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Bicycling gets a boost

City of Novi amendment would mandate bicycle parking requirements

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The lone voice during the June 12 public hearing on the proposed new amendment to add Bicycle Parking Facility Requirements to Novi's zoning ordinance said he's not for the potential requirement because he views it as an added tax.

In a letter sent to the Planning Commission and read by Commissioner David Greco during the hearing, Matthew Sosin, owner of Northern Equities Group in Novi, said he believes the possible new amendment would be an extra tax on developers and new businesses.

If it is to be passed, Sosin wrote, the city should use public funds rather than developer/business money to create these designated areas. However, the Novi Planning Commission unanimously moved the proposal forward for consideration by the City Council.

Commissioner Mark Pherson said he did not view it as a tax, but as a great way to provide the community with another important amenity.

The ordinance would require new and reworked developments to provide an area for adequate, quality bicycle parking facilities that will encourage more people

to bicycle to their destinations. According to Novi Planning Consultant Mark Spencer, the city's recently-adopted Nonmotorized Master Plan recognizes the importance of providing bicycle parking to encourage the use of bicycles for transportation.

A public hearing was postponed in February. The Planning

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Mike McCormick (right), executive director of Novi's Fox Run, pauses for a moment with residents Len Stein and Janet Rex on June 21 in the facility's Ascot Clubhouse as they prepared for a 10-year anniversary party with 400 guests enjoying a dinner, dancing and casino entertainment later that night. JOHN HEDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Fox Run hits 10-year mark

Retirement community maintains small-town feeling

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

When Fox Run was established in Novi in 2003, it set out to be a place older adults could call home and find that feeling of a small town with a vibrant community life at its center. It's 10 years later and it's grown, but Executive Director Mike McCormick believes that same feeling Fox Run started out with remains and makes it a great place to live.

To celebrate their anniversary, this retirement community is having a carnival to demonstrate that sentiment and give recognition to what McCormick said is a big deal for them.

When Fox Run first opened in 2003, 331 people moved in. In 2012, Fox Run marked a 22-percent increase in settlements of apartment homes. It also marked a jump in reservations.

As a result, Fox Run today is at an all-time high of 96-percent occupancy. People have moved there from geographic areas of Oakland, Wayne, Macomb and Livingston counties, but some have come from as far away as Texas, Arizona and Florida.

The Erickson Living-developed and managed community today has more than 1,000 residents and sits on 108 acres. It set a senior industry standard of excellence with its introduction of an on-site Medical Center supported by an integrated health care system, climate-controlled walkways connecting residential buildings and an array of resident-

CELEBRATION

The Big Carnival celebration will take place from 2-4 p.m. on Thursday, June 27, at Fox Run, which is located at 41000 13 Mile. Resident Lynda Park Nielsen will open the program with her Fox Run song and then Mike McCormick, Fox Run's executive director, will welcome Novi Mayor Bob Gatt who will present a proclamation from the city. In addition, resident Marjorie Ouellette will recite her Fox Run 10-year anniversary poem.

run clubs and activities that foster socialization and wellness.

It has modernized over the years and made use of emerging technology in areas of fit-

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City's water rates rising

10-percent average increase for Novi residents

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The average Novi resident will see water rates increase by approximately 10 percent, according to Michael Andrews, Novi's water and sewer financial specialist.

"A typical Novi homeowner consuming up to 48,000 gallons of water annually will see his or her rates increase just \$8 per quarter," Andrews said. "The City of Novi's billing structure includes a minimum quarterly rate and a consumption rate."

The new rates will be reflected in bills after Aug. 1. At its June 17 meeting, the Novi City Council approved pass-through increases from the Oakland County Water Resource Commission of approximately 6 percent for sewer services and an increase from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department of approximately 11 percent (depending on consumption) for water services.

Andrews said for the 2012-13 fiscal year, the city set a minimum rate of \$37 per quarter and a \$3.44 consumption rate per 1,000 gallons.

However, for the upcoming 2013-14 fiscal year, the rates passed include a minimum quarterly rate of \$40 and a consumption rate of \$3.86 per 1,000 gallons.

"The City (Novi) has worked diligently to keep these rates as low as possible for its residents - and they are some of the lowest in the region," Andrews added.

In comparison, the City of Northville has a \$5.23 per 1,000 gallons rate and Troy's is \$6.80.

Novi's Finance Department said approximately 7 percent of the 11-percent water rate increase can be attributed to the contract re-opener with DWSD in December 2012. The revised contract was approved by City Council in January.

Novi is a wholesale customer of the DWSD. Two of the major factors that DWSD uses to establish its wholesale water rate are peak day and peak hour purchases. Overall costs are impacted by use of the system, required capital improvement projects, and operation and maintenance costs.

Andrews said one aspect that directly impacts the rates for

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Anthrax exercise



Oakland County Health and Homeland Security divisions participated in a three-day regional emergency preparedness exercise June 17-19 that simulated an anthrax release in Macomb County during public events that attracted thousands of attendees from around southeast Michigan. Its purpose was to model the decisions that would have to be made with reciprocal partners in order to communicate consistent public health information to residents and implement a plan to dispense antibiotics. Health Division practiced opening 18 of its medication dispensing sites (shown is the one at Oakland Community College Highland Lakes Campus, 7350 Cooley Lake Road in Waterford) for delivering antibiotics to its community partners, including for some of the most vulnerable populations such as long-term care facilities and mental health providers. OAKLAND COUNTY

BICYCLING

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Commission asked staff and the city attorney to review/refine the language of the amendment and to bring it back for a recommendation to City Council. Spencer said it was redrafted as a new standalone section which generally contains the same standards and requirements that were included in the previous proposed amendment.

Details
The most significant change is a new Bicycle

Space Requirement Table that would set the minimum number of bicycle parking spaces for specific locations.

According to the table, a multiple-family residential development would be required to have one covered bicycle parking space for each five dwelling units, with four covered spaces minimum. A retail location, like a restaurant (not fast food) or business office, would be required to have a minimum of 5 percent of required automobile spaces with a minimum of two spaces.

As part of the proposed ordinance's Bicycle Parking Facilities general requirements: At the time of erection of any new principal building or new parking lot, the enlargement of any principal building by 10 percent or more of the existing gross floor area, or the enlargement of any automobile parking lot by 10 percent or more of the number of existing parking spaces, a bicycle parking facility shall be required and be provided for as part of site plan review.

The City Council is expected to review the ordinance in the next month.

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FOX RUN

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ness, dining and nutrition, health services, and apartment home design. It also offers extensive wellness and prevention programs, balance assessment and fall prevention programs, and Fitness and Aquatics Centers.

McCormick said there are more than 100 resident-inspired clubs, committees and interest

groups give Fox Run that community-led atmosphere. These groups range from art, cards, computers and technology, dance, faith-based and interfaith, fitness and sports, games, gardening, lifelong learning, music, literature and philanthropy.

He said there is a big emphasis on giving residents a stress-free environment.

"We really are a place for relaxation, rest and relationships," McCormick said.

More than 1,000 residents, staff and their families will participate in the 10-year celebration that will feature the Michael Knight Band, a Barber Shop Quartet with Fox Run resident Ray Bradley and the Timber Lane Dance Troupe. In addition, there will be lawn games, including Ring Toss, the Fox, Bank a Ball, and Bean Bag Toss.

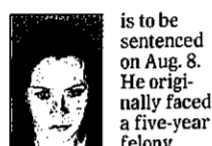
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Ex-Macomb deputy pleads guilty

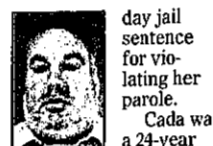
By Eric D. Lawrence
Gannett News Service

A former Macomb County Sheriff's deputy has admitted his part in a scheme to falsify Breathalyzer tests for a former waitress at a Mt. Clemens strip club.

Joseph Cada, 46, of Chesterfield Township pleaded guilty June 20 in 52-1 District Court in Novi to interfering with a crime report, a one-year misdemeanor, according to the Michigan Attorney General's Office. Cada, who agreed to surrender his Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards certification,



Caswell



Cada

is to be sentenced on Aug. 8. He originally faced a five-year felony charge of obstruction of justice. His codefendant, Trista Leigh-Ann Caswell, 28, of New Baltimore pleaded guilty to the same charge on May 1 and was sentenced to supervised probation, according to the release. She had admitted in court in November that Cada's statements on a number of Breathalyzer tests were false and received a 90-day jail sentence for violating her parole. Cada was a 24-year veteran of the sheriff's office who worked in court services, moving prisoners around. Macomb County Sheriff Anthony Wickersham said Cada was fired in December. Caswell and Cada came up with their scheme when they met at the Traffic Light, where Caswell was working, the release said. Caswell had missed and failed in-

home Breathalyzer tests she was required to take in 2011 because she was on probation for a disorderly person charge, the release said. "Five fraudulent statements bearing the insignia of the Macomb County Sheriff Department were drafted and signed by Cada. Three of the fraudulent statements listed his badge number on them. The statements declared that Cada administered the court-ordered Breathalyzer tests, and that Caswell 'blew .000' on all of them," the release said.

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WATER

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local communities like Novi are the wholesale water rates charged by DWSD. These rates vary by community based on usage of water, distance from the water treatment plant, and elevation change from the plant.

The basis for allocating more cost to communities that use more water is that DWSD must build greater production capacity to meet the communities' maximum daily demand. Because of this, costs are higher for communities with higher peak demand.

Public Services Director Rob Hayes said contract/rate changes were necessary after it was discovered that Novi's peak hour usage for 2012 had been exceeded.

"Novi is currently a peak hour customer of DWSD, which means our peak hour flow rate (i.e., the largest hourly flow rate in a year extrapolated over 24 hours) exceeds the maximum day flow rate established in our contract with DWSD," according to Hayes.

Sewer rates

The OCWRC, formerly the Oakland County Drain Commission, metered rate for the Huron Rouge Sewage Disposal System will remain the same as last year. "The rate for the Novi-Walled Lake Sewer System will increase approximately 6 percent over the prior year. This represents the first rate increase for this system in five years, according to the finance department.

The new rate to the user of this system is established at \$1.34 per unit per quarter for all bills rendered after Aug. 1.

According to Novi's Finance and Public Services departments, the combined water and sewer rate increase to the average customer for the

2013-14 fiscal year will range from approximately 6-9 percent, depending on such factors as size of meter and consumption.

Will rates go down in the future?

There should be some relief for water rates in the near future.

"Our rates will go down once the City (Novi) constructs a water storage facility," Hayes said.

Because it is much more expensive for DWSD to meet peak demands—primarily because of high energy costs during periods of high water use—peak hour customers are charged a much higher rate than maximum day customers, according to Hayes.

He said the storage facility will allow Novi to meet peak demands by delivering additional water from it instead of drawing more water from DWSD's system. The storage facility would be filled during less expensive, non-peak hours.

"We anticipate having the water storage facility constructed before the summer of 2015," Hayes said.

Another remedy is the implementation of a lawn watering ordinance that restricts automatic lawn irrigation systems to run on alternate days between the hours of 11 p.m. and 5 a.m.

This ordinance is intended to help Novi "shift the peak hour" to an earlier/less expensive hour of the day, which has helped to hold rate increases down. City officials said this year's rate increase would have been higher if the lawn watering ordinance were not in effect.

The City of Novi Water and Sewer Fund, OCWRC and DWSD are all not-for-profit entities and therefore rates are intended and required to cover costs, according to Novi's Finance Department.

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Tucker Cipriano talks with his attorney, Mitch Ribitwer, while Oakland County Sheriff's deputies stand by. JOHN STORMZAND/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Cipriano to spend life in prison

By Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer

Tucker Cipriano will spend the rest of his life in prison for the baseball bat killing of his father after pleading no contest June 17 in Oakland County Circuit Court.

The plea came on the third day of jury selection for Cipriano's codefendant, Mitchell Young. Cipriano's jury was seated the week prior for what was to be a single trial with two juries.

Cipriano and Young were charged with felony murder in the brutal attack on his father, Robert Cipriano, at their Farmington Hills home in April 2012, as well as assault with intent to murder and armed robbery. Cipriano's mother, Rose, was seriously injured in the assault along with his younger brother, Salvatore, who remains hospitalized.

Prosecutors contend the two came to the home with the intent of robbing and then killing the family.

Wearing a wrinkled, untucked dress shirt and baggy jeans, Cipriano, 20, was led into court at about 1:45 p.m. Appearing with him before Circuit Judge Shalini Kumar, defense attorney Mitchell Ribitwer spoke of multiple conversations with

Cipriano about a plea. Moments prior to offering the plea, Ribitwer again explained the penalty he faces.

"You will not be paroled. You will die in prison," Ribitwer said. In a quiet voice, Cipriano responded, "Yes, sir."

Several family mem-

bers wiped away tears during the proceedings and offered no comment outside of court.

Due to the mandatory life in prison penalty, Assistant Prosecutor John Skrzyński said he will drop the other charges against Cipriano once he is sentenced, set for July 9.

After accepting the plea, Kumar extended the gag order she imposed last week on witnesses in the case to include Ribitwer and attorney Michael McCarthy, who is representing Young.

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City amends budget due to increased revenue

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The City of Novi made a few fiscal year-ending budget amendments to account for, among other things, an expected increase in revenues.

Upon recommendation by the city's Finance Department, the Novi City Council voted 7-0 for the sixth and final budget amendment as the 2012-13 fiscal year comes to a close.

An increase in revenues is expected in a few areas, according to the city's Finance Department. Cable franchise fees will be higher than originally estimated by \$20,838.00, and various fees and permits from the Building Department will be \$57,156 more than the original budget.

The investment income for the General Fund is expected to be higher than what was budgeted for as well.

Some other changes include expenditures from the Department of Public Safety for higher overtime costs and additional payments in the pension plan along with request for education and training and vehicle maintenance. However, the above expenditures are offset by lower costs in the fire division in the area of part-time and paid-on-call firefighters.

An additional part of the amendment is a transfer out of the General Fund of \$300,000, which was requested by the Parks and Recreation fund to provide the necessary funding for the Pavilion Shore Park Project. The original estimate for the project was changed due to change orders for the irrigation system and some other items.

The savings will be further offset by an \$80,000 increase in general administration payroll.

Each year, the City's annual budget is adopted by the third Monday in May and is effective July 1 each year. Budget amendments are prepared quarterly, or when an appropriation is required for a specific category.

The report to the City Council stated this budget amendment is needed to bring the budget in alignment with actual revenues and appropriations, including items that have been approved during the third quarter.

"In general, the actual revenue and expenditures for the fiscal year are tracking within budget and the estimates provided during the budget process," according to the amendment report.

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Senior advocates



Members of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners joined Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and members of the Oakland County Senior Advisory Council to learn about senior issues and the work of the senior advisory council. Members of the advisory council are senior citizens who are appointed by and from districts of the Oakland County Commissioners. This year, the council gave an update of their work and outlined their goals for 2013. Shown are Oakland County Commissioner Kathy S. Crawford (left) with her Senior Council Advisory appointee, Celia Todd, of Novi, at the meeting held in the East Oakland County Conference Room at the Executive Office Building in Waterford. For more information about the Oakland County Senior Advisory Council, call Oakland County Senior Citizen Coordinator Elaine Houser at 248-941-5870 or houser@oakgov.com. To learn more about senior services, go to www.oakgov.com/seniors, OAKLAND COUNTY

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Age 85, of Northville previously of Dearborn and Venice, Fla., passed peacefully June 22, 2013. www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

GAMBKA, ERWIN W.
Loving brother, friend and avid fisherman, 64, passed away May 19, 2013 at his home in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Born in Detroit to Gladys and Edwin Gambka, their first son, Erwin grew up in South Lyon and graduated from high school in 1955. He then graduated in 1960 with a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering from Michigan State University. David and Judy married in 1959 and moved to Milford early in their married life where they lived in the same home for 52 years. Their garden, flowers and yard were important to them. David became an avid hunter as a teenager and continued hunting throughout his life. He spent his career in the computer industry and was a pioneer in the industry. He earned several patents while helping to design the first computer disk drives. David was preceded in death by his parents, Victoria and Evelyn Swenson Nelson and by his brother, Evan James. He is survived by his beloved wife, Judy, and their children: Cathy Nelson (Andy Lenhart), Jeff Nelson, Ken Nelson (Amy Nelson) and Susie Wing (Eric Wing), extended family and friends. His grandchildren are: Anna Nelson-Lenhart, Beth Nelson-Lenhart, Jonah and Chloe Nelson and Katie and Julie Wing. David loved his children and grandchildren and found great joy in their accomplishments. A Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, Saturday, June 22. For further information please contact: Lynch & Sons 248-684-6645. LynchFuneralDirectors.com

CULLUM-LUCE, RUTH MARIE
Age 87, a resident of Northville, MI, passed away on June 15th 2013, after courageously battling lung cancer. She is preceded in death by her husband Bennett. They were married 64 years. Ruth is survived by her daughter Lynda Luce - Todorov (Michael) and two grandsons, Bradley Dean Todorov (Michelle) and Matthew Bennett Todorov (Theresa). She also has three great-grandsons, Evan, Nicholas and Matthew. Ruth was a award winning artist. She worked in oil and watercolor, has painted abstract, still life and landscape. However, her watercolor landscape were her real love. The awards Ruth has received are many and include "Best in Show" and numerous "People's Choice" awards. The "People's Choice" awards have given her a deep sense of accomplishment as she considered herself a "People's Choice" artist. There will be a Celebration of Life Art Exhibit of Ruth's work on July 14, 2013 with a reception between 3-6 p.m. at Highland Lakes Club House, 20301 Silver Spring Drive, Northville, MI 48167. Memorial Contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburg Rd., Livonia MI 48154.

JOSE, JAMIE D.
Age 34 of South Lyon, Michigan, died June 21, 2013. Firefighter of Northfield Township. Beloved husband of Jessica. Loving father of Alyssie, Braden and Gabrielle. Proud son of Larry (Lisa) Jose and Victoria (Steven) Barber. Son in law of Bob (Gail) Josin. Brother to Christopher Jose and Anthony Vaccaro. Grandson of Carol Dumont. Visitation Friday 2-9 PM with a 7 PM Prayer service at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Jamie Jose Memorial Fund, c/o Northfield Twp. Fire Dept., 8350 Main St. Whitmore Lake, MI 48189. For funeral information or to share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

KNAPP, GERALDINE E.
Of Holly, Michigan (formerly of New Hudson and Deltona, Florida) passed peacefully to eternal life on June 20, 2013. She was born in Plymouth, Michigan to parents Richard and Helen Vezley. She married Franklin Junior Knapp of New Hudson on September 23, 1935. They raised three sons, Gerald (Stuel) Knapp of Linden, Michigan, Jack (Krista Heira) Knapp who preceded her in death on February 11, 2013; and Paul (Diane) Knapp of Cass Grandis, Arizona. Geraldine and her husband resided in Deltona, Florida in 1977. Following his passing, she moved to Holly, Michigan. She was grandmother of seven; Kristina (David) Haskins; Scott (Josette) Knapp; Kimberly (Eric) Beach; Mark (Paige) Knapp; Lisa (Flaming) Budolfson; Tina (Johnny) Frandsen and Andrew Knapp. Great-grandmother of 12 grandchildren. Funeral services were held from Phillips Funeral Home in South Lyon, Michigan. Burial was in the New Hudson, Michigan cemetery.
Online guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com

REYNOLDS, LOUIS J. "LOUIE"
A long time resident of Highland Twp., died on June 22, 2013 at the age of 75. He is survived by his daughters, Teresa (Lester) Genry and Susan (Dean) Bachmann; his son, Larry Reynolds; grandchildren, Amanda Reynolds, Amy Genry, Joshua (Ann) Reynolds, Brian (Allison) Genry, Amber Genry, Jerra Barron, Nigel and Sophia Bachmann; great grandchildren, Dylan and Carly Genry, Kayden and Sage Reynolds, Matthew and Aubree. He also leaves his brother, Ernest "Jim" Reynolds, a sister, Pat Myers, in-laws, Marj (Tom) Yeomans and Carrie (Bill) Armstrong, and many nieces, nephews, and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lois, in 1981. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 401 E. Liberty St., Milford, on Friday, June 28, at 11AM with Rev. Julius Del Pino officiating. Burial will follow at Highland Cemetery. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Wednesday 6-9PM and Thursday 2-9PM. Memorials may be made in his name to Henry Ford Hospice. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com

RIDAL, MYRTLE
Age 58, June 20, 2013. Visitation and funeral services were held at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, phillipsfuneral.com.

SMALL, JAMES E.
Age 45, passed away June 13, 2013. A service was held June 26 at Phillips Funeral Home, www.phillipsfuneral.com

Watch out for water infections



Summer brings a wealth of fun outdoor activities for families. It is important to protect yourself and others from water infections while enjoying summertime water recreational activities. Recreational water illnesses (RWIs) are defined by the CDC as illnesses caused by germs and chemicals in swimming and recreational waters. People are affected when they swallow, breathe, or have contact with infected water sources. These illnesses most commonly cause diarrhea, skin, and ear infections.

Diarrheal illnesses are some of the most common RWIs spread from contaminated water sources. Symptoms are caused by swallowing infected water and may not be present until 1-2 weeks after exposure. To decrease your chances of contracting diarrhea from water sources, you should never swallow the water. In addition, all toddlers should wear appropriate swim diapers and be frequently changed. Showering before entering public water can help decrease the likelihood that affected individuals will contaminate the water. Chlorine does not kill all germs instantly. Although some bacteria are killed by chlorine in minutes, others are considered chlorine resistant and may take several days to be inactivated by chlorine. If you have been ill with diarrhea, you should avoid public water sources for at least two weeks, or until your doctor instructs you that you are no longer potentially infectious.

Skin infections can be caused by bacteria and parasites present in the water. Hot tub folliculitis, or hot tub rash, is caused by specific bacteria that grow in warm environments such as hot tubs or spas. The rash usually consists of tiny, itchy, red bumps. Most cases will resolve without treatment within a week. However, some cases must be treated by your doctor with antibiotics. Swimmer's itch, on the other hand, is an allergic reaction to parasites that are released into freshwater by snails. This also causes an itchy rash that usually resolves on its own.

Ear infections are another common cause of infections in people who swim and participate in water sports. When water is present in your ear for extended periods of time, it creates an environment where bacteria like to grow. Symptoms consist of itchy, pain, drainage, and ear pain. Swimmer's ear differs from a traditional inner ear infection in that the treatment consists of antibiotic drops instead of oral antibiotics. Ear plugs, swimming caps, and other measures to help prevent its occurrence. You should never insert q-tips or other foreign objects into your ear. Ear wax has antibacterial properties; so a little ear wax is actually good for you.

The pH and chlorine levels of swimming water should be checked at least twice daily to ensure levels are adequate. Sunlight, human sweat and urine, dirt and debris will all decrease the effectiveness of chlorine in swimming water. When chlorine mixes with urine or sweat it is converted into another chemical that is not only less effective than chlorine at killing germs, but it also causes burning eyes, skin irritation, and can trigger asthma attacks. Many water infections can be avoided if everyone does their part to keep the water clean.

Art With Heart

Art Institute of Michigan student Chalise Jones sold some of these pencil and paint drawings she created during the Novi location's June 5 fundraiser for Women at Risk. The international organization is dedicated to work in over 31 countries, creating havens of safety and healing for at-risk women and children. JOHN HEIDER (STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

AAUW members reach out to help Detroit girls, women succeed

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The Mercy Education Project, a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Mercy, is based in southwest Detroit but has ties to Northville-Nov.

"The AAUW of Northville-Nov is a very good friend of Mercy Education Project," said Sister Maureen Mulcrone, RSM, director of Development & Marketing for the Mercy Education Project. She referred to the local branch of the American Association of

University Women, which works toward educational equity for women and girls.

Sue Seelye of Novi, a member of AAUW, is one of three who visits MEP to tutor women. "I tutor two days a week," said Seelye, a retired Plymouth-Canton district elementary teacher. She also organizes food for graduation, and decorates for fundraisers.

"They come to us with amazing stories," Seelye said. "They become so much more confident." She tutors in social stud-

ies and science, helping women gain their GEDs.

MEP was founded in 1992 to tutor economically disadvantaged girls in southwest Detroit. It soon expanded to offer remedial education to girls and women, including GED classes and job training.

In 2009, an Emerging Leaders program was added for college/career exploration for middle schoolers in the summer, Sister Mulcrone said. About 35 girls go to the University of Detroit Mercy as their base

camp, and from there visit Oakland University, Wayne State University, Michigan State University and both the Dearborn and Ann Arbor University of Michigan campuses.

"We also take them to different workplaces because they haven't seen a lot of careers," Sister Mulcrone said. Those field trips include DTE Energy, Marathon and Compuware.

The Detroit girls also visit downtown Northville to meet women business owners, stopping first at Schoolcraft College to explore the nursing program.

"They talk with her (the business owner) about how she got the idea," Sister Mulcrone said. "What are some of the challenges she's faced?" Ice cream at Rebecca's was especially popular with the girls.

The Emerging Leaders program gets younger girls ready for college "so that by the time they get to high school they're ready," she said. One earlier teen got a scholarship to Ohio State but didn't go as her family wasn't prepared. "That's common in first-generation families with a child considering college," Sister Mulcrone said.

"We have to start earlier with our families," she said, noting half of adults of southwest Detroit haven't completed high school.

The Emerging Leaders girls also met Southfield Mayor Brenda Lawrence and other women leaders. "They've been to a lot of different places and seen women doing different things," Sister Mulcrone said.

The girls also hone research skills and at summer's end give their parents and guardians a five-minute PowerPoint presentation on what they've learned. For some of those adults, it's their first time on a college campus.



MEP students and staff pause for a photo in Northville's Town Square.

Girls also set a goal for the coming year. "I think it is a new experience," she said of visiting Northville. "Some of the children have not been out of their neighborhood much. This is a possibility some of you may want to consider."

Emerging Leaders is funded by donations, and girls and their families don't pay a fee. Meals and transportation are included for the middle schoolers.

Members of Northville-Nov AAUW also do tutoring, with several AAUW volunteers in those ranks. AAUW sponsors the spring graduation, June 14 this year, for graduates and guests.

"They've been a great partner for graduation," said Sister Mulcrone, noting it is both financial help for the reception, as well as cap and gown purchase, and hands-on work.

Mary Ellen King of Northville Township is a local AAUW member who works in fundraising for MEP. "I'm passionate about the agency, the work they do," said King, a retired social worker. She volunteered after hearing a presentation on the project at her AAUW branch.

She's on the committee for the 20th annual Side-by-Side Golf Outing to benefit MEP, set for 10 a.m. Monday, July 22, at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon. Sponsorship opportunities are

available with more information online at www.merced.net.

Organizers are aiming for that day's benefit, King said. "That's our goal."

Heidi Nielsen of Novi, with a Northville address, is the local AAUW's membership vice president. "It is part of our mission," Nielsen, archivist and curator for the Northville Historical Society, said of MEP work. "Education is the most important part of our mission. In a nutshell, that's why it's so important to us," Nielsen said.

Seelye has done some other work at MEP, but mostly tutors women. She's a friend of King's and was recruited, as well as hearing about the project at AAUW.

"I wish more people would get physically involved," Seelye said. "It's a very worthy cause. The way we can make a difference in people's lives is one person at a time. Helping others achieve is a major thing."

A GED's required even for a minimum wage job, Seelye, who's volunteered about four years, said. She's also proud of her "doorway" photo being chosen for a benefit auction cover, in keeping with the "A Doorway to a Brighter Future" theme.

The Mercy Education Project is at 1450 Howard St., Detroit 48216. MEP offers a series of "Come and See MEP" sessions.

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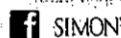
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Volunteers needed to form Novi advisory boards

Volunteers are essential to the success of a community; they provide valuable insight used to guide resource allocation, services offered, and more. In Novi, volunteers serve on a number of boards and commissions and two new advisory boards are being formed to address the needs and wants of community members.

Five Novi citizens will be appointed to the Older Adult Advisory Board and five to the Arts and Cultural Advisory Board.

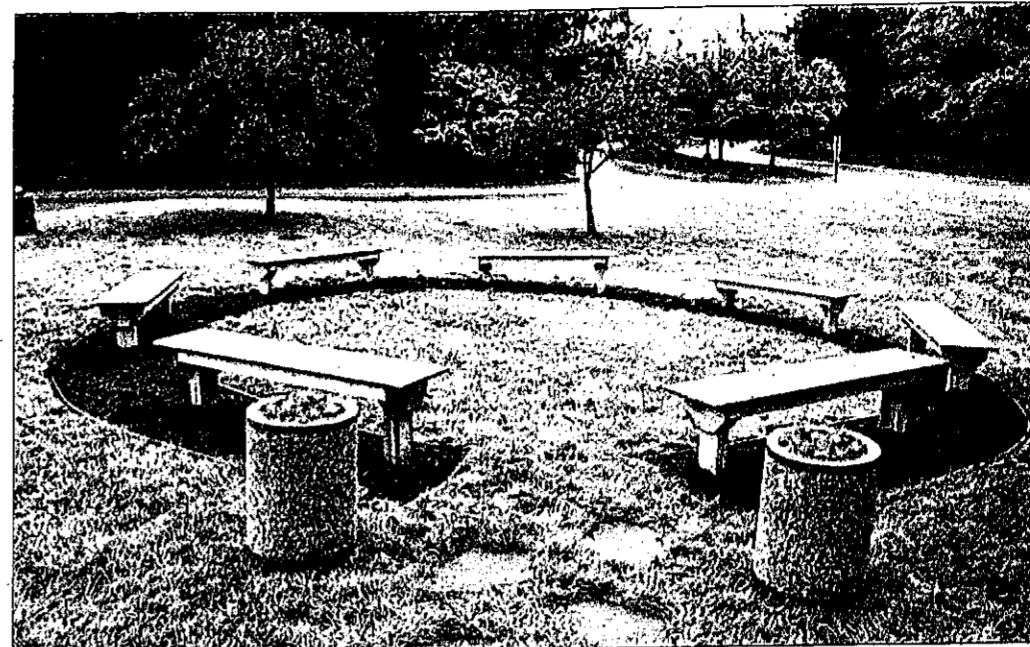
Older Adult Advisory Board members will be tasked with providing input regarding new, innovative programming, social services, and attracting the "baby boomer" generation. Additionally, board members will contribute to the implementation of 2013-15 Older Adult Strategic Plan strategies; assist the library with strategic plan items pertaining to older adults; and develop partnerships through advocacy to promote community involvement by older adults. Appointments to the Older Adult Advisory Board will be made on Thursday, Aug. 15, and the application deadline is Thursday, July 18.

With Novi's increasingly culturally diverse population, coupled with the addition of the Villa Barr Art Park property and increased public art in the community, the Art and Culture Advisory Board will assist in maintaining and enhancing community programs. Board members will coordinate with the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department and the Novi Public Library. The board will work to gain feedback from the various diverse populations in Novi providing input regarding awareness, programs and events. The Arts and Culture Advisory Board will consist of an art educator, one local artist, and three residents.

The application can be found online at cityofnovi.org. Applications may be returned via e-mail to noviparks@cityofnovi.org or in person at the Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, 45175 W. 10 Mile.

For more information about the Older Adult Advisory Board, contact Rachel Zagari, Older Adult Services manager, at 248-347-9414. To learn more about the Arts and Culture Advisory Board, contact Scott Pratt, superintendent of Recreation, at 248-347-9402.

Eagle Scout hits benchmark



The seven benches that Connor Lund built for Pleasant Lake Elementary School.

Ranking project at Pleasant Lake school

Pleasant Lake Elementary recently recognized Connor Lund, Walled Lake Central Graduate Class of 2013, for his community service efforts.

Lund decided to build and install seven benches in front of the school as his final requirement in achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. The project focused on Stephen Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective People that the school is currently teaching students.

Lund was recognized by Pleasant Lake Elementary on June 10 with a special presentation including a speech from student leadership and a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Lund was responsible for buying the appropriate supplies, building the benches by hand, and installing the seven benches in front of Pleasant Lake Elementary last summer. For Lund this was also a way to give back to a school that has meant so much to him.

"It feels great to complete this project for PLE. The school has done so much for me. It is great to do something nice for them," said Lund.

For Pleasant Lake Elementary the seven benches represent the Seven Habits of Highly Effective People and they create an outdoor area for students to learn and experience the out-



Connor Lund and Nayal Maktari, Pleasant Lake principal.

doors. Each bench will have a plaque outlining each Habit and also give credit to Lund for his hard work on this project. The benches have been grouped together in what is now being called the Outdoor Classroom.

"We saw this as a great opportunity to provide an additional space for our children to use as an outdoor classroom for our Leader in Me classroom and mentor meetings," said Nayal Maktari, principal at Pleasant Lake Elementary. "Thanks to Connor this project will benefit countless students and staff members for years to come."

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The Road Commission for Oakland County revamped its online Real-Time Traffic Map, making the congestion-monitoring tool simpler, easier and faster.

The map is available at www.rcocweb.org (click on "Get Map" in the home page top right corner).

"Ours was the first real-time traffic information map for non-freeway roads in the nation when it was launched in 1999," said RCOC chairman Greg Jamian. "We have regularly updated it over the years as the technology has evolved."

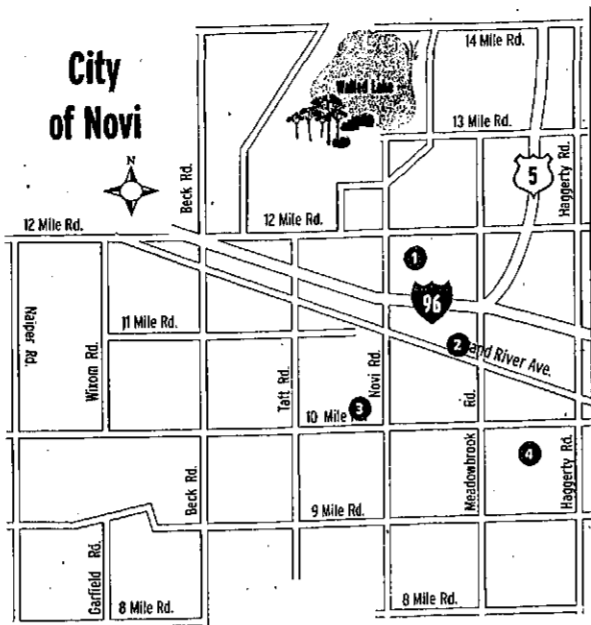
The current changes allow map viewers to see congestion levels on

county roads across Oakland County, thanks to data provided by RCOC's Faster And Safer Travel through Traffic Routing & Advanced Controls (FAST-TRAC) adaptive traffic-signal system. FAST-TRAC detects the volume of traffic moving in each direction at equipped intersections and uses that data to determine, in real time, the most efficient timing for the traffic signal or corridor.

Thanks to a cooperative agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), the map graphically depicts real-time traffic congestion data for MDOT

freeways in the county, making the map one of the few in the country that shows real-time congestion levels for both local roads and freeways. The map also provides access to MDOT freeway cameras, changeable message signs and construction project information. Also available on the map is a link to the Google weather and traffic map for Oakland County. The map was converted from a static map to dynamic Internet mapping technology. On the backend, the site logic was updated to reduce page loading time. The map was enhanced for easier use on mobile devices.

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS



Assault and Battery in 12 Oaks lot

1 A man was punched in the face during a dispute at the 12 Oaks parking lot.

According to a Novi Police report, the incident occurred on June 10. The reporting victim said another man punched him in the face after he backed up his vehicle and parked in an open space.

A photograph was taken of the suspect's license plate, and police later found the man at home in W. Bloomfield. The W. Bloomfield man said he did punch the other driver because that man came close to backing up into his own vehicle and also yelled at his wife during the incident. The victim said he did kick the man's vehicle after being punched, but there was no reported damage done.

The W. Bloomfield man was arrested and cited for assault and battery.

Breaking and Entering

2 A residence on Grand River Avenue was broken into and copper pipes were stolen. It was reported the suspects had cut the gas line in stealing the copper.

Sometime on June 6-7 the break-in occurred. The location is in the 42000 block of Grand River and was home to an elderly woman that passed away several months ago. Her family had been preparing the home for an estate sale and discovered the gas smell. A television was also stolen.

Novi Police reported a door handle had been broken off, and that may have been the point of entry.

Embezzlement

3 A manager of 10 North Bar and Grill suspects that an employee had been pocketing cash from various transactions the last month or so. The manager said employees use iPads to

do transactions. The manager said the female employee had been doing everything correctly as far as credit/debit transactions were concerned, but when cash was involved she allegedly was voiding out some items and taking the cash. It was reported \$1,030 in cash was taken. The employee denies the accusation and the case remains open.

Larceny

4 Some prescription sleeping pills were taken from a home on Valley Starr Road.

A Novi homeowner told police she discovered the missing pills on June 8. She suspects her boyfriend's son, who she said had done some yard work at her home and that's when she believes they went missing. The woman said the suspect had been inside her home that day. The case remains open.

Compiled by staff writer Lonnie Huffman.

Important lesson



Students at Walled Lake Northern High School recently witnessed an important reminder of the dangers of driving under the influence. W.L. Northern Student Council members presented a mock car crash to their peers. All Juniors and seniors were able to witness the real events that take place during an actual car crash as ambulances, police cars, a fire truck and a hearse demonstrated an actual rescue and medical transport. This demonstration was announced to members of the community to assure the surrounding area that all the events were staged and that no students were actually injured. The goal was to make the presentation look as real as possible to show the dangers of drinking and driving. These traumatic scenes were intended to influence students' decisions as they prepare to have their own prom, graduation and life after high school.

Police: Drunken driver pins woman between vehicles

A 36-year-old Novi woman was injured when a vehicle struck her from behind, pinning her between the two vehicles.

Green Oak Township Police Chief Robert Brookins said the woman was loading the rear cargo area of her 2005 Chrysler minivan around 4:20 p.m. Saturday at the Island Lake State Park when the driver of a 2003 Trail Blazer backed from his parking spot and struck her, pinning her between the two vehicles.

Livingston County EMS and Green Oak Township firefighters provided medical care

at the scene and the woman was taken by ambulance to the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor. Her condition was not immediately known Sunday.

The Trail Blazer driver, identified only as a 24-year-old South Lyon man, was intoxicated and had open alcohol in his vehicle, Brookins said.

The South Lyon man was arrested and lodged at the Livingston County Jail pending any formal charges the prosecutor's office might issue. Officer Michael Jain and Sgt. Steven Kramer investigated.

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The Hippo Guy: Vicious attack mars his body, but not his spirit, love of family

By Jay Grossman
Staff Writer

In 1996, Paul Templer found himself head first down the throat of a hippo in a vicious confrontation on the Zambezi River in southern Africa.

The attack left another man dead and cost Templer his entire left arm. Yet looking back, he'll tell you in many ways it made him become a better man.

Seventeen years later, he's married to a woman who grew up in Southfield and they're now raising a family in Beverly Hills. He's formed a non-profit called the Templer Foundation that supports disabled and chronically ill children, along with veterans affected by PTSD.

He's also a motivational speaker and runs his own consulting firm, Opus Dynamic. Plus, he's an author with a dry sense of humor — his autobiography is titled *What's Left of Me* (Hawking Post).

Most of all, he's a dad. Another part of his life that might never have happened were it not for the hippo.

"My kids are the funniest," said Templer, 44. "They're the ones who put this in perspective: Every Christmas, that song *I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas* comes on and they just think it's the funniest. They love to give me grief — my daughter Kate will go, 'What if you hadn't been eaten by the hippo? Then you never would have met mom and we never would have been here.'"

Templer met with the *Birmingham Eccentric* at the Commonwealth Cafe and shared his remarkable story.

Fast times in Africa

He grew up in Rhodesia (now called Zimbabwe) and left his home at an early age to join the British military and travel the world. After a few years of adventure, Templer returned to Africa and became a safari guide, taking tourists along the crocodile-infested Zambezi River. He was 27 at the time.

On March 9, 1996, three canoes and a kayak journeyed down the river. Each canoe carried a guide and two tourists. Templer was steering the lead canoe. Everything was unfolding just the way it was meant to, until they came upon a bend in the river.

As the third canoe negotiated the bend, a rogue male hippo weighing approximately 8,000 pounds attacked the boat and knocked the guide into the

river. Templer immediately turned back to rescue the man, Evans Namasango. He was reaching over his canoe to grab Evans when the hippo came between them.

"Get between a hippo and water, not good," Templer said of the encounter. "Get between a hippo and their young, not good. Get anywhere near an angry old male, not good. There's a bunch of ways things can go wrong."

The hippo literally plucked Templer from the boat and dragged him into the river. It took him a moment or two before he realized what was happening.

"I could feel that my legs were wet. The top part of me wasn't dry, but it wasn't water wet either. There was this huge pressure crushing down on me and I couldn't move — except for my hand. I started to feel around and I touched the bristles on the hippo's snout. So I knew exactly where I was: head first, up to my waist, down a hippo's throat."

Survival mode

Even given the bizarreness of the situation, Templer said rational thinking kicked in and he tried to focus on survival. After a bit of underwater thrashing, the hippo spit him out. Templer managed to reach the surface and grab a few gulps of air before the hippo bit him again — this time by the leg — and dragged him down.

"I had a .357 Magnum revolver with me and I tried to get a hold of it, but no success," he said. "I remember wondering which one of us could hold our breath longer. He kept shaking me back and forth and I'm holding my tusk as it bore into me so my flesh wouldn't tear so much."

"Then things went a little bizarre. At one point he just sat on the bottom of the river with me in his mouth."

The hippo released Templer, only to attack him a third time in the river. When the giant beast spit him out again, one of the other guides bravely managed to get close enough in his canoe to grab Templer and drag him to safety.

"Safety being relative," Templer said. "It was a cluster of rocks in the middle of the river. My arms are barely attached and part of my lung was exposed. My leg was a mess and there's an angry hippo just off the rocks. We have six clients, two canoes, a kayak and one paddle. It was dusk and we knew it would be



Paul Templer of Beverly Hills fought a terrific battle - and lost an arm - to a hippo in an African river.

hours before anyone missed us."

A decision was made quickly that one of the guides and Templer would take one of the canoes and reach help.

A winding river
Fortune then smiled on Templer, as a shock trauma specialist happened to be nearby. He was stabilized and transported to a hospital in Zimbabwe, where his arm was amputated during surgery.

Three days later, authorities found Evans' body floating in the river without a scratch. "In the hospital I'd like to say I was this deep and profound bloke who was all about recovery. But really I was this pain in the neck," Templer

been done before, kayak the Zambezi from source to sea. Wright & Filippis, a Michigan-based company and one of the largest providers of prosthetic devices, built him a kayak paddle that could be maneuvered with one arm.

While preparing for the trip, he met Carrie through her brother, Chris Walton, a former *Free Press* writer who was planning to cover the expedition. They fell in love, decided to marry and build their lives together in Michigan.

Changing tides
"Life was good," Templer said. "And then it wasn't so good."

On March 9, 2005 — coincidentally the same day in March as the hippo attack — Templer and his wife learned their infant daughter Erin had a brain tumor.

"She was 4 months old at the time," Templer said. "Unfortunately, the surgery didn't accomplish everything we hoped it would. Saying that, we're incredibly blessed that she's still with us."

Like the hippo attack, Templer believes it's all a matter of interpretation. He would rather talk about his daughter's perseverance and her infectious smile than dwell on her problems. He refuses to quit on her.

"None of us can control everything that happens to us, but we can control our response," he said. "Being depressed or angry won't make my daughter feel better. I know that. The best thing I can do is make her life a little easier and let her know how much she's loved."

So here he is, 17 years later. He has a wife and three children. He gave up the jungle for a house in the suburbs. Goodbye safari, hello Spiderman.

Erin, 8, goes to the Wing Lake Developmental Center in Bloomfield Hills, while Katelyn, 10, and Jack, 6, attend Our Lady Queen of Marys in Beverly Hills. Life goes on, and that's just the way Templer likes it.

"When I first had my run-in with the hippo a lot of the stories seemed to end with 'Man who was attacked by hippo is maimed for life.' I kind of wanted my story to have a different ending," said Templer. "But I knew before that could happen, a whole lot of life needed to be lived."

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OUR VIEWS

Play it safe

Fireworks can hurt, if not used properly

Fireworks are synonymous with the Fourth of July, and with the holiday just a week away, it is a good time to remind people about fireworks safety.

With Michigan now allowing the sale and use of consumer fireworks like Roman candles, bottle rockets, sky lanterns and other items that leave the ground, more people than ever are putting on their own backyard shows. As a result, safety is critically important.

Fireworks can cause blindness, third-degree burns, permanent scarring and even death. According to the National Council on Firework Safety, 9,300 people suffer serious injuries due to fireworks every year, with 400 losing sight in one or both eyes. Forty percent of injuries are caused by illegal fireworks, and 45 of injuries sustained by children are to those under age 14.

Even fireworks that are labeled as safe can cause injuries. As children, we've all enjoyed waving sparklers, but they have caused more injuries to youngsters under age 5 than any other type of fireworks. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees. They're hot enough to melt some metals; imagine what they can do to a child.

The Office of the Michigan State Fire Marshal has some tips to help make Fourth of July fireworks safe. Some are common sense, but still worth repeating.

► Buy ready-made fireworks rather than making your own, even from a kit.

► Make sure an adult is present at all times.

► Don't allow children to operate fireworks, even sparklers.

► Buy only legal fireworks that have a label with instructions for proper use. If your fireworks don't have an instruction label, they're probably illegal to use.

► Choose fireworks that are appropriate for the area you'll be using them in. For example, avoid using rockets or other aerial fireworks in the backyard or a busy street.

► Follow all the directions on the label closely.

► Always use fireworks outside with a bucket of water or hose nearby. Keep fireworks away from dry leaves or other materials that can easily catch on fire.

► Point fireworks away from people. If you're lighting a firework, wear eye protection and don't lean over the firework.

► If a firework doesn't seem to work, do not go over to it or attempt to relight it. If you can reach it with a hose or bucket without getting too close, douse it with water.

► Soak all fireworks in a bucket of water before throwing them away.

► If someone gets an eye injury from fireworks, don't rub the eye or attempt to wash it out. Call 9-1-1 or a nearby emergency room. It could make the difference between saving a person's sight, permanent blindness, or significant burns.

Another bit of advice: Avoid buying fireworks in brown paper packaging. That's often a sign that the fireworks were made for professional shows and could pose a danger to consumers.

And if you're planning on putting on your own fireworks show be considerate of your neighbors. While you might consider it OK to do your fireworks show at 2 a.m., your neighbors may not appreciate the noise.

Lt. Gov. Brian Calley last week signed into law what he called a "common sense bill" that allows local governments to prohibit the use of consumer fireworks between midnight and 8 a.m. on the day before, day of, and day after national holidays. People who ignore the rules, could face fines of up to \$500.

Dr. John Hall, manager of the National Fire Protection Association's Fire Analysis and Research, may have said it correctly: "Safe and sane fireworks don't exist. When things go wrong with fireworks, they go very wrong, very fast, far faster than any fire protection provisions can reliably respond."

This Fourth of July play it safe. Leave the pyrotechnics to the professionals. It's better to be safe than sorry.



The professional fireworks displays, which always attract large crowds, are a safe way. FILE PHOTO

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COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you agree with the new state law giving local communities like Novi the ability to ban the discharge of fireworks between midnight-8 a.m. on identified holidays?



"I agree with it. I live in an apartment complex and last year was nuts. We would hear explosions outside our door as we were sleeping, and of course they were loud and upset our dog."
Megan Shroggia
Novi



"I guess I do. Some people have to sleep and get up in the morning the day after. Not everyone gets the holidays off, so they may need some rest."
Pat Hansen
Novi



"I disagree. Either ban them altogether, or not. People want to see them after dark."
Richard Blake
Novi



"I'm not against it. On one hand people want to celebrate, but you also need to be courteous. There is still a lot of fun to be had in the other hours."
Solomon Kasper
Novi

LETTERS

Call evil good?

Oh, what a tangled web we weave. I'm not sure that the calls made to the council candidates were innocent. According to the May 28 Free Press, candidate Luke McGrail said he found the phone calls "unsavory." Why was it OK for the arrogant elitists to presumptuously designate some candidates as "non-serious" and weed them out? We've had quite our fill of career politicians so why not try something else?

One has to wonder what other dirty little secrets about Livonia exist. If Stephen King were to write a novel about Livonia, he could probably title it something like *City Secrets* or *Hidden City* or *Just Beneath The Surface*.

The dust jacket might feature some eye-catching artwork of a skyline being reflected on a lake's surface. The skyline itself would look normal to the naked eye but its pool reflection would be a black, twisted, infernal cityscape.

Leo Weber
Livonia

Committed to serve

I have not only seen the effects of bad public policy, I have experienced it up close and personal in Vietnam and Desert Storm during my 20-year career in the U.S. Navy and during my 19-year career working in Michigan state prisons.

However, I would like to focus on my career in state prisons because this has affected me where I live as a Michigander.

When most of the state mental health hospitals in Michigan were closed at a pace that wasn't well thought out, many patients

were simply dropped off in places like downtown Detroit, and left to fend for themselves. Many found themselves in state prisons and local jails rather than being placed in mental health facilities where their issues could be more appropriately addressed and at less cost to taxpayers.

The same thing continues with the continuation of the gridlock of partisan politics, not to mention that some in public office are not serving the people with integrity, transparency and accountability. The principles of serving with honor, duty and sacrifice, values that are installed in everyone who serves their country in the military, has always motivated me to serve the public with integrity, transparency and accountability.

I have heard it said that in order to serve in public office, a person has to be a liar and a thief, because that is what most people expect of them and that is the way things are done. It may sound naive of me to say that I refuse to believe that. In my experience of working with elected officials from both sides of the aisle as a public safety

advocate and lobbyist, I found them to be honorable and hard-working people who care very much about our state as much or more than the average person. Unfortunately, quite often, they expressed resentment and distrust of the members of the other party, and sometimes with words that I don't care to repeat in polite company. All of this distrust and resentment has caused the gridlock of partisan politics that has resulted in bad

public policy and/or the lack of necessary good public policy.

All of this has both compelled and prepared me to make a bid to run for governor of the State of Michigan, with the well thought out decision to run with no party affiliation, in order to appeal to and work with the best that all parties have to offer.

There is good in all parties, but because of the many divisions in the world of politics, and many other areas of life, this causes everyone to be wounded because of them. If elected, I will help lead in the process of healing these divisions that are hurting everyone. As I have mentioned, I have experienced the results of bad politics, and have learned much in how to help in the formation of good public policy.

The longest journey begins with a single step. I am prepared to run a marathon. How about you my fellow Michiganders?
Robin Sanders
Ann Arbor

Respects appreciated

My family and I would like to thank each and every one who took time out from this busy schedule to pay their respects to my dear wife, Sally, either at the funeral home or the church. A special thanks to the football boosters for their flowers and to the varsity baseball team that showed up in force at the funeral home to pay their respects. I also would like to thank them for the food, baseballs and flowers. God bless each and every one, and thank.
Ed, Dean and Gary Beckstein
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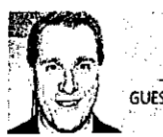
Businesses must decide about Affordable Care Act

A business manager dealing with the Affordable Care Act is sort of like a couple that needs to prepare a will. You don't want to think about it, but you have to deal with it. And if you don't act in a timely fashion, there will be consequences.

Health care reform is complicated, it is not complete, and it will use up a lot of time and energy for business managers. But it is not going away. The ACA is no longer a political debate. It is the law which will require all businesses — large and small — to make some significant decisions by Oct. 1.

These were among the key messages shared by a Livonia Chamber of Commerce Health Care Reform Forum at part of the Livonia Business Expo May 9, at the Marriott Hotel. Some 40 business people listened to three experts discuss the impact of the ACA on businesses.

The experts said recognizing the ACA as the law is half the battle for most businesses. Based on some recent surveys, many managers are ignoring the new world of health care reform and how it will affect their employees. In one survey, 19 percent of Americans believe the Affordable Care Act was made illegal by the U.S. Supreme Court (the high court affirmed



Dan West
GUEST COLUMNIST

the ACA and its individual mandate last June). Another survey indicated that 42 percent of the country does not realize the ACA is in effect.

"Whatever you do, don't do nothing," said Michael Burdo, a benefits consultant from Aon Hewitt. "Some think this will go away, but it's not."

Most of us have heard about the Affordable Care Act primarily in a political context in the debate over "Obamacare," but spent little time learning the details of how reform will impact individuals and businesses.

This brings up the Oct. 1 deadline for companies to declare their intentions to continue providing their own health insurance for employees, if they are going to enroll them in exchanges, and whether companies will pay fines for not providing coverage to their employees.

What makes it more complicated is the fact that exchange programs are still being developed. Also, some current health care providers will not be involved in exchange programs. That means

those impacted companies will have to find new health insurance carriers by the end of the year.

"Since the Act was signed into law, most of the mandates have impacted carriers, and that's the easiest part," said Jason Shirk, a benefits consultant from Mid-American Group. "It is kind of like having the dessert before the liver and onions."

The hard work is engaging all companies and individuals to make their own decisions in an effectively and timely manner. In most cases, companies are going to need help so they can figure out options and new subsidies to provide employee health coverage — and business managers should begin now to make an informed decision by Oct. 1.

"If you want help, start now," said Scott Young, a benefits consultant from E-InsureLink. "It will be hard to find help in the fourth quarter of this year."

This process is not fun, easy, or quick, but it is necessary and required by law. If you don't get started now, it will make a challenging situation even more daunting next year when the law takes full effect.

Dan West is the president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce.

Tour historic Northville plant

Water Wheel Centre open Saturday

Tours of three distinct offices in the former historic Ford Valve Plant, now the Water Wheel Centre on East Main Street at Griswold, will be held from 1-5 p.m. Saturday during Northville's Arts & Acts celebration.

The Northville Historical Society is partnering with the center to provide tours of HKS Architects, BB&E (consulting engineers and professionals) and Spider9. Principals from each of three firms will share information about their unique work spaces.

Northville Historical Society guides will offer information about the history of the site and guide participants through the Albert Kahn-designed structure. The Ford Valve Plant was the first of Henry Ford's village industries, distinguished by its water wheel. It ceased operation in 1981.



HKS Architects is one of three businesses that will be open during tours of the Water Wheel Centre on Saturday. Pictured in this file photo are Carol Kartje, Steve Jacobson and Bob Platek inside the historic building that has been retrofitted for business space. JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Owned by R&D Development, the facility is an excellent example of adaptive reuse. Tours will begin every 15 minutes and will last approximately one hour. Tours are

free, and no reservations are necessary. Entry will be at the door closest to the water wheel. Guides will be on hand in the parking lot and entrance to provide directions.

In addition to the Water Wheel Centre tours, the Northville Historical Society will open the buildings of Mill Race Historical Village, directly across Griswold Street from the former plant, from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday. Docents will be on hand to guide visitors through the village buildings.

New this season at the village is the exhibit, *Made in Northville*, showcasing Northville's rich manufacturing history. Featured in the exhibit is Northville's Ford Valve Plant. The exhibit and village are free, though donations are welcome. The Northville Historical Society, which maintains Mill Race Historical Village, is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization. It is supported by the generosity of its members, donations and volunteers.

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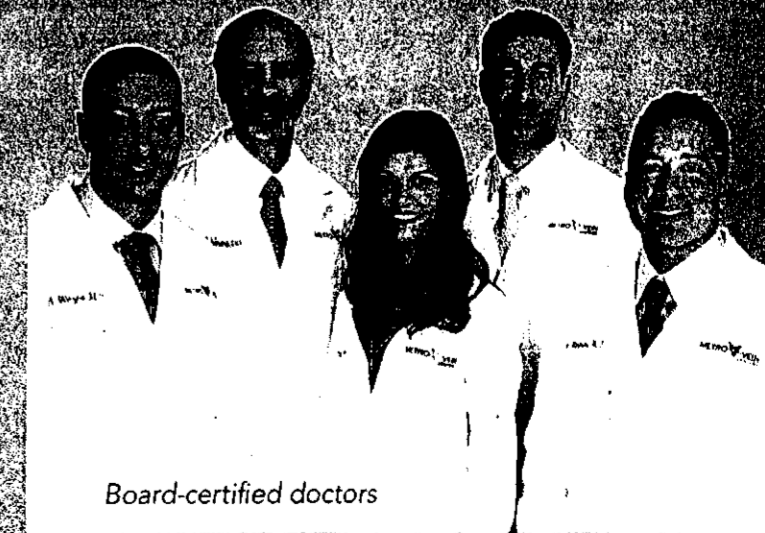
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July 16: "Fisherman and his wife" theater show
July 23: Animal Adaptations
July 30: Joe Reilly
Aug. 6: Try this at home! Hands-On Museum
Aug. 13: "3 Little Pigs - Large and in Charge" puppet show
FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHTS
Times: Music starts at 6:30 p.m. and movies begin at 8:45 p.m.
July 26: Sweet Summer Fun! Candy Band and "Wreck-It Ralph"
Aug. 16: Bugs and Insects! Toppermost Beatles Tribute Band and "A Bug's Life"
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Location: St. Mary Mercy Hospital, North Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia
Time/Date: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8
Time/Date: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10
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Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. third Tuesdays
Location: Novi Civic Center (10 Mile between Taft and Novi roads)
Details: Led by Michael M. Meyer, D. Min., goal is to give each participant an opportunity to share their story.
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Time/Date: 7 p.m. fourth Wednesdays
Location: Providence Park Hospital, Novi
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Prena is Gatorade Athlete of the Year

In its 28th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Co., in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, announced Cullen Prena of Walled Lake Central High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Michigan Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year.

Prena is the first Gatorade Michigan Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Walled Lake Central High School.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the track, distinguishes

Prena as Michigan's best high school boys track and field athlete. The 6-foot-3, 240-pound senior launched the discus a state-record 210 feet, 1

inch at the Division I state meet this spring, which ranked as the nation's top performance among prep competitors in 2013 at the time of his selection. Prena also won the shot put with a throw of 60-11, leading the Vikings to fourth place as a team.

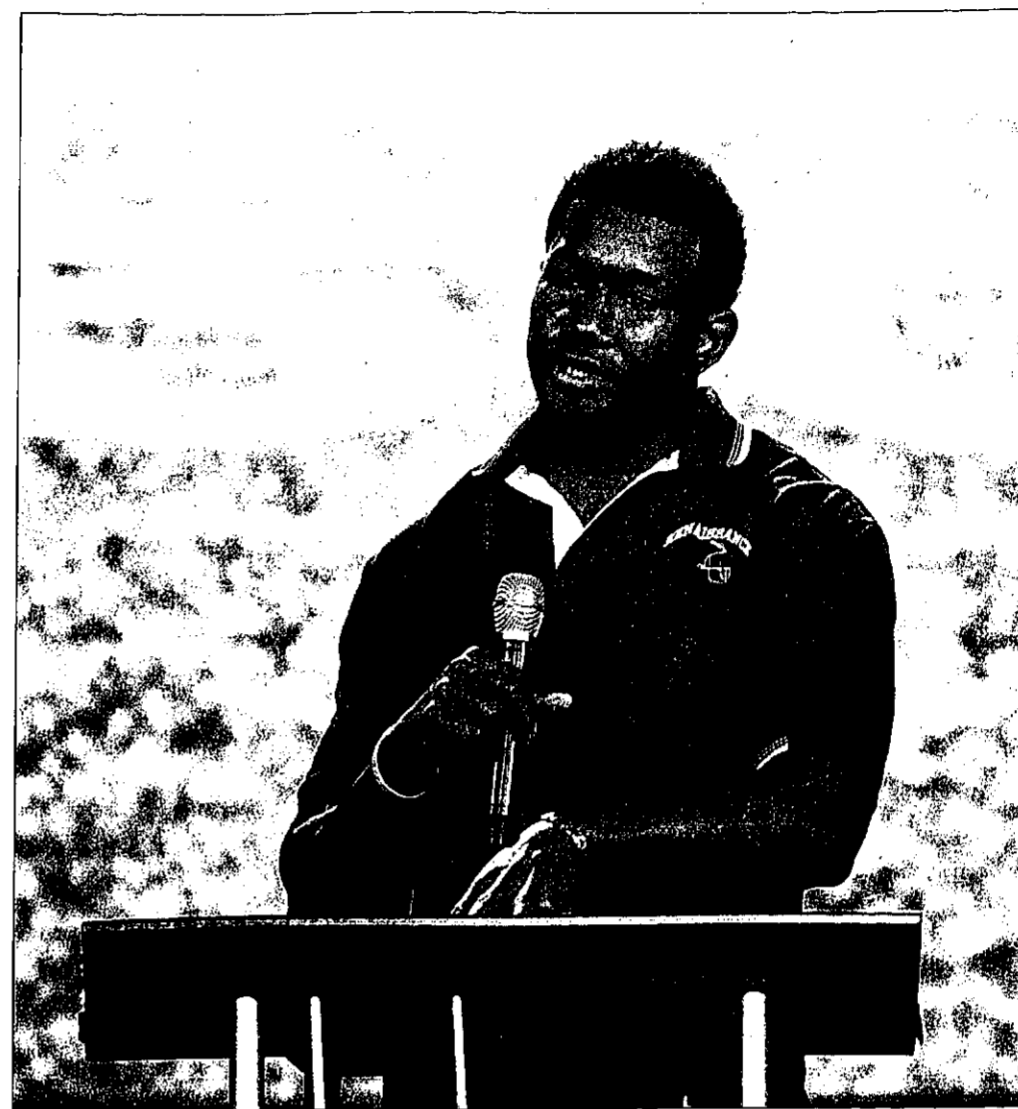
Prena, who maintained a 3.57 GPA and has volunteered locally raising funds for children's hospitals, has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete in track and field at the University of Oregon this fall.

"Cullen is the most dominant thrower the state of Michigan has ever produced," Walled Lake Central Principal Charles Morgan said. "He shattered the state record by over 12 feet. He's the total package. He is an outstanding leader in competition as well as in the classroom."

Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year award, Prena joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Ryan Hall (1999-01, Big Bear HS, Calif.), Meb Keflezighi (1993-94, San Diego HS, Calif.), Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo HS, Mich.), Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central HS, Ill.), Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.) and Lolo Jones (1997-98, Roosevelt HS, Ia.).

Prena joins recent Gatorade Michigan Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Garret Zuk (2011-12, Lakeland), Darris Willis (2010-11, Detroit Country Day School), Omar Kaddurah (2009-10, Grand Blanc), Michael Atchoo (2008-09, Troy), Tommy Brinn (2007-08, Orsago) and Josh Hembrough (2006-07, Forest Hills Northern) among the state's list of former award winners.

The Gatorade Player of the Year program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states that sanction high school football, volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball and boys and girls track and field and awards one National Player of the Year in each sport. The selection process is administered by the Gatorade high school sports leadership team in partnership with USA TODAY High School Sports.



Former MSU football captain Chris Norman talks about his decision to forgo the NFL at Oak Pointe Church in Novi.
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A calling higher than the NFL

Former MSU football player chooses seminary school over professional football

By Terry Jacoby
Correspondent

The Michigan State green-and-white jersey. The Spartans helmet. The big shoulder pads.

The uniform is there for a reason. It not only protects the athlete, but identifies the two teams as they battle back and forth on those fall Saturday afternoons.

It was a uniform Chris Norman certainly felt comfortable wearing for four years at Michigan State University. But he decided to turn in that kind of uniform for something a little more lighter in weight, but heavier in importance.

Norman talked about his decision

earlier this month at Oak Pointe Church in Novi. In fact, he felt quite at home that Sunday talking about passing on the NFL for a life of religious fulfillment.

"Oak Pointe will always hold a special place in my heart," the 22-year-old 2012 MSU football captain said. "I was baptized there and know a lot of people there. To go back was a real blessing."

And the fact that Norman felt at home at church brings us to why he decided to attend Moody Theological Seminary in Plymouth instead of heading to an NFL training camp next month.

"The process was difficult, but once I got that figured out, it was easy," he said. "There were so many things to

consider that I needed to approach it the right way. Once I did that, it became very clear to me what I wanted to do."

What he wants to do first is continue serving as assistant chaplain at Southfield Christian and the Westside Academy. In September, he will begin taking classes at Moody.

"I can't wait. I'm very excited. I need 96 credit hours to earn my degree, and that should take about three years," said Norman, who earned a degree in psychology at MSU. "My long-term goal is to be a pastor in the city of Detroit. But I don't want to do that until I am about 30 years old. I

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Staudt garners more accolades in college

Novi graduate earns All-America academic honors at Mott

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Rachel Staudt is no stranger to pulling a strong grade-point average. She was a standout student-athlete at Novi High School and has continued that excellence at Mott Community College, where she played volleyball.

Staudt was awarded NJCAA Academic All-America honors as well as MCCA and conference honors, in addition to being awarded NJCAA Exemplary Academic Achievement honors.

"I have been juggling sports and school since about seventh grade," said Staudt, who graduated from Mott this past spring with dual associate's degrees in art and general studies with high honors and a GPA of 3.69.

"I used to play two sports per season. I have learned a

lot to keep my grades up, but the biggest secret is staying organized."

Staudt, who will attend Lawrence Tech this fall to study graphic design and will also play volleyball there, can usually be found with a planner in which she keeps all of her information for college, like keeping tabs on when tests are scheduled and when she has papers due.

"And every day I write the things I need to get done that day," she said. "I make time for studying between all the

practices and games and make sure I am ahead of everything going on."

"I always start studying a week ahead, so I have enough time to know all the information."

If her time at Novi High School is any indication, Staudt's time at Lawrence Tech will be one full of both athletic and academic achievements.

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

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Hundreds line up to meet Roush drivers

By Brad Emmons
Staff Writer

It was homecoming week as Motorsports fans came from far and wide June 13 to the Roush Collection Retail Store in Livonia to catch a glimpse of three of Roush Fenway Racing's drivers.

And outside, Market Street was lined up on both sides with classic cars.

Even the man himself, Chairman of the Board Jack Roush, was on hand to sign autographs for the open house held prior to that weekend's events at Michigan International Speedway.

Also arriving simultaneously were the hundreds of fans who were Roush drivers Carl Edwards, Trevor Bayne and Travis Pastrana.

Jerry Bateson stood in line for nearly 2½ hours after coming all the way from Gibsonburg, Ohio, located 40 minutes south of Toledo.

He wanted to meet Pastrana, his favorite driver, who ranked 15th in the Nationwide points standings.

"The kids are huge fans," Bateson said. "I'm impressed, there's just so much to see. It's incredible. I've been to Livonia before, but never here."

Long wait

Meanwhile, Canton's Mark Kluka waited nearly 45 minutes to meet Edwards, who ranks second in the Sprint Cup points standings.

"We've been here before," Kluka said. "I came about four years ago. He's one of my favorites (Edwards). His line was full last time, so we met Greg Biffle instead."

"Now is my chance. Besides the back flips, he's a real contender in these most seasons. And he's a very competitive driver. He doesn't wreck a lot so he finishes most of the races he starts."



Coral Rott of Commerce Township to get meet car owner Jack Roush during an open house June 13 at the Roush Collection Retail store and museum in Livonia. BRAD EMMONS

Coral Rott of Commerce Township gave her dad Gary Tucker an early Father's Day gift. She waited in line to meet Roush, while her dad got to meet the drivers.

"I think it's really cool," said Rott whose favorite was former Roush driver Mark Martin. "My dad is a big NASCAR fan and Roush Racing fan, so I brought him for Father's Day. He's in the other line, but he's in heaven right now."

Bayne couldn't have timed his visit to the Roush facility

any better after capturing the last two Nationwide Series events.

Whirlwind week

Bayne, who at age 20 shocked the NASCAR world by winning the 2011 Daytona 500, was coming off a whirlwind week earning Ford's 200th victory in the Nationwide Series and getting married in a private ceremony in Asheville, N.C.

His No. 6 Nationwide car was sponsored June 16 by

Roush CleanTech, a division of Livonia-based Roush Enterprises and industry leader of alternative fuel vehicle technology.

Roush CleanTech designs, engineers, manufactures and installs propane autogas fuel system technology for light- and medium-duty Ford commercial vehicles, and Type A and Type C Blue Bird school buses.

As a Ford QVM-certified alternative fuel vehicle manufacturer, CleanTech delivers

economical, clean and domestically produced fueling options for fleets nationwide.

"Everybody, especially on the racing side of our business at Roush Fenway is confident and excited about him coming off two wins in a row, and we're hoping to make it three," said Brian Carney, director of marketing for Clean Tech. "Typically, Roush CleanTech's audience are fleet managers of North America. Those include private fleets, Fortune 500 companies, as well as public, state and local governments, as well as school districts."

Big fans

Trying to get the word out about CleanTech is just a slice of Roush Enterprises' overall marketing initiative.

"It's not as much about your average consumer, but more about the business-to-business push," Carney said. "But with that being said, many of the fleet managers of North America are fans of the sport so we know this will be a great way to reach a lot of them."

"Michigan, being our home base, is definitely a good menu for us to do this," Carney said. "There's always a lot of excitement when the race comes to town. It's not a week-to-week thing with CleanTech, but on special occasions we get in to do something like this. This year it just happened to be in town in Michigan."

With Ford Racing approaching an historic 1,000th win that weekend, Roush's six drivers hoped to bring home the bacon. And it was Greg Biffle who drove Roush Fenway Racing to victory in the Quicken Loans 400 NASCAR race, handing Ford Racing its third win of the season after some disappointing performances in the first 14 series races in 2013.

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BUSINESS

ITC and Entergy get transaction approval

Novi-based ITC Holdings Corp. says its proposed transaction with Entergy Corporation has received approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

FERC approved the companies' joint application for the transaction, under which Entergy will spin off its electric transmission business and merge it into an ITC subsidiary.

"We are pleased with FERC's ruling yesterday approving the change of control of Entergy's transmission assets, acknowledging that this transaction is in the public interest," said Joseph L. Welch, chairman,

president and chief executive officer of ITC. "Although this is a positive step with respect to the transaction, we recognize that FERC's action is just one aspect of the process. We will continue to work through the regulatory process at the federal, state and local levels to underscore the benefits to customers of an independent transmission company—whose sole focus is the strengthening of the transmission grid."

In addition, FERC also approved new rate constructs for the transmission assets under ITC ownership. This approval follows the FERC approval received in May by ITC

and Entergy authorizing utility operating company financings associated with the transaction.

The Commission also effectively accepted the companies' positions on the effects of the transaction on competition, rates and regulation, with the Commission noting the benefits that stem from the independent ownership of transmission assets, over and above benefits that will result from Entergy's integration into MISO.

The Commission also largely approved the associated rate filings, including the requested allowed return on equity, authorized capital structures and the use of forward

looking test years, while certain other elements were set for hearing.

The transaction also requires approval from Entergy's state and local jurisdictions. Proceedings are underway before the Arkansas Public Service Commission, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Texas from Entergy to ITC. Meanwhile, Entergy's utility operating companies would continue to own and operate their respective distribution and generation businesses and provide customer service, billing, outage reporting and restoration services to homes and businesses throughout the region.

In addition to transmission facilities, approximately 750 Entergy employees, including key leadership personnel from Entergy's transmission business, would become employees of ITC as a result of the transaction. Upon closing of the transaction, ITC would establish and maintain a regional headquarters in Jackson, Miss., where the headquarters of Entergy's transmission business currently is located. ITC also would have offices and warehouses throughout the existing Entergy service territory to ensure a local presence and timely response to stakeholder and system needs.

Through several related orders, FERC would allow the transfer of approximately 15,400 circuit miles of interconnected transmission lines at voltages of 69kV and above and the associated substations in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Texas from Entergy to ITC. Meanwhile, Entergy's utility operating companies would continue to own and operate their respective distribution and generation businesses and provide customer service, billing, outage reporting and restoration services to homes and businesses throughout the region.

Lakes Area Chamber recognizes WL schools

The Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce held its annual Membership Breakfast and Awards Ceremony at Edgewood Country Club on June 18.

At the ceremony, several members of the Walled Lake Schools community received awards including retired administrator Barbara Garbutt, Auditorium Manager Matthew Weber, and students Joshua and Owen Finmerly, Alana Ginster, and Skylar Coe. The district's Foundation for Excellence and Legacy Scholarship Funds were also honored.



Pictured (l to r) are Skylar Coe; Board President Peggy Casagrande; Joshua Finmerly; Owen Finmerly; Matthew Weber; Alana Ginster; and Foundation for Excellence Executive Director Michelle Bianco. SUBMITTED

Barbara Garbutt was awarded the Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award. Matthew Weber was awarded Outstanding Citizen of the Year.

Joshua and Owen Finmerly, Sarah Banks Middle School, Alana Ginster, Walled Lake North-ern High School, and Skylar Coe, Walled Lake Central High School, were recognized as Outstanding Student Volunteers.

Legacy Scholarship Funds, Inc. was recognized as an Outstanding Nonprofit. The district's Foundation for Excellence was recognized for their five-year anniversary as a member of the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce.

"We are proud of the thoughtful and selfless contributions each of these individuals and district organizations have made on behalf of the community. Walled Lake Schools' mission specifically denotes 'in partnership with parents and the community.' Our volunteers' commitment strengthens our community partnership," said Judy Evola, director of Community Relations & Marketing.

Camaco's Pradham named an Entrepreneur of the Year winner

Arvind Pradham, president and CEO, Camaco LLC, Novi, is one of the winners of the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2013 Award in Michigan and Northwest Ohio.



The award recognizes outstanding high-growth entrepreneurs who demonstrate excellence and extraordinary success in such areas as innovation, financial performance

and personal commitment to their businesses and communities.

The finalists were selected by an independent panel of judges and honored at a gala event at the MGM Grand, Detroit on June 20.

Other than a transplant, dialysis is the only treatment option available, for patients with kidney failure. Greenfield Health Systems, a division of Henry Ford Health System, owns and operates the facility, the company's second home-only dialysis training facility in metro Detroit.

New dialysis facility opens in Novi

People with kidney failure can now learn to do their own dialysis at home, which many patients prefer, instead of receiving their treatments at a medical center.

"Patients on home dialysis treatments usually feel healthier, more energetic and happier than those who receive care at a dialy-

sis center," said Hassan Fahmi, M.D., medical director of Western Regional Home Dialysis.

The home-dialysis training facility for patients with kidney failure opened recently. Western Regional Home Dialysis is located in the Medical Arts Building, 39525 W. 14 Mile., Suite 200B, Novi.

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OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in February offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business 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. For pre-registration and location specific, visit online at www.advantageoakland.com/expand, or call

248-858-0783.

Walk-In, Start-Up Thursdays Free Business Counseling

July 11, 18 and 25: 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1:30-4:30 p.m. Entrepreneurs who want to start a business but do not know where to begin can receive confidential, one-on-one advice from an experienced business counselor in a supportive atmosphere with no appointment necessary. Counselors will provide direct answers to start-up questions, suggest next steps

and provide guidance on business planning tools. Sessions will be available on a first come, first served basis. No charge, no appointment.

Business Research-Feasibility to Expansion

July 10, 9 a.m. to noon Business research shows you ways to find your ideal customers, your competitors, perform competitive analysis and more. Free, pre-registration required.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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. Camps include:

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

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

Advanced Competitive Swimming: noon to 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. to 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 enter-

ing seventh and eighth grades.

Improve your individual and team skills learning from Novi High School's coaches and coaching staff. All sessions take place in 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.

Sign up at www.novivillecats.com (click on Athletics) and follow the prompts to the summer sports camps page).

Hoop camp

The Northville High School Boys Basketball Camp will be held from 9 a.m. to noon July 8-11 at NHS for boys entering grades fourth-ninth in the fall of 2013. Campers of all skill levels are welcome. For more info, email BoysBB@northvillebasketball.com.

Men needed for softball league

Teams or free agents are needed to fill the all new Northville Wednesday Men's ASA "B" softball league. Please contact Charlie at 248-449-9947 or cgarbear@ci.northville.mi.us for additional information.

Border champs



The Northville Broncos Boys U-15 travel baseball team won the Battle of the Border tournament in Toledo, Ohio, recently. The team rallied to provide an exciting come-from-behind finish in the bottom of the seventh inning against the Coughlin Cubs to be crowned champion Father's Day. This year's Broncos are Alex Putman, Devin Kolb, Justin Zabinski, Sam Bradley, Ben Harthun, Brett Ridener, Kevin O'Connell, Ian MacKinnon, Daniel Baldwin (not shown), Dominic Montone, Nick Wilds and Josh Gartley (not shown). The team is coached by Jim Zabinski, John Kolb and Mike Putman.

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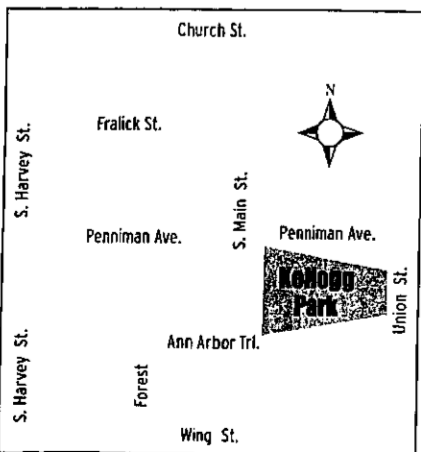
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Homes highlight local lifestyles

The Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan announced the winners in its 24th annual Parade of Homes architectural judging. Parade of Homes is an exhibition of 43 new model, under construction and pre-construction homes and condominiums located throughout southeastern Michigan. The showcases take place June 1-30. All 43 homes are featured at www.ParadeHBA.com. HBA and Bank of America Home Loans sponsor the event.

In this year's architectural judging, blue ribbons were awarded to the model homes in six categories. Winning homes were selected based on the following criteria: best value for the price, best use of space, most innovative design and aesthetic appeal. Before being judged in these categories, participating homes were divided into categories by price, with a separate category for attached condominiums.

The blue ribbon homes are:
» Attached condominiums - Mocerri Companies for Claremont
» Home base priced under \$200,000 - Infinity Homes & Soave Homes for Columbia
» Homes base priced \$250,000 TO \$325,000 - Mark Adler Homes for Packard



Arteva Homes for Callaway Idea ShowHouse won in the homes priced as shown over \$650,000 category.

» Homes base priced over \$325,000 TO \$400,000 - Tall Oaks Ventures for St. Andrew

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» Homes base priced over \$400,000 TO \$500,000 - MJC

Oakland Hunt for The Logan
» Homes priced as shown over \$650,000 - Arteva Homes

for Callaway Idea ShowHouse. A panel of local architects and industry experts judged the homes. Participating judges were Lanny S. Zimmerman, AIA, NCARB of Siegal/Tuomaala Associates; Benedetto Tiseo, FAIA, NCARB of Tiseo Architects, Inc.; Michael J. Gordon, RA of Moiseev/Gordon Associates and Paul Salloom of Bank of America Home Loans. The Parade of Homes models are located throughout southeastern Michigan and can be viewed via open house tours, or online at www.ParadeHBA.com.

Free Parade of Homes magazines are available at area Bank of America Home Loans locations and Kroger stores. Addresses for those locations are at www.ParadeHBA.com. For additional information on the Parade of Homes, call (248) 862-1016.

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, HBA is a trade association representing over 600 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multifamily residential construction industry. HBA is affiliated with the Home Builders Association of Michigan in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.

Check with condo lawyer on project

Q: Our developer has a portion of the property that he has labeled must be built, but has not completed the construction of the entire project and there are a couple of acres that lay dormant within the condominium. It has been seven and a half years since the project was established and I am curious as to how long the developer has.

A: You are best to call an experienced condominium attorney to speak with you about Section 67 of the Condominium Act which may have given you, already, the right as an association to claim the portion of the property that was not identified as must be built as a common element of the condominium having reverted to the co-owners since the developer may not have complied with his obligations to build within a six-year period from the time the developer exercised its rights with respect to either expansion, contraction, or rights of convertibility; which could be as early as the recording of the master deed or, depending on the circumstances, the date of commencement of construction of the project. The facts are very important in determining whether or not your developer has lost his right to build on this area which could result in po-



Robert Meisner

tentially a substantial windfall to the association if it plays its cards right.
Q: I am the owner of an apartment co-op who entered into an exclusive agency agreement with my broker and accepted an offer, subject to approval by the co-op board. Meanwhile, the broker met with other prospective buyers at an open house and showed them other apartments, including another in the same building as mine. The deal with my first buyer fell through, and the prospective buyer saw my apartment again, making an offer for slightly less than the asking price, with the broker reducing her commission to 5 percent. I accepted the offer, but I don't think I should be paying any commission because by showing the buyers other properties, the broker acted as a dual agent without having made full disclosure in obtaining consent of both the buyer and me. Do you think I have any recourse?

A: I think you should speak to an attorney, but if your only concern is with the broker

showing other properties, then it is not likely that you have any recourse. In a recent case out of New York, on similar facts, the court held as a matter of law that the broker did not act as a dual agent. The court said that absent an agreement with the seller to the contrary, a broker has no duty to refrain from showing prospective buyers other properties. The court in that case thought that any other holding would unreasonably restrain a broker from cultivating potential clients at open houses for their principals. If, however, the broker represented the prospective buyer in making the offer on your apartment, then you probably would have a cause of action.

Robert M. Meisner 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 Operations: 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 rmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Investors

Investors ask: Can I get a mortgage with the new mortgage rules? How many? Costs? What government programs are available? Monthly meeting of the Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland Thursday, July 11, 5:30-9:30 p.m. at Club Venetian, John R. just north of 12 Mile, Madison Heights. Seminar free to members; \$20 non-members. Call 800-747-6742 (www.REIAofOakland.com) email: reianews@aol.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. Thursdays at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon. Additional parking across the street in back. Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email

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. Email Georgia@add-edvalue.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-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 11-15, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	17549 Kirkshire Ave \$225,000	30525 Stellamar St \$300,000	BIRMINGHAM	295 N Old Woodward Ave \$185,000	544 Oakland Ave \$358,000	1717 S Bates St \$678,000	377 S Glenhurst Dr \$1,030,000	BLOOMFIELD HILLS	3251 Chestnut Run Dr \$567,000	2734 Courville Dr \$250,000	3834 Quattron Rd \$290,000	2703 Middlebury Ln \$188,000	2957 N Westview Ct \$275,000	BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	751 Hawthorne Dr \$346,000	1573 Hemsworth Ct \$575,000	5063 Salsburg Rd \$699,000	915 Lampwick Ct \$325,000	1520 Ledbury Dr \$237,000	45 Maywood Ave \$380,000	2930 Middlebury Ln \$191,000	4070 Saint Andrews Ct \$170,000	281 Squirrel Rd \$375,000	COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP	3843 Balmory Rd \$145,000	5592 Bentwood Ln \$340,000	5254 Bridge Trl E \$280,000	2305 Briggantone \$40,000	1630 Commerce Shrs \$2,12,000	3087 7th Hill Ct \$375,000	FARMINGTON	33607 Alta Loma Dr \$88,000	22849 Maple Ave \$116,000	31621 Marblehead Rd \$129,000	FARMINGTON HILLS	31731 Belmont St \$139,000	33413 Birchview Ct \$492,000	25206 Chapelvew Dr \$150,000	24205 Farmington Rd \$181,000	23185 Fox Crk \$280,000	26199 Kiltarton St \$135,000	29606 Middlebelt Rd Unit 180 \$50,000	31705 Nottingham St \$150,000	30594 Orchard Lake Rd Unit 4 \$48,000	26070 Pillsbury St \$210,000	21700 River Ridge Trl \$198,000	28320 Saratoga Cir \$147,000	28360 Shiloh Ct \$212,000	MILFORD	238 Noble St \$92,000	400 Whitewater St \$292,000	NORTHVILLE	52128 Carrington Dr \$50,000	22438 Cypress St \$50,000	40941 \$0	44950 Bayview Dr \$70,000	24432 Cavendish Ave E \$419,000	44613 Ellery Ln \$181,000	50927 Glades Ct W \$176,000	47301 Iroquois Ct \$470,000	23282 Laurel Dr \$50,000	29865 Lilley Trl \$261,000	23627 N Rockledge \$379,000	41132 S McMahon Cir \$102,000	23837 W Le Boist \$125,000	29451 Weston Dr \$160,000	42559 Whitman Way \$240,000	SOUTH LYON	794 Huntington Dr \$259,000	432 Lyon Ct \$100,000	350 N Hagadorn St \$106,000	1034 Paddock Dr \$203,000	SOUTHFIELD	21160 Dartmouth Dr \$130,000	20840 Buns Scot St \$55,000	17609 Jeanette St \$70,000	17171 Lincoln Dr \$70,000	28233 Red Leaf Ln \$40,000	25720 Southfield Rd # A206 \$30,000	29448 Spring Hill Dr \$135,000	26701 W Carnegie Park Dr \$30,000	20965 Westhampton Ave \$40,000	TROY	8588 Cooley Beach Dr \$115,000	9069 Satellite Dr \$142,000	8158 Sequoia Ln \$195,000	8132 Trenton Dr \$295,000	9203 Twin Lakes Ct \$208,000	526 Woodstone Ct \$456,000
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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 4-8, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	7554 Admality Dr \$230,000	44164 Arlington Rd \$168,000	4285 Cranberry Dr \$160,000	2361 E Roundtable Dr \$156,000	4118 Elizabeth Ave \$113,000	7336 Emerson Dr \$148,000	3870 Hunter's Grove Blvd \$71,000	661 Merrimac Rd \$148,000	4123 Monarch Ave \$168,000	4760 Ormskirk Dr \$85,000	2189 Premier Ln \$7,000	6689 Sturbridge Ln \$180,000	6169 Valley View Dr \$343,000	GARDEN CITY	29085 Alvin St \$92,000	31540 Summers St \$65,000	227 N Venoy Cir \$55,000	31209 Pierce St \$90,000	1409 Ralph St \$80,000	31969 Sheridan St \$70,000	LIVONIA	8910 Beallice St \$90,000	36716 Bobrick St \$200,000	15582 Brookfield St \$88,000	14220 Cavell St \$93,000	29651 Curtis Rd \$25,000	14676 Flamingo St \$149,000	18622 Golfview St \$160,000	36507 Grandon St \$155,000	33122 Jay Rd \$74,000	49920 Parkside Dr \$135,000	18328 Lathers St \$15,000	17556 Mahanara Dr \$205,000	2853 W Clements Cir \$75,000	14857 Park St \$145,000	38668 Ross St \$135,000	8843 Stonehouse Ave \$217,000	31754 Summers St \$140,000	31721 Turnbury Dr \$310,000	18342 University Park Dr \$60,000	31620 Vargo St \$119,000	35878 Vieri St \$285,000	5245 Virginia St \$90,000	28090 W Chicago St \$178,000	18797 Westbrook Dr \$242,000	9411 Westwind Dr \$135,000	NORTHVILLE	46634 Crystal Downs W \$481,000	16725 Forest Dr \$404,000	16732 Crosby \$49,000	26009 Dover \$462,000	16789 Horseshoe Dr \$496,000	17187 Maple Hill Dr \$332,000	49920 Parkside Dr \$320,000	11426 Levanor \$362,000	16684 Lola Dr \$140,000	37553 W Main St \$630,000	259 Wing Ct \$350,000	PLYMOUTH	314 Adams St \$500,000	522 Adams St \$305,000	41182 Crestwood Dr \$236,000	10634 Jo Ann Ln \$265,000	675 Leicester St \$241,000	797 N Holbrook St \$325,000	1103 Penningman Ave \$839,000	48865 Pointe King \$150,000	1199 S Sheldon Rd \$50,000	9970 Berwyn \$60,000	17125 Brady \$12,000	13552 Crosby \$49,000	26009 Dover \$462,000	18908 Garfield \$65,000	26034 Hope \$96,000	9050 Levern \$75,000	11426 Levanor \$330,000	16684 Lola Dr \$140,000	18319 MacArthur \$48,000	9902 Norborne \$65,000	15411 Woodworth \$22,000	20137 Woodworth \$17,000	WESTLAND	38525 Chestnut Ln \$79,000	37443 Colonial Dr \$47,000	37505 Colonial Dr \$55,000	8001 Coventry St \$19,000	7507 Culppeper Ct \$46,000	36768 Dartmouth Dr \$89,000	36528 Deer Run Ct N \$89,000	1232 Easley Dr \$43,000	30949 Hivley St \$79,000	33303 Lynx St \$82,000	6072 N Globe St \$45,000	8430 N Henry Ruff Rd \$195,000	156 N Hix Rd \$88,000	164 N Linville St \$48,000	35849 Oregon Ave \$57,000	33240 Parkwood St \$40,000	847 S Dowling St \$123,000	3410 Shawnee St \$71,000	32606 Somerset St \$37,000	35632 Somerset St \$127,000	37193 Vincent St \$100,000
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vertise all of their open positions. By going to the Web sites of companies you are interested in working for, you will more than likely be able to find an "apply online" page where you can submit your resume at no charge. If not, simply send your resume in to the human resources department. Positions open up all the time and by having your resume available when they do gives you a leg up on the competition.

Job fairs.

Okay, we know you're not in college anymore, however, most major cities hold job fairs targeting seasoned professionals. These events can introduce you to a variety of different companies all in one place, and all looking for qualified candidates such as yourself! You can even get a list of the employers that will be attending the job fair ahead of time in order to appropriately prepare yourself and ensure a good impression. Just be sure you bring plenty of resumes! Find a career fair in your area today!

Network everyone you know!

Networking is an extremely effective way of getting your resume into the hands of potential employers. Talk to your friends and family members and tell them what you are looking for in a career. Ask them if they

know anyone who could help you with anything -- from further networking to direct job connections. These people who already know you and trust you should be more than happy to help you out with your career!

Guerrilla resume strategies.

There are many ways to obtain contact information of employers. Some companies offer you a list of thousands of e-mail addresses for either a monthly fee or a flat one-time rate. Other companies offer published books of contact listings and some may even include valuable information about the companies listed (however, these books are often pricey and dated). Instead you can save time and aggravation by signing up with a program such as Resume Launcher which does all the job hunting for you. Resume Launcher finds the jobs that match your skills and qualifications and sends your resume to thousands of credible recruiters so you don't have to! This great tool will certainly help you save time and money, making it easier for you to get your resume out and into the right hands!!!

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