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AGAPE food drive

AGAPE Novi is having a food drive during July for the Novi Emergency Food Program located at Faith Community Presbyterian Church. Collection containers will be placed at local grocery stores and churches. A concert will be held on the lawn at Church of the Holy Cross (40700 W. 10 Mile) 2-5:30 p.m. July 14. Singer/songwriter Mike Lamb will be performing as well as classic rock band Exit 145. Rain date is the next two Sundays. Beverages will be provided; price is a goodwill offering. All monies raised will go to AGAPE Novi for community outreach.

Explore yellow brick road

The City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, with Wixom Parks and Recreation Department, is offering a group trip to see *Wicked the Musical* Aug. 17 at the Stranahan Theater in Toledo. Tickets are \$99 for balcony level, \$109 for main floor. Seats are assigned on a first come, first served basis. Fee includes motor coach and admission. Participants will board the motor coach at Meijer in Wixom at noon and return at approximately 6:15 p.m. Deadline is July 11. Visit www.cityofnovi.org or the Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile.

Pathway will help connect Novi

Medlodge/ITC Regional project joins 11 Mile to Providence, Beck

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

With help from a community partnership, an important regional pathway will be constructed to give the Novi community better pedestrian connections.

At their June 17 meeting, the Novi City Council by a 7-0 vote approved an agreement with Braun Construction Group and Novi Real Estate LLC for construction of the Medlodge/ITC Regional Pathway project. The construction contract was awarded to Braun Construction Group in the amount of \$83,109. According to the agreement, the costs are to be offset completely with deposited escrow funds from Novi Real Estate, LLC, which is the developer of Medlodge.

Medlodge is a 120-bed convalescent home development with centralized dining and physical therapy facilities. It plans to be a premier center designed to create a "Haven for Healing" and rehabilitation destination for wellness and recovery. Its site is just west of the Providence Park Hospital at 11 Mile and Beck roads.

"This is very exciting," said council member Andrew Mutch of this development that will see a 10-foot wide asphalt regional pathway through the Medlodge site and within the ITC property connecting 11 Mile to Providence Hospital, and ultimately Beck Road. In July 2011, the City Council approved a Planned Rezoning Overlay for the construction of

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Camp Lakeshore counselor Kristin Blonde (right) watches as Lucia Do, 13, competes in a team relay during the June 24 session. Camp Lakeshore has sessions that run throughout the summer and is located on the south end of Walled Lake. JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi's Camp Lakeshore: Part active, part creative, all fun

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Novi's Camp Lakeshore has that feeling of a traditional summer camp, except the kids will be sleeping in their own beds at night.

Presented in partnership with Stuarts Ice Cream and Yogurt and licensed by the State of Michigan Human Services Department, Camp Lakeshore has kicked off this summer with a variety of activities planned.

Jeffrey Rooke, 10, has attended the camp the last four summers, and for him it's one of the highlights.

"This is my favorite camp by far," he said one recent afternoon while swimming at Walled Lake.

Camp supervisor Lisa Morgan said the goal is to get the kids active while also having fun. She said they have around 50 kids participating from ages 6-12. Many are returning participants.

"We have a lot of activities planned to keep them engaged and busy," Morgan

said. "They have a lot of fun, but there is some learning as well. They get to use their creative sides on a daily and weekly basis."

Campers do crafts, and just last week were creating their own drama skits to perform for each other.

Two new camp features debuted this summer: extended hours (7 a.m. to 6 p.m.) with no additional fee, and daily rates for those who don't need a full

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Novi aims for 'benchmark community' status

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The City of Novi prides itself on being an example of engaging its citizenry and planning for the future - and now it's looking to see if the Michigan Economic Development Corporation agrees.

Novi has been selected to take part in a statewide program of the MEDC that certifies communities who actively engage

stakeholders to vision and plan for the future.

"This is going to be very good for us," said Mayor Pro tem Dave Staudt. He expects Novi will be identified as a benchmark community because of the procedures in place and information it already has available.

The city was picked as one of only two communities in Oakland County and just eight communities statewide to take part in the formal certification process as part of the Redevelopment Ready Communities program.

At its June 17 meeting, the Novi City Council approved a resolution of support for and a memorandum of understanding between itself and MEDC for participation in the program. Some of the other cities taking part in the process this year are Ann Arbor, Lansing and Lathrup Village.

According to Charles Bou-

lard, Novi's Community Development director, an RRC certification signals to residents, business owners, developers and investors that the community has embraced the goal of building deliberate, fair and consistent processes to attract investment and create thriving places where people want to live, work and play.

"This is an opportunity to

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identify opportunities to improve our practices, procedures, processes and availability of information," Boulard said. "We currently make use of many of the Best Practices (see information box), but aspire to continuously improve."

RRC Program Specialist Jennifer Rieger said two benefits to redevelopment are an increased tax base and reduction in blight. Plus, she said there is no cost for Novi to participate.

Ultimately, Boulard said the benefits to Novi could include: development of recommended strategies to improve redevelopment support, marketing of the community's top three identified



In utilizing the state's Redevelopment Ready Communities program, Novi may look to invigorate and renovate the property at 10 Mile and Meadowbrook's southwest corner. JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

redevelopment sites through RRC and opportunity to continue to identify and implement innovative strategies and learn from follow-up evaluations.

Boulard said the next steps would be evaluation and assessment of

the value of the hotel improvements (but not the land on which it is located) for a period of up to 10 years.

The City of Novi adopted policies for the Suburban Collection Showplace as well as two other potential development areas in the city.

"In the past, specific sites have not typically been singled out as top three, although the Adell property and the 10 Mile/Meadowbrook areas were identified in the PA 210 policy," Boulard said.

Ahead of the game

In regard to redevelopment decisions already made, Novi established policy PA210, which encourages the rehabilitation of commercial property by abating the property taxes generated from the new investment for a specific period.

This was amended in 2011 to provide that the construction of a hotel with meeting/convention space attached to an existing convention and trade center of a certain size and location can qualify for a tax abatement of 100 percent of

the value of the hotel improvements (but not the land on which it is located) for a period of up to 10 years.

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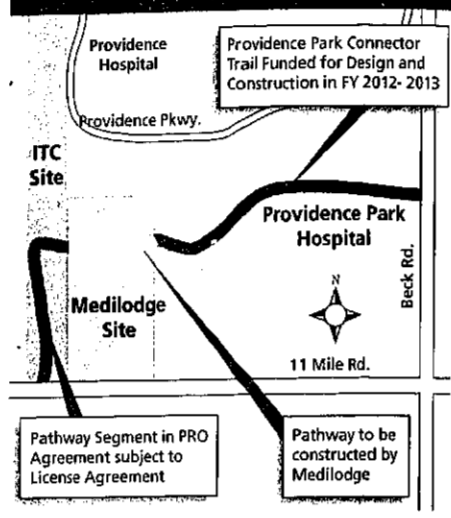
BEST PRACTICES

The evaluation process uses the RRC's Best Practices standards. These were developed by experts in the public and private sectors, and are the standard for evaluation.

The Best Practices cover community plans and public outreach, zoning policy and regulations, development review process, education and training, redevelopment ready sites and community prosperity.

Each practice addresses key elements of community and economic development, growing the potential of a community to meet the unique needs of business and residents.

REGIONAL PATHWAY LOCATION



Pathway Segment in PRO Agreement subject to License Agreement

Pathway to be constructed by Medlodge

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Medlodge of Novi, Novi City Manager Clay Pearson said one of the benefits of the PRO is the pathway.

"This is exciting for what it represents," Pearson said.

According to the City Council report, the pathway through the Medlodge site is under construction, and construction of the offsite pathway is scheduled to begin this summer with completion anticipated this fall. Novi has also submitted a grant application for a project to connect this pathway to Wildlife Wood Park and Wixom Road.

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Camp Lakeshore kids and staff form a circle as they begin a relay race during their June 24 session. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

CAMP

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fun doing things like water sports, relay races, soccer, kickball and a lot more.

There is a one-to-10 counselor to camper ratio, so there is a good balance.

The next week of activities is July 8-12, and the theme is Myths and Legends with a field trip to the Detroit Tigers vs. Chicago White Sox game.

The camp runs for nine weeks, ending the week of Aug. 19-23.

The prices for a full week for a resident is \$165 and nonresident cost is \$195. One day for a resident is \$43 and \$50 for a nonresident while two days is \$86 and \$100.

The camp is located at Lakeshore Park at 601 South Lake Drive.

For more information, visit <http://cityofnovi.org/Services/ParksAndRecreation/Programs/Camps.asp> or call 248-347-0456.

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week. Daily rates are available for campers participating one or two days per week (three or more days will be considered a full week).

According to Morgan, between the hours of 7-9 a.m. and 4:30-6 p.m., early/late campers will take part in general recreation activities. Full camp activities take place 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

She said over the course of the summer, campers will be creating delicious treats, building cool contraptions, experiencing nature firsthand and sharing in zany science experiments.

There are field trips planned every week to places like Air Time Trampoline, Comerica Park, Red Oaks Wave Pool, Detroit Zoo and Paradise Park.

As far as physical activities, campers have



Camp Lakeshore camper Yashwant Pantra enjoys Walled Lake on June 24. Camp Lakeshore's attendees hit the cooling waters of the lake at least once a day, weather permitting.

Volunteers wall



Novi Providence Park Hospital volunteers Amy Grieger (left) Barbara Walsh and Ed Good take a look at the facility's recognition board on June 19. The plaque, noting volunteers' efforts and time dedicated, is located on the first floor of the hospital near its main entrance. Some volunteers, like Good, have logged more than 10,000 hours of service to the hospital. JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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'Builder of the Year' lauded for efforts

Compo Builders recognized for unique custom homes

By Lonnie Hulman
Staff Writer

Novi is home to one of Michigan's best custom home builders.

David Compo, owner of Compo Builders Inc. of Novi, was recently named 2012 Michigan "Custom Builder of the Year" from the Home Builders Association of Southeast Michigan. He is also a Northville resident.

This designation is awarded annually to a single individual that excels and exceeds industry expectations, demonstrating a commitment to excellence in all aspects of customer service, design and quality craftsmanship.

"It is an honor to be recognized with such an award. We are very fortunate to have a dedicated team that consistently delivers an outstanding client experience throughout the building process," Compo said. "This award is a testament to their commitment to making a difference by offering a home-buying experience that exceeds the expectations of our clients."

Since 1961, Compo has set the standard for the

custom home and remodeling industry. This third generation family-owned business has built over 1,500 custom homes and completed over 5,500 remodeling jobs, attributing much of its success to the many referrals given by past clients whose expectations were exceeded in terms of design, construction professionalism and value.

The company has won numerous awards from the Home Builders Association of Southeast Michigan, the State of Michigan and other organizations. This building company serves the southeast Michigan market.

What makes this local company stand out is its attention to detail, customer needs and a complete vision. These are some of the things that led to this honor.

All Compo homes are Energy Star Rated. This means they are constructed using materials that are safe for both homeowners and environment. Compo said practical layouts, low maintenance, energy-saving and high efficiency are just a few of the key features clients will find within all Compo-built homes. Clients remain informed and involved in their building project through the Co-Construct Pro-

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gram, which allows instant communication between client and builder regarding every detail of the project, from start to finish via online or smart phone access.

They are dedicated to educating their clients about the building process, welcoming feedback that allows everyone to work as a team to achieve and exceed expectations.

The end goal is a home that's unique - a reflection of the vision of everyone involved, according to Compo.

The company continually evaluates and refines building practices to deliver a higher level of construction and quality within every project - matching the tastes and lifestyles of its clients. This includes "future-proofed" designs that allow for a home to grow along with the technologies of personal computers and other electronics, using docking and sync stations for smartphones, and network connections for televisions, stereos and



David Compo, owner of Compo Builders Inc. of Novi, and a Northville resident, was recently named 2012 Michigan "Custom Builder of the Year" from the Home Builders Association of Southeast Michigan. He is pictured here with Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder.

other wireless devices. According to Compo, his company takes an organized approach to every project, with a keen attention to detail with materials, suppliers, building codes and regulations.

This ensures that the client is protected with their investment, and given peace of mind throughout the building process and beyond, which includes responding quickly to a client's needs, quickly addressing any issues that may arise, and being there for the client even after they've moved in.

Compo said utilizing detailed project descriptions, outlining financial concepts, ongoing progress meetings and email summaries are all part of the process to ensure an exceptional building experience.

Compo Builders, Inc. is located at 42700 W. 10 Mile. To get in touch with them, call 248-513-4170 or visit them online at www.compoinc.com.

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I love a parade: Novi neighbors plan Fourth of July festivities

Area residents can enjoy the Plymouth and Northville parades on Thursday, July 4. Streets in these downtowns will be filled with parades commemorating our nation's independence.

The Northville Parade begins at 10 a.m. at the corner of Griswold and Main Street in downtown Northville.

The parade, which the Northville Community Foundation will be hosting for the 14th year, will feature dozens of floats, children's characters including Paws from the Detroit Tigers and Shooter from the Whalers, and numerous bands including the Plymouth Fire and Drum Band and the Northville High School

Band. The festivities begin with the playing of the national anthem. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is the event sponsor.

For more information, visit northvillecommunityfoundation.com/parade.html.

Plymouth's annual Good Morning USA Fourth of July Parade is set for a 9 a.m. start at

the corner of Theodore and Main.

The parade runs to Hartsoff. For more information, visit www.ci.mus.plymouth.org.

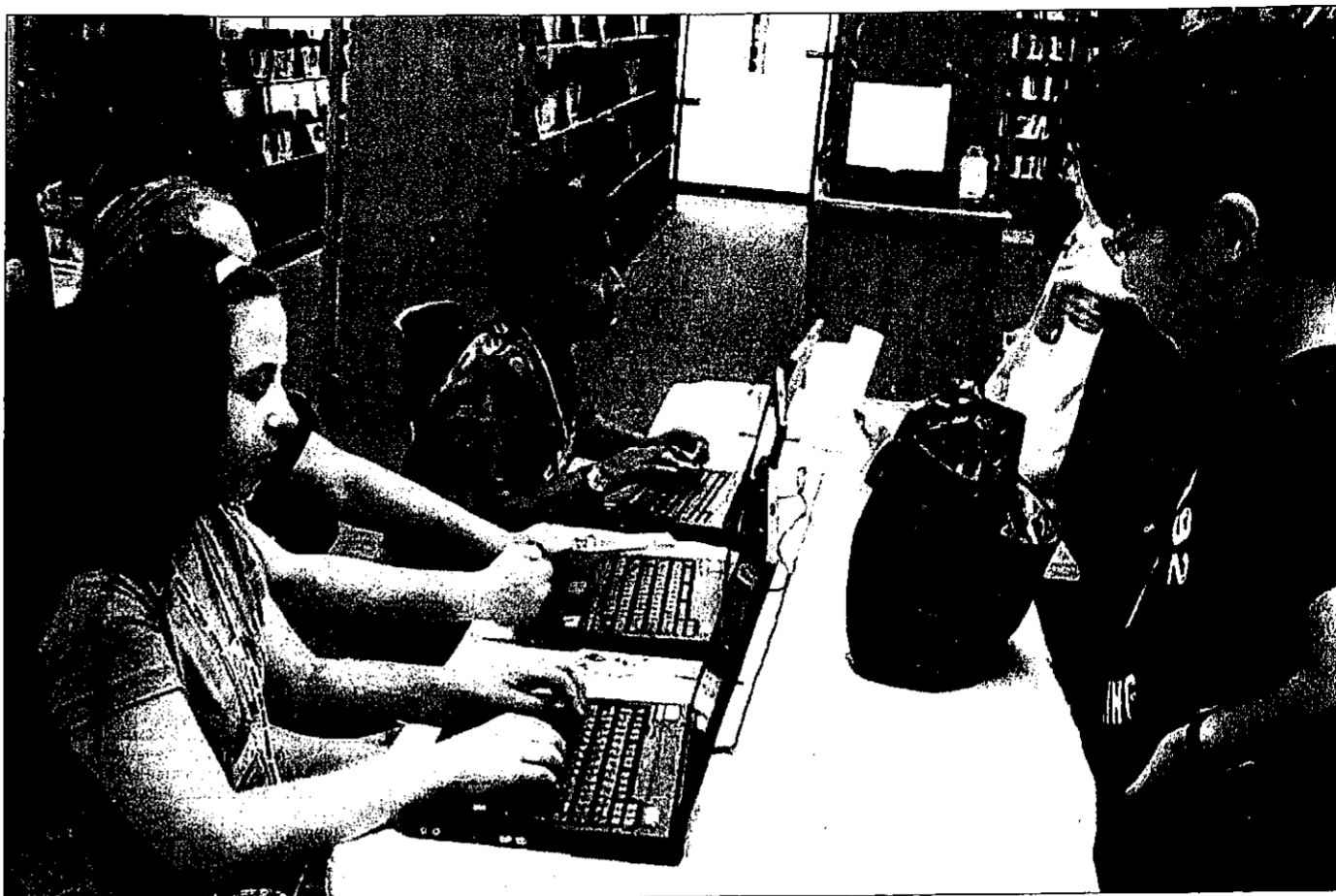
The event is sponsored by the Plymouth Kiwanis Club.

After the parade, head over to Plymouth Township Park and The Good

Ol' Fashioned picnic featuring food (for 5 cents), games and entertainment from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fireworks show and picnic are sponsored by Plymouth Township and funded by private sponsors and donations.

Fireworks fans have another chance to view a local show on Sunday, July 7.

The Westland Summer Festival fireworks start at approximately 10:15 p.m. at the festival site behind Westland City Hall at 36601 Ford Road, west of Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, visit www.westlandfestival.org. Events are sponsored by the Westland Festival Committee.



Teen volunteers will be at the Novi Public Library all summer helping patrons to sign up for the reading program.

Novi library registers 1,000 in first week for program

Children, teens learn while having fun

Novi schools are officially on break, and Novi Public Library has already turned the right page with their Summer Reading Program by registering over 1,000 patrons in the first week. The program is for all ages and is intended to help children and teens keep up with their reading during the summer months and enjoy some programs and activities

along the way. Running until Saturday, Aug. 3, there are three programs designed for every age group. Adults can partake in some Groundbreaking Reads, teens can get Beneath the Surface and page can Dig Into Reading.

Along with reading, the programs also feature a variety of different activities and events, drawings, story times, and a finale trip to Paradise Park. To take part in the Summer Reading Pro-

gram, sign up and record reading minutes at www.novilibrary.org or stop by the library to register. Close to 100 teen volunteers and two interns are available with the sign up process and will be on hand along with library staff to help patrons record their minutes and register during the summer.

For more information about Novi Public Library or the Summer Reading Program visit online or stop by at 45255 W. 10 Mile Road.



Courtney Gordon gets her kids Jack, 7, Lilly, 4, and family friend Alexa Curtis (right), 6, signed up for the Novi Public Library summer reading program on June 17. The program, called Dig Into Reading, will run through the summer, is free to sign up for, will encourage lots of reading, and will have prizes awarded to those who persevere a lot of books. PHOTOS BY JOHN MCGEE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Thousands cited during seat belt crackdown

During a statewide effort to get motorists to buckle up, law enforcement agencies in 26 counties issued 8,701 seat belt and child seat violation tickets, nearly 600 more citations than during last year's enforcement effort.

Preliminary reports from police agencies indicate 13,453 vehicles were stopped during the May 20-June 2 Click It or Ticket campaign. The enforcement is part of a national effort to save lives and reduce injuries by increasing seat belt use. Following the state's record-high rate of 97.9 percent in 2009, seat belt use declined to 93.6 percent in 2012. Every 1 percent increase in belt use means 10 fewer traffic deaths and 130 fewer injuries. In 2012, 225 people who died in Michigan traffic crashes were not buckled up.

Motorists were warned about the enforcement through advertising on the Internet, television and radio stations and through the media. "Those that didn't heed the advice to 'click it' received a ticket," stated Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning Director Michael L. Prince. "The bottom line is seat belts save lives and motorists need to buckle up every trip, every time."

In addition to seat belt violations, 15 drunken drivers were arrested during the enforcement period and 29 drug arrests were made. More than 1,000 tickets for uninsured motorists and 415 for suspended licenses were written. In Eaton County, a seat belt stop resulted in the discovery of methamphetamine in the vehicle and the seizure of more than \$30,000 in other drugs. Twelve people died in

traffic crashes over the Memorial Day period. Of those, three were not wearing a seat belt, two were motorcycleists, two were riding off-road vehicles along the roadway, one was riding a moped and one was a pedestrian. This is an increase from the 2012 Memorial Day holiday period when 10 people were killed in traffic crashes.

Counties participating included: Allegan, Berrien, Calhoun, Chippewa, Delta/Eaton, Genesee, Grand Travers, Houghton, Ingham, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Livingston, Macomb, Marquette/Monroe, Muskegon, Oakland, Ogemaw, Ottawa/Saginaw, St. Clair, Van Buren, Washtenaw and Wayne. Officers will again take to the streets working stepped up patrols July 1-7 and Aug. 16 through Sept. 2.

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An entertainer with the Dakini Circus tosses a flaming stick in the air for a 10 a.m. crowd at Novi's Fuert Park on June 18 as part of the summer-long Tremendous Tuesdays line-up.



Tiffany Hahn enjoys an outing at Novi's Fuert Park with her daughter Amelia, 7 months, on June 18. The pair were at the park for its inaugural Tremendous Tuesdays morning of entertainment.

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NOVI / NORTHVILLE CHURCH CALENDAR

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Dementia cases doubling - how to lower your risk, use your brain fully

The number of people with dementia is expected to more than double in 30 years and outpace both heart disease and cancer in terms of cost. Because dementia can take root in the brain years or decades before symptoms appear, you can take action now to avoid becoming part of this skyrocketing statistic.

What's worse is these statistics do not include mild cognitive impairment or "pre-dementia," which accounts for another 22 percent of people over 71. Some experts say there is no way to prevent dementia, but studies show diet and lifestyle influence brain health. We can use that knowledge to lower the risk for dementia.

Advertisement for 'Worship' featuring a grid of church listings for various locations including Brighton, Milford, Novi, Walled Lake, Whitmore Lake, Livonia, New Hudson, Plymouth, Northville, and South Lyon.

For more information regarding this Directory, please call Sue Sare at 248-437-2011, ext. 247 or e-mail: ssare@hometownlife.com

OUR VIEWS

Self-evident truth

Sacrifices have helped shape our nation

As with many holidays born out of patriotic impulses, the true meaning of Independence Day can be easily lost amid the parades and the barbecues, among the sparklers and the games.

The men and women in our armed forces knew then this country would be founded on the basis of freedom, that it was a concept and an ideology worth fighting — and dying — for. And they know it — and deeply believe that — now.

It's easy to forget, because the brave sacrifices of our military men and women today come in far-away lands like Afghanistan and Iraq, that the very first sacrifices on the road to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness came right here on home soil.

Some 25,000 Americans perished, and another 25,000 were injured, as the colonies fought — and died — for the right to determine their own destiny as a country, one of the truths leaders of the Second Continental Congress decided were self-evident.

Though it holds no legal authority, the Declaration of Independence, as Thomas Jefferson wrote in a letter years after penning it, was "intended to be an expression of the American mind, and to give to that expression the proper tone and spirit called for by the occasion."

It took a lot of courage, first writing and then signing that document. Clearly, the colonies had to resolve their differences with the British. The list of disputes in the document is extensive.

But given the alternative, the document declares, the signers had the gumption — the will — to go to war. That's pretty tough talk, but it is also thoughtful and well-reasoned.

All people have unalienable rights, Jefferson reasoned as he wrote. Those rights come from a higher order and can't be abolished by any person — not a king of England, an ego-maniacal tyrant in Iraq or a common thug hiding in a cave. Nor can any group of men — whether the British Parliament or al-Qaeda — demand those rights.

Thus, Jefferson and the rest of the Founding Fathers laid the foundation for what has stood — for 237 years and counting — as the bedrock principle of our nation. Fifty-six men, representing colonies from north and south, signed it, each of them risking death as revolutionaries.

Independence is inbred in us, part of our genetic makeup. That's why we bolt upright at attempts to abridge our civil liberties and growl over things like foreclosures and the price of gas that threaten our happiness.

Our independence must be nurtured aggressively, if it is to continue. That doesn't mean agreeing with everything that comes out of Washington; it does mean passing along the memories and the message of the Declaration of Independence.

The framers of that document and the leaders of the revolution — Hancock and Franklin, Washington and Jefferson — are household names. But let's not forget the 50,000 dead and wounded — nor the scores of military men and women who've been killed or wounded since — whose names we've never known and never will.

It was their deeds and their sacrifices that became synonymous with freedom. As you line the streets for local parades, celebrate with fireworks and grill burgers and hot dogs for the holiday picnic, remember them and honor their accomplishment.

The truth of their sacrifice, and the magnitude of its meaning, should be self-evident.



The rockets' red glare ... gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

What are your plans for the Fourth of July?

We asked the question where



"We are going camping at Camp Dearborn."

Jimmie Roark
Novi



"Going to Alabama to visit family for a reunion."

Ava Wegner with
Elizabeth
Novi



"I'm staying home and just doing family stuff."

Dana Whelan
Northville



"Relaxing and staying at home."

Lourdes Weidl
Novi

LETTERS

Celebrate state's engineering success

Every year we receive the annual report about Michigan's crumbling infrastructure. What is just as unfortunate is how Michigan's civil and consulting engineers are letting their own history crumble before their eyes.

At best, the Grade is "F" for failing to educate our fellow citizens about the great civil engineering projects, both past and present, that are making Michigan great.

It seems that the profession in Michigan has lost its ability to recall and celebrate great works of the past and to recognize the historical significance of current-day works.

When reviewing the across-the-board efforts of Michigan's engineering profession in promoting National Engineers Week in 2013, very little was done to promote our state's proud civil engineering history. We are losing the attention that our profession is making to the architects, who do a fine job of promoting their historical buildings. When will we wake up and not our own horn?

Perhaps we might interest young people in pursuing civil engineering and consulting engineering careers.

One good start in trying to change our grade from an "F" to a "C" would be to educate the public about the Soo Locks Engineers' Day program held June 28 in Sault Ste. Marie.

The Soo Locks were open to the public for touring and an opportunity to see how the locks work. The day is to recognize and celebrate the engineers who designed and built the locks and all of the union construction workers who have helped update and maintain it over the years.

And, I'd be remiss if I did not mention that Alfred Noble, one of the world's greatest civil engineers, who was born in Livonia, was appointed in 1873 as U.S. assistant engineer at Sault Ste. Marie, working on the Soo Locks.

To find out more about Soo Locks Engineers' Day, visit <http://www.saultstemarie.com/soo-locks-engineers-day-june-28-2013-313/>

Joe Neussendorfer
American Society
of Civil Engineers member
Livonia

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So all benefit from public schools

This is a watershed moment in Michigan history. Maintaining a strong public education framework is an absolutely critical part of successfully dealing with the issues we are facing in this state.

We have witnessed the unrestricted opening of charter schools and cyber schools. John Austin, president of the state Board of Education, has called for a significant increase in oversight, accountability and transparency of recently formed cyber and charter schools.

There is abundant precedent where the attorney general in the states of Colorado, Pennsylvania and Ohio had to close many schools organized on a for-profit basis.

K-12 Inc., a cyber school provider, is now widely advertising in Michigan and there is a lack of legislation to regulate this for-profit industry. Ron Peckard, CEO of K-12 Inc., received compensation of more than \$5 million last year.

Special interest lobbyists have targeted the School Aid Fund, which is a dedicated budget. As a former member of the Appropriations Committee for six years (2000-06), the School Aid Fund was not raided to finance other projects.

The people of Michigan have always supported the fact that public education is the cornerstone and foundation of our democracy. Current legislators have opened the floodgates to private, for-profit corporations to take over our public system of education.

Recently, on statewide television, L. Brooks Patterson stated

that "Our legislators should play within the 20-yard lines of a 100-yard football field." Our local legislators have exhibited voting records which reflect the extreme left and the extreme right.

The spirit of moderation, delicate compromise and consensus-building has been absent in our current state Legislature. This is a disgrace. At some point, surface differences have to be set aside and we have to work together for the common good. The profit motive, in public education, is inherently flawed.

If we are to have a growing, expanding and prosperous economy then we must invest in public education in order to have well-educated citizens. The underlying concept of a public education system is that we all benefit from an educated citizenry.

John C. Stewart
Flynnouth

Don't profile suspects

The First Amendment right to free speech is a wonderful concept but it is a sad day when it is used without logic or justice to attack others. The recent letter "Islam is the root of terror" is one such example. Assigning blame to all Muslims for the Boston bombings is malicious.

Our worst act of domestic terror, the bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building (168 dead), was carried out by a Catholic, Army veteran and gun rights supporter. Must we be "vigilant and skeptical of those around us" who are Catholic, veterans or gun rights advocates? That is silly.

In Michigan, our worst act of school violence (33 elementary school children and six adults dead) was carried out by a farmer and former school board member. It is nonsensical to view farmers and school board members as "our worst enemies."

As a person who has lived and worked abroad with Hindus and Sikhs, Buddhists and Muslims, I just find some of the biases among a few of my fellow Americans so wrong headed. We need a little more of Abraham Lincoln's vision, "With malice toward none, with charity for all ... Let's live and work together with grace."

James Pearson
Highland

GUEST COLUMN

NEF supports Leader in Me program for Novi students

Personal leadership. That is one of the qualities that the Novi Community School District and the Novi Educational Foundation want the children of Novi to develop. That's why the district has introduced, and the Novi Educational Foundation (NEF) supports, the Leader in Me program. With your contribution, we can expand our commitment to this leadership opportunity and help grow student leaders in Novi.

Our vision: Ensure that all Novi students are responsible, show initiative, are creative, know how to set and achieve goals, and know how to get along with people of various backgrounds and cultures.



Geoff Wood

The Leader in Me program will help us realize this vision. The goal of the NEF is to help the Novi Community School District fill our schools with student-leaders.

Your support will help the Novi Community School District equip our students with the self-confidence and skills they need to thrive in the 21st century. Your contribution will help provide materials for our students,

train teachers, support leadership teams, and help our district earn "Lighthouse" status! Please make an investment in the future of Novi's children. Help us as we expand the Leader in Me student-leadership program. Make a secure online donation today at www.novieducationalfoundation.org/contribute or mail your gift to: Novi Educational Foundation, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, MI 48374. Thank you for supporting our students and building student-leaders.

Geoff Wood is the chairperson of the Novi Educational Foundation, which can be reached at 248-449-1211 or nef@novi.k12.mi.us.

LOCAL EVENTS

SIZZLING SUMMER ART SERIES

Location: Funest Park (southeast corner of Taft and 10 Mile roads, Novi)
Time: 10:30-11:30 a.m.
July 9: Jason Kollum: Comedy Juggler

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 Bands and A Bug Life!

BLOOD DRIVES
Location: St. Mary Mercy Hospital, North Auditorium, 35475 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
Time/Date: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12

Details: The public is invited to join St. Mary Mercy Hospital employees and volunteers in donating blood at the event, in partnership with the American Red Cross.

Contact: To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit redcrossblood.org. Appointment sign-ups are also available in the Hospital cafeteria. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred.

BEREAVENTS MEETING
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.

WOMENHEART OF NOVI
Time/Date: 7 p.m. fourth Wednesdays
Location: Providence Park Hospital, Novi

Details: For women with concerns about cardiac health to share information and sisterhood at monthly meetings
Contact: Sharon Mallon, 248-348-5189.

BUSINESS

LOCAL BUSINESS NETWORK MEETING

Time/Date: 8:45-10:15 a.m. first and third Wednesdays
Details: The Novi chapter of Local Business Network (LBN) is a well-established, dynamic, professional networking group. New members are being sought.

Contact: To RSVP, call 248-349-6225 or 248-685-9226.

AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
Time/Date: 6:15-8:30 p.m., second Wednesdays
Location: DoubleTree Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi

Details: Novi Oaks is a chapter of the American Business Women's Association — a national organization. The group meets monthly for networking and a program featuring speakers on a broad array of market-relevant topics. Organizers strive to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support and national recognition. Guests are always welcome; advance registration is required. Visit www.abwa-novi.org

Contact: Holly Hengstbeck at publicity@abwa-novi.org

NORTHVILLE-NOVI BUSINESS NETWORKING BREAKFAST
Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. first and third Tuesdays (except November and December, which are just the first Tuesdays)

Location: Kerby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty
Details: Business networking focused on building relationships. The Sunrise Networking Group, LLC (www.sunriseNET-WORKINGGROUP.com), or SNG for short, is a group of about 250 business leaders who help each other to build more business by referring people to each other. Breakfast is \$10.

Contact: Fonda Milana, 586-233-3009 or fmlana@sunrisefinancialgroup.com

METRO NOVI BNI
Time/Date: 7-8 a.m. every Wednesday
Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21051 Haggerty (north of Eight Mile), Novi

Details: BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals. Members learn how to create and refine an "elevator speech," develop a network of other business professionals in

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

To the market



John VonBuskirk talks to some visitors during the June 18 Novi Farmer's Market. The market will take place each Tuesday through the summer. VonBuskirk was there selling her Jeni's Ugly Pies — so named for her early attempts at uniform crust. JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

the community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited free of charge. Continental breakfast provided.

Contact: Contact Julie Paquette at 248-737-1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com; www.metrobninovi.com

NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Time/Date: www.novichamber.com or call 248-349-3743

LIBRARY LINES

WALLED LAKE LIBRARY

Location: 1499 East West Maple Road, Walled Lake
Contact: 248-624-3772

HUD Counseling

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. first Mondays
Details: HUD-certified counselors are available to assist homeowners at risk of foreclosure. Learn how to work with your lender to avoid foreclosure. There is no charge for this service. Please call if you wish to attend. One-on-one sessions will

be scheduled.

Book Discussion Group
Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. first Thursdays
Details: Please drop in or call the library if you are interested in joining this recently formed group.

NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY
Location: 45255 W. 10 Mile
Hours: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday
Details: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the library. Register for programs at the library or on the library website.

Contact: 248-349-0720
Web: www.novilibrary.org

Story Times: Please see the library website or story time brochure for details.

Help for Families, Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency (OLHSA)
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Tuesday
Details: Meet with an OLHSA (Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency) staff member

for support with Medicaid, food or cash assistance, foreclosure assistance and many other human services. Call the OLHSA office at (248) 209-2683 to make an appointment.

Knit 2gether Knitting Circle
Time/Date: 10-11:30 a.m. every Thursday
Details: If you have a leaning toward knitting or any of the related handicrafts (crocheting, needlepoint, embroidery, etc.) Knit 2gether Knitting Circle just might be your cup of tea. Skill levels range from complete "newbie" to "expert." No instructor; no registration. Bring your gear, your enthusiasm, your questions, and your stories. And, of course, attendance is free.

CLUBS

NOVI ROTARY CLUB
Time/Date: Noon every Thursday
Location: Novi Methodist Church 41671 W. 10 Mile
Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check website for speaker information;

NOVI TOASTMASTERS CLUB
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., every first and third Tuesday
Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 W. 10 Mile, Novi
Details: Novi Toastmasters is a community-based club which is part of Toastmasters International. The group provides a mutually supportive atmosphere in which all can develop and refine their public speaking and leadership skills. Members also have fun while building confidence in day-to-day communications and mentoring toward professional and personal excellence. Guests are welcome — and bring a friend. Visit www.novi.toastmasters.org

Contact: Linda Kreuter at PR@novi.toastmasters.org

NOVI LIONS CLUB
Time/Date: 6 p.m. social; 6:30 p.m. meeting starts; second and fourth Wednesdays
Location: Leach Sports Bar & Grill Restaurant, lower level, 40380 Grand River, west of Haggerty. Visitors are welcome; dinner is from the menu. Details: Novi Lions is part of Lions International, the largest service organization in the world. The purpose is to serve the blind and the community. Principal activities are fundraising for Leader Dogs, Peristikon Center for Blind Children and other blind charities along with fundraisers for high school scholarships. Serving Local, Midland and worldwide.

Contact: Lion President Ron Martin, 248-473-1156, or Lion Secretary Ed Kramer, 248-248-2747

REUNIONS
MACKENZIE HIGH
Time/Date: noon-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24
Location: Nankin Mills Pavilion in Hines Park
Details: third annual Picnic for those who attended Mackenzie High School in the '50s and '60s. Music, memorabilia, great camaraderie. Bring your own picnic (Michigan-made hot dogs, chips, pop, water and ice cream will be for sale). Also available are t-shirts, sweat shirts, and music CDs. Seating available under the shelter, or bring your own chairs and pop-ups.

Contact: Janet Cable at 734-377-4009 or mackenzie50-60@hotmail.com; visit <http://www.classcraze.com>; visit Detroit-MI-Mackenzie-1960.

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SLU's Glenn earns Player of Year



South Lyon United's Alyssa Glenn is the 2013 All-Area Player of the Year. HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior midfielder tallies 75 goals to go with 40 assists for 115 total points

By Jeff Theisen
 Staff Writer

South Lyon United star midfielder Alyssa Glenn was dominant in many phases of the game and earns the 2013 All-Area Player of the Year honor. The senior poured in 75 goals, assisted on 40 more, won 96 draw controls, caused 32 turnovers and scooped up 26 ground balls. Glenn earned All-KLAA First Team, Team MVP and All-State First Team honors for her efforts. "All those stats are eclipsed by her ability to lead," coach Glen Glenn said. "She has incredible field sense and can make sure all her teammates are in the right place at the right time. She also taught the younger players how to lead as well. She has been playing for eight

years and continually works to improve her game."

FIRST TEAM

Dominique Zigo, Huron Valley
 The junior from Lakeland provided much of the offensive force for the team. Her eight goals in a game against Grand Blanc stands as a state record. She earned All-State Honorable Mention honors and was team MVP. "Great kid and a great player," coach Tara Johnson said.

Sam Nelson, South Lyon United

The junior attacker provided a great secondary punch with Glenn by tallying 41 goals with eight assists. Nelson earned All-KLAA First Team, team attack MVP and All-State Honorable

Mention honors. "Sam's game improved significantly," Glenn said. "Her stick skills and shot placement improved as she calmed down and picked up her confidence. She will be a major contributor to next year's squad."

Meghan Burke, South Lyon United

The junior midfielder was a stat-filler for the United squad. She notched 14 goals, three assists, 23 draw controls, caused 12 turnovers and had 19 ground balls. Honors earned include All-KLAA First Team the team 3D award (dedication, desire, determination) and All-State Honorable Mention. "Meghan has really developed into a

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PRICELESS SOUVENIRS

Catching a ball at an MLB game fulfills lifelong dream for area fans

By Ed Wright
 Staff Writer

The baseball that rocketed off Detroit Tigers outfielder Andy Dirks' bat and into the stands beyond the right field fence at Comerica Park the afternoon of May 17, 2012, weighed just five ounces. But the spinning sphere was jam-packed with a lifetime full of memories for Livonia's Reed family.

The ball ricocheted off the hands of a fan sitting in front of the Reeds — father Casey and sons Michael, Ben and William — and into the palms of Casey Reed, whose sure-handed grab transformed a fabulous day at the ballpark with his sons into an unforgettable one. "That morning my wife (Sara) laid out Tigers gear for the boys to wear to school, but they had no idea they were going to a baseball game," Casey Reed said. "I surprised them by picking them up at their schools around lunch time. We bought some tickets right before the game started and sat in right field."

"We were having a great time watching the Tigers on a sun-shiny day, but catching that ball made it an amazing experience. Every 10 seconds, one of us would say, 'It's my turn to look at it.' We couldn't get enough of it."

Rare prize

You can purchase an official MLB baseball at a Comerica Park gift shop for around \$15, but there is no price tag that can be placed on a ball that finds its way into the stands after crashing off a professional player's bat. Rawlings, which provides MLB with all of its baseballs, estimates anywhere from 100 to 120 balls are used during a typical game. When you consider there are close to 25,000 fans at an average game, the odds of nabbing a ball are longer than a Miguel Cabrera moon-shot home run.

The rarity factor is why fans like



Westland's Bud Somerville holds just a few of the hundreds of balls he's caught or chased down at Major League Baseball games.

Livonia's Randy Knight remember every detail of their foul ball catching experience. "I'm a lifelong Tigers fan who had been to countless games over the years, but I had never caught a foul ball until the game I attended against the Minnesota Twins on Aug. 15, 2011," the 51-year-old Knight said. "I still remember every single detail about it." In the fifth inning, as Knight recalled, Minnesota's Joe Mauer

fouled off a 1-0 pitch directly up the steps behind the Tigers' dugout. "A young lady had just started her descent down the steps with a tray of nachos and pop," Knight said. "The ball was still on the rise and I saw it coming, but I didn't see the young lady until my hand was in front of her face. "She screamed, the ball hit my hand and deflected behind her. I

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"It turned out that Prince Charles and Princess Anne were at the game. I leaned over the railing and caught a foul ball with my bare hands."

DAVID JEROME, Northville

Lakeland's Kleckner aces top spot

By Jeff Theisen
 Staff Writer

Lakeland junior Alex Kleckner was part of a three-headed monster to lead the Eagles to a divisional title and eventually a trip to the State Finals. Kleckner sat two strokes back of the individual title after day one at the Division 1 State Finals, but shot the lowest round of the tournament with a 69 on day two and finished tied for the lead with a two-day total of 143. Plymouth's Kyle Rodes went on to win the individual title in a playoff, but Kleckner's runner-up finish propelled the Eagles to an eighth-place finish. Kleckner is the 2013 All-Area Golfer of the Year.

The junior saved his best golf for tournaments, averaging 74.8 for 18 holes. His best round came when he needed it most, the 69 at Forest Akers West at the finals. Kleckner also averaged 39.4 for nine holes.

FIRST TEAM

Charlie Green, Catholic Central
 The Shamrock senior was medalist four times throughout the season and runner-up in three others. Green averaged 75.9 for 18 holes and will continue his playing career at Michigan State University. Green helped the Shamrocks finish tied for third at the Division 1 State Finals. "Charlie was the leader of this team and has been for the past few years," said coach Mike Anderson. Glen Piot, Catholic Central. The sophomore was second lowest for CC at the State Finals with a two-day total of 151. He finished in the top 10 in tournaments seven times and never carded higher than a 79. Piot also

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Lakeland's Alex Kleckner is the 2013 All-Area Golfer of the Year. HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Run for Ribbon



The Northville Stallions and Colts cheerleaders showed their support for the fight against prostate cancer at the fifth annual MIU Men's Health Foundation Run for the Ribbon 5K Run/Walk on Father's Day. Pictured (l to r, front) are Emma Asher, Rachel Asher, Rebecca Weiskopf; (middle) Jordan Pollitt, Stacie Shaw, Helena Notario, Winter Graham, Leah Gerlach; (back) Katie Sturtz, Lizzie Sturtz, Isabel Horalek, Sarah Gentner and Audrey Schikora.

Panther champs



Novi's NYBL 8U Inferno travel baseball team beat the Northville Mustangs in an exciting game to win the NYBL Panther's championship trophy June 23. Inferno went 4-1 in the tournament with wins over the Northville Stampede and Oxford Wildcats as well as two wins over the Northville Mustangs. Pictured (l to r, front) are Alex Putti, Trevor Reed (batboy), Noah Mio, Robert Colyer, Drew Reed (batboy), Nathan Chabot, Brandon Mendinkovich, Noah Aurilia; (second row) Charlie Lewinski, Zac Rabinowitz, Owen Kendall, Colton Dunn and Brett Reed; (back) coaches Alan Rabinowitz, Robert Colyer and Mark Dunn. Missing from the picture is Dominic Senatore.

SPORTS SHORTS

Sign up for summer 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 grades six-10.
- Summer Swim:** noon to 2 p.m., July 8-12; for boys and girls entering grades four-eight.
- Advanced Competitive Swimming:** noon to 2 p.m., July 15-19; for boys and girls entering grades seven-12.
- 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 grades three-eight.
- Novi Wildcat High School Football:** 3-6 p.m., July 22-25; for students entering grades nine-12.

Novi Wildcat Volleyball: 9 a.m. to noon July 8-10; for students entering grades five-10.

Boys Lacrosse: 9-11 a.m., July 8-11; for boys entering grades four-six. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., July 8-11; for boys entering grades seven-eight.

All sessions take place in athletics facilities on the Novi High School campus. Sign up at www.novi.k12.mi.us.

Hoop camp

The Northville High School Boys Basketball Camp will be held 9 a.m. to noon July 8-11 at NHS for boys entering grades four-nine in fall 2013. Campers of all skill levels are welcome. Email BoysBB@northvillebasketball.com.

SOUVENIRS

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don't think I have ever moved faster in the last 20 years to get to that ball. My hand took a bruise, but it was well worth it."

Going way back

Northville resident David Jerome's over-the-rail catch of a foul ball at a Washington Senators game July 19, 1970, caught the eye of a couple of royal onlookers.

"It turned out that Prince Charles and Princess Anne were at the game," Jerome said. "I leaped over the railing and caught a foul ball with my bare hands."

"The next day, my wife read in the paper that the prince and princess thought the game was pretty boring, but they mentioned two things that caught their eyes: a mammoth home run hit by Frank Howard and when a fan reached over a railing to catch a foul ball. That was me."

Westland resident Bud Somerville has turned catching foul balls and home runs into a science. Somerville estimates he has caught or chased down "hundreds" of balls at MLB games — the first coming when he was a 12-year-old attending a Tigers game in 1966.

"Every summer, just about every day, my friends and I would jump on the bus in Wayne and take it down Michigan Avenue to Tiger Stadium," Somerville said. "We knew where to stand during batting practice and during the games to get the balls. After the game, we'd take the balls outside the stadium and sell them so we'd have bus fare to get back home."

While attending a game at Tiger Stadium late in the 1987 season, Garden City resident Ron Pummill might be hard-pressed in a home run ball that held special meaning — not just for him, but for a longtime Tigers hero.

"My friends and I were sitting in the lower deck in right field when Lou Whitaker hit a home run that landed about eight to 10 seats away from us," Pummill said. "We were all like, 'awww

man.' Two batters later, Kirk Gibson steps up and hits one right to me."

The following off-season, Gibson signed a free-agent contract to play for the Dodgers, adding significance (at least for a while) to the ball Pummill caught.

"I thought, 'I own the last home run ball Kirk Gibson was ever going to hit in Tiger Stadium,'" Pummill said, chuckling. "I thought that ball was going to be worth quite a bit of money. But then Gibby re-signed with the Tigers in 1993 and he hit about 10 to 12 more home runs in Detroit, so my ball suddenly wasn't worth much anymore."

Glove story
All foul ball stories don't have a happy ending, as Livonia's Jackson family discovered the hard way.

"To help celebrate his daughter Sarah's birthday, Jeff Jackson took her and his mom to a game in 2006.

"Sarah was determined to catch a foul ball that day," Jackson said with a smile. "The problem was we were sitting pretty high up in the handicapped section. I told her not too many balls came up that far. Plus, I told her I had been to a lot of games and had never come close to catching a foul ball."

"That didn't deter Sarah, who insisted on staying until the final out in her quest to take home a priceless souvenir."

"The Tigers were getting beat like 7-1 or 8-1 and it was the bottom of the ninth," Jackson said. "All of a sudden, Pudge Rodriguez hit a hard line drive that was curving right toward me."

"The funny part was, I had brought my glove, but I had set it down on the floor below our seats before the inning started. Here comes this ball right at me — waist high — that I would have caught easily with my glove, but it hit my palms, bounced a few rows up and a little kid got it. I don't think Sarah talked to me the entire ride home. She kept saying, 'Why didn't you have your glove on?'"

Jackson said the incident still generates chuckles between him and his daughter.

"I'm thinking about getting one of those fancy glass containers you put valuable baseballs in and giving it to her — empty, of course," he said. "I'll tell her, 'Here's the ball I didn't catch for you that day.'"

KLECKNER

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finished runner-up at the Bedford Valley tournament. He averaged 76.2 for 18 holes.

"Glen is a hard worker and goes about his business in his own quiet way," said Anderson.

Justin Pahl, Lakeland
Another Lakeland junior showed amazing consistency for both nine (38.14) and 18 holes (76.2). He cored in the top 10 five times at tournaments with a low round of 71 at Oakland Hills. Pahl was third-lowest at state with a two-day total of 159.

Jake Kneen, Lakeland
Kneen, a junior, was tied with Kleckner with a 74 after day one of the State Finals. He finished second lowest on the team with a 154. Kneen averaged 35.13 for nine and 76.5 for 18 holes. He finished in the top 10 four times at tournament with a low round of 73 at Oakland Hills. Kneen was first in all but two of the division matches.

Andrew Sarokin, Northville
The Northville junior was a model of consistency, averaging 37.8 for nine and 75.6 for 18 holes. Sarokin finished in the top 10 in five of 10 tournament with a pair of wins. He shot a low round of 67 to win the Seaholm Invite at Oakland Hills and was KLAAs medalist.

"Andrew has had a very special year, he was not only our No. 1 player, but at times the best player in the state," said coach Jeff Balagna. "He played against the toughest competition all year and proved how good he could be. The highlight of year for Andrew had to be winning at Oakland Hills. He shot a minus-3 67 to best possibly the toughest field outside of the State Finals. He also was co-medalist at the KLAAs Conference tournament."

Brad Kozinski, Novi
The Novi senior capped a four-year varsity career with a trip to states. He has also been part of two divisional titles, a conference title, an Oakland County team title and has been part of three regional appearances for the Wildcats. He averaged 78.1 for 18 holes.

"Brad is a real leader for the team and has started since his freshman

year," said coach Brad Huss. "He has a great demeanor, attitude and personality. He played in eight tournaments this year and scored in the 70s in six of them and qualified (for state) with a 75 at the regional (tournament). For the second consecutive year, his scores counted in all 10 dual meets as Novi won the Central Division the past two years. He has been a great teammate and he will be missed."

SECOND TEAM
Gavin Garris, South Lyon
The senior captain had his score count in all 52 events he took place in during his three-year varsity career for the Lions. Garris averaged 38 for nine and 79 for 18 this year. He led the Lions in nine of 16 dates this season. His best round of 72 came at the Birmingham Country Club for a fifth-place finish out of 135 golfers.

Kyle Koehler, South Lyon
Also a three-year varsity player and captain for the Lions, Koehler finished second in team scoring in 14 out of 16 matches. He averaged 40 for nine holes. His best 18 came at the KLAAs tourney with a 73 for third overall.

Matt Sherry, South Lyon East
The Cougar senior averaged 38.8 for nine and 78.1 for 18. Sherry was medalist with a 72 at the Oakland County Division 2 tourney and was also medalist at the Berkley Invite. Sherry shot the lowest round at districts with a 78 at Shenandoah and missed the state tourney by one stroke at regionals.

Garret Buckley, Novi
The Wildcat junior averaged a stellar 76.4 for 18 holes, earning All-Conference honors. Buckley tied CC's Green for medalist at districts, finishing runner-up in a playoff.

Todd Goebel, Northville
The senior captain averaged 39.3 for nine and 78.3 for 18. Goebel was medalist in two of the nine-hole matches and finished in the top 10 in three tournaments. He earned All-Conference honors and qualified for regionals.

Phil Richie, Catholic Central
The senior averaged 78.2 for 18 holes with six top-10 finishes in tournaments. Richie saved some of his best golf for last with a fourth-place finish at the State Finals to help the Shamrocks finish tied for third.

Third in Gold



The U13 3D volleyball team took third place in the Gold Division at Asics Nationals in Chicago on Navy Pier. Shown are Erin Boyle, Sophia Bolder, Allyson Zayan (Northville), Jaeda Porter (Novi), Isabella Cristen, Jill Harrington (Novi), Coach Julie Fissette Gubi, Fissette, Brandi Wilson, Kaylee Peterson (Novi), Kayla Gunn and Chloe McKenzie. The team's season record is 61-7.

Runner-up



The U13 Northville Broncos fell to the Lapeer Outlaws in the championship game June 22-23. The tournament featured the top 32 U13 AA teams in the state, and the Broncos finished the weekend 4-1. Pictured (left to right, front) are Joe Wozniak, Scottie Granzotto, John Jeannotte, Matt G. Nick Fegert; (back) Coach Fred Stinebaker, Matt Strimbsier, Cooper Smith, Coach Mike Granzotto, Stephen Ernst, Jack Sargent, Coach Mike Wozniak, Jay Hesse, John Lobbia and Coach John Lobbia.

GIRLS

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great all-around lacrosse player," Glenn said. "She works extremely hard at her skills and field awareness, as well as her personal fitness. When the team runs, Meghan always sets the pace. She has also stepped up her leadership skills and looks to be a great leader next season."

Hannah Burczyk, South Lyon United

The sophomore midfielder switched positions from attacker and finished with four goals, two assists, 25 draw controls and three turnovers. She earned All-KLAA First Team, the team Heart and Hustle award and All-State Honorable Mention honors.

"Although the offensive statistics dropped, her defensive play improved dramatically," Glenn said. "When double-teaming with the other midfielders and low defense, we were able to force a great deal of turnovers. She worked hard on her stick work and field IQ, and is now a fantastic full-field lacrosse player."

Kali Maisano, Northville

The senior goalie earned All-State Honorable Mention honors and was team MVP. While she stood tall in net, Maisano also was third on the team with 33 ground balls, third in turnovers with 23 and led the team with 13 interceptions.

"States show an athletic goalie who is not afraid to come out of the crease and break up the play," coach Stacey Thardich said. "Motivated, works hard, gives 110 percent and will be playing at Tiffin University in Ohio. Kali not only put us in the position to win every game this season, but won many games for us."

Erin Vogel, Northville

The senior attacker scored a team-high 47 goals and led in total points as well with 53.

"Works hard, great attitude," Thardich said. "Played injured and had an exceptional season."

Erica MacDonald, Northville

The senior captain was second on the team scoring list with 31 goals and 46 total points. MacDonald led in draw controls with 37 and caused 15 turnovers.



South Lyon United's Meghan Burke earned a spot on the All-Area First Team. HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ALL-AREA GIRLS LACROSSE

PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Alyssa Glenn, South Lyon United

FIRST TEAM

Dominique Zigo, Huron Valley
Sam Nelson, South Lyon United
Meghan Burke, South Lyon United
Hannah Burczyk, South Lyon United
Kali Maisano, Northville
Erica MacDonald, Northville
Erin Vogel, Northville
Logan VanRiper, Northville
Alanna Clark, Novi
Gina Salemi, Novi

HONORABLE MENTION

Northville: Claire Beaudoin (F)
South Lyon: Morgan Baudoin (F), Erica Meissner (F), Payton Taliaferro (F)

"Is an unbelievable athlete and overall player," coach Caitlin Warda said. "From her offensive skills to her defense, she is always a player I can count on. I can guarantee she is one of the best players in the league."

Gina Salemi, Novi

The freshman made quite a splash on the varsity scene with 48 goals to lead the team.

"Gina is a freshman and has been playing for quite some time," Warda said. "She has great effort and is constantly working her hardest, which makes her a wonderful student and player. Her skills are well beyond her age and her intelligence of the game is growing rapidly."

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PUBLIC COURSES

Wave Riders' lack of loyalty cost them job stability

Arguably, the economic downturn of 2007 did more to reshape the employment landscape than the combined efforts of Microsoft, Apple and Walmart.



Lee Meadows
TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS

Career historians would note the beginning of the mindset change as when the meteor dropped in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, known as the 1980s merger and acquisition "ride-the-wave." Thousands of "wave-riding" careerists were flung against a mile-high coastal shoreline with nothing to show for their efforts but pieces of the Wave Runner they were awarded instead of the job stability behind door No. 2.

Professional career advancement. As they rode the gentle wave of internal career security, they mistook the frantic gestures coming from people on the organizational shoreline as positive acknowledgments of their wave-riding success — not as warnings of the tsunami coming up from behind.

The end result has flustered organizational leaders who chime and lament about the lack of loyalty to their employer, seemingly non-existent among the most recent generations of employees. Yet, astute observers of career behavior as well as professional career strategists would argue that the most recent generations of employees are behaving exactly as anyone would who witnessed and felt the impact of a tidal wave. The resulting "re-

thinking" of career aspirations is rooted in that historical moment. Consequently, careers are not seen as a single, perhaps lifetime, pursuit up a career ladder in one organization, but as one stepping stone, among many, within a larger pond of opportunities. The focus, for many, is not the depth of time within a function that results in a move up, but the breadth of experience within a career discipline that comes from moving around. The loyalty to an organization is a secondary benefit that comes from having a primary focus on the skills, experience and education that blend together to improve one's "free-agency" status and increase the frequency in which opportunities appear.

The dilemma for the organization is in deciding how much to invest in employees who see the experience as a stepping stone as opposed to an entrenched commitment. So, the dance to the ROI (Return On Investment) concerto in C minor is a delicate maneuver between two willful companions who are determined to be the one who leads and not the one who follows. Who determines the path, the choices and its outcome? Careers are made and broken by the slightest bump, head nod or attitudinal dislike — most of which is endured as a consequence of the stability of wave riding in calm, peaceful waters.

The 2007 economic downturn, as seen through an historical lens, served to reinforce and magnify what had already begun as a change in the mindset of the subsequent generations of "wave-dancers" that emerged from that storm. In a career portfolio in which stepping stones represent thoughtful career choices, loyalty is seen as something earned in a larger context of give-and-take. The current generation of "wave-dancers" do not view loyalty to an organization as their primary method of career advancement. Instead, the view encompasses loyalty as part of their career development, and career advancement is determined by loyal relationships within organizational settings that build on trust beyond the bottom line.

Finance a challenge in commercial real estate

With vacancy rates modestly falling and rents modestly rising in commercial real estate sectors, market fundamentals have improved, but financing remains a challenge for small business, according to the National Association of Realtors quarterly commercial real estate forecast.



Businesses are pleased with an uptick in commercial property activity, but remain concerned about related finances. BILL BRESELER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

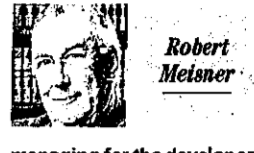
Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, said the market is showing an uneven recovery. "The wheels appear to be greased for the big players, but not so much for small business," he said. "Overall, the commercial sectors are firming nicely with multifamily continuing to show the best performance."

NAR's latest Commercial Real Estate Outlook offers overall projections for four major commercial sectors and analyzes quarterly data in the office, industrial, retail and multifamily markets.

Commercial vacancy rates are estimated to ease from 10.5 percent in the second quarter of this year to 10.2 percent in the second quarter of 2014. Average retail rents are projected to rise 1.4 percent in 2013 and 2.2 percent next year. Net absorption of retail space is anticipated to be 12.5 million square feet in 2013 and 17.4 million next year.

'Car condo' novel concept

Q: I have read in the paper that there is going to be what they refer to as a car condominium which will be a series of garages. Do you have any thoughts on the feasibility of it?



Robert M. Meisner

A: It appears to be an imaginative idea taking advantage of the fact that almost anything can be condominiumized. Of course, the success of that condominium will be how well the condominium documents are drafted to relate to the particular issues that may come up when people are storing cars in close proximity and in connection with the other amenities which may be part of the development. Hopefully, the drafter of the condominium documents will be careful in assessing the inter-relationships between the occupants of the car storage units and the rest of the condominium. Any attorney not affiliated with the management company or even indirectly affiliated with the developer.

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Bill to eliminate tax rate loophole

The Michigan Senate voted recently to pass Senate Bill 114, legislation sponsored by Sen. Vincent Gregory, D-Southfield, that would eliminate a loophole that has allowed building owners to use occupancy rates to avoid paying property taxes.

Gregory, who represents a portion of Farmington Hills. "Without the passage of this legislation, some property owners have been able to use this loophole to dramatically reduce their property taxes in lean times — and keep them low when their property values should have gone back up," Gregory said.

ing property owners to withhold funding that they are expected to pay for police officers, fire fighters, infrastructure and other universal community services," he added. During Michigan's economic struggles over the last several years, the owners of large commercial office buildings began to have their property taxes reassessed — and ultimately reduced — based on dwindling occupancy rates.

Reductions in property taxes have had an adverse effect on local governments for police and fire and other vital services.



Vincent Gregory

The bill will ensure property taxes are equal for all office building and commercial park owners and maintain vital funding for public safety and other government services, said Gregory.

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OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in February offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating 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 specifics, visit online at www.advantageoakland.com/expand, or call (248) 858-0783.

Business Research - Feasibility to Expansion
July 10, 9 a.m. to noon
Thinking of starting a business and want to explore your business idea? Do you want to identify market trends and opportunities to grow your sales? Are you looking for new customers or to diversify your market base? Business Research shows you ways to find your ideal customers, your competitors, perform competitive analysis and more. Presented by Oakland County Market Research and an Oakland County Public Library business reference librarian. Fee: This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.

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.

CEED Microloan Orientation
July 17, 9-11 a.m.
Many small businesses face obstacles when trying to obtain a business loan. The recognition of the serious need for working capital for existing businesses, start-up or expansion, equipment purchases, and job creation is not the priority it once was. If you have a need for alternative financing consider the microloan program. Discover the requirements and process necessary to apply and obtain a microloan. Fee: This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.

Legal & Financial Basics for Small Business
July 30, 9 a.m. to noon
This workshop provides new and existing Michigan entrepreneurs an understanding of the key legal and financial considerations when starting and operating a business in Michigan. The program addresses how to select the best legal entity for your business, how to protect your business interests when dealing with customers, suppliers or independent contractors and important information and guidelines for establishing short- and long-term succession plans. Fee: This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.

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. Fee: No charge, no appointment necessary.

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NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

Yogurt City opens at Novi Town Center

A new Yogurt City shop has opened at Novi Town Center at 26060 Ingersoll Drive. The store features nonfat frozen yogurt with over 50 toppings available.

Welcome



A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held June 13 for the new FirstMerit Bank, located at 40020 W. 12 Mile Road, Novi. Patrick Rearden is cutting the ribbon, joined by (l to r) Dave Baker, Ann Williams, William Johnson, Brenda Givans, Stacy Sant and Rodger Rowland. SUBMITTED

puterworld magazine has selected it as one of the top 100 organizations that have created a dynamic and challenging environment for their information technology (IT) professionals, where career activity is valued, career opportunities are advanced and great benefits are provided.

Erickson Living was ranked 13th this year, up from 93rd on last year's list. Honorees for dynamic and challenging workplaces are included in coverage in *Computerworld* (June 17, 2013), along with results from the 20th annual Best Places to Work in IT survey.

"It is an honor for our team to be recognized for a third straight year," said John F. Triscali, Erickson Living's senior vice president and chief information officer. "A few of the primary factors that make this company a top workplace include its great mission, diverse and positive work culture, as well as numerous IT applications across the enterprise."

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 County, 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 nonmembers. Call 800-747-6742 (www.REIAofOakland.com), email: reianews@aol.com.

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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 author at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com.

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@addedvalue Realty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

Seminar on Tuesdays
A Free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. RSVP with Larry Brady at 800-260-5484, Ext. 33.

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6190 Franklin Rd \$185,000	36212 Middlebelt Rd \$140,000	20794 Maybury Dr \$156,000	26444 Shumans Way \$350,000
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676 Upper Scotsborough Way \$225,000	33913 Rhonswood St \$74,000	30122 Brightwood Dr \$281,000	29602 Farmbrook Villa Ct \$90,000
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1887 Wingate Rd \$245,000	35259 W 13 Mile Rd \$111,000	50700 Calvert Isle Dr \$555,000	29564 Pleasant Trl \$66,000
COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP	30650 W Nine Mile Rd \$27,000	28239 Carlton Way Dr \$159,000	25114 Prairie Dr \$120,000
3155 Belle Terre \$40,000	33828 Yorkridge Rd \$300,000	22879 Cranbrook Dr \$85,000	15999 W 11 Mile Rd # 20 \$13,000
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The fastest growing allied healthcare careers

By Nancy F Higgins
Contributing Writer

Some of the fastest growing professions in the country are allied healthcare occupations. But what exactly does allied healthcare mean and how is it different from healthcare? Allied health refers to the services outside of the three main healthcare disciplines of medicine, dentistry, and nursing.

Allied healthcare covers a whole gamut of services including physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech pathologists, home health aide workers, dental assistants, medical sonographers, speech pathologists, laboratory technicians, etc.

The list is by no means comprehensive and there are tons of other allied health professions that are growing in demand. However, there are a few that stand out because of their minimal training requirement and immense potential. Some such fast growing allied healthcare careers are:

Medical Transcription: Medical transcriptionists held about 95,100 jobs in the year 2010.* The medical transcription practice involves listening to recordings of doctor dictations and converting them into factually and grammatically correct written reports. Being able to understand medical terminology, typing efficiency and editing skills are the

core competencies required for this job. Medical transcriptionists may work at hospitals, offices of physicians, or firms that provide transcription services. Many of them are also self-employed and work from home.

To start a career in medical transcription, it's important to complete a postsecondary training program in the field. It's also desirable, though not mandatory to have a Registered Medical Transcriptionist (RMT) or Certified Medical Transcriptionist (CMT) certification awarded by the Association for Healthcare Documentation Integrity (AHDI).

Pharmacy Technician: Pharmacy technicians are professionals who assist licensed pharmacists in performing a number of clerical, administrative and pharmacy-related tasks. A typical work day for a pharmacy tech includes completing tasks like helping pharmacists in filling prescriptions, responding to patient queries, mixing medications, maintaining patient profiles, managing cash register, packaging and labeling bottles, etc.

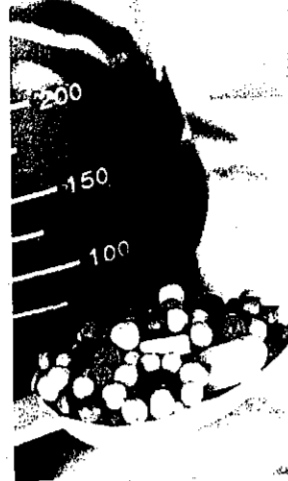
According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the projected growth in employment of pharmacy techs in the 2010-20 decade is 32 per cent**, much faster than average for all occupations. Formal training requirements are none, but completing a pharmacy tech course and

getting certified will definitely provide aspirants to this career a competitive edge in the job market.

Medical Coding and Billing: Medical coding and billing specialists use various classifications systems to assign codes to treatments, diagnoses, tests, and other clinical procedures performed on patients. These coded documents are used for healthcare reimbursement purposes as well as to maintain patient records, medical histories and hospital databases.

According to the Department of Labor data, the annual median pay of medical coding and billing specialists in 2010 was \$32,350.*** Postsecondary medical billing and coding training and professional certification from organizations like the American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC) are the credentials typically required for gaining entry into the field.

Medical Assistant: There are fast growing allied healthcare professions, and then there are real fast growing professions. Medical assistance belongs to the second category. According to the Labor Department, the occupation is likely to add 162,900 jobs in the 2010-20 period.****



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