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the time, but my mother's devotion to poring over those pages forged a connection to

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NOVI CHARTER CHANGES TO GO BEFORE VOTERS

Five proposed for Nov. 5 election ballot

By Lonnie Huhman

City of Novi voters may see on their Nov. 5 election ballot five proposals to amend the city charter in regard to gender neutrality, publications, posting ordinances, withdrawal of funds and general administrative plan

City Council unanimously approved a resolution to submit the ballot proposals to the At-torney General's Office and Governor's Office for approval Former Mayor David Lan-

dry, part of a seven-member charter review committee, said the charter was last reviewed in 1977, and these ballot proposals are an effort to modernize it. He said the goal was not to pick and choose, but to look at the entire charter from start to finish in order prioritize the changes they deemed neces-

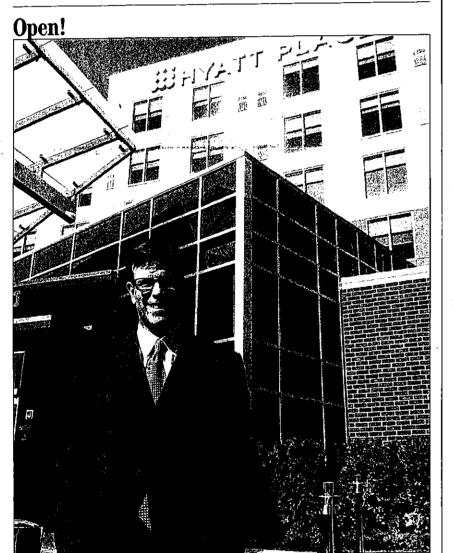
The other six membersare Mayor Bob Gatt; council members Wayne Wrobel and Laura Marie Casey; City Manager Clay Pearson; City Clerk Mary-anne Cornelius; and longtime resident Fil Superfisky.

Through a voting process, Landry said they came up with 19 suggested changes, which were then whittled down to five ballot proposals. The state requires thequestions be 100 words or less and in neutral language that addresses the specific language changes being proposed.

The changes will not impact

taxes or millage rates, and

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Blair Bowman, owner of the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi, stands in front of the new Hyatt Place, which is located on the east side of the facility. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Tuesday morning to unveil the new hotel, opening just in time for the Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair on Labor Day weekend. For more photos and a video of the ceremony, visit www.novinews.com. CAL STONE | NOVI NEWS

FUTURE 'GEM'



lopment of Novi's Pavillor Park Shore visit the park, along the south shore of Walled Lake, in south shore of Walled Lake, in preparation for the grand opening on Aug. 24. Shown (I to r) are Aaron Staup, construction engineer; Matt Wiktorkowski, Novi Field Services mananger; Jim Hess, oversaw daily construction efforts at the park and large. at the park; and Jason Mangum, director of Novi Parks and Recreation, JOHN HEIDER I STAFF

Pavilion Shore Park set for opening

By Lonnie Huhman

It's almost time to open Pavilion Shore Park to the public and let everyone see what it has become - and what it will be-

come in the near future.

The changes taking place at the Novi park, located at 43390 13 Mile, are evident to all who have been by it lately. Over the past several months, the piles of dirt have been removed and new amenities have been installed. Construction is nearing comple tion, said Jason Mangum, Novi's Parks, Recreation and Cultural

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GRAND OPENING SATURDAY

The grand opening celebration is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24. This will be a free event that will include a picnic lunch, fishing, games, live music, model boat de tions, and more. The official dedication will take place at

11:15 a.m. Parking is available onsite, and shuttles will run from Lakeshore Park (601 South Lake Drive) for

overflow parking. The celebration is presented in partnership with Oakland County Parks, Gander Mountain, Arts Michigan Scale Model Boat Club, Novi Concert Band and the Novi Historical Commission.

The way we cover Novi is evolving fast

started reading a newspaper from cover to cover at about age 10. My older brother, Roy, was a prep football star and my mom got out the scissors every time he made the paper. Dad coached football so it was just about religion in our house. By the time our gridiron hero graduated from high school, that scrapbook was



Larry Ruehlen

community newspapers that still resonates with me today. Our mission of informing

just about everything else has ence between then and now is how fast news travels. Papers still arrive at the house and our readers - some with scissors in hand - still want to know who is getting married, which family

But our readers also want to know what is going on as news develops, and we are evolving you haven't noticed, we have even changed the name of our company to 0 & E Media to better reflect not only what we do, but our commitment to the future of community journal-

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Wixom market

Perennial flower seller Kathy Kramer begins to set out her product at the Aug. 8 Wixom Farmers Market. The market, which runs 3-8 p.m. each Thursday and is followed by musical groups, takes place at Sibley Square Park along Pontiac Trail east



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www.hometownlife.com, in hours. our Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/OEHometown and within two days thousands of people had read the story before t hit newsstands.

Photographer Bill Bresler was shooting video a short time after a major fire broke out in Westland. Our digital readers knew that a serious situation was unfolding, and we reported that a firefighter was missing long before other outlets had a sense of what was

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When it comes to election coverage, we're the first to post local winning office. We also post crime news online every day, not just on Thursday and Sunday. And we're interacting with readers on Facebook, both through the over-all OEHometown page, as well as the Novi News page.

subscribes to one of our 13 newspapers and are proud of the work we do in print. But we also want to encourage people to visit hometownlife.com every day. Our site truly has something for everyone. Our reporters are in the communities they cover, writing about interesting people, events and issues that hit home. We have special sections that focus on women, families, area events and

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have the best prep sports coverage around, but they may not know that we now feature college sports online too thanks to our new partnership, Gannett Michigan, Hometownlife.com also has enough state, national and world news to keep readers informed without getting over-

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313-222-8730 or on Twitter quirement. the city's administrative plan to reflect how administration actually is conducted; to accommo ity in the provision of services and to combine gle description of the

CHARTER

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references to "he."

No. 5 deals with the requirement of Section 8 10 that requires, in and budget appropriation for spending by City on a "check" drawn on the city's account. This does not reflect the modern approach to payment of amounts due, Eliminating this section would for a "check" but not the existing requirements for approval of expendi-tures and budget appro-

The proposals must be certified by the Attorney General by Aug. 27 to city expects to hold town hall meetings in the coming months. To learn http://cityofnovi.org/ Government/Charter

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priations, which will

remain in the charter.

quirements are not already dictated by some state law or other re-No. 4 seeks to update

date the need for flexibilrelated sections in a sin-

"Things have gone really well," said Mangum of the project to renovate the city-owned property along it's really beginning to take shape. Once the grass comes in and we put some other finishing touches, it will be a gem for the community." Project details The development of the 11-acre park was largely funded by a Michi-

> Parks Foundation.
> Prior to the work, the park was meadow grass with a lot of open space that was mowed occasionally. The water front was not in good shape with pieces of cement and metal along

gan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant in the amount of \$437,500. A

(\$187,500) was required, of which \$50,000 was donated by the Novi

funding match of 30 percent

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The new park will provide access to Walled Lake with a fishing pier and boardwalk. The construction included putting in landscape walls and terrace, two parking areas, shoreline stabilization, and native plantings.

Mangum said it's their hope the park will promote active lifestyles with plentiful pathways and offer green open space for a variety of activities. The park opening marks the completion of phases one and two included in the five-phase conceptual

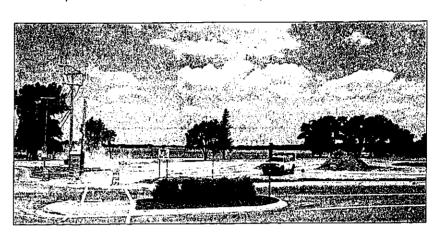
"Pavilion Shore Park enhances Novi's comprehensive park system with unique amenities for fishing and walking and a stone terrace with great views of Walled Lake," said Mangum. "We are excited about the park and To learn more about Pavilion Shore Park and additional park facilities, visit cityofnovi.org.

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A look at the park before the renovations. This is where the new pier is now located

LOCAL NEWS



Shore Park, as seen Novi Road and 13 Mile. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDERISTAFF

State fair taking health, safety precautions

Organizers for The Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair have a precautionary plan to protect the health and safety of the animals that will be on display and the people who will be attending the family-friendly event Labor Day weekend at the Suburban Collection Show

place in Novi. "We're taking proactive steps to protect fair goers and

partnering with Elite Surface Shield to ensure the health and safety of our ani-

ees, making our fair one of Michi-MICHIGAN STATE FAIR gan's only biosaid Mike Watts

executive director Elite Surface Shield

is a Novi-based company that provides a unique antimicrobi-al technology which effectively controls and protects people, animals and the planet against bacteria, mold, yeast, algae and fungi. ESS

protectants are also products, athletic equipment, water crafts and recreational

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and infectious diseases. In addition to the anti-bacterial protectant, fair goers will

have easy access to numerous hand washing and sanitizing stations throughout the fair-grounds. Additionally, all livestock - including dairy cows, beef cattle, sheep, goats, rab-bits, poultry, pigs and horses will be closely inspected prior to being cleared for participa tion and competition at the fair

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CC school year starts with new program

Bring Your Own Device requires iPad purchase

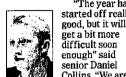
By Lonnie Huhman

Many schools don't start until after Labor Day, but for Detroit Catholic Central students the school year is well under way — and there's a lot to look forward this year.

"The year has

started off really

difficult soon



enough" said senior Daniel Collins. "We are excited, especial ly the seniors. The football sea son is always a great time of

CC started on Aug. 14, and with the new year comes a new classroom called Bring Your Own Device. Freshman, sophomore and junior students for 2013-2014 school year are required to purchase an Apple iPad device for school use while seniors are exempt from

the requirement. "We've been busy working trying to make sure the transi-

Detroit Catholic Central World History teacher Dave Wilson begins the second full day of classes for students on Aug. 15. All students, except seniors, are expected to bring and utilize iPads to all of their classes as they're being incorporated into CC's curriculum. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

tion goes as smoothly as possible. As with all new things, undoubtedly there will be some bumps along the way," said CC Admissions/Public

Relations Director Dan Waterstradt.

These will eventually replace the traditional text books

selected iPads because they have the greatest compatibility with book publishers from

in our school district

Because revenue is

limited we look for addi-

tional ways to support

programs that are valuable but for which we

to fully fund. Athletics

happens to be an area

where we can generate

revenue to support the

program.

In the past school

districts did not charge a

pay-to-participate fee. That was when local districts controlled both

the revenue and the ex-

penses. Now we control

We do have additional

revenue streams but they cannot pay for personnel.

fund pays for huilding

repairs and cannot be

used for general fund

concern about school

spend our money and

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If we did not have a pay-

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There is a legitimate

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don't have enough money

quired to have one, Collins said many of the students like the "It's an exciting new way of

learning. I think many of us and teachers are really looking forward to seeing how this will work." he said. The first all-school mass

was celebrated on Aug. 15, which was the Feast of the Assumption. Waterstradt said they were honored to have Bishop Ronald Fabbro, from the Diocese of Lon-

don, Ontario,

present the mass. Looking forward, the next big Dan event is CC's

homecomin week and Boys' Bowl, which is a yearly football match up between the Shamrocks and another catholic school. This year it's against De La Salle. This will definitely be a big

week for the seniors "We can't wait. It's always a fun week" said Collins, a varsity football player.

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Costs associated with athletics worth the lessons learned

2013.

ow do parents know that a new school vear is about to start? They have to spend money, of

While that is not entirely true, most parents, when August rolls around, begin to spend money to get their chil-

new shoes, new clothes and probably a haircut. expense in recent years

dren ready for school.

There are backpacks and

extra-curricular activ-

ities. The most visible

athletics.

Why do we charge a manifestation is the payfee to participate in ex-tra-curricular athletics? to-participate fee associated with athletics. Here in Novi the cost for high school athletic

participation is \$175 and for middle school athletic participation it is \$75. Our pay-to-participate funds are deposited into

cause the athletic budget is part of the General Fund as required by law. The revenues generated from pay-to-play then are used to offset the expenses that we have in

The Novi Community School District budget for athletic expenses for 2103-3014 will be \$775,253 dollars. This is the same

> pay-to-participate fees of a total of \$212,500. The purpose of pay-toparticipate is to offset some of the expenses ssociated with athletics. The cost of athletics is more than the revenue generated through payo-participate, but our district believes athletics is important and so we continue to fund it.

was allocated in 2012-

ly 1000 high school stu-

dents who participate in

athletics and approxi-mately 500 middle school

students. That is roughly

students who attend our

middle and high school.

individual expense and

family expense, if we

assumed that everyone

paid the full fee, we gen-

erate revenue of approxi-mately \$175,000 at the

high school and \$37,500

at the middle school in

one out of every two

We have approximate-

We receive a set mount of revenue from the state - our per pupil pays for the expenses our comprehensive academic and extracurricular program. The primary expense is for our employees - teachers, administrators, bus drivsecretaries, technology

workers, etc. After paying for our employees we then pay for the other program that we believe are valuable. Out of our per pupil state funding, we pay for books, and classroom supplies and lab supplies.

plies and equipment. It pays for coaches. But it does not pay for every-The Novi Athletic Booster group provides We pay for lawn mower financial support. That support is greatly appre repairs, toilet paper, and

paper towels. We pay to heat and cool our buildtheir support, the district ings. There are a lot of continues to budget money for athletics. things that we pay for in Some teams also have order to maintain quality

additional fundraising activities. Concern expressed about additiona expectations is justified. Our athletic budget pays for the basic program. The additional revenue some athletic teams col lect through selling cookies, selling coupon books, or asking parents for a one-time additional-donation for the program provides for things that our athletic budgets do not cover. The teams and coaches are under no pressure to collect extra revenue but many (most) do because they want to provide an extra perk, if you will, to those who

participate on the team. Does the cost of participating in extra-curricular athletics require more from parents? Yes.

Is the cost worth it? I believe that it is because athletic participation helps reinforce to our young students things they learn in class. It teaches teamwork and leadership. It teaches how to set goals and work teaches students how to get up after they have teaches students how to work with others to ac-

complish a big goal. There is a cost associ pays for transportation to But it is a cost that I be-

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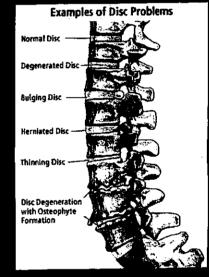
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lauer, of Huntington Woods, dyed his beard pink and joins the procession of walkers along Novi's Grand River Ave. as the 3-Day Walk for the Cure begins on Aug.

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made the three-day, 60mile trek in the annual Susan G. Komen Michigan 3-Day to beat breast cancer drew a lot of praise and love from supporters along the came in for a large batch providing her own dose of inspiration, traveled the entire 60-mile course without ever setting foot

on the path. JoAnn Thomas of Sterling Heights, a one-year breast cancer survivor, pent the entire walk in a wheelchair, the victim of just two weeks before the

By Brad Kadrich

The 1,000 walkers who

But one woman who

Thomas the entire 60 miles in her wheelchair. "I wanted to walk last year, but my oncologist wouldn't allow it," said Thomas, who said she immediately began focusing on this year's walk. "Then this (pointing to the large cast on her leg) happened. I was devas-

sively, her boyfriend

Frank Woodward pushed

Woodward, who said he and Thomas have been dating for some six pointment in his partner's eyes and the answer was



A path to a cure

By 8 a.m. on Friday most of the group that had begun at Road as they headed west along Grand River Avenue.

"It's just overwhelming. They're cheering and I didn't really do anything. All the women who fight (cancer) did something. It's so emotional, it's an amazing event."

RHONDA MILLER

"I couldn't let her miss out on this," he said. Rhonda Miller of Canton, in her first time walking, found the event to be inspirational, Miller valked in honor of her best friend, three-year survivor Amy Siebert, to aise money "so they can find a cure so younger

kids don't have to go through" breast cancer Miller was moved to tears by the support made their way along

Ann Arbor Trail through downtown Plymouth, where thousands of supporters lined the streets to offer hugs, water and other support.

"It's just overwhelming," Miller said Saturday. "They're cheering and I didn't really do anything. All the women who fight (cancer) did something. It's so emo tional, it's an amazing

Nearly everyone walk-

who've passed away. Luckily for Alicia Paulina of Milford, her nonoree is still battling. Her sister, Angela Horvath of Gregory, is a one couldn't make the walk.

So Paulina made it for "I want to support her and all of these other women," said Paulina. who made the walk for Dr. Jeffrey Lee the first time, "She's my Dembs, 61, a former doctor at My Kid's Doc sister. You do anything

Not all of the support form of walkers. Nearly as many volunteers, crew, safety and medical folks are on hand, supporting the walk in various ways

Lisa Kubany of Westentrance to one of the pit stops along the route Friday, Walkers stopped by to sign their names in show of solidarity.

"I'm doing this out of pure love and hope that one day we will never have to fight this disease again," Kubany said. "I lost a good friend's mother to this disease and my mother-in-law is now a five-year survivor. So I do this out of love and hope.'

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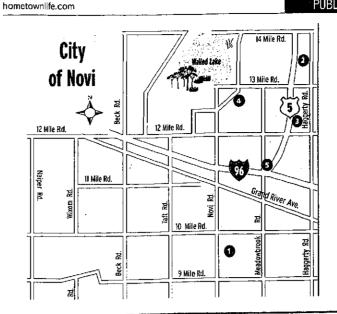
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iPad stolen at Novi Ice Arena

1 A Plymouth woman had her iPad stolen from her vehicle, which was Arena at 42400 Nick Lidstrom Drive on Aug 13. She reported to police that her iPad was hidden underneath the seat, but the vehicle may have been unlocked. There were no signs of forced entry. There are no sus-

Batteries stolen from site

2 Eleven batteries were stolen from six heavy-construction pieces at a site on Cabot and Mackenzie drives sometime on Aug. 13-14. An unknown suspect took the batteries from some

of criminal sexual con-

set for Oct. 21 by Oakland

on Aug. 13. It was reported that the front pas senger side tire had been slashed by an unknown person while parked on Cahot Drive. The victim found the tire flat and had it taken to Discount

Air Conditioning Unit Stolen 4 An AC unit was sto-

Tire where the slashing

len from a foreclosed home located on Hearthstone Drive sometime in reported to Novi Police

Dembs CSC trial set for Oct. 21

County Circuit Judge Shalina Kumar. Dembs is

charged with one count

of first degree and two

counts of second degree

CSC, each with a person younger than 13. More

by a representative of Coldwell Banker. Police found a copper pipe lead ing to the missing unit had been cut. The unit was valued at \$1,000.

Marijuana Possession

5 A Brighton man was arrested for violation of the medical marijuana law and possession of a dangerous concealed weapon on Aug. 4. Novi Police stopped the man on eastbound M-5 after spotting him driving erratically on 1-96. He reportedly barely made the exit to M-5. Upon making contact with him, police reported smelling the marijuana inside the vehicle. A search turned up marijuana and paraphernalia, and a knife.

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Plymouth Ice Fest organizer owes money

owes city \$20,000

By Matt Jachman

With the Plymouth Ice Festival's executive producer miss-ing in action, bills from this year's event unpaid and no olans for a festival next year, festival is planned for Kellogg Park and downtown streets for recently put together a team to

Sam Walton, whose Wixombased Signature Professional Group produced four ice festivals beginning with the one in 2010, has not returned calls or emails in recent months, those who have worked with him say, and has outstanding debts from the 2013 festival, including a bill of around \$20,000 for

Royston appointed

economic

development

city services, such as cleanup and public safety. In Walton's absence, Tony

Bruscato, operations director of the Downtown Development Authority, and Wes Graff, president of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, have enlisted people familiar with event production and fundraising to run the 32nd annual ice festival. The

the second weekend in Janu-They would rather Walton show up and lead the produc-tion, but "we felt we had to

step in to make sure there was possibly going to be one. Bruscato said. He described his and Graff's role as "guiding including a fundraiser who previously worked with Wal-

ton, actually produce it.

Paul Raukar of Ice Dream Sculptures, where his wife, Tajana, is the chief ice-carver, said Walton owes him "a lot" of money for work they did for the 2013 show. Raukar said thev made 65 single-block carvings for show sponsors.

"He never paid us," for the 2013 show, Raukar said Friday. "We had some problems the vear before," but eventually

"We're just disappointed after all the work we did for him." Raukar said. "He doesn't return phone calls or anything

Raukar wouldn't say exactly how much he and his wife are owed. Calls to Walton Thursday and Friday went to voice mail and were not returned.

Bruscato said the festival is an important event for downtown business owners, bring normally a slow retail month He said he and Graff are confident the show will go on.

effort if we didn't think we could actually pull off an ice festival," he said. The 2014 festival's budget will depend on fundraising, Bruscato said, estimating that a minimum of "a really good festival."

Back to basics

Organizers, Bruscato said, want to get back to the basics of ice sculptures "so that when people get to the park, they'll he wowed by some of the spec tacular sculptures." Some of the non-ice-carving activities, Bruscato said, could be

and Snow, the downtown sporting goods shop, applauded the efforts toward a 2014 show and said his business "will do anything and everything we can to been a major festival sponsor, particularly of its winter sports events, like a cross

country skiing course. "The last guy that did it, we haven't heard from," Parent said. "We were concerned."

The ice festival had been run as a nonprofit, overseen by a citizens committee, but the committee disbanded last December and Walton said he would try to run the festival as a profit-making enterprise.

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'Great' folks feel the drive to succeed

director The City of Novi apointed Lauren Royston as the new Economic Development director responsible for the coor Additional economic development

BUSINESS BRIEFS

efforts for corporations working Novi's

tions team vocate for Novi as a location of

choice for quality, sus-Additionally, she is collaborating with the Community Development Department to act as a liaison with the Novi business community, ensuring adherence to

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requirements that safeguard preservation of

Royston replaces Ara Topouzian who left the position to become the executive director of the Troy Chamber of Com-

temporary promotional signage permitted

The City Council approved a temporary romotional sign ordinance waiver allowing businesses in Novi to post one additional promotional sign during the Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair Aug. 27

through Sept. 2. Applicants must apply by Aug. 26. Applica-tions can be submitted a the Community Development counter, Civic Center or can be mailed to: Ordinance Division, Community Development Department, 45175 10 Mile, Novi, MI 48375.

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hen hard pressed to answer the ques-tion – "Has the bar that determines 'great' been raised or lowered during the first decade plus 3 of the 21st century?" - the debate that rages on both sides of the aisle would find little solace in "it

depends" as a response. Each example provided by the staunchest believer can be countered by some as pect of that example that

dims the light that has It is not enough to say a person or an organiza tion has demonstrated "greatness" through a single act or a specific

moment in time.
The media landscape is abundant with scripted signed to bend the bar just enough for there to be an acknowledged 'winner' and offering up a newly-crowned talent

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may have consisted of seekers would endure

the third person voted off the island.

as the latest of the greatest when their standard stranded on a Hawaiian beach or slogging their way through a series of tasks that only the most desperate of attention-

would recognize them as

While these events make for happy distrac-tions, they should not be confused with events that over time demonbrand image and leader-

ship focus. The Golden Arches of McDonald's have been around since the 1950s and from that lofty perch nave watched a number of competitors come and **Aug 30** made that they rarely rival is doing, but they

and have sustained what they do through single-minded consistency.

It is not to suggest that there has been no adjustment to the changing times, but it can be argued that greatness becomes the standard when there has been adjustment, not abandonment.

The hallmark of great people and great businesses is the consistency of their performance across a spectrum of that encompasses change but does not abandon core principles. There is comfort that comes from the consistency of a product (i.e., the light bulb) or a service (i.e., phone service) and its reliability when it is time to

perform. The same expectation occurs when individuals are called upon to consistently perform across a body of work and reliably deliver the best outcomes.

ability to be a 'force' in

We reward those individuals with titles that contacted at capture their consistency. Their titles are earned and reflect their

those whom they have

The process of becoming 'great' is not determined by audience vote or instant replay, but the willingness to recognize that when greatness is in front of you, the only obligation you have is to pursue it with enthusiasm, tenacity, fervor and the unrelenting belief that it can be achieved. The pursuit highlights the important realization that, as individuals, we are motivated by an internal drive to expand beyond our talents and boundaries to explore being and new places in which to operate on a platform of creativity and commitment to a

larger picture. Raising the bar, clear and sustains the business. It is the beginning.

Lee E. Meadows, Ph.D., is a professor of management at Waish College. He can be

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A ribbon-cutting ceremony for Arbor Dental Associates took place Aug. 9 to celebrate the ness' relocation from Farmington Hills to Novi, remaining on 12 Mile Road, Pictured (I to r) are Dayne Arnett; Michelle Arnett; Ann Roche'; Debbie Burton; Dr. Chris Paulson, his daughter, Emalyn Paulson. and his wife, Dr. Tiffeny Chimelak-Paulson; Diane Sweigard; Carie Godman: and Shauna Lonsway, NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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'Wrecking Crew' to premiere Saturday at Novi library

The Novi Public Library will show The Wrecking Crew at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, at the library on 10 Mile, east of Beck Road.

The library was approached by an independent film compa-ny from California about the showing, said Julie Farkas, library director. Farkas said one man in-

volved in the production of The Wrecking Crew, which tells of of the 1960s and early 1970s. has a Novi connection and relocated to California due to his film work. The film was Royal Oak and Grand Rapids.

I was hooked. And I grew up with that music. I was superexcited," said Farkas, who recalls her parents listening to Cher, Glen Campbell, The Beach Boys, Monkees and

ished. It's a thrill right now. It's just a matter of people hearing

the 1950s, who resisted rock and roll and said, "They're (younger musicians) going to wreck the business." the idea for making the film in He got donations for his

1996, with his dad passing away of cancer the next year. "There is a light at the end of the tunnel," Tedesco said of his project, "If I did nothing, it tions from many.

The name comes from the older musicians, dating back to

project from all over the world, including from the music industry's Herb Alpert and Jerry Moss, along with smaller Tedesco said. He recalled when Standing in the Shadows f Motown, about Detroit's Funk Brothers studio musicians, premiered. "They had an angel right at the beginning. I never had

funding. I started filming on my own," said Tedesco, who started as a technician, came up through lighting and ultimately started producing about 15 years ago.

"The movie's awesome. It's about musicians making a living at something they love to do," he said of the Motown

The California music scene wasn't strong until the mid-1960s, Tedesco said.

He hasinterviews ranging from Dick Clark to Cher, as well as Campbell, who was also a session player. The musicians liked their

family feeling. In 2006, Tedesco finished the film, putting it together garnering critical acclaim.

He's heard praise from Elvis Costello, Jeff Beck and Peter

Frampton.
"Then we knew we had a great film. I've been very for tunate to get the support of all

these people," he said. He's still taking The Wrecking Crew out on his own and noted support like that of Mar-riott hotels for the visit here is helpful. Tedesco and colleagues are continuing to seek

Earlier on, he and his family financed the project them-

selves. due to his reluctance to rehearse: "I could have been a one-man band with everything (instruments) I did. I like what I do and I respect hanging out with musicians. They're a very

More on The Wrecking Crev is online at vww.wreckingcrewfilm.com. The Grand Rapids showing vill be at 7 p.m. Friday at the Wealthy Theater-Peter Wege



"It's a win-win," Farkas said of the event, also a benefit for

the library. Tickets are \$10 and

available in advance in person

at the Novi library; half of the

That evening, there will be a

opcorn machine and the Read

"You're getting the movie

cost will benefit the library.

a Latte Café will be open for

feeling when you're coming," Farkas said. Tickets will be

available for 200 people and

will be sold at the door if any

Director Denny Tedesco, will do a Q&A that evening at

thelibrary. He saidhe was in

spired by his late father Tom-

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fornia studio musician of that

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Child predator from Walled Lake, 34, pleads guilty

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said. "We're

By Darrell Clem

A 34-year-old child predator pleaded guilty Aug. 7 to charges he tried to have sex with a Canton woman and her

3-year-old daughter. Jesse Hermann of Walled Lake could face penalties ranging up to years in prison after his plea to one count each of child sexually abusive commercial

activity and using a com-

communicate with the girl's mother to commit a

The latest developments came after Canton police arrested Hermann Feb. 13 outside the Holiday Inn Express near Lotz Road and Michigan Avenue, where police say he had gone to meet the mother and child.

"This was a great effort by our patrol officers and our investiga-tive group," Canton De-



County Prosecu tor's Office and we're pleased with the out-

come." Hermann and the girl's mother had engaged in instant messaging on Facebook, but the

mother notified Canton

KUMMER.

Age 96, passed away August 12, 2013. She was born on May 2, 1917 in McKeesport, PA, to the late John and Elizabeth (Rodi-baugh) Weaver. She was married on September 23, 1939, to Hugo

on September 23, 1939, to Hugo Alexander Kummer of Haparanda, Sweden. She was a wonderful earing Christian wife and mother, who always put her family first. She will be sorely nissed by her loving family and many, many friends, especially those at Felfowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church and Emeritus Senior Living Facility in Brighton. Her famous motto was

Brighton. Her famous motto was "I've had a wonderful life." Edna

is survived by her son Gordon Hugo (Linda Jean Touzeau) Kummer; grandchildren: Anna Elizabeth (Daniel) Miller, Karen

ed to have sex with her and her daughter, describing in detail what he wanted to occur. "It's unfortunate these situations arise," Assistant Wayne County Pros-

discussion took a horrify-

ing turn. She said Her-

mann revealed he want-

He had admitted a long time desire to act out situations he described ecutor Maria Miller said to the mother on Face-Wednesday, "but it's very book, Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Keith important to do exactly what the mother in this Clark said during an earlier hearing in 35th case did - contact the

After the mother notified police, Canton launched an investigation that involved having a detective pose as the mother while having an online discussion with Hermann.

situation from there."

truck driver and self-

Wavne County Circuit

Judge Lawrence Talon.

Hermann, a former

employed artist, is facing

Detective Andrew Kelley testified during the preliminary hearing

confessed "his intention was to have sexual relations with (the mother)

Kelley said police waited in an unmarked car for Hermann to arrive in Canton, where he was arrested.

Defense attorney David Cripps had argued during the preliminary examination that Hercharges for thoughts or fantasies he didn't carry

However, Clark said authorities didn't have to wait for a sexual assault to occur to charge Her-

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BILLER, CARMELA VERONICA IULA Escaped the bonds of this earth and went to be with the Lord on and went to be with the Cord on Sunday August 11, 2013. A de-voted wife and mother, she en-riched the lives of all who had the pleasure of her company. Born on December 7, 1923 in Philadelphia, Pa., she saw the Great Depression first hand as her family narrowly avoided los-ing their home. She was cele-brating her 18th birthday as music on the radio was interrupted to announce the Attack on Pearl Harbor. She worked at the Phila delphia Federal Reserve Bank until meeting her husband Edward, marrying and moving to New Jersey in 1950. They began follow at daughter's residence at 2601 Lake Drive North, Boynton a family and raised two boys in Westfield with love, good home cookin' and occasional frazzled nerves. Upon her husband's retirement in 1978, they moved to Virginia Beach, Va. Here they built a house and enjoyed life with a grandson for several years. Following her husband's death, 'Miss Mel' devoted her days to child care in the area, while still playing grandma. She attended St. John the Apostle and tended the Sanctuary in the bell family and raised two boys in tions may be made to American Heart Association P.O. Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692, 1-800-242-8721

KRIEWALL,
JOAN GRACE
(SIBLEY)
Age 71 August 15, 2013. Lifelong companion best friend of
Edward Kriewall. Dear mother
of Karen (Ree) Lack and Julie. of Karen (Joe) Lack and Julie Proud grandmother of Andrew and Sophia Lack, Sister of Marilyn Hebert. Joan was a graduate of WSU with a degree in educa-tion. She taught at Cass Tech and South Eastern High Schools. A Mass of Resurrection was held a Holy Family Church 24505 Meadowbrook Novi with Fr. Adalberto Espiroza officiating. The entombment was at St. Patrick Cemetery in Bay City Mich

igan. On Line sympathy message obriensullivanfuneralhome.com O'BRIEN* SULLIVAN

WISEMAN,

CAROL

Age 59, passed away August 17, 2013. She was born on May 10,

1954, in Detroit, daughter of the late Harry & Therese Tucker.

30 years. She was known for her

kindness, compassion, and un-conditional love given to her family and friends. Carol's big-

gest joy in life was spending time with her children and her grandchildren. She will always

grandchildren. She will always be remembered for her huge heart and for always seeing the good in people. She is survived by her beloved husband of 33 years, Ron, her loving children: Lindsey Ann (Jeremy Nauss), Nicholas (Stephanie). Brenton (Nicole Sweet), and Lauren Therese; her grandchildren: Antonio, Sabrina, Dominic and Camden and her siblings: Ron, Carl, Jerry, Norm and Laurie "Poo" Tucker. She is also survived by her step-sister, Debbie Hammon, her step-brother Jeffrey Fletke, many nieces, nephews and loving friends. A memo-

ews and loving friends. A memorial service will be held Satur-day. August 24, at 11:00 a.m. at Church of Christ, 21870 Pontiac

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tended the Sanctuary in the bell tower. With time, she moved to South Lyon, Mi. to be near fami-

ly. Slowly, age and infirmity crept upon her, though she was still able to attend St. Joseph.

Throughout 35 years of marriage and child rearing that never real-ly stopped, Carmela showed the

est of love and understanding to

her husband, two children, three

grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She lived a full and happy life. She endured the loss of many of her compatriots along the way. She will be missed by all who knew her until

we all meet again. A graveside service was conducted Friday August 16 at Hollywood Memo-rial Park, Union NJ. Those in-

clined are requested to donate in

Carmela's name to a Parkinson's

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HANKINS, MARK E. Age 65, of Northville, formerly of Farmington Hills, passed

at Brighton Nazarene Church.

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TIMOTHÝ Jan.21,1938 - August 5, 2013 obriensullivanfuneralhome.com LEDBETTER,

MARGUERITE E. Age 95, born in Detroit, Michi gan passed away on August 13, 2013 in Waterford, Michigan, Beloved wife of the late Vernon Kemp for 27 years, and the late Sidney Ledbetter for 28 years. Proud mother of Richard (Janet Kemp, and James Kemp. Cher-ished grandmother of Robert Kemp. Rebecca Kemp. Cheryl (Scott) Napier. Amy (Sleve) Ernst, David Kenip, and Jennifer Kenip. Great-grandmother of four & great-great-grandmother of one. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday. August 17, 2013 at 11:00 am at The Inn at Cass Lake Assisted Living

May **peace** be with you in this 900 N Cass Lake Rd Waterford Township, MI 48328 Please visit godhardttomlinsonchapel.com time of sorrow.

ELDEN ARTHUR 81, of Boynton Beach, Florida, formerly of High-

land, Ml. passed away Thursday, August 8, 2013. Born on January 27, 1932 in Detroit, Michigan. He gradu-ated from Lincoln High School in Ferndale, Michigan in 1949, and then attended The Henry Ford Trade School. He served in the Korean War and was honora-bly discharged in 1953. After a long career with Michigan Bell, he retired in 1986. Elden is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Patricia, his sisters; Anita DePottey and Germaine Frye, brother: Freeland King; his 3 daughters, Deborah Emanuel and her husband, John, Dianne West, Denise Messingschlager and her husband, Michael, son, Kurt Thomas King and his wife Janet, and his 7 grandchildren. He was the consummate family man who the consummate family man who treasured time with his friends and family as well as all outdoor activities, and playing cards. He had a fun-loving witty personality. A memorial service will be held Thursday, September 5, 2013 at 2:45 pm at the South Florida National Cemetery, 6501 S. State Road 7, Lake Worth, Florida 33449. Refreshments to follow at daughter's residence at

Lynn (Brian) Townsley; great grandchildren: Ethan, Jared, Mallory Townsley, Jeffrey, An-drew and Linay Miller. She was preceded in death by her hus-band Hugo in 1974. Visitation was held on August 14, Wednes-day, from 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. A memorial service was held on August 15, Thursday, at 10:00 a.m. at Fellowship Eva gelical Presbyterian Church, with Dr. David Brown officiat-

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TUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES NORTON, JOAN E. Age 79, passed away August 12, 2013. A private service will be

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67 late of South Lyon, caring fa-ther and grandpa died on Sunday August 11th at his home in Muskgeon of a lengthy illness. A private celebration of his life will be held by family. Brain was will be held by family. Brain was a 1964 graduate of South Lyon High School. He attended Henry Ford College and was Field Operations Manager for Salem Industries also of South Lyon. In 1975 he married Anna Winkler and is survived by his daughter Heather Shear Hurley, sister Sally Shear Hardy of Indian River and his beloved granddaughter Ocean Jane Hurley age 5 of Garden City. Memorial contributions are suggested to the National Rifle Association and Mercy Hospice of Muskegon.

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Of South Lyon, MI, born October 29, 1968, age 44, died Monday, August 12, 2013 at Arbor Hospice after a three year battle with breast cancer. Surviving is her husband, Andrew, She was her husband, Andrew. She was also an amazing mother to her four children; Emma, Zachary, Grace and Katherine. She was the youngest of the family and will be sorely missed by her brothers; Rick (Mary), Jim, Allen (Mary) and David (Sarah) and her numerous nephews and nieces. Michelle was supported by an incredible network of family and friends who gave her the ily and friends who gave her the courage to bravely fight her breast cancer. She was her kid's "biggest fan" and loved to host parties and spend time with family and friends. Michelle was a huge Kid Rock fan and also enjoyed her summers at Portage Lake and meeting friends at German Park. Michelle was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Shirley (Redies) Visel. A Mass of Christinn Burial was ily and friends who gave her the A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, August 16, 2013 at St. Joseph's Village Catholic Church, Dexter, Ml. Memorial contributions suggested to the VanBoven Children's College Fund or Camp Kesem Michigan, PO Box 4133, Ann Arbor, MI

48106. Arrangements entrusted to the Hosmer-Muehlig Chapel, Dexter, Please visit Michelle's guestbook at Muehlig Funeral Chapel

VOSS, MARIE J. Age 83, Aug. 14, 2013. Visitation Aug. 19 PHILLIPS FUNER-AL HOME. Funeral Aug. 20 at St. George Lutheran Church.



FRANK R.

Age 72, passed away August 19, 2013. He was born on December

5. 1940 in Dearborn, son of the

vears, his children; Sheri Al-

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held at a later date. Online

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late Fritz & Marge Zamborowski. Since the carly 1960's, Frank has been a busi-Griswold Road specializing in landscape and aggregate products and services. He currently co-owned and operated Stone Depot Landscape Supply on Griswold Road. He is survived by his beloved wife, Maureen of

Jabari, Ben (Cheryl), Lorie (Ed-ward) Bail, and his grandkids: Amir, Jimmy, Danielle, and Wyatt. He was preceded in death by his parents. A memorial service will be held on Friday, August 23 at 6:00pm at South Lyon VFW Post 2502, 125 E. McHattie St., South Lyon, In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Zamborowski Fami-

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to defund millions if DIA pieces sold in bankruptcy

OC commissioners vote

The Oakland County **Board of Commissioners** on Aug. 14 unanimously passed a resolution to support the Oakland County Art Authority canceling its existing contract and tax for the Detroit Institute of Arts if the existing art col-Detroit's bankruptcy process.

The authority's projected funding for the 10-year, 0.2-mill levy – which is estimated to contribute close to \$98 million to the DIA - will cease if any art work is

"It is our responsibility to be proactive in protecting the intent of Oakland County voters, said Michael J. Gingell, chairman of the Board of Commissioners, who along with Kathy Craw-

ford, the commissioner representing Novi. "Our hope is that the DIA remains intact and that it does not become proceedings," said Gingell. "We value the museum as a regional asset but should it or the art be

used as part of the remedy in bankruptcy then we can no longer provide the millage funding from Oakland County." The commissioners cited concerns about the Detroit Institute of Arts and its collection with bankruptcy looming and

the financial future of the City of Detroit being uncertain and new devel opments from the City of Detroit's emergency manager's assessment of

the city's assets. Authority's origin Oakland County Board of Commissioners passed a

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land County residents the opportunity to vote on the millage which resulted in the board creating the Oakland County Art Institute Authority. Last August, county residents approved a 0.2-mill tax levy in support of the maintenance of the DIA.

Gingell selected to serve on the authority attorney Alan Ackerman of Bloomfield Hills; Barbara Dobb, CPA, of Commerce Township; and Dr. tor of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church and a resident of West

Bloomfield. The five-member authority also includes DIA Board of Director Jennifer Fischer and former state Rep. and Sen. Thomas Guastello who are designees selected by Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson. Oakland County Treasurer Andy Meisner also serves as a nonvoting member of the

authority. Authority members serve two-year

For information about the authority, go online to review meeting minutes and view the schedule at www.oakgov.com/boc and click on the OC Art Institute Authority Minutes. All meetings are open to the public. The next Oakland County Art Institute Authority meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20, in the Legislative Study, in the Oakland County Board of Commissioners' Auditorium Wing, at 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac.

For public questions, call the Oakland County ard Office at 24 0100 regarding the Oak land County Art Author-

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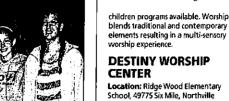
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OUR VIEWS

Protecting our water resources begins at home

Anyone taking a drive past Newburgh Lake in Wayne County's Edward Hines Park recently has probably noticed much of the lake's surface is covered by a green mat of algae.

The algae makes it tough to maneuver canoes and kayaks, is an obstacle to fishing, sucks the oxygen out of the water and probably isn't what Wayne County officials had envisioned when they invested nearly \$12 million on a restoration project back in 1998 to clean up the lake.

The reality is the lake, which is located in Livonia along Hines Drive, is actually doing pretty good despite the algae. Fish populations are relatively healthy (and much healthier than they were prior to the restoration project) and it remains a great place to see birds and other wildlife that thrive along its banks.

Yet it stands as an example of the impact people can have on a watershed, especially urban watersheds like the Rouge River, which has been impounded to create Newburgh Lake and other small lakes in the area.

The algae in Newburgh Lake is due to non-point source pollution - essentially soil erosion and the fertilizer that runs off lawns in upstream areas like Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Westland and even as far away as Novi and Salem Township. It may be hard to believe that somebody applying too much fertilizer on a lawn in Novi could have a negative impact on a lake in southern Livonia, but water (and everything it carries with it) moves downstream through rivers and streams and ultimately collects in impoundments like Newburgh

Also, excessive storm water runoff, especially after heavy rains, causes soil erosion. This sedi-ment, which in Michigan contains phosphorus that causes algae blooms, also collects in impoundments and lakes.

And you don't have to live along a river or stream to contribute to the problem. In fact, the storm drains that dot most suburban streets are really the headwaters of a watershed. Everything that gets swept into or flushed down a storm drain ally makes its way into local waterways.

That's why it is important for homeowners and other property owners to take certain steps that can have a huge impact on keeping waterways healthy. Here are just a few of the precautions people can take to help:

» Make sure you or your lawn service provider use only phosphorus free lawn fertilizers.

» When applying fertilizers, keep them on the lawn and off paved surfaces, where they will be swept into storm drains. If you do get fertilizer on paved surfaces, sweep it up.

» Use native Michigan plants when possible; they soak up more storm water than turf lawns and help control erosion.

» Build rain gardens with native plants or install rain barrels to help keep storm water on your property, rather than have it go directly into storm drains. This helps prevent stream bank ero-

» Keep pet wastes, leaves and debris out of street gutters and storm drains.

» If you are still on a septic system, have it inspected and pumped at least every three to five

» Purchase household detergents and cleaners that are low in phosphorous to reduce the amount of nutrients discharged into our lakes, streams and coastal waters.

» Clean vehicles at a car wash rather than in the driveway or street, where soaps and cleaners will be make their way into storm drains.

All of this non-point source ative impact on drinking water supplies, recreation, fisheries and wildlife.

Everyone, whether they realize it or not, has an impact on the health of local waterways. Everyone lives upstream to some body of water. We live in a state that in many ways is defined by its magnificent water resources. As such, we have an obligation to protect and preserve them for future



growth, as this photo can attest. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF

Director of

COMMUNITY VOICE

What's your community voice question?

This was asked at the Novi Public Library.



'What's going on with the construction all of a sudden, especially near where I live at 10 Mile Road and Beck?"

Lindsey Louder



"How is the Novi varsity single mothers from the football team going to be this year?" City of Novi?"

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THINK?

Angela Derrick



"Considering all of the new construction happening, what are we going to do with the increased traffic

especially on 10 Mile?" David Berdish

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Baffled by decision

As a Novi tax-paying property owner, I find it puzzling that Ms. Carter was not appointed as the new principal at Novi High School. Dr. Matthews stated that Ms. Carter "knows our initiatives, our students/staff, our teacher evaluation system, our schedule, what positions need to be hired, the building and is ready to begin right away fulfilling these roles." What more can an outside candidate provide that Ms. Carter isn't already

I hope and pray that she is not being denied the position be-cause of her gender or race. The BOE should consider awarding Ms. Carter a one-vear contract as principal and then offer a long-term contract after she continues to prove herself qual ified to be principal through her 2013-14 very successful perfor-

> Frank R. Cadicamo Novi

Reading program success It's hard to believe that summer is almost over, students have spent an unbelievable amount of time reading over the past few months, and we are so proud of them. The Novi Public Library's 2013 Summer Reading Program was the most successful to date, with 1,710 children and 332 adults participating. The children alone logged in over 22,000 hours of reading during

the seven-week program. As always, the library also offered a number of programs to entertain its patrons. There were crafts, movies, and entertainers galore. The culminating event for all age groups was the chance to go to Paradise Park and ride go-karts, play laser tag and mini-golf, and try out the climbing wall and trampoline after which they could enjoy donated by Jeff and Theresa Wainwright, owners of Paradise Park. This was the library's second year working with such an

really cares about our readers. There are many other members of our community who supported the Summer Reading Program participants in their accomplishments, too. We could not have conducted our program without the help of our teen volunteers, who helped participants in the reading program register and log their time, and assisted

with craft and other programs and a myriad of other jobs. We also owe a large debt of gratitude to those who supported and sponsored our efforts. Among them are The Friends of the Novi Public Library, Auntie Anne's Pretzels, Benihana, Riverside Skating Arena, Applebee

of Novi, and Paradise Park. Many thanks go to the Northville and Walled Lake school districts, which kindly distributed our program brochures to their schools, and to the Novi Community Schools, which part nered with us to promote read-ing over the summer. Students were encouraged to read and keep track of their time spent reading, take Accelerated Reading Tests at the library to document their progress, and turn in their reading lists at the begin-

ning of the new school year. Finally, we want to thank the parents, grandparents, and caregivers who brought their chil-dren to the Novi Public Library and encouraged them to read. Without their support our Summer Reading Program would not Novi Public Library's Youth & Teen

clarity, space and content. Submi humane the consequences. letters via the following formats. Letters must be received by 9 This is wrong. Homogeneous a.m. Monday for Thursday's print communities like Milford Mail: Letters to the Editor, 101 N.

Keith Smith

Lafayette St., South Lyon, MI Emall: cstone@hometown life.com Blog: You may also let your ions be heard with your own

Process, not candidate, flawed

blog at www.hometownlife.com.

I read with interest the front page article in the Novi News regarding filling the position for principal at Novi High School. I have also read the editorials regarding same. While not being familiar with the procedures followed for this hiring process, as a former human resources manager in industry, I do have some observations and comments regarding the controversy

The article states that there were 67 candidates for the job and that "Of the 67 candidates, Carter and Charles LaClear (also an assistant principal at Novi High) were the two finalists." I find this rather shocking, that only two individuals out of 67 were considered "qualified" and made the final cut, and that these two qualified people were both from the Novi High School

Why then, bother to post the job at all, if the "only qualified candidates" come from within the Novi High School? I find it hard to believe that not one of the 65 remaining candidates was considered competent enough to

fill the position Nicole Carter did not receive a total commitment vote from the Board of Education. It is my nion that this vote was not directed toward Ms. Carter, but rather toward the selection process itself.

The Novi school system is ranked sixth best out of 82 in the state, according to the annual Newsweek/The Daily Beast Survey, and that is something our community should be very proud of. Based on this recent experipect to get qualified candidates to apply for positions within the Novi school system and continue to keep our outstanding rating when it would appear that the

selection process is flawed? Ms. Carter is no doubt an excellent candidate for the principal position, but it is regrettable that the process is so skewed. Unfortunately, this may preclude additional qualified candidates coming forward in the future.

Kaye Cunningham

HUD regulations wrong The Department of Housing

and Urban Development is set to issue a new regulation that will suburban and rural communities nationwide. Under this regula-tion, called "Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing," HUD will have the absolute power to integrate forcefully any community or neighborhood it deems "too

As a result of this new policy,

prosperous and homogeneous communities like Milford will cease to exist as we know then And unlike the escape from Detroit in the late 1960s, white Americans will no longer be able to flee to the suburbs. The white flight option will be stripped from us. Diversity will be en-

formed organically and naturally. These communities aren't the result of "white privilege," they're the result of white people choosing to live in places that to them seem most likely to affect their safety and happiness. But HUD is set to annihilate our inities by deliberately inflicting conditions of life calculated to bring about the physical destruction of those commu nities. Look no further than De-

troit, Pontiac, Inkster, etc., if you

doubt the validity of this state-Perhaps you might be think-"What's wrong with integration? Isn't diversity our greatest strength?" Even if you don't think there is any redeeming value in preserving homogene-ity, consider the following: Under this HUD rule, you will no ger have the freedom to live in a safe and secure community where crime is low, property values high and the economy stable. You will no longer have the freedom to send your children to schools where they aren't at risk of getting mugged on a daily basis. You will no longer have the freedom to choose who you associate with — or not associate with. This HUD rule isn't about whiteness, per se. It's about you.

Something to ponder, however: Thanks to the 1965 immigration law, the United States will soon cease to be a majority white nation. Thanks to this new HUD regulation, white neighborhoods will also cease to exist. If a majority white nation is morally repugnant and if white neigh borhoods are morally repugnant then what is the logical end goal here? The implications are frightening.

Daniel Poole Jr.

Health program marks milestone

July 1 marked the 47th anniversary of Medicare, a program that impacts more than 40.3 million senior citizens of Amer

Medicare is one of the remaining pillars of our healthcluding the vast Baby Boomer generation.

In 1966, former President Lyndon Johnson stated, "This program is not just a blessing for older Americans. It is a test for all Americans, a test of our willingness to work together."

He was right. Medicare continues to be vital for seniors today, especially since it may be the only source of health-care coverage for seniors due to companies cutting and reducing earned supplemental health-care coverage. Congress needs to preserve Medicare to prevent seniors from becoming economic cally impoverished from the

rising costs of health care. Our nonprofit group, protectseniors.org, has written to the U.S. House Ways and Means Committee supporting the continued maintenance of Medicare and I urge all retirees totogether to make sure America's senior generation is not left unprotect-

Gerald Whatling

Author's tough tale of foster care has happy ending

By Julie Brown

In 2011, Bonnie Virag of Novi self-published her life story in The Stovepipe. She was born in 1936 in Simcoe, Ontaro, to a mother who had a total of 18 children. Virag was taken with

dren's Aid Society and put in foster care in rural "We never saw our family again," the author recalled in a recent interview. She's now mar-

Virag and her siblings went through years of abuse and neglect, as detailed in her book. The title comes from the stovepipe the siblings warmth and eavesdrop-

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ping. After her book was

published, she met five younger siblings she didn't know about. "It

she said. "Someone threw a little party all got to-

four siblings, including twin Betty, 4, by the Chilloved all of personable and nice." Her regret is not having known them sooner.

her are alive, as are the ried to Anthony, and has five younger siblings, with the family mostly in two sons and three and around Ontario, Canada. Virag and her husfor his work as a mechan ical engineer. She trained in dressmaking and later had a successful business for window treatments

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tell her family's story. "I do have a spiritual

them. They were all so Her four sisters who were in foster care with why the three older

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her business. She opted to dig up her Children's Aid Society records, and

"The books have flown off the shelves in Ontario." She met with a Children's Aid representative

aspect in my life," said Virag, who viewed her surgery and changed path as a divine intervention. She's been pleased with book reviews, as well as reader reaction. Virag had wondered-

brothers didn't help them more, but discovered they were serving in World War II. Her book is she can ioke a bit about her large family: "I always say that was before birth control and TV. The winters were long and cold in Canada.'

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She'san American citizen but retains a dual

status in Canada. Her book is on Amazon and Barnes & Noble, as well as the major Canadian

book seller. It is also an "It's been a thrilling journey for me," said Virag, 77. It took about five years to write. She approached a

> ters were ailing and she wanted the book in their hands quickly. "When I gave them a copy of the book, they were so thrilled." The sisters cried when they

Virag isn't an expert on foster care but remains concerned about its quality. In the U.S. of the 25,000 teens who age out of foster care in a year, eight of 10 end up in

handful of big publishers

but went the self-pub-

lishing route; some sis-

dead, she said. She's also concerned about children who die of abuse. "Where do they go from there? There's no safety net for them,'

Virag said of 18-year She likes to see children remain with parents when possible. "I think they have to work within the family. Virag also cited the

concept of a home-like

place with one parent for five kids, living in a unit. "It just needs a whole new overhaul of the foster care system," she

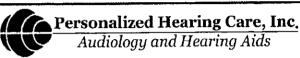
Many, in tough times especially, will take foster children for money "like they did in our case" rather than out of compassion, she said. She and Betty saw

their birth mom again at age 9 when visiting a tobacco farm where she worked. "She jumped in the back of the car and hugged and kissed us." Years later, when Virag was married she saw her mother near the end of

"I had this buried so deep inside me," Virag said of the story. It was difficult to write, but once done she agreed it was therapeutic: "I think it was very therapeutic to my sisters, too.'

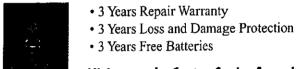
The five sisters turned out well in adulthood. "They all came through it

pretty good," Virag said. She's proud of it being chosen by Kirkus Reviews (Indie) as among the top 100 nonfiction titles for 2012. Morecan www.bonnievirag.com.





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KLAA BOYS SPRING SEASON



Hardware haul heavy again

Teams make impressive KLAA STANDINGS showing at tourney time

By Jeff Theiser

The 24-team Kensington Lakes Activities Association continues to pump out incredible competition both within the league and on the state

The KLAA had a top-notch spring and finished off the school year with another impressive showing come playoff

This is the third of a threepart series focusing on how the KLAA fared, not only during ous state tournaments. The teams discussed are only ones in sports that are sponsored by the MHSAA, as there are several other squads that are also some of the best in the state. The stories are broken in boys

and girls segments.
All records are taken from the site www.klaastandings.com and/or www.mhsaa.com.

Track and field

The KLAA has incredible balance both on the track and in the field. But by far the most impressive offering through-out the year was thrower Cullen Prena from Walled Lake Central.

It's not often people come to a track meet to see a thrower, but he was worth the price of admission and then some. At Milford, he threw the discus into the woods because the space provided simply wasn't long enough for his throws. His throws were some of the best in the country. He went on to win both the shot put and discus at state, but his throw of 210-1 in the discus obliterated the old state record of 197-11. Prena helped Walled Lake Central finish fourth overall at

state.
Grand Blanc brought balance to the Division 1 state finals and helped the Bobcats finish runners-up, putting two KLAA teams in the top four. Distance runner Grand Fisher had a monster day with a first runner-up in the 1,600. Robin Plummer cleared 6-9 in the high jump to finish second. Milford brought its usual

15th. Leading the way was the

TRACK AND FIELD

Central - Livonia Stevenson (5-0; Novi conference champ) South - Plymouth (5-0)

North - W.L. Western, W.L. Central (4-1, Central conference champ, Western

BASEBALL

South - Canton (11-5, conference and association champ) West - Brighton (14-2, conference champ) North - Walled Lake Northern (13-3)

South - Plymouth (10-0, conference champ) West - Hartland, Howell, Grand Blanc (7-3) North - Lakeland (10-0, conference champ)

3,200 relay and Brian Kettle in the 1,600, both with third-place

Individually, the KLAA had all-state finishes in all but four events – 100 dash, 300 hurdles,

for the league, by far, was the discus. Not only did Prena demolish the record books, but the KLAA claimed all but two of the top eight spots. South yon's Trevor VanAsselt reset his own school record with a Lake Central's Sawver Dmoch (169-2) in fourth on the last throw of his high school career.

more wins. But come tournament time, it was Howell which carried

to runner-up Brother Rice. The league claimed plenty of success in districts, with Howell, Northville, Grand

While Howell was the lone representative to win a region-al title, Northville and Grand Blanc both reached the region-

Vest - Grand Blanc (5-0)

Division winners

GOLF

Central - Novi (8-2)

Conference wit Kensington - Novi (6-0, association champ)

> East went on a stunning run to a district title and then onto the regional final before it came to

an end. The stunning part, East finished the regular season 2-20 and went 0-15-1 in the 800 run and 800 relay. The most dominated event Central Division and crossover

The KLAA put on a show-case both individually and on a team level at the Division 1 state finals Plymouth finished tied over all for first with Battle Creek up based on fifth score tie Rounding out the list were breaker. Hartland and Lake Pinckney's Mike Boom in fifth, land would claim seventh and eighth, respectively. Walled Lake Central's Austin Shamoun in seventh and How-ell's Peter Cender in eighth. Individually, it was Ply-mouth's Kyle Rodes and Lake-

The KLAA sported seven teams that finished with 20 or

the torch the furthest, reach-ing the final four before falling

Blanc, Livonia Stevenson, Hartland and Walled Lake Northern all claiming titles.

In Division 2, South Lyon

land's Alex Kleckner tied atop the leaderboard with a two-day

total of 143. Kleckner carded

the lowest round of the tourne

with a 69 on the second day at

Forest Akers West. Rodes wen

Michigan State University's

on to claim the title on the

Tying for sixth were Can-ton's Donnie Trosper and Ply-

Three teams stood atop the

regular season standings in the

KLAA. Novi won the Kensing-

ton Conference, handing South Lyon its only regular season

third playoff hole.

mouth's John Tatti.

Lacrosse

'coach.' I like that better than

KLAA football meets media, hits the practice fields

A good idea became a reality this year as the KLAA offered its first Media Day on Aug. 8, just a few days before the first practice.

All 24 teams were represented, with coaches and two or three key players attending a luncheon at Novi High

The coaches got up and talked just a couple of min-utes about their team and added a few tidbits about the upcoming season.

New Wildcats head coach Jeff Burnside was thrilled to have the event hosted at Novi, but he's even more excited to get the season going and put last year's 1-8 record for the Wildcats way back in the rear-view mirror.

"Looking back, I try to reflect on everything I've gone through in the last 13 to 14 years now, being a head coach here for 10 years and going away to Berkley -which I had a great experience - and then being able to come back, I wouldn't change anything," he said. "As much as I would've liked to have not to left, I had such a great experience at Berkley that, luckily for me, probably pre

was to do that. "It's exciting to walk through the halls and hear

pared me to do a better job

here. The best thing for me

'Mr.' any day of the week. I take that title very seriously

and respect that title."
On the Media Day event, work out so well in its inaugu

"This is a cool event," Burnside said. "When any thing is new and proposed, you wonder how is it going to work; how many people are really going to be here? After everybody got here and you start to see everybody, it's pretty cool. I think it's really cool for the kids to come in

here and see this."

Northville Northville head coach Matt Ladach did win the Cen-5-4 record was not up to his

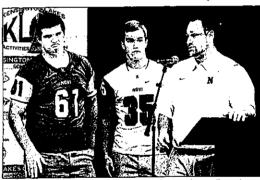
"It definitely serves as motivation - 5-4 doesn't sit well with Northville High School anymore," he said. son, a tremendous off-season Our kids have really been

working their tails off." Ladach really like the first KLAA Football Media Day. "It gives us an opportunity

to show off what we do as a league and to really show of some of the athletes we have in this conference." Ladach said. "We all have individual pride in our programs, we also take great pride in the

South Lyon East South Lyon East got its first taste of playoff football

See FOOTBALL, Page B2



Novi football head coach Jeff Burnside addresses the media and other KLAA coaches at a gathering Aug. 8 at Novi High School. With him are Wildcats Bepin Serraj (61) and Marshall Sayles (35). JOHN

Seven straight titles



The 2013 Novi Black won its seventh straight league championship The group of coaches and core players of this team have been a part of seven straight city championships over the last seven years. This team finished the season with a league record of 17-2. Players are part of local high school varsity programs such as Novi, Detroit Catholic Central and Walled Lake Western. The team was led by head coach Rob Reilly and assistant coaches Tim Rush and Mike Weber. Pictured are (bottom, from left) Matt Brasil, Mark Breaugh Mike Militello, Jeff Weber, Austin Wertheimer, Michael Zugaro and Ethan Vieaux; (top, from left) coach Mike Weber, Brandon Mazell, Michael Beaton, Bill Clark, Joe McKeegan, Justin Rush, coach Tim Rush, Alec Hamilton, Justin Azar and coach Rob Reilly. Also on the team are Edward Turek and Matthew Gluck.



KLAA GIRLS SPRING SEASON

The spring season is one of

Despite the season starting

the busiest seasons of the year

for girls sports with track,

tennis all featured.

softball, soccer, lacrosse and

out in horrific weather, the

24-team Kensington Lakes

Activities Association fought

through it all and continued to

shine right up to the end of the

school year.
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The KLAA proved it has

plenty of balance both on the

track and off at the Division 1

state finals. Northville led the

charge team-wise with a sev-

Walled Lake Central in ninth

The league showed big-time

power in the discus with three

placers in the top five, led by

Central's Josephine Jackson in

Novi's Kerri McMahan

boys and girls segments

Track and field

and Novi 10th

the site www.klaastanding-

Teams shine despite Mother Nature's anger

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Espinoza to do battle for MMA title

When Novi wrestling alum Jaime Espinoza graduated in 2007, i didn't take long before he tling experience with a jiu jitsu background to enture into mixed mar tial arts. Now the secondranked Espinoza, 24. battles top-ranked Deven Brown for the Warrior Xtreme Cagefighting title during the WXC 45

event at 7:30 p.m. Friday at 4300 Dearborn Street n Melvindale. Doors for the show are at 6:30 p.m. and general admission costs \$25. Cage side seats are \$45 and VIP tables are \$40, available at www.ticketriver.com

Sports previews, schedules on deck Although the Novi News will have a full array of sports previews and schedules in next Thursday's paper for Novi, Northville and

boys tennis will head to the Rochester Invitational, field hockey will head to an East Grand Rapids Tournament and boys cross country will com-

Invitational at Island

Lake, all before many of

their classmates are out

Detroit Catholic Central,

several teams are getting

On Saturday, volley-

ball will compete in the

started this week with

tournaments and con-

tests on the road.

conference meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday at Whispering Willows, while field hockey heads to Dearborn Edsel Ford at Soccer will then face its biggest early-season

same night.

Boys golf will head to Plymouth Salem 2 p.m.

Monday while the boys

soccer team visits Walled

Lake Northern 7 p.m. the

Golf will then face

Livonia Churchill in a

Wildcats' kryptonite the Novi all-sports passes available

Wednesday at Canton,

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mirror, Fox is looking to

hit the fields and get

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With Media Day in the

FOOTBALL

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gone, it's been building carry the play until the every year," coach Mike Cougars figure out some way to replace all-world Lindman said. "We be-QB Cam Thomas, who is lieve in ourselves. We now practicing at West-ern Michigan University believe we're going to come back to the play-"After last year, the offs again. We've got way the program has very, very good athletes

Lakeland

Lakeland just missed out on the playoffs last John Maltese hopes it serves as extra motivation to keep up the momentum at all times.

we are reloading. We're

"I'm very excited for

he said. "We've learned vear and we've had a long off-season to put steps in to correct these "Every play is impor-tant. You take a handful

5-4 season and it's 6-3 or vhatever the case may be. I think they learned a very tough lesson." Maltese has been a coach for a long time, but a Media Day quite like

of plays from last year's

"This is a first-class conference." he said. "I've coached in other

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something he liked.

conferences and this is by far the best and the strongest. I thought it was a nice event to showcase our league.'

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Milford coach Pat Fox really appreciated the Media Day, not only for his team, but to get the camraderie back from

"I'm pretty excited. "It's a cool deal," he we have a great group of kids," he said. "Our sensaid. "I get to see a lot of iors are showing great friends and my kids get leadership. They're a very hard-working to get out a little bit. I think we have great players, we have great coachgroup. The juniors and seniors are meshing real es and we've got really well together and we're nice school systems with very pleased with them.

Practices begin

And the excitement 12 as Michigan high schools were able to open fall football practices South Lyon was the

the players, both varsity

"It feels like it was my

"I don't know what

nights in the fall, as this

is what I've done for 36

years - high school foot-ball. Go Lions!"

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claimed a state title in the high first to hit the field as the jump by clearing 5-6. South Lions opened practice at Lyon's Brady Covert and Churchill's Ashley Cochran tied for "It was so exciting for

and Welcome to the Jungle being played," head **SPRING** coach Mark Thomas said. first year coaching - you got to love high school Continued from Page B1 loss in the process. In the other people do on Friday ton went a perfect 7-0 to

would clip the Bulldogs 7-6 to claim the associa-

time. South Lyon and Brighton were the lone teams to reach the regional finals.

Brighton matched up with perennial state champion Brother Rice and the run came to an end as the Warriors would go on to claim another title.

South Lyon was on the other side of the bracket

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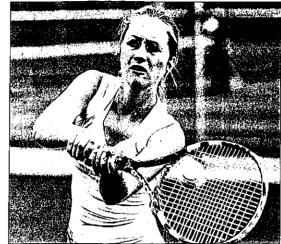
DOWNTOWN ROYAL OAK

and cruised by Rockford title. The unified team's the final four with an

11-10 loss to Forest Hills Eastern-Northern. It was the furthest run in school Lyon Unified squad.

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Novi High freshman and varsity tennis player Allison Lollo hits the COURT, JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHO

Plmyouth's Jane McCurry claimed another title for the league in the pole vault by

Sarah Uhlian tied for sixth. Northville had two of the top four finishers in the 110 hurdles, with Morgan Robertson runner-up and Lauren Rodriguez in fourth. Walled Lake Northern's Allyson Goff claimed eighth for three placers on the podium for the

Brighton's Allison Lunau ran to second place in the 3,200

It's no secret who the powers of the KLAA are when it ville and Novi from the Central Division. The Mustangs captured fifth at the Division 1 state finals, with Novi in 12th. Northville's No. 4 doubles team of Shannon Williams and

Libby Ouinn captured a title to highlight the day.
In singles play, Northville's the semifinals at No. 3 singles.

The KLAA is known for some of the best soccer in the state and this past spring was no different, with three teams in the final eight. Novi knocked off Hartland

1-0 in the quarterfinals to advance to the final four. Hartland also fell to Rochester in the quarterfinals. Novi's run came to an end with a 3-2 loss to Grandville in the semifinals.

**TRACK & FIELD** 

Division winners

Central – Salem (5-0, Northville conference champ)

South - Churchill (5-0) West - Milford (5-0, association chamo) North - Waterford Mott (5-0, W.L. Central conference champ)

TENNIS

Central – Northville (5-0, conference, association champ) South - Plymouth (5-0) West - Brighton (5-0, conference champ) North - Walled Lake Northern (5-0)

Central – Novi (9-0-1)

South - Plymouth (9-0-1, conference, association champ) West - Hartland (8-0-2, conference champ) North – Walled Lake Northern (6-1-3)

SOFTBALL Central – South Lyon East (12-4)

South - Plymouth (15-1, conference, association champ) West - Grand Blanc (13-3, conference champ)

Conference winners

Kensington – South Lyon United (9-1) Lakes - Hartland (9-0, association champ)

It was an unusual year as the league did not get a team past the state quarterfinals and

into Battle Creek. Canton was the lone team to reach the quarterfinals by knocking off South Lyon in the regional finals. Hartland and Grand Blanc also reached the regional finals before the sea-

Lacrosse

The KLAA was well represented deep into the tournament with Brighton, Hartland

son came to an end there.

and South Lyon United each reaching the semifinals. Hartland beat Brighton in

overtime in the quarterfinals to reach the final four. The Eagles fell to eventua champion Rockford in the

South Lyon was on a run before several members of the team chose not to play in the quarterfinal game because it anded on the same day as prom. South Lyon went on to

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 13-160.02

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 13-160.02 TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 22, "OFFENSES," ARTICLE VI, "OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION I, "GENERALLY," SECTION 22-112, "FIREWORKS," IN ORDER TO INCORPORATE CHANGES TO STATE LAW REGARDING THE PROHIBITION OF THE IGNITION AND DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS EXCEPT

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, August 12, 2013 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

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The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 to allow a reduction in the exterior side yard setback to 35 ft. (50 ft. required) for an existing building proposed for redevelopment to a restaurant use The property is located north of Grand River Ave. and east of Beck Rd. in the OST Zoning District. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires front and exterior side yard setbacks of 50 feet minimum in the OST Zoning District. CASE NO. PZ13-0043 43700 GEN-MAR DR

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CASE NO. PZ13-0043 43700 GEN-MAR DR

The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, 2505 to allow a reduction in the required number of parking spaces from 223 to 185, Section 2507 to allow loading and unleading between 8 pm and 7 am and Section 1905.b(2) to allow installation of a 1,500 gallon bulk argon gas storage tank with alternate screening. The property is located at the east end of Gen Mar, west of Novi Rd in the 1-1 Zoning District. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2505 requires minimum quantities of parking spaces for specific uses and occupancies, Section 2507 limits loading and unloading operations and Section 1905 limits accessory structures and requires screening.

CASE NO. PZ13-0044 43150 GRAND RIVER

The applicant is requesting a variance from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(2) a.3 to allow installation of a ground sign immediately adjacent (3 ft. setback required) to the right of way line. The property is located north of Grand River and east of Novi Rd, in the TC, Zoning District.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(2) a.3 requires ground signs be placed a minimum of 3 feet from a future (planned) right of way line.

CASE NO. PZ13-0045-46.47.48 25814 BECK RD (LOT 13).LOT 13.LOT 15 AND LOT 31 OF THE PIONEER MEADOWS SUBDIVISION

The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 to allow construction of new single family homes with reduced front setbacks of 40 ft. (45 ft. required), reduced rear setbacks of 40 ft. (50 ft. required) and reduced aggregate aide yard setbacks of 30 ft. (50 ft. required) on scition 3107 which requires issuance of building permits within 12 months of approval of variances. The request is to allow the variances to remain valid for issuance of building permits within 18 months of approval date. The properties are located east of Beck Road and north of 10 Mile Road in the RA Zoning District. CITY OF

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# Good to know good neighbors in times of need, joy

By Julie Brown

Denise Semion of Plymouth Township values neighbor Joanne Wibright When I'm gone, she waters my pathetic little garden," said Semion, who lives by Wibright in the Lake Pointe subdivision in northern Plymouth Township, "She has a magnifi

bounty of tomatoes soon. Semion, communications manager for the Huron-Clinton Metroparks, and her husband alert the Wibrights when they're out of town. "It's always a comfort to know you've got somebody to

cent garden. She's bringing over a

The women also talk over the fence gaining emotional support. Semion had medical issue with her mom. "We talked for a while and she gave me a

hug," she said. emion moved to the neighborhood

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of May 6-10, 2013, at the Wayne

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and sales prices.

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50319 Grant St

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1515 Manton Blvd

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"I think Lake Pointe has always had a good reputation for nice houses and nice people," Semion said of her purchase. She also considered freeway

access for commuting. Realtor Bob Bake of Plymouth, with Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel, has been in the business since 1967. Bake,

who grew up in Northville, agrees good neighbors matter when buying. "I don't think buyers give enough attention to who might live behind them or next to them," he said. He knows Plymouth and Northville well. but still encourages prospective buyers to ask a neighbor or two about

"It makes sense to make an inquiry privately with a neighbor," he said. The prospective buyer can ask about

"It can really help the buyer make the right judgment," Bake said. "I

are to me.

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as well," he said. Due diligence on buying includes schools for those with children. "Schools are always a major influencing factor for young families." Bake

are kev. He encourages a visit to the local elementary, middle or high school to

Bake has been in his Plymouth home 25 years. "Yes, I'm very fortunate," he said of neighbors. "I really had a high comfort level before I made the transition." His work gave him that knowledge.

He knows others who've been adjacent to a lighted, pro basketball court in the rear yard. "It's a real noise-maker," Bake said. "You really have no privacy on your patio or ter-

That can happen with a backyard pool, too, he said, although the season s much shorter.

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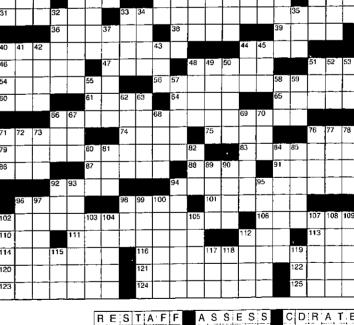
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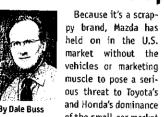
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py brand, Mazda has held on in the U.S. market without the vehicles or marketing muscle to pose a serious threat to Toyota's and Honda's dominance of the small-car market

But increasingly, Mazda does have the cars to compete in the hottest segments, like the latest version of the CX-5 SUV алd, now, the all-new Mazda6 mid-size sedan. And Mazda's marketing has wisely moved beyond the "zoom-zoom" mantra to a more differentiated pitch based on its SkyActiv sub-brand of "light-weighting" technologies and nameplate-centric campaigns that take advantage of the better vehicles.

"We realized long ago that we're not going to be able to out-shout any of our big competitors, so we have to be more clever than they are, in unique and different ways," Jeremy Barnes, Mazda's director of PR and brand experience in the U.S., told me. "Our biggest challenge as a brand is not that people think poorly of our brand but that they don't think imme-

This problem has become mostly a marketing challenge, because Mazda vehicles themselves sure are taking on their share of the responsibility for a turnaround. The new Mazda6 touts highly acclaimed new styling and the product line's fullest expression yet of SkyActiv technologies such as a more fuel-efficient engine and transmission and lightweight new mate-

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In fact, the car is completely new from the ground up, Barnes said, and is entirely a Mazda creation; the Mazda6 it replaces was a joint product of Mazda and its erstwhile partner, Ford.

The midsize sedan represents a huge departure from the old model, the secand vehicle to flow from an engineering program that Mazda launched after the alliance with Ford ended in 2010. Mazda executives invested heavily in new engines and transmissions and lightweight

Mazda6 combines high fuel economy with a sportiness that separates the car. and the brand, from other Japanese companies' compact offerings and holds up well against other competitors including a redesigned Ford Fusion, Hyundai Sonata, Kia Optima and Volkswagen Passat.

The interior of the car already has won awards for its appearance and the use of quality materials. But some reviewers have complained about cargo space and interior storage niches being too small and about a 5.8-inch touch screen, which is smaller and less sensitive to the touch than some competitors'.



The CX-5 was the first new vehicle launched under the SkyActiv

Interestingly, Mazda also plans to take the plunge into clean-diesel technology with a new diesel engine that will be available on the Mazda6 later this year. This will provide yet another "green" way that Mazda can differentiate its worthy new compact from the competition.

The other early product of Mazda's goit-alone engineering is the CX-5, a new version of the compact SUV that just ranked highest of any nameplate in the segment in the new J.D. Power study of

For Mazda6, the brand launched its "Take6 Ride and Drive Program" sequen-

tially in 15 major U.S. cities (though not Detroit) beginning this month in Seattle and ending in November. The idea of this "experiential" initiative is for Mazda representatives to partner with restaurants where the brand's target Millennial demographic just happens to be waiting for a table. These "brand ambassadors" offer to take

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"They'll have gone out for dinner, and our goal is to catch these people where they are rather than making them go where the car is," like a dealership, Barnes said. "We're trying to drive interest, get people behind the wheel of the Mazda6, understand what makes it unique and different - and do it in a way that's comfortable."

"It's an opportunity for them to see that the car does drive wonderfully. And when they're in the market to go shopping for a new car, if they think of putting Mazda6 on their shopping list, then we've

As a final reward for going along in Take6, Mazda gives each diner a Mazda6branded spice grinder. "It's because food is typically a passion point for our kind of customers." Barnes explained. "The Mazda logo will stare at you. It's another memory device for when you're buying

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job seekers to consider going back to school to advance their career. But is this a practical move for everybody? Not always. There are different industry standards for education. and a specific degree or certification may not always move you forward.

While back-to-school commercials may already be playing on TV, avoid getting sucked in and decide for yourself if going back to school is the right move for your career. Karen Southall Watts, business coach, consultant and author, provides the questions you should ask yourself when considering further education, as well as the answers to best to determine your options.

#### How much do you know about the job potential for this course of study?

How much do you know about local opportunities, the potential need to relocate to find work and the realistic time from entry-level wages to getting a promotion? Many students enroll in "hot" fields such as nursing, for example, only to find that they are unsuited to the physical demands of the job or that there are few local employ-. ers. Older students often have family obligations that mean they cannot pick up and follow the jobs after graduation.

#### What is your (true). comfort level with technology?

Many schools are pushing

courses online, using online registration and grading systems, and making libraries and other resources accessible via the school website. Some older students are not comfortable with intense computer use, although the stereotype of older students being computerphobic and younger ones being digital natives is a bit deceptive. In students of any age, the ability to use things such as Facebook, email or a smartphone does not equal the ability to do online research, use computers to generate documents and presentations, or interact with online classroom software

#### Are you overloading your schedule?

Adult students tend to be very goal-oriented and want to finish education and training as quickly as possible in order to get into the job market. This desire to hurry up may manifest in an overloaded and unrealistic schedule. Students who are depending upon financial aid sometimes feel pressured into taking the maximum amount of hours possible. Combine these issues with family and job commitments, and a student can start an academic term in a "no win" situation -- there simply are not enough hours in the day to do what he or she wants.

#### Is there another option besides a full degree?

If a student is already midcareer, he or she may need only a few courses or workshops to get to the next level. Rather than shifting from one field into something completely unrelated, it may be wiser to find ways to leverage past experience and pivot to something that doesn't require starting from zero. It is essential for potential students to talk to someone in their chosen field and not just admissions advisers when making the decision to return to school and selecting a course of study.

Education can be a great

option for those who have researched their career options and know which direction they'd like to take. However, if schooling isn't a smart career move for you, there are other ways to gain momentum in your career and opportunities that may lead to bigger roles down

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