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# Signs: Useful or not?

Appearance, expense factors residents relay to council

By Lonnie Huhman

Directional signs that help lead someone on a bike to the library or a neighborhood pathway are very useful in Novi, but they can also be an annoyance to those who have them in their yard or home vicinity.

During the past month residents have gone before the Novi City Council to voice their displeasure with potential signs coming into their neighbor-

At the July 8 meeting, Gary Gaughan and Michael Varana, who both live on Village Wood,

voiced concerns about a sign being placed at the pocket park in that neighborhood. Gaughan felt it was "unnecessary to spend money for the sign." Varana said there were enough signs in their subdivision, and it was getting out of hand and

should be addressed. At the next meeting, resident John Garbacik, of Emerald Forest Drive, also said he felt that directional signs that were being installed to point bike riders to places like the library were not necessary, including those proposed along a five-foot pathway near his home. He said that

pathway wasn't built as a neigh-

**Brain-drain battle** 

borhood connector and there are plenty of areas along main roads where the signs can go.

Council's opinion After getting a lot of feedback, the City Council at its July 22 meeting took up the policy discussion on the installation of destination/informational guide

signs in the public right-of-way

for non-motorized transporta-

tion use. It was a divided de-

Council member Justin Fischer said the city needed to be careful where it installed

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Signs, like this one near Emerald Forest Drive, are being reviewed. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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# Cipriano, Young

Defiant Young plans to appeal

By Joanne Maliszewski

While Tucker Cipriano asked his family for forgiveness and acknowledged that he was the "direct cause for such pain," his accused companion Mitchell Young claimed he was wrongly accused, trounced his defense attorney and told Oakland County Circuit Judge Shalina Kumar he will appeal his

Cipriano and Young each read comments from a written statement during their sentencing July 24 before Kumar in the death of Cipriano's father Bob and the beatings of his mother Rose and brother Salvatore in June 2012 in

life sentence.

their Farmington Hills home. Little more than a year after Bob Cipriano was beaten to death, Kumar, as expected and required by state law, sentenced Cipriano and Young to life in prison without parole.



Cipriano pleaded no contest in
June to spare his family a trial, Young was

later found guilty on five charges, one of which was the murder of Bob Cipriano. The relatively small courtroom was packed with media representatives, as well as family members, who sat in a row reserved for them.

Friends sat directly behind family members.
Throughout the almost 90-minute sentencing for Cipriano and Young, family and friends wept, as did the defendants. What typically is a

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## Help us pick the Seven **Wonders of Michigan**

Lorenzo Burgone, 9, and Sofia Sarandria, 8, see if they can get a fire going using magnifying glasses during a recent session of Green Science Adventure Camp at Novi's Tollgate Farm. Read more about the Michigan State University facility's

Remember the first time you crossed the Mackinac Bridge? Did you hug the window in the backseat of your parents' car, neck craning to peer over the edge to the

what about the first time you huffed and puffed your way to the top of Sleeping Bear Dunes and caught a glimpse of turquoise water from that magnificent vista? Michigan is full of places that take your breath away, straits below?

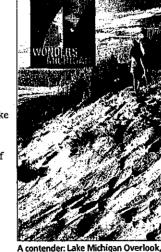
places you hope your children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren will someday enjoy, places that make you realize Michigan is one of nature's masterpieces. What are your favorites? The Observer & Eccentric Media wants to celebrate

Michigan's majesty. We're ranking the Seven Wonders of Michigan and we need your help. Starting today, we're accepting your nominations for

Michigan's grandest sights - either natural or man-

To nominate your favorite places, visit
www.hometownlife.com/7wondersofMI and click on the nomination form or go to Twitter and include #7Won-

dersofMI in your tweet. Finalists will be revealed online Aug. 8 and winners announced online Aug. 29.



Sleeping Bear Dunes, TRAVEL MICHIGAN

#### **Wixom working** on future developments

By Cal Stone

For decades it was occupied by one of the largest manufacturing plants in North America. Now the northwest corner of 1-96 and Wixom Road is close to being leveled

and ready for development. The Ford plant generated approximately \$1.5 million in revenue for the City of Wixom in fiscal year 2003-04. The facility closed in 2007, and in 2011-12, the city only saw \$182,026 coming in from it.

Now the city is preparing an Economic Development Strategy funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administra-

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Before sentencing

Young, Kumar — speak

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father, who reportedly

abused the young man

she would point the fin

ger at him as a cause of

that, indeed, abuse is a

cycle and that she be-

lieves he has some type

of mental disease or is

"very manipulative."

Location: On the Border Res

The judge told Young

was in the court because

Kumar, however, de-

gations, he declined.

#### SIGNS

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signs and should protect the look and character of the community For him, some signs are just unnecessary and not ascetically pleasing He thinks residents don't need direction in many cases and already know where things are

"Most people in the city who live here probably know where the library is," said Fischer.

On the other hand, Council member Andrew Mutch, who serves on the Walkable Novi committee, said less signs are good in some cases, but there are opportunities to link neighborhoods that could benefit the whole community. He pointed out that many bike riders might want to take a different route, rather than along a main road. to a place like the library. However, they might not know where

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ed. We just assume that everyone knows how to get from point A to point B," said Mutch

going to review its sign likely come back to council with amended policy language in the coming meetings

Novi's current proc

guide signs calls for city staff to retain a consultant to develop a and location. In addition, the city's traffic engineer works to ensure the proposed plan meets all requirement of Uniform Traffic Control Devices and posts is optimized dur ing installation. A simifollowed for the devel-

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sign plan

research and develop-**FUTURE** ment businesses; 2) creating an effi-Continued from Page A1 review process within

the city; and

Demolition continued Tuesday on land once occupied by a Ford manufacturing facility on the northwest

3) assisting the city in a broad framework for the development of its attracting and retaining unique "brand voice" businesses and building an understanding of who n the existing assets the city is, what it has to of the city. Wixom will conduct offer, and how that message is best shared. extensive research, in-

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clear, easy-to-read plans,

guides, and reports that

Tony Nowicki, Wixom

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ment review process.

city manager, said the

economic development

project has three main

1) understanding the

city's assets and creating

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strategies to help fill

gaps in the market for industrial, retail, and

helps municipalities

LOCAL NEWS

Strategies to strength cluding surveys and interviews with local businesses and residents the workforce through education and specialized o learn more about the training will also be delocal workforce and the needs of local businesses veloped. In addition, the project team will look for Lathrup Village-based opportunities to facilitate Clearzoning is leading collaborations between the city's project team. existing businesses and The a 24-year-old plan

potential new businesses.

**Coming soon** The vastness of the Ford property - consum land on the east side of Wixom Road - has be come more and more visible as demolition

"The building is down with materials currently being removed from the site," Nowicki said. "I anticipate that clearing could be completed in four months, barring any unforeseen complica**ABOUT WIXOM** 

of Management's Metro Detroit 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012 Entrepreneurial City Award. is located along the I-96 corridor of Oakland County. It is within driving distance of three universities, two airports, a variety of recreation opportunities, and a diverse housing stock.

Moeller Manufacturing Company, Mac Valves Inc. and lent Plastic Inc. One of the lowest tax rates in the state in its population class, one of the lowest combined water and sewer rates

A Menards home imrovement store is slated for the corner of Wixom

Road and I-96. "They are in the final site plan approval phase now," according to Nowicki. "Construction could commence late this year or the 2014 construction

and outlots. West of that land and also with the freeway General RV has an option to purchase approximate y 32 acres from Barrow Development.

Recipient of the University of Michigan - Dearborn School The 9.35-square mile city of approximately 13,500 people Home to over 700 businesses; major employers include

in Oakland County and boasts one of the finest school

Take the survey

A survey has been ablished and was available on the city's homen-(www.cityofwixom.com) through July. It is designed to collect informa

tion from residents of

ed to provide valuable

Wixom and surrounding

communities. It's expect-

Forty-five acres are proposed for the store

nput as the city assesses its planning process and preserve or expand economic activities and opportunities. 248-437-2011, Ext. 237

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CIPRIANO

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short legal process, the sentencing lasted longer

claimed his innocence

rors he claimed were

attorney, Michael McCar-

for five crimes for which

I didn't have any involve-

ment in," Young said in a

'The event that has

tragedy," he continued, "l

never intended for any of

this to happen. Every day

I regret the fact that I

was unable to stop it.'

LOCAL EVENTS

strong and loud voice.

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"I am being sentenced

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/Date: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m Time: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 8; Oct. 10; Dec. 12 Aug. 6: Try this at home! Hands-Location: St. Mary Mercy Hospi Aug. 13: "3 Little Pigs - Large Contact: To schedule an ap

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the life sentence. "All of the support you had and all the love you

away," she said. including drug and alcomore difficult life problems that they work to

Without admitting he had beaten his father and severely injured his mother and brother, Ci-

and "is taking responsito his family. This is my act of

halting voice -- spoke of contrition," a tearful his mother and father. Cipriano said great man. He was there with me all the time. before she handed down Cipriano said, recallina

his youth. "My mom is an amazing woman." He credited his parents with taking the time had, you just threw it to help him as he struggled with a learning dis ability and other issues.

Cipriano admitted he overcome: "You didn't de mistakes, "some of which I will never recov-

the sympathy I have for priano said that he "is the Cipriano family," she

asking for forgiveness' bility" for what happened

comments. Kumar snoke directly to the 20-year-old

She told Cipriano tha plenty of people in the

want to do the hard Twice Kumar spoke to "Words cannot express

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

In a speech that defense attorney McCarthy clearly didn't expect, Young told the court that he had been denied access to documents and and that his attorney did

not accurately question

witnesses who contra-

dicted themselves. "He says nothing about what he did," Oakland Assistant Prosecutor John Skrzynski told

'No concrete evidence'

As Young made his way through his statement, Kumar interrupted and told him the circuit court and the sentencing ase was not the place to lay out his appeal. But Young continued "I was not allowed to

tencing him to life in When Kumar asked

properly prepare my

defense." He told the

court that there is "no

concrete evidence" on

saying that "I had great

grade-point average in high school and was

ded to the Michigan

Technology. He also told

the court that he had only

known Cipriano for some

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said, later adding that he

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Young concluded by

or his life sentence.

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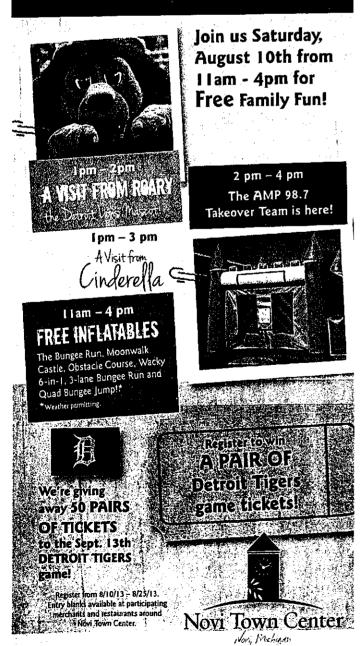
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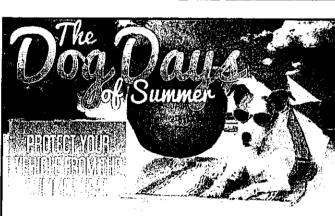
# **EDUCATION**



Olivia Guo (left) and Jordan Jorian, both 8, work together as a team to find some insects along a stream bed on July 15 at Novi's Tollgate Farm. The pair and about three dozen other kids were at the first day of a week-long Green Science Camp at the facility located at 12 Mile and Meadowbrook. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Green Science Adventure Camp counselor Meraya Chambolain, 15, (middle) leads Jorian Gallo (left) around Tolloate's pond in





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# **Tollgate** Farm's camps provide fun education

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Tollgate camps focus

There are more camps

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going on this summer at Tollgate, which is located

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outdoors while also

time. Jaros said.

learning at the same

By Lonnie Huhman

Michigan State University's Tollgate Farm is helping prevent brain some Novi kids while also making their learning a lot of fun for those participating in its youth camps.
This past month at the

MSU Tollgate Education Center, kids have been participating in the 4-H Green Science Adventure Camp and Outdoor Adventure Camp at the 160-acre farmstead owned by MSU, College of Agriculture and Natu-Resources, and the Americana Foundation.

"The camps are a great hands-on experitions. Jaros said. These ence that is a lot of fun include how milk from a cow becomes ice cream. and at the same time helps prevent that brain Where salsa from the drain that can happen grocery store gets its over the summer for start. How does your many kids," said Tollgate get so big? Why does Education Coordinator Alan Jaros. "We have a grass grow in your yard variety of activities that but not in the forest? Are keeps them engaged and worms really the best

According to Jaros. Tollgate offers the opportunity to experience agriculture hands-on in n urban environment. He said school groups. amilies, organizations and community members can all take advantage of its educational rograms and activities

'It's amazing to be learning about all this wondrous stuff," said camper Michael Rob-Jaros said the goal is "help people improve

their lives through an educational process that applies knowledge to critical issues, needs and Food system

awareness Using research-based Tollgate promotes food system awareness through exploring the

Michael Kitkowski, 8, (left)

and Neel Chandran, 9,

(right) help out fellow

Merem, 7, during an

Green Science Adventure

agriculture. "Tollgate is committed to educating the commu-

and cultural aspects of

inable, nutritional



Campers approach Tollgate Farm's pond on July 17 as they prepare to hit its waters and learn how to cance.



of Tollgate Farms for edible wild veggies and came up with lots of pursiane, which she and others cleaned and then enjoyed in a salad at lunch time.



ots of Tollgate's farm animals —like this goat — and learn how they are raised, what are best for them at the farm.

#### Disney Institute seminar in health care

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#### Social media safety presentation

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cipal, and Dr. Marci

stein, new

principal at Walled

Lake Northern

Carlin

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Augenstein taught

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and for the past five

years has been the prin-

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She has two bache-

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**Book discussion group** schedule The public is invited to join

vith Schoolcraft College students, faculty and staff in the monthly Pageturners book ons and events. Sep-

effect and implications of what they say and post on social nedia sites can have on their higher education aspirations and even career goals. The message, according to Dia mond, who is also a member of the Michigan State Police and FBI's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, is to teach and remind kids how to be

Diamond's presentation is sponsored by the Student Athlete Support Services at School craft College and is free and open to the public.

Who?



Michelle Maust of the Organization for Bat Conservation visits the Novi Public Library on July 23. Maust prought a number of nighttime critters including this barred owl, and kids and parents learned a bit about he nocturnal creatures' habits, PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER



Public Library on July vide open as the hunting techniques of a barred owl are

#### **SCHOOLCRAFT** COLLEGE UPDATES

main campus in Livonia ember's featured book, All My In many cases, young adults Sons, by Arthur Miller, exaren't aware of the long-term plores the relationships between fathers and sons and the

conflict between business and personal ethics. Discussions of the book will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 23, at and 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, in the Bradner Library on the college's main campus in Livonia and at 4 p.m. Thursday Sept. 26. at the Radcliff Center in Garden City. A special presentation of the movie adaptasmart and safe online. tion of the book will be shown at

#### International Institute focuses on Russia

Each year, the International Institute coordinates a campuswide focus on one cultural retheme. The Focus Series features films, presentations,

11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25,

at 11:30 a.m. in the McDowell

Center on the main campus.

displays and performances allowing students and community to explore the culture, litics, economics and history of the featured region and its elation to the rest of the world Instructors in many departments introduce materials related to the theme, and encourage their students to participate in these varied learning opportunities. The community encouraged to participate in

Russia and its Environs will be the focus for several events exhibit from the Florida Holo caust Museum: The Holocaust through Czech Children's Eyes in Lower Waterman of the VislaTech Center from Sept. 20 to Oct. 11.

Focus Series events, too.

Daniel Yezbick, associate professor of English and the at Forest Park College in St. Louis, Mo., will be on campus

for several events including an exploration of how filmmakers shaped the opinions and perceptions of the world about former Soviet bloc nations like Poland, Hungary, Czechoslo-vakia and Yugoslavia for decdes, at 9:30 a.m. Oct. 2 in the McDowell Center,

The Focus Series Film Festival will host an airing of "4 Months, 3 Weeks and 2 Days in Liberal Arts" at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 9. Directed by Cristian Mungiu, the film is set in Communist Romania in the final years of the Nicolae Ceauescu era. It tells the story of two students, roommates in the university dormitory, who try to arrange an illegal aborion. After making its worldwide debut at Cannes, the film won the Palme d'Or and the FIPRESCI Award at the 2007

Cannes Film Festival. For more information, visit www.schoolcraft.edu.

#### **NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS**

#### **Host families**

Host families are being sought for two will enroll in the 12th School in September. Single adults or parents whose adult children have left, as well as fam ilies with children at home, are encouraged to

apply to be a host family. The Center for Mangement Training Counelors regularly visit the host families and students to ensure a successful experience for High School counselors oversee the students' classes and school activities. Frequent cultural activities for the host families and the students are offered. Host families receive \$600 monthcover the student's living expenses, and students cover all out-of-pocket

expenses. For more information feel free to contact the Center for Management Training at 248-730-0669; nextgen.hostfamilv@

#### gmail.com; or visit www.oakland.k12.mi.us or www.NextGen

#### Novi High's Link Crew rolls out the red carpet for incoming freshmen Novi High School's

Link Crew will be rolling out the red carpet to welcome incoming fresh men this fall. Incoming freshmen are invited to attend a high energy, interactive freshme orientation from 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Aug. 20, in the main gymnasium.

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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 Security taxes to ensure disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time, Sadly, the government denies

approximately 60% of those wi apply for disability benefits. Attorneys J.B. Bieske and Jennifer Alfonsi have 42 years combined experience representing only Social Securit disability clients. And they personally meet with all clients

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Attorneys Rieske and Alfonsi Attorneys Bleske and Alfons

can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won severa 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 o appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Securit
Disability cases win a muc higher percentage yet.

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

Bieske 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 locate 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.

movies and 450 images

The Archdiocese of

Detroit removed Murray

from public duty in 2004 after investigating a

complaint of sexual

abuse involving a boy

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from years earlier. He i

to be sentenced Dec. 4 in

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tives, including pro-grams such as home fire

inspections and fall pre-

vention for older adults

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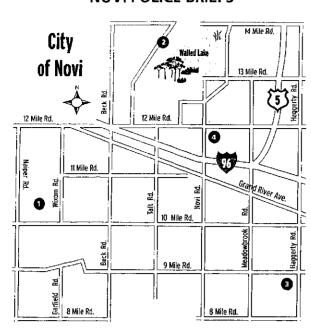
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#### **NOVI POLICE BRIEFS**



#### Tools gone

1 Over the course of the last month or so a number of tools were taken from jobs sites in the Island Lake neighborhood. JD Masonry reported to Novi Police on July 23 that its tools -including three shovels. wheel barrow and scaffolding -- had been stolen. The most recent reported Langley Drive and Terra Del Mar Drive. (1)

2 A green 1999 Ford side a residence on Wind-July 21-22. The car was

parked outside the residence: when the owner went to it the next day it was missing. He said it was paid off, there were no debts with it, and he had the keys to it.(2)

#### Assault arrest

3 A Redford man was arrested for assaulting ing to a Novi Police repolice that her ex-boy riend had gone to her choked her. She said during this assault he was holding an opened flip knife in his hand at his side. The man was later arrested by Red ford Police at a residence in that jurisdiction.(3)

#### Rings taken 4 A pair of rings was

Jewelers in 12 Oaks on July 19. The robbery occurred when a suspec grabbed a Diamond Solitaire ring and Renditions white gold diamond ring off a ring stick being held by an employee. The suspect, who may have had an accomplice, ran from the store after grabbing the rings priced at \$8,299 and \$2,195, re-

Compiled by staff writer Lonnie

#### **UPDATES FROM CITY OF NOVI**

#### Pistol class offered

The Novi Police Department is offering a Civilian Pistol Safety Class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at the Novi Police Department Training Center, 45125 W. 10 Mile. The classroom and shooting Michigan Concealed

Registration forms novi.org and the Novi Police Department. Com pleted registration forms and the \$200 course fee may be returned to the Novi Police Departme Class size is limited, and all participants are subject to a criminal background check.

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Novi Firearms Training Center to complete the course. Students must bring their own equipment including a per sonal handgun, 100 safety glasses, shooter's earmuffs or ear plugs, a pen or pencil, a basebal cap, and wear loose comfortable clothing to participate in the course. Participants must be 21 years old and do not have

visit cityofnovi.org or contact Sgt. Michael Warren at mwarren@cityofnovi.org or

attend

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# **Dwyer shows 'Curbing Gun Violence' report to** county leaders

missioners Bill Dwyer and Marcia Gershenson are asking the public to study and provide feedback on their Curbing Gun Violence report. Residents may read the report online at www.oakgov/boc. Click

on the survey link to

The report was cre-

ated after a five-part series of informational

Oakland County Board of Commissioners' Pub-

lic Services Committee.

webcast and recorded.

report to the full Oak-

land County Board of

Dwyer presented the

Public Services Com-

mittee Chairman Dwyei

and Gershenson will

continue their biparti

san effort, as specified

by resolution MR 13017,

hearings held by the

provide feedback.



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couraging the public to offer feedback.

"There are no easy

answers to the difficult

questions that the com-

mittee examined. The

recommendations con-

tained in this report are

not meant to be a whole-

nce in Oakland Coun-

sale solution for the

prevention of gun vio-

ty. They do, however,

sights into current prac-

offer significant in

tices and offer some

suggestions for im-

provement," Dwyer



personally felt and seen lence. As elected officials, we are charged to protect public safety "On behalf of the

committee, we would like to thank the Board of Commissioners for this opportunity to look closely at this critical issue that goes to the heart of that charge.'

"I am looking forward to public input and learning about which county can implement, Dwyer, a Republican,

crat, represents District For more information, call Dwyer at 248-

represents District 14:

son at 248-808-1032.

## **McCotter staffer gets** probation, community service

One of the last cases resulting from the for-McCotter petition scansentence of probation and community service for one of his former

Mary Turnbull of Howell was sentenced to two years probation and 200 hours of community service July 23 by Oakland County Circuit Judge Leo Bow man. Turnbull was originally charged with conlegal act in an illegal one count of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator. misdemeanor. She pleaded no contest to

both charges back in May,
"I sincerely regret my actions," Turnbull said, her voice cracking. "I would like to apologize to the office of

Throughout my life, I

right thing." Her Leon the court Turnbull

had moved out of McCotter's congressionenly believed that precluded her from circulating petitions on be-half of his candidacy. After she had gathered signatures, she asked a could have someone who lives in the district sign the sheets as the circulator. She was told yes, Weiss said

"She made a misdidn't mean to break the law, but she stands ready to accept full responsibility. The sentencing was

originally scheduled for

July 3, but was ad-

Turnbull was one of charged in the petition

petitions filed by

McCotter, a Livonia

Republican, and his

disqualified him from

The resignation

nor's office to call for a

prompted the gover-

special election last

which led to Belleville

to occupying the seat

His former seat in

Congress is currently

tivolio, a Republican

from Milford, who won

the redistricted seat in

the November election.

McCotter was not

charged in the case.

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**Democrat David Curson** 

the ballot and.

to do the fraud case, which ultimately led to McCotter's resignation from Congress. Secretary of State officials found several irregularities with the

> The City of Novi has been selected to host the artwork of the Great Lakes Pastel Society in the Novi Civic Cente Atrium Gallery, 45175 10 Mile. The exhibit will be displayed Aug. 1 through

uled from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, with light refreshments

Priest pleads guilty to

child porn charges

child pornography. Pros-

ecutors said the 62-year-old Novi resident used

peer-to-peer software to

trade child pornography with others, including an

undercover Department

of Homeland Security

A search warrant

home recovered at least

Theisen promoted to fire captain

delivering.

Novi Fire

in 2006, Theisen has pro-

vided mentoring and

training to several new

firefighters and taught

CPR and AED courses t

many City of Novi staff.

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that Timothy Murray made the pleas to one

The City of Novi pro-moted Lieutenant Mark Theisen to captain in the

placing first in a compet-

"Capt. Theisen has

demonstrated a proven

ability in advancing the

mission, vision and val-

ues of the Novi Fire De-

partment," notes David E. Molloy, director of

Police. "The fire captain

is a key leadership posi-tion in our Public Safety

nership with our full and

quality services our com-

**UPDATES** 

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**Great Lakes Pastel** 

Society to display

part-time personnel,

Cant Theisen will con-

tinue to enhance the

Public Safety/chief of

Novi Fire Department.

He was selected after

The U.S. Attorney's

Office announced July 24

banned from working in

The Great Lakes Pas tel 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 nbers of the society are Michigan residents: nowever, artists from California to Montana and New York are also

The Novi Civic Center Atrium Gallery showartists. The final exhibit

recreation, at visit cityofnovi.org to

and services offered to ers and smart phones. He community members, visit cityofnovi.org.

> in November. The Parks Recreation and Cultural Services Department is seeking artists for Novi Gallery shows in 2014. cepted through Jan. 5. 2014. Contact Scott A. Pratt, superintendent of spratt@cityofnovi.org or

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**Civil War Presenter** Wednesday, August 28 1:30 p.m.

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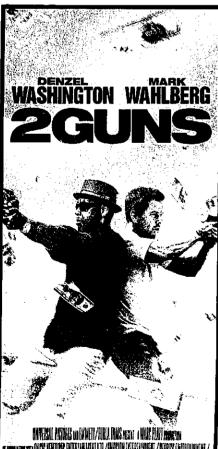






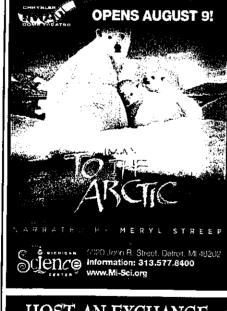


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# Tom's Bar and Grill coming to Novi

By Lonnie Huhman

Local man Tom Palushaj is looking to bring a new bar and grill to Novi that will feature nigh quality yet affordable food and an atmosphere with great ambiance.
Tom's Bar and Grill, which

may be the temporary name, lans to set up shop at 27200 corner of Citygate Drive. It received preliminary site plan and special land use permit approval July 10 by a 7-0 vote of the Novi Planning Commission. The plan proposes a 5,700-square-foot sit-down restaurant.

"I have 35 years of experience with restaurants, so I'm hoping to bring that knowledge to this bar and grill," said Palushaj, a Northville resident. One area restaurant he helped start is the Lyon Grill in South Lyon. He said the name of the Novi location isn't official yet, but he expects the location to be a perfect fit with

that part of the community, "Ôur plan is to make it a beautiful restaurant with a nice bar that has an ambiance that will appeal," Palushaj said.

The city's preliminary approval is based on the notion that this type of business will be beneficial to that area of the community. The decision is conditional that the project planners comply with details pertaining to the Special Land Jse Permit, Wetland Permit, Woodland Permit and Storm water Management Plan. Architecturally, city planners want to see the design and facade materials compatible and the facade complementary to other developed buildings in the area. There will be at least 81 parking spaces at the new

"The proposed use will promote the use of land in a socially and economically desirable manner," stated one of the Planning Commission's findings to base the approval of the

special land use.
This particular area of Novi is classified as a Retail Service Overlay District, which permits this type of restaurant. According to city planners, the Retail Service Overlay Option is intended "... to provide a limited amount of retail and personal service establishments to serve the employ-

ees of and visitors to the near-

by office use areas."

Agreement, which this project falls under, included provisions for the extension of City gate Drive to the east, eventually looping around to Grand River Avenue, Novi planners said this agreement contemplated the completion of the

the area was developed City officials would like the applicant to consider completing the planned extension of Citygate Drive to better serve the proposed development from Grand River Avenue. Palushai said the city wants

needs to now work with them

to get final approval. He hopes

**BUSINESS BRIEFS** 

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soon in the JCPenney

New endoscopy

Providence Park

Hospital

Cinnabon Café will open

Wing on the Upper Level.

center approved for

A new joint venture

between Providence Park

Hospital in Novi and the

Michigan Endoscopy Center has been estab-

lished to renovate the

former emergency center

located in the outpatient

center of the Providence

Park campus. The joint

venture will be construc

ing a new Endoscopy and

The new center will

initially feature two state-

Gastrointestinal Center.

And some things are

consumer alike.

to begin work this fall.



#### Goin' to the market



Nick Kudryashovra walks with his mother, Nadya and brother Ivan, 11, at the July 2 Novi Farmer's Market. The market takes place each Tuesday morning in the Fuerst Park parking lot, JOHN HEIDER I STAFF PHOT

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#### New and coming soon to Twelve Oaks

As Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi prepares for the grand opening of The er new shopping and din store with the summer openings of Microsoft, M.A.C. and Auntie Anne's & Cinnabon Café.

The Cheesecake Facbetter together - that's tory, opening Aug. 13, is the idea behind Auntie known for its extensive menu, generous portions and legendary desserts and offers more than 250 have teamed up to create breakfast items, panini menu selections. Appetizers, seafood, steaks, salsandwiches, gourmet ads, sandwiches, small of beverages and bakery made in-house, from treats, as well as their scratch daily. signature fresh pretzels The Cheesecake Fac-

ory can be found in nearv three dozen states, but welve Oaks Mall will be the popular chain's first Michigan location. The in the Nordstrom Wing Newly open for busi-

ness at Twelve Oaks is the Microsoft specialty store The Microsoft specialty store offers a curated assortment of products such as Windows 8, Microsoft Surface RT and Pro, Windows 8 Phones, Xbox, Kinect, Microsoft Office 365 and more. Microsoft's knowledge able associates make the customer experience as entertaining, educationa and easy as possible. Microsoft is located on the Lower Level, Nordstrom

suites and shell space for Just opened on the Upper Level, Nordstrom a third suite to be added ng is leading beauty and expansion of the center. The joint venture will brand Make-up Art Cosmetics, or M.A.C. offer a full range of out-Launched in 1984 in Topatient procedures to ronto, M.A.C. created a etter meet the needs of new direction in the costhe community

metics industry that emthe positive impact we've makeup professional and delivered to patients the past 10 years at MEC and look forward to increasing our efforts to serve the Novi community i Anne's & Cinnabon Café. the coming years," said Dr. Phil Goldmeier, med-Popular snack shops Aunical director of MEC. tie Anne's and Cinnabon

Dr. Mark DeVore will serve as the medical director for the center. Pretzel Dogs and an array Nursing professionals and support staff will be focused on providing the very best patient experi ence possible. The joint venture received Certificate of Need approval from the State of Michigan in June. Construction will begin later this month, with the intention to open the new center in

December. "This latest joint venture between the hospital and the Michigan Endoscopy Center will offer high quality, low cost endoscopy and gastrointestinal services. Initiatives like this are achievable when hospitals and physicians partner together for the common goal of better serving our community," according to Joe Hurshe, vice president of operations for

dence Park Hospitals.

# Customers lauded Aug. 8

away in 2012, was an

integral part of Art Is In Market, and a strong

supporter of artists and

the local community. He

Art Is In Market. The

foundation was set up to

funds in his memory, and

receive and administer

arts, as well as the ad-

Artist Helen Hard-

meyer will be on hand at

the Twelve Oaks Mall

location. Hardmeyer, a

moniker Fiber McGlee's

Closet and donates her

sales toward care pack-

ages for service men and

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er/owner of

pers during an August Customer Appreciation Night, scheduled for 6-8

Thursday, Aug. 8. The event, which will be an interactive experience, will take place imultaneously at all three Art Is In Market locations: Laurel Park Place in Livonia, Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, and The Mall at Partridge Creek in Clinton Town-

Customers will have the chance to meet and mingle with artists and ask questions, watch demonstrations, enjoy complementary refresh nts and desserts, plus have the chance to enter to win items from the gallery. All are welcome to attend. For questions or more information, visit Art Is In Market's Facebook page for the latest event undates: www.Facebook.com/

In addition, 5 percent women in the field. In addition, Hardmeyer will be donated to the makes quilts and donates William La Pratt Foundation, created to honor Bill VA Hospital. This year La Pratt, one of the founders of Art Is In Market. LaPratt, who passed

her goal is 1,500 quilts. Hardmeyer is looking for used fabric softener sheets and scrap materials of fabric including cotton, corduroy and fleece. There will be a small bin near her disshared that passion with Debbie La Pratt, his wife, play at each Art Is In Market location if customers wish to leave materials for her quilts for veterans program. Hardmeyer will also

be on hand weekly on to bring awareness to the Mondays at Laurel Park Place, Wednesdays at vancement of spinal cord Twelve Oaks Mall and Fridays and The Mall at Partridge Creek from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. making quilts now through the end of the year. All are Navy veteran, makes and invited to come in and watch. Hardmeyer says she's happy to teach those who are new to quilting and interested in volunteering their time.

#### OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in February offered by the Oakland County Business workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months. Unless otherwise not-

ed, all programs take

place at the Oakland

County Executive Office

ArtIsInMarket

Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For pre-regis tration and location specifics, visit www.advantage oakland.com/expand or call (248) 858-0783.

> **AUGUST** 7: Marketing Your Business 8: Business Research -

Feasibility to Expansion 8: Team SBA Financ-

14: CEED Microloan 14: Starting a Business 15: Financial Manage-

21: Writing a Business 22: Health Care Reform and Small Business

# Digging up the past at **Pavilion Shore Park**

hometownlife.com

When Tom Laszlo saw the work being done at Novi's Pavilion Shore Park he thought some history may be under that dirt being dug up to trans-form the location into a modern park.

"I grew up down the road, and we used to come here all the time." he said of the park that used to have an amusement park and casino on Walled Lake at 13 Mile Road, "It dawned on me that it might be worth getting out here and checking things out.'

Laszlo, now of White Lake, is retired, so he had mission to look over the grounds in search of any historic relics. Over the last several months he has found, among other things, old tokens and coins dating back as far as 1893 and a makeup kit

"This beach dates back to like 1925, so you figure a lot of people used it and there was a lot of activity throughout the years," he The City of Novi is

Some of the items, such as tokens and makeup kits, Laszlo found below the

currently under way with a project to improve the park into a more userfriendly area. In doing this project, he got some help from a friend Paul loff. They would use a Bobcat to sift through the bigger piles of dirt the contractors working on the property would give

According to Jason Mangum, Novi's director of Parks. Recreation and Cultural Services, over the years, the land encompassed by the park has experienced a lot of significant events – from pre-settlement use by Native Americans to a casino dance hall pavil-

ion. lake recreation op-

tors have also dug up a lot of interesting things.

through the dirt and use a metal detector to locate any items. He found a lot of casino and park tokens. not to find any Native American artifacts. His search is over now because the work at the park needs to go forward, but he said he learned a lot and was grateful to get

the opportunity to look "This park has meant a lot to me and many others who used to have fun here," he said. "I'm glad know there will be an historic aspect to the new park, so that's good too. My finds will have a permanent home to let peo ple see a little bit into the

The park is expected to re-open this year with new amenities for the community to enjoy.

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## State fair boosts urban farming with scholarships

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Blair Bowman, manager

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ute at this time, to in-

The future of urban farming in Detroit and other Michigan cities boost in the form of ships aimed at reward ing the efforts of students who are participating in revitalization

The Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair announced that, in collaboration with the Detroit Shriners and the Metropolitan Detroit Convention & Visitors Bureau, the fair will award \$10,000 in educational scholarship funds to deserving youth in great agricultural indus cities across the state. The Urban Youth

Program is aimed at increasing involvement and awareness of youth agriculture programs. and to promote farming. agriculture, and livestock management with-in the state of Michigan.

gan State Fair. "This commitment of \$10,000 in scholarship resources, dedicated to help recognize and re-

ward youth particina tion in urban agriculture, is an investment in our future." Bowman continued.

"Our next challenge is to quickly spread the word that this program has been launched and connect with those youngsters who qualify

The Detroit Shriners Organization and Metro Detroit CVB have each contributed \$5,000 to the 2013 Urban Youth Farm

ing Scholarship Program. "We are very enthusiastic about this important initiative to encourvoungsters to learn agricultural practices, said Craig Stigelman, chairman of the Detroit Shrine Circus and executive committee member of the Fifth Third Bank Michigan State

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considering that Michi-

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ter supply - is a signifi-

Some four billion gal-

lons of water will be used

in proposed new wells in Michigan. "That's enough

displaying a gallon jug of

Among concerns ex-

used in fracking -

pressed by legislators is the potential for the wa-

and the chemicals used

in the process to leach

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cant concern, Barnett

# **Environmental worries prompt push**

State Dems call for fracking legislation

By Joanne Maliszewski Staff Writer

State Democrats don't dispute that gas and oil drilling can help Michigan's economy, but they want increased account ability and transparency to protect the public health and the state's waterways from the effects of "fracking" using water to hydrauground rock.

Democratic state Reps, Vicki Barnett of Farmington Hills, Jim Townsend of Royal Oak and Ellen Cogen Lipton of Huntington Woods are among the legislators across the state who have introduced a series of the some 930 chemicals used in the process are

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tice in Michigan and we need to regulate it," Bar-nett said at a July 11 morning press conference in Heritage Park,

Already current and pending drilling permits throughout Michigan estimate water usage for fracking operations at 500 million gallons. One unnamed drilling company has proposed 500 new sites in Michigan with an estimated Great Lakes water usage of four billion gallons, according to

The bills call for giving municipalities and residents the opportunity to request a public hearing before a fracking permit is issued to allow public comment in the process.

The bills also would: » Allow units of gov-ernment to control frack-

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From left, Oakland Water Resources Commissioner Jim Nash, state Rep. Jim Townsend of Royal Oak, Mary Brady of Michigan Clean Water Action and state Rep. Vicki Barnett of Farmington Hills show residents current and proposed drilling operations in Oakland County. PHOTO BY

ing operations in commu-

» Create a publicprivate advisory committee to study the effects of fracking and to make recommendations » Increase the setback

operations from resi-dential areas, as well as

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the same rules," Town-send said, maintaining

there is no oversight of

their processes in Michi-

gan, "They are able to do

this without proper ac-

drilling companies and

care centers and public

"We should all play by

The controversial technique, also known as hydraulic fracturing, is used by the energy industry to extract oil and gas from rock by inecting high-pressure mixtures of water, sand or gravel and chemicals. The practice has been sed for decades but has been expanded to horizontally drilled wells that use millions of gallons of water, according to Michigan Clean Water Action. By July 12, the Michi-

gan Oil & Gas Association, which has 1,000 members and represents independent oil companies, major oil companies, and the exploration arms of various utility companies, issued a statement:

"Michigan has been and continues to be a leader when it comes to producing clean natural resources, while maintaining an outstanding track record of keeping

low water levels what communities clean and more do we need to talk safe. At the same time, Michigan energy produc tion is vital to our state's

But the Michigan Department of Environthat fracking is not a problem and there have not been any environ-mental disasters associated with the process.

"As we look at the "Oil and gas companies are subject to the legislative proposal announced today — or oth-ers that could come forsame requirements as other users of large volumes of water — they must first evaluate the ward — our goal is to make sure this winning track record for Michipotential effects of the withdrawal using a comgan-made energy, Michi-gan jobs and Michigan's puter program Michigan vironment continues. regulators designed to Importantly for Michitrack and measure water gan, the package does not call for an all-out nonuse and protect local aquifers," according to sensical, and job killing the DEQ.

While the bills have ban, as some activists are heen introduced and the advocating," according to Democrats plan and expect to work with their Republican counterparts, Townsend said it could be ades. While it already is a some time before the legislation is passed.

The next step in the legislative process is to set up committee hearings, followed by discussion and a vote by the state House and then the

Fifteen Oakland County communities, includ-ing Southfield and West Bloomfield, have enacted bans or moratoriums on the fracking process,

Townsend said. Oakland County Water of Farmington Hills told has held six town halls around Oakland to discuss fracking. "They were all well-attended. Everybody is concerned about potential sites."

**Understand** issues One of the sites targeted for drilling, Indian Springs Metropark on White Lake Road, would be conducted in a wooded wetland. "People need to know what is being tracked into their com-

See FRACKING, Page A13



Miss Oakland County 2013 is Makayla McCoskey is crowned as Miss

McCoskey crowned Miss Oakland

2013 honoree says 'I have really grown from this organization'

Miss Oakland County 2013 is akayla McCoskey and she is her platform is Unite for Sight. During her year as Miss Oak-Makayla McCoskey and she is from Farmington Hills and a North Farmington High School

"I think I have really grown from this organization, McCoskey recently told the Farmington Hills City Council, referring to the Miss America

program.
Miss Oakland County is a program under the auspices of the Miss America program in which scholarships are awarded to participants.

It is a preliminary to the Miss Michigan and Miss America pageants.
McCoskey was crowned

Miss Oakland County on July 13 at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills. The 18-year-old said she intends to become an ophthal-

mologist and attends the University of Michigan where she studies cellular and molecular

biology.
While McCoskey's talent for the competition was singing,

land County, McCoskey will promote her cause of eyerelated disorders and the need mentally pure state for better optical care for the

"Those extra years aren't better" because many senior adults have optical problems, which can limit their independence and activities, McCoskey

Other contestants included:

» Outstanding teen: Brook lyn Lambert, 16 of Monroe. Talent: dance; platform: Coating with kindness throughout every season

» First runner-up: Victoria Lines, 18 of Troy. Talent: Irish dance. Platform: Get Buckled! Save lives

» Second runner-up: Ashliegh Allen, 23, of Adrian. Tal-ent: Vocal. Platform: Target Teens: Cancer Awareness and

» Third runner-up: MacKen

Talent: Lyrical dance, Platform: "Pure" Michigan – helping to create a more environ-

» Fourth runner-up: Mollie Smith, 20 of Highland. Talent: Vocal. Platform: Know your Genes - Prevention and Early Detection of BRCA Related

» Aldo Vagnozzi Community Service Award: Melissa Keith

of Wixom. » Community Service Win-ner: Melissa Keith of Wixom.

» Miss America Scholar Winner: Chelsea Nedrow of Wolverine Lake. » Kelly Garver-Nieto Talent and the Kirsten Haglund Life-

style & Fitness award: Mac-Kenzie Strom of Commerce. » Nonfinalist Talent Winner Camille Bridges of Southfield

» Spirit of Miss America Winner - two winners: Mollie Smith of Highland and Melissa Keith of Wixom.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 18.267

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The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, July 22, 2013 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after its publication. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

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The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, July 22, 2013 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local ti

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#### CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the applicant Suburban Collection Showplace is requesting a Temporary Special Land Use Permit at 46410 Grand River Ave. & 47600 Grand River Ave., parcels 5022-16-176-022 & 5022-16-176-020. The applicant is requesting approval to use the above parcels for overflow parking, staging and recreational vehicle parking for Michigan State Fair guests and participants between August 30, 2013 and September 2, 2013 in accordance with Section 3004 of the Zoning Ordinance. A public hearing will be held on Monday August 19th at 11:00 AM in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi Michigan to consider the request. Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi MI 48375 during regular business hours, Monday thru Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 PM and should be directed to Angie Pawlowski and must be received prior to August 16th, 2013.

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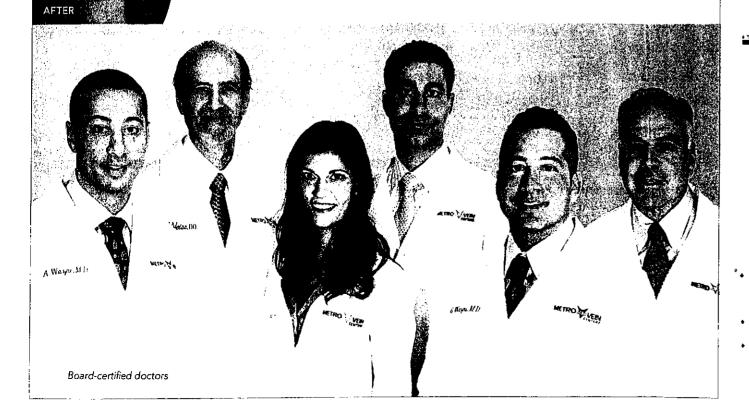
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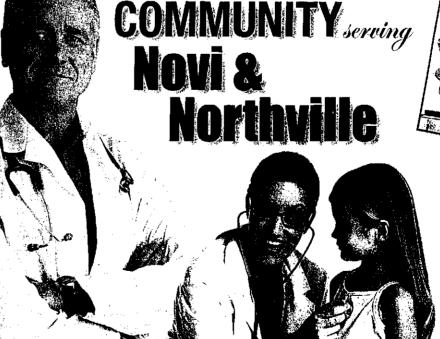
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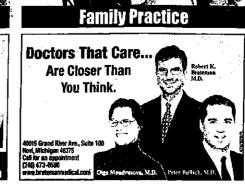
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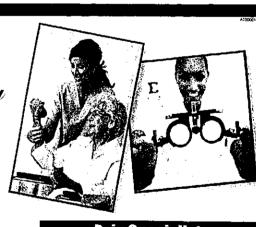
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84, of Sarasota, Fl, formally of Northville, MI, passed away June 30, 2013. Born Jean Alice

Smith on September 27, 1928 in Detroit, M1 (Elizabeth Demarce and John Harold Smith). She is

Karen Winlund (Ake) and Nancy Trivisonno (James) and four

grand chudren Jacqueinte Joyner (Winlund), Amy Trivisonno-Velez (Gil), Christopher and Nicholas Trivisonno, A great grand daughter Gianna Velez. Proceeded in death by her hus-

ten. Jeanne attended Cooley High and graduated from Wayne

State University with a B.A. de-gree in Journalism. She worked in Public Relations for Grant Ad-vertising, J. Walter Thompson and Providence Hospital, where

she retired after a 20 year career

as Director of Volunteer Serv-ices. She was an advocate of Women's rights and president and co-founder of various Lea-

gue of Women Voters. Jeanne

Wayne Alumni Association, recognized in 2008 with the Women of Wayne Service Award, and

was active throughout her life

with the National Delta Gamma

Ohi Sorority. Ahead of her time in many ways, she was a world traveler, avid reader, lover of an-imals, movies, theater and the opera! She will be missed by her

ny friends and family who

loved her very much! A memorial luncheon celebrating her life will be held on August 11, 2013

at St. John's Inn from one to four in Plymouth. MI! Donations in

her memory can be made to the Women of Wayne Incentive Scholarship Program, 441 Ferry Mall, Detroit, MI, 48202.

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LEUGERS, PAUL J.

Age 51, of Brighton, passed away 07/24/13, Full obit and on-

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PERKEY, THOMAS M.

Age 43, passed away July 25, 2013. He was born on September

26, 1969, in Wayne, MI, to Dan

20, 1999, in Wayne, Mt, to Dan and Mary (Day) Perkey. He was a kind and generous man. He was inusically talented and en-joyed playing the piano and gui-tar. Thomas is survived by his

loving son Cullen: his mothe

ther Dan (Linda) Perkey siblings: Jim (Renay) Perkey, Li

sa (Jerry) Czajkowski, Angela (Jef) Adams, Tanya (David) (Jef) Adams, Tanya (David) Kurtz, Shawn (Melanie) Hus-band; maternal grandmother

band; maternal grandmother Heen Day; and several nicees and nephews. He was preceded

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Lewy Body Dementia at his

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Jessica Havelka Kraus and her

husband Jake, grandchildren Desi, Matthew, Summer, Caleb, Riley & Cade, Sisters, Barbara Havelka Cook and twin sister Patricia "Suds" Havelka Mac Ar-

thur. Smokey was a loving fa-ther, husband, grandfather and friend to all. Smokey grew up in South Lyon, MI and moved to Mesa, AZ in 1997. He loved to

with his family. He will be great-

ly missed by all. A celebration of life gathering will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2013 at their home in Mesa, AZ. All con-

dolences can be mailed to 2321 S

OSWALD, FRANK W.

Age 84, passed away July 21, 2013. Funeraf was on July 25

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#### Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

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ition suggested. Drop ir and pick the class that interests Contact: 248-478-7272 or ufarmington.org/uucf/re-

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FRACKING Continued from Page A10

> munities. I am asking the state to do this. We need more local control. We need people to understand the issues.

While Democrats across the state hosted press conferences July 11. the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality states on its website that fracking and the use of horizontal drilling has not and does not affect water

But legislators and Nash said that water used in the fracking process may not be used again. "If we have an accident in one of the streams, it could be disastrous," Nash said.

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# Helmet law

## Increased costs, injury severity provide reasons for repeal

Freedom comes at a price. In the 15 months since Michigan scrapped its longstanding law and allowed certain motorcyclists the freedom to ride without helmets, medical payments for insurance claims based on the severity of injuries have increased. Severe injuries are occurring and driving up costs, which collectively demand a repeal of the weakened law.

Already, statistics show that freedom for a few will likely increase costs for the majority. It's a simple equation. The more insurance companies have to pay out in claims, sooner or later rates will increase to offset those costs. That's how insur-

But there is a human cost to allowing motorcyclists to ride without the safety of helmets. No one wants to witness a motorcycle crash in which the rider is not wearing a helmet. And no one wants to witness that crash when a motorcyclist is tooling down a freeway at 70 mph or faster. Logic dictates the consequences.

The weakened law — enacted on the off-chance of boosting tourism - allows motorcyclists 21 years and older to legally ride without a helmet if they carry a minimum \$20,000 in medical pay-

Today, only 19 states require all riders to wear helmets, while 28 require helmets for some motorcyclists. Illinois, Iowa and New Hampshire have no helmet laws. Curious enough to

find out the impact of But the research Michigan's new law, group made it the Highway Loss Davery clear that conducted a study and the increase in compared its results medical payment with other states, including Iowa, Indiana, overall losses Illinois and Wisconstems from a sin. It also considered definite 36 age and class of mopercent increase torcycles, rider demographics and weather in the severity of issues. The study also claims. Granted,

motorcycle riding following the season in Michigan. change, some The HLDI's results motorcyclists also overall medical payincreased their ments were 50 permedical payment cent higher than exafter the law changed policy limits.

in April 2012. HLDI researchers qualified that result by adding that some of the increase may reflect an increased crash risk because collision claim frequency on its own increased about 12 percent.

But the research group made it very clear that the increase in medical payment overall losses stems from a definite 36 percent increase in the severity of claims. Granted, following the change in the law, some motorcyclists who chose to ride without a helmet also increased their medical payments policy limits to the required \$20,000

Yet even with the change in policy limits, HLDI found that medical payments claim severity is estimated to have increased — just in 15 months by 22 percent. HLDI said the results are "consistent with (the) expectation that crashes after the law change resulted in more severe injuries as a result of less helmet use."

Sooner or later, the increased claims and the associated costs will translate into increased in surance costs for all Michigan drivers who have and at a time when state legislators debate whether to put an end to no-fault insurance.

For some motorcyclists, a helmet is uncomfortable and cumbersome. But for some vehicle drivers, seat belts are equally uncomfortable and cumbersome. Just as the belts have proven to save lives or to reduce the severity of there is no denying — especially statistically — that helmets reduce the degree of brain injuries.

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation, which advocates safe motorcycling, holds fast to its belief that helmets work, just as different types of helmets work in sports and other professions, including construction, football and the military.

Four basic components in a helmet protect the comfort padding and a retention system, also known as a secure strap.

ABATE of Michigan, which strongly supported the weakened law, maintains that helmets have done nothing to improve safety, reduce fatalities or the cost of insurance. In fact, ABATE also claims that helmets impede vision and hearing while motorcycling.

HLDI's study proves otherwise. The issue isn't just about fatalities. It is about severe brain injuries that essentially ruin a life, while costing society a lot of money. If a helmet can protect even one motorcyclist from severe damage, while holding down insurance costs, it is worth repealing the

Director of

#### Where's your favorite place to visit in Michigan?

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



"East Tawas. We have a cabin up there on Lake Huron, and it's just great being on the big lake." Jan Russell



gorgeous place with a great beach. Kevin Reynolds

"The cross in the woods near Indian River. It's a very calming and serene setting.'

**Amanda Voto** 

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



The Friends Library Board (I to r, back): Bob Cutler, Pat Brunett, Carol Hoffman, Evelyn Cadicamo, Sue Johnson, (front) Gale Ford, Marilyn Amberger, Julie Abrams, Barb Brunett, Carol Bauer, Evelyn Young and Jim McLean.

Thank you, Friends

The Friends of the Novi Public Library is a group of over 400 members, of which many are dedicated volunteers who give of their time and talents to help advocate for and support the Novi Public Library. The group library began serving the Novi

Over the years, the Friends have helped the library with sponsoring programs, purchas-ing furniture and technology, fundraising and promoting the library's many events and re-

In December 2012, the Friends gave a generous gift of \$20,000 to the library. The Friends have been on-going ponsors of Listen @ the Library (a concert series in association with the Chamber Music Society of Detroit), Community Reads, Battle of the Books, Summer Reading and Novi Newbies - just

One of the many projects that the Friends dedicate time to is the Book Nook - a used book store inside the library. This store offers great books at reasonable prices.

It is with Friends like these that our library continues to be a relevant and vibrant source of tion and entertainment for our residents. A special thank you goes out to our amazing Friends pard who guides the decisions of the Friends group. They are true champions for our Novi

For more information on the Friends of the Novi Public Library, visit www.novilibrary.org. Julie Farkas

Novi Public Library director Justice does have 20/20

Vision Person A is given the task of protecting his gated community because there has been a rash of break-ins. Person A is professionally trained to do security

One rainy night, Person A observes Person B, who is a tall, inside a gated community. Person A cannot tell what gender, race or age person B is. It is too dark, and Person B is hooded.

Person A decides to follow person B to see if Person B could be the person that is doing the break-ins Person A's training says that

he is to call 9-1-1 and report the suspicious activity. Person A Person A is told to go back to his vehicle, but if he did this, he may lose sight of Person B, and

have nothing to help the police, who are on the way. Person A does finally decide to go back to his vehicle. While Person A is returning to his vehi-

cle, Person A is jumped on by Person B and goes down. Prior to this, Person B has

been told on his cell phone by his ning for it.

should run home, which probably scared him. Person B does not listen. Per son B is now on top of Person A, and is banging his head against the concrete. Person A is now

Person A now has to make a split second decision .Should continue to fight? Person A also knows that Person B might grab

used by Person A, and as a result. Person B is shot and killed As a result of all of the above being presented to the jury, to which they debated in great detail they unanimously came to the conclusion that Person A

was not guilty of any charges. In this specific case, the justice system had perfect vision based on the facts. No race, no maybes, no emo-

ble jeopardy and is unconstitu-

I have an issue with the way ormation Act) each year durlife being introduced or reported

The ballyhoo over the Issa-Cummings FOIA implementation bill taken up by the U.S. House Oversight and Government Reform Committee just in time for this past Sunshine Week comes to mind. Publicizing that is like awarding a soldier the . Congressional Medal of Honor for telling what he might do in

Just as bad or worse, news organizations downplay or ignore efforts to inhibit open government. A recent example would be proposals put forward by the Michigan State Court

In RICO cases, the cast of characters consists of three types: (1) racketeers, often cor artists, (2) dupes exploited as shine Week works in a similar fashion. Legislators, press and

Let's hope that annual celebrations by the press of wobbly legislative hints of reform haven't become a meaningless ritual. If next year's Sunshine Week is going to be any different, now is the time to start plan

girlfriend that he is probably

being chased by an adult, white male, gay person and that he

bloodied, and screaming for help. No help comes.

lethal force be used, or should he weapon, and kill him with it. In this case lethal force was

tions. End of story. However, it is not the end of

the story for many organizations that love to stir up the racial pot to a point of actually pushing for a second trial This is called dou-

Plan for Sunshine Week

news media present such rosy prospects for FOIA (Freedom of ing Sunshine Week. Year after year, optimism is based, not on new ideas to improve FOIA being enacted into law, but merely on a new bill with a short shelf

out of committee.

nistrative Office.

A note to the sheriff

We all knew it was going to happen, so when tragedy struck on Sylvan Lake on July 13 it was really no surprise. Your office's suspension of lake marine patrols a few years ago was a very serious and unconscionable thing to do. There certainly were other ways to save your budget dollars than to put the safety of

our citizens at risk I have lived in Oakland Counfor 27 years on Duck Lake in Highland Township, and we had always been fortunate to have marine patrols (and a sheriff's boat docked on our lake) to help control the safety. I believe this was a way to make sure that those with poor judgment were being spot checked and I think it helped people do the right thing. In the three summers since you have suspended our patrols, I have seen the behavior and judgment of the boat and PWC operators deteriorate and I think it is because there is no one on the lake to stop them and write up a

violation. I continually see no spotters on boats pulling skiers, boarders and tubers. People are cutting each other off and not following the simple rules of the water to go counter-clockwise. All these elements that added up to tragedy on Sylvan Lake and will con-

tinue to happen. er, I pay a much higher property tax rate than my fellow neighbors not on the lake. With that expense should come some additional services such as the marine patrols. That is a very fair and reasonable request. I have already paid for those patrols. I should not have to pay again to get our lake association to privately contract with your office to patrol my lake. We are working on this, but if you care to approved budgets that were not set up to pay for this service when it was taken away by your

We may be lucky enough next year to get this money approved and in our budget going forward, but maybe not. I hold you and your office responsible for this kind of tragedy as it is an indirect result of your suspension of the lake marine patrols. You are atypical of all politicians who ing in the way that directly hurts the taxpayers the most. Oakland County is one of the richest counties in the country and you should be ashamed to suspend services that could effect the safety and well-being of your

You have lost my vote and so has L. Brooks Patterson for allowing this to happen.

Mark G. Geis

# Lotta wheels: FOP car show Saturday in Wixom

lice Lodge No. 128 invites the public to attend and participate in the annual Car Show Saturday, Aug. 3, at the FOP Lodge (28525 Beck Road,

Michigan Concerns of Police Survivors (MI-C.O.P.S.) and the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. Erik Hamilton, car show committee chair says this will be one fun

and exciting car show, a show for kids and adults.

This event is totally

open to the public; car

Proceeds will benefit

"Traverse City. I just love Amy Bak

register at the gate the day of the event, registration fee is \$15. Registration and setup starts at 10 a.m.; show time is 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. A disc jockey will provide music; food will of pure car fun, I am thankful and proud of

be available along with a variety of adult beverages. There will be hourly 50/50 raffles. A foreign vehicle will be on display, and for a small donation individuals may strike it with a sledge hammer. Participates of the event will be eligible for hourly door prizes.

Car show vehicle honorary judges will be representatives from MI C.O.P.S. and the Michi-

gan Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. John Kirkpatrick, president of Lodge No. 128, said: "Everyone has worked hard should prove to be a day

everyone involved from our generous sponsors like Varsity Lincoln in Novi to our car show participates, vendors membership and volun teers for making this annual car show hap-

> The car show will conclude at 4 p.m. with a raffle for a television donated by Whitbeck

Lodge members (I to r) Jeff Gomez (car participant), Erik Hamilton (e

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# Feature length film shooting locally

Crews seen around town at work, play

Mother and Midwife Pictures is now in the second week of an almost feature length film, Pa pou. Giavani Cairo (actor playing Constantine Yan nis) remarked "After just set. I feel like this is a new family, and I always look forward to coming (to work).

The excitement surrounding this film has day as people see the film crews in locations across Metro Detroit. Last week the first day of filming Coney Island in Livonia and people spent hours standing outside the restaurant trying to get a

glimpse of the proc Local restaurants have donated food to the cast and crew each day, and some of the cast and crew members say they have never eaten so wel on the set of a movie, A local grandmother has cooked desserts for ev eryone working on the

Kanella Katsikas, the real-life grandmother that inspired one of the

said: "This film is an honor for my husband and it is an honor for Starring international screen actor Yorgo Voya-gis ( Zorba the Greek) and Evan Kole (The Avengers), this unique

characters in the film,

young boy and his sickly grandfather has been ought to life by over \$51,000 from a Kickstar ter fundraiser and almos

\$55,000 in potential Mich-

igan Film and Digital Media Incentiverebates. The film is being produced by film indu veterans Michael Sinanis and directed by 24-year

film director Michael Angelo Zervos, Despite vos, who penned the story himself, staid: "We've had really great shots. I look forward to

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# SAVING HISTORY

# Museum wants space in former bomber plant

In an iconic 1942 poster promoting the war effort, 17-year-old Geraldine Doyle flexed her muscles and told the country and the world that "We Can Do It."

Seventy-one years later, she's back with a new message and a new purpose: helping the Yankee Air Museum preserve a piece of the history that Doyle has come to

The museum is on a mission to buy 175,000 square feet of the former Willow Run bomber plan where more than 8,600 B-24 Liberator bombers were built. Acquiring the building would be a dream me true for the museum. The factory space is four times the size of its current museum and large enough inside to house all of it

planes, except the massive B-52. The only things standing in the way are \$5 million and an Aug. 1 "It's exciting; the very concept

of bringing everything back together is heaven to us." said Kevin Walsh, executive director of the Yankee Air Museum. "To have the entire collection back under one roof like it was from 1981 through 2004 is paramount. Since April, YAM and the Michi-

gan Aeronautical Foundation. through the SaveTheBomberPlant.org campaign, have been working to raise the \$5 million needed to buy the space from RACER, or Revitalizing Automotive Communi-

Trust. The trust was created to dispose of properties left after GM's 2009 bankruptcy. RACER has had little interest in the five million-square-foot former GM Powertrain plant and plans to tear it down to open up 300 acres for devel-

Raising millions

The museum needs to raise the \$5 million to buy just a portion of the former bomber plant, but a total of \$8 million is needed to acquire, enclose, secure and power up the area to eventually become the

The SaveTheBomberPlant.org campaign, co-chaired by retired NASA astronaut Frank Lousma and retried GM executive Bob Lutz, has been set up to help raise the money. The museum has already raised \$3.1 million, but still needs \$4.9

According to Mike Montgomery of the Michigan Aeronautical Foundation, which signed the letter of intent with RACER Trust to acquire the property, large donations are being pursued, but support from

"Obviously preserving a piece of history is really important," Mont-gomery said. "This allows the museum to expand on the story it's telling. It's more than the Arsenal of Democracy, it's about what hap pened. The American work force changed. We can tell that story here, but to tell it at the actual site is much more effective.

"It'll give us room to grow for

decades; it'll let us expand," he

allow the museum to integrate STEM (Science, Technology, Engiexpanding the visitor experience and educational opportunities. It

center where we can host 1,000 incredible facility for the community. The demand is here.

The more than two millionuare-foot plant was built in an moved down the assembly line by going straight out of the factory and into Wayne County, the assem bly line turned to the right and

"Ford built the plant so that it delivered all the planes to the Army Air Force in Washtenaw County, so he wouldn't have to pay personal property tax on them.

We Can Do It Again!

The larger facility also would neering and Mathematics) content also would provide a new venue for

"It's an opportunity to make it a people," Walsh said. "It's the difference between a convention hall and a signature location. It would be an

The assembly line

The plant was designed by Charles Sorensen, vice president of production for Ford. Albert Kahn, a prominent industrial architect, translated Sorensen's sketches into the factory where workers were able to produce a B-34 bomber

L-shape in Washtenaw County, just over the Wayne County line. Planes fours and then twos. But instead of exited into Washtenaw County.

Montgomery said. "It's that space at the end of the line that we're deter-

mined will become the new museum. The Yankee Air Museum opened in the 1980s in a wooden hangar at Willow Run Airport. It suffered a major setback when the hangar caught fire Volunteers were able to rescue

three planes - the B-17, B-25 and C-47 but the remainder of the aircraft and artifacts that were housed in the hangar were lost. A new museum opened in 2010 in a 40,000-square-foot building that was purchased from the Michigan Institute of Aviation and

Admittedly the fundraising goal is ambitious, but the campaign is open to donations of all amounts. Every \$50 raised saves one square foot of the bomber plant. In addition to raising money to buy the facility, Lousma and Lutz also are raising money to create exhibits for the museum's new

For more information on giving and sponsorship opportunities, contact the Save The Bomber Plant campaign at info@ savethebomberplant.org or call 734-483-4030, Ext. 222.

If YAM is unable to meet its fund-

raising goal, gifts to the campaign will be put toward a hangar for flyable aircraft at the current museum

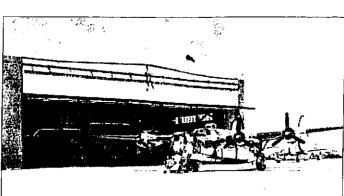
"We've been getting by since 2004. This is an opportunity to make this happen," Walsh said. "We need the financial support to make this hap-

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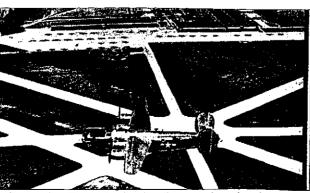


of the planes it now has on static display outside





A completed B-24 bomber leaves the East Bay of the Willow Run bomber plant.



A B-24 flies over the Willow Run bomber plant. The arrows show where the Yankee Air Museum would be located.

# Willow Run plant designed to build B-24 bomber

The Willow Run bomr plant was built on a Ford farm in Washtenay County. Virtually overnight, the gardens and maple trees were replaced with a factory designed to produce one B-24 Liberator bomber

An estimated 100,000 yards of concrete, 38,000 tons of steel and 10 million bricks were used to build the 80-acre plant in record time. It was actually two plants — a manufacturing plant producing parts for the bomber and the assembly plant.

The factory was tooled to produce one bomber every 55 minutes. The plane had a 110-foot wing span and had four 1,200-horsepow er Pratt and Whitney engines. It carried 10 men. four tons of bombs

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nitions. It could fly 3,000 miles nonstop and cruise at high altitudes at a speed of 300 mph.

Each plane had more control systems and 400,000 rivets. The landin, as was the plane's twin tail, which was

the plane's 20-ton weight

made at Ford's Rouge To manufacture the plane, Ford cut it up into major assembly sections the final assembly line By breaking down the process into sub-assem lies, parts of the plane

tubes for its 12 different ing wheels were shipped

er than days. By using

Eighty-five percent of

The number on the side of this B-24 says it all – it was the

wing span, the first section to be built, was completed in a matter of hours rather than 19

Piece by piece The assembly process started with four lines where the different sec-

radio man, flight engineer, navigator and bom

The next section was

tions of the airplane were

mated to the wing span.

The first section was the

cluded the instruments

narrowed from four to two lines. In the next engines was attached to utes, with added time to nook up the controls as the plane moved down the assembly line. Only four bolts % inch in diam eter held an engine in

place on the wing.

were attached to the

After the twin tail was

wing span. Finishing touches like painting on the insignia, installing instruments, radio equ ment, the wing flaps and before the 4,200 square feet of skin and the win-

dows were cleaned. Ford's plans to produce the airplane were viewed with skepticism.

but its experience with mass production allowed it to build 8,685 B-24s, each of which had 1,225,000 parts.

To become a part of Run heritage, contact the Michigan Aerospace Foundation, "Rebuilding the Yankee Air Mu-

Ann Arbor, MI 48105. available at www.michi ganaerospace.org and www.vankeeairmuseu

For donor information, send an email to info@michiganaerospace.org.

Source: 'The Story of Willow Run,' a 1945 Ford Motor Co. documentary available on DVD in the Yankee Air Museum gift

#### Make a donation

The deadline is today for the Yankee Air Musquare feet of the former from RACER (Revitalizing Automotive Communities Environmenta Response) Trust, which left after GM's 2009

bankruptcy. The Museum has to raise \$5 million to buy that portion of the five million-square-foot for mer GM Powertrain plant where more than 8,600 B-24 Liberator bombers were built dur-ing World War II. Without the money, YAM supporters will have to watch as RACER has the plant torn down to open up 300 acres for devel-

Raising that kind of money in a short amount of time is a monumental which signed a letter of intent to purchase the

building in April. The ing and let YAM accommuseum has raised ap-proximately \$400,000. plish its dream of becom Unless many donors step forward, YAM will fall gan. A show of far short of its goal. YAM has been around

since the 1980s, working to preserve the country' aviation history, first in a burned down and then in recently purchased. Having the opportunity to save a piece of the histo-ry of the Arsenal of Democracy and a chance to consolidate its collection. including all but its largest aircraft, under one roof is a huge plus for

Every dollar counts. According to YAM, every \$50 raised saves one square foot of the bomber plant. That means 100,000 people, businesses, even veterans organizations, would need to donate that

ing a signature destinanmunity support could also spur major donors to give.

History was made at the Willow Run bomber which has close ties to the area. More women worked there and Westland's Norwayne Subdivision was built in 1943 to provide workers who built the YAM needs every-

one's help to keep its dream alive. Be one of those people and send a donation to the Michigan Aerospace Foundation, "Rebuilding the Yankee Air Museum," P.O. Box 8282, Ann Arbor, MI

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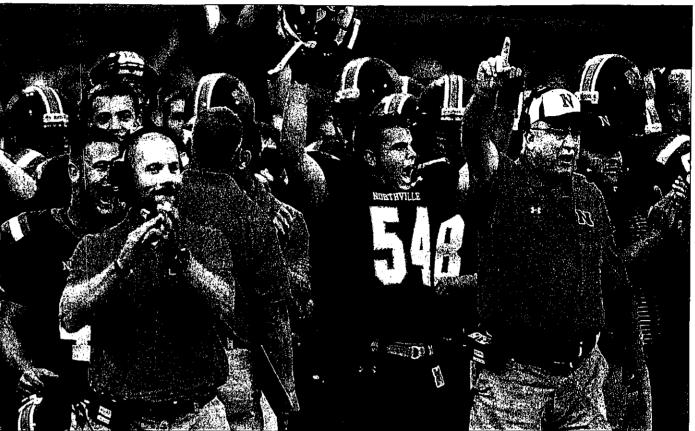
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# KLAA a fall powerhouse

The KLAA is one of the clear-cut power high school conferences in Michigan. The 24-team league posts unbelievable depth in just about every sport sponsored by the Michigan High School

Athletic Associati The following is the first of how the KLAA fared not only during the season but also in the the state playoffs.
The series will go in order

of how the school year goes, starting with the fall season o 2012, followed by winter and finish with the spring season. The series will also be broken up with stories for boys and girls separate so the stories aren't overbearingly long. All records are taken from

the site www.klaastandings.com, so if something is a little off, please don't shoot the mes-

Football brings the most fans out to any single event



Northville's Dan Baldwin keeps his eyes on a serve for the

serves as king of the fall sports. While it starts before school is even in session, the nine-game schedule means every game has a ton on the line as teams race to get the six wins needed to secure a play-

The KLAA boasts an array of different offensive strategies, anywhere from straightup pound it at you to chuck it all over the place.

Nine teams from the league reached the playoffs, eight in Division 1 and South Lyon East making its first ever playoff Six league teams faced off

three in the second round. long with Grand Blanc for four teams in the district fi-Only Plymouth would emerge as a district champion,

eventually losing to finalist and runner-up Catholic Central in

Cross country The KLAA has runners like none other. It's the premier conference in the state for

distance running, and it can't even be argued. Milford went on to capture the State Title in 2012 with ner-up. While that alone would

Waterford Mott finishing runbe enough to make the point, Pinckney finished seventh, Hartland ninth, Northville 11th, Walled Lake Northern 14th and Grand Blanc 15th. That's seven teams in the top 15 at the State

Individually, Milford's Brian Kettle took home the title in 15:07.3. Waterford Mott's Nathan Burnand was third overall and second in team scoring with Milford's Cody Snavely in right after him for fourth and third in team scoring. Also cracking the top 10 was North ville's Dan Sims in eighth over-all and Mott's Ryan Robinson in ninth. That's five of the top

ine in the state from the Kettle, Sims and Robinson all return this year for another shot at the top 10.

honors. The KLAA had three Sanders in 24th, Hartland's Jareb Duggan in 26th and Lakeland's Blake McComas in

Just missing the honor were Milford's Chris Housel in 31st, Pinckney's Wesley Sanders in 32nd and Milford's Matt

It's safe to say, this is the KLAA's most loaded sport of any season for both team and individually.

The KLAA Central Division is one of the hardest divisions for any sport or any conference in the state. Novi. Salem Stevenson and Northville are all capable of making big runs come state playoff time. Salem came out as the division, conference and association winner, but Novi made a run to the

See KLAA, Page B3

**KLAA STANDINGS** 

FOOTBALL Division winners Central - Northville, Stevenson (4-1) South - Churchill (5-0, Conference Champ) West - Hartland (5-0)

North - Walled Lake Northern (5-0, Conference Champ CROSS COUNTRY Central - Northville (5-0)

South - Churchill (5-0) West - Milford (5-0) SOCCER

Central - Salem (7-1-2, Conference, Association Champs) South - Canton (10-0) West - Brighton (9-0-1, Conference Champ) North - WL Northern, WL Central (8-0-2)

Central - Novi (4-0, Conference, Association Champs)

West - Grand Blanc (5-0, Conference Champ)

Mustang Nate Baughman tries to slip past a Salem High defe during the teams' Sept. 20, 2012 meeting at Northville High.



in scoring position with two

outs and manage to get some

hits that turned into runs for

championship bout against the SAYO Grays, a game that looks

lopsided when just glancing at

But with two outs hanging

against them and bases loaded

Team Cincinnati turned a hit

from Andrew Hetterich into a

added multiple more runs.

formance in the game and

rally of five straight runs. They

including a booming home run

by Dallas Robinson, Andrew

Kreke also had a standout per-

us," said Armino.

the 11-4 final score.

Team Cincinnati earns World Series title

way for all of that hard work

and effort to come to a close

Armino said that while his

team won't be eligible for the

Northville tournament next

year as they will be moving u

to the U17 ranks, he did say he

would highly recommend any

qualifies for the NABF World

"We had a great time," he

Sam Eggleston is a freelance

writer covering sports for the

Northville Record and Novi News.

said. "It was a really well-run

appreciated the hospitality.

Relay Team of Travis Nitkiewicz, Jason Nitkiewicz, Laur

Girls 8-and-under 50 freestyle - Maggie Patterson - Northville Boys 8-and-under 50 freestyle - Nolan Ebel - South Lyon

Girls 8-and-under 25 freestyle - Maggie Patterson - Northville

Boys 11-12 50 freestyle - Jason Nitkiewicz - Northville

Girls 13-15 50 freestyle - Laura Westphal - Northville

Girls open 50 freestyle - Lauren Jarzembowski Northvill

Boys open 50 freestyle - Andrew Westphal - Northville

Boys 8-and-under 25 freestyle - Michael Barron - Novi

Boys 11-12 50 backstroke - Travis Nitkiewicz - Northville

Girls 13-15 50 backstroke - Olivia Burrows - Northville

Boys 9-10 50 breaststroke - Justin Pecora - Northville

Girls 11-12 50 breastroke - Lauren Heaven - Northville

Girls 13-15 50 fly - Alissa Moore - Northville

Jason Nitkiewicz and Travix Nitkiewicz.

"The most important

thing about summer

swimming is that it is

Boys 11-12 100 individual medley - Travis Nitkiewicz - North-

Mixed 11-12 200 M medley relay: Lexi Barritt, Lauren Heaven

Boys 8-and-under 25 back - Michael Barron - Novi

Series to make the trek.

# Local athletes qualify for National Jr. Olympics

qualified for the AAU National Jr. Olympics, July 27 through Aug. 3 at Rynearson Stadium on the campus of Eastern Michigan University.

LOCAL SPORTS

Waza Track Club took 21 entrants to the AAU State Championship Na-tional Qualifier, June 29-30 at Ypsilanti High School. Those athletes who finished in the top eight of their respectiv events advanced to the national championship meet. Several athletes qualified in more than

The 20 Waza TC comals (first through fourth lace) and 12 ribbons (fifth through eighth place). The club had six athlete set at least one The Waza athletes

Bella Haynes, Dear-born (9) - fifth, 800 (3:11.25); second, 1,500

Melanie McDowell Novi (12) – eighth, 1,500 (5:52.91); and fourth, Jordan Weekley, Far mington Hills (12) - first discus (75-6): third, shot put (20-10); and first, turbo iavelin. (63-0) Elizabeth Pall, Novi

iavelin (42-5).

(12) – third, turbo javelin (45-2½); 200 (36.52); and Kyle Samluk, New 1,500 (5:34.82); first, 3,000

(11:53); and first, discus

(6:10.72); and sixth, long

jump (7-8). Kellen Fife, Birming-

ham (10) - second, 800 (2:49.9); second, 1,500

ston (10) - second, 800

(2:49.12); second, 1,500

Autumn Nickell,

Flushing (11) - third, 800 (2:37.22); and third, 1,500

Jordan Turner, High-

land Park (11) - first, discus (59-8); first, shot

(5:37.91); and third, turbo

javelin (35-1).

iavelin (52-0).

(5:31.61).

(5:48.97); and third, turbo

Matthew Brown West Bloomfield (12) third, high jump (3-8). **meyer**, Livonia (13) - fifth, 400

Dan Michaels will take

the reins of the

Shamrocks program

By Sam Eggleston

The baseball program at Detroit Catholic Cen-

comed a new head coach

announced that Dan Michaels will be taking over

Michaels, who is a

1984 graduate of CC, was

hired on to replace Bill

three seasons and has

more than two decades

as a member of the De-

"Personally, Bill has

been a great friend and

mentor for many years.

enough for what he has

done for our young men,

and I can't thank him

said Catholic Central

Babicz. "It is our hop

that the young men of

Catholic Central will

who is also a man of

continue to develop un

athletic director Aaron

troit Catholic Central

at the varsity level.

tral High School wel-

(1:01.46); first, 800 (2:26.02); third, 200 hurdles (31.22); and seventh, long jump (12-8½). Michael Brown Jr., West Bloomfield (13) -

sixth, turbo javelin (50-7). Robert Irwin, Far-mington Hills (13) - second, 1,500 (5:02.43); and second, 3,000 (10:40.9)

Haley Rathwell, Commerce Twp. (14) - fifth, javelin (28-3); and 400 Marisa Sailus, Com-

merce Twp. (15) – fourth, 1,500 (5:31.26); and second, 3000 (12:21.92). James Weekley, Farmington Hills (15) - fifth.

800 (1:58.91); third, 1,500 (4:15.41); second, 3.000 (9:20.2); and second, 4 x 800 relay (9:07.54). Andrew Bill, Berkley

(15) – second, triple jump

Josh Holcomb, Novi

Ammar Chishti, Can-

(15) - third, javelin

ton (16) – sixth, 1,500

(4:29.55); fourth, 3.000

(9:59.3); and second 4 x

Michaels is no strang-

er to the game. He played

hockey and baseball at

Catholic Central and

at the University of

played college baseball

Michigan before trans-

Western Michigan Uni-

versity where he was a

pitcher on the 1989 Mid

American Conference

went on to receive his M.B.A. from the Univer-

Championship team. He

sity of Toledo in 1993 and

was assistant coach for

the Rockets for two sea-

himself with the current

as an assistant coach last

season and was a mem-

ber of the coaching staff

ney, not the destination

family, we look forward

school, Mary Alma Ma-

ter, our young men and

with his wife, Judy, and their three children.

Michaels lives in Novi

free-lance writer covering

sports for the Northville

Sam Eggleston is a

to rallying around out

from 2008-10 as well

and as the Sha

Babicz said.

Michaels familiarized

ferring to and playing for

**Catholic Central hires** 

new baseball coach

they picked up three wins (15) – seventh, 1,500 (4:44.98); fifth, 3,000 and took two losses. those losses came in the semifinals of the World 10:09); and second 4 x Joost Plaetinck, Novi (15) – sixth, 3,000 (10:11); and second 4 x 800 relay squad fell to the SAYO

Grays, 6-4. They were in it and had a chance to win," said tournament director Bill Flohr about the semifinals game. "A couple of errors made the differ-

ence and the team just couldn't overcome them. The Grays went on to fall to Team Cincinnati in the championship game. 11-4, Sunday (see story in

Ohio squad tops SAYO

Grays for championship

By Sam Eggleston

After his team's first two

Series in Northville last week,

Armino was starting to wonder if his team was simply going to

have to pack up their bags and

ball Club, 3-0, and to the Hurri-

canes Select team, 5-2, had

Squad wins three

games, loses two

By Sam Eggleston

It was a great weekend

to be a baseball fan in the

Northville area last week

hosted the NABF World

Series for the 32nd year.

weekend to be a member

of the Northville Broncos

U16 baseball team, too, as

Unfortunately, one of

And it was a good

Team Cincinnati on the ropes.

"We just didn't get the hit-

Two losses to the Allen Base-

games of the NABF World

Team Cincinnati coach Sam

ting we needed, and they had some great pitching," said Ar-

pitching to stay in the game against the (Long Island) Ti-

tans and then in the sixth in

to get the win."

to the NABF title

ning we had three or four hard-

hit balls and scored three runs

That 3-0 victory over the

hampionship game for Team

Cincinnati. They went on to

Creekside Fitness before add-

ronto Mets, 4-1, to earn a berth

ing a 5-1 victory over the To-

"We had several times

pick up a 5-1 victory over

Titans turned into an absolute

sprint toward the national

this edition). Northville, coached by Mark Zalewski, became the tournament with a well-played 8-7 victor over a tough Top Tier Nationals team to open

the tournament. The next morning they fell to the SAYO Grays in the first meeting between the two teams. 4-3, before going on to defeat Creekside Fitness. 5-2, later in the day Friing the visiting teams. together," said Sam Armi no, the head coach of Team Cincinnati, "We have our own tournamen here, and I help put it together and it's not run

Steven Grosz lays down a bunt during the Bronco's July 26

home game against the Brooklyn Sayo Grays. JOHN HEIDER J

Northville's next game

found them putting to-

gether a convincing 10-5

victory over the Hurri-

canes Select to advance

to the tournament's semi

finals against the Grays.

tournament director

would never have been

port of the community.

volunteers again this

way a tournament like

this could happen without

One of the highlights

coming out of the tourna-

ment headquarters was the newly-designed pro-

gram for the tournamen

which featured several

dozen pages packed full

of ads from businesses in

Northville and the sur-

ounding communities

"We had some great

Flohr, who was in his

first year working as the as well as they do it in Northville.' ong with Carrie Slomin Final records throughski, said the tournament out the tournament found the Top Tier Nationals possible without the supfinishing 0-3 each, the

Allen Baseball Club going 1-2, the Long Island Tiyear," he said. "There's no tans and PAL Nationals finishing 1-3 each, Creek side Fitness and Twin that kind of support. They really stepped up." City Devil Cats finishin 2-2 each, while the Hurr

3-1 record, the Gravs Mets finished 4-1 and Team Cincinnati winning it all with an overall 4-2 record.

#### Broncos have quality showings in World Series It has been a long 28 years for the Northville Swim Club Penguins -1985 was the last time

won the league champi-

Swim Club (Livonia) and Colony Swim Club (Plymouth-Canton). One hundred and forty four swimmers from the Northville club participated in the meet. ranging in age from 5 to by Dave Rembiesa and assistant coaches Will Greenlee and Nora

ville, Both Naughton and Greenlee, now col lege students, were swim team members for many years before

> who has coached the Northville Penguins for the last three years. "Winning as a team is great, but getting your best time, being part of having fun while vou're doing it is the joy of

summer swimm Highlights of the meet included a league record breaking first place finish from the 8-and-under 100 freelan Ebel, Maggie Pat-

and Michael Barron as

well as a league-recordbreaking first place finish from Laura West open 100 M-individual

The summer swim team's season runs June and July with daily morning practices, eigh long league meet at the

end of the season. Full meet results can be found at www.lightgraysoft ware.com/sisl2013/ results/Results.htm. For more information about the Northville Swim

Club, visit www.north-



Brian Tijan of Northville is

all smiles wearing the



Northville's coaches (I to r): Will Greenlee, Nora

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#### Catholic Central." Record and Novi News SPORTS SHORTS

**Motor City Madness** softball clinics

Madness will be offering three clinics this month — two target the 12-and-under age group and the other is for the older girls to sharpen their skills before

All clinics are open to Madness and non-Madness players, travel or one is welcome. For more information and registration forms, visit www.eteamz.com/MotorWalled Lake Schools to host Coaches Clinic on Aug. 2

The Walled Lake Schools' Athletics Deartment is hosting its Inaugural Coaches Clinic Aug. 2 at Walled Lake

Northern High School. The clinic will feature keynote speakers Joe Ehrmann and Loyd Cari and three different throughout the day.

For more information, contact Brian Swinehart, Walled Lake Schools Athletic Director at Brior by calling 248-956KLAA

On the other side of it all the way to the fi-

again with five teams in the final 16, three in the final four and one in the

Tennis two-headed race as far as the KLAA is concerned.

Novi and Northville are pack, and this past sea-son was no different.

Brother Rice for second points. Northville fin-ished tied for fourth with Other KLAA teams

scoring points at the finals were Grand Blanc and Stevenson (tied for 16th with three points) and Churchill with two points to tie for 19th. Individually, Novi and Northville put a singles player in the finals in all

four of the singles brack-Northville's Tyler Gardner finished runnerup at No. 1 singles. Team-mate Connor Johnson blasted by the No. 1 seed in the finals for a 6-1, 6-2

victory and a State Title at No. 2 singles. At No. 3 singles, Novi's Koushik Kondapi made a run to the finals before finishing runner-up.

to claim the title. Jason Carless and Anblasted into the finals before finishing runner-

and four doubles.

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## Northville Swim Club Penguins win league crown after 28-year wait

RESULTS

Other first place winners included:

The winning pitcher in the

final game was Harland Poch.

throughout the his time on the

who kept the Grays off balance

"I can't tell you how proud of this team I am," said Armino.

"These boys played really well,

and winning that tournament

was a great moment for all of

started workouts last Novem-

high school baseball season

time off," said Armino. "The

and then into the summer

ber and continued through the

"I don't give the kids a lot of

Team Cincinnati's program

The wait came to an end July 27, when the 214 member team swam to an overwhelming victory in the Summer Independent Swim League championship meet hosted by Fairway Farms Swim Člub in Livonia. The league includes teams from Newburgh Swim Club (Livonia). Fairway nia), Burton Hollow

Sam Eggleston is a free-lance writer covering

## Skills competition showcases Northville's quality players

Broncos win three of

By Sam Eggleston

Bill Flohr was pretty thrilled at showcasing ooys could play some ing the NABF World

which is in its 32nd year of being hosted by the Northville community. annually opens with a four-section skills com

The Northville Broncos, who are coached by Mark Zalewski, won

three out of the four skills events. "It's always nice when

the local team does so well," said Flohr, who year's tournament along with Carrie Slominski The skills competition is all in good fun. The Northville Broncos team did really well, and we're

really proud of them."
The Broncos team, as a whole earned wins in "Round the Horn" and "Road Runners' competition, while Jake lman won the "Gold

en Arm" competition. The players and coaches were also treated to a speaker, who was Eastern Michigan Uni-

you want to go play for. The tournament last from Thursday through with an 11-4 victory by Team Cincinnati over the SAYO Gravs.

Sam Eggleston is a free-lance writer covering sports for the Northville

coach Jay Alexander.

said Sam Armino the

World Series tourns champion Team Cincin-

head coach for the NABF

great message and was a

great speaker. After that

tate to tell my kids that

speech. I wouldn't hes-

he's the kind of coach

final four come playoff

the KLAA, Grand Blanc nals, falling 1-0 to Eas Kentwood. And Grand Blanc finished second in its own division to Brigh-

The depth of the KLAA was apparent

clear from the rest of the Novi finished tied with

> Rao went undefeated through the No. 4 singles In doubles play, Novi's drew Ying carried the tor

. The same result happened for teammates Nishant Kakar and Mi-

chael Chang at No. 2 Novi also had a pair of semifinal runs at three

# REAL ESTATE



# May home stats a bright spot

There's encouraging news from the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan on home building in metro

Based on single-family new home permit data compiled by the HBA and reported in the HBA/Wells Fargo Southeastern Michigan Residential Building Activity Report, a total of 507 such permits were issued in Oakland, Macomb, Wayne and St. Clair counties in May of

From a year-over-year perspective, permit activity in May was nearly 17 percent higher than May 2012 (435). From a trailing 12-month perspective, the four-county total of 4,122 permits is 36 percent higher than May 2012 (3.027) and the highest level since

August 2007 (4,055). "Extremely encouraging said Michael Stoskopf, CEO of the HBA of Southeastern

mand that's going on. It's a

great thing."
Macomb County was tops in May with 239 permits. May's permit activity in Macomb County was 73 percent higher than April 2013 (138) and 24 percent higher than May 2012

This was the first time since July 2006 that Macomb County exceeded the 200-permit threshold in a single month.

200 permits for the first time only the second time since August 2006 that more than

Stoskoof noted that some ouilders are even running out of suitable land and have to seek new sites. "The primary with people having jobs," he

Oakland County exceeded

in 2013 with 207 issued. This is 200 permits were issued in a single month in Oakland County. Elsewhere, Wayne County issued 56 permits and St. Clair

"to maybe buy a new home." He said the inventory for existing homes in the fourcounty area is at two-three months, not counting foreyou would expect, a lot of ome building going on," Stoskopf said.

He agreed the building growth has driven up the need for such workers as carpenters and electricians. Builder members often subcontract work like excavation and car pentry, and face a shortage of

"There are quite a few opportunities for people who have those skills," said Stoskopf, a Willamston, Mich., resident who's been at his CEO post since April 2008. A lot of workers who relocated to North Carolina and other points south are returning, he

"So that's also very excit-

In the January-March quarter this year, Wayne County

ily home building. There were 125 permits in the first quarter. Last year, they had two. Stoskopf said. "The city of Detroit is holding its own this

year. Again, it comes down to average value." Home values trend higher in western Wayne, he said, especially communities like Plymouth and Canton, than in Detroit. "Again, it's a very County," with one-third of county home permits in De-

in new building, but Stoskopf expects things to pick up again in fall. "I'm hoping that this year we will get to 5,000 permits. Hopefully, this can keep

on going."
The HBA/ASA New Housing Permit Forecast projects a total of 2,866 permits will be to-November time frame, rep resenting a 37 percent growth in permits compared to the

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

| These are the area resider<br>estate closings recorded to<br>March 25-29, 2013, at the | he week of |
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| County Register of Deeds<br>Listed below are cities, ad<br>and sales prices.           | office.    |
| BEVERLY HILLS  | £222.000   |

\$325,000 \$336,000

\$130,000

\$611,000

\$165,000

\$79,000

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\$272,000

| 115 Charrington Ct     |
|------------------------|
| 31678 E Bell Vine Trl  |
| 16156 Lauderdale Ave   |
| BIRMINGHAM             |
| 972 Ann St             |
| 720 Bennaville Ave     |
| 1510 Chapin Ave        |
| 832 E Lincoln St       |
| 767 Hanna St           |
| 885 N Old Woodward Ave |
| # 114                  |
| 536 Park St            |
| 532 Pierce St          |
| 1571 Ruffner Ave       |
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| 9/2 Ann 5t             | 3611,000    |
|------------------------|-------------|
| 720 Bennaville Ave     | \$522,000   |
| 1510 Chapin Ave        | \$325,000   |
| 832 E Lincoln St       | \$380,000   |
| 767 Hanna St           | \$500,000   |
| 885 N Old Woodward Ave | \$165,000   |
| #114                   |             |
| 536 Park St            | \$455,000   |
| 532 Pierce St          | \$800,000   |
| 1571 Ruffner Ave       | \$436,000   |
| 101 Rugby St           | \$248,000   |
| 856 5 Bates St         | \$1,243,000 |
| 600 W Brown St # 206   | \$150,000   |
| 519 Wallace St         | \$350,000   |
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| BLOOMFIELD HILLS        |
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| 2558 Aspen Ln           |
| 1956 Pine Ridge Ct      |
| 236 Wendy Ln            |
| 717 Arbor Ct            |
| 3310 Berkshire Dr       |
| 2655 Colby Dr           |
| 1153 Glenpointe Ct      |
| 1736 Long Lake Shore Dr |
| BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP     |
| 1499 Ashover Dr         |
| 5335 Brookdale Rd       |
| 6630 Colby Ln           |
| 612 Deauville Ln        |
| 3171 E Breckenridge Ln  |
| 3806 Lincoln Rd         |
| 2277 Lost Tree Way      |
| 2449 Mulberry Sq # 28   |
| 4554 Private Lake Dr    |
| 770 S Cranbrook Rd      |
| 760 Trailwood Path      |
| 42160 Woodward Ave      |
| Unit 28                 |
| COMMERCE TOWNSHIP       |

| 111 Willits St # 409    | \$710,000 | 5336 Lanca  |
|-------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| BLOOMFIELD HILLS        |           | 5521 River  |
| 2558 Aspen Ln           | \$260,000 | 845 Sleeth  |
| 1956 Pine Ridge Ct      | \$312,000 | FARMING     |
| 236 Wendy Ln            | \$175,000 | 23051 Fred  |
| 717 Arbor Ct            | \$343,000 | 33818 Gra   |
| 3310 Berkshire Dr       | \$207,000 | 22779 Maj   |
| 2655 Colby Dr           | \$238,000 | 23632 Wes   |
| 1153 Glenpointe Ct      | \$195,000 | FARMING     |
| 1736 Long Lake Shore Dr | \$230,000 | 37103 Asp   |
| BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP     |           | 22135 Atfa  |
| 1499 Ashover Dr         | \$247,000 | 37678 Burt  |
| 5335 Brookdale Rd       | \$575,000 | 37007 Drift |
| 6630 Colby Ln           | \$180,000 | 35575 Fore  |
| 612 Deauville Ln        | \$335,000 | 24845 Gler  |
| 3171 E Breckenridge Ln  | \$610,000 | 37538 Gler  |
| 3806 Lincoln Rd         | \$304,000 | 23755 Hay   |
| 2277 Lost Tree Way      | \$290,000 | 36680 How   |
| 2449 Mulberry Sq # 28   | \$78,000  | 33833 Hun   |
| 4554 Private Lake Dr    | \$395,000 | 29963 Old   |
| 770 S Cranbrook Rd      | \$249,000 | 21887 Onta  |
| 760 Trailwood Path      | \$156,000 | 30532 Ram   |
| 42160 Woodward Ave      | \$106,000 | Dr          |
| Unit 28                 |           | 21422 Roos  |
| COMMERCE TOWNSHIP       |           | 30014 Valle |
| 307 Anaconda St         | \$185,000 | 38315 Wyn   |
| 4977 Foothills Dr       | \$200,000 | MILFORD     |
|                         |           |             |

| DACHONS-               |           | IND COOM!              |           |
|------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|
| 5336 Lancaster Ln      | \$294,000 | 747 Bird Song Dr       | \$127,000 |
| 5521 Rivers Edge Dr    | \$315,000 | 709 Knight Sť          | \$140,000 |
| 345 Sleeth Rd          | \$111,000 | 204 S Houghton St      | \$80,000  |
| ARMINGTON              |           | 1100 Tennyson Dr       | \$300,000 |
| 3051 Frederick Ave     | \$120,000 | NORTHVILLE             | -         |
| 3818 Grand River Ave   | \$124,000 | 41771 Onaway Dr        | \$65,000  |
| 2779 Maple Ave         | \$156,000 | NOVI                   |           |
| 3632 Wesley Dr         | \$238,000 | 45535 Amherst Dr       | \$322,000 |
| ARMINGTON HILLS        |           | 30126 Brightwood Dr    | \$302,000 |
| 7103 Aspen Dr          | \$317,000 | 30132 Brightwood Dr    | \$279,000 |
| 2135 Atlantic Pointe   | \$55,000  | 30136 Brightwood Dr    | \$283,000 |
| 7678 Burton Dr         | \$224,000 | 27503 Harrington Way   | \$298,000 |
| 7007 Driftwood         | \$142,000 | 22469 Mill Rd          | \$215,000 |
| 5575 Forestville St    | \$150,000 | SOUTH LYON             |           |
| 4845 Glen Orchard Dr   | \$177,000 | 58358 11 Mile Rd       | \$155,000 |
| 7538 Glengrove Dr      | \$278,000 | 1090 Appaloosa Ct      | \$226,000 |
| 3755 Haynes St         | \$175,000 | 54435 Birchwood Dr     | \$360,000 |
| 6680 Howard Rd         | \$220,000 | 1154 Fountain View Cir | \$99,000  |
| 3833 Hunters Pointe Rd | \$255,000 | 1069 Gentry Dr         | \$289,000 |
| 9963 Old Bedford St    | \$143,000 | 61201 Ladbrooke Dr     | \$291,000 |
| 1887 Ontaga St         | \$110,000 | SOUTHFIELD             |           |
| 0532 Ramblewood Club   | \$178,000 | 28238 Berkshire Or     | \$75,000  |
| r                      |           | 17362 Dorset Ave       | \$91,000  |
| 1422 Roosevelt Ave     | \$60,000  | 20930 Duns Scotus St   | \$60,000  |
| 0014 Valley Side Dr    | \$220,000 | 18317 New Hampshire Dr | \$92,000  |
| 8315 Wynmar            | \$123,000 | 17289 Sunnybrook Dr    | \$52,000  |
| IILFORD                |           | 20785 Winchester St    | \$165,000 |
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| HOMES 30                             |
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| These are the area residential real  |
| estate closings recorded the week of |
| April 15-18, 2013, at the Wayne      |
| County Register of Deeds office.     |
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| and sales prices.          |
| CANTON                     |
| 50437 Amberwood Rd         |
| 2249 Arcadia Dr            |
| 1792 Bentley Ct            |
| 720 Buckingham Rd          |
| 41936 Echo Forest Ct       |
| 1200 Heritage Dr           |
| 2679 Hunters Ct            |
| 44622 Meadowcreek Ln       |
| 41956 Metaline Dr          |
| 2160 Mistwood Ct           |
| 1886 Pinecroft Dr          |
| 3934 Ravensfield Dr        |
| 42646 Redfern St           |
| 1767 S Pennfield Ln        |
| 42425 Somerset Ct          |
| 1055 Terrel Ct             |
| 1745 Thistle Dr            |
| 46935 Torrey Hill Ct       |
| 927 Torrey Hill Dr         |
| 1935 Wentworth Dr          |
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| ial real  | GARDEN CITY         |
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| e week of | 577 Belton St       |
| yne       | 31547 Elmwood St    |
| ffice.    | 29015 Florence St   |
| resses,   | 238 Henry Ruff Rd   |
| csses,    | 31733 Kathryn St    |
|           | 30599 Marquette St  |
|           | 29159 Sheridan St   |
| \$77,000  | 30753 Sheridan St   |
| \$115,000 | LIVONIA             |
| \$280,000 | 14608 Blue Skies St |
| \$115,000 | 20210 Deering St    |
| \$267,000 | 15939 Edgewood St   |
| \$152,000 | 36356 Fairway Dr    |
| \$293,000 | 29137 Grandon St    |
| \$134,000 | 9024 Hubbard St     |
| \$153,000 | 16260 Hubbard St    |
| \$445,000 | 32625 Indiana St    |
| \$115,000 | 29842 Lori St       |
| ****      | 40455 44            |

| GARDEN CITY         |
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| 577 Belton St       |
| 31547 Elmwood St    |
| 29015 Florence St   |
| 238 Henry Ruff Rd   |
| 31733 Kathryn St    |
| 30599 Marquette St  |
| 29159 Sheridan St   |
| 30753 Sheridan St   |
| LIVONIA             |
| 14608 Blue Skies St |
| 20210 Deering St    |
| 15939 Edgewood St   |
| 36356 Fairway Dr    |
| 29137 Grandon St    |
| 9024 Hubbard St     |
| 16260 Hubbard St    |
| 32625 Indiana St    |
| 29842 Lori St       |
| 18456 Manor Ln      |
| 19490 Norwich Rd    |
| 15335 Norwich St    |
| 11161 Oxbow St      |
| 8953 Parent St      |
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19909 Saint Francis St

32720 Schoolcraft Rd

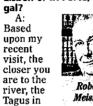
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|-----------|------------------------|-------|
|           | 28960 Terrence St      | \$1   |
| \$25,000  | 9840 Westmore St       | \$13  |
| \$50,000  | NORTHVILLE             |       |
| \$60,000  | 18372 Clairmont Cir E  | \$76  |
| \$56,000  | 17858 Farmcrest Ct     | \$34  |
| \$20,000  | 17401 Farmcrest Ln     | \$33  |
| \$80,000  | 18718 Grande Vista Dr  | \$12  |
| \$80,000  | 49091 Hidden Ridge Dr  | \$12  |
| \$71,000  | 16400 Highland Ln      | \$16  |
|           | 16925 Lochmoor Cir E   | \$33  |
| \$110,000 | 45991 Riviera Dr       | \$46  |
| \$44,000  | 18185 Shoreline Ct     | \$51  |
| \$225,000 | PLYMOUTH               |       |
| \$30,000  | 46109 Barrington Rd    | \$22  |
| \$93,000  | 40423 Brecken Ridge Ln | \$19  |
| \$165,000 | 42111 Brentwood Dr     | \$14  |
| \$155,000 | 670 Byron St           | \$19  |
| \$130,000 | 15027 Farmbrook Dr     | \$23  |
| \$138,000 | .11356 General Dr      | \$9   |
| \$230,000 | 574 N Evergreen St     | \$48  |
| \$225,000 | 315 Pacific St         | \$25  |
| \$210,000 | 14864 Thornridge Dr    | \$19  |
| \$110,000 | 11955 Trailwood Rd     | \$30  |
| \$132,000 | REDFORD                |       |
| \$170,000 | 11379 Arnold           | \$75  |
| \$50,000  | 14285 Breakfast Dr     | \$150 |
|           |                        |       |

18489 Glenmore

| -WAYI     | NE COUNTY            |           |
|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| \$122,000 | 19780 Imperial Hwy   | \$40,000  |
| \$126,000 | 19912 Inkster Rd     | \$25,000  |
|           | 19173 Poinciana      | \$30,000  |
| \$705,000 | 8887 Robindale       | \$58,000  |
| \$340,000 | 8963 Rockland        | \$60,000  |
| \$331,000 | 11337 Rockland       | \$56,000  |
| \$125,000 | 14392 Salem          | \$63,000  |
| \$129,000 | 9631 Sarasota        | \$78,000  |
| \$167,000 | 24548 W Chicago      | \$22,000  |
| \$330,000 | WESTLAND             |           |
| \$465,000 | 33043 Alamo Ct       | \$28,000  |
| \$515,000 | 33919 Arrowhead St   | \$110,000 |
|           | 32960 Audreys Way    | \$220,000 |
| \$220,000 | 32646 Avondale St    | \$89,000  |
| \$195,000 | 8715 Beatrice        | \$44,000  |
| \$145,000 | 7451 Cavell St       | \$46,000  |
| \$190,000 | 8083 Coventry St     | \$45,000  |
| \$231,000 | 2311 Deerfield Ct    | \$20,000  |
| \$90,000  | 7912 Donna St        | \$100,000 |
| \$485,000 | 36060 Farragut Ave   | \$41,000  |
| \$259,000 | 30565 Hogan Ln       | \$70,000  |
| \$190,000 | 8430 N Henry Ruff Rd | \$62,000  |
| \$306,000 | 27554 Powers St      | \$10,000  |
|           | 715 Rahn St          | \$62,000  |
| \$75,000  | 813S Randy Dr        | \$120,000 |
| \$150,000 | 535 \$ Hubbard St    | \$97,000  |
| \$50,000  | 34648 Stacy St       | \$68,000  |
| \$38,000  | 412 Summerfield Dr   | \$149,000 |
| \$47,000  |                      |           |

# cities: outskirts home

O: I have family in ing of maintaining a part-time residen there. Where is the best place to invest in a resi-Lisbon or in Porto, Portu-



and the center of the city, the est price per square memarket has declined apover the last five years. so you may find a bar gain on the outskirts of

O: I travel to Barcelona, Spain, on business on unemployment there is as high as 25 percent. was wondering how that is affecting real estate prices and if this might be a good time to buy. Any advice?

research, and in talking to knowledgeable people that the price of real estate has gone down as in new apartments ertheless, it is still a beautiful city with ap proximately three million inhabitants in the metropolitan area, thriving on tourism. In addition to the decline in the market, housing tends to than in many other desirable European cities. Before purchasing, however, you should investigate the possibility of increased taxes imposed the central government strives to be indepen-

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words. His winning tale: "For sale, baby shoes, never worn." Vine's six-second video loops are sort of like that, and — to a lesser extent — so is Instagram's new 15-second looping-

video feature. And now two major automotive brands. Nissan and Honda, have joined the growing number of companies that are trying to figure out whether these latest new fragments of the socialmediasphere are worthwhile to promote their own aims.

Nissan is tapping both Vine and the new Instagram tool to promote the new Note version of its Versa compact. The car is aimed at "young, active Millennials who live life at the spur of the moment through their phone," as Erich Marx, director of social media and interactive marketing for Nissan USA, told me. As "the largest vehicle in its segment," he said, Versa Note provides them the best way to pile their friends and their stuff in the car and zoom off to the latest adventure.

Vine fits that peripatetic mode. A website offers printable variations of Versa Vine and Instagram videos, and some users will see their creatives in the car's new ad campaign, on TV or online video.

"I love the fact that this is a bit of a Also available on a real-world lab experiment" about which custom basis is a rear mented Marx. "Frankly, I think it's a heightens the style of challenge making 15 seconds of the Note and enhances watchable content than six seconds of

Nissan is promoting the room in Note for four people and a best-in-class 21.4 cubic feet of cargo space It also has 60/40 split seats and a Divide-N-Hide "adjustable floor" that allows Note owners to create a convenient loading platform, or drop the

Note's first-in-class Around View Moni-360° image of the car and then displays it on the touch-screen monitor. Drivers are able to see exactly how much room they've got behind them, in front of them, and even between them and the curb.

Customizable features of the Note include LED lights with 20 pre-programmed color options light up the front footwells. They work with the vehicle's interior lighting when the door is opened. Owners can easily control the light color and the



A snapshot from one of the Vine videos promoting Nissan Versa Note.

its aerodynamic appearance. It comes pre-painted in factory-

"exhaust finisher" avail-

ing and built to last. It provides a bold and aggressive appearance for the Note's rear and requires only easy, bolt-on in-

Meanwhile, Honda is sticking with Vine only to assist its annual US summerclearance event this year for the entire fleet. Responding to tweets that bore the hashtag #wantnewcar last week, Honda posted live, customized Vine videos. The hashtag saw 6.895 Twitter mentions from 5,617 users with 14.8 million estimated Twitter impressions within a few days. The word "Honda" received an estimated 247 million impressions between July 14 and July 16, the company said.

Some of the Vine responses were aimed

at "pre-tweets" and so were pre-shot, such as one Vine that addressed a tweet in which a consumer wanted a new Honda be cause his car was a "dinosaur"; the Honda Vine video showed a toddling toy dinosaur. Spontane-

ously produced Vine videos on Monday included one that showed a prize of a \$100 Starbucks gift card for a winning tweet.

"We knew it would be fun and engaging, and we just really wanted to see where we could go with it," Susie Rosick, senior manager of regional marketing for American Honda, told me. "But it's scary. You wonder where the attention span of [the average] 17-year-old will be ten

In addition to social-media promotion. Honda's Summer Clearance Sales Event campaign features eight TV advertisements that show various Honda dealers humorously responding to real tweets while finding alternative cars and deals

For example, the spot "Super Fan" addresses an actual tweet from actor Neil in which @ActuallyNPH asks for advice on selecting a minivan. And "Dance Party" highlights standard Honda features such as Pandora when the dealer has a sudden dance party in a Civic based on a tweet from @KasiJackson.

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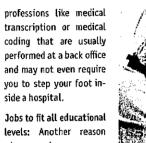
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