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City hopes to add new park

Novi seeks grant for one in northwest area

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

City officials want to add a new park to the northwest section of Novi to serve residential developments planned for that area.

A piece of property south of West 12 Mile is on track to become a neighborhood park, if the city can get some financial assistance.

Novi City Council members Monday approved a resolution authorizing submission of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant application for land acquisition of 10 acres of

property located on 12 Mile east of Napier Road. The grant could cover 70 percent of the costs.

The total estimated project cost including the grant is \$550,000, with 30 percent, or \$165,000, of that coming from a city match. The property was identified as an ideal location for which to seek such a grant.

The council said this is a positive step in giving this area a park option. Mayor Pro Tem Dave Staudt said this is an under-served part of the city as far as parks are concerned.

"This will serve the residents well if we can achieve the grant," he said.

Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director Jason Mangum said the goal for

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Free ride Saturday from Novi to DIA

The Detroit Institute of Arts is providing free bus transportation to and from the museum Saturday, March 29, for Oakland County residents. A bus will depart from the Novi Civic Center (45175 W. 10 Mile) at 9:30 a.m. and will leave the DIA for the return trip at 2 p.m.

Visitors can browse the collection, take part in an art-making activity, view two free exhibitions, or see the Samurai: Beyond the Sword exhibition at the discounted rate of \$12 per person.

The special Oakland County Day is provided as thanks to county residents, who voted to support the DIA millage last year. The museum recently held a Macomb County Day and will host Wayne County residents April 5.

Reservations for free bus transportation are required. For more information and to reserve a spot, call 313-833-4005 or go to <http://www.dia.org/calendar/event.aspx?id=4406>.

Rite Aid employee charged with making false report

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

A Rite Aid employee in Novi reported a phony robbery in order to steal more than 10 gift cards with \$500 each on them, but he was foiled after investigators tracked back some of the used cards to that employee, who is now charged with filing a false police report.

John Darrell Hayes, 23, of Novi was arraigned in 52-1 District Court this week for embezzlement and filing a false report, which in total are 9- to 10-year felonies.

Hayes told Novi police he was robbed while working at the Rite Aid at 10 Mile and Meadowbrook roads the night of March 1. He said a black male suspect walked in and handed him a note saying load all of the gift cards as well as the cash in the register into a bag. He also said the suspect stated he had a gun and threatened to use it on him if he didn't comply with the demands.

According to Hayes' story, he handed over some cards, but no cash and then the suspect took off.

However, the case took a turn when Novi investigators tracked down the cards after they were used at a Walmart in Dearborn and a Meijer in Southfield.

"Long story short, it appears he made up the whole story," Novi Detective Sgt. Scott Baetens said.

Police were able to review the security videos of the cards being used and one person on the footage matched Hayes. He was identified and later brought in for further questioning, which led him to confess to the plot. There are two other unnamed suspects identified and allegedly in on the plot, however, they have not been detained yet.



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Novi High School junior Ryan Barnhart, bathed in the cool green glow of some LEDs, works on the school's robotics Frog Force Team 503's machine. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ROBOTICS TEAM 503

A (frog) force to be reckoned with

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

Teamwork, dedication and a lot of smarts have helped the Novi Robotics Team succeed year in and year out.

This past month, Team 503 (better known as the Frog Force) again took home the District Chairman's Award after competing against other teams during the second round of Michigan's FIRST Robotic competitions at Kettering University.

"We weren't expecting it this year, but we worked hard and it turned out to be a great competition," said Raghu Arghal, a junior at Novi High School and vice president of Frog Force FIRST Team 503. "We were overjoyed to hear we won."

This award is the most prestigious award at FIRST because it honors the team that best represents a model for other teams to emulate and best embodies the purpose and goals of FIRST,



Novi High School's Frog Force Team 503 logo has been laser-cut into one of the robot's arms..

which stands for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology."

FIRST, which is a nationwide program, aims to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs that build science, engineering

and technology skills, which foster innovation and well-rounded life capabilities, including self-confidence, communication and leadership.

There are a variety of facets to the FIRST robotics competi-

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Pistol safety class

The Novi Police Department will be offering a civilian pistol safety class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at the Novi Police Department Training Center, 45125 10 Mile. The course fulfills both the classroom and shooting requirements to obtain a Michigan Concealed Pistol License.

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

After lunch, participants will move to the Novi Firearms Training Center to complete the course. Students must bring their own equipment, including a personal handgun, 100 rounds of ammunition, safety glasses, shooter's earmuffs or ear plugs, a pen or pencil, a baseball

cap and wear loose comfortable clothing to participate in the course. Participants must be 21 years old and do not have to be a Novi resident to attend.

For more information, visit cityofnovi.org or contact Sgt. Michael Warren at mwarren@cityofnovi.org or 248-921-9843.

On the Road

Enjoy taking day trips, but not the planning and driving part? Mark your calendars for Wednesday, April 30, and join tour guides and local experts Kathy Crawford and Margi Karp-Opperer as they lead an informative and enjoyable day trip to Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester – including a special docent tour, luncheon and a play at Meadow Brook Theatre.

This cultural and entertaining day will depart from the Novi Civic Center at 9 a.m. and return approximately 5 p.m.. The cost of the trip is \$87, which covers deluxe transportation, lunch and admission to *The Andrews Brothers*

show. Availability is limited and registration can be done by calling the Novi Library Administration Office at 248-869-7204. No refunds will be accepted after March 24.

The day will start with a guided tour of the historic estate built by one of the automotive aristocracy's most remarkable women. Lunch will follow in the elegant dining room and before traveling to Meadow Brook Theatre to see the play *The Andrews Brothers*.

For more information about the On the Road event, visit www.novilibrary.org or call 248-349-0720.

Tech Talk classes

City of Novi Older Adult Services is offering Tech Talk classes for adults 50 years and older who would like to become more tech-savvy by learning how to use tablets, smartphones and applications.

One-day classes are held 6:15-8:15 p.m. each Tuesday at the Novi Civic Center (45175 10 Mile). Each class is \$15 per resident and \$18 per non-resident. Registration is required and available at cityofnovi.org or in person at the Older Adult Services office inside the civic center.

For more information regarding Tech Talk classes or the Bits and Bytes Cafe, contact Older Adult Services at 248-347-0414. To learn more about other classes for adults 50 and older, visit cityofnovi.org.



A group of Frog Force Team 503 members gathers around the school's practice robot during a March 17 meeting at Novi High School. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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tions, in which Novi excels.

The team is composed of students with different talents that come together with one goal: to inspire and change attitudes toward careers in science, engineering, mathematics and technology. It's sort of like a technology company, because each year the team is expected to do things like put together a plan, perform community outreach, sell its vision and construct a working robot.

"It's really all about promoting STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). We joined the team because we enjoy these

things and through the competitions and outreach we get to help others see the fun in them as well," NHS junior and team secretary Eshwar Inapuri said.

In 2013, Novi won both the District Chairman's Award and State Chairman's Award. The team was formed 14 years ago and has mentors ranging from parents to area technology employees helping members achieve their goals.

For 13 years, its main sponsor has been Magna Seating of Novi. The firm provides funding as well as work space, access to tools, mentorship and internship opportunities.

Ann Kowalczyk, a parent of a team member and the coach, along

with NHS teacher Jim Van Eizenga, said the team is a dedicated bunch and is a great example of students partnering with adults.

"This gets them involved in a real world way with areas of STEM, which many of them will go on to have careers in," said Kowalczyk, who is also an electrical engineer. "It's exciting and interesting because it's technology and science, but it also involves a lot of creativity on their part."

Frog Force will compete this weekend in Livonia and in mid-April at the state competition at Eastern Michigan University. Its website is www.frogforce503.org.

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this piece of property is to develop a neighborhood park with potential features such as open space, play structures and picnic shelters.

"PRCS believes this

park property is needed to support the new residential developments in the northwest portion of the city. Currently, there are no other park facilities in close proximity for these residents," Mangum told council in his report.

The new residential developments he cited

include Angelina Ridge with 146 units, Berkshire Point with 86 units and Knightsbridge Gate with 349, as well as the Old Dutch Farms and Novi Meadows Mobile Home Park.

"A park feature is being recommended within walking distance to these new develop-

ments," Mangum said of the plan.

There was no expenditure approved by the council just yet. If the grant is approved, another decision to pay for the city's portion would be needed in the near future.

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Novi Town Center's Diamond Jim Brady's restaurant. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

New law allows diners take their own wine

By Sylvia Rector
Gannett Michigan

Michigan diners can now legally take their own bottles of wine to restaurants that have liquor licenses, but they will likely have to pay a corkage fee to have it served to them and the restaurant must be willing to allow it.

Previously, wine purchased outside a restaurant could not be served there, but a new state law that took effect March 14 changes that.

Restaurants still have the option to prohibit outside wines, said Justin Winslow, the Michigan Restaurant Association's vice president of governmental affairs. And they can charge whatever they wish as a corkage fee — the charge for providing glassware and serving the wine.

The new law does not allow guests to take wine into restaurants that do not have liquor licenses; that was illegal before and still is, Winslow said. In addition, the new law applies only to wine and not any other alcoholic beverage.

Owners "have complete autonomy ... to decide how to implement the law within their own restaurant," Winslow said. For example, they could agree to serve a customer's bottle that isn't on the wine list, but decline to do so if that outside wine is available in house.

The mark-up on wine in restaurants is typically two to three times the wholesale price of the bottle, so a wine that costs \$50 wholesale might be \$100 on the list. Thus, restaurant owners stand to lose money if customers bring in their own bottles and pay only a \$20 or \$25 corkage fee per bottle.

"For restaurateurs ... there's obviously lost revenue," said Kristin Jonna, owner of Vinoteca in Royal Oak, Vinology in Ann Arbor and the new The Bird and The Bread in Birmingham.

The people who are most eager to take advantage of the new law are wine lovers who want to enjoy an old or rare bottle from their cellar with dinner — the diners who are most likely to order better, more expensive bottles from the wine list, she said.

But some customers will want to bring in wine because they feel restaurant prices are too high. "I think there's not an appreciation for why restaurants charge what they charge for wine. Unless you are a business, you don't understand" the high labor, inventory, training and glassware costs associated with it, Jonna added.

Many restaurateurs haven't decided how they will respond to the new law, Winslow said.

But Jonna has decided to go with it — for now. She'll pour customers' bottles for a \$20 corkage fee, with a two-bottle limit, at The Bird and the Bread and Vinology; she was unsure about Vinoteca. And she will not

pick and choose which bottles to pour.

"The reason people pushed for a law like this is so they enjoy maybe old wines, rare wines you can't get in Michigan. ... It's not so you can bring in your \$5 bottle of Yellowtail," she said. "I'm not going to dictate that to people, but I just hope they understand that that's why a law like this exists."

For special occasions and with special bottles, "I think the law is beautiful," she said, "but if it starts being abused, we'll just turn it off."

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NOVI RESTAURANTS EMBRACE NEW LAW

The Novi News reached out to a variety of Novi restaurants about the new wine corkage law, but received responses only from Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro Bar and Steve & Rocky's — perhaps because others haven't figured out yet how to handle the law.

"Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro has adopted the policy of a \$20 corkage fee — happily, we might add," said Sharon Juergens, chef/business partner of the Novi Town Center restaurant with owner Mary Brady.

They based that amount by choosing the least expensive bottle on their list, which is \$20. The two think the law will only be advantageous to guests who have a wine collection that is superior to the restaurant's.

"Otherwise, by the time you add \$20 to your personal (possibly inexpensive) bottle, you will be paying more than it is worth," Juergens said.

And while it has been stated that the corkage fee covers the server and the wine glass, Brady has a different take on what that \$20 will mean to her business.

"Actually," she said, "it will help to cover the initial liquor

license cost, the incredible high liability insurance, the rent or mortgage, multiple salaries of staff to provide a complete dining experience and finally a very small profit at the end of the day."

Duane T. Brady, general manager of Steve & Rocky's, said it, too, will have a \$20 corkage fee.

"We wanted to keep it low enough to encourage people to take advantage of it for that special occasion bottle, but high enough that the guests would not bring in a bottle of 'two-buck Chuck,'" he said.

He thinks the new law is a good thing and he's looking forward to seeing what people will be bringing in from their own cellars.

Brady added that a number of places in the area have been allowing customers to bring in their own bottles for years, leaving those restaurants that have been living by the letter of the law at a disadvantage.

"Now I think the playing field is more even," she said.

— By Cal Stone

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No more MEAP, state making switch to new test

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

Michigan residents have watched the increases and decreases of MEAP scores for years. Some even chose homes in districts where students excelled.

Now, with the release of the 2013 assessment results — the last — the Michigan Department of Education has announced that there will be no more MEAP.

Years ago, the Michigan Educational Assessment Program became known to everyone by its shortened name — the MEAP. It was a standardized test taken by all public school students in Michigan. For high school students, the MEAP was replaced in 2007 by the Michigan Merit Exam.

The program was started by the state Board of Education and supported by then-Gov. William G. Milliken. The MEAP was first administered during the 1969-70 school year for the purpose of determining at various points in a student's career, their progress compared to standards set by the state Board of Education.

According to school officials, the state is looking at different test possibilities, one of which is the SBAC test, the Smarter Balanced

Assessment Consortium.

Common Core standards

Common Core standards were adopted in October. The Common Core is a set of grade-level standards that are uniform across all of the states that adopted them. In theory, content taught to a fourth-grader in Chicago will be the same content as taught to a fourth-grader in Oakland County or in New Mexico.

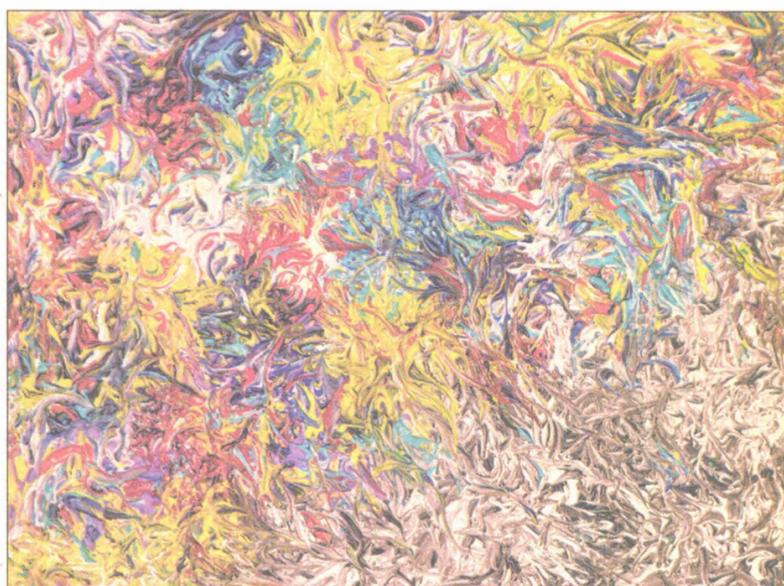
That doesn't happen now and some educators believe that this can be more uniform.

Some states like Indiana and Georgia have said that they aren't going to use the Common Core standards. About 40-45 states have said that they will move on to the Common Core at any given time.

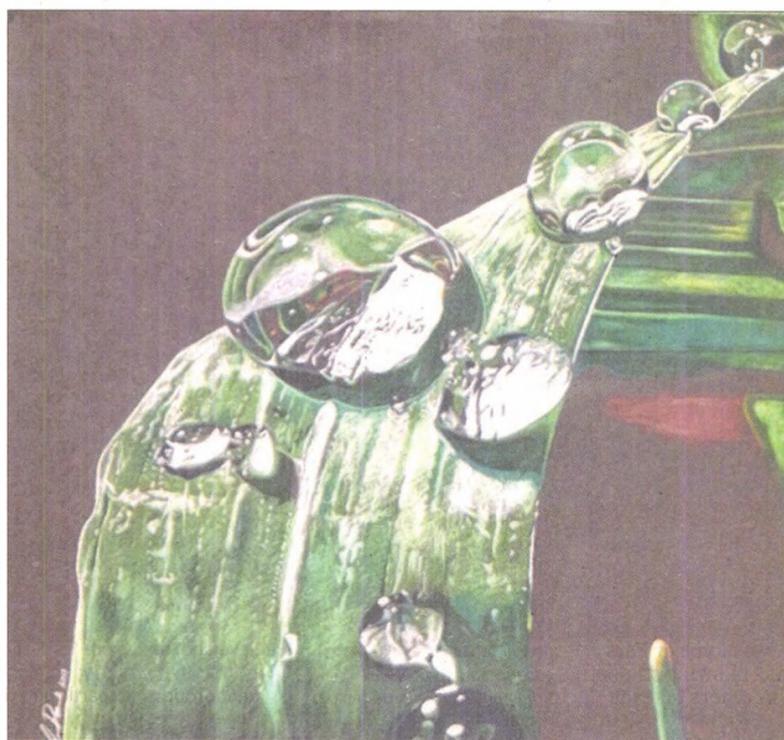
Some states are leaning toward the PARCC test, which stands for Partnership for Assessments for Readiness for College and Careers. The differences of tests planned for Michigan go further. Rather than being reading tests, the new ones are more writing tests.

Students will be asked to write about mathematics, write about English concepts, compose essays and have short essay questions called constructed responses.

Two Novi artists win gold medal



"True Brown" by Shelby Pliska.



"Dew Drop" by Ellen Park.

Novi High School students Shelby Pliska, a senior, and Ellen Park, a sophomore, are gold medal winners in the 2014 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, the country's longest-running award and recognition program for creative students in grades 7-12.

Pliska was honored for her acrylic painting, "True Brown," while Park earned her award for "Dew Drop," a colored pencil drawing.

Some 10,000 pieces receiving regional honors from across the United States are submitted for national honor, with 1,500 gold and silver medals awarded to individual works and 16 gold portfolio gold medals awarded as well. The two Novi students will travel to New York City to receive their medals and their recognition at an awards ceremony at Carnegie Hall.

The awards were launched in 1923 by Scholastic, Inc., the global children's publishing and media company, to foster and reward creativity in our nation's classrooms. Classifications in the visual arts include the fields of architecture, ceramics and glass, comic art, design, digital art, drawing, fashion, film and animation, jewelry, mixed media, painting, printmaking, photography, sculpture and video games.



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Novi is combining virtual and face-to-face learning

Charlie, my best friend from high school and roommate in college, now lives in Coupeville, Wash. He is executive director of the Whidbey Animals' Improvement Foundation on Whidbey Island. He and I rarely see each other. We are Facebook friends. We keep up with each other, but it is not the same as it was when we saw each other every day.

My mother lives in Grand Junction, Colo. I call her every day. On occasion, we Facetime. It is nice to see her face and to talk with her. It is a good alternative to sitting with her. But it is not the same as being with her.



Steve Matthews
SUPER TALK

my perspective, keeps me informed and lets me think and talk through ideas with people around the country and the world.

With Facebook, I am connected to friends and family. I get to share in important events virtually. I am updated on important life events and I get to share my experiences much more easily and with a wider audience. I am part of my family's and my friends' life in a way that was not possible before Facebook came around.

Google allows me to find information much more easily and quickly than I ever did before. From that new chicken recipe to ideas on school funding to insights on leadership, the search engine has helped me expand my horizons and my knowledge base.

I have participated in virtual meetings. It is a great way to connect with colleagues and to share information.

Simple text messaging allows me to keep in contact with those I work with to share insights and ideas. The conversation from work is extended beyond the work day. At times that is a good thing, at other times it seems like I can never escape.

We are creating classrooms that will allow teachers and students to connect virtually. Students and teachers can Skype or Facetime, allowing students and teachers to teach and learn in a virtual world. We connect ex-

perts with our students in classrooms in these same ways, allowing our students to develop deeper insights.

But at some level, from my perspective, a virtual-only world would not be fulfilling. When I go to visit my father-in-law in Seattle, I will stop by and see Charlie. I am going to visit my mother in Colorado this summer. Even though I am connected virtually, seeing them, talking with them face-to-face, sitting with them, is still important.

Most of my Twitter connections I will never see. But when I do get a chance to attend a conference or a workshop, I do connect. Why? Because seeing a person, shaking their hand, sitting with them deepens and broadens the relationship.

As we continue to move into an ever-expanding virtual world, it will be interesting to see how that world develops. Clearly, there are benefits to this virtual world. But my hope is that this virtual world does not diminish our physical world and that we learn how to combine the virtual and the real world.

As I consider the implications of virtual learning for our students, I see its benefits. But there is a power in face-to-face learning that cannot be duplicated virtually. Our responsibility is to figure out how to create powerful learning environments for our students that harness the strengths of virtual and face-to-face learning.

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Wixom Rocks



The Walled Lake Western High School auditorium was packed March 14 for the annual Wixom Elementary Schools Talent Show, this year titled Wixom Rocks 2014. Pictured singing and rocking out are sisters Claire Emmett-Hardey, kindergarten, and fourth-grader Kana Emmett-Hardy performing "The Cup Song." CURTIS DROGMILLER

Pre-fest performance



The Walled Lake Western High School choir department, under the direction of Gregory Cleveland, held a pre-festival choir concert March 11. Western will participate in several festivals in the upcoming month, including state solo and ensemble. Western vocal department groups that participated in the concert were the Men's Chorus, Troubadours, Hugh Men's Choir, Women's Chorus, Bella Voce, Bel Canto Choir, Serenade and Chamber Singers.

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NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

School district schedules bond information meetings

The Novi Community School District is asking voters to consider a \$70.9 million bond proposal May 6. The bond proposal results in no increase in the current millage rate. The bond focuses on sustaining the district's capital assets to provide the highest quality educational experience for its students.

The community is invited to meetings where information about the proposed bond will be discussed. All meetings listed are open to the community:

- April 2, 9 a.m., Novi High School, Parent Council meeting
- April 14, 7 p.m., Novi High School-Fine Arts Wing, Band Boosters meeting
- April 16, 6:30 p.m., Novi High School-Room 160, Athletic Boosters meeting
- April 21, 6:30 p.m., Novi Public Library, Coffee with the Superintendent
- April 22, 7 p.m., Village Oaks Elementary School, Media Center
- April 23, 10:15 a.m., Novi Public Library, Coffee with the Superintendent
- April 23, 7 p.m., Novi Middle School, Media Center
- April 29, time and location to be determined.

Details of the proposed bond are available online by visiting novi.k12.mi.us/district/bond/.

Preschool registration beginning

Novi Community Education Preschool has begun registration for new students for 2014-15.

To register, parents should bring: a completed registration form, a copy of the child's birth certificate and immunization records. The registration fee is \$50 and nonrefundable.

A class schedule along with prices and payment dates may be found on the Novi Community Education website at www.novi.k12.mi.us, by looking under Community Education and scrolling to the preschool site.

For more information, contact Novi Community Education Preschool at 248-449-1713.

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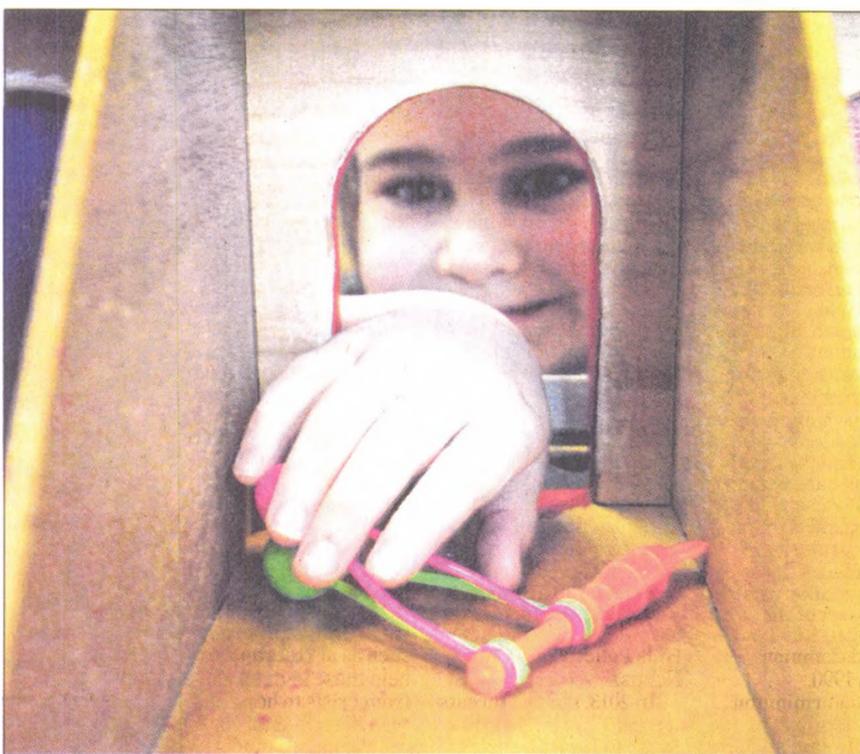
It's time for kindergarten registration for children who will have reached age 5 by Oct. 1. Contact your neighborhood Novi elementary school office for more information.

100th day



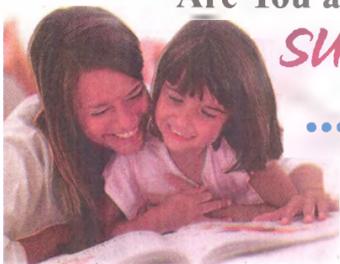
Feb. 26 marked 100 days of school for students in the Walled Lake Consolidated School District. To celebrate, students dressed like centurions, counted everything from Fruit Loops to shoes to items in their classrooms and talked about all the things they have learned since the first day of school in September. First-grade students in Lori Payton's classroom at Mary Helen Guest Elementary participated in many different activities. Students were encouraged to dress as if they were 100 years old with wigs, hats, clothes and many accessories. Mrs. Payton also used the day as an opportunity to teach students about what classrooms were like 100 years ago. Students also received a 100th Day Celebration ticket with 10 different activities to complete pertaining to the number 100. Activities found in the booklet included estimating how far 100 steps would get them in the school and writing down what they would do/buy with \$100. They even did 100 exercises (10 groups of 10) – and had a great time doing it.

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Wixom Elementary student Alaina Dunn can be proud of her grandfather Robert VanEvery, who volunteered his time at the Wixom Elementary Cabin Fever Reliever (formerly known as Spring Fair) selling cotton candy March 8. The community was invited to come out and have some fun with the family and make some wonderful memories to last a lifetime. There was clowning around thanks to Sunshine and Shifty, two Shrine Circus clowns who showed up to put even bigger smiles on the faces of kids of all ages. Thirsty guests could purchase a Kona Ice by Dan the Kona Man, who donated to Wixom Elementary 25 percent of sales made during the four-hour event. Marco's pizza of Wixom provided pizza for sale. There was something for everyone at this event, including face painting, candy/cake walks, cotton candy, popcorn, sand art, the price is right, bean bag toss, live goldfish prize, you could even put one of your friends in jail. Kids got a punch card for superior prizes located in the school's library. The day's events concluded with a large gathering in the cafeteria to announce the many raffle prize winners and the big 50/50 raffle with a grand prize of more than \$250. CURTIS DROGMILLER

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Common Ground: Let's talk about mental health

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Her son's suicide not only left her with inconsolable grief, but it turned her family's life upside down, resulting in loss of employment and eventually their home.

"We didn't know what to do," said Terry Meerschaert, one of a number of speakers at the recent Crisis to Hope program, hosted by Farmington Suicide Awareness for Everyone.

The Farmington Hills program provided some 30 attendees with information about Common Ground, a crisis intervention agency in Bloomfield Hills that helps about 70,000 people annually.

Following her son's death, Meerschaert called her therapist, the one she used during her son's struggle with difficulties: "I was told that suicide is something different."

That led her to Common Ground, where she found not only acceptance, but help and people who allowed her to be vulnerable. She and her husband learned coping skills. "Common Ground gave us a safe place. It gave us the tools to get our lives back together," she said.

The program's speakers spoke not only of their grief from suicide, but the grief that accompanies all of life's tragedies.

Key message

Tony Rothschild, Common Ground CEO, spoke of his father's suicide. But as is typical with mental and emotional problems, including suicide, Rothschild said no one wants to talk about it. And that was certainly true following his dad's first suicide attempt.

"We were shocked and dismayed," Rothschild said, recalling the family's reaction to his dad's



Magician Tony Grupido literally showed how he felt following a brain injury that turned his life's plans upside down. He was among a number of speakers at the Crisis to Hope program, hosted by Farmington Suicide Awareness for Everyone. JOANNE MALISZEWSKI

first attempt. Still, as a college student, Rothschild was happy and satisfied when his dad promised he wouldn't do it again.

And he and the family never again spoke about it — until 1985, when his father's second attempt was successful.

The tendency for society to avoid talking about suicide is part of the problem, said Rothschild, who joined Common Ground in 1990.

Like the Farmington area's SAFE program, Common Ground leaders

and volunteers want to talk very publicly about mental and emotional illness and how far too often it leads to suicide.

Suicide and attempted suicides are far more common than most people would think. In Farmington Hills in 2013, six people committed suicide, compared to seven in 2012 and 10 in 2011, according to information provided by Farmington Hills Police Chief Chuck Nebus.

In 2013, suicide threats topped 77, compared to 56 in 2012 and 57 in 2011.

But in 2013, 60 people attempted suicide, a decrease from the 79 in 2012 and 52 in 2011.

Psychiatric services

Mental health problems and suicide are becoming such a problem that approximately 58 percent of what Common Ground addresses and provides are psychiatric services, followed by crisis services. The agency's three distinct areas of impact include:

» Responding to crisis with a 24-hour telephone hotline, crisis intervention, 24-hour psychiatric emergency screening services and free legal services. Common Ground's 24-hour crisis line is 800-231-1127.

» Safety and advocacy: Providing shelter and graduate apartment supports for runaways and homeless youths, intervention for victims of crime and street outreach for youths living on the streets.

» Building communities of support: Providing support groups and education for survivors of suicide and homicide, adolescent sexual assault survivors and victims of domestic violence.

There's plenty more that Rothschild wants to do with Common Ground. First, he wants the agency to continue to grow. That can be achieved by collaborating with community partners, he said.

Secondly, Common Ground wants to ensure that no one dies because they don't feel safe telling others of their problems or are afraid to ask for mental health help. The plan is to continue training volunteers to work with those who need help.

Thirdly, Rothschild wants to add programs, such as art therapy, to help those in need move from crisis to hope and turn their lives around.

"We have a model. We

have a building. We have a mission," said Cheryl Rossman, Common Ground director of advancement and donor relations.

Reggie Harrison, Common Ground development specialist, said that the agency keeps current with various ways to communicate, including texts. The agency's chat and text program is 248-809-5550 and is available 4-10 p.m. Monday through Friday.

As a testament to the

help he received when his life was at its lowest point and struggling with bipolar disorder, Keith Arbenowske said Common Ground saved his life and his future.

"I watched broken people be positive," he said. "It helped strengthen my faith in the process (at Common Ground). Now my life is fantastic. I don't want the days to end."

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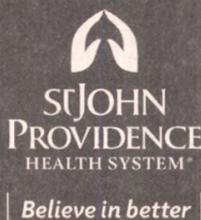
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Sources: FBI reviewing secret recording

Lawyer taped judge without his knowledge

By John Wisely and L.L. Brasier
Gannett Michigan

With his docket already under scrutiny by a higher court, Novi District Judge Brian MacKenzie's troubles may be deepening with the FBI now reviewing a case in which a drunken-driving suspect was Tasered by police and then later pressured to drop a related lawsuit, the *Detroit Free Press* has learned.

According to sources close to the case, the FBI has obtained a copy of an audio recording, made secretly in MacKenzie's chambers four years ago, in which the judge can be heard telling defense attorney Timothy Corr to "give up the civil suit and I can get you something decent."

Several legal experts, who either listened to the audio recording from MacKenzie's chambers or reviewed a transcript of it, say what MacKenzie did was improper because judges are supposed to remain neutral.

"It's the lawyer's job to represent the client," said professor Steven Lubet, who teaches legal ethics at Northwestern University. "A judge should not be taking sides and certainly lenient treatment in a sentence should not be dependent on giving up a civil right."

Corr was representing a man contemplating suing police for civil rights violations after an officer Tasered him for no apparent reason, following a drunken-driving arrest.

Corr said he made the recording after a previous meeting in which he said the judge offered to waive jail time for his client, Marquin Stanley of Redford, if he agreed



Stanley not to sue Walled Lake police.

Corr provided a copy of the secret audio recording to the *Free Press*. The FBI also sought and obtained a recording from Corr late last month, according to sources familiar with the inquiry.

Jeff Downey, supervisor of the Troy office of the FBI, told the *Free Press* he could neither confirm nor deny his office was investigating the handling of the Stanley case.

MacKenzie has denied any wrongdoing.

The tape is the latest in a string of troubles for MacKenzie.

Oakland County Circuit Judge Colleen O'Brien began supervising part of MacKenzie's docket in February after prosecutors complained he was running a rogue court, handing down illegal sentences and making backroom deals with defense attorneys without notifying prosecutors.

O'Brien ruled that MacKenzie had violated the law in at least eight instances, including a domestic violence case that he dismissed without consulting the victim or prosecutor then sealed in violation of state law.

He has also come under scrutiny for a nonprofit group he heads, a statewide organization of drug court professionals, which pays his wife almost \$40,000 a year to work part time from home. Corporate sponsors of the group include private drug and alcohol testing companies that MacKenzie routinely orders defendants to use.

Booking room video

The *Free Press* first reported on the Stanley case in February, after he contacted reporters and said MacKenzie had tried to force him to give up the police brutality suit in 2010. Stanley said MacKenzie jailed him when he refused to drop the lawsuit, which Corr eventually settled in federal court when police agreed to pay Stanley \$150,000.

In the booking room video from January 2010, an officer can be seen Tasering Stanley from behind as he empties out his pockets, sending him crashing into a bench, then to the floor.

As Stanley convulses on the floor, the officer kicks him. Stanley required medical treatment for head and back injuries.

MacKenzie told the *Free Press* in February that he never pressured Corr or Stanley to drop the lawsuit. He also denied ever having conversations with Walled Lake police in his chambers over the Taserings or the pending police brutality suit.

Following MacKenzie's public denial, Corr provided the audio recording to the *Free Press*. It records MacKenzie having a 14-minute discussion in chambers with Corr, Walled Lake police and an Oakland County assistant prosecutor. At various times, the judge can be heard telling Corr to get Stanley to agree not to sue in exchange for his freedom.

"Give up the civil suit," MacKenzie can be heard saying to Corr. "Give up the civil suit. Give up the civil suit and I can get you something decent."

Later on the recording, MacKenzie said he wants the suit dropped to spare the police and city

of Walled Lake the "hassle" and expense of a lawsuit and offers to release Stanley from jail that day if he'll agree. He consults with Walled Lake Police Detective Paul Schneider and Wixom Police Sgt. Shannon Luther, who were present in his chambers.

"This guy gave you trouble, right?" MacKenzie asks Schneider, referring to Stanley.

"Right," Schneider said.

MacKenzie tells Corr, "The issue is whether they are going to go through the hassle of it and whether the city of Walled Lake is going to have to put up with the cost of the attorney. The offer on the table is, if he agrees that he's not going to sue the police department over the R&O (resisting and obstructing), they are willing to dismiss the R&O. I think that's a quite a good offer."

At the time of the recording, Stanley was serving 93 days for violating probation.

"He can get out today," MacKenzie says on tape.

Stanley and Corr refused the deal and Stanley remained jailed three more weeks.

The *Free Press* provided MacKenzie with a transcript of the recording.

MacKenzie would not answer questions attempting to reconcile his previous denials with the contents of the tape.

He did release a statement through his attorney, Louis Porter, saying, the transcript makes clear "that Judge MacKenzie's motivation in telling Mr. Stanley's counsel that Mr. Stanley should consider agreeing to forgo a potential civil suit was based on his desire to place Mr. Stanley in sobriety court," Porter wrote. "Being placed in sobriety court

would not only have allowed him to avoid further jail time on three new pending charges, but would also have given him to have a meaningful opportunity to achieve sobriety."

Stunning move

Corr said he made the recording because he was stunned by MacKenzie's conduct in a previous private in-chambers meeting, during which MacKenzie did the same thing.

"I felt like I had to take this step because, how else to get to the truth of it?" Corr said. "Somebody has got to stand up for what's right and that's what I did here."

The recording raises new questions not only about MacKenzie, but also police and Assistant Prosecutor Peter Menna, who were present when it was made. It also offers a look at the sometimes messy world of plea negotiations, which typically happen out of sight. And it is not clear what, if any, consequences MacKenzie might face.

Experts on civil rights violations and judicial ethics say that if MacKenzie was indeed lobbying on behalf of the city and police to avoid a lawsuit, he was violating judicial canons that dictate how judges behave.

"I think the judge's pitching the prosecution's offer is too close to the line for me," said Michael Martin, a professor at Fordham Law School and an expert on judicial ethics and police brutality. "I think judges should avoid the appearance of partiality and err on relying on the defense lawyer to counsel the client properly without such a heavy judicial hand."

Martin said it was not clear what the FBI might be pursuing in the case,

but that MacKenzie has broad protections as a sitting judge.

"Judges generally have absolute immunity from civil liability when they act in a judicial capacity, even when their actions violate the constitution," Martin said.

Martin also viewed the video of Stanley being Tasered.

"I am not privy to all of the circumstances, but there is no doubt that a reasonable jury could find, based on the video alone, that the Taserings were unreasonable given the victim does not appear to pose any immediate threat to the officers and the victim does not appear to be actively resisting arrest," Martin said in an email to the *Free Press*.

Video contradicts police

Oakland County Prosecutor Jessica Cooper said she decided early on that that Stanley would not face resisting and obstructing charges — a felony charge the police were seeking — after seeing the Taser video.

Yet, her assistant prosecutor, on the audio recording, appears to be siding with MacKenzie and police in urging Stanley to not sue in exchange for not facing felony resisting and obstructing charges.

"They (police) want to make sure ... if we're going to get sued, we want to press this to the fullest extent, obviously, because we want ourselves protected and I can understand their position," Menna can be heard on the recording, telling Corr in the hallway. "On the other hand, if we're not going to get sued, we're willing to work a deal with this guy."

Menna declined to comment and referred questions to Cooper's office.

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I-96 freeway to close starting April 5

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Michigan Department of Transportation officials have announced an April 5 shutdown date for I-96 as reconstruction begins on the seven-mile stretch of freeway through Redford and Livonia.

Officials issued a press release March 19 that stated the freeway would shut down sometime after 7 a.m. April 5, weather permitting. Ramps along the freeway will begin closing after 7 p.m. April 4, with the entire freeway following the next morning.

Jeff Horne, an engineer with the Michigan Department of Transportation working out of the temporary Livonia office for the project, said the project's start date was in flux because



Construction equipment is staged on the I-96 median between I-275 and Newburgh Road. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

of the poor weather the region has experienced.

The project was originally scheduled to begin March 24, several months later than many believed it would start

when the project was announced. It was delayed more than a week earlier this month as crews waited out the winter weather for spring. The decision was

then made to push back the date a few more days because of the weather.

The freeway will be shut down in both directions from Telegraph in Redford to Newburgh in

Livonia for reconstruction. The \$150 million project will result in several repaired and replaced bridges over the freeway, as well as landscaping improvements.

Horne said the original shutdown date was pushed back to at least April 1 to not interfere with the increased traffic expected to head to downtown Detroit for baseball's Opening Day.

"We are committed to having the freeway open for Opening Day for the Tigers," he said.

In addition to the freeway being closed, Schoolcraft Road is expected to drop to one lane in each direction. That lane closure will begin April 3. Work crews continue to work on detour signage throughout the area.

Horne said the freeway is still scheduled to

reopen in mid-October.

Improvements have been made to ramps on both ends of the project to help with traffic:

MDOT crews temporarily widened the exit ramp from southbound I-275 to Six Mile to accommodate another lane of traffic, and crews have worked on widening northbound Telegraph north of Schoolcraft to allow for more traffic coming from Detroit.

Motorists are encouraged to use one of the official detour routes during the shutdown, which include I-94, I-696, the Southfield Freeway and the Lodge Freeway.

More information on the project can be found at 96fix.com.

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Learn about Common Ground

To increase awareness of its programs and services, Common Ground is hosting a special evening presentation 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, at the Wixom Community Center Lounge Area (49015 Pontiac Trail).

The presentation will offer information about Common Ground, a crisis intervention agency. The event will also feature inspirational stories delivered through the personal experiences of Common Ground's staff, volunteers and clients. There will be time for questions following the presentation; the general public is invited and encouraged to attend this free event.

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Easter Bunny hops into Twelve Oaks

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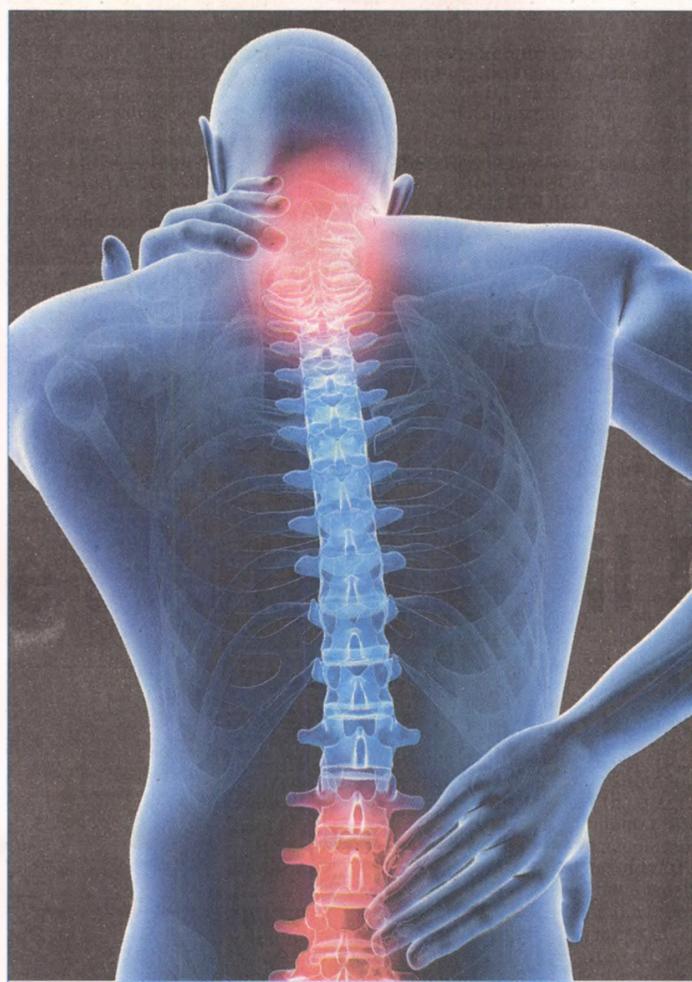
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DIVERSITY

Novi High School talent show raises \$1,700 for charity



Jessica Wu plays a song on a Chinese zither. PHOTOS BY LINDSEY AND JORDAN KRAMER

Novi High School's fourth annual International Talent Show was held Friday and it raised more than \$1,700 for the international charity The International Justice Mission. More than 300 people attended the event in Fuerst Auditorium.

The show featured 16 student acts representing various countries. The program included several dances (Scottish, Mexican, Indian), songs sung in different languages (Spanish, German), a tai chi and kung fu performance representing China and several instrumental pieces representing China, Armenia, Austria and England. Junior Julie Al-Hakimi also recited an original poem she wrote about her experience as an American-born Muslim from Yemen.

The production was organized by Novi's IB diploma candidates from the junior and senior classes under the supervision of Barbara Clift, volunteer CAS coordinator. It was followed by an international food court with samples of foods from many countries.

"The show was a celebration of Novi's diverse cultures and people," Clift said. "It highlighted the theme that, although we are all unique, we are also the same. The IB students did a wonderful job of planning a successful show that raised money for The International Justice Mission."



Sahiti Chinnam, Rishitha Dalavayi Tanisha Mitra represent India with a dance routine.



Indian dancers Neena Bazaz, Chitra Lakshumanan and Shreya Gumate.



Julie A-Hakimi recites a Yemeni poem.



Rishitha Dalavayi performs an Indian dance.



Rachel Garfield performs a Scottish fling dance.



Conor Large playing the cello.



Denisse Flores performed a Mexican dance.

Maples of Novi gets new ownership team

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

After five years of closed doors, new life is being breathed into the Maples of Novi Golf Course and Clubhouse.

A new ownership team with experience, financing and desire has taken over the location at 14 Mile and Wakefield Drive. Composed of Bob Kunkel, Rick Jaster and Walter Carrigan, the team brings it with the know-how needed to put this former popular gathering spot back on its feet.

"We want this to be what it's meant to be and that's a family setting with great food and amenities to go along with a popular golf course," Kunkel said. "We're aiming for this to again be an asset for the neighborhood community - a meeting place for them to have all year around."

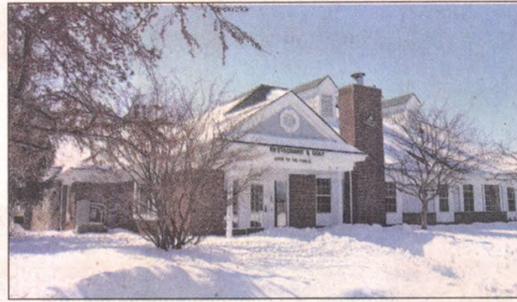


The new ownership team of The Maples of Novi Golf Course and Clubhouse aims to make it a community gathering place again. Shown (from left) are owners Bob Kunkel, Walter Carrigan and Rick Jaster, along local real estate broker Jonathan Brateman. LONNIE HUHMEN

After some shaky management, the Maples was closed down in 2009 and since then real estate broker Jonathan Brateman has represented a seller who wanted it to go to someone with the right vision and aptitude.

"These are the right people for the job and they are already showing the vision they have for it," Brateman said.

All three owners have a range of specialties from years of working with golf courses, restau-



The Maples of Novi clubhouse has been sold and is currently being renovated. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

rants, construction and business.

The plan is to reinstate the golf course, restaurant, swimming pool and exercise area. The owners will emphasize family golf memberships with junior golf, educational programs and a general all-around great experience. There will be display areas and different rooms in the clubhouse that will feature one of the largest

antique golf collections in the United States.

The owners also want it to the home of the Motor City Golf Classic, which is a charitable organization with 25 years of fundraising donations.

"We are really excited about the opportunities here," Carrigan said. "Our goal is to make this a unique and different setting for the area by introducing things like

junior golf and cooking lessons in our restaurant."

Renovations have already started inside with the restaurant area. A new bar with a variety of wines and craft beers will be a big feature of the changes, along with a sitting area that will cater to a quick stop in for dinner or a work party. Jaster is leading this part of the project and said the restaurant will be upscale yet casual with a feeling of local comfort to go along with delicious food.

"It will be a top-notch setting," he said.

The clubhouse/restaurant opening could come in late May or June, while the course will be rebuilt as well with new greens. The official grand opening is planned for later this summer.

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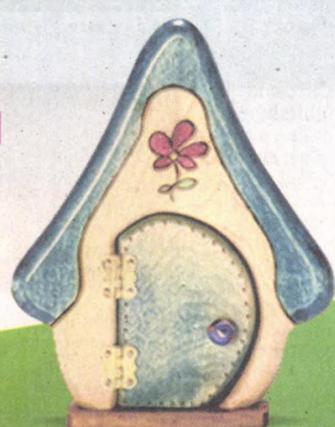
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A GATHERING OF ROSIES

Tribute group aims to set Guinness world record Saturday at Willow Run Airport

A call is being put out for Rosies to come Saturday, March 29, to Willow Run Airport to try to set a Guinness world record for "the most Rosie the Riveters in one place."

The iconic figure Rosie the Riveter is synonymous with the Arsenal of Democracy and women who came into the workforce during World War II. The original Rosie worked at the Willow Run Bomber Plant and, because of that, a group of women have been volunteering their time to help raise funds for the effort to save 175,000 square feet of the Ford Willow Run Bomber Plant.

The current Rosies, along with a few Rosies who actually worked at Willow Run during World War II, attempted to set a Guinness world record Oct. 30, 2013, for the most Rosie the Riveters in one place. They fell short of the record, but enough enthusiasm was generat-



The Tribute Rosies – (bottom, from left) Jeannette Gutierrez of Ann Arbor, Wendy Zielen of Ann Arbor and Nancy Zajac of Ann Arbor and (top, from left) Christy Mayhew of Plymouth, Kim Godek of Ann Arbor and Jane Vass of Ypsilanti – are hoping to get enough Rosies together March 29 to set a Guinness world record. SUE MASON

ed to warrant a second attempt.

The 2014 record attempt will take place at 4:30 p.m. at Hangar 1 of Willow Run Airport. Sign-in begins at 2 p.m. This

attempt is being sponsored by the Michigan Aerospace Foundation, the Yankee Air Museum and the Wayne County Airport Authority.

"The enthusiasm shown by these women who turned out on a cold day in October and fell just short of the record was wonderful to see. Willow Run Airport and the Wayne County Airport Authority are excited to once again help sponsor the Rosies as they make another attempt to set this record. I think they will succeed this time," said Michael Conway, director of public affairs for the Wayne County Airport Authority.

"We look forward to welcoming over 250 women to the Yankee Air Museum as our Rosies attempt once again to set a World Record," said Kevin Walsh, executive director of the Yankee Air Museum.

According to Dennis Norton, president of the Michigan Aerospace

Foundation, the Save the Bomber Plant campaign has so far mobilized more than \$5.5 million toward the estimated \$8 million initial cost of separating and preserving approximately 175,000 square feet of the bomber plant and turning it in to the new home of the Yankee Air Museum.

The Willow Run Bomber Plant built nearly 9,000 B-24 Liberator Bombers during the war, finishing a plane every 59 minutes. At the time of its construction, the plant was the largest factory in the world, employing more than 40,000 men and women, including riveter Rose Will Monroe, more famously remembered as Rosie the Riveter.

If the Save the Bomber Plant Campaign is successful, the Yankee Air Museum will move from its current location on the east side of Willow Run Airport to the former bomber plant, which is adjacent to the airport's western boundary. All of the museum's collections and exhibits, including aircraft, would be then be reunited at a single site.

The plant is part of the former GM Powertrain plant which is currently being demolished. The museum has until May 1 to raise the money to save a portion of the historic bomber plant as the museum's new home.

"Detroit's mass production was pivotal to our victory in World War II and no place was more vital in that respect than Willow Run," said Ray Hunter, chairman of the board of the Yankee Air Museum. "Rosie the Riveter, representing all the women who entered the work force during World War II, is a significant and in some ways a little known part of the story.

DRESSING AS ROSIE

The Yankee Air Museum Rosies invite women and girls of all ages to "Rosie up" and join in the second attempt to set a Guinness world record for the most Rosie the Riveters in one place. Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Participants must be in full Rosie gear to be counted for the record.

To be counted as a Rosie, you must wear the following:
 » Red bandana with large-sized white polka dots tied at the top of the head. The bandana can cover the back and top of the head or be folded so the back of your hair shows, but if so, hair should be "pinned up" and not hanging down long or in a ponytail.

» Dark blue long-sleeved worker's coveralls, or long-sleeved dark blue collared work shirt and dark blue pants or very dark blue jeans (not faded). Roll up your sleeves to show some of your forearm.

» Red knee socks (solid red). Roll up your pant legs to show the red socks.

» Black work boots or work shoes (or as close as you can get, as long as they're black) or brown work boots.

» Lunchbox and lapel button optional.

The large dot cotton bandana fabric is available at Joann Fabrics and the pattern is named "Lipstick." Allow one yard per bandanna. Pre-made bandanas will be available for purchase to benefit SaveTheBomberPlant.org at the event for \$10 (cash or check only), or can be pre-ordered for \$8 for pick up at the event by emailing dazyjane@aol.com.

THE NO-NO'S

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» No bib overalls, no T-shirts, no sweats, no bare midriffs.

» No high heels, no colored shoes, no white shoes, no athletic shoes.

For more information, contact Jane Vas at 734-358-1648 or by email dazyjane@aol.com.

We recognize their importance and their contribution to the victory in World War II and are pleased to once again help sponsor this attempt to set a Guinness world record."

The Tribute Rosies were formed as member Wendy Zielen's daughter Alison Beatty stood on a street corner in Ann Arbor to raise awareness about the Save the Bomber Plant Campaign.

Jane Vass is now heading up the Rosie participation for the Michigan Aerospace Foundation.

"I encourage all women who would like to help us honor the Rosies who were so important to the World War II Victory and who also helped set the stage for women entering the workforce in later years, to come out to Willow Run Airport on March 29," Vass said. "Help us set this Guinness world record."

To add to the excitement, the company, school, club, congregation, sorority or other group that brings the most women more than 18 years of age dressed as Rosie on March 29 will win an award.

For more information, contact Vass at 734-358-1648 or by email at dazyjane@aol.com. For more information about the Save the Bomber Plant Campaign, visit www.savethebomberplant.org.

The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, visit the museum website at www.yankeeairmuseum.org.

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Kids to learn about farm life at Maybury

Maybury Farm has openings for its 2014 summer Day Camp for Kids.

The program, which is open to children ages 6-11, offers a variety of activities that are designed to be both educational and fun. Campers will enjoy learning all about farm animals, including grooming, feeding and walking them. Children will also take nature hikes, play games, build crafts and learn team-building skills as they get to know all about farm life and the importance of farm animals in everyday life.

Camp hours will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Children will learn about farm life at Maybury Farm's summer Day Camp for Kids.

each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from July 9 through Aug. 22. The cost is \$55 per camper per day or \$145 per week. Kids can sign up for one day or for a whole week.

The Northville Com-

munity Foundation operates Maybury Farm, a historic farm located at 50165 Eight Mile (just west of the Maybury State Park entrance) in Northville Township.

To register children for the camp, call 248-374-0200.

To learn more about the summer day camp or Maybury Farm, contact Jessica Striagle, the Northville Community Foundation events and fundraising manager, 248-374-0200 or ncfmanager@gmail.com. You can also visit www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org or www.facebook.com/maybury.farm.

District 11 Dems to hold meeting in Livonia

The District 11 Democratic Party is emphasizing "Party" to celebrate spring Thursday, April 3, with its new Club 11 moving to Andiamo's bar and restaurant in Livonia.

The party runs 6-8:30 p.m., but people are invited to "drop in for 10 minutes or two hours," said Jim Gualdoni, chair of District 11 Dems.

"It's purely social and no speeches are allowed," he said.

Andiamo's is at 38703 Seven Mile Road, just west of I-275.

Staged by the new District 11 Democratic Party, there's no entrance fee. It's cash bar and cash food.

"Our new district is huge and scattered, like from Canton to Troy, gerrymandered by the other party," said Lisa DiRado of Northville Township, vice chair of District 11.

"We rotate Club 11 parties around to bring us together."

Strong Democratic clubs from Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Novi will be represented, but all District 11 residents and interested people are welcome.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

Brightmoor Christian Church

Location: M-5 and 13 Mile, Novi

Contact: 248-668-7014 or CelebrateRecovery@brightmoorcc.org

Web: www.brightmoorchurch.org

Celebrate Recovery

Time/Dates: 7 p.m. Mondays
Details: Worship, teaching or testimony, and open-share recovery groups. Organizers offer the principles and tools to bring healing from the hurts, deliverance from life-controlling habits, and freedom from the hang-ups that keep us from developing strong and healthy relationships with God and others. Enter at Door D on the south side of the building. No cost; free child care is available for children birth through fifth grade. Preregister.

Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road

Contact: 248-349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org

Mass Schedule

Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday through Friday; 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish)

Holy days: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment

Priests: the Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and the Rev. Beto Espinoza, associate pastor

AA: 8 p.m. Wednesdays

Crosspointe Meadows Church**GET LISTED!**

Submit: Send calendar submissions via email to cstone@hometownlife.com; by fax to 248-685-2892; or by mail to Religion Calendar/Novi-Northville, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile

Contact: 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointe-meadows.org.

Sunday worship: 11 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages

Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multisensory worship experience.

Destiny Worship Center

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile, Northville

Contact: DestinyW3C@gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org

Contact: 248-442-8822

Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Adult special needs worship: 9:30 a.m.

Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednesdays

Women's Coffee Break Bible Study Advent Study: 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays; Christianity's Family Tree, Adam Hamilton
Adult Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; "Bad Religion: How We Became A Nation Of Heretics" by Douthat

Men's Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb 1; Commandments For Today

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile

Contact: 248-349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing

Contact: 248-348-1020

Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays

Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile

Contact: 248-348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org

Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Classic worship service, Adult Bible Fellowship classes and Children's Sunday School; 11 a.m. Contemporary worship service with Kids Church, Teen Worship Service and Adult Bible Fellowship classes. Cafe is open from 9:15-11 a.m. Refreshments at 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m. Evening Traditional Service

Tuesday: 9:25 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Women of the Word) studying 1 Peter

Thursday schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group and Bible Study

Friday: 9:30 a.m.; Sweet Fridays on the second and fourth Fridays - A Ministry for Moms of All Ages

Annual Community Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 19. As in the past, pre-registration is required at dfcnazarene.org and closes when we reach 600 children (for safety reasons) or on April 16, whichever comes first; 248-354-1915.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main

Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.fpcnorthville.org

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. (for all ages)

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 205 E. Lake St. (corner of Wells and 10 Mile), South Lyon

Contact: 248-437-2875

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington

Contact: 248-349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org

Summer Sunday Worship

First United Methodist Church of Northville

Location: 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville

Contact: 248-349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org

Summer Sunday Worship

(Memorial Day-Labor Day): 8:30 and 10 a.m.

Summer Sunday School (Memorial Day-Labor Day): 8:30 a.m. - Nursery; 10 a.m. - Nursery-sixth grade

Sunday Worship (September-May): 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.

Sunday School (September-May): 8 a.m. Nursery; 9:15 a.m. Nursery 12th grade; 11 a.m. Nursery-sixth grade

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Location: 41415 Nine Mile, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi

Contact: 248-349-0565

Sundays: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible study; 10 a.m. worship

Holy Cross Episcopal Church

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile

Contact: 248-427-1175 or holycrossnovi@gmail.com; visit holyCROSSnovi.org

Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10 a.m.

Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. worship service

Alzheimer's Support Group: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month.

Lenten Quiet Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 29; your choice of quiet activities, such as silent prayer, candle meditation, listening to music, drawing, finger labyrinth, reading, journaling and more.

Hope Lutheran Church

Location: 39200 W. 12 Mile (east of Haggerty), Farmington Hills

Contact: 248-374-2268

Children (5-10) & Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman, Livonia

Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

Legacy Church

(formerly First Baptist Church and Orchard Hills Baptist Church)

Location: 23455 Novi Road, Novi

Contact: pastor Jon Hix, 248-349-5665 or visit www.legacychurch.us

Sunday School/Small Groups for all ages: 9:45 a.m.

Worship Services: 11 a.m.

Bible Study/Prayer: Wednesday 7 p.m.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile

Contact: the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister, 248-348-7757, visit mbccc.org or email to office@mbccc.org.

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Church School: 10-11 a.m.

Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.

Merry Widows Luncheon: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month

Pilgrim Fellowship: 6 p.m. Sundays

Orchard Grove Community Church

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Building C, Walled Lake

Web: www.orchardgrove.org

Contact: Amanda Rehm at 248-926-6584 or amanda.rehm@orchardgrove.org.

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile

Contact: 248-348-9030; ncalife.org

Sundays: 9-10 a.m. Sunday School for adults / youth / children; 9 a.m. Contemporary service in multipurpose gymnasium; 10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)

Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.; Adult elective classes; junior and senior high ministries; children's programs, Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays

Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade); call 248-348-9031.

Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Life

Details: Events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events.

Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom and Leah Susskind at 248-790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com

Novi United Methodist Church

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile

Contact: 248-349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Novi-United-Methodist-Church/59782031433

Sunday Worship: 9:45 a.m.

Healing Service and Holy Communion: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month

Peace Vigil: noon, first Sunday of every month in front of the church. Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

Oak Pointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile, Novi

Contact: 248-912-0043

Web: www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups

Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. Sunday

ReNew Life Group Ministries: 7-9 p.m. Monday (groups meet weekly)

Women's Life Groups Ministries: 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9:30 a.m. Wednesday

Men's Life Groups Ministries: 6 a.m. Friday; at the church and various locations

Our Saviour Apostolic Lutheran Church

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville

Contact: 248-374-2268

Children (5-10) & Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township

Contact: 734-453-0326, Ext. 221

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

Location: 770 Thayer, Northville

Contact: 248-349-2621 or olvnorthville.org

Saturday Worship: 5 p.m.

Sunday Worship: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

Contact: pastor Bill Burke at 734-927-0891

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service

Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville

Pentecostals of Novi

Location: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile

Contact: 248-697-8158 or visit www.thepentecostalsofno-vi.org

Plymouth St. John's Episcopal Church

Location: 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth

Contact: 734-453-0190, Ext. 16, or visit www.stjohnsplymouth.org

Praise Baptist Church

Location: 45000 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth

Contact: 734-748-3898

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Location: 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills

Phone: 248-553-3380

Free movie night: 6:45 p.m. Friday, March 28. This month the feature is "The 5th Quarter", based on the true story of a football player driven by the tragic and fatal car crash that took the life of his 15-year-old brother Luke. Wearing Luke's

number 5 jersey, John Abbate helps to lead the Wake Forest Demon Deacons to the most successful season in school history. A taco and burrito bar is included for a free will donation.

St. James Catholic Church

Location: 46325 10 Mile, Novi

Contact: 248-347-7778

Pastor: Monsignor John Kasza

Mass Schedule: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday

Easter Celebration in Music Resurrection

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, April 6

Details: Friends of the Opera of Michigan present soloists Amy Blevins, soprano; Quinto Miilito, baritone; and Jeanne Marie LaFramboise, piano. Free admission; donations are welcome.

Contact: 313-582-0997 or fotomi@mi.rr.com

St. John Lutheran Church

Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills

Contact: 248-474-0584 or visit stjoh-lutheran.com

Saturday Worship: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Worship: 9, 11:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Location: 201 Elm St., Northville

Contact: 248-349-3140

Unity of Farmington Hills

Location: 32500 W. 13 Mile, Farmington

Contact: 248-737-9191; AdministrativeDirector@unityfh.com

Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington

Location: 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills

Contact: www.uufarmington.org

Youth Interfaith Journey: 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays

Details: This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. Classes are grouped into grades K-five, six-eight and nine-12 with age-specific education materials for all.

Contact: Jennifer Teed at 248-478-7272 or dre@uufarmington.org

Lifelong Learning Forum: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays

Details: Six weeks exploring different topics like religion, philosophy, science, health, social and political issues. No advance registration necessary; a \$5 donation is suggested. Drop in and pick the class that interests you most at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington.

Contact: 248-478-7272 or uufarmington.org/uucf/re-lifespans

Multigenerational Services: 6:45 p.m. Fridays

Details: Family members of all ages can gather for drumming, chanting, and meditation followed by a brief participatory worship service which could include stories, songs and sharing. A religious education activity will follow, such as an art project, music, dance, game or theater. The evening will close with a light snack and a short time to socialize, ending at 8:30 p.m.

Contact: 248-478-7272 or uufarmington.org/uucf/re-lifespans

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville (behind the shopping center at the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty)

Web: www.wardchurch.org

Wheeling, dealing comes alive on 'Hardcore Pawn'

By Jay Grossman
Staff Writer

Seth Gold never imagined he would end up in the family business.

The 1999 Andover High School graduate was studying pre-med at the University of Michigan, but it didn't quite feel right. Instead, he decided to join his dad behind the counter at American Jewelry and Loan, which is the largest pawn shop in Detroit and the setting for *Hardcore Pawn*, truTV's No. 1 show.

The show is now in its eighth season and attracts more than three million weekly viewers. "I just love the fact that you never know what to expect when you're working here," Gold said. "One minute you're wrapping up a \$5 sale and the next moment you're dealing with something upward of \$100,000. You just never know what to expect."

He joined the business in 2003. Over the past decade, he's listened to offers for rare cars, sports memorabilia and jewelry — even offers for prosthetic limbs ("we won't buy them," he said).

The family's shop is located on Greenfield near Eight Mile. Seth works there with his sister Ashley and their dad Les Gold, who started out in 1978 and is now the king of pawnbrokers.

"My dad knows everything about the business," Gold said. "Usually on the show you'll see me challenging his decisions, but honestly I'm just doing that to hear his angle on the deal. He's the first person I talk to in the morning and usually the last person I talk to at night."

Les Gold, a third-generation pawnbroker, recently wrote about the trade secrets in his best-selling book *For What It's Worth: Business Wisdom from a Pawnbroker*.

How it works

"Pawn shops are a financial institution for the 25 million Americans who don't have bank accounts or lines of credit," Seth Gold said. "They need money — whether it's for an anniversary or a birthday. So they dust off an old item and bring it in here for collateral to get a short-term loan."

What's the art of a good deal when it comes to buying or selling something?

"Do your homework," Gold said. "Realize what you have and be willing to negotiate. People want to move product, even in major retail operations, so it always pays to negotiate."

Gold describes himself as a bona fide sports fanatic — especially when it comes to the local teams in Detroit. He admits there have been a few World Series and Rose Bowl rings that he bought and was hesitant to sell.

"But then I'll sell them," he said, matter-of-factly. "I'm in the business of turning over merchandise. My attitude is,

I've owned it for a second and now it's someone else's turn to own it. That's why we're in business."

Financial indicator

Pawn shops are great barometers of the economy. Gold said he could have predicted the financial meltdown several years ago just based on the increased number of transactions. Along those same lines, he can tell the economy has improved.

"You're on the front lines dealing with people who lost their jobs or have some type of financial problem," he said. "But they still have birthdays and other occasions and they come in here looking for a fair price."

Some of the more collectible items brought to the store have included miniature Stanley Cups and 1968 World Series rings. Gold has also purchased his share of high-end watches and other pieces of jewelry.

One of his more expensive purchases was a Lee Iacocca Silver 45th Anniversary Edition Mustang for \$66,000. Only 45 of the

cars are in existence and Gold has one ready to sell.

On a somewhat creepy note, the store just bought a copy of *The Detroit News* published right after the assassination of John F. Kennedy. The newspaper carried a misprinted headline: "Kill Kennedy." Later editions correctly stated "Kennedy Killed."

But mostly, the store deals in jewelry for short-term loans. Jewelry is easy to price and it's easy to store. Electronics are also popular, as people will still buy an old VCR for \$10 to \$15 so they can watch their tape collections.

Family and fame

Gold said the best part of the business — and the most challenging part — is working with family, especially his sister Ashley.

"When it comes to doing business, I like to say she's quick and I'm correct," he said, smiling. "Seriously, working with family is tough, but rewarding. Nobody gets under your skin like family, but nobody has your

back like family."

As for the fame part, Gold admits it's still a part of the job he's getting used to. Not only did his dad become a best-selling author, not only is their TV show a success, but Gold himself was just recognized as 2013 Pawnbroker of the Year by his peers. He accepted the award in July.

"I'm just a normal guy — people are sometimes surprised when they see

me behind the counter," he said. "But in the end, I'm a pawnbroker. That's what I love to do."

"And this is a real live business," he added. "We have over 50 employees and we get hundreds of customers every day. Each day brings a different story and I'm just grateful to be a part of it."

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The Gold family: Ashley, Les and Seth, in front of their store at Greenfield near Eight Mile.

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OUR VIEWS

Saturday's Green Gala will help make Novi students leaders

What if the entire Novi school district was filled with students who were responsible, showed initiative, were creative, knew how to set goals and meet them, got along with people of various backgrounds and cultures and could resolve conflicts and solve problems?

Sounds great, doesn't it? The Novi Education Foundation thinks so, too, and the organization is determined to make it happen by fully supporting the school district's Leader In Me process that is a key part of the elementary curriculum.

Based on Stephen Covey's book *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, it's an innovative process that helps people succeed in all facets of life - personal, work and family.

Currently, the principles are taught to Novi students in grades kindergarten through sixth. But the NEF has a major fundraising campaign going that will expand the Leader In Me process to Novi's middle and high schools as well.

Doing that, however, takes money. And that's where Saturday night's Green Gala - and you - come in. The fundraiser takes place at Lyon Oaks in Wixom and will feature a casino, strolling dinner and desserts, a silent auction and raffle, music and more - all with the goal of helping the NEF in its Leader In Me efforts.

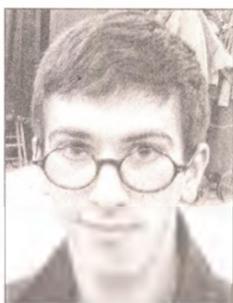
We encourage everyone to support the Green Gala and the NEF and keep Novi's education system one of the best anywhere. Visit www.novieducationalfoundation.org to learn more.



COMMUNITY VOICE

What do you like most about being on the Novi Robotics Team 503?

The Novi Robotics Team 503 (Frog Force) recently won the District Chairman's Award and will next compete at the state level in April. This question was asked to students and mentors on the team.



"I like to figure out problems on my own and as part of the team."

Elias Ghazal
Novi High sophomore



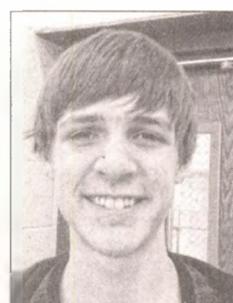
"I like spending time with my friends."

Vighnesh Bharadwaj
Novi High junior



"I love the idea of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) and especially encouraging careers in engineering. This a great way to do that, plus it's fun."

Miguel Tovar
Team mentor and employee at A123 in Novi



"I like working with the robot and the different things that come with that. It's a hobby, but it's also something I want to do in the future and it's fun."

Ryan Barnhart
Novi High junior

GUEST COLUMNIST

SEMCOG envisions a greener infrastructure

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, under the capable leadership of chair Joan Gebhardt, just announced a comprehensive report: The Region's Green Infrastructure Vision.

The voices of key stakeholder groups and the general public helped shape the direction for this vision. I was fortunate to be one of the in-person visioning session participants at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. As a participant from Livonia, I helped in mapping green infrastructure priorities. Results of this intensive outreach revealed that the public highly values protecting and enhancing the top three elements: natural areas, biking/hiking trails and trees along roads and downtown areas.

In terms of specific targets of opportunity to increase green infrastructure (trees, bioswales and other vegetation) SEMCOG reports the priority locations are along rivers and lakes, on major



roadways and on vacant property. The visioning sessions each produced maps that identified current and potential future green infrastructure targets of opportunity. These maps will be combined to form a regional map of green infrastructure priorities for southeast Michigan.

The winter 2014 issue of *Semscope* contains comprehensive information on the vision, including best practices reports from several communities. Readers may want to request a copy of this publication to learn more about the initiative. Requests should be made to the SEMCOG website: www.semco.org.

In a related initiative, there is

a new rating program that will further sustainability of public and private horizontal green infrastructure projects covering water, wastewater treatment plants and stormwater runoffs. It is like the LEED program for buildings, but designed for horizontal green infrastructure projects. It is called "Envision" and is a collaboration effort of Harvard University's Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure and three leading infrastructure organizations: the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Council of Engineering Companies and the American Public Works Association. Readers may obtain more information by visiting the Envision website: www.sustainableinfrastructure.org.

Joe Neussendorfer is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, a 37-year member of the Engineering Society of Detroit and editor of the My Green Livonia news service.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Battle of the Books kudos

The Youth and Teen Services Department of the Novi Public Library would like to acknowledge and congratulate the 64 fifth- and sixth-grade Novi children who participated in our 11th annual Battle of the Books at the Novi Civic Center on Saturday, March 22. Twelve teams participated, reading the same six books and coming together in a competition to answer questions about those books. We also celebrate the commitment of their parents and coaches who spent so many hours reading and preparing these youngsters for the competition. To us, every single one of these young persons is a winner for participating in our event.

The names of the teams and their members are as follows:

First place - Fiction Foretellers: Varun Boyapati, Aaryan Morasa, Rohan Deme, Aditya Narayan, Mukund Jayaraju and Ankith Palakodati; coaches Jyothi Palakodati and Priya Iyer.

Second place - Book-tastics: Alpna Atluri, Sanjana Mallavaram, Laasya Koduri, Vasudha Nimmagadda, Meghana Lanka and Vikshita Pallerla; coach Roja Koduri.

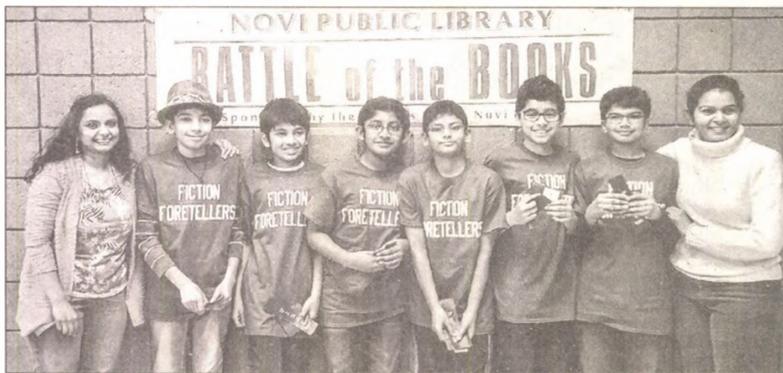
Third place - Invincible Bookworms: Saketh

Addanki, Jayesh Mate, Leah George, Vinay Pannam, Nishtha Kakar and Ankith Udupa; coach Anu Udupa.

Book Busters: Priya Desai, Sonali Joshi, Nethra Giri, Rithi Vaithyanathan and Daniella Gorovets; coach Suman Desai; **Book Sandwich:** Justin Guo, Christopher Xiang, Dhairya Shah, Jeffery Xiao, Billy Wei and Neil Zhu; coach Wei Jiang; **Chew the Ninja:** Aaron George, Connor Shi, Allen Gu, Omkar Vodela and Alex Roznowski; coach Mei Xue;

Flaming Experts: Prachi Fozdar, Alekhya Pratapa, Antara Gandhi, Ishita Saripalle, Pranav Kasula and Anisha Savarala; coach Tulasi Alaparthy; **Liberty Lions:** Ashwath Dhamotharran, Krish Magal, Venkat Kannan, Siddarth Shinivasan, Anirudh Karnam; coach Ravi Karnam; **Novi Neurons:** Meher Ambati, Hrishka Karlapudi, Kavvin Bala, Aditya Sriram and Anish Gogineni; coach Sriram Vaidyanathan; **Novi Olympians:** Shanmukh Gandikota, Jishnav Arcota and Sai-pranav Janyavula; coach Srinivas Janyavula; **Pink Fluffy Superstar Readers:** Sujith Cherukuri, Varun Nimmagadda, Kishan Goli, Tarun G. Prabhakar, Rushil Mantri-pragada and Abhinav Reddy; coach Vijaya Prabhakar; **Sunny Stars:**

Battle of the Books



Fiction Foretellers (Varun Boyapati, Aaryan Morasa, Rohan Deme, Aditya Narayan, Mukund Jayaraju and Ankith Palakodati; coaches Jyothi Palakodati and Priya Iyer) won first place in the Battle of the Books.

Kashika Chhabra, Linda Weng, Anjali Gullapalli, Stacey Zeng, Claire Roffi; coach Charlene Roffi.

We thank the Friends of the Novi Public Library for their generosity in supporting this program, as well as Coldstone Creamery, which was kind enough to donate coupons to each of our participants. Activities like Battle of the Books, we believe, foster a love of reading in an entertaining manner, enriching not just the participants and their families, but the entire community.

April Stevenson, Suzanne Carpenter, Jennifer Preston, Kathleen Alberga, Megan Hathaway, Andrea LaBenne and Erin Durrett
Youth and teen services librarians, Novi Public Library

Vote for Dems

I could not agree more with your recent editorial on Michigan's lousy roads. It is an absolute disgrace that our roads have been allowed to deteriorate to such a horrible condition. But I disagree with your call to

state leaders to fix them; it is past time for them, they had their opportunity. They have had their chance to lead our state, from the governor on down and they have failed. The Republicans have been in the majority running this state for some time now and we now see the results. They won't even agree to put up any money for a new bridge to Canada that would create thousands of jobs and millions in tax dollars for our state. Canada is putting up our state portion so we can get the matching federal funds.

Our Legislature does nothing because so many of them are in the pocket of Ambassador Bridge owner, Matty Moroun. Gov. Snyder is now trying to get more money from Washington for the bridge plaza while all Republican members of Congress are calling for less spending. Governor Snyder has said he wants to reinvent Michigan. To what, a beggar state? Like the roads, our state is crumbling while the

legislature addresses more important issues like bringing our own wine into restaurants. It's time to replace them. Vote Democratic in November.

Cynthia Churches
Novi

Carter for principal

Nicole Carter provides our district with an extremely qualified candidate for Novi High School principal. Overwhelmingly supported by the students, parents and staff, there is every reason to hire Nicole Carter for the permanent principal position and not a single reason not to offer it to her.

The Novi school board needs to end this foolishly flawed hiring process and offer her the position before she no longer is willing to accept it. There is far too little space in this newspaper to list all the skills that this accomplished educator brings to the position, but it is clear to the Novi community believes there is no better choice - and for that reason

alone, we need to end this embarrassing drama and award her the job. This has gone on far too long and gives this voter every reason to not re elect a single board member.

To Ms. Carter, I say thank you for hanging in there with us. We are so blessed to have you! I hope that you can feel the love and support of your community.

Ginger Barrons
Novi

Put 'surplus' in rainy day fund

If I were the CEO (governor) of Michigan and I was told we had a surplus, and knowing we were pulling out of the biggest economic slump since the Great Depression, I would want an accounting/breakdown of those figures. I would want to start with the surplus amount and then subtract out the amounts that I had reduced the state programs by in order to balance the state budget: city revenue sharing, education, taxes from retirees, cuts to unemployment, etc. Then we would know the "real surplus."

As for the previous administration, it was busy fighting a war on two fronts. One, they were trying to rebuild from the mess that Engler's administration had caused.

And two, they were fending off the effects of the misguided policies of Washington, the policies that gave away a surplus, a surplus that may or may not have been sustainable, and took us into an unfunded war that they built on lies. Thank you, previous administration, for a job well done.

Ernest Roy
Livonia

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Homeowners, be alert to deed scam

Oakland County homeowners should be on alert for a scam aiming to mislead and overcharge homeowners for a copy of the deed to their homes.

Some residents have reported receiving letters in the mail from out-of-state companies asking if they have a copy of their property deed. It's followed up with an offer to send you your deed for an over-the-top fee ranging from \$50 to \$100.

Beware: This letter is a scam taking place in Oakland County and elsewhere around the country.

The letter is dressed up to look like it comes from an official government agency. In one version of this scam, the words "DEED PROCESSING NOTICE" are emblazoned across the letter. The letter is cleverly designed to look like a bill that needs to be paid, which is making some homeowners believe they have to fork over the hefty fee for their deed.

The fact of the matter is Oakland County homeowners do not have to pay an exorbitant fee to get a copy of the deed to their home.

Homeowners can obtain a copy of their deed for far less through the Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds Office. A typical deed is one or two pages, and the county provides records for just \$1 per page — significantly less than the amount being charged by these dodgy companies. These solicitations often fail to include this information or hide it in the fine



Lisa Brown

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print or a disclaimer.

This scam begs the question of whether a homeowner needs to have a copy of their deed on hand or not. The answer is no. When you purchase a home in Oakland County, a copy of all documents should be filed at the Register of Deeds Office. Homeowners typically get a copy of their deed when they close on a new home. However, whether you have that document in your file cabinet at home has no bearing on your home ownership.

For those homeowners who would feel better having a copy of the deed in their possession, I welcome you to visit the County Register of Deeds to get a copy for a nominal fee. The office is located at 1200 N. Telegraph, Building 12 East, in Pontiac. You can also access your property records online at any time at www.oak.gov.com/clerkrod/.

Under no circumstances, though, should a homeowner send a big check to a third-party entity to obtain a copy of your deed. If you receive anything that seems questionable, please immediately contact the Deeds Department at the Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds. Staying vigilant and informed is the best way to guard against scams.

Lisa Brown is Oakland County clerk/register of deeds.

Need for compromise growing

Not long ago, Northern Michigan University invited me to address students there as part of a series of addresses on public policy. The subject I chose for my address is, in many places, a scandalous subject — compromise.

Almost all of us in Congress have strong opinions on public policy, strong values that guide us. And on rare occasions, all of us agree on what is the right thing to do.

But we live in a large, complex nation. The interests of our state or region are different than those of others. And aside from local interests, sometimes the answer to a problem just isn't easy or clear. Sometimes we honestly disagree about what's best for the country.

The challenge for the Founding Fathers was designing a system that could accommodate the widely varying opinions of a nation that needed at least some unity to survive. The solution to that puzzle was our Constitution, which ensures that, while everyone has some voice in our government, no single voice dominates. The whole system forces us to accommodate the views of others, even those who disagree strongly with us, in order to accomplish our goals. It forces us to compromise.

But that system breaks down when compromise is in short supply. And it is a rare commodity these days. Leaders in Washington are influenced by constituents back home who believe "compromise" is a dirty word.

Six months ago, that attitude got us a government shutdown. Some of my colleagues in Congress refused to approve funding to keep the government running. They



Carl Levin

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demand that any legislation to keep the government open also repeal the Affordable Care Act.

Now I can respect a strongly held opinion, even if I disagree with it. But when you refuse to allow basic government functions to continue unless you get your way — your whole way — our system breaks down.

After all, I have strong opinions of my own. I feel strongly that the tax burden in this country has shifted so that working families bear more of the load and wealthy people less.

Suppose that I, as chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, told my colleagues,

"I will not allow our annual defense authorization act to come before the committee unless Congress passes a bill that closes unjustified tax loopholes used by corporations and the wealthiest individuals." What if every member of Congress adopted such an attitude? Each of us would refuse to allow government to function unless we won total victory — and nothing would get done.

And we have so much to do. We have to deal with immigration — with the millions of people who now live in the shadows as undocumented immigrants — and with the economic costs of maintaining the status quo. We have to continue building our economy. We have to discover new worlds and new cures for deadly diseases.

We can't do any of that

if we're not willing to compromise.

There have been some signs that the wave of hostility to compromise is cresting. Early this year, Congress passed a two-year budget agreement. There were provisions that many of us disliked. But partial agreement meant we avoided the cycle of budget crisis after crisis that has done our economy so much harm.

I don't want to spend my remaining months in the Senate fighting over who can be tougher and more uncompromising. I'd rather spend that time working together on the challenges our country faces — challenges that will affect the lives of the NMU students I spoke to long after I am gone from Washington.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan.

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NOVI COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LOCAL EVENTS

NORTHVILLE AND NOVI GARDEN CLUB MEETING

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. April 14
Location: Northville Art House, 215 Cady

Details: Speaker is Joe Baron of Barons Greenhouses, a family-owned and operated business in Westland, discussing constructions of ponds and opening of ponds. Question-and-answer session will follow.

CARELINK LECTURES

Transitions - Life After Treatment group

Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. second and fourth Monday of each month

Location: Providence Park Hospital's Assarian Cancer Center, Second floor Conference Room, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi

Details: Those have recently finished cancer treatment or have been out of treatment for a while and would like to connect with other survivors are invited to join this informative discussion and peer support.

Contact: Jenny Bailey at 248-465-5466

FRIENDS OF ISLAND LAKE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. fourth Tuesday of each month (except December)

Location: Island Lake State Recreation Area headquarters at Kensington and Grand River Avenue

Details: Meetings are open to any interested individual. The group's purpose is to support, enhance, protect and promote the natural, historic and recreational features of the park and the Huron River by increasing awareness of the park's assets through the education and outreach activities, encouraging and facilitating communication and cooperation between users of the park and its staff, organizing volunteers and stewardship activities and fundraising through contributions and grants to support these initiatives.

Contact: www.islandlakefriends.org

BEREAVEMENT MEETING

Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. third Tuesday of each month

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

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

NAMI METRO

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of each month

Location: Providence Park hospital, Novi

Details: Family support group meetings

Contact: For more information, or questions, contact NAMI metro at 248-348-7197 or visit <http://www.namimetro.org/>.

WOMANHEART OF NOVI

Time/Date: 7 p.m. fourth Wednesday

of each month

Location: Providence Park Hospital, Novi

Details: For women with concerns about cardiac health to share information and sisterhood at monthly meetings

Contact: Sharon Mallon, 248-348-5189.

SUBURBAN COLLECTION SHOWPLACE

Location: 46100 Grand River, Novi

Phone: 248-348-5600

Web: www.SuburbanShowplace.com

GREAT LAKES ART FAIR

Times/Dates: 1-8 p.m. Friday, April 11; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 12; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 13

Details: Event combines exclusive and desirable works from local, regional and national artists and craftspeople with a charming village marketplace setting, seasonal motif and on-site cafe with light fare. The GLAF offers an unofficial kick-off to the warm weather art fair season, and a chance to see new artwork before it "hits the streets" at outdoor fairs across the region.

Contact: 248-348-5600; www.GreatLakesArtFair.com

LEGO KIDS FEST

Date: April 25 -27

Location: Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi

Details: Hands-on building, creative experiences and one-of-a-kind activities

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BUSINESS

NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Contact: www.novichamber.com or call 248-349-3743

LOCAL BUSINESS NETWORK MEETING

Time/Date: 8:45-10:15 a.m. first and third Wednesday of each month

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

AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Time/Date: 6:15-8:30 p.m., second Wednesday of each month

Location: DoubleTree Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi

Details: Novi Oaks is a chapter of the American Business Women's Association. The group meets monthly for networking and a program featuring speakers on an array of market-relevant topics. Organizers strive to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support and national

recognition. Guests are always welcome; advance registration is required. Visit www.abwa-novi.org.

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

NORTHVILLE-NOVI BUSINESS NETWORKING BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. first and third Tuesday of each month (except November and December, which are just the first Tuesday)

Location: Kerby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty

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

Contact: Fonda Milana at 586-232-3009 or fmilana@sunrisefinancial-groupllc.com.

METRO NOVI BNI

Time/Date: 7-8 a.m. each Wednesday

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

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

efficiently. Guests are invited free of charge. Continental breakfast provided. **Contact:** Julie Paquette at 248-797-1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com; www.metronovibni.com.

HUD COUNSELING

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. first Monday of each month

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

Book Discussion Group
Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. first Thursday of each month

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

CLUBS

NOVI LIONS CLUB

Time/Date: 6 p.m. social; 6:30 p.m. meeting second and fourth Wednesday of each month

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

Contact: Lions President Ron Martin at 248-473-1156 or Secretary Ed Kramer, 248-348-2747.

NOVI TOASTMASTERS CLUB

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., first and third Tuesday of each month

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

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

Contact: Linda Kreuter at PR@novi.freetoasthost.us

LIBRARY LINES

NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY

Location: 45255 W. 10 Mile

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

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

Contact: 248-349-0720

Web: www.novilibrary.org

Singing Through the Century



The Novi Choralaires spring show, Singing Through the Century, will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, at the Novi Public Library (45255 W. 10 Mile). Join them for some of the most memorable songs from the 1900s through the 1990s at this free concert. For more information about the Choralaires and their concerts, visit novichoralaires.org.

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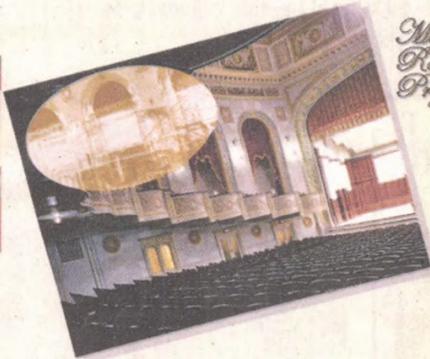
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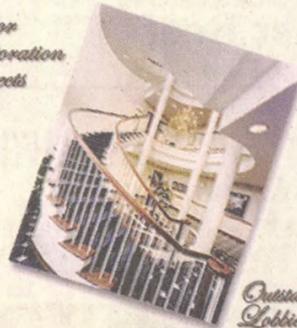
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CC's Garcia leads All-Area wrestling team

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

When discussing the talent of wrestling in the area, one school comes to the front: Detroit Catholic Central.

The Shamrocks have won three straight team state championships and added five individual state championships this year.

Drew Garcia is a senior who finished his prep career with his third state championship, collecting a title at 171 pounds. His chance to make it four titles was foiled his freshman year when he fell in overtime at the state meet in a 152-pound match.

He also collected three Oakland County champi-

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ALL-AREA WRESTLING TEAM

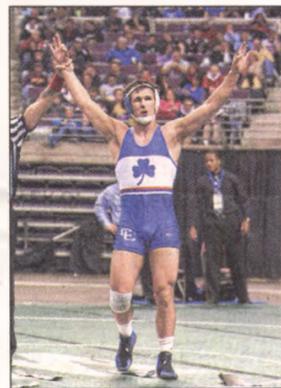
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Drew Garcia, Catholic Central

FIRST TEAM

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Jimmy Russell, Catholic Central
Jake Sokoll, Lakeland

SECOND TEAM

Conrad Landis, Northville
Aaron Hoorn, South Lyon East
Trevor Lerner, Northville
Tim Nelson, Milford
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Catholic Central's Drew Garcia finished his prep career with a third individual state championship.



Catholic Central senior defenseman Carter Cerretani earned Player of the Year honors with 10 goals and 22 assists this season. DENNIS BARNES

CC's Cerretani grabs top spot

By Jeff Theisen
Sports Writer

Catholic Central hockey is looked upon as one of the gold standards in Michigan prep sports. The Shamrocks proved that with another state championship this season, 5-1 over Brighton.

One of the key highlights was a pair of goals from senior defenseman Carter Cerretani. The 5-11, 178-pound star finished with 10 goals and 22 assists, which resulted in Cerretani being named the 2014 All-Area Hockey Player of the Year.

"Carter Cerretani is the kind of player who really packs a punch on the ice," coach Doug Itami said. "Add his strength and speed to a combination of scoring ability and rink awareness and you have a player who not only earned all-division and all-MIHL honors, but also to the all-state Dream Team and all-state Division 1 first team."

First team

Ryan Burnett, F
Catholic Central junior

He also notched a pair of goals in the championship game. Burnett ended the year with 16 goals and 22 assists.

"It's hard to score when every defender on the ice knows you're the guy to look out for, but Ryan Burnett still managed to find a way to make it happen," Itami said. "(He) picked up a hat trick early in the season, which made for a nice bull's-eye on him for defenses, but that didn't stop him from picking up 16 goals against some of the state's best teams. His play earned him plenty of notice, too. Despite being overlooked for an all-conference position, Burnett took his all-division nod and turned it into a place on the all-state Division 1 first team this year."

ALL-AREA HOCKEY TEAM

PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Carter Cerretani, Catholic Central

First team

Ryan Burnett, Catholic Central
Mitchell Ossowski, Catholic Central
Lucas Turner, Catholic Central
Nolan Johnson, Lakeland
Alec Morgan, Northville
Austin Petty, Novi

Mitchell Ossowski, F
Catholic Central junior

Another offensive weapon for the Shamrocks, Ossowski finished with 13 goals and 20 assists. He earned all-division and all-state Division 1 first team honors.

"It's almost hard to believe that Detroit Catholic Central will return its top two goal scorers next sea-

Second team

James Considine, Catholic Central
Owen Kipke, Catholic Central
Justin Pahl, Lakeland
Josef Blackwell, Lakeland
Jack Meacham, Northville
Chance Boutin, Northville

Honorable mention

South Lyon: Cooper Zech (fr.), Justin Zabinski (jr.), CJ Meyers (sr.), Tyler Manasco (sr.)
Northville: Alex Shuart (sr.)

son, but everyone in Division 1 should probably take note because that's exactly what is happening," Itami said. "Ossowski had the second-most goals on his squad this year and the second-most assists, making him the kind of teammate everyone loves to have on the ice."

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Northville boys take fourth at Huron Relays

CC places 27th at Eastern Michigan University event

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville boys track and field team started the season Saturday at the 59th annual Huron Relays at Eastern Michigan University.

The team, coached by Brandon Langston, finished fourth overall, with 30 points. Taking first was a powerful Oak Park team with 41 points, while Saline was second with 37 and Lake Orion third with 31. Detroit Catholic Central,

coached by Toni Magni, finished with four points for 27th place.

The Mustangs did pick up an impressive first-place finish in the 3,200-meter relay. The team of Jason Ferrante, Nick Noles, Conor Naughton and Sean McCullough raced to the top spot with a time of 8:13.89—two seconds faster than Belle-

ville's second-place team. Another first-place finish came from Dan Sims, who won the 1,600 with a time of 4:25.66. Noles took seventh, running 4:35.83.

The team of Naughton, Anthony Sourges, Ferrante and Sims took second place in the

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WRESTLING

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onships during his career.

Garcia ended this season with a 45-1 record, giving him the best record ever (192-12) at Detroit Catholic Central.

The All-Area Player of the Year has signed his national letter of intent to continue wrestling at Cornell University.

First team

Nolan Klapac (103) Lakeland freshman

Klapac earned his spot by recording an impressive 41-14 record this season.

Parker O'Brien (112) Catholic Central senior

He picked up 28 victories this season and qualified for the individual state meet. There, he fell to the eventual state champion.

Trevor Zdebski (119) Catholic Central junior

He placed third in the state in both his freshman and sophomore seasons before winning a state title in 2014. He fashioned a 31-2 record along the way.

Sunhe Wang (125) Northville junior

He qualified for the state meet and ended his season with a 34-17 record.

Evan Toth (130) Catholic Central senior

He posted a 29-18 record against some of the best competition in Michigan and beyond. He also earned a berth to the state meet.

Greg Johnson (135) Catholic Central senior

He ended with a 37-16 record this year and finished seventh in his weight class at the individual state meet.

Myles Amine (140) Catholic Central junior

He earned two pins at the individual state meet this year en route to his first state title. He finished with a 46-6 record this year.

Malik Amine (145) Catholic Central senior

He is the fourth wres-

ler from his family who will head to U-M. His father Mike and uncle Sam both earned All-America status there and his cousin Jordan is in his first year there after a stellar career at Brighton. He had a 38-3 record to go with his state title this year.

Nick Bennett (152) Catholic Central senior

He won two state titles in Texas before coming back and winning one as a Shamrock this season. He had a flawless 47-0 record and simply dominated the state meet.

Ty Morland (160) Catholic Central freshman

He earned a Division 1 individual district title before bowing out in the regional tournament.

Nick Giese (189) Catholic Central junior

He finished third in the state this season for the second time in his career. He had an impressive 30-10 record before losing to the eventual runner-up in his weight class.

Jimmy Russell (215) Catholic Central senior

He lost to the state champion before finishing in third place at the state meet. He picked up three pins in the tournament to end the year with a 52-10 record.

Jake Sokoll (285) Lakeland junior

He earned a 43-11 record on his way winning both the district and regional titles. He finished eighth in the state.

Second team

Conrad Landis (103) Northville freshman

Quick, scrappy and determined, the Mustangs can expect to see him rise to be a contender.

Aaron Hoorn (112) South Lyon East junior

He finished with a 37-16 record with 27 pins and qualified for the regional.

Trevor Lerner (119) Northville senior

He recorded 19 victories this season, doubling his career wins, as he picked up 30 take-downs.

Tim Nelson (125) Milford junior

He grappled his way to a 25-16 record and a trip to the regionals.

Trevor Bageris (130) Milford junior

He placed in both the KLAA and the Oakland County tournaments this year on his way to a 31-18 record.

Jared Davidson (135) South Lyon senior

He finished with an impressive 25-14 record to close out his prep career.

David Joyner (140) Milford junior

He qualified for the state meet and placed in the KLAA championships this year, finishing with a 19-12 record.

Kyle Benkarski (145) Novi junior

He wrestled in both the 140- and 145-pound classes and picked up a record of 30-11. An injury to his ribs prevented him from continuing in the regional.

Ben Wright (152) Novi senior

The team captain ended his season in the blood round at districts. He had a 32-12 record.

Will Jacobs (160) Lakeland junior

He had a fourth-place finish at the Oakland County tourney and finished the season with more than 30 wins.

Andy Bovay (171) Lakeland junior

He earned a place in the regional and picked up more than two dozen victories this season.

Tyler Lovelace (189) Milford junior

He qualified for the regional and earned himself a 22-8 record.

Blake Peterson (215) Milford sophomore

Had a 37-11 record and advanced to the regional, as well as placing in the KLAA tournament.

Brandon Krol (285) Milford sophomore

He wrestled his way to a regional championship and 31-8 record.

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

City champs



The St. James Thunder varsity No. 1 girls basketball team captured its first CYO city championship recently by defeating Mt. Clemens St. Mary, 31-19. The eighth-graders' path to victory included first-place finishes in the Our Lady of Sorrows Thanksgiving and Mercy High School Christmas tournaments. St. James defeated St. Valentine for the district championship, Trenton St. Joseph and Our Lady of Good Counsel for the regional championship and Livonia St. Michael for the west side championship. The team finished the season undefeated at 22-0, outscoring its opponents 821-300. Team members included: (back, from left) coach Rob Lalain, Julia Lalain, Mikayla Lynch, Erin McDonough, Lauren Murphy, Jenna Schluter and coach Pat Schluter and (front, from left) Mackenzie Kwasniewicz, Ella Duckworth, Ireland Whalen, Kendall Dillon and Molly Anderson.

HOCKEY

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Lucas Turner, D Catholic Central senior

He earned a spot on the all-state honorable mention team after posting four goals and 13 assists. Turner also earned all-division honors.

"Turner entered the postseason as what many hockey fans would consider an average player and then a new persona took over," Itami said. "His aggressive play ramped up, his hustle was clear as day and his desire to help push his team to a state championship was easy to take note of."

Nolan Johnson, F Lakeland junior

He had a monster year with 24 goals and 28 assists for 52 points. Johnson finished a plus-34 and led the team in scoring for the second straight year. Lakeland finished 15-8-2 and cap-

tured a KLAA North Division title.

"He has the will and determination to do his best," coach Tim Ronayne said.

Alec Morgan, F Northville junior

He led the Mustangs in scoring with 16 goals and 24 assists for 40 points. Northville finished third in the KLAA Central Division with an overall record of 19-6-2.

Austin Petty, G Novi senior

He was the lone Wildcat to earn all-conference honors thanks to a 14-6-1 record in 22 games played. Petty posted a 1.96 goals-against average with a .917 save percentage. Novi went 18-7-1.

Second team

James Considine, F Catholic Central senior

He wasn't the biggest guy on the ice, but Considine scored 11 goals with 11 assists to help the Shamrocks earn the state title. He earned

all-division second team honors.

Owen Kipke, D Catholic Central junior

He helped out on both ends with eight goals and nine assists. He earned all-division honorable mention honors.

Justin Pahl, F Lakeland senior

The captain was another potent weapon for Lakeland with 12 goals and 22 assists. He finished the year a plus-33.

Josef Blackwell, D Lakeland junior

He finished with a plus-28 thanks to six goals and 14 assists.

Jack Meacham, F Northville junior

He notched 14 goals and 24 assists to finish the year with 38 points.

Chance Boutin, G Northville junior

He posted a 9-2-1 record with a 1.53 goals-against average and a .933 save percentage.

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RELAYS

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distance medley relay with a time of 10:35.

The 1,600 relay team of McCullough, Alec Przybocki, Jacob Kamm and Sourges ran to 11th in a time of 3:41.23.

In the 800 relay, the team of Jomi Ogunfiditimi, Nathan Lwo, Jonathan Li and John

Stroud took 25th in 1:41.91.

In the high jump, Andrew Hopkins was 17th with a jump of 5 feet, 7 inches, while John Hamilton finished 25th with 5-4.

In the long jump, Leo Keyes took 21st with a leap of 18-4, while Felix Lee was 32nd with 17-7.

The Shamrocks' highest finish was a 10th-place showing in the distance medley relay

with a time of 11:42.24.

The Shamrocks also picked up a 16th-place finish in the 1,600 relay with a time of 3:51.14, while the 3,200 relay team finished 21st in 9:24.22. The 800 relay team ran 1:42.31, good for 28th.

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

SPORTS BRIEFS

Register for spring, summer sports leagues

The city of Novi, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is preparing for spring and summer sport seasons. Registration is going on now

via cityofnovi.org for the following leagues: Adult Softball Double Header League; Adult Tennis League; Adult Sand Volleyball League; Adult Soccer League; Youth Tee Ball, Baseball and Softball Leagues; Golf League 55+; and Softball League 55+.

To learn about additional sport programs offered by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, including a wide variety of summer camps and clinics, visit cityofnovi.org or call 248-347-0400 or 248-347-0414 for 55-and-over programs.

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION For the SPECIAL ELECTION to be held on TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014 for the NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Novi, Novi Community School District, Oakland County, Michigan. Notice is hereby given that **Monday, April 7, 2014 is the LAST DAY TO REGISTER** for the May 6, 2014 election. The Novi City Clerk's office, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 will be open from **8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** for the purpose of receiving applications of qualified electors in the City of Novi who are not already registered.

If you are not currently registered to vote in the City of Novi at your present address, you may do so in any of the following ways:

- In Person:**
 - At the Novi City Clerk's Office, 45175 Ten Mile, Novi 48375 M-F, 8-5 p.m.
 - At any Secretary of State Branch Office during normal business hours.

Obtain Forms Online

- Mail-in voter registration applications may be obtained by visiting the city's website at www.cityofnovi.org under Reference, click on forms, then click on Voter Registration Form, or
- www.Michigan.gov/vote

By Mail:

- By obtaining and completing a Mail-in Voter Registration Application and returning it to the Novi City Clerk's office by the close of registration **deadline, APRIL 7, 2014.**

You may contact the Novi City Clerk's Office by calling 248-347-0456 or by email to: elections@cityofnovi.org

The May 6, 2014 Special Election will be conducted in only the Novi Community School District Precincts 1 - 7, 13 - 16, 20 and part of 21.

NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BOND PROPOSAL FOR BUILDING AND SITE PURPOSES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$70,900,000

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of Novi Community School District, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, MI 48374. (248) 449-1200.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTORS AT THIS ELECTION, WILL BE GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS PAYABLE FROM GENERAL AD VALOREM TAXES.

Maryanne Cornelius, MMC
City Clerk

NEWSMAKERS

Mark Adler to teach in Alaska

Novi-based media professional, author and speaker Mark Adler has been recruited to teach courses in Alaska.

It all started with a gift (Adler's book) to a friend/co worker while on a film in Grand Rapids. That friend, while shooting in the state, showed the book, *Production Algebra: A Handbook for Production Assistants*, to a woman in Alaska involved with training for the film industry.

The Alaskan connection bought one, then 100 more books shortly after, then asked Adler if he would like to teach his "Boot Camps" for production assistants in five cities in Alaska.

Adler accepted and has been collaborating with Alaska New Media for a two-week stint in Ketchikan, Juneau, Sitka, Fairbanks and Anchorage. Adler begins his trip in early April.

The Michigan Production Alliance, the 501(c)6 trade group Adler founded in 2003, benefits from this work in many ways like endorsements, documentation and promotion.

The book is available for purchase at <http://mpami.org>, Amazon.com and other retailers.

Fox Run names WOW winners

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Individual Awards: Best of the Best - Brian Taylor, Grounds; Leader of the Year - Caren Fifer, Home Support; Erickson Way Values Award - Kenyatta Craigmiles, Rose Court Nursing

Jakobowski joins FTCH

Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc., announced that Juliet Jakobowski Maes, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, is now an associate in FTCH's Novi office. Jakobowski has more than 30 years of experience in project management, programming and planning for health care, educational and corporate facilities. She holds a master of architecture and a bachelor of science in architecture from the University of Michigan.

PureFit Pilates & Yoga opens

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Emily Kasal opened her PureFit Pilates & Yoga in downtown Walled Lake on March 10.

The Novi resident is offering Pilates and yoga instruction at the Walled Lake United Methodist Church, 313 E. Northport. She's renting space there, as does a pre-school.

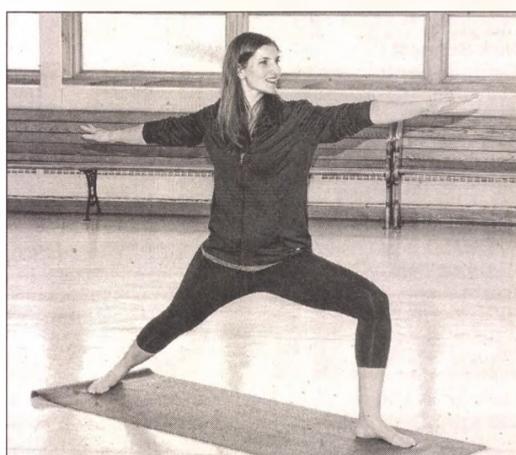
"It's a full studio," she said. "We offer private sessions, group lessons."

Her focus is on quality and affordability, along with a warm, welcoming environment. "Then I can keep my cost down as well," said Kasal, who began teaching in 2004.

She began to learn the field at the University of New Mexico, taking an intensive training course.

She studied as a theater major and did some dance at the University of New Mexico: "I'm a transplant."

Kasal has taught in



Emily Kasal is offering Pilates and yoga at the Walled Lake United Methodist Church. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

studios and gyms in Chicago, as well as New Mexico, Indiana and Michigan. She has certifications through ACE (the American Council on Exercise), AFAA (Aerobics and Fitness Association of America), YogaFit and NFPT (National Federation of Professional Trainers).

Maintaining a yoga practice has decreased stress and increased energy levels in Kasal's life. She tells people that Pilates changed her body and yoga changed her life.

PureFit Pilates & Yoga has a website, www.studiopurefit.com, and can be reached at

248-770-0144.

The focus is modifying instruction for all fitness levels. Workouts are designed to tone, sculpt and strengthen. Pilates is especially great for slimming the stomach, hips and thighs, Kasal said.

She lives with her husband and two young sons in Novi. They moved to this area because they wanted to live close to the lake and the downtown Walled Lake area.

She decided to open her business in downtown Walled Lake because "it is such a beautiful area and a great destination for Novi residents. I want to be a part of drawing more people to the downtown."

PureFit Pilates & Yoga class hours are 9:30-10:30 a.m. and 7-8 p.m. each Monday; 9:30-10:30 a.m. each Tuesday and 10:30-11:30 a.m. each Saturday.

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BBB releases its list of top scams of 2013

Every year, the Better Business Bureau receives thousands of calls and emails from consumers who have been

scammed or from the lucky ones who have dodged scams by being wary. Some scams are widespread, getting a lot of people for small amounts. Others are more narrowly focused, but take people for thousands or tens of thousands of dollars. The Federal Trade Commission's Consumer Sentinel Data Book estimates that Americans lost \$1.4 billion to scams in 2012.

Here's the BBB's top scams of 2013

Medical Alert Scam - A new twist to the telemarketing scam hit 2013 hard. With promises of a "free" medical alert system, the scam targeted seniors and caretakers and claimed to be offering the system free of charge because a family member or friend had already paid for it. In many cases, seniors were asked to provide their bank account or credit information to "verify" their identity and, as a result, were charged the monthly \$35 service fee. The system, of course, never arrived and the seniors were left with a charge they had trouble getting refunded.

Auction Reseller Scam - Many people turn to eBay and other online auctions sites to sell used items they no longer need and relatively new electronics seem to do especially well. But scammers have figured out a way to fool sellers into shipping goods without receiving payment. Usually, the buyer claims it's an "emergency" of some sort - a child's birthday, a member of the military shipping out - and asks the seller to ship the same day. The seller receives an email that looks like it's from PayPal confirming the payment, but emails are easy to fake. Always confirm payment in your eBay and PayPal accounts before shipping, especially to an overseas address.

Arrest Warrant Scam - This one seemed to really take off last autumn. In this scam, con artists are taking advantage of technology that can change what is visible on Caller ID and allowing them to pose as the local sheriff or other law enforcement agency. They call to say there is a warrant out for your arrest, but that you can pay a fine in order to avoid criminal charges. Of course, these "police" don't take credit cards; only a wire transfer or prepaid debit card.

Sometimes these scams seem personal; the scammer may refer to a

loan or other financial matter. It may just be a lucky guess, but don't be fooled into thinking you are about to be arrested.

Invisible Home Improvements - Home improvement scams vary little from year to year and most involve some type of shoddy workmanship from unlicensed or untrained workers. The hardest for homeowners to detect, and therefore the easiest for scammers to pull off, are repairs or improvements to the areas of your home that you can't see - roofs, chimneys, air ducts, crawl spaces, etc. Scammers may simply knock at your door, offering a great deal because they were "in the neighborhood," but more and more they are using telemarketing, email and even social media to reach homeowners.

Helpful videos on YouTube can add legitimacy to a contractor, but consumers have no way of knowing if the video is real or "borrowed" from a legitimate contractor.

Casting Call Scam - This is not as widespread as some other scams, but it seems to have really been on the increase in recent years, thanks to

the popularity of television talent shows like *American Idol* and *Project Runway*. Scammers pose as agents or talent scouts looking for actors, singers, models, reality show contestants, etc., and use phony audition notices to fool aspiring performers into paying to try out for parts that don't exist. There are several ways this plays out. It can simply be an unscrupulous way to sell acting lessons, photography services, etc., or it can be an outright scam for things like fees for online "applications" or upcoming "casting calls."

NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

Signature gets Mode listing in Novi

Signature Associates has been awarded the representation of 80,103 square feet with 48,198 square feet remaining for lease at 46890 Magellan, Novi. The industrial building has an estimated completion date in 2014 and will feature 30-foot clear height and be prepped for 20-ton cranes.

Jim Montgomery of Signature Associates is the listing broker representing the owner, Mode Development Inc.

Michigan recognized for job growth

The Organization for International Investment highlighted positive steps taken by Gov. Rick Snyder and the Legislature to attract global investment, including elimination of Michigan Business Tax, development of Michigan's talented work force and impressive results from a high priority on job creation.

"Today's announcement is another sign of Michigan's improving business climate and the good work we've done to reduce taxes, eliminate burdensome and unneeded regulations and by investing in talent enhancement programs," Snyder said. "Investment in Michigan by overseas-based companies is growing and the results mean more and better jobs for people all across our state."

The presentation took place at Robert Bosch Technical Center in Plymouth Township. Bosch is one of the largest North American automotive suppliers of precision components and systems, including electronics, and chassis and power train products. The company employs more than 2,800 people in Michigan.

OFFI represents U.S. operations of many of the world's leading global companies, which insure millions of American jobs. Insourcing is the opposite of outsourcing, or send-

ing jobs out of the country. Insourcing relates to the creation and attraction of additional jobs to the U.S.

Business women offering scholarships, grant

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the ABWA will offer one grant and two scholarships this year for the education of local students.

Novi Oaks Charter Chapter is also offering a \$1,500 grant through the SBMEF. Eligible applicants must:

» Be a female U.S. citizen who has completed 45 credit hours or more when applying for funds. Funds may be used when the applicant has completed 60 credit hours;

» Have achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale and be seeking a baccalaureate degree or higher and must be attending a Michigan institution authorized to confer degrees at the baccalaureate level or higher in the United States and be sponsored by an eligible ABWA chapter/network.

To apply, interested students should send name, email address and phone number to Education Chair Karen Kolc at kkolc@yahoo.com, with the subject line: "Outright Grant" no later than May 12. Applications must be completed by June 1 at www.sbmeff.org.

For more information, visit www.sbmeff.org.

Cooper-Standard's cash tender offer

Novi-based Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc., the parent company of Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc., a global supplier of systems and components for the automotive industry, announced that it is commencing a cash tender offer for its outstanding Senior PIK Toggle Notes due 2018 and that its subsidiary, Cooper Standard, is commencing a cash tender offer for its outstanding 8½ percent Senior Notes due 2018.

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HOMEARAMA OPEN TO PUBLIC IN LATE SUMMER

Luxury homes showcased Aug. 29 through Sept. 14

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Homearama 2014 is a public service activity of HBA featuring homes built by HBA profes-

sional builder members including Mocerri Companies, Cranbrook Homes, MJC Companies and Arteva Homes. The community was developed by Kirkland Adams Development.

Thousands of hours have been devoted to shaping the Pinnacle community as the "crown jewel" of Oakland County's Billion Dollar Mile. Its luxury homes will be set amid streets accented by brick pavers, wrought iron sculptures and a grand domed promenade. Acres of preservation areas, streams and stone bridges will add to the elegance and creativity of the community.

Each home is being de-

signed, built, fully decorated and landscaped by the area's top professionals. Homes will feature the latest amenities, advanced technology and energy saving features. These Dream Homes offer visitors the unique opportunity to gather luxury design and decor ideas that could be used in their own homes. Bringing The Dream Home is the theme for the event.

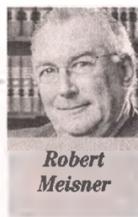
On-site and advance ticket sales will be available. Over 50,000 home owners, home buyers and dreamers are expected to visit Homearama 2014. Special events are also planned during the run of the

event. More information will be available at www.HomearamaHBA.com beginning in April.

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, Home Builders Association of SE Michigan (HBA) and Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) are trade associations representing 700 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multi-family residential construction industry. HBA is affiliated with the Home Builders Association of Michigan in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.

N.J. court nixes liability claim

Q: Our homeowners association has sued a homeowner for payment of maintenance fees. That member filed a counter-claim alleging that the association had caused monetary damage to him by engaging in bad faith conduct by its involvement in a lawsuit filed by a group of other members in the community who accused the association of withholding financial information which allegedly caused a rejection for his reverse mortgage loan on his unit because of that lawsuit. What do you think?



Robert Meisner

A: Under the Business Judgment Rule, the general test for whether an association has acted properly is whether its action was authorized by statute or its own bylaws and if so, whether the action was fraudulent, self-dealing or unconscionable. Generally, the Business Judgment Rule isn't available as a general defense if the association's fiduciary duty was breached by fraud or acts performed in bad faith. In a case similar to yours, the New Jersey Appellate Court held that the association cannot be liable for damaging individual unit owners simply because its actions in the course of litigation on behalf of all owners may have affected some of the members unfavorably. In the case in New Jersey, the court indicated that the litigation strategy the association used was actually quite successful for the membership as a whole since the lawsuit was dismissed within a year without liability being imposed on the association.

Q: My neighbor hosted a party in a residence used by his parents without their consent. Alcohol was available for consumption at the party and some of the guests, most of whom were under 21, were charged an admission fee. The money collected in entrance fees was used to buy additional alcohol. During the party, an intoxicated guest who was charged a fee to purchase consumed alcoholic beverages supplied by my neighbor who unfortunately was seriously injured in an automobile accident. The victim's parents have now considered filing a lawsuit against the neighbor and his parents. Do you think they have any valid claims?

A: The case is state-specific and case specific in regard to what the liability would be, but it would seem to me that both the parents and the person serving alcoholic beverages would be liable for allowing the sale of alcohol to an obviously intoxicated minor. It is, of course, important to recognize that the sale of alcohol is regulated in Michigan and there could well be direct liability for the damages incurred similar to that of a DRAM shop claim against a bar that sells alcohol to an obviously intoxicated customer.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95, plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. "Condo Living 2" is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and barnesandnoble.com. He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. It is available for \$9.95, plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call 248-644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS - OAKLAND COUNTY

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

BEVERLY HILLS

15755 Birwood Ave	\$151,000
17195 Birwood Ave	\$242,000
17860 Locherbie Ave	\$275,000
16145 Madoline St	\$166,000
31165 Sheridan Dr	\$180,000
18688 W 13 Mile Rd # 2	\$145,000

BINGHAM FARMS

30265 Oakview Way	\$347,000
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BIRMINGHAM

967 Ann St	\$521,000
275 Bryn Mawr St	\$421,000
1523 Chapin Ave	\$225,000
1389 Lake Park Dr	\$797,000
1097 Lakeside Dr	\$860,000
1115 N Old Woodward Ave Unit	\$250,000
232 Pilgrim Ave	\$652,000
662 Purdy St # 320	\$205,000
600 W Brown St # 109	\$172,000
1288 Washington Blvd	\$300,000
735 Willits St	\$389,000
1078 Wimbleton Dr	\$290,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

3459 Devon Brook Dr	\$279,000
5633 S Adams Way	\$235,000
3037 Anthony Ln	\$713,000
7125 Cathedral Dr	\$242,000
480 E Long Lake Rd	\$970,000
2360 Klingensmith Rd	\$142,000
5680 Kolly Rd	\$465,000
999 Stratford Pl	\$330,000
1745 Tiverton Rd	\$135,000
2 Vaughan Xing	\$873,000
100 W Hickory Grove Rd # A7	\$63,000
4560 Walden Dr	\$400,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

1367 Club Dr	\$529,000
1737 Golf Ridge Dr 5	\$500,000
2499 Heronwood Dr	\$810,000
310 Kendry	\$213,000
6650 Lahser Rd	\$200,000
5026 Sebring Ct	\$450,000

1543 Threadneedle St	\$467,000
1350 Trailwood Path # C	\$128,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

6080 Amadore St	\$125,000
2340 Baltusrol Dr	\$265,000
3105 Belle Terre	\$200,000
3446 Benstein Rd	\$325,000
2265 Calibouge	\$235,000
5049 Carinas Way Ct	\$257,000
4410 Commerce Woods Dr	\$239,000
8133 Cooley Lake Rd	\$135,000
5004 Elkin St	\$170,000
8075 Flagstaff St	\$158,000
5251 Huron Hills Dr	\$313,000
9381 Park Ln	\$499,000
8420 Pine Cove Dr	\$490,000
8529 Pine Cove Dr	\$375,000
3100 Royal Blvd	\$140,000
2461 Solace Dr	\$62,000
3581 Stallion Way	\$300,000
4781 Surfwood Dr	\$450,000
9574 Trace Hollow Ct	\$25,000
9577 Trace Hollow Ct	\$25,000
5001 White Tail Ct	\$296,000

FARMINGTON

33131 Orchard St	\$65,000
21045 Robinwood St	\$178,000
36131 Smithfield Rd	\$214,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

29117 Aranel St	\$212,000
21074 Colwell St	\$53,000
35787 Congress Rd	\$288,000
24026 Creekside Dr	\$127,000
29423 Earth Ln	\$625,000
21223 Flanders St	\$75,000
29870 Fox Grove Rd	\$285,000
39304 Geneva Dr	\$285,000
35110 Glengary Cir	\$250,000
28555 Green Castle Rd	\$175,000
22100 Hamilton Ave	\$147,000
30420 Hanley Ct	\$235,000
33854 Harlan Dr	\$180,000
21304 Juniper Ct	\$130,000
28101 Kendallwood Dr	\$187,000
26181 Kiltarton St	\$235,000
28946 Lake Park Dr	\$265,000
24145 Locust St	\$326,000
21610 Manchester Ct	\$365,000
29652 Middlebelt Rd Unit 240	\$88,000

31284 Misty Pines Dr	\$150,000
29391 New Bradford Dr	\$221,000
29624 Nova Woods Dr	\$180,000
33701 Oak Point Cir	\$287,000
36183 Parklane Cir	\$260,000
29692 Pine Ridge Cir	\$127,000
29125 Ramblewood Dr	\$201,000
37077 Sandalwood	\$200,000
26300 Springfield Dr	\$188,000
31674 Trestain St	\$170,000
36985 Valley Ridge Dr	\$287,000
28428 W Eight Mile Rd Unit B10	\$18,000
28933 W Nine Mile Rd	\$215,000
31822 Wayburn St	\$140,000

FRANKLIN

24505 N Cromwell Dr	\$221,000
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MILFORD

2290 Cooley Lake Rd	\$269,000
270 Cumberland Trl	\$358,000
781 Forestberry Ct	\$220,000
847 Mill St	\$280,000
639 Shaw Ct	\$120,000

NORTHVILLE

22839 Bentley Dr	\$100,000
49314 Chianti Dr	\$198,000
44871 Galway Dr	\$350,000
730 North Ctr	\$215,000
51240 Park Place Dr	\$460,000
37996 W Meadowhill Dr	\$261,000
384 Welch Rd	\$232,000
880 Yorktown Ct	\$155,000

NOVI

30709 Ardmore Ct	\$88,000
45207 Bartlett Dr	\$431,000
49992 Blackberry Trl	\$340,000
39608 Burton Dr	\$173,000
22084 Cascade Dr	\$247,000
21964 Clover Ln	\$228,000
23235 Cranbrooke Dr	\$220,000
22234 Edgewater	\$133,000
25774 Groveland	\$365,000
23970 Harvest Dr	\$320,000
22828 Heatherbrae Way	\$266,000
26055 Island Lake Dr	\$425,000
41677 Juniper Cir	\$161,000
24423 Knollwood St	\$192,000
50293 Langley Dr	\$555,000
50345 Langley Dr	\$534,000
50370 Langley Dr	\$664,000
50371 Langley Dr	\$559,000

50392 Langley Dr	\$531,000
1502 Lebenta St	\$39,000
27029 Maxwell Ct	\$251,000
130 N Haven St	\$199,000
24549 Queens Pointe	\$205,000
45003 Roundview Dr	\$245,000
24250 Simmons Dr	\$160,000
21965 Sunrise Blvd	\$245,000
30988 Tanglewood Dr	\$200,000
30242 Viewcrest Ct	\$285,000

SOUTH LYON

58698 Bridge House Ct	\$93,000
861 Challenging Trl	\$175,000
1051 Colt Dr	\$244,000
23967 Copperwood Dr E	\$325,000
1230 Hopper Ct	\$370,000
317 Harvard Ave	\$125,000
60829 Lillian St	\$85,000
209 Maplewood Ct Unit 12	\$90,000

WESTLAND

53969 Shinnecock Dr	\$430,000
1196 Vassar	\$135,000
837 Westhills Dr	\$270,000

WHITE LAKE

27156 Aberdeen St	\$116,000
28915 Carmel Dr	\$85,000
19633 Jeanette St	\$32,000
29300 Kensington Ct	\$144,000
29513 Marshall St	\$110,000
27064 Nantucket Ct	\$153,000
24548 Pierce St	\$92,000
28596 Red Leaf Ln	\$50,000
5000 Town Ctr # 2701	\$100,000
30105 Vernon Dr	\$170,000
18225 Westhaven Ave	\$44,000
18430 Westover Ave	\$43,000
24105 Woodland Dr	\$395,000

637 Akehurst Ln	\$281,000
9555 Bonnie Briar St	\$220,000
1151 Clearwater St	\$135,000
9817 Coledale Ct	\$285,000
8926 El Dorado Dr	\$256,000
9163 Glasgow Dr	\$187,000
975 Golden Dr	\$335,000
8517 Huron River Dr	\$130,000
10254 Lakeside Dr	\$77,000
82 Lisa Cir	\$197,000
613 Rumson Ct	\$62,000
9613 Shelby Dr	\$259,000
775 Sunnybeach Dr	\$285,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS - WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 25-29, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

46540 Bartlett Dr	\$217,000
40429 Bay Harbor Ln	\$127,000
7380 Charrington Dr	\$310,000
42255 Chase Dr	\$255,000
436 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr	\$44,000
436 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr	\$155,000
46761 Creeks Bnd	\$208,000
1648 Dunston Rd	\$270,000
1626 E Lakeview Ln	\$173,000
45486 Fieldstone Dr	\$234,000
46368 Hanford Rd	\$248,000
4681 Hunters Cir E	\$104,000
4281 Hunters Cir W	\$106,000
48468 Inveraray Rd	\$425,000
46638 Inverness Rd	\$366,000
42771 Linden Pointe Dr	\$76,000
47464 Lindenhurst Blvd	\$285,000
45671 N Stonewood Rd	\$173,000
1994 Oakview Dr	\$195,000
793 Pinehurst Dr	\$285,000

43059 Providence Ln	\$146,000
47600 Royal Pointe Dr	\$365,000
41390 Southwind Dr	\$75,000
43317 Stonington Ct	\$218,000

GARDEN CITY

28455 Leona St	\$89,000
32710 Maplewood St	\$95,000
29614 Rosslyn Ave	\$82,000
33241 Rosslyn Ave	\$87,000

LIVONIA

28832 Seven Mile Rd	\$36,000
31443 Alabama Ct	\$190,000
11309 Auburndale St	\$149,000
29145 Barkley St	\$109,000
36711 Bennett St	\$232,000
9293 Cardwell St	\$55,000
14982 Cavour St	\$88,000
9139 Danzig St	\$175,000
14348 Denzie St	\$155,000
31301 Dorais St	\$135,000
36104 Fairway Dr	\$302,000
14754 Fairway St	\$159,000
16802 Farmington Rd	\$133,000
16910 Farmington Rd	\$115,000
30158 Greenland St	\$185,000
19494 Hardy St	\$153,000
20414 Hugh St	\$125,000
38033 Mason St	\$157,000

11037 Mayfield St	\$139,000
11037 Mayfield St	\$70,000
27831 Meadowbrooke Ave	\$300,000

PLYMOUTH

30230 Oakview St	\$150,000
30891 Orangelawn St	\$103,000
35876 Orangelawn St	\$139,000
36310 St Andrews Dr	\$43,000
17977 University Park Dr	\$105,000
18273 University Park Dr	\$90,000
29624 W Chicago St	\$125,000
19960 Weyher St	\$82,000

42341 Amboy Ct	\$124,000
429 Beal St	\$290,000
19233 Fry Rd	\$208,000
19576 Maxwell St	\$265,000
619 North Ctr	\$128,000
19146 Northridge Dr	\$53,000
49720 Parkside Dr	\$468,000
20285 Rippling Ln	\$241,000
543 W Dunlap St	\$558,000
16534 White Haven Dr	\$320,000

262 N Holbrook St	\$227,000
432 Pacific St	\$240,000
49946 Plymouth Way	\$135,000
42490 Schoolcraft Rd	\$131,000

REDFORD

14301 Dixie	\$93,000
15580 Gaylord	\$76,000
15038 Inkster Rd	\$50,000
15479 Macarthur	\$50,000
26372 Margaretta	\$70,000
11316 Marion	\$80,000
17682 Norborne	\$54,000

34258 Winslow St	\$53,000
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WESTLAND

37150 Amhurst Dr	\$128,000
37744 Avondale St	\$135,000
32081 Birchwood St	\$39,000
35748 Booth Ave	\$29,000
35463 Canyon Dr	

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Handling the 'cold' networking call or email

By Matt Tarpey,
CareerBuilder writer

Growing your professional network is an essential part of finding a job and advancing your career. The Internet makes this easier by allowing you to expand your reach beyond your typical contacts. Reaching out to people you aren't directly acquainted with, whether they are hiring managers or simply contemporaries working in your industry, can be a tricky and sometimes awkward situation. However, the reality is that "cold calling" or "cold emailing," when handled correctly, can be a useful part of building your network.

Matt Tarpey is a writer and blogger for CareerBuilder.com and it's job blog, The Work Buzz.

Here are some tips for mastering networking with strangers:

Find the missing link

You've probably heard the popular theory of "six degrees of separation," which suggests that every individual is six or fewer steps, by way of introduction, from any other individual. Your best bet to get a hiring manager's attention is to be introduced or recommended by a mutual acquaintance.

Hiring managers may ignore cold calls or emails if there's no mention of a specific connection that led the job seeker to them.

Familiarize your contacts with your elevator pitch to help them introduce you around at networking events, and don't forget to return the favor when the opportunity arises.

Give context

If you can't find a direct link, it is essential that you have a good reason for asking for the contact's time and that you are upfront about this reason from the start.

Be specific about why you're reaching out to this individual in particular.

- Are you familiar with his work?
- Were you both at a networking event but missed the opportunity to connect?
- Or are you simply looking for job opportunities or career advice?
- Know what you're looking for before you dial or hit "send."

What else do they offer?

Typically, when building your network, it's not a good idea to bluntly ask strangers for a job. If they say no, which they likely will, the relationship ends there, and you may as well remove them from your network.

Rather than asking for a job outright, try fostering a connection by asking for advice or an informational interview.

Not only are hiring managers more likely to respond positively to this request, but you build a stronger relationship and gain valuable information in the process.

Keep it short

Make it easy for the hiring manager you contact to help you. Your email should be short and concise, clearly spelling out your situation and the relevant information. A lengthy, wordy email with big blocks of text is unlikely to be read, much less thoughtfully considered and responded to. Respect your contact's time and keep the initial introduction brief.

Emailing or calling a person out of the blue can be scary, but if done right, it can also help your job search and career. Follow these tips, remain respectful, and soon you'll start to see your professional network and employment prospects grow.



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- ACROSS
1 Nylon woven so that tears won't spread
8 Disputed Asian region
15 Arrive, as the night
20 Before
21 Embrace, as a cause
22 Alkaline compound
23 1972 Glen Campbell hit
25 Starbucks menu item
26 Store safely
27 Supper crumb
28 Day, to Jose
29 Vented vociferously
30 Capital in the Andes
32 "Oh, woe is me!"
35 Be adjacent to
39 African outings
41 1999-2007 House speaker Dennis
42 Atlantic-Pacific linkup
44 Fed. loan agency for mom-and-pops
46 Bygone U.S. gas name
47 Capital of the Republic of China
48 Brand of hot sauce
50 Bros counterpart
52 Three-note chord
54 Light, playful passages
56 Lilted syllable
59 1993 Texas standoff city
61 Clothing edges
64 Actress who starred in "Alien vs. Predator"
66 Indifferent
68 Gens.' inferiors
70 URL opener
71 Politician
72 "Adios!"
75 Labor Day's mo.
77 Hens 78-Across on them
78 Brood, with "on"
79 Utter vocally
81 A Disney princess
83 Cola, e.g.
84 Southern U.S. forage plants
87 Permeate with a spirit
90 Memo start
93 -pah
94 Cry of magic
96 Lacking any luxury
99 Ring-shaped head ornament
100 Cages
101 California coastal city
104 Writer Seton
106 Dahl of film
107 Millions of years
108 Extra-big tub
109 Brief sleeps
113 Exhausting
114 Gomez's mother in an old sitcom
119 Slowly, to a conductor
120 Northern and southern lights
121 Disentangle
122 Hair lock
123 Trendy
124 Specialty brew
DOWN
1 Abbr. on a dashboard
2 Roth - (bank plans)
3 Pub quantity area
4 Arty NYC
5 Dragged fishing net
6 Mel of the old Giants
7 D.C.'s river
8 Clark of the Daily Planet
9 Invite
10 Healthful resort
11 Accord and Civic
12 Part of MTV
13 Singer Chris
14 Apartment, e.g.: Abbr.
15 Soups' go-withs
16 Radiates
17 lotas
18 Crying
19 Can't help but
24 Yasir of the PLO
29 Stranded cell stuff
31 Bible book after Song of Solomon
32 Saudis, say
33 Purple bloomers
34 "I've got it!"
35 On-target
36 Sheep peep
37 Price per pound, e.g.
38 Certain plant anchor.
40 Doña - County, New Mexico
43 Travis Tritt's "Tell - Was Dreaming"
44 Odors
45 Sodium - (cleanser)
49 Bygone Iranian ruler
50 It's between fa and la
51 "Space - a premium"
53 Decompose
55 Frank of satirical rock
56 17th-century London theatre
57 Pealed
58 Hill builders
59 Toddlers' cries
60 Jai -
62 Tiny country in Europe
63 Alpine event
65 Stuff oozing down a trunk
67 Burkina -
69 Blizzard fall
73 Street guide
74 Live-in nanny
76 Postwar pact
80. Winger of Messing
82 Neighbor of ill. and Mich.
83 Omens
85 Missile path
86 Respectful deep bow
88 Caterer's dispenser
89 - Vegas
90 Blitzkrieg
91 Less dense
92 Evidence of sunning
93 Off - tangent
95 Mythical horse-man
97 "It takes two" dances
98 "Honest" Lincoln
99 Is unable to
102 Air anew
103 Sows' mates
105 Tennis great Agassi
108 Ming piece
110 Very little, as of salve
111 Get concrete results on?
112 Peter Pan pursuer
114 Moo goo - pan
115 Alcohol-free
116 Bad, to Henri
117 - and all
118 Camera type, in brief

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 1-124 indicating starting positions for words.

Answer to Last Week's Puzzle
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EXHUMERACCOUNTREDETE
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SORTOFCRANOXEYE
CLEARASMAUDFREESIBM
ALASCIVICKINDSNSAP
PACWISPKIEVGOETH
THEREISNOFREELAUNCH
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DORAOCOTALHAIKUATOM
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