 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.

Free music available for download at library

Freelag (free and legal) is a downloadable music service that offers thousands of songs from the entire Sony Music catalog in a variety of genres, and is now offered to patrons at Novi Public Library.

Freelag has music genres ranging from gospel, jazz, classical, country and many more. This free and legal service recently announced the addition of nearly 4.5 million new songs, growing their collection from approximately three million songs to over seven million. Over 12,000 new labels are being added to the Freelag music collection, which will give users a wide variety of artists to choose from with great quality and depth.

By using your Novi Public Library card, patrons can download up to three free songs a week from the entire Sony Music and IODA catalogs. Music can be easily transferred to a digital device from iTunes or a Windows Media Player or download it directly to a device through the Freelag app available for iPhones or Android phones.

With their new 4.0 upgrade taking almost two years to complete, this music service offers some of the best music labels in the world. Eight thousand music videos will be added to their collections, and a brand new search engine that will make Freelag easier to use and more dynamic.

This Freelag transformation is currently in the process of completion and will be finished by early summer for patrons to enjoy.

For more information on Novi Public Library and Freelag Music Service, visit www.novilibrary.org

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This water supply pump was constructed in Ghana as part of the first project in realizing Erica Teevens's dream.

Fundraiser to help fulfill late Novi grad's dream

Sunday's event at NHS track will aid children in Africa

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Before her life was cut short, it was Erica Teevens' mission to help an African school and orphanage, and Sunday's fundraiser will do just that.

According to spokeswoman Ami Nakashima, Erica's Global Outreach is a nonprofit organization started in honor of Teevens, a 2009 Novi High School graduate.

"Erica was working towards a dream to go abroad to Africa and volunteer at an orphanage," said Nakashima. "Her plans, unfortunately, were cut short by her fatal car accident in February of 2011. Her untimely passing was a shock to all of us, but this experience has inspired us to continue pursuing her dream."

"This organization's main objective is to memorialize Teevens by performing charitable services for those in Ghana. Nakashima said this will be accomplished through an assortment of



projects, including but not limited to, funding orphanages, hospitals, and schools.

Erica's Global Outreach is committed to being a Ghana-focused non-governmental organization working in partnership with Ghanaian people and other nonprofit organizations to build sustainable, healthy and productive lives and communities.

For now, Erica's Global Outreach is concentrating its efforts in Berakum, Ghana, where FL Faith Child Foundation is located. The nonprofit organization was established in 2009 with the goal of helping orphaned, needy, and neglected children in Ghana.

Teevens was planning on volunteering at the FL Faith Child's orphanage a couple months before her accident.



Novi grad Erica Teevens plans to help children in Ghana were cut short by fatal car accident in February 2011.

With the help of the FL Faith Child Foundation, Erica's Global Outreach was able to accomplish its first goal of installing a water pump through a borehole at the village.

According to Nakashima, water can be stored in a polytank with three different taps attached, which allows for easy and consistent access to water for the community. "We also helped the same community start a primary school for grades K1 through grade two. Currently the school has approximately 100 students," Nakashima said.

Following this success, their next goal is to help the school move to a location where it can better serve other communities.

This Sunday's event
In order to raise money for the school project, the organization is throwing a fundraiser event at the Novi High School track from 1-5 p.m. on Sunday. "It will be an interna-

tional fair/walk of sorts, where we will have several stations set up around the track and each one will represent a country. Attendees can walk around and enjoy activities/games and/or treats from each country," Nakashima said.

Some of the countries and activities/treats at the event will be: Taiwan-Bubble Tea and traditional children's games, Ghana-Plantain chips, Japan-Calligraphy, Origami and Sumo Wrestling (inflatable suits), Bangladesh-henna tattoos, Italy-Booze ball and desserts, Korea-food samples and dancing, and a few more countries including Poland, United States, and Nigeria.

The event will be moved inside if inclement weather occurs. For an update on this and more information on the organization, go to the organization's website: <http://www.ericasglobaloutreach.org/>.

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SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE UPDATES

Piano camp

Schoolcraft College's Music Department is sponsoring a weeklong Summer Piano Camp for school-age students June 24-28. Piano students at the elementary, intermediate and advanced levels will enjoy this unique experience and change of pace from their traditional private lessons.

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

Tuition for the Summer Piano Camp is \$325. Auditions and interviews are required for placement. Registration materials can be requested and appointments can be scheduled by calling 734-462-4403.

Disney Institute seminar in health care

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

Michigan Jazz Festival

Schoolcraft's Livonia campus will once again host the Michigan Jazz Festival. Nearly 30 bands will entertain thousands on Sunday, July 21, from noon to 9:15 p.m. A wide variety of soloists and groups will be performing on six different stages. In addition to continuous music for everyone's listening pleasure, workshops will also be conducted for those interested in learning more about this uniquely American style of music. Between 5,000 and 6,000 people attend

the festival each year, and with four of the five stages indoors, they can enjoy the music without worrying about the weather.

Parking and admission are free, and patrons mix and mingle with other jazz lovers, buy CDs and talk to their favorite performers, enjoy a bite to eat, and get a great overview of just how much talent lives in the area. More information is available at www.michiganjazzfestival.org.

Professor and son team up to create award-winning app

Lisa Zaccone, associate professor, and her son, John, have created a daily fitness tracker application that was named Best Walking App for 2013 in the About.com Reader's Choice Awards. The app is called Virtual Walk and it can be downloaded free of charge.

Virtual Walk, which is available for both iOS and Android devices, counts the users steps over time and helps them set fitness goals. Users can choose GPS or treadmill mode to complete walking routes virtually all over the U.S., without ever leaving their neighborhoods. Virtual Walk's available landmarks include the Appalachian Trail, a tour of the memorials in Washington, D.C., national parks and other historic routes.

Zaccone, a Canton resident, has been an instructor at Schoolcraft for many years and teaches mathematics, computer animated design and engineering classes. John, 25, lives in Richmond, Va., and is a computer engineer. He graduated from Virginia Tech University and attended Schoolcraft before graduating from VTU.

Art faculty display their work at state capital

Schoolcraft College art faculty members Ellen Moucoulis, Sarah Olson, Josh Newth, Robert Bielat and John Murphy are exhibiting their work at Rep. John Walsh's office at the state Capitol in Lansing. There are more than 10 pieces on display in Walsh's office including drawings, paintings and sculptures. Walsh's office has created a brochure about each of the artists and the work on display at the Capitol. It is available to visitors as they view the works.

The show will run through the end of June and is open during regular week-day business hours (but call ahead regarding Fridays). If you have questions regarding visiting the show, contact Valerie Knol at vknl@house.mi.gov or call 517-373-3998. Driving directions and a map are provided.

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Attorney in I-96 case disputes bullet find

State police tests don't match shooting suspect's seized weapons

By Lisa Roose-Church
Gannett News Service



Alleged Interstate 96 corridor shooter Raulie Casteel, seated, appeared briefly in Livingston County Circuit Court for a pretrial hearing, which was adjourned to Aug. 16. Also pictured are defense attorney Douglas Mullkoff, left, and county sheriff's Deputy Mike Mueller.

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The attorney for an Oakland County man accused of firing at motorists along the Interstate 96 corridor says the bullet recovered from a victim's buttocks did not come from his client's weapons.

An Arbor defense attorney Douglas Mullkoff said June 10 that the Michigan State Police laboratory forensic examiner concluded that the bullet removed from a western Michigan man was "not fired from either of the handguns seized from the residence" of suspect Raulie Wayne Casteel.

"Mr. Casteel is not charged with or suspected of firing the bullet removed from the citizen," Mullkoff said. "The state attorney general's office confirmed that the recovered bullet does not match the two guns previously connected to the Casteel case."

"These results have no impact on our pending case, because we did not charge Casteel for the crime in question," Joy Yearout, spokeswoman for the attorney general, said in an email. "Casteel faces terrorism charges for his alleged role in 21 separate attacks, and we are confident in our case against him."

Casteel faces seven charges in Livingston County and 60 counts in Oakland County in connection with 24 shootings, three of which occurred on I-96 in Livingston County and the rest

along trunk lines and side streets in Oakland, Ingham and Shiawassee counties. The shootings took place from Oct. 16-18 and on Oct. 27.

During a subsequent raid at Casteel's home, authorities seized a car that matches the description of the black four-door vehicle believed to have been used in the shootings. Michigan Department of State records show a 2009 Chevrolet Malibu is registered in Casteel's name.

Authorities also said a gun and ammunition were seized and that the ammunition tested positive as a match with other evidence in the cases.

In Livingston County, Casteel's case has been

adjourned to Aug. 16 to allow the defense more time for the completion of an independent psychological exam of the defendant.

The psychological review would determine if Casteel could be held criminally responsible.

A psychologist with the state's forensics center found Casteel competent to stand trial, but Mullkoff wanted an independent evaluation after the state's report revealed that Casteel suffers from delusional disorder.

A tentative Nov. 3 trial date has been set in the Oakland County case.

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New asphalt coming to several Novi streets

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

A number of neighborhood roads will be getting a new layer of asphalt this summer after the City of Novi approved its second contract for its 2013 Neighborhood Road Program.

Some of the road segments expected to be worked on this summer include Stratford Lane, Barclay Court and Heatherbrook. By a 7-0 vote, the Novi City Council awarded a contract in the amount of \$662,772 to Cadillac Asphalt LLC, which was the lowest bidder out of six and is based in Canton.

"We got excited about this time of year when we're able to get after some road work," said Clay Pearson, city manager.

According to Novi's Public Services Department, the asphalt part of the neighborhood program is divided into streets that will be milled and overlaid; others not as bad will have a slurry seal.

The asphalt streets to be rehabilitated by milling off the existing pavement and repaving (overlay) will also include a pavement interlayer intended to re-

duce reflective cracking and to prevent water infiltration through the pavement into the base layers.

The 2013 Neighborhood Road Program will implement the city's Asset Management approach for pavements that was established in 2009. This project includes multiple treatment methods which were determined during the design process based on the asset management approach, which is focused on preventative maintenance where appropriate and designed to extend the life of the city's roads in the most cost-effective manner.

Roads that have deteriorated significantly will be addressed with rehabilitation methods such as the overlays, panel replacements, and joint repairs.

The asset management program stresses the importance of using preventative maintenance to preserve good quality roads using low-cost rehabilitation techniques, rather than allowing the roads to deteriorate to a point that requires reconstruction involving much more effort at a higher cost.

This is where the slurry seal, which is an asphalt emulsion applied to the surface of the road, comes in to play. According to the Public Services Department, slurry seals are typically used on roads that are in good condition with only minor defects to seal the surface and prolong the useful life of the pavement. One segment to be slurry sealed is Brook Forest Road from Heatherbrook to Nine Mile.

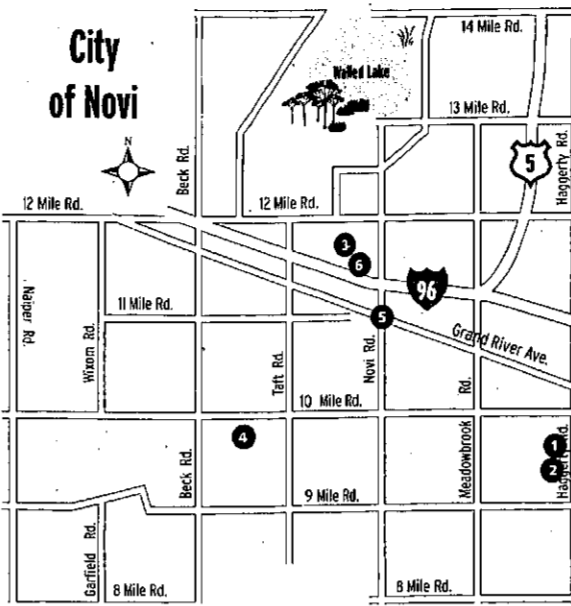
The asphalt projects are included in Novi's FY2012-13 Capital Improvement Program in the budgeted amount of \$1.3 million for construction of which \$338,477 was awarded for the first construction contract for concrete.

Construction of the project will begin this summer and be substantially complete this year.

There is some money (\$398,751) still available for construction funding for the 2013 construction season, and Public Services said these could be used on another project. A proposal could be late June.

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS



Catalytic converter stolen

1 A Novi resident had the catalytic converter cut off and stolen from a car that was parked outside of a condo on North Rockledge.

On June 4, the car owner discovered the missing piece and reported it to Novi police. The car was locked. There were no security cameras in the area and no other evidence was gleaned from the scene.

The car owner said it was a \$100 fix and replace job.

Attempted vehicle thefts

2 During the first week of June, the Novi community saw two attempted vehicle thefts, both of which resulted in some items being stolen.

The first incident occurred on June 1 on Village Wood Lane. The victim was a 51-year-old Novi woman. Her neighbor arrived home to see four males, who appeared to be teenagers, near the woman's

vehicle. They fled the scene once they noticed the neighbor had spotted them.

One had stayed behind. He was in the car and had it running, but also eventually fled toward Haggerty. The neighbor pursued them, but was unable to catch them. The police report indicated the car was unlocked and an extra set of keys were in the center console.

A GPS and some cash were stolen.

3 The second incident either occurred on May 31 or June 1 in the parking lot of the Emagine Theater. The vehicle owner had gone to a movie and afterward discovered his Chevy van had been tampered with. The lock on the door had been punched and a piece of plastic steering column was found on the floor.

The van could not be started and there were a number of CDs and DVDs stolen. It was reported the damage was \$2,000. There is no suspect in this case.

MDOPs

4 There were several property damage incidents at the start of the month as well in Novi. One involved another attempted vehicle theft.

5 The first happened on June 1 on Wintergreen Circle. A mailbox was vandalized when someone tore it off its pole. There were other reports of similar incidents.

6 The second occurred at the Suburban Collection Showplace. A vehicle owner found large scratches on his car's door as well as a punctured tire.

7 The third took place in the parking lot of the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Karevich Drive. A 2011 conversion van, being used by a group of people from Illinois, was broken into. The lock and ignition were damaged. A drill bit was found on the ground near the door. It's suspected this may have been used to gain entry.

By Lonnie Huhman

Progressing

Work continued June 11 at Novi's Pavilion Shore Park on the south end of Walled Lake with its wooden pier walk almost ready to go. The project, with an approximate \$2 million cost, will feature restrooms, picnic shelters, a fishing pier, landscaping, two parking lots and many paths for visitors to enjoy. The park should be open by the end of the summer.

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Eight Mile repaving project starts in July

Garfield to Taft work to be completed by November

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Eight Mile residents aren't looking forward to construction work and delays, but they'll be happy when that heavily traveled road is fixed for years to come.

"I'm not exactly excited about construction in my back yard," said Northville resident Amy Kearis, "but it should be a bit better when it's completed."

The Road Commission for Oakland County conducted a public information meeting on June 4 at Moraine Elementary School to give the community the opportunity to learn more about the upcoming resurfacing of Eight Mile, which will take place between Napier and Taft roads on the Novi/Northville Township limit and in the City of Northville.

"This is a three R's project (resurface, rehabilitate and restore)," said RCOC representative Jeff O'Brien. "It's primarily being done in order to make safety improvements and a resurfacing."

The section of the project between Garfield and Taft roads starts in early July and should be completed in November, O'Brien said.

The project in that section involves resurfacing Eight Mile with three inches of asphalt. The lanes will be widened to accommodate bicycles; there will be drainage improvements; and sidewalks will be completed between Beck and Taft roads.

However, the section between Napier and Garfield is expected to be completed in 2014, though there is a possibil-

ity that the contractor could complete both sections this year, according to the RCOC.

Northville resident Debbie Hornshaw hopes the fixes will last.

"I don't want to see the problems that have happened at Eight Mile and Center Street, where they have had to come back and redo it because of erosion," she said. "The project cost is expected to be approximately \$4.7 million. Of that amount, \$2.3 million is federally funded. The remaining \$1.9 million will be shared by RCOC, Northville Township, the cities of Northville and Novi, and Oakland County general government (through the Tri-Party Program)."

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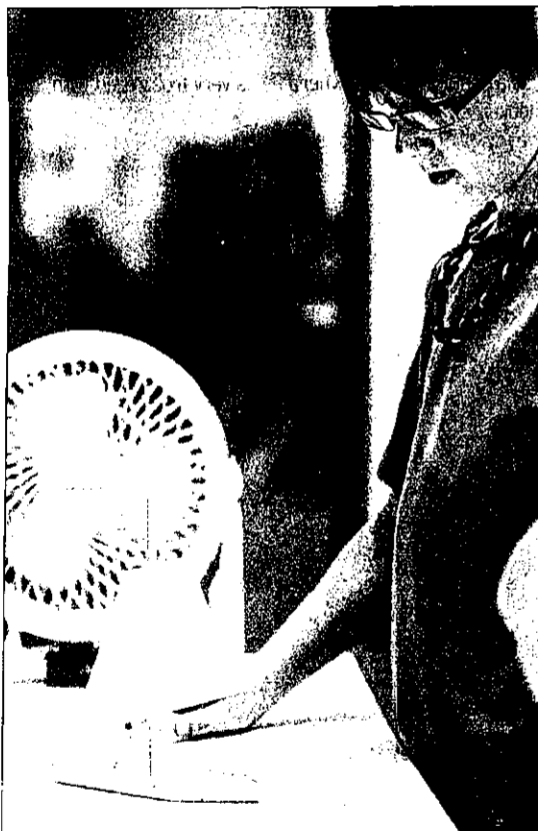
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IN THE CLASSROOM



Bosch engineer Mike Jaworski (left) assists students Michelle Lin (center) and Aakanksha Shripal in an experiment at Parkview Elementary School last month. Bosch employees were stopping by each Friday to help the students work on projects that will hone their math skills as they analyze what will happen when they launch a fan-powered sailboat across a desk. Using mathematical predictions, students try to figure out beforehand what would happen if they increase the sail dimension, height or other variables.

PARKVIEW STUDENTS TREATED TO 'REAL WORLD' LEARNING



Parkview student Jack Leland watches as his sailboat scoots across a tabletop as it's pushed along by a fan.

Fourth-graders explore science, math and engineering with Bosch engineers

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

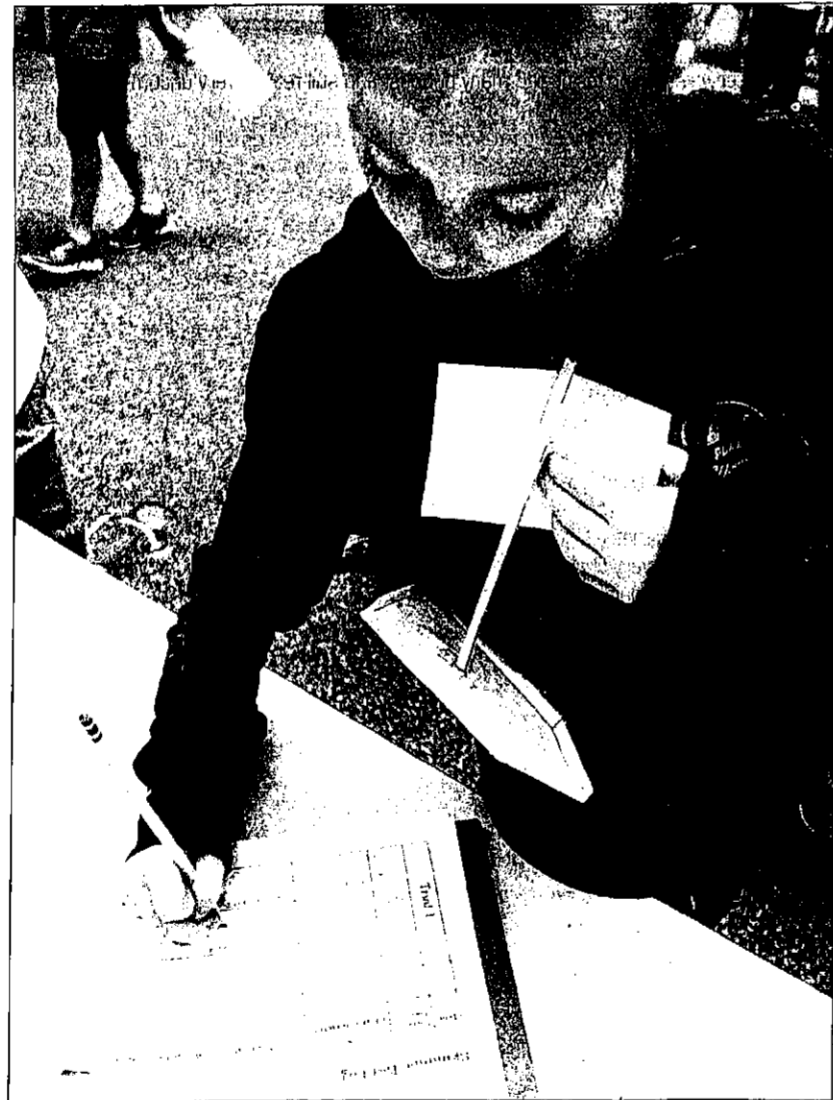
A visit from a team of engineers from the Bosch Group gave Parkview Elementary students the opportunity to take hands-on learning and apply it in a real world exercise of creating a model sized skimmer boat and testing it to see how far it would move.

Throughout the past month or so they have been stopping by on Fridays to help fourth-grade students work on projects that will hone their math skills as they analyze what will happen as they "launch" a fan-powered sailboat across a desk.

This was the fourth year for this program and it has been a great partnership that has impacted a lot of students. Each fourth-grade class participates.

According to teacher Diane Garbooshian, the students are learning to use mathematical predictions while trying to figure out beforehand what would happen if they increase the sail dimension, its height or other variables to help make the skimmer move further. "It's a realistic way of learning," said Principal Jennifer Michos. "They're using their problem solving skills and working with evaluating their work, so it's this great look into a variety of subjects while also learning about the world of engineering."

It has students working on other subjects as well, like writing, public speaking and giving a team presentation. The students split up into teams of four students and gave a presentation in front of their respective classes. One team in Garbooshian's



Parkview Elementary School student Miranda Prieur writes down some figures as she and other students work with Bosch engineers on science experiments. ALL PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



With the help of Bosch engineers, Parkview students compiled data on their sailboats and then made predictions as to what might happen if they changed some of the variables in the experiment.

class, the PCJJI Tigers, told their fellow classmates that teamwork was the main thing they took from this project. On the last day, the students used Power Point, graphs and posters

during their presentations, and afterward they tested their boats. "It was fun to work as a team," said fourth-grader Jeremiah Maryweather.

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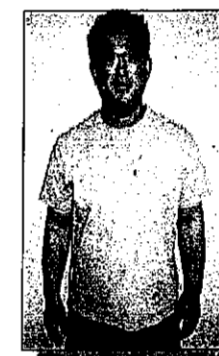
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Novi falls to Grandville in soccer state semifinals

By Terry Jacoby
 Correspondent

When a program has won five Division I soccer state championships in the past eight years, finishing second or third or fourth in the state might not seem like a successful year. But despite losing June 12 in a D-1 state semifinal game, the Novi Wildcats still enjoyed plenty of success and will be remembered as a team of competitors, great teammates and certainly winners.

Novi lost 3-2 to Grandville at Holt High School last Wednesday in a game it led early on, but couldn't close the deal. Novi ends the season at 18-3-2.

"We played fine," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "To me the biggest thing was letting them hang around when the score was 1-0. If we could have scored the next goal - and we had some great chances - and taken a 2-0 lead, it would have made a huge difference."

"But the credit goes to them for keeping us from getting that second goal, even though they had their backs against the wall."

Erin Dircks took a pass from Cat Nussio, beat a defender and scored just five minutes into the game to give the Wildcats an early 1-0 lead.

"Over the next 15 minutes we had some great opportunities to take a 2-0 lead, but their goalie made a couple of very good saves and we had some near misses," O'Leary said.

With a minute left in the half, Grandville tied the score as the game headed to halftime knotted up at 1-1.

For the first 20 minutes of the second half, the Wildcats controlled play and had some great chances, but once again Grandville made some good plays.

Grandville scored on its first shot of the second half off an excellent shot from 25 yards away.

"Now trailing, we changed formations and moved players forward and they would score with five minutes left to take a 3-1 lead," O'Leary said.

Novi scored with 2½ minutes left as Dircks again beat a defender and then another to pull the Wildcats to within one.

But the Wildcats could not find the equalizer.

Novi had 16 shots with eight on goal, while Grandville had eight shots with six on goal. Novi had six corner kicks to one for Grandville.

Grandville (13-7-1) went on to play Troy in Saturday's championship game. Troy defeated Rochester in the other semifinal game last Wednesday.

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



A pair of Wildcats, including Katrina Koomen, right, put some pressure on the Grandville netminder.



Wildcat Karissa Koomen, left, battles a Grandville player for the ball during the teams' June 12 meeting in Holt. ALL PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Wildcat Christina MacMillan battles her face in a jersey in the waning moments of Novi's 3-2 tournament loss June 12 to Grandville.



Even with a Grandville defender draped all over her, Novi Wildcat Erin Dircks (right) got a shot off on this play and scored Novi's first goal in the June 12 meeting in Holt for the MHSAA Division I semifinals. Novi lost the game 3-2, finished the year at 18-3-2 and went 5-1 in the tourney.

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CITY OF NOVI WATER AND SEWER DIVISION

The City of Novi proudly presents the 2012 Annual Consumer Confidence Report on Water Quality. As detailed in the report, we have surpassed water quality standards mandated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ).

About our system

The City of Novi purchased 2,554,293,000 gallons of treated water from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) in 2012, and currently has approximately 13,715 customer accounts on the Novi water distribution system.

How do we know our water is safe?

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. To ensure the same level of protection for bottled water, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has regulations that establish similar limits for contaminants.

Contaminants that may be present in untreated "source water" include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which may be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organics that are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and may also originate from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
Radioactive contaminants, which may be naturally-occurring or the result of oil and gas production or mining activities.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels overland or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive materials; and can pick-up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

DETECTED CONTAMINATION TABLES

The tables and information contained below are based on tests conducted by DWSD and the City of Novi. DWSD conducts many tests throughout the year; however, only tests that detect the presence of a contaminant are shown. The State does allow monitoring for certain contaminants at a frequency of less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year.

In 1992, the City of Novi began testing homes with plumbing systems that may contribute lead and copper to the household's tap water. The results of lead and copper testing have all been below EPA-prescribed action levels.

Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant 2012 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables

Table with 10 columns: Contaminant, Test Date, Units, Health Level, Allowed Level, Level Detected, Range of Detection, Violation Status, Major Source in Drinking Water, and Typical Source of Contaminant. Rows include Inorganic Chemicals, Lead, Copper, and various disinfection byproducts.

Table with 10 columns: Regulated Contaminant, MCL, Treatment Technique, Reason for Violation, Action Taken, Major Source in Drinking Water, and Health Effect. Rows include Lead and Copper.

Violations of the MCL for lead and copper are not health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from lead service lines and home plumbing. The U.S. EPA is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the quality of materials used in plumbing systems.

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As part of the 1998 Amendment to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) Rule became effective September 1998. The CCR Rule requires all community water systems in the United States to prepare an annual water quality report and to deliver it to all of the water system's customers.

Unregulated contaminants are those for which the EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps the EPA determine where certain contaminants occur and whether those contaminants need to be regulated.

More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Special Health Information: Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as people with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, people who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, as well as the elderly and infants who are ill could be particularly at risk to infection from contaminants.

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels in your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing system.

News from Novi's Water & Sewer Division: The City of Novi strives to provide quality drinking water at an affordable cost. In an effort to reduce our wholesale water rate charged by DWSD, we are asking our customers to adhere to the City of Novi's Lawn Watering Ordinance by watering lawns on an alternate odd/even day basis corresponding to the last digit of your street address.

We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. The Novi City Council frequently takes action regarding the City's water distribution system, and City Council meetings are held twice a month on Monday nights at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers located in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48375.

If you would like to know more about this report, please contact Scott Roselle, Water & Sewer Asset Manager, (248) 735-5644 or roselle@cityofnovi.org. Additional copies of this report are available online and at the Novi Civic Center and Novi Public Library.

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United States Environmental Protection Agency website: www.epa.gov/safewater/

Cooper Standard earns Ford Go Further award

Ford Motor Co. hosted its 15th annual World Excellence Awards ceremony May 23 to celebrate 47 of its top-performing global suppliers. During the event, Novi-based Cooper Standard was recognized with the Go Further award for its contributions to the Evonik fire recovery, emergency rescuing actions, and plant and equipment launch support.

Cooper Standard employees who worked around the clock to minimize the impact of this challenging event. Immediately following the incident that occurred in March 2012, Cooper Standard assembled a global team of sales, engineering, purchasing, quality, logistics and operations experts to work closely with customers, suppliers and industry peers to identify and implement solutions in an effort to avoid interruptions in vehicle production.

Here are a few portable gadgets to try this summer

Spending time on the lake or on the go this summer? Here are a number of portable tools that will help make your life a bit more enjoyable, mobile and convenient. Portable speakers: The No. 1 must-have tech toy for anyone who loves music without the hassle. Buy a portable speaker with Bluetooth and wi-fi capabilities to stream tunes from your phone at the cottage, on the lake or camping in the woods.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

House approves legislation that helps local business growth: The Michigan House last week approved legislation that eliminates outdated regulations that discourage business growth. House Bill 4768 eliminates the Department of Environmental Quality's ability to limit the sodium content in groundwater discharge at waste water treatment plants.

Vibe scholars



Vibe Credit Union awarded five high school seniors who will continue their education this fall a \$1,000 college scholarship each as part of the ongoing FUSE Young Adult Program.

OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in February offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months. Unless otherwise noted, all programs take place at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford.

Large advertisement for 'Subscribing has Rewards!' featuring a large group photo of subscribers and text promoting benefits like concert tickets, gift cards, and a 25% discount on the regular rate.



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Cooking top source of home fires

The National Fire Protection Association announced the 2013 Fire Prevention Week theme: "Prevent Kitchen Fires." NFPA selected this theme to encourage greater care when cooking and an awareness of kitchen fire dangers. As cooking is the No. 1 cause of home fires and home fire injuries, NFPA will use the week of Oct. 6-12 to promote safe kitchen habits with stoves, microwaves and other appliances. Remaining attentive while cooking and managing how close children and pets are to anything hot will help keep families safe.

NFPA is announcing the theme of Fire Prevention Week 2013 to coincide with the opening of the Fire Department Instructors Conference (PDIC). Thousands of firefighters from across the globe will gather for this conference in Indianapolis to train, network and learn. "On average, firefighters respond to more than 400 kitchen fires every day," said Lorraine Carl, vice president of communications for NFPA. "By making kitchen fire safety the theme for 2013

Fire Prevention Week, we can raise the awareness of the leading cause of fires, unattended cooking, and provide life-saving safety tips to improve the safety of everyone in the home." The 2013 Fire Prevention Week campaign materials prominently feature Sparky the Fire Dog, NFPA's mascot. Sparky's Wish List, an online registry where fire departments request much needed educational materials and individuals or businesses purchase items for them. Nearly 700 fire departments have registered. NFPA is providing important kitchen safety tips to homeowners that align with the Fire Prevention Week theme: "When you fry, grill, or broil food, stay in the kitchen." "Maintain a kid- and pet-free zone at least three feet away from the stove." "Turn pot handles away from the stove's edge." "Keep a lid and oven mitt nearby when you're cooking to use in case of a grease fire. If you have a grease fire, slide a lid over the pan. Turn off the burner and leave the pan covered until



Notice given on recovering ownings

Q: I understand that there is a new rule regarding Notices to Quit to recover property. Can you give me some insight? A: PA 139 of 2010 allows a seven-day notice to quit to recover possession by summary proceedings from tenants who injure or threaten to injure, or whose guests injure or threaten to injure others and the police were notified. This obviously gives landlords additional leverage to deal with recalcitrant tenants, but obviously, the police must be notified and presumably a police report made. Moreover, PA 140 of 2012 allows a 24-hour notice to quit to recover possession of premises for manufacture, delivery or possession of controlled substances on the premises, without a formal police report, but repeats the requirement that the reports have to be filed by the landlord.

Q: I understand that there is a new rule provision that prohibits various activities at public road ends on a lake or stream. Do you have any information about that since it has been a common problem? A: PA 56 of 2012 prohibits various activities when a public road ends on a lake or stream unless a record instrument expressly provides otherwise. This covers situations ranging from docking overnight to installing boat hoists or anchors and criminal penalties for violations. Your association or you should look up the statute with the benefit of good legal advice.

Robert M. Meiner is a lawyer and the author of Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling, and Operating a Condominium. It is available for \$24.95 plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. Condo Living 2 is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and BarnesandNoble.com. He is also the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit robertmeiner@meiner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Free real estate career seminar Learn about the Keller Williams (KW) franchise program during the seminar scheduled 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 jim.raines@kw.com.

Short sales If you owe 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. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon. Additional parking across the street only. Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email jane.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation.

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 196. Value Realty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

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...you never gave in. You challenged the appraised value and advocated our market value.

Your negotiation skills were outstanding because the purchasers bought our home and were willing to pay the difference between the higher appraised value and their offer of 97% below our listed asking price.

Because of your legal background (Law Degree) and experience, you helped us to keep our attorney's costs low as you guided us all.

We found it ironic that as skilled as you were at obtaining the highest price for our existing home, you were equally skilled in negotiating the lowest price on the home we purchased.

We absolutely love our new Northville home.

You sacrificed \$1,530.00 in commission to help us purchase our lower priced new home. You put our needs and desires before your commission.

The public seldom hears about "mistakes." As you know, there was a mistake involving the exclusion of a light fixture...I was heartbroken. You stepped up; ordered the fabrication of a new and exactly the same light at your own expense. We truly believe you delivered excellence.

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Dave and I are very happy to tell our story.

Mark and e realty professionals helped us sell our home and purchase our next home here in Northville.

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What we got far exceeded our expectations... He did... sell our home for more than we expected...3% under list...after only 3 days on the market...

Our next hurdle was a laundry list of things the buyers wanted and forth until everybody just gave in and "split the difference." Mark's research and skillful logic during follow up discussions saved us thousands of dollars.

Now we needed to find our next home fast. We looked at many homes...Mark thought way outside the box and showed an "dream" home. Mark asked us to look at an older home in the historic area of Northville.

He counseled us that the exterior and interior were very different from the style of new or newer construction with which we were interested. He asked us to keep an open mind; think about what was really important to us in a home, its features, benefits and location.

How do we summarize the skills and thoughtfulness Mark put into representing us? ...he did what we expected of him...and more.

He sold our home for the highest market price possible in 3 days; He developed professional marketing materials and strategy; He thought way outside the box and located an unusual home that is not what we were looking for but with which we fell in love.

Sincerely,
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