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## Road projects

The Road Commission for Oakland County presented its proposed fiscal year 2014 budget at a public hearing Aug. 22 at the Oakland County Board of Commissioners Auditorium in Pontiac. Two local projects noted include:  
» Haggerty Road, north of Pontiac Trail to Richardson in Commerce Township (add center left-turn lane at a cost of \$3.5 million).  
» Eight Mile, Napier to Taft in Novi and Northville (complete 2013 project at a cost of \$4.6 million).  
RCCO's fiscal year runs Oct. 1 to Sept. 30. Final adoption of the budget will take place in September.



Ian David Molloy, 15, fishes the waters of Walled Lake from the fishing pier at Novi's Pavilion Shore Park. JOHN HEDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Novi unveils new gem on shores of Walled Lake

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

It was a perfect summer day to celebrate the opening of Novi's Pavilion Shore Park. With the sun shining across the blue water of Walled Lake, a group of residents and city officials gathered to celebrate the newly renovated park on 13 Mile Road. It was a culmination of a lot of different efforts.  
"This is really great to see because there wasn't anything here except a field," Novi resident and nearby homeowner Gary Popiela said at the ceremony. "This increases the value of this area and gives us a place to come to and enjoy this beautiful setting."

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GARY POPIELA  
Novi resident

The dedication included a picnic lunch, fishing, games, music from the Novi Concert band and a model boat demonstrations.  
A key aspect of the new park is the preservation of its natural features. In addition, the park provides access to Walled Lake with a fishing pier and boardwalk. The goal is to promote active lifestyles with plentiful

pathways and offer green open space for a variety of activities, which were on display at the ceremony with families sitting on the grass to have food and refreshments.

"We're very proud of this place. It's going to take a couple of years to fill in ... but it will be here to nurture, treasure and build upon," Novi City Manager Clay Pearson said during the dedication ceremony.

The park opening marks the completion of phases one and two included in the five-phase conceptual plan.  
The development of the 11-acre park was largely funded by a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant in the amount of \$437,500. A funding match of 30 percent or \$187,500 was required from Novi, of which \$50,000 was donated by the Novi Parks Foundation.  
Jason Mangum, Novi's director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, said this was a group effort with a variety of people in the city and residents having input - and it's this ad-

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An expanded Arnold Amusements midway of fun rides is being presented by Walmart. The midway will feature a pair of Ferris wheels, the Tilt-a-Whirl and Shock Drop, giant slides, bumper cars and more.

## State fair opens Friday in Novi

The Michigan State Fair has found a new home at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. The Labor Day weekend event kicks off Friday.  
Now produced by a private entity and with Fifth Third Bank as presenting sponsor, the fair continues to honor all of the great traditions and legacy of the treasured state fair, but now with a 21st century twist.  
The fair features the famous agriculture, tourism and products of the state of Michigan in the clean, modern environs of the Suburban Collection Showplace (46100 Grand River Avenue, between Novi and Beck roads; 248.348.5600; www.MichiganStateFairLLC.com).



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SUNDAY, SEPT. 1  
7-8:15 p.m. - Delilah DeWylde & The Lost Boys  
8:45-11 p.m. - George Bedard & The Kingpins

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## Healthy Michigan: Snyder visits Novi to promote plan

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

Gov. Rick Snyder brought his message of a Healthy Michigan to Novi on Aug. 21 and said the whole state will be better off if more people have better access to health care coverage.

The governor made a visit to Fox Run to participate in a roundtable discussion and answer questions from residents of the senior living community. Emphasizing the benefits of expanding the Medicaid program, Snyder said ultimately this will save everyone money and is the right thing to do.

"I ask you to not think about the Affordable Care Act or 'Obamacare,' I ask you to think about here's a case of us being one big family and we have a chance to help 470,000 family members," he told a packed house.

Benefits of a healthier Michigan

If enacted, the Healthy Michigan Plan would help 477,000 individuals, which is



Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder speaks at Novi's Fox Run Aug. 21.

about 46 percent of the currently uninsured population. Snyder said most of these individuals have jobs and make around \$15,000 per year or less.

He said helping people who are hard working and low income get health care is the smart choice. Under the plan, those uninsured, working individuals will be able to turn to less-expensive primary care doctors when they are sick, rather than the emergency room.

And, he added, "It could save all the rest of us money." According to Snyder, treating those without insurance

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**Featured attractions**

The Detroit Shrine Circus, presented by Bright House Networks, returns for 2013 with the world's largest circus tent. The most famous family in circus history, the Wallendas, will bring an all-new troupe of performers to metro Detroit. Rick Wallenda, eldest grandson of founders Karl and Helen, will present his troupe of daredevils in a rare local

performance. The circus will also bareback horse acrobats, an animal extravaganza, clowns and more.

Fair goers will also enjoy an expanded Arnold Amusements Midway of rides, presented by Walmart. The midway will feature a pair of Ferris wheels, the '311-a-Whirl and Shock Drop, giant slides, bumper cars and more.

The time-honored Michigan State Fair agricultural and livestock exhibits return, including the Beginning of Life, with baby farm animals, the Butter Cow



Visit the Cow Milking Exhibit and learn how to milk a cow and then get a coupon for Endless Chocolate Milk.

and many horse and pony breed demonstrations. Returning this year is Endless Chocolate Milk by Guernsey Dairy, where fair goers get to try their hand at milking Daria the virtual cow and receive a half pint, which can be replaced as many times as they wish during their time at the fair.

Live family entertainment features fun and lively music from a variety of genres, all sharing Michigan roots. Headliners include Marshall Crenshaw (Saturday), George Bedard with The Kingpins (Sunday) and Stewart Francke (Friday), along with a large roster of bands from all corners of the state. A complete entertainment schedule is available at [www.michiganstatefairllc.com](http://www.michiganstatefairllc.com)

The 2013 State Fair Beer Garden will feature Michigan breweries Griffin Claw of Birmingham, Vander Mill Cider of Spring Lake, Kuhn-henn Brewing Co. and Dragon Mead from Warren; and North Peak Brewing Co. of Traverse City. Miller Lite and Mike's Hard Lemonade will also be served; all beers are provided by Powers Distributing.

New for 2013 is an on-site Farmers Market during the weekend, in addition to a section of the fair devoted entirely to Michigan-made products, sponsored in part by Walmart and the web directory [\*\*TICKETS\*\*](http://www.BuyM-</a></p>
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Tickets in all categories for the Aug. 30 through Sept. 2 Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair are on sale now. Advance discounted tickets available online through Thursday, Aug. 29. The \$25 Ultimate Wristband (adults and all children 36 inches tall or above) daily admission offers the full gamut of the fair experience and includes not only a full day of carnival rides, the exhibit hall, the agriculture and home arts shows, free entertainment, but also a performance of the one and only Detroit Shrine Circus. All this, for one low price of \$25 in advance. The "at-the-gate" price will increase to \$30, so buying early offers considerable savings!

The \$10 Toddler Wristband is for children 35 inches or less admission to the circus and state of Michigan mandated allowable carnival attractions (Crazy Bus, Merry-Go-Round, and Elephants rides only). Price will remain the same at the gate. Some restrictions may apply, please visit the website for details, as carnival access is regulated by the state of Michigan and must obey manufacturers' height safety requirements.

**Fair Only Pass:** Provides no access to the carnival rides or the circus. It is for livestock, home arts, indoor exhibits, entertainment and beer garden only. Advance: \$6, adults and children 12 and older, \$5, children 11 and under; At the Gate: \$8, adults and children 12 and older, \$6, children 11 and under. \$8, adults and children 12 and older and accompanied by a paid adult admission will be admitted to the Michigan State Fair at no charge, but this admission applies only to the indoor exhibits and livestock. It excludes circus performance and carnival rides.

**DETAILS**

The Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair is Friday, Aug. 30, through Monday, Sept. 2, at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi. Daily circus performances, presented by Detroit Shriners, will be at noon, 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday through Sunday. There will be no 7:30 p.m. circus performance Monday, Labor Day. Visit [www.MichiganStateFairLLC.com](http://www.MichiganStateFairLLC.com) for more information.

ichLocal.com. No fair would be complete without good old-fashioned contests and competitions. Visit [www.MichiganStateFairLLC.com/contests](http://www.MichiganStateFairLLC.com/contests), central for complete information about the Diaper Derby baby crawl races, hot dog, corn-on-the-cob and pie-eating contests, King Arthur Pie Bake-Off, Longest Pony Tail, Twins and Triplets, husband and wife calling and more hilarious fun for all.

The fair will also offer the Fifth Third Bank/MLive Hot Spot - check it out on board the Fifth Third eBus, a 40-foot, self-contained resource center with onboard computers and full internet connectivity. Hours of operation are 1-8 p.m. Friday through Sunday and noon to 5 p.m. Monday.

**Scout Day-Friday** - Any Girl or Boy Scout who attends the fair Friday, Aug. 30, dressed in their Scout uniform and is accompanied by an adult with an Ultimate Wristband will be admitted at no charge to the fair.

**Senior Day-Friday** - Free "Fair Only" admission to seniors 62 and over. No ride or circus admissions are included. A discounted pass will be available for \$20 for those who wish to attend the circus and ride the rides.

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**State fair history**

The original Michigan State Fair, which debuted in Detroit in 1849, was one of the first statewide fair events to take place in the United States. It moved permanently to its home at the Michigan State Fairgrounds on Woodward Avenue in 1905 and was staged there until 2009, when it was discontinued by a resolution of the state government due to ongoing budget issues.

The 2013 Michigan State Fair is being produced by title sponsor Fifth Third Bank. The 2013 Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair has a deep commitment to the ongoing development and support of agriculture, small business and family entertainment, while preserving the legacy and beloved traditions of the original state fair.

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places an \$880 million burden for uncompensated care on Michigan's hospital industry each year. As a result, individuals with insurance and the businesses that provide coverage pay higher premiums to cover the cost of uncompensated care.

Snyder's position was supported by everyone on the panel, including Oakland County family physician Dr. Chris Novak. He said he provides primary care to a variety of people and thinks this common-sense approach is needed. Novak said the benefits are substantial if more patients can have access to immunizations at a young age or if adults can speak with physicians that can give them direction on how to deal with things like diabetes.

"I think we have a clinical imperative as a physician to provide this care and clearly the governor has made the case for a business case, to save us in the state ... save us

in terms of expenses," he said. "And I think there is a moral imperative to really reach out to provide care to literally hundreds of thousands of fellow Michigan residents."

**Crowd reaction**

The crowd was receptive to the talk and welcomed all of the guests. For some, it was a refreshing display of a shared mission. One panelist, Lynn Lindsey, told her story of Medicaid coverage helping her through a bout of breast cancer.

"I thought it was a wonderful talk," Fox Run resident Beverly Schwartz said. "I'm a Democrat from Pennsylvania and I was really impressed with the governor's tone. I just wish the rest of them could adopt more of a stance like his."

As for Snyder, he said he will keep promoting his message to the rest of the state and Legislature.

"It's our opportunity to step up and really help people," he said.

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**HEALTHY MICHIGAN NOW**



Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder (center) talks about his Healthy Michigan Now! Medicaid expansion proposal Aug. 21 at Nov's Fox Run. JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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## GET AN 'A' IN PERSONALITY FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

By Beth Jachman  
Staff Writer

School days, school days, dear old slap bracelet ruler days.

Or gamer calculators, high-heeled tape dispensers, patterned duct tape or chandeliers for the locker days.

Back to school 2013 offers up plenty of new and fashionable products to go along with the usual notebooks and binders and pens - but even those have a colorful spin.

Greg Jackson, general merchandise line leader of the Meijer store in Livonia, says not only does his store do big business in crayons, glue and markers, but also Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle and Monster High backpacks.

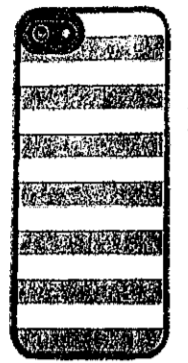
Another big seller for either parents or college students are dry erase boards in a variety of shapes and sizes, Jackson said. "We cater to back to college, too," he said.

### It's my space

At the high school level, items to decorate lockers are popular with teens who want to make that humdrum space their own - even with rugs and mini chandeliers. "If you want some stylish stuff, you can go all out," said Whitney Spencer, executive team leader of logistics at the Westland Target.

Technology is also changing the face of school supplies. Tablets and eReaders are the big thing, according to Joe Hirschmugl, a spokesman for Meijer's corporate office. "Tablets are becoming like the new notebook," he said.

This year, some of the hottest tech is the Samsung Galaxy Tab 3 Tablets, the New Acer Windows 8 tablet and



The Agent18 iPhone 5 Vest Case in Pink/White Stripe is \$29.99 at Target.

Windows 8 laptops with "Touch" technology, according to Office Depot spokesperson Raquel Erwin.

### Get personal

Personalization is huge this year, so many students are choosing to create a customized look. Office Depot offers the Crayola Creation, where kids can customize their own crayon/marker assortment, according to Erwin.

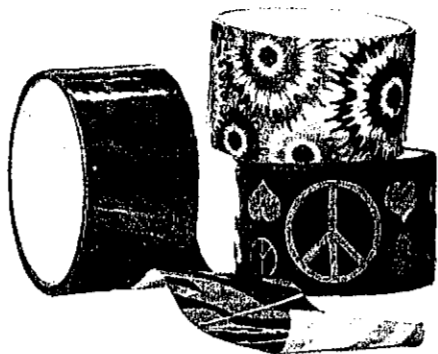
Personalization is also a hit at Target. Duct tape in patterns and colors or popular trademarks is used to personalize backpacks, notebooks and even clothes, Lash said.

Glitter notebooks, animal print pencil pouches, gamer calculators and paisley binders, an assortment of white "blank canvas" basics that allow students to try DIY and create one-of-a-kind designs unique to their personal style, are popular this year, according to Erwin.

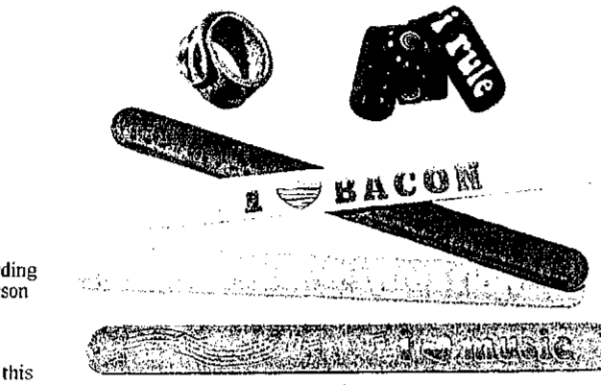
Art supplies such as



The gamer calculator is available at Office Depot.



Fashion Angels duct tape in assorted patterns is \$3.49 each.



### THINGS KIDS WANT FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

Sharp retractable high-lighters in assorted colors

Post-it flags, small size Post-it notes to mark text-book pages

Scotch brand high-heeled tape dispenser

Trapper Keeper with customizable cover

Spiral-bound index cards

Designer duct tape, along with paper bags to cover textbooks

USB drives

Cute cellphone cases

source: familyeducation.com

markers, crayons and paper are also popular, especially in neon colors, Hirschmugl said.

"We're noticing for middle school kids, backpacks with matching accessories such as lunch boxes, and Lego folders, notebooks and pencil cases are also on kids' lists for back to school."

Local store managers say they are all stocked up for the rush. "A lot of customers are last-minute shoppers, as with any holiday," Jackson said.

And

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which are bracelets that can be stretched out to be used as a ruler, along with lion, monkey or zebra shaped lunch boxes and Lego folders, notebooks and pencil cases are also on kids' lists for back to school.

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### SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE UPDATES

#### Culinary Arts receives highest accreditation

College officials received word this week that its award-winning culinary arts program received the highest possible rating from the American Culinary Federation Education Foundation. The Foundation's Accrediting Commission sent a site team to Schoolcraft College for several days this past spring. Upon completion of its review, the site team rated the school's program exemplary. The rating means Schoolcraft's Culinary Department is accredited through June 30, 2020. Seven years is the maximum amount of time awarded and only the country's top culinary schools receive such status.

#### AT&T grant helps local students

The college this fall will launch a pilot College and Beyond course with high school students from Livonia's Franklin and Stevenson high schools and Garden City High School. Funded by a \$15,000 grant from AT&T Michigan, the program is designed to introduce high school seniors to the strategies and attitudes that will help them maximize their potential for both college and the workforce. Students enrolled in C&B 12-week online course will receive both high school credits and college credit, giving them a head start on their higher education goals.

During the course, students will begin to understand college terminology, learn to navigate a college system and explore a variety of learning styles, time management skills and study strategies.

#### Dementia Care Certificate program

The college has partnered with the Alzheimer's Association-Greater Michigan Chapter to offer a Dementia Care Certificate for professionals working with people living with dementia. The Dementia Care classes are designed for those wanting to enhance their skills and those new to the field. The curriculum explores topics in dementia care, new care techniques and augments students' current strengths.

To qualify for a Dementia Care Certificate, participants must successfully complete five required classes and two elective classes. All materials are included in the course cost. Various classes are offered throughout the year with new electives frequently introduced. It is recommended that the Fundamentals of Dementia Care class be taken first. All classes are approved for continuing education contact hours for nurses from Schoolcraft College, continuing education contact hours for social workers from the Michigan Social Work Continuing Education Collaborative and general CEUs for other professionals.

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## More to teachers than test scores and student grades

Did you like teachers or subjects in school?

I can remember Miss Ely - 10th-grade English. She treated me well. She encouraged me to write. She took time to say hello. She invited me to be a participant in her class. I can still remember activities from her class. I did a report on George Washington Carver. I baked peanut butter bread and shared it with the class during my oral report.

Was it English that I liked or did I like English because of Miss Ely?

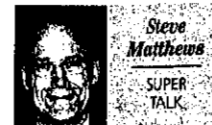
I remembered Mr. Robbins - sixth grade. He treated me well. He made me feel secure at an insecure time in my life. He took time to sit with me, talk with me and make me feel important. He did not have to do that - but he did.

Was it sixth grade that I liked or did I like sixth grade because of Mr. Robbins?

I remembered Coach Braig - two years of Latin. He was one of the cool teachers in our school. I was one of the uncool kids in our school. He talked to me like I was important. He said hello to me in the hall. He called me by name. I could always count on Coach Braig to make my day brighter.

Was it Latin that I liked or did I like Latin because of Coach Braig?

We hear a lot lately



about "value-added" assessment. There is a push to make sure that teachers are helping students learn. Can the impact of Miss Ely and Mr. Robbins and Coach Braig be measured by the grades I earned in their classrooms or by the test scores I received in school?

I am sure there was a connection. I wanted to do well in those classes because I did not want to disappoint those teachers.

And while my grades were better and my test scores improved because of these teachers, a large part of the impact those teachers had on my life cannot be measured by a grade or a test score.

I am part of the educational establishment. I am charged with making sure that every student in my district learns. I want the teachers in my district to be able to demonstrate that the students in their classroom are learning. Ultimately teacher and administrator evaluations will be performed to student performance. My evaluation will be connected to student performance.

Yet, there is a part of me that understands that

there is more to an education than grades and test scores. Some of what Miss Ely, Mr. Robbins and Coach Braig taught me cannot be measured, graded or examined on a spreadsheet. In fact, I could argue, that the most important part of who I am is connected in some profound way to things that cannot be measured from a test score.

As we proceed down the path of holding teachers and administrators accountable for student performance, I ask that we pause and consider how we can measure the tremendous impact teachers have on the important things that cannot be accounted for on a scantron test sheet. I ask that we take the time to understand that measuring the things we can see and count needs to be complemented with awareness that there is more to a teacher than just test scores.

School starts Sept. 3 in Novi. More than 6,300 students will enter our classrooms that day. I am confident that every student who steps into our classrooms will have teachers who care, who inspire and who make a difference.

Dr. Steve Matthews is superintendent of Novi Community Schools. He can be reached at 248-449-1204 or smatthews@novi.k12.mi.us.

### NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

#### Walled Lake Schools releases mobile app

The Walled Lake Consolidated School District is now an app on iTunes and the Google Play stores. The app can be found in both stores by searching "Walled Lake SD."

With the Walled Lake School District mobile app, the school district comes alive with the touch of a button. Users are able to easily navigate through current news and events or check out the latest updates on social media sites like Facebook and Twitter. This app allows

everyone to quickly retrieve news, events, sporting scores, lunch menus, and more.

#### Novi Youth Assistance updates

The NYA held its annual Back to School Shopping event Aug. 23. Five children who live in Novi shopped with police and firefighters from Novi at Kohl's department store.

The NYA's Annual Breakfast Meeting is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, at the Novi Civic Center. Breakfast will be served and the newly elected officers will be introduced.

The group is partnering with the Novi Goodfellows in the Adopt-a-Family Program to coordinate efforts in hopes to serve as many families as possible.

"On behalf of Novi Youth Assistance and the families we serve, we would greatly appreciate your support of adopting a family," said Barbara O'Neill of the NYA. "Due to these challenging economic times, we expect that this year will be even more difficult for many than in the prior years. ... Please contact NYA at 248-347-0410."

### NOVI ON CAMPUS

#### University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Xiaoyun Zhang of Novi was among approximately 775 students who received degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln at commencement exercises Aug. 16-17. Zhang received a doctor of philosophy from the Graduate College.

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Jake Nessel, 14, and Samantha Bates, 16, enjoy opening day of Novi's Pavilion Shore Park. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**NEW PARK**

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vocacy and involvement that will continue.

**Preserving Pavilion's past**

Novi Mayor Pro Tem Dave Staudt and several other civic leaders are now working to complete the necessary paperwork and financial documentation to establish the Pavilion Shore Conservancy, Inc.

"The mission of the Pavilion Shore Conservancy is to preserve the area's unique heritage and to promote its environmental, educational and recreational resources," Staudt said. "The Conservancy's initial focus will be the creation of a historical record of the previous occupants of the site, including Walled Lake Casino and Walled Lake Amusement Park. This will include educational programs and a documentary film."

Pavilion Shore was the home of the popular Walled Lake Casino and Walled Lake Amusement Park. Both establishments opened almost 100 years ago, when Novi Township served area residents. The cities of Walled Lake, Wixom and Wolverine Lake didn't even exist back then. Both venues closed in the mid-1960s.

State Rep. Hugh Crawford, R-Novi, Oakland County Commissioner Kathy Crawford, R-Novi, Novi City Council member Wayne Wrobel, Mangum, Karen MacKenzie and Novi Community School District Board of Trustees President Dennis O'Connor will serve as the Conservancy's founding board members.

Famed Walled Lake Casino impresario Lee Allen has agreed to assist the Conservancy in the production of a memorable video documentary and other educational projects.

"People are the heart of our city. Parks are the lungs, they breathe life," Mayor Bob Gatt said at the ceremony. "I invite you to visit here often, take a deep breath and enjoy another jewel."

For more information on how to volunteer or contribute to the Pavilion Shore Conservancy, contact Staudt at 248-561-5055 or dstaudt@cityofnovi.org.

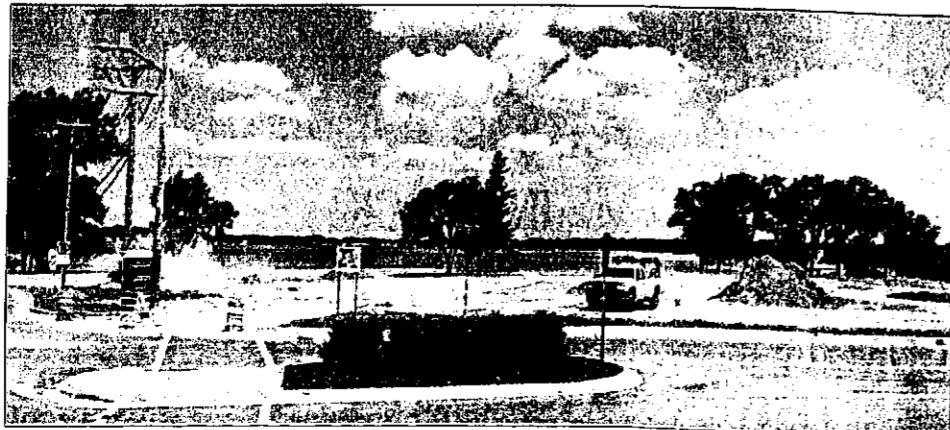
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A perfect day of sunny skies and moderate temperatures greeted the grand opening of Novi's Pavilion Shore Park. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Jack Karagozian and Joey enjoy Novi's Pavilion Shore Park. Karagozian lives within walking distance of the park on the south shore of Walled Lake. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Visitors to Novi's Pavilion Shore Park grab a hot dog and pop as grand opening ceremonies get under way Saturday. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi's Pavilion Park Shore as seen from the corner of Old Novi and 13 Mile roads. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

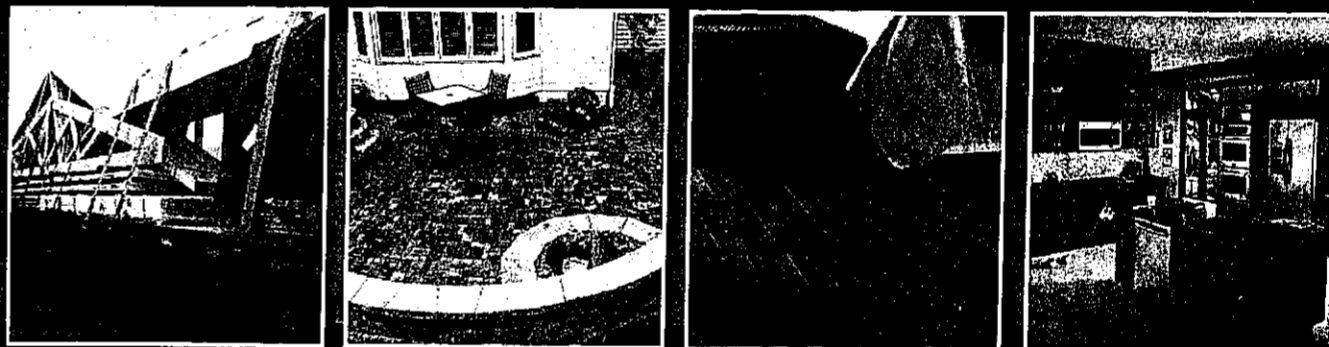
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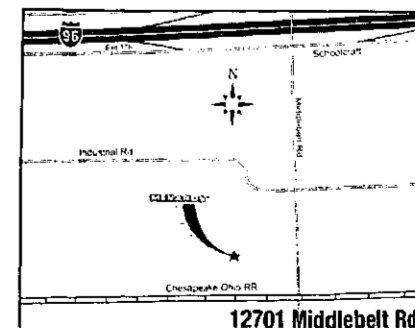


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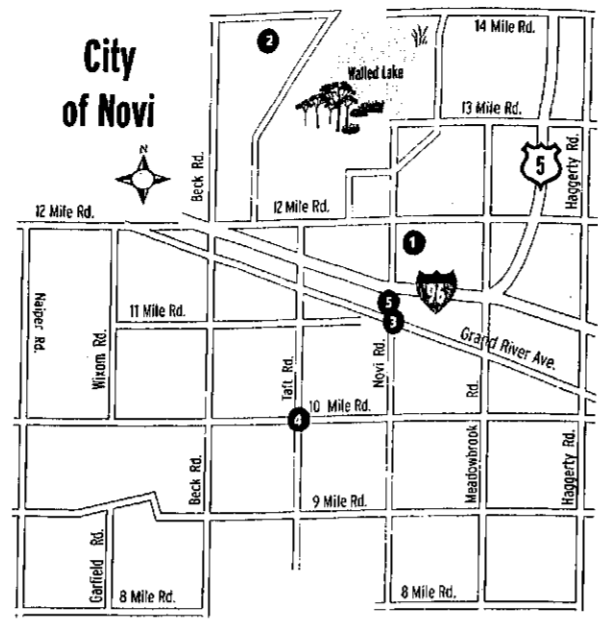


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## Eight Mile headaches continue



One of the delays affecting Northville and Novi commuters is a road-widening project being carried out along Eight Mile Road west of Beck. Drivers will find slow going as the road is pinched down to a single lane. JOHN HEDDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



### NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

#### Attempted break-in?

1 A vehicle parked outside of Nordstroms at the Twelve Oaks Mall had its door handle damaged by an unknown person in what may have been an attempt to break into it on Aug. 22. The owner of the vehicle told Novi police that she parked near the food court entrance, and when she came back out to it she found the handle damaged. Police said it appeared as if the handle may have been pried with an instrument, which caused it to pull away. However, it did not appear that access was made.

#### Sub woofers stolen

2 A Novi man had two 12-inch sub woofers stolen from his Chevy Monte Carlo, which was parked on Lakeview Court sometime on Aug. 21-22. He said he was unsure if it was locked or not. There were no signs of damage to the car and the windows were cracked just a bit.

#### Purse and iPhone stolen

3 A woman had her purse, iPhone and day planner stolen while she was inside the gas station on Aug. 16. She told Novi police that she and her boyfriend were at the Mobil Station at 43407 Grand River Ave. when the thefts occurred. They said they were turned around not even a minute when it happened, and they thought the vehicle was locked. At this point, there are no suspects in this case.

#### Another purse stolen

4 A woman told Novi police that her purse, which contained \$120 cash, had been taken from her minivan that was parked at Fuerst Park on Tall Road on Aug. 16. She said she parked and was taking some things to a booth she was working at during a festival at Fuerst. She had left it unlocked because she intended on going back to it in five minutes. However, that's

when the thefts occurred. It was later on that she realized her purse, which also had her home keys inside it, was missing. There was no reported damage done to the van.

#### Drunk Driving-Second Offense

5 A driver was arrested for her second drunk driving after taking a turn too quickly Aug. 18. Novi police spotted the woman along with a passenger in a Camaro taking a sharp turn onto southbound Novi Road and then noticed the license plate light was out. A check of the car showed an expired plate. Police stopped the woman just past I-96 on Novi Road. It was reported the inside of the vehicle smelled like alcohol. During the field sobriety tests, the woman repeatedly swayed and had trouble properly doing them. Her preliminary breathalyzer registered a 0.146 percent blood-alcohol content.

—Compiled by staff writer  
Lionie Huhman

## Oakland commissioners wrap up county budget

Members of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners' Finance Committee conducted a wrap-up meeting Aug. 22 for the fiscal year 2014-16 Oakland County Executive's Recommended Budget with a few amended changes.

Finance Committee members voted and approved amendments with a few noteworthy changes that included adding two new projects to the Future Projects list of the Capital Improvement Plan. The two additions to the Future Projects list included \$250,000 for Animal Control Air Conditioning and \$550,000 for Animal Care Basement Renovations.

For informational purposes solely, the Future Projects were listed in the budget, but no appropriations were included. Members of the Finance Committee also approved a "Buy Local" amendment presented by Oakland County Commissioner Dave Woodward to develop a new program to promote buying local as a new economic development strategy.

"Keeping more of our

#### NEXT

The commissioners will vote to adopt the recommended budget at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 19 in the Oakland County Board of Commissioners Auditorium, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac. All meetings are open to the public. All meetings can be viewed online at [www.oakland.michigan.gov/events](http://www.oakland.michigan.gov/events) and budget documents can be viewed at [www.oakland.michigan.gov/bud](http://www.oakland.michigan.gov/bud).

Oakland County Commissioners serving on the Finance Committee include Finance Chairperson Commissioner Thomas F. Middleton (R), Finance Vice Chair Commissioner Shelley Goodman Taub (R), Commissioner Dave Woodward (Minority Vice Chair) (D), Commissioner and Board Vice Chairman Jeff Matis (R), Commissioner John A. Scott, Commissioner Christine A. Long (R), Commissioner Kathy Crawford (R), Commissioner Nancy Quarles (D) and Commissioner Helaine Zack (D).

For more information, contact Middleton at 248-620-6551.

management a non-issue in Oakland County. We have a remarkable example of bipartisan leadership which has made Oakland County a stand-out in fiscal management."

Oakland County Chief Deputy County Executive Gerald Poisson, on behalf of County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, thanked the committee and the entire board for their continued leadership, cooperation and support in keeping the county a fiscally sound government.

"Yesterday, Standard & Poor's reaffirmed the county's AAA bond rating," Poisson said. "We can all be proud of this achievement, especially in light of the fact that during the recent, prolonged recession, Oakland County experienced a greater loss in taxable value than any other Michigan county. Yet, because of our shared vision as county leaders, our sustained commitment to sound budgeting practices and the continuing cooperation of all of the county-wide elected officials and

the Board of Commissioners, we are able to maintain a balanced budget and meet our budget targets without sacrificing quality service delivery to our residents."

Since July, the Board

of Commissioners' Finance Committee has been looking at all areas of the budget and has held a series of public hearings with various county departments coming before the committee.

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## Regional summit



The Michigan Association of Counties Regional Summit brought leaders together to discuss issues and seek solutions. The meeting was held Aug. 20 at Oakland County Lyon Oaks County Park in Wixom and was attended by (from left) Heaster Wheeler, assistant CEO, Wayne County; Oakland County Commissioner Mattie Hatchert, outgoing president of MAC; Oakland County Commissioner Gary R. McGilivray (back); Oakland County Commissioner Thomas F. Middleton, William Anderson, SEMCOG (back); Oakland County Commissioner Kathy Crawford; Oakland County Commissioner Shelley G. Taub; Jean Holtz; Oakland County Commissioner Michael Spisz; Terisha Yancey, government relations executive and Community Outreach coordinator for Wayne County; and Oakland County Commissioner Philip Weipert.

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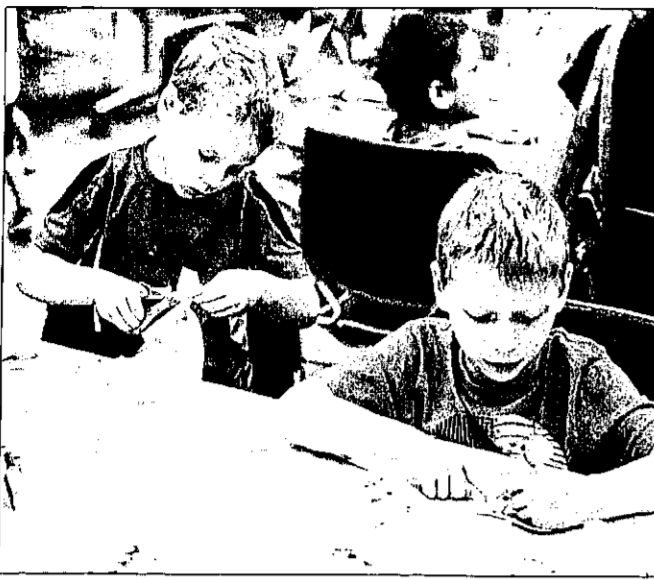
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Winding down



Brothers (from left) Nathan, 5, and Bradley Iannotti, 7, work on some back-to-school projects (which included making book marks and pencil toppers) during an Aug. 20 crafts session at the Novi Public Library. The library has been busy finding fun things for the youngsters to do over their summer break, but will seem a lot less busy come Sept. 3, as kids return to the classroom. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

City adopts new signage policy

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

Directional and informational signs in Novi are not going away, but they will be better regulated under a new signage policy adopted by the city.

Council member Justin Fischer voted no because he believes certain signs are not needed. His concern is that 10 years down the road, Novi could be dotted with various signs that fit the policy, but might not all fit together in a coherent manner. He wants to take a more holistic approach to signs.

"Instead of having a policy direction as it relates to these signs, we really need more of a plan," Fischer said.

Council member Andrew Mutch said he has concerns because many signs are already in place and may be impacted by this policy.

However, he did support the policy, because he is "trying to find what's the best balance to ensure that we are meeting the needs of all people who are utilizing our roadways in the city."

**Policy details**  
Signs included in the policy are those in the public right of way identifying routes to public facilities (i.e., library,

schools, Civic Center) and those in the public right of way identifying parks, recreational facilities, trails, pathways, and non-motorized routes.

"We want to provide a clear idea where they will be installed and why," City Manager Clay Pearson said of the adopted policy.

Specific exceptions are provided for emergency facilities, temporary signs for infrastructure and roadway projects, welcome and city boundary signs and areas adjacent to public property and utility-owned property or easements, as well as signage for regional trails.

According to Pearson, the proposed policy specifically addresses and is limited in scope to signage in the public right of way for three general categories.

Signs would be allowed only along arterial roadways and non-residential collector streets and would be minimally sized while maintaining compliance with the Michigan Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices in terms of both size and placement location along authorized routes.

As defined in the policy, Pearson said signs would be allowed along major through minor

arterial roads, including most of Taft and Meadowbrook, but would not be allowed along Nine Mile between Napier and Beck roads without the specified notification.

Notification would be provided for both the city council and owners of adjacent property prior to installation of any signage outside of that allowed in the policy.

Wherever possible, signage will be combined with existing signage locations and structures, according to the policy.

This approval will be followed by evaluation and removal of current non-compliant signs.

It was noted that while the policy would guide installation of the designated signage in public city rights of way throughout the community, many of the streets and roadways in Novi are in rights of way controlled by the Road Commission for Oakland County and the Michigan Department of Transportation.

While the city of Novi would adhere to the proposed policy when recommending sign installation along county and state roads, other entities would not be so restricted.

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Identity sought in credit card case

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at area golf courses and athletic clubs.

The suspect wears a white golf hat with the logo from "Pine Lake Country Club" on the front. The suspect also wears various golf shirts and pants.

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Animal control passes surprise inspection

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development gave Oakland County Animal Control and Pet Adoption Center a thumbs-up during a surprise inspection Aug. 14.

"I found the procedures adequate and compliant with regulations," state inspector Dr. Jorda Livermore, DVM, wrote in her report. "A walk through the facility found no animals to be in bad condition or suffering."

Animal Control Division Manager Bob Gatt, Novi's mayor, said the report acknowledges the best practices his staff exercises every day at the center.

"The inspection results confirm what we've said all along - Oakland County is the leader among all counties in Michigan in everything, including our Animal Control Division. Every staff member exhibits passion and compassion for each and every animal in our care," Gatt said.

The surprise inspection was the result of false allegations about conditions and the care of animals at the shelter made by an individual to the state of Michigan.

**AAUW home tour**  
American Association of University Women Northville- Novi Branch announced the 18th annual Home Tour (self-guided) to be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 21. Six featured homes in the city and townships vary widely in architecture and interior design, span three centuries of construction and reflect how families have adapted to 21st century living in and near a community with a Victorian village at its heart.

Funds generated by this signature fundrais-

ing event are used to support scholarships awarded annually to women/girls at area high schools and community colleges, the Branch's commitment to the Mercy Education Project in Detroit, a program of math enrichment offered to local elementary students, and an annual Career Path Day for middle school girls.

Tickets are \$20 online now and at [www.aauwn.org](http://www.aauwn.org) and in Northville at Gardenviews, Pear-Aphernalia and the Chamber of Commerce; and in Novi at Meadowbrook Art Center and Calico Corners.

For additional information contact Jane Hecker at 734-276-6160 or Karen Zyczynski at 734-719-3341.

**County, Walsh join to help seniors**

Registration is now open for Oakland County's senior residents who want to empower themselves to make sound financial decisions. The Oakland County Senior Advisory Council and Walsh College will host two free financial seminars for seniors and their families in October. Topics will include: how to avoid scams; what are the "must have" legal documents when estate planning; how to determine whether a reverse mortgage is the right choice for an individual; and how to reconcile accounts, hidden fees and automatic bill pay on savings and checking accounts.

There are no sales pitches with the seminars, just independent experts. The first seminar is from 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, Oct. 1, at Walsh College's Novi Campus, 41500 Gardenbrook Road. The second one is from 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, Oct. 15, at Walsh College's Troy Campus, 3838 Livernois. The Oakland County

Senior Advisory Council determined the topics from surveys it sent to seniors at senior care organizations throughout the county. The council encourages early registration since seating is limited to 150 people per seminar. For reservations or more information, call 248-858-4902 or click on [www.oakgov.com/seniors](http://www.oakgov.com/seniors)

**Fight Leukemia at Emagine**

Emagine Theater Novi will host an event for the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan from 10 a.m. Oct. 11 to 10 a.m. Oct. 12. The mission of Hollywood Nights Movie Marathon is to create a unique fundraising event that will bring together film enthusiasts and supporters of Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan who would like to enjoy a great movie watching experience while raising money and awareness to benefit children and adults affected by leukemia, lymphoma and other blood related cancers.

Participants who raise \$100 will enjoy all-you-can-watch new release movies and old favorites, unlimited popcorn and soda, lunch and dinner Friday continental breakfast Saturday, choose-your-own raffle, a goodie bag and prizes for the top three fundraisers. Also, you will receive a wristband so you can come and go from the theater as needed.

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# Movie shines the spotlight on Novi's neighbors

By Laura Colvin  
Staff Writer

Some local talent will take the spotlight next week as *Approaching Midnight* hits the big screen at Emagine Royal Oak for its world premiere screening. Milford American Legion members and Lynch and Sons participated as extras in the independent film last summer, when Oak Grove Cemetery was used as a backdrop for a scene in the movie.

A portion of proceeds from the premiere event will benefit the Legion locally. The movie is an action crime drama that follows young Army Staff Sgt. Wesley Kent's return to his small town after being wounded in the war in Afghanistan. Coping with the task of burying his best friend — who died under his command during the war — he must endure the news of the death of his girlfriend, who passed away in a car accident while he was away. Unanswered questions begin to multiply as he uncovers a web of mysterious circumstances and possible

corruption that may lead all the way to his girlfriend's father, the town's mayor, and his run for governor. "There's a small-town political thriller element that develops as he realizes everything is not well," said director-writer-producer-actor Sam Logan Khaileghi, a Detroit native who stars in the film as Wesley Kent. "We follow his path as he utilizes the skill sets he gained in the special forces of the U.S. Army and applies those skill sets to the task at hand. He has one more battle to fight and that's to uncover the truth."

Khaileghi said the film should have a broad appeal. The film also features Jana Kramer, an actress and country music singer known for her role of Alex Dwyer on *One Tree Hill* and her U.S. Billboard song *I Won't Give Up*, and Brandon Jackson, most recognizable for his movie roles in *Tropic Thunder* and *Big Mommas: Like Father Like Son*.



Sam Logan Khaileghi (right), as Staff Sgt. Wesley Kent, talks with U.S. Army veteran actor Matt Szymanski, who plays Capt. Shane Church, in the upcoming movie "Approaching Midnight." The scene was filmed in Milford's Oak Grove Cemetery last summer. COURTESY OF 12 AM PICTURES LLC

ican Legion lent its help with a motorcycle honor guard and color guard. Assistant producer Michelle Lynne Balsler, a 1986 Milford High School graduate, had a lot to do with picking the Oak Grove Cemetery location, Khaileghi said. The two were visiting her grandmother in town and the group stopped by the cemetery, where a number of her family is buried. "You picture something in your mind and look for a place that

matches that," Balsler said during filming last summer. "We realized this was the perfect location." The cinematographic aspects and personal connection, along with its location on the Huron River and old headstones, attracted the two. Filming took place in a number of metro Detroit communities as well, including Northville, Canton, Troy, West Bloomfield and Milan, where they filmed the opening combat scene in Afghanistan. Film crews used a rock quarry to recreate the landscape.

veterans issues," he said, noting the Legion assists the needy, families of deployed veterans, homeless veterans, awards school scholarships and lends a hand to the community in many other ways, as well.

A number of Post 216 members will be at the event in uniform, he added. "You'll see us just dressed just like we are in the movie," he said. "It's pretty thrilling. I'm really happy that (Sam Logan Khaileghi) and his company came full circle to help us out. In the very beginning, he came to me and asked if I could get together the color guard and help us out in the movie. I said I could, as long as he gave something back to the American Legion and he did. He came full-circle."

The film's world premiere takes place at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27, at Emagine Royal Oak, 200 N. Main St. Tickets are \$15, with half of the proceeds going to the American Legion. Call 888-319-3456 for ticket information or visit [www.emagine-entertainment.com/emagine-royal-oak](http://www.emagine-entertainment.com/emagine-royal-oak).

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Novi's Henry Gandolfi in a photo from the 1930s.

## 107-year-old Manor resident reveals secrets to long life

After 107 years, Manor of Novi resident Henry Gandolfi still has it. "I didn't really do anything, it just happened," he said with a smile when thinking of any secrets he may have for his longevity. "A good shot of scotch and pretty women do help though!" He said this as some of the Manor staff, many of them female, looked on laughing. They get to see and hear his fun nature each day, so they

may know some of his secrets to a long life. Gandolfi celebrated his 107th birthday Aug. 14 with family and friends, then again with other residents of the Manor during their annual carnival a week later. It was a well-deserved celebration. Through his wit and personality, he can bring a smile to many who meet him. "He's just a really great personality with a quick smile," said Lisa

Berthold, Manor administrator. "He told us that if we are around in three years, then he would invite us to his birthday again." Born in Italy in 1906 to a family with older brothers, Gandolfi has a story to tell. He arrived in the United States in 1912 and grew up in the town of Marck, Ill. During World War I, he was drafted by three countries and served in the U.S. Army at Fort Custer.

One of his earliest hobbies was electronics. He said he was one of the first among his group of friends to build his own radio. He began working at 13 and didn't stop until much later in life. It was at 88 years old when his children convinced him to go back to school and finish his high school diploma, which he did. He worked for more than 40 years at the U.S. Post Office and moved to Farmington when he was

68. One of his biggest accomplishments was the long marriage to Faye, his wife of 63 years. She passed away at 93. Traveling with her was one of his favorite pastimes. Together they had two children, who in turn produced three granddaughters, a grandson and four great-grandchildren. [huhman@hometownlife.com](http://huhman@hometownlife.com)

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## Cool stuff: Winners announced for O&E Christmas in July contest

Ann Crespi of Livonia said she had never won "anything" until this year's Observer & Eccentric Media Christmas in July contest.

The Livonia resident was among the 27 percent of entrants who found all the holiday icons and her name was selected in a random drawing earlier this month.

Linda Robin, owner of Showroom of Elegance, presented Crespi with

the grand prize — a \$500 gift card to the Canton jewelry store and a bottle of fine wine, courtesy of Showroom of Elegance.

Crespi said she searched *Inspire* cover to cover three times to make sure she found the icons. She said one icon on page 44 of the July publication — was hard to locate, but she found it.

Other eligible entrants who found the icons and won a prize in the Ob-server & Eccentric Me-

dias third annual Christmas in July giveaway included:

**Carol Banaszak of Northville**, second place of a \$100 gift certificate to the Rugby Grill in the Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham.

**Linda Laird of Farmington** won the third-place prize of a \$50 Meijer gift card.

The following fourth-place winners received a movie pass for two to any area Imagine Theatre:

**Molly Robinson of Bloomfield Hills**, **Kathy Steiner of Westland**, **Louise Dodi of Milford**, **Michael Webster of Northville**, **Nicole Memmer of South Lyon**, **Patricia Shelton of Farmington**, **Sandra Kalagian of Livonia**, **Ernesta Cisco of Garden City**, **Cindi Heintzelman of Canton**, **Pamela Burke of Northville**, **Clare Maitland of Milford**, **B.J. Lay of Southfield**, **Yvonne Lax of Plymouth**, **Janice McDavid**

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Contestants could enter via Facebook or by mailing in an entry form. More than 6,000 people either viewed or shared the contest on Facebook.

"Twenty-seven percent of the more than 345 mailed entries correctly identified pages on which icons were published.

"Twenty-seven percent of Facebook entries also correctly identified all 14 icons.

Pages with holiday icons included the cover and pages 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 18, 20, 24, 30, 42, 44 and 50.

The icons most often missed were on the cover and pages 4, 6 and 44.

Some readers cut out the icons and sent them with entry forms as proof, others took the



Ann Crespi of Livonia (left) is joined by her husband Gerald Crespi at the grand prize presentation last week by Linda Robin, owner of Showroom of Elegance in Canton.

time to decorate their entries. Others just had a good time searching.

"This was a fun, fun contest in the *Inspire* section of the O&E. Never tried something like this before. It fit my fancy! Thanks *Inspire*," one contestant wrote.

"Thank you to the 346 readers who mailed in

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**Location:** Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 4000 Six Mile, Northville

**Time/Date:** 1-6:45 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 11

**Location:** Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi

**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 29

**Location:** Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, 133 Orchard Drive, Northville

**Contact:** Diane at [Diane.Ribbs@redcross.org](mailto:Diane.Ribbs@redcross.org) or 313-549-7052

**Time/Date:** 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 8; Oct. 10; Dec. 12

**Location:** St. Mary Mercy Hospital

**Contact:** To schedule an ap-

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**pointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).**

Appointment sign-ups are also available in the hospital cafeteria. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred.

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**BEREAVEMENT MEETING**

**Time/Date:** 7:30-9 p.m., third Tuesdays

**Location:** Novi Civic Center (10 Mile between Taft and Novi roads)

**Details:** Led by Michael M. Meyer, D. Min, goal is to give each participant an opportunity to share their story.

**WOMENHEART OF NOVI**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., fourth Wednesdays

**Location:** Providence Park Hospital, Novi

**Details:** For women with concerns about cardiac health to share information and sit-terhood at monthly meetings

**Contact:** Sharon Mallon, 248-348-5189

**BUSINESS LOCAL BUSINESS NETWORK MEETING**

**Time/Date:** 8:45-10:15 a.m., first Tuesdays

**Location:** Novi Civic Center (10 Mile between Taft and Novi roads)

**Details:** Business networking focused on building relationships. The Sunrise Networking Group, LLC ([www.sunrisenetworking.com](http://www.sunrisenetworking.com)) is a group of about 250 business leaders who help each other to build more business by referring people to each other. Breakfast is \$10.

**Contact:** Fonda Milana, 586-232-3009 or [fmilana@sunrisenetworking.com](mailto:fmilana@sunrisenetworking.com)

**METRO NOVI BNI**

**Time/Date:** 7-8 a.m., every Wednesday

**Location:** On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty (north of Eight Mile), Novi

**Details:** BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals. Members learn how to create and refine an "elevator speech," develop a network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited free of charge.

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and third Wednesdays

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

**AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

**Time/Date:** 6:15-8:30 p.m., second Wednesdays

**Location:** DoubleTree Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi

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

**Contact:** Holly Hengstebek at [publicity@abwa-novi.org](mailto:publicity@abwa-novi.org)

**NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**Contact:** [www.novichamber.com](http://www.novichamber.com) or call 248-349-3743.

**LIBRARY LINES WALLED LAKE LIBRARY**

**Location:** 1499 East West Maple Road, Walled Lake

**Contact:** 248-624-3772

**HUD Counseling**

**Time/Date:** 5-8 p.m., first Mondays

**Details:** HUD-certified counselors are available to assist homeowners at risk of foreclosure. There is no charge for this service. Please call if you wish to attend. One-on-one sessions will be scheduled.

**Book Discussion Group**

**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m., first Thursdays

**Details:** Please drop in or call the library if you are interested in joining this recently formed group.

**CLUBS NOVI ROTARY CLUB**

**Time/Date:** Noon every Thursday

**Location:** Novi Methodist Church, 41571 W. 10 Mile

**Details:** Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check website for speaker information; [novirotary.org](http://novirotary.org).

**NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Location:** 45255 W. 10 Mile

**Hours:** 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m., Sunday

**Details:** unless noted below, all programs take place at the library. Register for programs at the library or on the website.

## GET LISTED!

**Submit:** Send calendar submissions via e-mail to [ctstone@hometownlife.com](mailto:ctstone@hometownlife.com); by fax to 248-685-2892; or by mail to Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by 5 a.m. on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

**More:** For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Novi Calendar online at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

**Continental breakfast provided.**

**Contact:** Contact Julie Paquette at 248-797-1665 or [jpaquette67@gmail.com](mailto:jpaquette67@gmail.com); [www.metronovibni.com](http://www.metronovibni.com).

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**Contact:** 248-349-0720

**Web:** [www.novilibrary.org](http://www.novilibrary.org)

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

**Help For Families, Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency (OLHSA)**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., every Tuesday

**Details:** Meet with an OLHSA (Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency) staff member for support with Medicaid, food or cash assistance, foreclosure assistance and many other human services. Call the OLHSA office at 248-209-2683 to make an appointment.

**Knit Together Knitting Circle**

**Time/Date:** 10-11:30 a.m., every Thursday

**Details:** If you have a leaning toward knitting or any of the related handicrafts (crocheting, needlepoint, embroidery, etc.) Knit Together Knitting Circle might be your cup of tea. Skill levels range from complete "newbie" to "expert." No instructor; no registration. Bring your gear, your enthusiasm, your questions, and your stories. And, of course, attendance is free.

**NOVI TOASTMASTERS CLUB**

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m., every first and third Tuesday

**Location:** Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 W. 10 Mile, Novi

**Details:** Novi Toastmasters is a community-based club, part of Toastmasters International. The group helps all develop and refine their public speaking and leadership skills. Members also have fun while building confidence in day-to-day communications and mentoring toward professional and personal excellence. Guests are welcome. Visit [www.novi.toastmasters.org](http://www.novi.toastmasters.org).

**Contact:** Linda Kreuter at [PKreuter@toastmasters.org](mailto:PKreuter@toastmasters.org)

**NOVI LIONS CLUB**

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m., social; 6:30 p.m., meeting starts; second and fourth Wednesdays

**Location:** Leo's Sports Bar & Grill Restaurant, lower level, 40380 Grand River, west of Haggerty. Visitors are welcome, dinner is from the menu. Novi Lions is part of Lions International, the largest service organization in the world. The purpose is to serve the blind and the community. Principal activities are fundraising for Leader Dogs, Penickton Center for Blind Children and other blind charities along with fundraisers for high school scholarships.

**Contact:** Lion President Ron Martin, 248-473-3155, or Secretary Ed Kramer, 248-348-2747

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**NOVI AREA RELIGION CALENDAR**

**Brightmoor Christian Church**  
 Location: M-5 and 13 Mile, Novi  
 Contact: 248-227-4420 or www.brightmoorchurch.org  
**Celebrate Recovery**  
 Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays  
 Details: Worship, teaching or testimony, and open-share recovery groups. Organizers offer the principles and tools to bring healing for the hurts, deliverance from life-controlling habits, and freedom from the hang-ups that keep us from developing strong and healthy relationships with God and others. Enter at Door D on the south side of the building. No cost; free child care is available for children birth through fifth grade. Pre-register.

Service and Adult Bible Fellowship classes. Café is open from 8:15-11 a.m., refreshments at 10:30 a.m., 5 p.m. Evening Traditional Service  
 Wednesday schedule: 5:30 p.m. Bible Study  
 Thursday schedule: 5 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group and Bible Study

**First Presbyterian Church of Northville**  
 Location: 200 E. Main  
 Contact: 248-349-0911 or www.fpcnorthville.org  
 Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

**First Presbyterian Church**  
 Location: 205 E. Lake Street (corner of Wells and 10 Mile), South Lyon  
 Contact: 248-437-2875

**First United Methodist Church of Northville**  
 Location: 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville  
 Contact: 248-349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org  
**Summer Sunday Worship (Memorial Day-Labor Day):** 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)  
**Holy days:** 9 a.m., 5:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.  
 Recreational: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment.  
 Priests: the Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and the Rev. Michael Zuehl, associate pastor

**Church of the Holy Family**  
 Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road  
 Contact: 248-349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org  
**Mass Schedule**  
 Time/Days: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 12:30 p.m. Sunday 9 a.m. Monday-Friday: 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday: 8:30 p.m. Saturday: 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish)  
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**Crosspointe Meadows Church**  
 Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile  
 Contact: 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org  
**Sunday worship:** 11:15 a.m. for all ages.  
 Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

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**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**  
 Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia  
 Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org  
 Contact: 248-442-8822  
**Sunday worship:** 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11 a.m.  
**Adult special needs worship:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Youth group:** Tuesdays at 7:45-9 p.m. Tuesdays  
**Rally Sunday:** worship services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 8, Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m.  
**Men's Breakfast:** 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 7  
**Women's Coffee Break Bible Study:** 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays  
 Study book - "Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White" by A. Hamilton.

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
 Location: 41415 Nine Mile, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi  
 Contact: 248-349-0565  
**Sundays:** 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship  
**Men's Life Groups Ministries:** 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday  
**Men's Life Groups Ministries:** 7 p.m. every Friday morning at various locations for both Women's and Men's Life Groups Ministries. Please contact the church office.  
 Contact: 248-912-0043; www.oakpointe.org/life/groups/renew/index.html

**Destiny Worship Center**  
 Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile, Northville  
 Contact: DestinyW3@gmail.com or visit www.destinyw3.org  
**Sunday worship:** 11:15 a.m. for all ages.  
 Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

**Orchard Grove Community Church**  
 Location: 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake  
 Web: www.orchardgrove.org  
 Contact: Amanda Rehm at 248-926-6584 or amandarehm@orchardgrove.org  
**Our Saviour Apostolic Lutheran Church**  
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 Location: 39200 W. 12 Mile east of Hagerty, Farmington Hills  
**Lakes Baptist Church**  
 Location: 305 Decker Road, Walled Lake  
 Contact: 248-926-6584; www.orchardgrove.org

**Faith Community Presbyterian Church**  
 Location: 44000 W. 10 Mile  
 Contact: 248-349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.  
**Women's Bible Study:** 9:15-10:30 a.m. Saturdays

**Orchard Hills Baptist Church**  
 Location: 23455 Novi Road  
 Contact: pastor Jon Hix, 248-349-5565  
**Preschool/Kids Choir:** 7:15-8 p.m. every Wednesday  
 Details: For ages 3-6; ongoing event; no need to pre-register; all are welcome.

**First Baptist Church of Northville**  
 Location: 217 N. Wing  
 Contact: 248-348-1020  
**Sunday Worship:** 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.  
**Sunday School:** 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays  
**Ladies Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays  
**Men's Bible Study:** 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

**Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church**  
 Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township  
 Contact: 734-453-0236, Ext. 221

**First Baptist Church of Novi - Family Integrated Church**  
 Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile  
 Contact: 248-349-3047 or firstbaptistchurchnovi.org  
**Family Bible Hour:** 9:45 a.m.  
**Family Worship:** 11 a.m.  
**Bible Study:** 6 p.m.  
**Family Movie Night:** 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

**Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church**  
 Location: 770 Thayer, Northville  
 Contact: 248-349-2621 or olv-northville.org  
**Saturday Worship:** 5 p.m.  
**Sunday Worship:** 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

**First Church of the Nazarene**  
 Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile  
 Contact: 248-348-7600 or visit firstchurchofthenazarene.org  
**Sunday Schedule:** 9:30 a.m. Classic worship service, Adult Bible Fellowship classes and Northville Christian School; 11 a.m. Contemporary worship service with Kids Church, Teen Worship

**Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church**  
 Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth  
 Contact: pastor Bill Burke at 734-927-0891  
**Wednesday Bible Study:** 7 p.m.  
**Sunday Worship:** 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service

**Novi-Northville Christian Church**  
 Location: 248-349-2652 or visit novi-northville.org  
**Plymouth St. John's Episcopal Church**  
 Location: 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth  
 Contact: 734-453-0190, Ext. 16, or visit www.stjohnsplymouth.org

**Unity of Farmington Hills**  
 Location: 32500 W. 13 Mile, Farmington Hills  
 Contact: 248-737-9191; Administration@unityofhills.com

**Praise Baptist Church**  
 Location: 45000 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth  
 Contact: 734-448-3898

**St. James Catholic Church**  
 Location: 46325 10 Mile, Novi  
 Contact: 248-347-7778  
 Pastor: Monsignor John Kasza  
 Mass Schedule: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday

**St. John Lutheran Church**  
 Location: 22225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills  
 Contact: 248-474-0584 or visit stjohn-lutheran.com  
**Saturday Worship:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Sunday Worship:** 9, 11:15 a.m.  
**Sunday School:** 10:15 a.m.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
 Location: 201 Elm St., Northville  
 Contact: 248-349-3140

**Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
 Location: 40000 Six Mile  
 Contact: 248-374-7400 or 248-374-5978  
**Sunday Worship:** 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Traditional; 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Contemporary; Nursery and Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.  
**Service Broadcast:** 11 a.m. every Sunday on WRD-FM 560, The WJZZ 102.5 FM Station.  
**Single Point Ministries (45 and older):** 11 a.m. Sunday for fellowship and Bible study.  
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 Details: For single adults. Active ministry offering various Bible study classes, volleyball, bicycling group, tennis group, support group, support group for widowed over age 50, fellowship, friendships and more.  
 Contact: 248-374-5920  
**Learner's Bible Study:** 7 p.m. Mondays/Room A01  
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 Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile  
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**Facebook:** https://www.facebook.com/page/Novi-United-Methodist-Church/59782031433  
**Healing Service and Holy Communion:** 5:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month  
**Peace Vigil:** noon, first Sunday of every month in front of the church. Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

**Oak Pointe Church**  
 Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile, Novi  
 Contact: 248-912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org  
**Worship Services:** 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday  
**ReNew Life Group Ministries:** 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday  
 Details: Overseen by TrueNorth Christian Counseling, offering a variety of support and relational groups: Divorce Care; Grief Share; Life Disrupted (Doing Well At Being Sick); Restarting; Setting Boundaries with Teen & Adult Children; Single and Single Again; Men's Integrity; Cross Current; Her Story-Partner Care; Growing Seasons (for children); and two new groups are Care-takers and Knit Together (Adoption/Foster Care) Workshops.  
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 Contact: 248-374-5920  
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**BERG, CAROL ANN (NEE ZWIEZYNSKI)**  
 Age 78, passed away August 23, 2013. Preceded in death by her beloved husband, Arne, her father, Mitchell Zwieszynski, sister, Nancy Zwieszynski, sister-in-law, Christine Ann Zwieszynski. Survived by her loving mother, Lucie Zwieszynski and her brother, Mike Zwieszynski. Also survived by her extended family and many dear friends. A Memorial service will be scheduled at a later time. For further information please contact Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors in Milford, 248-684-2798.

**NEIRNYCK, ROBERT D.**  
 Age 69, of Commerce Twp., passed away in the care of his family August 23, 2013. Preceded in death by his father Joseph Neiryck and brother Roger Neiryck. Survived by Susan, his beloved wife of 25 years, children Rob (Tracy) Neiryck, Jason (Kellie) Neiryck, Michelle (Robert) Jackson, Nicole (John) Boland and D. David (Jody) Gajewski; 9 grandchildren; mother Ann Neiryck; sister Joann (Chuck) Dean; brother James (Josephine) Neiryck; sister-in-law Kati Neiryck; uncle William Rochelau; many nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends. Funeral Liturgy to be held from St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows, 1955 E. Commerce St., Milford on Thursday, August 29th at 11 AM with gathering beginning at 10:30AM. Mgr. John Bialke to officiate. Burial Milford Memorial Cemetery. Friends may visit at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford on Wednesday 3-9PM Wake Service 7 PM. Memorial contributions encouraged to: ALS of Michigan. For further information, phone 248-684-6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com

**AKER NIELS ERLING**  
 Born in Sweden and longtime resident of Commerce Twp., died on Sunday, August 25, 2013. He was 79 years old. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 24 years, Marijau; siblings, Walter, Sven, Sigurd, Herit and is survived by his dear daughters, Edna (Ed) Bjerser, Sharpe and Michelle (Joni) Kelly; their mother, Gulvi Bjerser-Kull; loving step-children, Lori (Ron) Lewis, Steve Kemp, grandchildren, Wes Rutherford, Jessecka Sharpe, Ryan, Erik, Kegan, Claire and Jack Kelly; Stephanie (Scott) McVicker, Allison and Kelsey Lewis, Danielle, Justin and Jeremy Kemp, great-grandchildren, Daniel, Liliak, Quinn, siblings, Inga-Glan, Arne, Elsie and extended family, friends, neighbors and faithful companion, Skipper. Services were held on Wednesday, August 28, 2013. For further information visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com

**PAJA, JAMES J.**  
 Age 68, passed away August 24, 2013. Visitation Aug. 27 Funeral Aug. 28 at Phillips Funeral Home, www.phillipsfuneral.com

**BROWN, AUDREY JEAN "JEANNIE"**  
 Age 61, died Aug. 11, 2013. Loving Daughter of Norman and Audrey Brown, Sister of Kenneth (Karen), Lefkey (Keame), Theresa (Steve) Hall, and the late Dennis (Kim) Brown. She was "Auntie" to many Nieces, and Nephews. Memorial Services to be held at Church of the Holy Spirit of Highland Sept. 9, 2013. Visitation 9:00 am Mass at 10:00 am. Please share a memory at www.cremationcanadian.com

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**Holy Family Church members make pilgrimage to Brazil**

By Lonnie Hulman Staff Writer

For Church of the Holy Family members Patty Hubbard and Bethany Gilchrist, a trip to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, this summer was more than a vacation, it was a pilgrimage. At the end of July, both Hubbard and Gilchrist, along with three others from the Novi church, attended the 13th World Youth Day, which is a worldwide encounter with the pope that is celebrated every three years in a different country. The trip gave all of them a renewed connection to their Catholic faith.

"I think I know what it means to be a better person and Catholic," Gilchrist, 19, said looking back at the week long trip. "Meeting different people and hearing different languages, but at the same time having this deep connection with each other, was a great experience."

According to Hubbard, coordinator of Youth Ministry at the Church of the Holy Family, WYD is open to all young people who want to take part in a festive encounter with their contemporaries centered



Church of the Holy Family members visited the famous Christ the Redeemer statue while in Brazil. Pictured (from left) are John Yokus (in the bandana), Bethany Gilchrist (top middle in ball cap), Kevin Breen, Jacqueline Puente and Patty Hubbard.

on Jesus Christ. It's an opportunity to experience in first person the universality of the Catholic Church. The goal is to share with the

world the hope of many young people who want to commit themselves to Christ and others through the means of prayer and the sacraments. They also trade flags and items so they can remember the experience and people they met.

"It's really a week of growing together," Hubbard said. "They participated in a Mass that had nearly 4 million people in attendance. It was led by the Pope Francis, who has emphasized the important role youths have both in the Catholic Church and in the world."

This was one of the high lights for them.

The message was taken from the Bible from Matthew 28:19: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

"It was an awesome experience to see him because of what he represents," Hubbard said. "It's one we will always remember."

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# To your health: Student, family show there's life after diabetes diagnosis

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Jeff Hewlett, 19, of Novi was diagnosed at age 4 with Type 1 diabetes.

"It was certainly a shock at first," said Hewlett, now a sophomore at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and a Northville High School graduate. "It certainly never slowed down anything I did."

He grew up with brother Joey, 17, a Northville High senior, and parents Rich and the late Chris Hewlett. Chris died in 2012 following a lengthy battle with ovarian cancer.

The family decided in the late 1990s, when Jeff

was diagnosed, to do fundraising for JDRF (formerly the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation). This year's golf outing, their fifth, raised some \$65,000, with a total of more than \$280,000 raised by the outings.

The family is in the "Noville" area, where people have a Novi mailing address, but children attend Northville schools. "At that time, we didn't have much experience with Type 1," Rich recalled of his son's diagnosis.

They got involved with Jackson friends in the JDRF Western Michigan Chapter, with a walk that included former University of Michigan football coaches Bo

*"It certainly never slowed down anything I did. It's just something that's been an added aspect of my life."*

JEFF HEWLETT, 19  
U-M student with diabetes

Schembechler and Lloyd Carr. Rich Hewlett played under Schembechler from 1979-83.

They later put together their own team for an Ann Arbor fundraiser, rapidly becoming the top team. In 2006-07, they were asked about hosting



At the charitable golf outing are (from left) Rich Hewlett, Dr. Massimo Pietropaolo of the University of Michigan, U-M's Brady Hoke and Jeff Hewlett.

an event for the U-M Comprehensive Diabetes Center, where Jeff gets his care.

"There was a real interest in getting those two organizations more closely aligned," said Rich, an attorney with the Grand Rapids-based Varnum law firm. Varnum has been the presenting sponsor for their golf outing the last three times.

The family appreciates support of the Northville-Noville community. Rich serves on the JDRF board for southeast Michigan.

They transferred Jeff's care to U-M in adult endocrinology and the younger Hewlett is in an upcoming clinical trial there.

The study is funded by the JDRF and led by Dr. Massimo Pietropaolo of U-M. Dr. Max, as he's called, is studying the pancreas in those with

long-term diabetes, seeing if it can be stimulated to produce insulin and cut down on injections.

"I've always been comfortable with the injections," said Jeff, who generally gives himself four a day. He also checks his blood sugar with a finger prick.

"It's just something that has been an added aspect of my life," added Jeff, who played high school football and basketball. "It hasn't really changed anything for me."

He volunteered a couple of summers back at U-M and now works in a renal pathology lab there, a job he'll continue part time when school resumes. Jeff is taking mostly U-M prerequisites now, not yet decided on a major.

"It's something we are very personally vested in," he said, with his

father agreeing they like reaching out to others who don't have their resources.

The Hewletts have a website, www.swingtocure diabetes.org, on their efforts. They also recommend the JDRF website, www.jdrf.org, especially for those newly diagnosed.

"We do feel blessed," Rich said. "We are in a situation where we can hopefully show there are ways to live with it. Jeff's always been a great ambassador."

Their supporters include U-M coach Brady Hoke, former coach Carr, his former teammates, Jeff's coaches and teachers, Rich's clients, friends and family. They had to skip the golf outing one year, due to Chris' illness and the economy.

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## SOCIAL SECURITY

Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 65% of those who apply for disability benefits.

Attorneys J.B. Bleske and Jennifer Alfonsi have 42 years combined experience representing only Social Security disability clients. And they personally meet with all clients and appear personally at all court hearings. Many large firms assign inexperienced attorneys to your case. And some of these firms are located thousands of miles away and only by the attorney in the day of the court hearing. Attorneys Bleske and Alfonsi have vast experience before local Michigan judges.

Attorneys Bleske and Alfonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

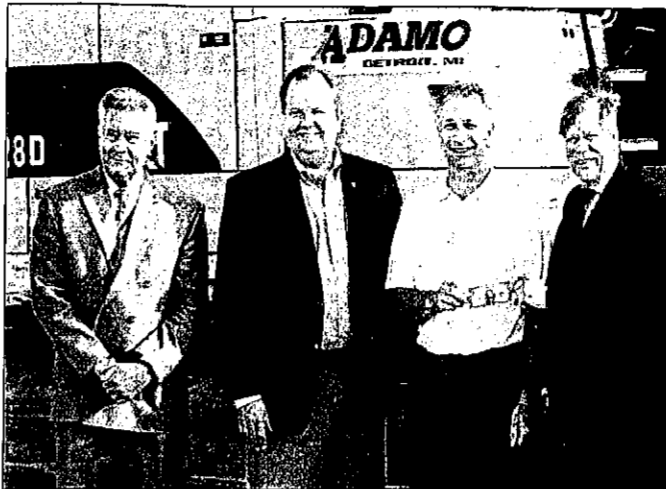
In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law, attorney Bleske has written a book for attorneys about the

subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bleske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

Attorneys Bleske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

Bleske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of I-275. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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Demolition of the Scott Correctional Facility was completed ahead of schedule on a \$1 contract between the Adamo group and Northville Township. From left are Northville Township Manager Chip Snider, Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, John Adamo Jr. and Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix.

## Former prison demolition creates possibilities

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

The demolition of the former Scott Correctional Facility has been completed ahead of schedule and now Northville Township is looking forward to establishing a vision for the future gateway into the community.

The old prison buildings and barbed wire fence that were at the corner of Five Mile and Beck roads are gone and all that's left is some brick and masonry work.

The demolition work was done by the Adamo Group, Inc., which agreed to pay Northville Township \$1 for the demolition work in exchange for salvage value of the former prison buildings. The contract agreement stated Adamo had until winter to complete the work.

The agreement with Adamo saved the township a lot of money in demolition costs, according to Northville Town-

ship Supervisor Robert Nix.

"John Adamo and his construction crew are to be complimented for their completion of the project substantially ahead of time," Nix said.

The property is 40 acres and is considered to be a prime piece of land that could provide an even better and attractive gateway into the community. This has been a group effort between Northville Township, the state and Adamo.

Nix said this couldn't have been done without the help of state Rep. Kurt Heise, who sponsored Public Act 85 of 2012 that facilitated the site's sale to Northville Township last year. As for Heise, he said this is what can happen when government works efficiently and together.

"The demolition of Scott Correctional Facility is a positive step forward for Northville Township and the surrounding communities,"

Heise said. "That is why I sponsored the bill a few years back that facilitated Northville's purchase of the property from the state. This is a prime piece of property in Northville Township and they are the best entity to control what happens next."

The property is situated in the Fire Mile corridor and the plan is to develop even more with research, technology and business uses that will help build regional development and an increase in tax base.

"This project represents a tremendous opportunity for the township and I look forward to working with the board of trustees to develop the appropriate uses for the property," Nix said.

The vision and planning process for its future will begin this fall.

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## Hotel a big addition to Novi convention complex

By JC Reindl  
Sennett News Service

Metro Detroit's second-largest convention and expo center now has its first hotel.

The six-story Hyatt Place Detroit/Novi opened Aug. 22 as part of a recently completed \$11.5 million expansion and upgrade project at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.



Shown (from left) at the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for the Hyatt Place Detroit/Novi on Tuesday are Clay Pearson, Novi city manager; Matthew Gibb, Oakland County deputy executive; Bob Gatt, Novi mayor; Blair Bowman, owner; Dave Biswas, state Sen. Mike Kowalski's legislative director; Ryan Gauthier, Hyatt Place Detroit/Novi general manager; and State Rep. Hugh Crawford. LINDA MICHELE DOBEL PHOTOGRAPHY

The six-story, 126-room hotel stands on the eastern side of the convention complex near I-96. It is anchored to the showplace by a new 20,000-square-foot extension of the Diamond Banquet and Conference Center.

Both the hotel and Suburban Collection Showplace are owned by Blair Bowman, who said he hopes to capture additional events, conferences and ceremonies with the new accommodations.

For years, he said, event organizers have suggested he add a hotel.

"They were telling us for the longest time, for their vendors, exhibitors and participants, they needed a place to put the heads in the beds," Bowman said after Tuesday's ribbon-cutting ceremony.

With the additions, the showplace now has about 340,000 square feet of convention and exhibition space. The area's largest convention center—Cobo Center in Detroit—will have 723,000 square feet of space once its upgrades are completed next year.

The showplace did between 550 and 600 events and meetings last

year. It is now on pace for more than 700, Bowman said, and has booked 17 future conference events as a direct result of the new overnight stay option.

"They would not have come to us without an on-site hotel," he said.

Bill Bohde, senior vice president of sales and marketing at the Detroit Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau, said the showplace does a good job of attracting events that prefer a more suburban setting, and the hotel should expand its reach.

"A lot of these groups like to have hotels attached," Bohde said. "It makes it a lot more convenient for their exhibitors and for the VIPs coming in."

The showplace opened in 2005 to replace the old Novi Expo Center. It was previously named Rock Financial Showplace before the company, now better known as Quick-En Loans, ended the naming rights deal.

The Hyatt will charge nightly rates of \$169 for a king or two queen beds and \$199 for a suite.

The hotel is ready when the showplace hosts the Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair during Labor Day weekend.

The fair is considered the official private-sector successor to the Michigan State Fair, which was founded in Detroit in 1849 and ended in 2009 amid state budget cuts.

The showplace hosted an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony Aug. 21 at its new location for the Total Rehabilitation and Athletic Conditioning Center.

In attendance at the luncheon event were current and former TRACC patients, officials from the city of Novi and the Novi Chamber of Commerce, representatives from Novi-area businesses, Botsford Hospital leaders and employees and local news media.

Tours of this totally redesigned space included time spent in TRACC's Xbox physical therapy room. The Xbox console detects user movements and displays them on the screen as part of the physical therapy. It injects a fun aspect into physical therapy and gives instant feedback by showing a realistic human avatar as the system mirrors the user.

TRACC offers a full array of physical and occupational therapy.

Other highlights of the tour included private consultation and treatment rooms, top-of-the-line exercise equipment and occupational therapy areas. An aquatic therapy pool allows a person to use the water's resistance instead of weights to rehabilitate after injury or illness, avoiding the amount of weight placed on the joints by exercise outside the water. The last stop on the tour was a visit to ReNew, the highly successful medical weight management program.

At this new stand-alone location at 40245 Grand River Avenue, TRACC and ReNew are open for business and accepting new patients. For more information about TRACC, call 248-473-5600 or visit [www.botsford.org/medical\\_services/rehabilitation/index.html](http://www.botsford.org/medical_services/rehabilitation/index.html).

Visit [www.botsford.org/renew](http://www.botsford.org/renew) or call 248-473-3100.

## Davenport University named a 'Great College to Work For'

Davenport University, which has a campus in Livonia, is one of the best colleges in the nation to work for, according to a new survey by The Chronicle of Higher Education. This is the second consecutive year Davenport was recognized as a "Great College to Work For" by The Chronicle.

Davenport University won honors in three categories: compensation and benefits, supervisor/department chair relationship, respect and appreciation.

"This is a very satisfying affirmation of Davenport University's ongoing commitment to our faculty and staff," said Dr. Richard Pappas, president at Davenport University. "To achieve our ambitious vision for this university, our faculty and staff need to be engaged and in synch with where we're going. Bricks and mortar are

important, but it's our people who will have the greatest impact on students as we help them achieve success in the classroom and in their careers."

The results, released this week in The Chronicle's sixth annual report on "The Academic Workplace," are based on a survey of nearly 45,000 employees at 300 colleges and universities. In all, just 97 higher education institutions nationwide were recognized as "Great Colleges to Work For." Results were reported for small, medium, and large institutions, with Davenport University included among the large universities with 10,000 or more students.

Survey results are based on a two-part assessment process: an institutional audit that captured demographics and workplace policies

from each institution, and a survey administered to faculty, administrators and professional support staff. The primary factor in deciding whether an institution received recognition was the employee feedback.

To administer the survey and analyze the results, The Chronicle worked with Modern Think LLC, a strategic human capital consulting firm that has conducted numerous "Best Places to Work" programs, surveying hundreds of thousands of employees nationwide.

For more information and to view all the results of the survey, visit The Chronicle's website.

Founded in 1866, Davenport is a private, non-profit university with campuses across Michigan and online courses serving an enrollment of nearly 11,000 students.

Arsiwala was elected in May and assumed his duties shortly thereafter. He celebrated his installation as president with an Inaugural Gala Fundraiser at the Grasse Pointe War Memorial on July 14, surrounded by friends, family and colleagues.

Arsiwala is the president and medical director of Michigan Urgent Care, a system of 10 urgent care facilities, including Novi, across southeast Michigan.

Arsiwala earned his medical degree from Deccan College of Medical Science in Hyderabad, India, and he completed his education and residency at Wayne State University/Detroit Medical Center in Detroit.

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## INNO-VATOR medical device nominations sought by Sept. 17

Oakland County's Medical Main Street is seeking nominations for its 2013 "INNO-VATOR of the Year" award that honors the creators of a medical device which demonstrates the most dramatic change in the medical device industry in Michigan.

The award will be given Nov. 7 during Medical Main Street's INNO-VATION 2013 Conference in Troy. The deadline to submit an entry is Sept. 17. Forms and conference registration information can be found at [www.MedicalMainStreet.org](http://www.MedicalMainStreet.org).

"Some of the most advanced research and development in the medical device industry is happening in Michigan," Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said. "Medical Main Street is looking to recognize and honor the individuals who are saving lives and improving the

quality of life for countless patients with their Michigan-made innovations."

Medical devices are used in the diagnosis and cure of disease and other conditions. To be considered for the award, the device must have been developed in Michigan, achieved prototype development and validation, and incorporate a game-changing innovation. In 2012, two companies were named winners of the inaugural INNO-VATOR of the Year:

• Sentio, a Southfield company that created the SentioMGC, a neuro-diagnostic device that monitors and tests nerve function, alerting surgeons when nerves are at risk during surgery.

• Abative Solutions Inc., a Kalamazoo company that created a catheter that damages nerve fibers that pass from the brain to the kidney. The

damaged nerves send fewer signals to a sick patient, which lowers blood pressure and treats hypertension. The procedure takes about 15 minutes and is less painful for the patient.

INNO-VATION 2013, set for Nov. 6-8 at the Troy Marriott Hotel, focuses on how information technology is fueling changes in health care and its impact on the next generation of medical devices.

The conference, with the Medical Main Street Network, builds valuable relationships and productive collaborations in the Southeast Michigan region and globally. It will be streamed live.

For more information on how to get involved or to register for INNO-VATION 2013 or the live stream, visit [www.MedicalMainStreet.org](http://www.MedicalMainStreet.org).

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## NOVI NEWSMAKERS

Novi resident Clayton F. Farrell was one of nine attorneys from Southfield-based Collins Einhorn Farrell who were selected by their peers for inclusion in the 20th edition of "The Best Lawyers in America" 2014.

Farrell, who represents the firm on this list in the area of Products Liability Litigation-Defendants, concentrates his practice on multiparty, complex litigation, including litigation in the areas of environmental torts, product liability, toxic torts and emerging

claims.

The University of Detroit Mercy School of Law alum's trial experience spans four decades and includes service as national counsel for a number of clients who have litigation needs throughout the country.

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## Botsford Hospital opens new outpatient therapy site in Novi

Botsford Hospital hosted an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony Aug. 21 at its new location for the Total Rehabilitation and Athletic Conditioning Center.

In attendance at the luncheon event were current and former TRACC patients, officials from the city of Novi and the Novi Chamber of Commerce, representatives from Novi-area businesses, Botsford Hospital leaders and employees and local news media.

Tours of this totally redesigned space included time spent in TRACC's Xbox physical therapy room. The Xbox console detects user movements and displays them on the screen as part of the physical therapy. It injects a fun aspect into physical therapy and gives instant feedback by showing a realistic human avatar as the system mirrors the user.

TRACC offers a full array of physical and occupational therapy.

Other highlights of the tour included private consultation and treatment rooms, top-of-the-line exercise equipment and occupational therapy areas. An aquatic therapy pool allows a person to use the water's resistance instead of weights to rehabilitate after injury or illness, avoiding the amount of weight placed on the joints by exercise outside the water. The last stop on the tour was a visit to ReNew, the highly successful medical weight management program.

At this new stand-alone location at 40245 Grand River Avenue, TRACC and ReNew are open for business and accepting new patients. For more information about TRACC, call 248-473-5600 or visit [www.botsford.org/medical\\_services/rehabilitation/index.html](http://www.botsford.org/medical_services/rehabilitation/index.html).

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## OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in February offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months.

Unless otherwise noted, all programs take place at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For pre-registration and location specifics, visit [www.oaklandcountymichigan.com](http://www.oaklandcountymichigan.com) or call 248-858-0783.

**Walk In - Start-Up Thursdays Free Business Counseling**  
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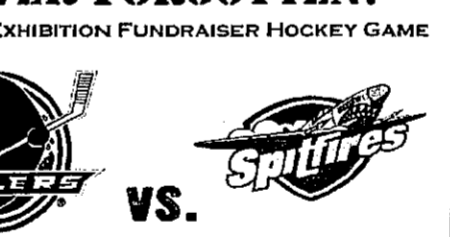
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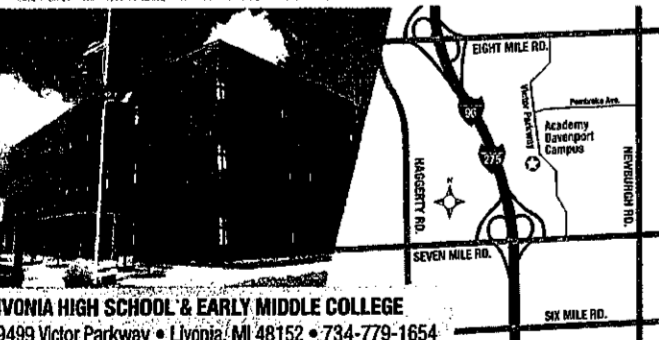
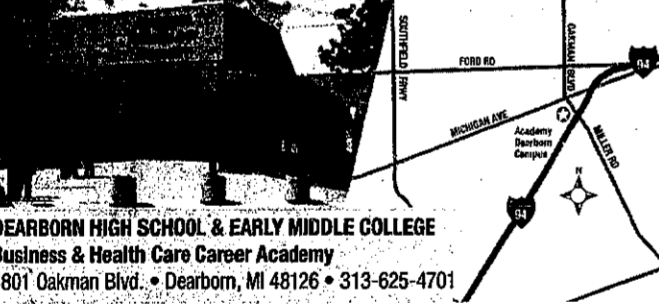
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### UPDATES FROM CITY OF NOVI

#### Civilian pistol safety classes offered

The Novi Police Department will be offering a civilian pistol safety class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, at the Novi Police Department Training Center, located at 45125 W. 10 Mile. The course fulfills both the classroom and shooting requirements to obtain a Michigan concealed pistol license.

Registration forms are available online at [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org) and at the Novi Police Department. Completed registration forms and the \$200 course fee (cash or money order) may be returned to the Novi Police Department. Class size is limited and all participants are subject to a criminal background check.

After lunch, participants will move to the Novi Firearms Training Center to complete the course. Students must bring their own equipment, including a personal handgun, 100 rounds of ammunition, safety glasses, shooter's earmuffs or ear plugs, a pen or pencil and a baseball cap and wear loose comfortable clothing to participate in the course. Participants must be 21 years old and do not have to be a Novi resident to attend.

For more information, visit [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org) or contact Sgt. Michael Warren at [mwarren@cityofnovi.org](mailto:mwarren@cityofnovi.org) or 248-921-9843.

#### Great Lakes Pastel Society to display work

The city of Novi has been selected to host the artwork of the Great Lakes Pastel Society in the Novi Civic Center Atrium Gallery, 45175 10 Mile. The exhibit is on display through Sept. 26.

The Great Lakes Pastel Society seeks to promote and increase the public awareness of the creative pastel paintings as a fine art medium. The juried exhibit will feature 50 works chosen from 173 entries. Most members of the society are Michigan residents; however, artists from California, Montana and New York are also members.

#### Keeping fit

The city of Novi has a long-standing tradition of encouraging healthy, active lifestyles through parks, programs and infrastructure. As summer winds down and cooler temperatures prevail, indoor fitness offerings heat up. The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department proudly offers a wide variety of programs to meet the needs of citizens and help them to achieve their personal fitness goals.

Fitness classes with sessions beginning in September and early October include Zumba, Taiji Qwan, Basic, Lunch-Time, Hatha and Yin Yoga, Total Body Barre, Definity Total Workout, Bollywood, Arms, Abs & Legs, Capoeira, Tai Chi, Parent and Baby Yoga, Morning Tone & Stretch, Martial Arts for Everyone and more. Classes are offered morning, noon and night.

Registration is going on now via [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org) or at the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services office located inside the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road.

For more information regarding fitness classes, including programs for young children, visit [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org) or call 248-347-0400.



### Carnival

Evan Blake, 3, enjoys a romp around a bouncy-ride during the Manor of Novi's annual summer carnival Aug. 22. Residents, staff and family members of the senior living home enjoyed a cookout, games, music and a bit of cotton candy as way to enjoy a nice summer day. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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OUR VIEWS

## Join the discussion about labor's future

### Students: Work hard and you'll find your own answers

What was once a holiday for "workingmen and their families" has been transformed over the years into what has now become a time to focus on the economic status of workers, as well as the civic rights and responsibilities for those workers.

Nowhere is that more true than here in the metropolitan Detroit area, where emergency managers are tearing up contracts in Detroit and Pontiac and where such issues as right-to-work and minimum wage are topics for nearly daily discussion.

That is the reality of the modern workers' movement that was originally fomented in the 18th century, burnished in the 19th and that achieved prominence and power in the 20th. It was on the cusp of the latter two that Labor Day, being celebrated this year Sept. 2, was officially enacted by Congress on June 28, 1894.

Now, 119 years later, workers find their movement shaken to its very core, while productivity demands have increased. Economists are often quoted as saying that an uncertain economy — and the looming implications of "Obamacare" — are keeping employers from hiring more workers, keeping jobless rates high, at least in Michigan.

There are always lots of statistics to go with any piece on work and labor, but our purpose here is not to focus so much on the numbers as on the reality — and on what it means to all the teenagers who are heading into high school the very day after Labor Day.

This is for them.

By now, you all have your class schedule, have compared it with friends and made frantic calls to the school to get the wrong courses listed changed. Those schedules have been carefully chosen to comply with state education mandates, but they also have been chosen with your future careers in mind.

Do you find yourself in a drama class or in calculus? The difference will have an impact on what you do — meaning what you work at — in the future.

There are some among you who will never enter the work force, whether because of marriage or parenthood or misfortune, but most of you will. You know you are supposed to work, because that is what people do — but why?

Each of you will find your own answers to that one and, fortunately, there is an endless variety of options. The important thing for you to remember is that whatever you and your classmates choose to do, all work, as long as it is honest, is honorable. Consider the humblebee. The so-called "queen" is the only one to winter over. She builds the nest in the spring, lays eggs and generally gets things on a production schedule. Definitely a matriarchal society. The queen is the "boss," so to speak. But there are also the foragers who go out into the world to gather the necessary ingredients for the colony's end product and then, of course, there are the honey bees themselves.

Each is important, each has a role to play, from the queen to the worker bee. Without either, there would be no colony.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in 2010 there were more people working as teachers — 3,073 million — than any other profession. The next job ranking was the janitorial field, with 1,445 million workers.

Where would you be without either one? Who would tell you how to breathe into that band instrument and who would clean up after a band concert?

Whatever role you choose in the world of work, know that you will be part of the larger picture. Take a good look at it now, because that may have an impact on what you choose for your future.

For instance, if you want to flip burgers, fine. But at a minimum wage of \$7.40 an hour, your future options outside of work will be limited. Is the \$10 an hour minimum wage right for Michigan? Be a part of the discussion; it's your future, too.

Should government employees be forced to take pay cuts? No? What is your solution to balancing budgets and providing services like garbage pickup?

Finding those answers is work, too. Here's the best part: Work hard and you'll find the answers, but work smart. No matter what you and your classmates decide to pursue in the future, it's all good.

Take a moment this Labor Day, no matter where you are, to talk with your parents about their work lives. And remember, at the drive-through or at the life-guard stand, to say thanks for working this Labor Day.

OUR VIEWS

## Back to school in Novi — it's not like it used to be

School starts soon for the majority of students in this area, but back to school in 2013 is a lot different than it was just a few years ago.

Students, parents and teachers have many choices when it comes to education in 2013. While the Novi Community Schools district continues to be the tie that binds our community together, charter schools, online schools, home school, year-round schools, private schools and parochial schools have dramatically changed the landscape of K-12 education in recent years.

Charter schools are establishing a large footprint throughout Michigan while religious schools remain the choice of many. The number of students

being home schooled has increased exponentially over the last decade and as technology marches on, online education is attracting many more students.

Private schools have always attracted those with the ability to pay. Oakland County boasts some of the best private schools in the country and they have long been a destination for those seeking an alternative to public schools.

But some public schools — in spite of funding issues — have risen to the competitive challenge. Specialized academies — such as STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), IB (International Baccalaureate) and others, along with an increase in honors and AP classes,

and many schools of choice options — have provided the choice that many parents were seeking.

Some believe it is the increased competition has pushed public schools to change.

Others point to technology and/or political polarization as reasons for change and choice in education.

While most parents already have opted for a school that best suits their child's needs, some are still searching and their choices are many. The quest for the perfect educational environment, however, will never end and that is a good thing.

COMMUNITY VOICE

### What are your plans for Labor Day?

This question was asked at the Novi Public Library and downtown Northville.



"Maybe a barbecue, but I will probably just stay around home."  
Carol Abdey  
Novi



"No plans, I live spontaneously."  
Faye Driscoll  
Novi



"Just staying at home."  
Ron Houseman  
Northville



"No plans, which is my plan."  
Caroline Joseph  
Northville

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Novi's new park is spectacular

This past weekend, Novi officials dedicated Pavilion Shore Park. For many years after the old band shell burned down, the site at 13 Mile Road and Old Novi Road sat empty with just a light grass covering. Proposals for restaurants and other developments came and went, but the nearby residents always made it clear that they cherished the waterfront.

Novi officials waited and, with a grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (\$437,500), city of Novi funding (\$187,500) and a grant from the Novi Parks Foundation (\$50,000), they were finally able to bring us a new park. It's a good example of a successful public-private partnership and forward thinking.

The park features a fishing pier, a boardwalk, some parking and other walkways. More amenities, including permanent restrooms, are planned. It is a very friendly place and this weekend it was filled with hundreds of small children, families, senior citizens and others out to enjoy a day in the park. The Novi Concert Band performed Saturday, filling the air with sounds reminiscent of the history in the place. Many wonderful events will undoubtedly take place here in the future.

Congratulations to Mayor Gatt and former Mayor Landry, the City Council, the Planning Commission, the city of Novi, the Novi Parks Foundation and all who made this park possible. Thanks for giving us a new public space.

Gwen Markham  
Novi

#### Golf outing kudos

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the golf hole sponsors of this year's fifth annual Northville High School Boosters Golf Outing and Silent Auction, held Aug. 24 at the Links of Novi:

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#### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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And finally, a big thank you to all of the families of our athletes and guests who came out and supported the event. Whether you played golf, came to dinner, donated an item, sponsored a hole or bid on an item, your support is greatly appreciated. It was another very successful night. All profits will go directly to the Northville H.S. Boosters Club and, in turn, our athletes.

Carrie Slominski, Donna MacDonald, Cheryl Giacomini Suzanne McGowan, Karen Sourges and Lisa Harvey  
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#### DIA Detroit centerpiece

A drive down Woodward Avenue will give you an interesting picture of what Detroiters value. The tranquil redeveloped riverfront, with its gardens, fountains and public artwork, begins the thoroughfare of the financial district's skyscrapers and trendy office space.

The serene Campus Martius, the cafes, Comerica Park and the historic theaters eventually trail off into the blighted neighbor-

hoods empty facades and neglected lots we're all accustomed to seeing on the evening news.

Yet just further north, the cityscape transforms: the cultural spirit of Detroit, the museums, cathedrals, galleries and music halls form the supporting roles of Michigan's greatest cultural treasure for more than a century: the Detroit Institute of Arts.

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**FOOTBALL**

**Wildcats hope for division title, postseason**

Team looking to end streak outside playoffs

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

Tonight's season opener for Novi's football squads will serve as much more than a fresh start for the Wildcats. The team sports a new coaching staff, led by Jeff Burnside, a former assistant who helped Novi to regular playoff appearances from

2011-10, something it hasn't experienced the past four seasons.

"It's been four years since we've been to playoffs. At Novi, that's unacceptable," Burnside said. "We're a young football team with 37 or 38 underclassmen. Those kids were successful at the lower levels, but it's a different pace. We've had this Brighton date on the clock in the weight room since probably 150 days ago. They know its time to reverse the fortunes of things at Novi

**ON TAP**

Novi's football squad (1-8, 1-4 KLA Central in 2012) will kick off its season at 7 p.m. today at Brighton (3-6, 0-5 West). The Bulldogs defeated the Wildcats 45-7 in last season's opener in Novi. The Cats are then back in action at 7 p.m. Sept. 6 in their home opener against White Lake Lakeland (5-4, 3-2 North), which won a 34-12 matchup on the road last year.

After a disappointing 1-8 (1-4 KLA Central) campaign in 2012 that began with a 45-7 home loss to Brighton, Novi is hoping to rev things up with a victory on the debut of the Bulldogs' new turf field, which

um or not, it's still 100 yards, 10-yard end zones. It's the same dimensions as our field, it's just on turf and we've played on turf. We have to put all that crowd noise and all that excitement and channel that energy and play football."

Burnside will look to a handful of returning starters on a young and hungry squad this fall. Offensive linemen Bepin Serraj and Steven Davis - a senior and junior, respectively

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**CROSS COUNTRY**



Novi's varsity medal winners pose after winning the South Lyon Invitational Aug. 24.

**Boys flex depth**



Novi sophomore Jost Plaetnick runs down the course during his fifth-place finish at the South Lyon Invitational.

Girls squad, though, will struggle with inexperience

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

Only one meet into Robert Smith's 33rd season as Novi's boys cross country coach and it appears things are off to a better start than the 32nd season.

"The Wildcats (2-3 in 2012) won the South Lyon Invitational last Saturday. The team finished third last year.

And despite graduating three of its top seven runners from last fall, senior Brian Barnes and junior Nate Hall return with hopes of repeating all-conference honors. Sophomore Jost Plaetnick and juniors Collin Thomas and Cameron Misko are also expected to shoulder a bit of the load, with sophomore Andrew Mizerowski, senior Michael Dickmann and junior Sahisnu Malapati adding to the fray.

**ON TAP**

Novi's boys and girls cross country teams (both 2-3 in 2012) will visit Cass Benton Sept. 10 to race against Livonia Stevenson. The girls race at 4 p.m. and the boys at 4:25 p.m.

"Our biggest challenge this year is the potential for injuries," Smith said. "It seems like this year our guys get banged up easily. Many top runners came into the season with some sort of issue. It's my job to get them healthy, keep them healthy and to whip them into racing shape. If we are healthy, we can contend with almost anyone statewide."

"As usual, the KLA is the premier league in the state for boys cross country. Both the state champions (Milford) and runners-up (Waterford Mott) are in our league. You cannot get any better than that."

The Wildcats settled for getting

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**GIRLS SWIMMING**

**Plenty of freshmen will take to the pool this year**

Team will try to overcome loss of 14 seniors from last season

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

After finishing eighth in Division 1 and second at the Oakland County Championships, Novi's girls swim and dive team has quite the hurdle ahead of it this season.

Entering her third season at the helm, coach Annette VanderMey has to deal with the loss of 14 seniors, eight of whom went on to swim or dive at the collegiate level, including state record holder and daughter Andrea VanderMey.

"We have 19 freshmen on the team and three seniors," Annette VanderMey said. "We are definitely a young team with a lot of talent. We need to foster that talent and move them out of their

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**ON TAP**

Novi's girls swim and dive team will kick off its season at 9 a.m. Sept. 7 at West Bloomfield's annual Laker Invitational, where it finished second last season before going on to cap the season at eighth in Division 1.



Novi High swimmers keep an eye on the clock as they count down the seconds to their next lap during practice at their home pool Aug. 22. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**BOYS SOCCER**

**Talented trio only returning starters on Novi's state semifinal squad**

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

After being knocked out of the Division 1 semifinals by top-ranked and eventual champion East Kentwood last season, Novi's boys soccer team returns just one starter at each field position, but also eight others who regularly provided a spark off the bench.

In his 17th season at the helm, coach Brian O'Leary's

squad is coming off a 17-4-3 (6-2-2 KLA Central, runner-up) season and looking to a trio of senior captains to lead the way. As juniors last year, forward Don Nakashima, midfielder Nick Oakley and defender Matt Kiura were all leaders in their respective positions.

Nakashima was the All-Area Player of the Year with 11-state first-team honors following a 16-goal, five-assist campaign.

**ON TAP**

Novi's boys soccer team (17-4-3, 6-2-2 KLA Central in 2012) kicked off the season Monday at Walled Lake Northern (11-8-2, 8-0-2 North) and continued last night at Canton (16-4-2, 10-0-0 South), both after press deadline. The Wildcats will be back in action Tuesday at South Lyon (7-7-5, 0-6-4 Central) and Sept. 5 in the home opener against South Lyon East (4-8-2, 0-8-2 Central). Both games kick off at 7 p.m.

Both Oakley and Kiura were All-Area first-teamers - Oakley was named an all-state honorable mention - and the two combined for seven goals

and eight assists.

"We graduated eight seniors, with six of them being starters, (but) we also lost two other starters (as) Aric Mann

Junior Tommy McMaster, who came off the bench as needed last year, will be the Wildcats' sole goalkeeper this

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BOYS TENNIS

# Many return from D-1 runner-up team

Eight of 12 players back for 2013 season

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

With eight of 12 Wildcats returning from a boys tennis team that tied for second in Division 1 last season, Novi is eyeing some hardware for the trophy case once again.

The top of Novi's lineup will look exactly the same as last year, with junior Tim Wang at No. 1 singles, junior Andre Liu at No. 2 singles and sophomore Koushik Kondapi at No. 3. All three went

ON TAP

Novi's boys tennis team (8-1-1, 6-0 KLA Central in 2012) was set to be back in action this morning at the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational before its first dual meets Wednesday against South Lyon and Thursday at Plymouth Salem, both at 4 p.m.

3-0 at the Aug. 24 Rochester Invitational, conceding no more than four games in any match en route to winning the 12 needed to earn the Wildcats points. Last season, Wang went 28-5, Liu went 23-7 and Kondapi 34-1, all in the same positions they currently hold.

However, with four graduations come a few changes, including the loss of No. 4 singles state champion Pavan Rao and

one member from each of the top three doubles teams.

Sophomore Max Anderson has moved up from three doubles to take over the four singles slot, where he had a similar showing as his singles teammates at the invitational, cruising through Uica Eisenhower, Grosse Ile and Rochester.

Seniors Andrew Ying and Michael Chang are combining efforts this fall after each finished as runner-up at the state finals last year, with Ying at two doubles and Chang at two doubles. They got off to a solid start, winning 36 of 38 games at the Rochester Invite to begin their season 3-0.

Seniors Shashank Chitta and Tim Lu got the nod at two doubles, while senior Kevin Xu and freshman Daniel Yu were paired in Yu's debut at three doubles. Chitta and Xu had gone 32-2 together at four doubles last season, losing in the state semifinals, but Novi coach Jim Hanson, now in his 20th season coaching Novi's boys and 44th overall season coaching high school, said he's looking to strengthen the doubles lineup.

A first glance looked solid, as the split duo both started 3-0 on the season with their new partners. Rochester's doubles teams were the only ones to win a game from either team, but were eventually defeated 6-1, 6-3 at two doubles and 6-2, 6-4 at three doubles.

Moving into the four doubles slot are seniors David Mehl and Raymond Wen, who were the



Novi varsity tennis player Max Anderson works against a Brighton player during an Aug. 26 match. JOHN HEDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

senior varsity squad's No. 1 doubles team last fall. They also started 3-0 with shutouts over Eisenhower and Grosse Ile, plus a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Rochester.

At the end of the day, Novi's 39 points beat Rochester's 30 as all eight of the Wildcats' top flights went 6-0. Even the three extra doubles teams that didn't factor into scoring ended up going 7-2, including one match against one another. Eisenhower was third with 17 points and Grosse Ile had 14. Among those vying for the No. 5 doubles spot are junior Ryan Fernandes, sophomore Srivatsav Gotur and seniors Alex Guys, Andrew Folken, Ashwin Johni, Ashwin and Adithya Balasubramanian.

Like pretty much every other season, Hanson said his team's goals are to win as much as possible, leading up to playing its best tennis at the state meet and contesting an always similarly talented Northville squad. The Wildcats won



Novi varsity tennis player Koushik Kondapi returns a volley in an Aug. 26 scrimmage against a Brighton opponent. JOHN HEDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

their division, conference the KLA Central and their region during an 8-1-1 (6-0 Central) campaign last year.

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GIRLS GOLF

# Cojei core of Wildcats' young squad

Senior has posted two superb rounds already

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

With six of its top nine players graduating from a year ago, Novi's girls golf team has a bit of work cut out for itself. However, the team's ace—senior Lauren Cojei—is back and leading the way. In a pair of invitational meetings Aug. 21-22 at Hudson Mills and Huron Meadows, Cojei led the Wildcats on both occasions with scores of 81 (third among 79 golfers) and 78, respectively.

Novi finished third of 17 teams in both events, but dropped its team score from 355 to 345 on the second day.

Cojei was our number one player last year and will be key to our leadership and stability of a good starting player," said Novi coach Debra Harris, now in her 24th year at the helm.

Junior Katelyn Henry is also expected to provide consistent scoring, while returning sophomores Madison Kroetsch and Maya Grandstaff chip in.

"Henry has progressed into our number two spot and will also provide us with leadership," Harris said. "Kroetsch came on... and gained some varsity experience at the end of the season. She is progress-



From left, Wildcats Lauren Henry, Lauren Cojei, Madison Kroetsch, Maya Grandstaff, Alexa Hatz and Katelyn Henry pose at Huron Meadows after an Aug. 22 tournament.

ing well. Maya Grandstaff has worked very hard this summer and has had some good summer scores. We look to her to fill the fourth spot in the varsity lineup."

Also looking to mix up the lineup are junior Claire Kaline, Olivia Ghamann and Stacey Serabian and freshman Alexa Hatz and Lauren Henry.

"Alexa Hatz and Lauren Henry are giving a push to the returning players who are trying to work into the varsity lineup a lot of competition," Harris said. "Alexa is going to be in the first varsity tournament as our five player. She has a lot of potential."

In her two performances last week, Hatz was fifth

among the Wildcats with a 96 in her debut before tallying an 86 on the second day, good for second among her teammates. Katelyn Henry notched an 84 (fifth place) and 88 for second and third among her team, while Kroetsch tallied a 94 and 95. Grandstaff a 98 and career low 93, and then Lauren Henry a 101 on just the second day.

ON TAP

Novi's girls golfers (8-2 in 2012) were set to be back on the links Tuesday at Whispering Willows and this morning at The Fortness in Frankentown before digging into dual meets against South Lyon (8-2) at Cattails and then Sept. 10 at Livonia Stevenson, both at 3 p.m.

After finishing 8-2 as co-division champions last year, the Wildcats are hoping the young student-athletes are able to fill the gaps left by graduation.

"Olivia Ghamann and Stacey Serabian are new this year and both will be pushing to be key with us," Harris said. "They both have a good game. Consistency and improvement in short game will be key to them helping us this year and critical to helping next year."

Novi finished in a three-way tie for the division into duals with Northville and South Lyon, which are both expected to be tough again.

"Northville (and) South Lyon will be very competitive, but all the teams are improving in our division," Harris said. "In the conference, Plymouth will be good. Canton has improved. (Livonia) Churchill is good."

"We are young and inexperienced. We really only have two players returning that have what I would say a good amount of varsity experience."

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer covering Novi High School sports for the Novi News.

VOLLEYBALL

# Five of six starters return from title-winning squad

Wildcats lose only one senior starter from 2012

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

Things are looking good for Novi's volleyball team. The Wildcats return five of six starters from a squad that went 38-13-1 (7-3 KLA Central) and won the KLA title last season.

"(We) only lost one senior starter from 2012 team and return five starters," second-

year coach Jen Cottrill said. "Should be very competitive with all key positions returning."

Among those returners is a group of seniors expected to handle a large portion of the workload.

Outside hitter and Valparaiso recruit Isabelle Gancy was second on the team in both kills and digs last year, averaging 2.3 and 4.3 per set, respectively, as she returns for her fourth varsity season.

Many of those kills are expected to come from setter

ON TAP

Novi volleyball (38-13-1, 7-3 KLA Central in 2012) was set to start the season at last weekend's Dakota Tournament before heading to Grand Blanc's Tournament Sept. 7 and then hosting Plymouth Salem at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 12 in both the home and division opener.

Emily Robb, who led the team in assists in 2012 with 10.1 per set.

Also clogging up opponents at the net will be middle blocker Brooke Laney, who led the team in blocks with 0.7 per set last year. She was also third in kills with 1.9 per set.

Despite the strengths re-

turning, the Wildcats will look to their bench to replace second-team all-state graduate Kacey Sheldon, an outside hitter who led the team by averaging 4.2 kills and 4.6 digs per set.

As a whole, the Wildcats averaged 11.4 kills and 18.6 digs per set last season.

Cottrill, in her 10th overall season as a varsity coach, said she expects Northville (44-3-4, 9-1 Central in 2012) and Livonia Stevenson (26-16-4, 6-4 Central) to pose the biggest challenges for Novi. The Mustangs were the association runners-up to Novi after winning both the division and conference titles, as well as knocking the Wildcats out of the state tourney in a district final last November.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer covering Novi High School sports for the Novi News.

FIELD HOCKEY

# Wildcats follow up 15-1-1 season with move into Division 1

Tougher competition on tap after record year

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

What's next for a young field hockey program that just went 15-1-1 in Division 2 last fall, losing in overtime during the all-division state semifinals? A venture into Division 1, of course.

Novi's field hockey team graduated just four student-athletes, including one who went on to play at the colle-

giate level. Thus, a strong core returns, led by seniors Megan Paul, Haley Notarantonio, Lizzy Malear and Megan Murphy. Paul and Notarantonio have already committed to continue playing at Miami (Ohio) and the University of Massachusetts, respectively.

"(Paul) is a leader on and off the field (and Notarantonio has) great athleticism and work ethic," said assistant coach Amy Kilgore, who founded and ran the varsity program since 2009 as a Division 1 team before husband Kevin Kilgore turned in his

ON TAP

Novi field hockey (15-1-1 in 2012) had trips to the Livonia Ladywood and East Grand Rapids tournaments scheduled to kick off the season to lead into Tuesday's opener after press deadline at Dearborn Edsel Ford. From there, the Cats host Ann Arbor Pioneer today and visit Ann Arbor Huron Tuesday, before heading to Pioneer Sept. 11, all at 4:30 p.m.

Novi varsity had to take over the varsity team last season. The squad has continued to another while collecting titles, but will now have to face off with Ann Arbor's powerhouse duo, which regularly meet in the all-division state finals.

"As always, the perennial

powerhouses of Ann Arbor Huron and Ann Arbor Pioneer will be our toughest competition," Kilgore said.

Huron knocked the Wildcats out of the semifinals last year in a 6-5 shootout after a 0-0 regulation.

"We have three seniors and two underclassmen who are

working to return from injuries," Kilgore said. "We also have our largest ever squad of 23. Working to keep a cohesive unit will be a challenge, but team cohesiveness and a feeling of family has always been a strength of ours."

The thick of the schedule will come early for the Wildcats, who face both Huron and Pioneer twice before the eighth day of school rolls around.

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OHL HOCKEY

# Whalers game this weekend will help support fledgling Nehasil Park

Squad will meet Windsor in charity exhibition

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

Livonia's police department and area hockey fans are gearing up for the upcoming Plymouth Whalers exhibition game later this week at Eddie Edgar Ice Arena.

The exhibition game between the Whalers and the Windsor Spitfires will take place at 7 p.m. Saturday at the arena, 33841 Lyndon, Livonia.

All proceeds will go to help fund the Fallen Heroes Monument under construction at Larry Nehasil Park in Livonia. "It's a fun family event," Livonia Police Chief Curtis Caid said. "They do a really nice job."

Tickets for the game are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door, which opens at 6 p.m. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Livonia Police Department, Eddie Edgar Ice Arena, Compuware Arena in Plymouth, the Livonia Chamber of Commerce and the Livonia Community Recreation Center.

The Whalers, who play in the Ontario Hockey League, have played several exhibition games in surrounding communities in previous years, such as Farmington Hills and Wyandotte. Those games have all supported local hockey associations; this game is the first to give back to a non-youth sports charity.

"We have found going out to the local community really generates the buzz," said Pete Krupsky, spokesman for the Whalers.

The Fallen Heroes Memorial Fund was established short-

ly after Nehasil's death. Nehasil was a Livonia police officer who died while pursuing a home invasion suspect from Livonia in Oakland County's Walled Lake.

After his death, the idea of a memorial park for all of Livonia's fallen public safety officers was proposed and a fund was established.

Ground was broken on the monument next to Livonia City Hall last month. Anyone looking to donate to the project can visit nehasilpark.org for more information.

In addition to the hockey

game, fans can also partake in a postgame meet-and-greet, as well as a raffle that will take place throughout the night.

The game is not just a treat for area residents. The players enjoy playing the game at local rinks as well, said Denise Roynay, director of sales and marketing for the Whalers.

"These players, they grew up playing in these rinks," she said. "They love the intimacy of those rinks."

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are expected to use their combined 520 pounds of weight to push the defense back and make holes for a pair of 165-pound running backs in senior Jeff Baker and speedy sophomore Emanuel Jackson.

"(Baker was our) lead-

ing pusher from last year. Good vision and quickness," Burns said. "(Jackson) has great explosiveness with big-play abilities. We are going to have to lean on strong run game behind a good offensive line and defense early on as we nurture two young quarterback-backs (junior Robert Mogalypalli and Bill Ulle. If we can get solid,

play, Novi could return to a position toward the top of the KLA Central soon."

The defense will be led by junior linebackers Mark Ryan, Austin Racicot and Keaton Figurski and senior Marshall Sayles, as well as juniors Matt Sabo and Christian Durham.

"We are going to be very strong and deep in the trenches. (Our offen-

sive and defensive linemen) along with our (running backs and linebackers) will have to carry us in early games until some of our young skill position players come along," said Burns.

He noted his quarterbacks and receivers need to gain experience quickly.

"Although talented, we need to continue to grow to support our of-

fensive linemen and running backs."

After finishing fifth of the six KLA Central teams last fall, Burns sees the Wildcats as division title contenders, alongside Plymouth Salem (5-4, 3-2 in 2012) and Northville (5-4, 4-1). Defending co-champ Livonia Stevenson (7-2, 4-1) had a few key graduates and is also under a new coaching regime.

"The off-season conditioning program has been extremely well-attended and players have bought into everything the program has put in place," said Burns. "We went a combined 9-9 as Berkeley's head coach the past two years."

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CATHOLIC CENTRAL FOOTBALL



A player fires a pass during a practice. CC begins its season at 7 p.m. Friday against Detroit Cody. JOHN HEIDER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# New faces in the lineup for Shamrocks

Squad returns just seven players to starting roles

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

If you were paying much attention the past two seasons as Detroit Catholic Central made consecutive runs to the Division I state finals, you probably became pretty familiar with a few names.

This year, the roster is going to look quite a bit different. That's because the Shamrocks return just three offensive

starters and four defensive starters from last season. The squad, which is coached by Tom Mach in his 38th season at the helm (with a 333-85-0 overall record), will play like pretty much every team you've watched over the years at Catholic Central. Hard-nosed football will still be the name of the game and the ground attack will be featured predominantly.

Leading that attack will be Zach Bock, who will also be playing on the defensive side of the ball for the Shamrocks. His holes will be opened up by

Alex Giliyas on the offensive line, as well as Dylan Roney at tight end. Playing quarterback for the Shamrocks this year will be Sean Birney.

Last year, the Shamrocks finished second in the state, earned a 9-5 record and went 3-1 in the Catholic High School League. This year, they'll be focusing first and foremost on winning the CHSL before looking beyond that goal.

"The CHSL has had four different schools win the title over the past five seasons," said assistant coach Michael Mach, noting CC took the title

in 2011 and 2009, while Orchard Lake St. Mary's won it last year. Brother Rice took it in 2010 and DeLaSalle in 2008. "History shows it's truly a wide-open race every year and 2013 is no exception."

Captains on this year's squad are Bock, Giliyas, Roney, David Wright and Danny Collins. They will be tasked with helping the team gain experience right out of the gate.

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CATHOLIC CENTRAL TENNIS

# Shamrocks tennis team aiming for state finals berth

Squad wants top-10 finish in '13 season

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

Joe Stafford knows that the biggest challenges that sit ahead of his tennis team at Detroit Catholic Central will come well before the state finals this year, but that doesn't stop him from making the championship tournament a goal in 2013.

The squad, which went 6-4 last year and finished 15th in the state, will have plenty of challenges to prep it for the postseason as it plays in the Catholic High School League. This year, the Shamrocks will do so without the star-studded lineup they've brought to the court before.

"Typically we have had a lot of USTA Tournament players at the top of the lineup and players with a lot of tournament experience," Stafford said. "We don't have that luxury this year, so we have to get back to basics and try to improve our skills and focus on the little things we can control, like 100-percent effort and a great attitude every time out."

The four flights of singles players will be ready to give that effort this year. At No. 1 singles, Michael Dube will look to defend his CHSL league title in his senior year, while Gabo Apaza adjusts to No. 2 singles after playing in the third flight last year. Jesse Jenter will adjust, too, having moved up to No. 3 from No. 4 last year.



Catholic Central's Andre Hijaoui practices with his teammates Aug. 19 at the school's Novi campus. CC will soon begin varsity tennis matches. JOHN HEIDER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The biggest adjustment in the singles lineup will be for Steve Magena, a junior who played on the No. 1 doubles team in 2012.

Dube and Jenter will lead the team as captains as the squad makes the goal of making the state finals and finishing in the top 10. In order to make that happen, the team will rely on 14 juniors and seniors and the natural experience that comes with that many upperclassmen, as well as the attitudes on the team.

"We are going to try and leverage the team chemistry," Stafford said of utilizing team assets. "We have guys

who have great attitudes, we need everyone supporting one another if we are going to compete with the top teams in the state."

Playing No. 1 doubles for the Shamrocks will be David Killian and Matt Wolfe, while Tommy Dole and Tommy Swad will play No. 2 doubles and Nick Landi and Andre Hijaoui will be at the third flights. Austin Beyer and Caleb Roberts will play fourth doubles and Brendan Allen and Ben George will be at No. 5 doubles.

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NOVI BOBCATS ROUNDUP

### Varsity rallies to defeat Braves, 28-19

On Aug. 24, the Novi Varsity Bobcats (1-0) celebrated the opening of the 2013 football campaign with a come-from-behind 28-19 victory over the Walled Lake Braves (0-1) at Novi Middle School.

The Bobcats scored first in the game after putting together a sustained drive with a strong running attack, capped off by a 1-yard run from fullback Brendan Smith behind the blocking of Blake King, DeShawn Clayton and Chad Howell. King's PAT kick was good and the Bobcats led 8-0 until late in the second quarter, when the Braves answered with a score of their own. The first half ended with the Bobcats holding a slim 8-6 lead.

The Braves roared back in the third quarter, posting a touchdown on their first possession and blocking a Bobcats punt in the end zone for another quick score and they suddenly led the Bobcats by a commanding 19-8 score. However, on the ensuing kickoff the Bobcats' Nick Williams electrified the crowd with a 75-yard return for a

### ON TAP

The Bobcats' next games are at Livonia Bentley against the Livonia Eagles beginning with the flag (9 a.m.), followed by freshmen (11 a.m.), JV (1 p.m.), and varsity (3 p.m.) Saturday, Sept. 7.

Following the Bobcats' second touchdown, the Braves fumbled on their next possession and it was recovered by the Bobcats' Evan Oegema, which led to quarterback Jack Beno connecting with Michael Willingham on a 6-yard pass for their third touchdown. On the Bobcats' next possession, Beno scored on a 10-yard run to give the Bobcats a commanding 28-8 half-time lead.

In the second half, the Bobcats defense was solid and shut out the Braves. The Bobcats were led on defense by Ashton Smith, who intercepted a Braves pass and returned it 80 yards for their final score. Also contributing on defense was Willingham with six solo tackles and three assists, while Alex Vargas also played a fine defensive game, contributing with six tackles.

The JV Bobcats started their season quickly as running back Makari Paige, behind the blocking of Josh Erno, Daniel Erno and Xavier Robinson, scored on his first two carries of the game on long runs of 35 and 80 yards.

### JV begins with 34-8 win over Braves

The JV Bobcats started their season quickly as running back Makari Paige, behind the blocking of Josh Erno, Daniel Erno and Xavier Robinson, scored on his first two carries of the game on long runs of 35 and 80 yards.

Submitted by Eric Smith  
Submitted by Niki Paranti



Novi's Nick Williams scored three touchdowns as the Bobcats topped Walled Lake, 28-19.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL SOCCER

# Shamrocks return key players to challenge for Catholic League title

Squad always looking for educational opportunities in addition to victories

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

In his second year as the head coach of the Detroit Catholic Central soccer team, Gene Pulice is always looking for additional teaching opportunities.

"Thankfully, those come on nearly a daily basis when coaching a high school varsity program."

The Shamrocks, who went 9-8-3 last year and fought their way to the

Catholic High School League finals, strive to meet each and every one of those challenges head on.

"Every day brings new challenges," Pulice said. "The challenge would be to rise to every occasion."

Pulice said his top returning players - Andrew Tombley, Noah

Kleedke, Sam Popp, Jacob Hackman and Alex Pastor - all bring to the game something above and beyond soccer. They bring a desire to display their "goodness, knowledge and discipline" that Catholic Central stands for to the team, both on and off the field.

"We try to keep our eyes on the meaning of the game and that we are here for the life lessons that come with being part of this great brotherhood at Detroit Catholic Central and its student-athletes," Pulice said. "The victories will be forgotten, but our brotherhood will live in each of us forever."

Captains on this year's team are Pastor, Hackman, Kleedke and Champ Kozlowski. The squad's focus to start the season, Pulice said, is getting its speed of play up to part with the rest of the Catholic High School League.

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## SWIMMING

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comfort zones in their respective training zones to get them to achieve their potential in the racing pool."

Key returnees expected to make a splash include sophomores Alexandra Cortez, Dana Kilp,

Ava Bianchi, Lauren Kim and Elizabeth Glenn and juniors Alexa Nussio, Ziyang Huang, Sarah Liddicoat, Lindsey Vaughan, Zoe Psiakis, Alyssa Stark and Jaymie Ziegler.

Among the large group of incoming freshmen, the Wildcats are looking for immediate contributions from Emily Mayoras, Karen Xu,

Mallory Martlock, Idalia Moore, Sarah Wang, Sona Raju and Meena Seetharaman, as well as sophomore Mie Eskilden.

"Out of our 22 newcomers, 16 of them bring previous club swimming experience, which will be a huge asset to the season," VanderMey said. "Others with experience that we are looking forward to those exciting

freshman improvements from are Jenna Beau-doin, Tiffany Bui, Alena Duckworth, Brooke Grant, Madoka Hosotani, Katherine Khosrovaneh, Nagisa Miyata (and) Claire Tuckey."

The Wildcats are looking to improve upon a 3-5 (0-4 Central) dual-meet record that equaled a fourth-place division finish and a third-place

Kensington Conference finish.

"As in years past, our league will be a very competitive one," VanderMey said. "Last year, all four of our division meets were two-point meets. Many of the top swimmers in the county and state come from our five teams in the KLA A (Central) and more when you expand out to our

II-team conference."

Among the toughest of those will be the defending conference and division champions, South Lyon Unified and Northville, which both are in Novi's division. Five of the top six conference teams all hailed from the five-team Central Division at the Kensington Conference meet last season.

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season with his predecessor now graduated.

In addition to McMaster, the other seven bench players returning to the team with a likely longer role are seniors Sayya Ogino, Gabriele DeFrancisco, Parker

Sutton, Amitej Chahal, Jay Kim and Stenie Caruso and sophomores Tony Asimadu. Seven new players include juniors Alan Rakjovic, Jake Geary, Ian Hanley, David Schulte, Kent Maidens and Sean Dallas and sophomore Matt Netter.

As always, O'Leary expects the soccer-rich region to produce a highly competitive schedule.

In recent years, it has been common for three or four KLA A Central Division teams to be ranked in the Division 1 top 10 early in the season before they begin to knock each other down the rankings.

"The KLA A Central Division is a very tough division, where all six teams have the ability to beat each other on any

given night," O'Leary said.

"I expect all of the other five teams - and we play each of them twice (Plymouth) Salem, Northville, (Livonia) Stevenson, South Lyon and South Lyon East, to have strong teams this year."

Also, our non-league schedule is top-notch. In other words, the only thing I can tell you right

now about my expectations is that we will play 18 very close games during the season; we are nowhere close to being ready right now with only three returning starters, so we may take some lumps, but I expect us to get better and better as the season moves along.

Among the non-league opponents are Walled

Lake Northern, Rochester, Brighton and Canton, which have been a thorn in Novi's side for several years when it comes down to both a Kensington Conference title and tournament advancement. Last season was the first in several where the Chiefs did not end the Wildcats' season; Novi won the regular season matchup 2-0.



# CATHOLIC CENTRAL FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE



TENNIS

**FOOTBALL**

8/30	7 pm Detroit Cody
9/7	7 pm Chicago Simeon
9/13	7 pm Toledo Whitmer
9/20	7 pm Renaissance Christian Academy
9/28	7 pm Brother Rice
10/6	1 pm University of Detroit
10/12	7 pm Orchard Lake St. Mary's
10/19	7 pm @DeLaSalle
10/26	TBA @CHSL Prep Bowl

**CROSS COUNTRY**

8/24	10:15 am @Lansing Catholic Central
8/28	4 pm Mustang Invitational
9/7	10:30 am @West Bloomfield
9/9	4:30 pm University of Detroit
9/14	1 pm @Holly
9/21	11 am Catholic Central Invitational
9/23	4:30 pm @DeLaSalle
9/28	11:30 am @Haslett
9/30	4:30 pm Orchard Lake St. Mary's
10/5	10:30 am @Oakland County Championship
10/7	4:30 pm @Brother Rice
10/12	9 am @Sturgis
10/19	10 am @CHSL Championship
10/26	TBA @State Regional Championship
11/2	TBA @State Championship

**SOCCER**

8/24	10 am @Baconville Invite
8/26	7 pm @Garden City
8/27	6:30 pm @Midland
8/29	7 pm @Rochester Adams
9/3	7:00 pm @Saline
9/5	7 pm @University of Detroit
9/7	2 pm @Bedford
9/10	5:30 pm @Brother Rice
9/13	Chato Rev.
9/14	@Detroit Western
9/16	12:30 pm @University of Detroit
9/17	@Brother Rice
9/18	7 pm @DeLaSalle
9/19	10 am @Southampton
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# REAL ESTATE

## Crowned



Walled Lake Northern Knights played like true queens of the court in an all-for-one, one-for-all win to be crowned champs Aug. 24 of the 13th annual Farmington High JV Volleyball Tournament. Teams would be eliminated one at a time in pool play: Lansing Catholic, Churchill, John Glenn, Farmington, North Farmington, Berkley and Harrison. The final three-game matchup for bragging rights to be named tournament champions was between two Walled Lake schools: Western Warriors and Northern Knights. In a close three-game match, the Knights won the crown. CURTIS DROGMLER

## HARRIERS

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started at the South Lyon Invite and were happy to win it with 37 points, meaning they met their goals for the day.

"It's difficult sometimes to determine a team's ability with just practice," Smith said. "This meet gave us a snapshot of our abilities for the upcoming season. Our goal was to send our top runner out with the lead pack and also to have our pack of five runners within a minute of each other."

Barnes led the way at third overall in 16 minutes, 57 seconds. Novis's next four finished within 47 seconds.

"Anytime your lead guy runs under 17 and your pack time is less than 50 seconds, good things are going to happen," Smith said. "Barnes certainly did his part with his performance."

Platnick took fifth in 17:09, Hall eighth in 17:32, Thomas 10th in 17:41 and Misko 11th in 17:44.

"I'm just going to get better and better," Smith said. "He has great

**It's my job to get them healthy... If we are healthy, we can contend with almost anyone statewide."**

**ROBERT SMITH**  
Novi cross country coach

ability and a great attitude. You really need both to be successful in cross country. Five guys in the top 11 is pretty hard to beat."

Rounding out the top seven were Mizerowski (15th in 17:56) and Malapati (22nd in 18:17). Additionally, Dickmann won the junior varsity race in 18:08, as the Wildcats took seven of the top nine spots in that race.

"Michael was actually our seventh fastest guy yesterday, but I had him in the JV race because he was coming back from an ankle injury," Smith said. "It's great to see that he is healthy again so that we can use him in our varsity lineup in the future."

Smith said he expects the competition to be

tough all season, especially within the K.A.A. "Northville is the team to beat in the league this year," Smith said. "They are a potential top-five team in the state this year. It will be close meets with Livonia Stevenson and Plymouth Salem."

"South Lyon is our biggest match of the year, since their head coach is my brother. Loser buys dinner."

Similarly, Novi's girls harriers expect to see tough opposition from Northville and Salem, as well.

After going 2-3 last fall, the Wildcats also faced a huge loss with the graduation of four-year letter winner Jackie Mullins. In her absence, junior Hannah Loneragan will be counted on to carry the young 'Cats forward.

"Loneragan had a solid track season and is looking to capitalize on solid training," said Novi coach Marsha Reid, now in her ninth year at the helm.

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## School quality big factor for parent homebuyers

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Greg Baracy, longtime superintendent of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, is glad to host, with district colleagues, regular luncheons for area Realtors. "Wayne-Westland is a great place for a young family to move in, raise their family and get a great education," the Wayne resident said. "Wayne-Westland does phenomenally well."

At the Realtor luncheons, district school officials share "points of pride" such as current offerings, Advanced Placement classes, Talented and Gifted offerings, and extracurricular opportunities such as band, Wayne-Westland has K-12 World Languages, even Spanish in the elementary schools.

"It's a natural for parents moving into the district with young families," he said of Wayne-Westland. "Homes are moderately priced. If you're looking for bang for the buck, Wayne-Westland's the place to be."

Realtors ask him and colleague educators about curriculum, technology and staff. "We're very proud of our highly qualified staff," said Baracy, adding staffers also care about children and teens.

He points with pride to the Midland-based Mackinac Center for Public Policy which gives high educational marks to Wayne-Westland.

Realtor Richard Eisminger, a Canton resident, served five years on the Wayne-Westland school board during what he noted was a relatively quiet time for school districts. Eisminger has worked 21 years in real estate and owns his RchRealty, based in Plymouth.

"Very much so, because family and children are the top priority in their lives," Eisminger said of school district quality influencing buyers.

"We're not supposed to recommend one school district over another," Eisminger said. "Today's buyers are much more informed than they were in the past."



Websites provide extensive information on school districts.

Eisminger finds prospective buyers look for good schools, which generally mean a safe city with good community makeup. "If there's good schools, then you've got good staff following," Eisminger said.

He agreed, "If we've got bad young ones coming up, it's not a good thing," noting young people are future leaders, such as those who'll serve in the Senate and Congress.

Westland resident and Livonia Realtor Meriem Kadi has been in the field almost

20 years, and has been working with National Realty Centers in Livonia about four years. It also has a Birmingham office.

"As a Realtor for many years, I have seen so many different market values and what potential buyers/sellers are looking for when they are thinking about buying and selling," said Kadi, in her fourth year on the Westland City Council. "I believe that a school district (whether public or private) is still an important factor in some buyers' decision in deciding on a location."

Kadi added parents are concerned about bus pickup and distance, and what drive time, if any, will be related to work schedules. "I still have faith and believe in our public school system or any teaching institute, that our goal would always be to strive for quality when it comes to the education of our children." Kadi's glad to see market values rising as well, following a difficult time in the field.

Many parents opt to visit the local elementary, middle or high school, to meet the staff and learn more about the specific school their child will attend.

Julie Brown is a freelance writer covering Novi High School sports for the Novi News.

## Venice not a place for housing bargains

**Q: I hear that people are literally moving out of Venice. Has that made it less expensive to live there?**

**A: No.** A hundred square meter apartment can cost over a million euros (\$1.3 million), and there is concern among Venetians that the exodus of the population, which is now less than 55,000, will result in the city being nothing more than museums and hotels since many of the residences are being bought to be converted into them. Living in the suburbs, i.e., the mainland, makes it much easier to carry out one's daily activities which is the cause of the migration.

**Q: Has Croatia recovered from the war in the 1990s to offer reasonable housing as a vacation destination?**

**A: Yes.** Particularly along the Adriatic, the cities and villages have been relatively undisturbed by the war and have seaside villas surrounded by hills and mountains which can be purchased at reasonable prices. Croatia joined the European Union as of July 1, 2013, but the utilization of the euro as a national currency will not take place for several years, which may give a U.S. investor a window of opportunity to get a good deal.

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 22-28, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.	2549 Bloomfield Crossing \$565,000	35195 Hillside Dr \$137,000	43286 Ashbury Dr \$355,000
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	264 Eileen Dr \$80,000	28851 Kirkville Ln \$222,000	30146 Brightwood Dr \$287,000
	2440 Emerson Ave \$245,000	29648 Middlebelt Rd \$85,000	45727 Bristol Cir \$365,000
	2974 Woodcreek Way \$440,000	31145 N Park Dr \$225,000	50651 Glades Ct E \$30,000
	325 Antiochia St \$315,000	29614 Penclenton Club Dr \$265,000	50932 Glades Ct W \$50,000
	3570 Clark Cir \$210,000	30855 Saddleburg Ct \$265,000	40568 Lenox Park Dr \$250,000
	563 Cranbourne St \$70,000	17580 Avilla Blvd \$150,000	25568 Portico Ln \$140,000
	1448 Haynes St \$50,000	52875 Saratoga Blvd \$119,000	22813 Ranford St \$63,000
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	32100 Clark Cir \$160,000	2315 Carriage Way \$223,000	24352 Brentwood Dr \$336,000
	563 Cranbourne St \$70,000	1102 Hunter Ct \$362,000	61343 Dean Dr \$130,000
	16291 W 14 Mile Rd \$525,000	1612 Hunters Lake Dr \$477,000	1032 Gentry Dr \$338,000
	21805 W 14 Mile Rd \$65,000	3917 Old Plank Rd \$80,000	61001 Preakness Blvd \$337,000
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	563 Cranbourne St \$70,000	31007 Applewood Ln \$79,000	17235 Dorset Ave \$99,000
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	3856 Sleeth Rd \$145,000	1176 Concord Ct \$115,000	18916 Greenwald Dr \$65,000
	32100 Clark Cir \$160,000	38197 Connaught Dr \$285,000	16204 Mount Vernon St \$73,000
	563 Cranbourne St \$70,000	3842 S Shoreline Cir \$87,000	21755 Rose Hollow Dr \$95,000
	16291 W 14 Mile Rd \$525,000	2925 W Commerce Rd \$130,000	39885 Spring Hill Dr \$33,000
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## Four growing healthcare careers

By Carlos Ewers  
Contributing Writer

The healthcare industry is rapidly expanding in spite of the slump in the economy, and will continue to do so right up to the year 2020, according to U.S. Department of Labor projections. Here are five rapidly growing healthcare careers for you to consider, as well as their educational paths.

**Respiratory therapists:** Respiratory therapists provide medical care and attention to patients suffering from breathing difficulties and other respiratory diseases and cardiopulmonary disorders. Respiratory therapists can earn yearly salaries anywhere between \$39,990 to \$73,410, depending on location, education, and experience. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts a 28 percent increase in the employment opportunities of respiratory therapists between 2010 and 2020.

**Number of new jobs:** 31,200  
**Educational path:** Associate's or bachelor's degree in respiratory therapy

**Medical and health services managers:** Medical and health services managers, also known as healthcare administrators, plan, coordinate, and supervise the medical and health services provided by healthcare institutions. Depending on their educational qualification and work experience, they could man-

age either a unit within a healthcare institution or an entire facility. Medical and health services managers can earn salaries ranging from \$51,280 to \$84,270, depending on location, education, and experience. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts a 22 percent increase in employment opportunities for medical and health services managers from 2010 to 2020.

**Number of new jobs:** 68,000

**Educational path:** Bachelor's degree in healthcare administration, health information management, or similar.

**Registered nurses (RNs):** RNs are responsible for looking after patients in healthcare institutions. They not only provide medical attention to these patients, but also give them emotional support and educate them about health conditions and prevention. RNs can earn salaries ranging between \$44,190 and \$95,130, depending on their education qualifications, geographical location, size of facility they're working in, work experience, etc. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts a 26 percent increase in employment opportunities for registered nurses from 2010 to 2020.

**Number of new jobs:** 711,900

**Educational path:** Associate's or bachelor's degree in nursing, followed by the National Council Licensure



**Examination in order to become a registered nurse (NCLEX-RN).**

**Physical therapist assistants and aides:** Physical therapist assistants and aides work under the supervision of physical therapists and work to help patients recovering from injuries and illnesses regain movement and effectively manage their pain. Physical therapist assistants and aides can earn yearly salaries between \$31,070 and \$68,820, depending on location, education, and experience. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment opportunities for physical therapist assistants and aides are expected to increase by 46 percent be-

tween 2010 and 2020.

**Number of new jobs:** 51,100

**Educational path:** Associate's degree from an accredited physical therapist program.

**Finding the right college**

Students often struggle to find the right college to go to. They are overwhelmed with choices and the magnitude of the decision they're expected to make. Several factors go into deciding which college to go to. It is advisable for students to read college reviews that discuss student experiences, services provided by the college, financial aid programs, and accreditation.

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