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Opinion

Council adds surplus to budget

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

More revenue will be going back into the general fund as the Novi City Council cuts back on some spending in the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal

Last week at its budget input session, council members made five amendments to the proposed budget that in total removed \$345,931 from the 2014-15 budget, which will go into effect July 1.

For the mayor and council, this proposed budget is yet another sign of the city working to maintain a good balance be-tween prudent spending and great services.

"I have said over and over that Novi is the greatest city in the state, perhaps the country. Our budget is, and will continue to be, the envy or our neighboring communities," Mayor Bob Gatt said.

Budget amendments

Council approved five decisions to rearrange the budget. Total revenue is now at \$30,510,701 and expenditures are \$30,423,995. This will result in \$86,706 going to the general fund and fund balance.

According to Victor Cardenas, interim city manager, council decided to delay the capital improvement project for the Tim Pope Play Structure replacement at ITC Park, which is priced at \$250,000, to a future year, while adding the Ella Mae Power Park Play Structure re-placement (\$85,000) to the bud-

get.
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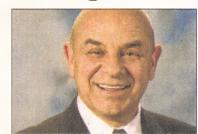
cost will be offset by a decrease in transfer from the general fund," Cardenas said.

Secondly, council chose to eliminate the \$2 round-trip fee charged for senior transportation for specific in-city rides, which is an estimated loss in revenue of \$25,000. This will involve a general fund transfer to the Parks and Recreation fund to replace the lost revenue, according to Cardenas.

"This amendment decreases the fund balance in the general fund by \$25,000 and has no impact on the Parks and Recreation fund as the decrease in revenue will be offset by an increase in transfer from the general fund," he said.

Cardenas said council also decided to have gross revenue from the city gun range, currently budgeted in the general

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BOB GATT Novi mayor



portfolio show at the Art Institute of Novi. Students showed off their wares and capabilities to friends, fellow students and prospective employers. JOHN HEIDER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Talent abounds at Art Institute of Michigan

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The Art Institute of Michigan's Design, Media Arts and Fashion Portfolio Show was a testament to the quality of Michigan's talent. Held at the Novi facility

last month, graduating students from each area of study had their portfolios on display for the viewing enjoyment of those in attendance. Around 20 students had displays on topics like graphic and web design, photography and fashion.

The show was an opportunity for students to demonstrate their skills to industry insiders, while showing off their accomplishments to family

and friends. Among other things, the students aspire to have careers as art directors, sound engineers or fashion designers. This show was one big step in the life-long process of them realizing their career

"I've always been interest-

ed in animation since I was kid," graduate Katrina Dobis said. "I've learned so much during my time with the Art Institute that this show feels like a good ending to a lot of work ... or maybe this is just the start to something else.'

Dobis received her bachelor of arts degree in media arts and animation from the Art Institute. She hopes to work for a magazine.

The Art Institute offers a variety of programs.

Design programs

According to the Art Institute, graduates of the design programs have the opportunity to affect what consumers see, touch, read and feel in industries that drive the creative economy. The Art Institute's system of schools offers a variety of design degree and non-degree programs like advertising, graphic design, interior design and industrial design.

According to Assistant **Director of Career Services** Shannon Delecki, with the school's focused curriculum of design courses, students have the opportunity to learn by employing the technology, software and equipment used by design professionals.

'Knowing the trends and design elements really helps and I think I've only expanded my knowledge of these," said Skyler Simone, a grad with an associate's degree in graphic design.

Media arts

Media arts grads are schooled to communicate well, solve problems and meet client needs through courses structured to teach students to apply creative solutions across multiple platforms, from using 3-D modeling and animation to shooting video to capture images that will be translated into the digital environment. In the audio production studio, students are mixing tracks using Pro Tools.

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Matthews finalist for top spot with Troy

By Cal Stone Staff Writer

Dr. Steve Matthews, superintendent of the Novi Community Schools district, is one of two finalists for the position of superintendent for Troy schools.

Troy's current superintendent, Barbara Fowler, announced her retirement this past December. She will leave July 1 after 31 years serving the 12,000-



student district in a variety of leadership positions. Matthews, wrapping up his third year in Novi, is no stranger to the Troy School District. He served as director of curriculum and assessment there from 1998-2008,

leaving to become superintendent of Grand Ledge Public

Schools. After three years in that position, he came to Novi. "I assumed that they would name one of their current assistant superintendents as superintendent because that is what happened when I was in Troy and Dr. Fowler became superintendent," Matthews said. "However, the

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NHS principal search continues

The Novi High School principal job is in the second interview phase, according to Dr. Steve Matthews, superintendent.

"We did an initial screening of the 83 candidates who applied," he said. "Thirteen took a screening interview." Of that group, five were given an extensive phone interview. The next phase will be to invite candidates in for an interview with a committee composed of parents, staff and administrators.

"That will take place in the next couple of weeks," Matthews said. "The committee will then recommend at least two candidates to me for a final interview."

Nicole Carter is currently serving as interim principal.



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board decided to do a search and I was asked the first week of April to interview on April 21."

Final interviews are scheduled for April 29 and the new superintendent is expected to be in place July 1.

Matthews earned a master of education degree from Texas Tech University and was a child protective services worker and classroom teacher in Texas. He earned a doctorate of education from Wayne State University, where he was an assistant professor on the Dearborn campus.

The other candidate is Dr. Richard M. Ma-

"(T)he board decided to do a search and I was asked the first week of April to interview on April 21."

STEVE MATTHEWS

Novi superintendent

chesky, assistant superintendent of secondary education for Troy School District, who joined Troy in 2008. He previously held several positions in the Utica Community School district before being named executive director of secondary education.

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VegFest



Daryl Hannah – a vegan activist for a more ethical, sustainable world – was at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi on April 13 for the Veg Michigan's VegFest. The actress spoke to a packed audience with her topic, Turning Inspiration Into Action. CURTIS DROGMILLER

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fund, to be placed in the new capital project fund for the purpose of future capital needs to the gun range facility. He said this amendment decreases the fund balance in the general fund by \$135,000 and increases the fund balance in the new capital project fund.

Another big change was council's removal of the budget for preliminary engineering related to expansion of the Department of Public Services building (which had \$164,268 budgeted in

2014-15 in the general fund and \$109,512 in Water and Sewer fund).

Cardenas said this amendment increases the fund balance in the general fund by \$164,268 and increases the fund balance in the Water and Sewer fund by \$109,512.

Finally, council chose to eliminate two new

positions proposed in the general fund for a non-motorized engineer (\$110,905) and human resources generalist (\$65,758). Cardenas said this amendment increases the fund balance in the general fund by \$176,663.

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This is where artistic talent meets technical know-how. The media arts combine art and design approaches with technology to prepare graduates for a multitude of exciting careers.

Fashion

The institute's fashion design and fashion management programs help students understand global trends and apply them to a target market. Taking fashion courses has students learning while doing. They are taught on professional-grade technology with the same kind of fashion technology, software and

industry tools that the fashion professionals use.

Hands-on approach

The institute gives students an environment in which to grow. Its mission is to offer a stimulating learning environment where committed and talented students, led by dedicated and professional faculty, can develop their creativity and acquire the skills and

knowledge to pursue careers in their fields of study.

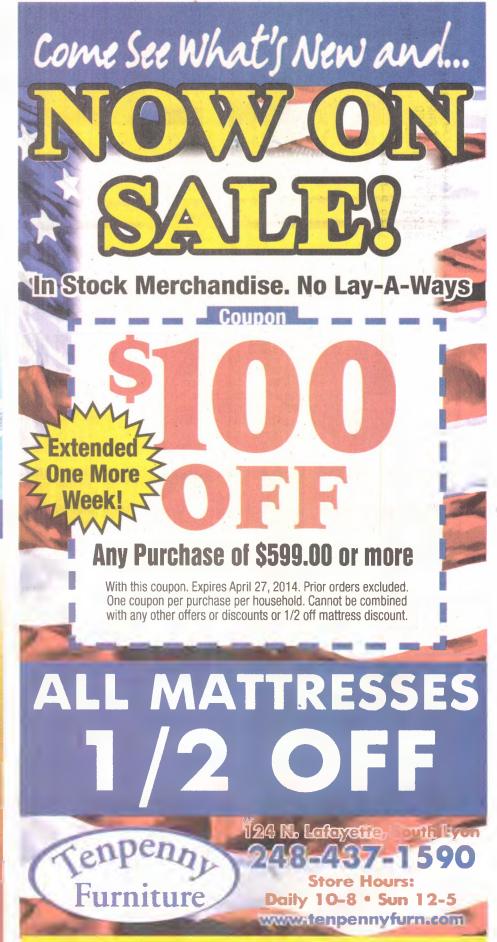
"This is a different college with smaller classes and a personal approach," said web design and interactive media grad Camrin Lozon. "It's a very helpful environment to grow in."

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Bloomfield Hills doctor joins 11th District race

By Brad Kadrich Staff Writer

Dr. Anil Kumar, a native of India who came to the United States 30 years ago from England, has seen life change particularly for his patients - in three decades practicing medicine

And he doesn't necessarily think it's changed for the better.

Kumar, 63, a urologist and women's rights advocate, believes he can help effect a positive change, which is why the Bloomfield Hills Democrat has filed to run for the U.S. congressional seat in the 11th District, currently held by Republican Kerry Bentivolio.

"I'm at the stage of my life where I could retire and play golf, but my golf game sucks," Kumar said. "(Instead) I can give back to society. I know health care inside-out. Congress is where I can use my knowledge and experience. If I can make one change, that will be worth it.'

Kumar came to the U.S. in 1984, accepting a chance to do research and residency in urology at Wayne State University. In 30 years practicing medicine, he said he's seen changes - not necessarily good ones - for both patients and other medical students.

Heart-breaking choices

Where patients used to ask to avoid generic drugs, he said, now some of his Medicare patients can't even afford those.

"Medicare patients are telling me, 'I can have food or I can have medicine," Kumar said. "It's heart-breaking."

And medical students,

he said, are now choosing their specialties based on what pays better. When he was deciding the course of his medical career, Kumar said, it was based on something less tangible than money.

"I grew up thinking I could cure cancer ... I didn't think about what specialty pays me the most money," he said. "That change is disturb-

ing."
Kumar thinks he can affect change best from a seat in Congress. Though he harbors no illusions about the campaign — "It's going to be an uphill battle," he said - he believes his longstanding practice has given him an edge.

He said he had conversations with mentors who "advised me this race would be a good one (to get into)." His patients, he pointed out, come from all over the

11th District.

"Democrats have a better chance this time," Kumar said. "The middle class is realizing Democratic values are far closer to their own than Republicans'. This district is predominantly middle class. I've served this community with my heart and soul for 30 years and I have the pulse of what's going on."

As a Democrat and a health care professional, Kumar calls the Affordable Care Act — dubbed Obamacare — "one of the best things to ever happen to Americans who didn't have insurance."

Nothing perfect

However, he knows it isn't perfect.

"No civilized country should have citizens without health care ... no law is perfect," Kumar said. "There are changes to be made. I have the

knowledge of health care from a patient's perspective and from a doctor's perspective and I've seen how insurance companies work. From a health care perspective, I would be one of the best candidates."

Kumar and his wife Majorie, also a physician, have been married for 27 years and raised their two sons, Andrew and Nathan, in Oakland Coun-

"I'm running for Congress because we need leaders with fresh ideas to get our state and our economy back on track," Kumar said. "People are frustrated because Washington isn't working. Now more than ever, we need to create goodpaying jobs, make education affordable, protect Social Security and Medicare and assure health care is accessible to everyone."



THE KUMAR **FILE**

Who: Dr. Anil Kumar What: Running for U.S. Congress in the 11th District

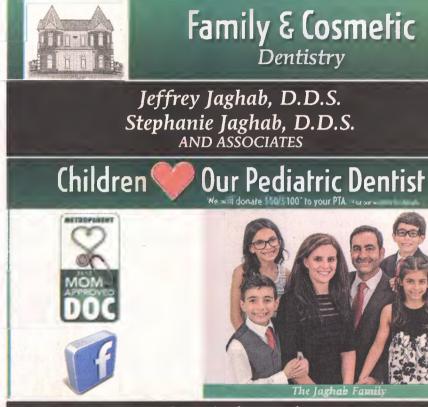
Family: Wife of 27 years, Marjorie; sons Andrew and Nathan **Professional:** Vice chief of urology, St. Joseph Hospital-Pontiac; vice chief of surgery, Critten-ton Medical Center Education: Bachelor of

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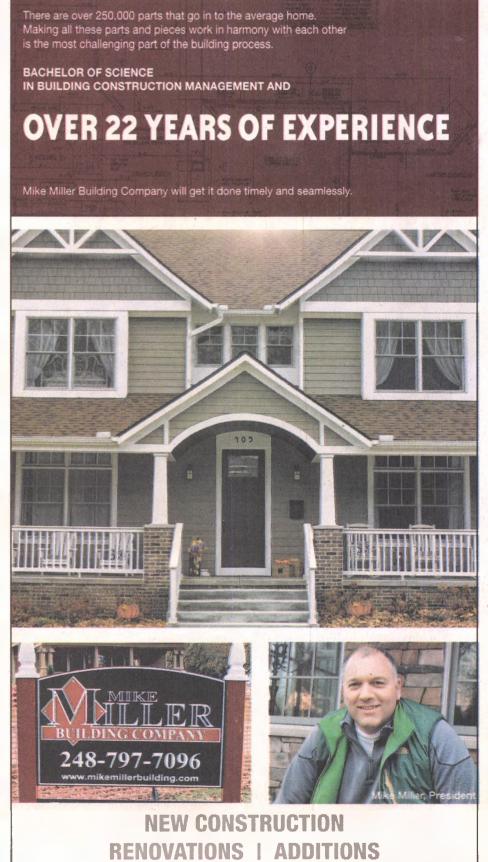
Sittin' and waitin'



A Canada goose guards its nest at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace. Geese are laying eggs and sitting this time of year and the typical nest yields about eight goslings. JOHN



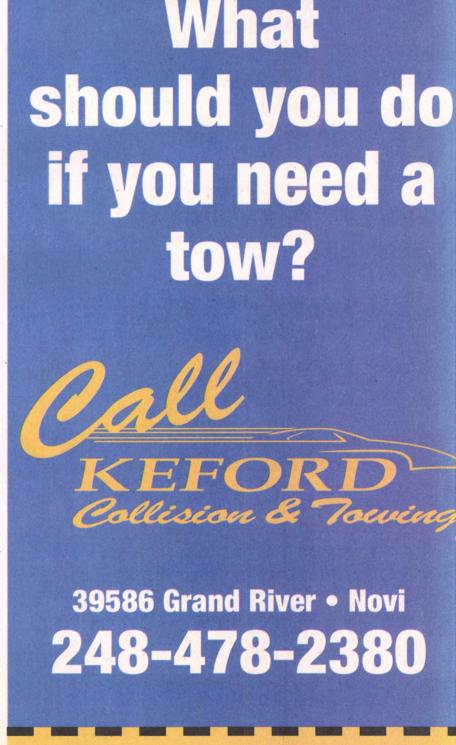
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Technology upgrades necessary for district

n 1971, I took the most technologically advanced course that my high school had to offer - typing. We used the IBM Selectric typewriter. It used a "typeball," literally a ball with all the letters, numbers and symbols on it. As you pressed the keyboard, the ball would spin to the correct letter, number or symbol and then strike the page. You could change fonts by changing the typeball.

It was magical.

Throughout college, I used typewriters to complete assignments. No computers for me. It's not because I was anticomputer – it was because there were no personal computers!

I am old. I understand that. But personal technology has come a long way since I was in high school. In my office now, it is hard to find a typewriter. We do everything with comput-

When I was in high school, we took typing because my school thought it was important that I learn how to type and use the technology of the



Steve Matthews SUPER

day. My school was preparing me to be successful. Today, schools have that same challenge. Technology has changed, but the goal for schools remains the same – we need to prepare our students to be successful.

Technology continues to change - from desktops to laptops to tablets. Cellphones, which used to be just for making calls, now connect us to the Internet and bring us email every minute of every day.

The skills that students need to be successful in the 21st century are not that different than the skills that students needed to be successful in the 20th century. Students need to be able to think, create and connect. Students need to be able to access information, problem solve and find solutions to problems that did not exist in previous generations.

What has changed is the way that students go about developing these skills. In the past, students did not have to worry about the "global" economy. Now our students compete with students from around the world for jobs and opportunity. Our students need to know how to use technology because it is how the world operates and it is an indispens-

Yet, technology ages. From the Commodore 64 to Apple II to the iPad to Chromebooks, technology has and will continue to change. From floppy discs to flash drives to storage in the cloud, technology has and will continue to change. Today we have a variety of computer options that did not exist just a few years ago and these options continue to change and adapt.

In our district, we refreshed technology across the district beginning in 2007. We have desktops that our every staff member - teachers, administrators, secretaries, bus drivers, maintenance workers, food service staff, preschool

teachers - use every day. We have computer labs for students. We have mobile laptop carts. Every member of our learning community has access to technology.
What we need is to update

this technology. We need to update our computer labs so that students can access information without crashing the computers. We need to update our technology so that the state's new student assessments, which will be computeradaptive assessments, will work. Our video production labs need updating. Computer access to heating and cooling systems requires robust tech-

We do not need a computer for every student. We do not need to buy a computer for each student to take home. What we need is to ensure that every student will have access when and where they need it while they are at school. What we need is for our staff to have access to technology in order to do their jobs effectively.

Part of our May 6 bond proposal will allow us to refresh

our current technology. It will allow us to update our staff and student computers so that we can continue to use technology to teach our students the skills that they will need to be successful and so that our staff can be more efficient and effective.

Our May 6 bond proposal also requests funds for infrastructure improvement, adding additional classroom space, creating a new preschool building and auditorium and athletic improvements. Additional information is available on the district website.

While I loved the IBM Selectric typewriter, our new technology clearly allows me to be effective. I would encourage you to vote yes May 6 so that we can update our technology and continue to provide our students with the skills they need to be successful and our staff with the tools they need to be effective.

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

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Michigan Green **School designations**

The Walled Lake Consolidated School District announced that 12 schools are Michigan Green Schools for 2014.

A school is eligible to receive a Green School, Emerald School or Evergreen School Designation if the school or students perform the required number of activities, with a minimum of two activities from each of the four categories: recycling, energy, environmental protection, and miscellaneous activates.

Below is a list of Walled Lake Schools that have been awarded Michigan Green School certification and their level for this school year:

» Clifford Smart Middle School - Emerald » Commerce Elementary - Evergreen

» Geisler Middle School -Evergreen

» Glengary Elementary -Emerald

- » Hickory Woods Emerald
- » Keith Elementary Ever-
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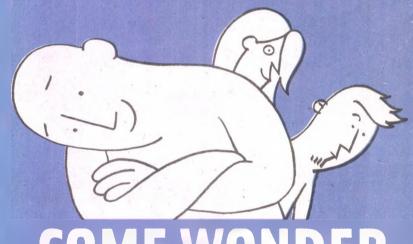
Montessori open house

Novi-Northville Montessori Center (23835 Novi Road) will hold an open house 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 27, and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 7.



'Seussical'

Novi High School students are staging "Seussical," a musical for all ages based on the works of Dr. Seuss. The spring musical will be staged at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, April 24-26, in Fuerst Auditorium at the high school. Tickets are \$13 for adults, \$10 for seniors age 65 and up and for kids under 12. Tickets are available at novihs.seatyourself.biz and in the high school atrium from 10:30 a.m. to noon April 23-25 or at the door. The box office opens at 6:15 p.m. Pictured are some of the members of the production; (front, from left) Austin Du-Bois, Liam Loomer, Meghan Lorenc and Anjali Josh and (back, from left) Andrew McElhenny and Alex Hines. JOHN HEIDER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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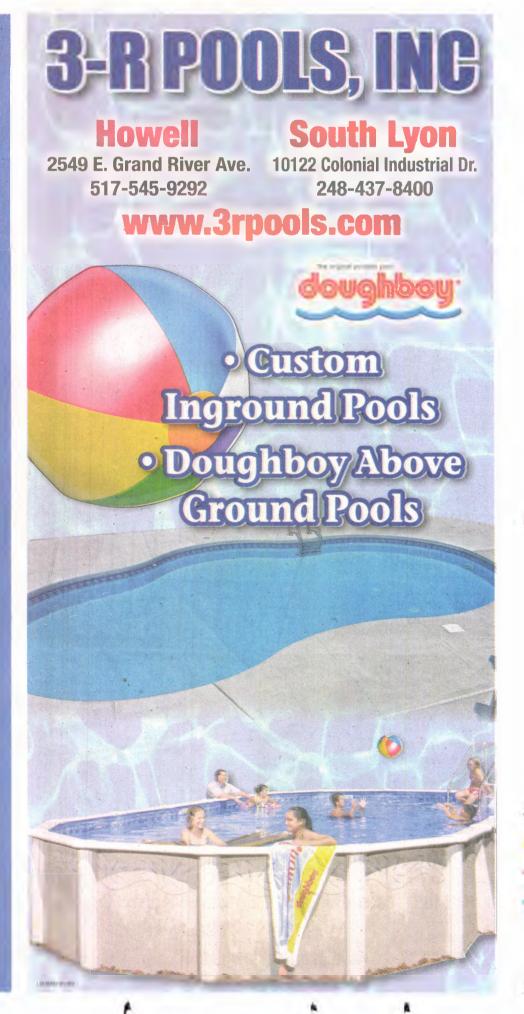
Samurai: Beyond the Sword, through June 1.

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Let Me Show You What I Saw: American Views on City and Country, 1912-1963, through June 29.







Walled Lake Central presents 'Fiddler on the Roof'



Students rehearsing for W.L. Central's upcoming production of "Fiddler on the Roof."

Walled Lake Central High School Performing Arts Department presents Fiddler on the Roof, April 24-27 and May 1-3 at the school (1600 Oakley Park Road). Evening performances will begin at 7 p.m. and the Sunday matinee will start at 2

Tickets are available now and can be purchased online through the Walled Lake Schools ticket website, www.wlcstickets.com, or by calling 248-956-4980. Thursday night tickets are \$10. Tickets for the remaining performances are \$15 for adults and \$13 for students and senior citizens.

This year's show includes more than 100 students, faculty, staff, alumni and a large band of parent volunteers working around the clock to put together seven spectacular performances. Students in leading roles include: Maxwell Elkiss as Tevye; Julia Fertel as Golde; Hannah Shuman as Tzeitel; Abby Claybaugh as Hodel; Gina Pizzo as Chava; Hayley Tibbenham as Yente; Seth Weinstein as Motel Kamzoil; Mitchell Dobson-Green as Perchik; Tim Paul as Lazar Wolf; Louie Horvarth as Rabbi, Sean Collins as Fyedka; and Dana Nels as The Fid-

The story centers on Tevye, a poor, witty and wise dairyman, and his five daughters. With the help of a colorful and tight-knit Jewish community, Tevye tries to pro-

tect his daughters and instill them with tradition in the face of changing social mores and the growing anti-Semitism of Czarist Russia. Rich in historical and ethnic details, universal themes cut across barriers of race, class, nationality and religion, leaving audiences crying tears of laughter, joy and sad-

"We are so excited to offer Fiddler on the Roof to our community this year," said Mary Rashid, WLC director. "2014 marks the 50th anniversary of its opening on Broadway. Fiddler has a powerful and universal message.'

For more information, visit www.wlcs tickets.com or call 248-956-4980.

W.L. Northern's Semaj Davis wins Princeton Prize

Davis

Semaj Davis, a ju-nior at Walled Lake Northern High School, has received the Princeton Prize in Race Relations for 2014.

Davis is one of 24 award recipients from around the country. She will receive a \$1,000 prize and will travel to Princeton University, where she will take part April 25-26 in a symposium on race relations.

The purpose of the Princeton Prize in Race Relations is to promote harmony, understanding and respect among people of different races by identifying and recognizing high school age students whose efforts have had a significant, positive effect on race relations in their schools or communities.

Davis is one of the founding members of the Walled Lake Northern High School's African American Awareness Club, with the purpose of raising awareness among the student body and creating more diversity initiatives for high school students within the Walled Lake Consolidated School District. She also works to organize field trips, raising issues of college readiness and interracial relations, and is pushing for a future African-American History class at Northern.

Earlier this school year, Davis was recognized by the district with the Friend of Diversity Award during the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration. Recently, she was asked to take part in the **Building Community** Teen forum at Western High School as a student panelist. Davis is the daughter of Peggy and Charles Davis.

"This award means the world to me - it's a feeling that my heart is full and my dreams became a reality," Davis said. "I wanted people to be aware of my culture and this is providing me with one more opportunity to do that. It seems as though my hard work is paying off – to be recognized for this feels so wonder-

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SEMAJ DAVIS Walled Lake Northern student

St. Baldrick's benefit



The city of Walled Lake is hosting the Lakes Area St. Baldrick's Foundation Event at noon Saturday, April 26, at the Walled Lake Fire House (1499 E. West Maple). Last year's event raised more than \$70,000 for the foundation as 197 participants, including Connor White (pictured), had their heads shaved for the cause. This year, the bar has been set even higher with event organizers setting a goal of \$75,000. Members of the Walled Lake Schools community and several of the district's schools are once again participating in this event in support of the St. Baldrick's Foundation's mission. Teams from Commerce Elementary, Mary Helen Guest Elementary, Walled Lake Elementary and Geisler Middle School will be participating. For more information, visit www.stbaldricks.org/ events/LakesArea.





Drew Crew launches Get Out The Vote campaign

Goal to secure custom van for local student

This may be an important election year for some people throughout Michigan, but no campaign is as important for Drew Clayborn of Commerce Township as the one that's running nationwide right now.

Drew, a quadriplegic who was paralyzed from a freak accident in 2010, hopes to garner enough votes from well-wishers to win one of four customized wheelchair accessible vans to be given away at the conclusion of National Mobility Awareness Month.

The contest, sponsored by the National **Mobility Equipment** Dealers Association, is designed to recognize disabled citizens who are "local heroes" in their communities. It began in March throughout the U.S and Canada and ends

CAST YOUR VOTE

The Drew Crew's Get Out The Vote campaign encourages people to sign on to the contest website and place a vote for Drew by May 9 by logging on to www.thedrewcrew.org or http://bit.ly/1hgiyAT then signing into the contest and voting

May 9.

More than 1,000 "local heroes" have had their stories submitted in the contest and The Drew Crew, the support organization for the Clayborn family, announced a final month-long drive to help win one of the vehi-

"This is so critical for Drew," said LeDon Clayborn, Drew's father. "This vehicle would provide Drew with transportation over the next decade and that's vital as he pursues his dream of an education at University of Michigan, as well as a career in bio-informatics."

Drew is a sophomore at U-M, and earned a 3.3 GPA in his first year.

"There is tremendous competition for these vehicles," Clayborn said. "There are already more than 1,000 candidates. People can vote once every 24 hours on the website. Winning a van would be such a blessing for us as Drew requires 24-hour care at U-M and at home, in addition to his daily transportation needs.'

Drew has been an inspiration to fellow classmates and residents of his hometown and surrounding communi-

ties. A two-sport athlete and band member at Walled Lake Central High School, he was injured while practicing a back flip for the school play. He continued in the band after his injury, playing a synthesizer, and earned high grades that resulted in accep-

tance to U-M. "Our goal is to have

Drew complete his college education and achieve that while experiencing as normal a college experience as

possible," Clayborn said. "The Drew Crew's campaign is not to just help Drew win a van, but also to encourage people to support National Mobility Awareness Month. There are so many wonderful individuals like Drew who have suffered tragic mishaps. I hope people vote for Drew and anyone else they know who could use valuable assistance."

The contest, which began March 11, will announce winners in June and the customized vans will be delivered by August.



Pictured (back, from left) are Kenneth Gutman, WLCSD superintendent; Kevin Robinson, Central; and Samantha Cohen, Central; (front, from left) Semaj Davis, Northern; Louis Grodman, Northern; Iven Ayyar, Western; and Valentena Hannawa, Western.

Walled Lake district hosts successful **Building Community Teen Forum**

More than 150 teens from Walled Lake Central, Northern and Western high schools came together April 2 at Western to talk with religious leaders about their beliefs, cultures and ethnic traditions as part of the Chaldean News and Jewish News Building Community Initiative.

The Teen Forum was moderated by radio personality Mojo of WKQI-FM (99.5). Sponsors for this event included Martin Manna, co-publisher of the Chaldean News, and Arthur Horwitz, publisher of the Jewish

Students were encouraged to share thoughts and experiences unique to their cultural and ethnic beliefs with those in audience and religious leaders were on hand to add perspective and expertise when necessary. Those attending the event were invited to ask questions of the panelists and even provide their own thoughts and comments near the end of the forum.

Religious Forum panelists included the Rev. Andrew Seba, St. Thomas Chaldean Catholic

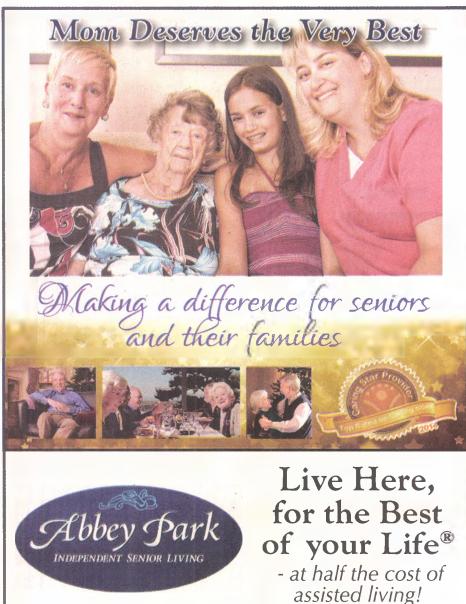
Church; Rabbi Jen Lader, Temple Israel; and the Rev. D. Alexander Bullock, Greater St. Matthew Baptist Church,

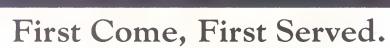
Student Forum panelists included Samantha Cohen and Kevin Robinson, Central; Semaj Davis and Louis Grodman, Northern; and Iven Ayyar and Valentena Hannawa, Western.

This was the third collaborative Teen Forum with Walled Lake Schools' three high schools and the Chaldean-Jewish Building Community Initiative.









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Exam held for dog owner accused in shooting

By L.L. Brasier Gannett Michigan

The 9-1-1 call came in shortly before 10 p.m. that cold snowy night last December.

"Somebody help!" the man shouted to the operator. "There's been a shooting. Send them quick. Čall them quick ... he's on the ground.

The man making the call, Charles Simkins, 28, had just shot his neighbor, Edwin Criswell, 45, in the leg, following a dispute over Simkins' dog, which had been running around their Walled Lake neighbor-

Criswell eventually bled to death on his front porch.

The seven-minute tape was played in open court April 16, as Simkins, dressed in orange jail garb and shackled at the waist, sat and listened at the defense table.

The preliminary examination, before Novi District Judge Dennis Powers, was to resume to determine whether there is enough evidence to send Simkins, an Iraq war vet, to trial. He is



Attorney Todd Flood (left) speaks to his client Charles Simkins, 28, of Walled Lake, who is accused of killing his neighbor Edwin Criswell, 45, in December, after Criswell confronted him about allowing his dog to run loose in the neighborhood, according to police. MANDI WRIGHT | GANNETT MICHIGAN

charged with open mur-

The packed courtroom included Criswell's grieving family members and Simkins' supporters,

some who smiled at him. On the 9-1-1 tape, Simkins grows more panicked as Criswell lay dying, begging the dispatcher to get help quick.

"Hey, partner," he appears to be yelling to Criswell, then tells the operator, "He doesn't look well. Send the ambu-

And he also hints at what led up to the shooting. "I was trying to find my (expletive) dog, that's all ... I was the one who tried to defend myself ...

I just had to hit him and he just kept getting up ... I was afraid he was going to run and get a gun.'

And under questioning by the operator, he admits to pulling the trigger and appears to begin to understand the trouble he's in. "Ma'am," he says. "Is this an interrogation? I wouldn't be calling

(expletive) 9-1-1 if this wasn't an emergency.'

A neighbor testified he heard men arguing shortly before the shooting. Christopher Haney said he heard "loud male voices" two doors down and then gunfire.

Police say Simkins had a history of allowing his dogs to run loose and that he went into Criswell's yard in the 1100 block of Sigma Street to retrieve one of his dogs. Criswell complained

about the dog and the two began to fight, with Simkins hitting Criswell and knocking him to the ground.

If convicted, Simkins faces life in prison without parole. He remains in Oakland County jail without bond, although his attorney, Todd Flood, told the judge he plans to seek a bond within the week.

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ITC Park hit again

Two unknown vehicles drove over and tore up grass at the athletic fields off of Eight Mile, again.

The incident occurred sometime March 28-31. A similar incident happened at the community park a week prior. This time, it appeared one vehicle got stuck because the unknown suspect used two boards from a nearby fence to free the vehicle.

Cellphone stolen

A woman had her cellphone stolen from the counter at a Novi gas station after accidentally leaving it there.

The theft, which was caught on security camera, happened April 9 at the the Speedway at 47395 W. Pontiac Trail. The woman went

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inside to buy a fix-a-flat and set the phone down. After leaving, she realized the mistake and went back. It was gone and turned off after she attempted to call it. The camera caught an unknown man buying two frozen drinks, grabbing it and putting it in his pocket. The case remains open.

DVD/navigation system

An employee of DMC Rehab Center in Novi had her vehicle broken into by an unknown per-

The incident happened April 10 at the location on 12 Mile. The woman's 2013 GMC Acadia had its front window smashed in. The DVD and navigation system was

ripped from the dashboard. There was no evidence or security video from the scene. The

case is closed unless further information is collected.

High BAC-drunken driving

A bouncer from Lucky Strike's in Novi was arrested for drunken driving after being stopped for driving with no headlights after 2 a.m. April 12.

Novi police stopped the man after spotting him on eastbound I-96 at Meadowbrook Road, driving with no headlights. Police reported smelling intoxicants upon making contact with the driver. He said he had one mixed drink, but after the field sobriety tests he was given a breathalyzer test that registered a 0.176-percent bloodalcohol content.

The passenger was dropped off at Denny's for another ride home.

- By Lonnie Huhman

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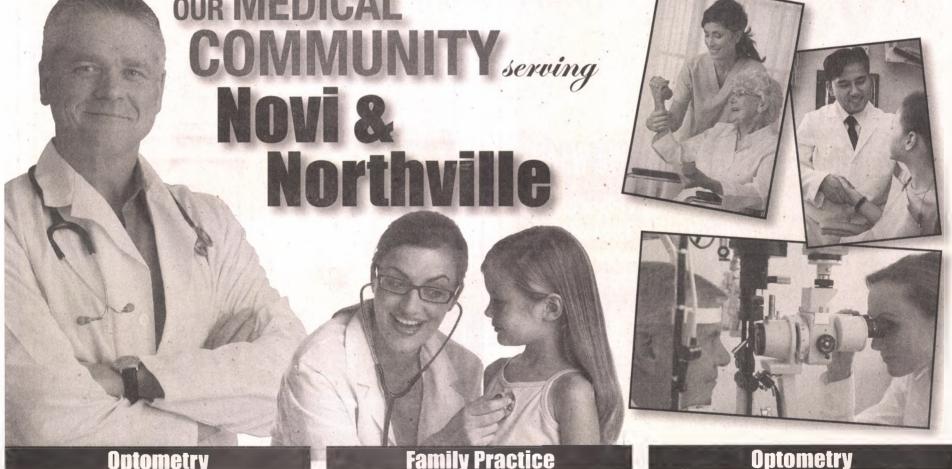
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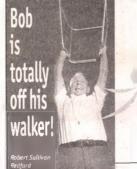




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Bouchard: Heroin has infiltrated all our towns

Use and overdoses are on the rise

By Joanne Maliszewski Staff Writer

Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard is holding out hope that state legislators soon pass a Good Samaritan package of bills to allow his deputies, first responders and perhaps even parents to carry a specific antidote pre-scription drug — Nar-cam — to save lives from heroin overdose.

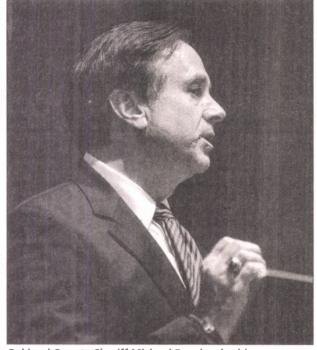
"It's an ideal drug for first responders on the scene," said Dr. Alan Janssen, tactical and emergency physician with the county sheriff's office.

Bouchard urged passage of the Good Samaritan legislation before a packed room of parents in the Oakland County **Board of Commissioners** chamber April 16. Parents, many from Water-ford and South Lyon, held placards - "Hope for heroin addicts," "I am here because I am scared for my community" and "We support a drug-free community."

The Heroin Town Hall, hosted by Bouchard, drew parents who are worried about their children or have children who are or suspected of being heroin addicts. He urged attacking the problem on multiple fronts, including education, community groups, community officials, treatment and law enforcement.

Bouchard acknowledged, based on parents' comments, that many community officials in Oakland County communities don't want to admit there is a problem with heroin use.

"Some communities don't like to talk about it because it is a drug problem. They think it gives a black eye (to the commu-



Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard told parents heroin use among teens and young adults is at an all-time high in the area.

nity)," he said. "It's not a negative on property values."

Viewing heroin and its users as only an innercity issue is just a stereotype. "We are seeing it everywhere. I am telling you right now, it is happening everywhere," Bouchard said.

No boundaries

Heroin addiction has no boundaries for race, gender or economic status. All Oakland County communities are included, including the wealthier suburbs. In just the past week, four overdoses were reported in West Bloomfield and a total of eight in all of Oakland County, Bouchard said.

"It's not an inner-city drug like you think," an undercover sheriff's deputy said. "If you don't know about it, you better. It's at your door. Get into your kids' business.'

The greatest use of heroin is among those ages 17-25, but deputies and other law enforcement officers have seen it in the county's middle schools, as well.

"My son is a heroin addict," a father from the audience said. "He is still alive."

The father cautioned others that one trick used by heroin addicts is their penchant for looking for receipts in garbage cans that they take back to stores for money to purchase the drug.

Another mom asked Bouchard about the telltale signs of heroin use. When Bouchard described burned pieces of tin foil and straws used for smoking heroin the mother's reaction appeared to confirm her worst fears. "That is shocking. I am shocked," she said, as she held her head down.

"We see cycles. Heroin is on the forefront. We've seen this spike up dramatically," Bouchard said.

Year-to-date over 2013, sheriff's deputies have witnessed a 300percent increase in heroin cases. Michigan deaths from heroin over-



Katie Ogg Belliotti of Waterford holds placards supporting the fight against the growing use, addiction and overdoses of heroin in Oakland County. PHOTOS BY JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

doses have risen sharply since 1999-2002, when 271 deaths were reported, to 728 between 2010-12, an unidentified undercover sheriff's deputy told parents.

'The increase I've seen in heroin is incredible," the deputy said.

Affordable and available

The rise in heroin use is due in part to its affordability, availability and

relative purity. Some 15-20 years ago, heroin was 3- to 10-percent pure and padded with other drugs for an additional kick. Today's heroin primarily from Afghanistan — is 80- to 90-percent pure and, unlike in the past, is not being cut as heavily.

"Now you see why we are having these overdoses," Bouchard said "The first-timer has no tolerance to that level."

That's why, Bouchard and Janssen said, the need for the Good Samaritan legislation (SB 721) to allow the administration of Narcam by first responders, is paramount. Janssen called Narcam an "ideal antidote" that is used in an intra-nasal form for rapid absorption and will within minutes get the overdosed patient breathing again.

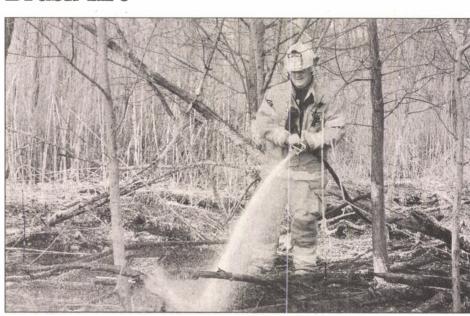
"Even if we are wrong (with a misdiagnosed overdose), it is safe," Janssen said.

The sheriff's department, Bouchard said, has been working on a process to be followed in the legal use of Narcam by first responders to ensure safety and to avoid liability because it is one prescription drug being used to counteract the effects of heroin.

"We want to be armed with the tools," Bouchard

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Brush fire



Novi firefighter Charlie Roberts spreads foam on an extinguished brush fire April 18 at the Novi Meadows community off Napier. A brush fire was reported there around 4:30 p.m. and was quickly extinguished by the Novi Fire Department. Brush fires can be common this time of year, as grass and bushes are still quite dry before they begin greening. JOHN HEIDER I



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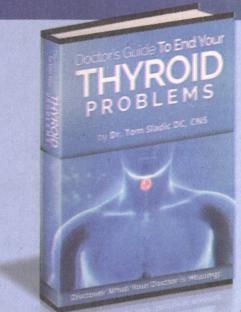


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Indian's radio career spans decades, cultures

By Matt Jachman Staff Writer

Narendra Sheth's career in music and radio has taken him from 78rpm records and reel-toreel tapes to digital mini discs and computer hard drives.

Sheth, of Plymouth Township, is an expert on the popular music of India who last month marked 40 years of hosting a weekly radio show -Geetmala, meaning "garland of melodies" - that's focused on Indian music, but also includes interviews, news and informa-

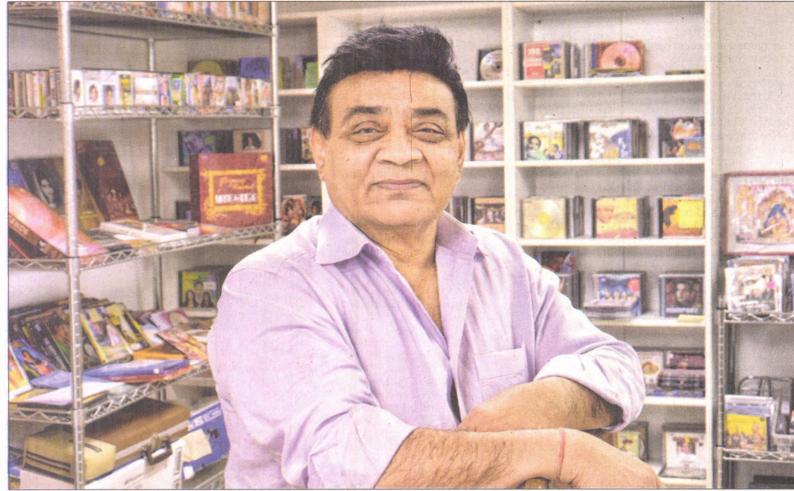
Born in India and educated at the University of Bombay (now Mumbai) and the University of Michigan, Sheth worked as an engineer and statistician for more than 30 years, co-authored a college textbook on applying statistics to engineering, produces concerts, is on the board of the Michigan Philharmonic and on several other boards, has been active in the area's Indian community for decades, plays keyboards and harmonica and recently learned computer video production.

A corner of his basement studio is crowded with accolades and memorabilia, plus he has an extensive collection of Indian music, especially the music of Bollywood, the Hindi-language film industry based in Mum-

Always learning

"It's the satisfaction of doing things, passion for doing things and, most important, always learning new things," Sheth, who is in his mid-70s, said last week. "One should never stop being a student."

Geetmala is heard from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday on WCXI-AM (1160) and also online



Narendra Sheth of Plymouth Township, an expert on Bollywood music and an activist in the local Indian community, in his music library, which houses thousands of recordings. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

at www.wpon.com. It grew out of a friend's suggestion that he put together a radio show and has become an exploration of Indian folk, classical and movie music and the way the music of India and the music of the West have influenced each other.

Sheth boasts broad musical tastes.

"People who are old like old music. People who are young like new music. I like all music,'

He researches, gathers the music for and organizes his shows at home, then goes to the radio station every Saturday to broadcast live. Each musical show has a theme and 99 percent of the music aired, Sheth

said, comes from his own collection.

Old, new technology

Sheth's music library has thousands of recordings - old records, cassette and reel tapes, compact discs and mini discs. About 80 percent of his collection, he said, is cataloged on his computer, so he can easily retrieve a specific recording when needed. While he often brings the music for Geetmala to WCXI in a digital format, he also brings in tapes and vinyl records. "Fortunately, there's still one record player" at the station, he

Sheth takes a particular interest in musical cross-currents; he'll



Narendra Sheth's collection of music includes everything from 78-rpm records to reel-to-reel tapes to DVDs.

show, for example, how a popular American song has influenced an Indian musician. "I'll play a little bit of that American song and then the Indian song," he said.

Last July, Sheth produced a concert at the Suburban Collection

Showplace in Novi that fused traditional Indian music with Western classical and included 60some musicians, including Michigan Philharmonic members. It took six months to plan, he

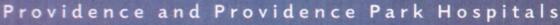
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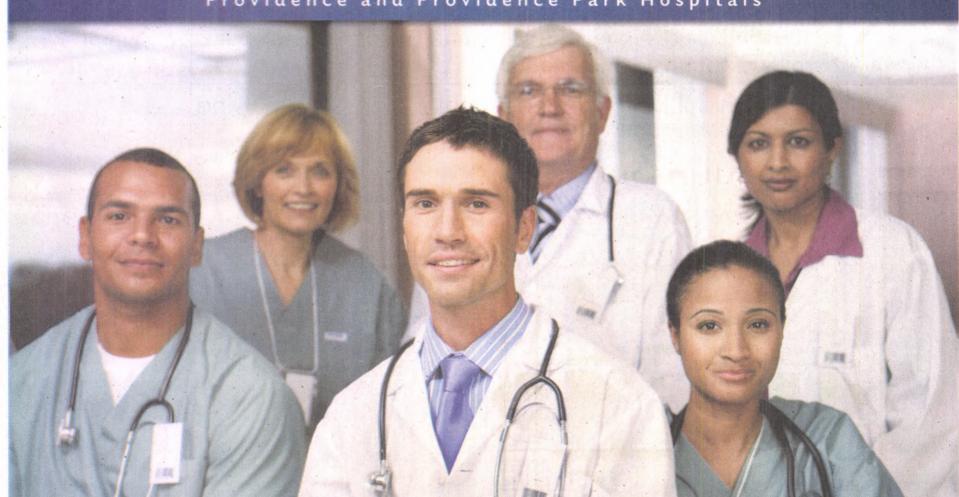
over the country and this is the first time they had seen this kind of show. They were just amazed," Sheth said.

Sheth retired in 2002 as the chief engineering statistician at Ford Motor Co.; he had been with Ford for 34 years. Before that, he had a research fellowship at U-M, where he had earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical engineering. He had studied mathematics and statistics at the University of Bombay, receiving both a bachelor's and a master's.

Sheth and his wife Suhas have a daughter Neha, a son Neel and three grandchildren.

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State Fair hires

The new private enterprise Fifth Third
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State Fair. "This is a rare opportunity to help forge new relationships and collaboration to showcase both the Michigan agricultural industry and many other products produced in the state," Masters said. "Through the new private enterprise State Fair, we have a wonderful challenge to both blaze a trail to the state's future fair and also to preserve the wonder and magic of the historical Michigan State Fair for generations to come. There is so much to celebrate about Michigan's vast and abundant agricultural landscape. I look very forward to a grand future for the Michigan State Fair at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi."

New elements and expanded attractions are slated for the 2014 Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair. The Kroger Co. of Michigan recently confirmed its participation as a new presenting sponsor of the Michigan-Made Pavilion at the fair, which offers exhibits sampling and vending opportunities for a broad array of food, beverage and other products manufactured within the state.

Michigan-based companies interested in exhibiting or selling their products at the fair are invited to visit www.MichiganState FairLLC.com for more information and space rental applications. Plans are also under way to

offer a Michigan-Made retail store at the Fair, featuring products and memorabilia celebrating the state.

Dr. Nandi hosts The Groovy Bash

Partha Nandi, host of the Emmy Award-winning Ask Dr. Nandi show, invites everyone to put on their dancing shoes May 1 at The Groovy



with his wife Kali and his entire television crew, is hosting a charity

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di, along

fundraiser
event at Staying Alive in
Novi's Twelve Mile
Crossing at Fountain
Walk entertainment
complex. The event will
be filmed, although participation in the filming

is optional. In the works for the past few months, The Groovy Bash dance party and competition is a good time for a good cause. The event benefits "Ask Dr. Nandi Charities" which supports local families in need, as well as health and wellness education. The Dr. Nandi Charities also offers scholarships to deserving local students seeking a career in health care. They partner organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Covenant House, Red Cross blood drives, The Belinda Sue Foundation and numerous other outreach programs and charities

"The dance competition is something we've been playing around with for a while," Nandi said. "One way we have fun during taping is to have the entire audience and crew dance between filming segments, so this is just a way to take that energy to the maxi-

mum."
Tickets are \$20 and available at www.ticket-leap.com.

Support group forms for deaf, hearing-impaired

Deaf & Hearing Impaired Services, Inc., a 501(c)3 nonprofit agency providing a continuum of services for deaf and hard of hearing older adults and their families in southeast Michigan, has announced the formation of a support group for individuals with hearing loss at the Novi Civic Center. The announcement was made by Linda Booth, president, DHIS.

Hearing Loss Group for D.A.T.A. will focus on discussion, awareness and technological assistance for adults living with hearing loss. The purpose of the group is to enable hard of hearing individuals to improve their communication. The objectives are to develop coping strategies, share personal challenges and learn about the latest technological assistance devices. Led by DHIS Program Coordinator Susan Sullivan, DHIS has established support groups at seven other satellite site locations in Michigan: Birmingham, Farmington Hills, Madison Heights, Monroe, Pittsfield Township, Port Huron and Shelby Town-

ship.
Beginning May 15, the
Hearing Loss Group for
D.A.T.A. will convene
6:30-8 p.m. the second
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DHIS plans to implementadditional hearing loss support groups at senior centers throughout southeast Michigan. For more information, contact DHIS at 248-473-1888 or visit www.dhisonline.org to schedule a hearing loss awareness presentation and hearing screenings.

Opera at the library



Music lovers applaud the effort of a pair of Michigan Opera Theatre singers during an April 17 concert at the Novi Library. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER







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The Novi Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration will provide citizens another opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. Anyone with such medications may bring them from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26, for disposal to Novi Police Headquarters, 45125 W. 10 Mile (between Novi and Taft roads). The service is free and anonymous, with no questions asked.

Last October, Americans turned in 324 tons (more than 647,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at more than 4,114 sites operated by the DEA and its thousands of state and local law enforcement partners,

including more than 88 pounds of unwanted or expired pills at the Novi Police Department.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cab-

The Novi Police Department also invites residents to drop off unwanted prescription drugs at any time. The police department accepts unwanted drugs 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in the front lobby.

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Memorial Day Parade

The city of Novi invites veterans, businesses, bands, Scout troops and other civic organizations to be a part of the annual Memorial Day Parade at 10 a.m. Monday, May

The parade and ceremony honor veterans and those who sacrificed their lives. Groups are encouraged to showcase community spirit by creating a float, decorating a vehicle or marching as a unit. Families may participate by decorating bicycles and riding the parade

The parade route begins at 10 Mile and Karim Boulevard (just west of Haggerty) and travels west on 10 Mile, concluding at the Novi Civic Center. Parade entry forms are available online at www.cityofnovi.org or at the Older Adult Services Office located in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10

For more information about the Memorial Day Parade and ceremony, contact Sandy Fisher, Social Services coordinator, at 248-347-0414 or sfisher@cityofnovi.org.

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 Thea-

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.

The day will start with a guided tour of the historic estate built by one of the automotive aristocracy's most remarkable women.

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

To learn more about what's happening in Novi, visit www.cityofnovi.org.



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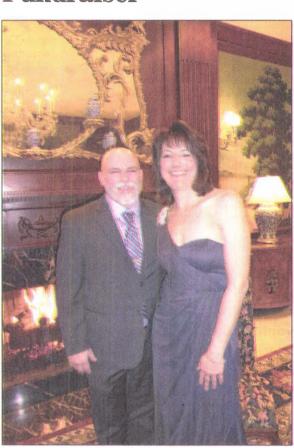
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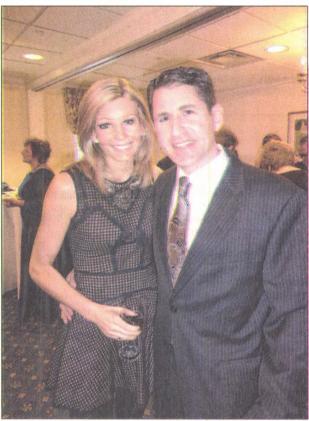
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Fundraiser



Gerald Raymore of Salem and Birmingham Public Schools Assistant Superintendent for Business Services Debbie Piesz of Novi attended the 13th annual Unabashed Bash, Feb. 8 at the Townsend Hotel, to benefit the Birmingham Education Foundation. The fundraiser grossed more than \$130,000 for Birmingham Public Schools grants. JULIE YOLLES

Community House Gala



Novi residents Lisa and Steve Christensen attended the black-tie Community House Gala in Birmingham on March 15. The gala saluted philanthropist and business leader Stephen Polk as its grand honoree. The Community House Gala is the main fundraiser for the nonprofit and money goes toward its Children in Need and Family Impact Outreach Programs in education, wellness and culture. JULIE

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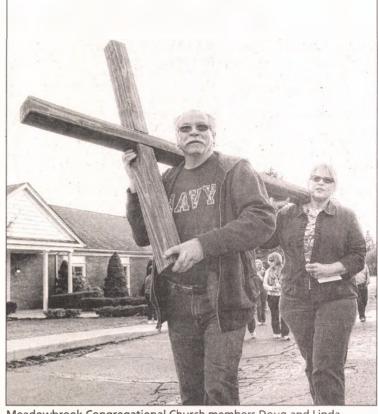
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Cross Walk



Members from Meadowbrook Congregational and First United Methodist churches walk along Meadow brook as they proceed with the Good Friday Cross Walk.



Meadowbrook Congregational Church members Doug and Linda Browne begin a mile-long procession April 18 of walking the cross to Novi's First United Methodist Church. The Good Friday effort by both churches has been a tradition for the last six years. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Brightmoor Christian Church

Location: M-5 and 13 Mile, Novi

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

Web: www.brightmoorchur-

ch.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 for the hurts, deliverance from life-controlling habits, and freedom from the hang-ups that keep us from developing strong and healthy relations 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

Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook

Contact: 248-349-8847 or visit

holyfamilynovi.org

grade. Preregister.

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

Crosspointe **Meadows Church**

AA: 8 p.m. Wednesdays

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,

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

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

Web: www.emmanuel-livo-

nia.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

Womens Coffee Break Bible Study: 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays; "God Revealed" by Fred Sievert

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

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

Contact: 248-437-2875

First Presbyterian

Church Location: 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington

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.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Nursery-sixth grade

Location: 41415 Nine Mile, corner of Meadowbrook Road,

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

Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. worship service **Alzheimer's Support Group:** 10 a.m. second Saturday of month.

Hope Lutheran Church

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

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman,

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: Wednes-

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 sanctuary; 1015 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level

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

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

Oak Pointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile,

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

Orchard Grove

Community Church Location: 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake

Contact: 248-926-6584; www.orchardgrove.org **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, North-

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 Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

with fellowship and food after

Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville

Location: Novi Civic Center, Contact: 248-697-8158 or visit www.thepentecostalsofnovi.org

Pentecostals of Novi

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: 7 p.m. Friday, April 25 -- The feature this month is "Unconditional" a film based on a true story of Joe Bradford and his wife who reach out to the underprivileged children and start a choir. The non-profit organization, Elijah's Heart, is established as a result in 2005 to help children in need. A ham dinner will be served for a free will donation. Please call the church office if you wish to include the meal

St. James Catholic

with the movie.

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;

St. John Lutheran

5 p.m. Saturday

Church Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills Contact: 248-474-0584 or visit stjohn-lutheran.com

Sunday School: 10:15 a.m. St. Paul's Lutheran

Saturday Worship: 5:30 p.m.

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

Church Location: 201 Elm St., NorthContact: 248-349-3140

Unity of Farmington Hills

Location: 32500 W. 13 Mile, Farmington Contact: 248-737-9191; Admin-

istrativeDirector@unityfh.com

Unitarian **Universalist Church** of Farmington

Location: 25301 Halsted, Far-

mington 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

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 Unitar-

ian Universalist Church of Farmington. Contact: 248-478-7272 or uufarmington.org/uucf/re-

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.

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LEE, JEROME "JERRY"

Age 79, of Highland, passed away April 16, 2014. Beloved husband of Judy for 23 years. Loving father of Ron (Deb), Jeff and Sherri, and step-father of Tim (Harmony) and Jeff (Abby). Proud grandfather of Rochelle, Chantalle, Deke, and Holly (Bryan). Treasured great-grandfather of Isabelle, Alex and Bryson. Devoted brother of Frank (Penny). Dear uncle of Rick and Dan. Jerome had a special love for boating and his classic car. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Share a memory at www.eltonblackands onhighland.com

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WELLS, MARJORIE M. 90, of South Lyon, died

April 18, 2014. She is the devoted mother of Martin (Joann) and Marlene (Gerald) Morgan; loving grandmother of grandchildren, nine grandchildren and two greatgreatgreat-grandchildren. Sadly, Marjorie was preceded in death by her husband Luther, daughter, Beth Ann Conz, and three brothers. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 22nd, at the Heeney-Sundquist Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Private Interment North Farmington Cemetery. Memorial tributes suggested to Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48154.

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Talk cars, drink coffee at Lingenfelter's Wixom facility

Lingenfelter Performance Engineering is hosting a Saturday morning Cars & Coffee series 8-10 a.m. each Saturday from May 3 through Sept. 20.



Lingenfelter's North Engine Build Facility in Wixom (47451 Avante Drive, near I-96 and Beck) will open its doors and parking to the public. Tim Hor-

ton's Cafe & Bake Shop will be on hand serving coffee and baked goods.

"It is no surprise that Michigan, home to the Motor City, has an incredible number of people that are interested in

new and exciting changes in the world of cars," Kristen Lingenfelter said. "We think that our Saturday morning Cars & Coffee events will be the perfect opportunity to make some new friends and to visit with our supporters and customers."

Car lovers are welcome to stop by and enjoy the company of others and to see the latest and greatest in performance cars from Lingenfelter Performance Engineering and tour the building and testing facility.

Although there is no fee to participate in the weekly events, guests are encouraged to bring a donation of non-perishable food items to be donated to Gleaners Community Food Bank.



Come talk about great cars like this vintage Corvette at the Lingenfelter Cars & Coffee series in Wixom.

Lingenfelter Cars & Coffee will be held rain or shine and will feature special guests and

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unday Celebration of Life Service 10:30 a.m Rev. Suzanne Paul, Minister Website: http://www.newhapeuu.arg

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MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pastor Bryant Anderson 238 N. Main Street, Milford MI (248) 684-2805 www.milfordpc.org Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. ay School age 3 thru 5th grade @ 10 a.m. Youth Group 10 am - Grades 6-12 A heritage of area worship since 1836

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777 West 8 Mile Roa (8 Mile and Taft Roa

hip Times: September - May 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. Rev. Marsha M. Wooley, Lead Pastor

(248) 349-1144

Sunday Worship Services 8 a.m. | 9:30 a.m. | 11 a.m www.wardchurch.org

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10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Fellowship/Coffee 11:00 a.m. Worship Service day Bible Study (Colossians) at 7 pm

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21355 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi at 8 1/2 Mile 248-348-7757 • www.mbcc.org Sunday Worship 10 a.m. Rev. Arthur Ritter, Seniar Minister

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South Lyon

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Mid-Week Study Thursday 7:00 p.m Rev. Michael Horlocker, Pasto power former Tryon or p.

The Church of Christ

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Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375

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Novi Woods fourth-grader Nick Wilson tries on a pair of glasses that mimic what those suffering from macular degeneration deal with. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

What's it like?

During the March 25 Disabilities Work-shop at Novi Woods school, students got the chance to utilize a traveling workshop organized by Oakland County to see what those with physical or cognitive disabilities work with every day. Students settled

into wheelchairs and then tried to get a drink from a water fountain; put a splint on their leg and then worked their way around a room using crutches; and even stared into a mirror and then tried to complete simple mathematics on a sheet of paper reflected in the mirror to see what those with dyslexia must deal with.



Brooklyn Hite tries to navigate the halls of Novi Woods while blindfolded during its March 25 Disabilities Workshop.



Timothy Sauh and Luke Sterling try to solve puzzles and math problems while looking at them in the mirror to get an idea what dyslexia is like.



Fourth-grader Hannah Taylor tries to get around the school with crutches and a leg in an immobilizer.



Novi Woods Principal David Asher tries out one of the exercises during the school's March 25 Disabilities Workshop. Asher and the students nearby sat on an exercise ball, lifted one foot in the air and then tried to catch and throw a ball. The station helped show students what those with balance issues have to deal with in their lives.

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OUR VIEWS

May 6: A 'yes' vote keeps Novi's education system at the top

On Tuesday, May 6, voters in the Novi Community Schools district will head to the polls and decide whether or not to approve a \$70.9 million bond that will fund a variety of necessary and worthwhile projects now through 2020.

Combined with the fact that the bond will result in a net-zero increase in voters' current debt millage rate, we strongly encourage a "yes" vote to support this bond.

The rate will stay the same for several reasons: the issuance of the bond in two series (2014 and 2017); an increasing tax base in Novi; and the decline of current debt obliga-

Yes, \$70.9 million is a huge amount of money by any measure, but don't think that it's going toward a mere wish list. The projects are the result of a process that began last June with large-scale assessments of the district's facilities, technology, buses, equipment and furniture.

A 24-person steering committee then reviewed the resulting report and took feedback from the community. The following five items were non-negotiable in determining the future of Novi schools:

1. Maintain buildings and sites at highquality levels.

2. Maintain or reduce class sizes from early childhood through high school.

3. Replace technology and security at the end of life and increase future technology opportunities.

4. Maintain and update furniture and equipment in working order.

5. Maintain a replacement schedule for buses in order to maintain an appropriately sized fleet to support growing student enroll-

These priorities will not only keep Novi in its enviable position in Michigan's education world, they'll also help move the district for-

A 10-year replacement schedule was created for roofing; parking lots and sites; building envelope/exterior; interiors; heating and cooling; plumbing; and electrical.

Class sizes and building capacity were reviewed to determine physical classroom needs, from pre-kindergarten through high school and alternative education. The bond will allow Novi to keep its low class size averages intact by relocating programs and building a new early childhood education center.

Technology and security were reviewed in all the district buildings and a plan was provided for replacement and expansion. Similar plans were developed for the furniture and equipment in all the facilities, as well as for the district's bus fleet.

A top-notch education system is the reason many residents moved to Novi in the first place. This is an ambitious bond that will keep Novi's education system at the forefront and deserves approval.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What do you look forward to most with spring's arrival?

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



"Visiting Kensington Park — and for my pool to open at my apartment complex so I can go for that first swim."

Gayle Mazurkiewicz



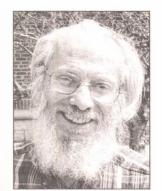
"Taking a walk without my heavy coats."

Jim Poole Novi



"The heat. I'm loving it that it's finally warming

Joe Snowden



"I look forward to traveling.'

Ed Ben-Edison Northville

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Get involved in Dem campaigns

For the second time, the conservative, activist Supreme Court has mad it possible for money to buy elections. Corporations and extremely wealthy individuals must not be allowed to ruin any part of democracy which still exists in the United

Michigan Democrats could/ should donate any amount of money to try combat the vast contributions made by the De-Vos family to Michigan Republican representatives. Mark Schauer and Lisa Brown need financial support also as they attempt to become Michigan's governor and lieutenant gover-

Also, Dems could/should contribute to Gary Peters' campaign to succeed Carl Levin in the United States senate. Disregard the negative TV ads against Peters, which are financed by the personal wealth of his opponent, Terry Land.

Grassroots efforts and large amounts of \$10 or \$20 have proven to be effective in past campaigns. Get involved in all aspects the Democratic campaigns. Urge others to do the same. The elections Nov. 4 are

> Hannah Provence Donigan Commerce

Bond issue makes financial sense

On May 6, Novi Community School District voters will be asked to approve a bond to finance a variety of capital expenditures. My reasons for supporting this proposal are many, but can be summed up very simply: Novi is one of the finest school districts in Michigan and it is a major reason many of us have chosen to live here. Our status is due to many factors, including the fine academic programs and superior teachers and staff. Obviously, the primary beneficiaries are the kids that are attending or have attended Novi schools. However, the fact that

Novi is a destination district for many families is certainly good for the property values of all citizens.

Over the past several months, I served on a Sustaining Excellence Steering Committee, charged with review of a de-tailed, professional study of all district assets – from fields to roofs and everything in between. It became clear that some of our district's capital assets are reaching the end of their useful life. For Novi to retain its fivestar status, significant invest-ments will be required just to meet critical needs over the next few years. Normal sinking fund and operating fund sources will clearly be insufficient.

The bond issue May 6 gives us a very unique opportunity to generate approximately \$70 million for a variety of capital expenditures, with no increase to your current tax rate for school debt. In addition to addressing critical infrastructure needs (roofs, fields, sidewalks), the May bond issue would provide incremental value to our students and address the growing needs of our district:

» classroom additions for three elementary schools to help sustain low class and allow for projected growth

» a new, standalone preschool to serve the overwhelming de-

» updating instructional technology in all district schools » enhancing building security

in all district schools » replacing buses, furniture and equipment in all district

» enhancing arts and athletic facilities at our middle school and high school

It's been seven years since the school district asked voters for capital improvement funding. While economic times are challenging in southeast Michigan, it should be noted that Novi financial officials have managed our debt money very well.

Now, it's time to re-invest in our school district's infrastructure – without increasing our tax

rate. Please vote "yes" May 6. Thank you.

Chuck Wright

Stop bullying

Today bullying is an issue in almost every school, even at some Catholic schools where they have a no-bullying policy. If we just ignore the issue, nothing is going to change. This issue will not get any better unless we do something about it. We have to stop pretending that this never happens and start to make changes for the better.

Emery Maher

Freedom to practice religion

As one who relies upon God to meet my every need, including health, I find the Affordable Care Act a very difficult pill to swallow. It infringes upon our constitutional right of freedom to practice our religion without interference and coercion by forcing us to buy health insurance or pay tax penalties to support medical services which we

do not use. The entire health care system is built upon a belief that health is a commodity outside of our-selves that needs to be purchased, rather than being Godgiven and God-maintained, which Christ Jesus so clearly taught and proved through all

his healing work. It is my hope that all those who conscientiously object to the ACA as not in accord with the practice of their religion be

allowed an exemption.

Debra Brandell

Nothing to celebrate

Obamacare sign-ups hit seven million ... so? When people are told to buy something or risk IRS scrutiny, what do think would happen? Seven million people signing up because they were hot for the product would be worth celebrating.

Jack Belisle South Lyon

GUEST COLUMN

It's fair: Time to raise the minimum wage

returns to Washington in late April, we should debate and pass legislation to raise the minimum wage.

It is indisputable that the minimum wage now lags far behind the cost of living. We last acted to raise the minimum wage in 2009, when we set the current rate of \$7.25 an hour. Adjusted for inflation, that's just \$6.62 in current dollars. And it is far lower than the rate in 1980, which was nearly \$9 an hour when adjusted for inflation.



that nearly one million Americans would rise legislation. And earlier this year, economists who surveyed the emsubject estimated that greater: roughly 4.6

It is indisputable that increasing the minimum wage would reduce poverty. The Congressional **Budget Office estimates** from poverty under this pirical research on this the impact would be far

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million people immediately lifted above the poverty line and 6.8 million over time.

And it is indisputable that failure to raise the U.S. minimum wageamong the lowest in the developed world — has contributed to growing income inequality. Here's what The Economist, a generally conservative publication, said in December: "Skepticism about the merits of minimum wages remains this newspaper's starting point. But as income inequality widens and workers' share of national income shrinks, the case for action to help the lowpaid grows.'

The Economist and others recognize that we should consider this issue in the context of a larger issue: Increasingly, working hard is not the path to get ahead in this country. Increasingly, income goes not to working families, but to the owners of capital.

The share of our national income that flows to those who work for a living has, by every measure, fallen. That is enormously troubling. This is a nation built on the idea that hard work is the path to success, the path to a better future for our families. That breakdown of the relationship between labor and prosperity threatens to fracture the understandings that have fed our growth and success for more than two centuries.

None of the statements I have made so far are particularly controversial; they represent mainstream economic thinking. Opponents of raising the minimum wage have one response to these facts: They say raising the minimum wage will destroy jobs. They cite this as an unassailable fact. But this position is far more open to dispute than any of the arguments in favor of raising the minimum wage. The Economist put it

this way: "Some studies find no harm to employment from federal or state minimum wages, others see a small one, but none finds any serious damage." Again: "None finds any serious damage." And when the University of Chicago surveyed leading economists last year, they found them evenly split on the question — just as many economists believed there would be no noticeable impact on employment opportunities as believed there would be noticeable job loss. In that same survey, economists said by a four-to-one margin that the benefits of a minimum wage increase outweighed the potential costs.

The minimum wage has been increased only twice in the last 17 years because too many in Washington oppose any minimum wage increases, at any time,

under any economic circumstances. These opponents seem wedded to a policy of tax cuts for the wealthy, reduced protections for workers and consumers and reduced protection for the environment as the answer to any and all economic problems.

This dogma has, for the last 30 years, dominated much of our country's economic policy. But who can persuasively argue that working families are better off for it? Corporate profits are at an all-time high, as are income and wealth for the most fortunate Americans. But for average working families, the last 30 years have been an exercise in running to stand still.

We can and must raise the minimum wage. Empirical evidence supports it and fairness demands it.

Carl Levin is a U.S. senator from Michigan.

Writer gathers stories about soldiers buried overseas

Four years ago, writer Michael Beach began searching for the stories of Oklahoma soldiers who are buried overseas. Recently, however, he began the search for as many of the stories as he could find of soldiers from all around the United States.

Beach began his journey with a visit to all 23 American cemeteries located around the world where soldiers from his state are buried. He spent six months traveling Europe, North Africa, the Philippines and Hawaii, where he placed more than 2,000 Oklahoma rose rocks at the graves of soldiers.

"Everything started when I visited a Normandy cemetery and walked up to an Oklahoman's grave. I gave him a rose rock and found about 20

Among Beach's stories is that of Roy H. Meyer, a staff sergeant, U.S. Army Air Forces. Assigned to the 573rd

Bomber Squadron, 391st Bomber Group, he died Aug. 25,

1944, and is buried in the Brittany American Cemetery in

St. James, France. Meyer had volunteered for the flight

because the crew was short one person.

others that day," Beach said. "When I went back, I visited the 144 Oklahoma soldiers in the cemetery and gave all of them a rose rock."

Beach struggled along the way from digging up the rose rocks himself to having very little food to eat. On several occasions, he wanted to walk away from his journey and return home.

"I had very little money and my feet were so badly blistered because of walking that I shouldn't have been walking but I had to, so I could get my journey accomplished," he said. "On the days I didn't have a host to stay with, I would have an apple or orange for breakfast and for supper pasta and tomato paste. I would also camp with a tent and a sleeping bag I had on

my backpack to save money.

"Once I had made it to each of the cemeteries, the thought of going home was washed away and I worked at finding the soldiers. It was hard work, but I realized that if I didn't do this that no one would and these men would not have a piece of Oklahoma with them," he added.

After he returned home, Beach began his search for the stories of the 3,000 Oklahoma sol-

"Too many times I have had family members tell me, 'I wish I had known about this a year ago because my mom was alive and she knew everything about my uncle buried overseas," he said.

So far Beach has gathered around 50 stories, some only partially com-plete, of World War I and World War II members of the military from Oklahoma: Beach is now in the process of looking for stories of soldiers from other states.

The stories that Beach collects will be shared with each soldier's cemetery so that others passing through them can hear the tales and histories of these honorable

Beach is looking for copies of photos, letters, family stories, information about the soldier's life, and even history of the area during the time the soldiers lived there. Anyone who has any information on a solider who is buried overseas can contact Beach by visiting apieceofhomeusa.com to arrange a digital transfer. Information can also be sent by mail to Michael Beach, P.O. Box 582, Maysville, OK

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For questions about School of Choice, please call 248.426.4692.

- Must be a resident of the Oakland County Intermediate School District (ISD)
- Kindergarten schools available for placement are Beechview Elementary, Gill Elementary, Hillside Elementary, Kenbrook Elementary, Lanigan Elementary, Longacre Elementary and Wood Creek Elementary.
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- If the number of applications exceeds the number of spaces for Section 105 students, the District will use a random draw system.

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NOVI COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Transitions - Life After Treat-

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

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 initia-

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

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

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

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 marketrelevant 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

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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

The Novi Choralaires are seeking new members for all voice parts in this community chorus of men and women from Novi

and the surrounding area. Open rehearsals for the 2014 September through December season will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 9 and 16 at the Novi Middle School choir classroom (4900 W. 11 Mile). Their current season is January through May,

the 1900s through the 1990s. For more information about the Choralaires and their concerts, visit www.novichoralalire-

with rehearsals 7:30-9:30 p.m. each Tuesday. The Choralaires' spring show, "Singing Through the Century," will be held at

7:30 p.m. Saturday. May 10, in the Novi Middle School auditorium. Join them for some of the most memorable songs from

Thursday of each month Details: Please drop in or call the library if you are interested

in joining this recently formed group.

CLUBS NOVILIONS 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, 248-3482747.

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NOVI ROTARY CLUB Time/Date: Noon each Thurs-

Location: Novi Methodist Church 41671 W. 10 Mile Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check

website for speaker information; novirotary.org **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

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.

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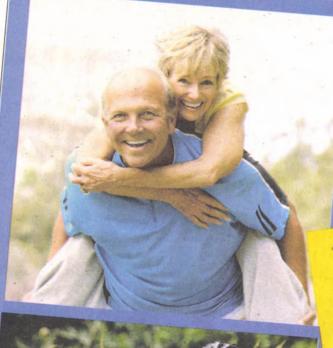
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Errors plague Novi as pitchers show promise

Correspondent

Following a trio of doubleheaders last week, Novi's baseball team is not where it had hoped to be at this point in the season.

If a four-inning partial game is not completed and holds as is, the Wildcats will be 1-8 (0-2 KLAA Central) on the

"We're not off to a very good start," Novi coach Rick Green said. "I'm kind of disappointed in some of the starts from our guys who we were expecting to have a good year.

"On the mound, we've been better than I thought we would be, actually. They've kept us in some games that could have gotten wild."

With the defense committing multiple errors in most games and the offense having a tough time at the plate, Green is hoping things click now that the colder weather and spring break rust is behind them.

"I'm waiting for the bats to catch on fire and the hitting to get contagious," Green said. "We have enough talent on our ball team to get some wins. We have had some bad breaks.'

Last week's struggles began with a



Northville's Chris Komorous slides back safely as Novi first baseman Alex Bergeris reaches for a wild throw. Komorous advanced to third base. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

pair of shutout losses April 17 against rival Northville. The Mustangs claimed 3-0 and 4-0 victories in two very similar

"We got guvs on base, we just

weren't knocking in runs," Green said.
"Our pitching did pretty good again, but the defense and base running (didn't). We left too many runners in scoring position."

Of Northville's seven combined runs, six were unearned stemming from an error or a play not directly resulting from a batted ball.

Seniors Tyler Whitehead (four hits, one strikeout, two walks in 5% innings) and Blair Myers (two hits, two strikeouts, one walk in 11/3 innings) worked for Novi in the first game, allowing zero earned runs.

In the second game, senior Mark Czapski (one walk) and sophomore Scott Beaton (one run in one inning) kept things quiet, but not as quiet as Northville's pitchers did.

Junior Michael Mitchell was Novi's only batter with two hits in either game, getting them both in the second. Meanwhile, junior Brendan Wexler got on base three times in the first game, from one hit, one walk and being hit by a pitch.

Milford

Novi picked up their first victory of the season Friday, using a late twoinning rally to pick up a 12-5 victory over Milford in the first leg of a doubleheader.

"We were down 5-2 in the fifth inning

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Mustangs sweep Novi in twin bi

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

The Northville softball team opened last week with a loss to the powerhouse program from Canton, but the Mustangs refused to let that be the way they would head into spring break.

Instead, the squad, coached by Jim Ritz, rolled to two victories in a doubleheader against crosstown and Central Division rival Novi on its home field.

With the two victories, Northville improved to 7-2.

"This was a great day in our development," Ritz said after the Novi doubleheader. "I am glad to have been on the field to witness these

performances. Watching Allie (Chapekis) hit back-to-back homers, seeing Emma (Canado) come through the way she did – so many highlights from so many players. Their reactions are priceless. I'll remember these games for a very long time."

Against Novi, the Mustangs picked up 16 hits in the opening game and won, 11-8. They were led by senior captain Allie Chapekis, who slammed two home runs over the center field fence and added a double. She reached base four times, knocking in four RBIs while scoring three runs.

And she wasn't the only one who showed some offensive spirit in the opener, as six other Mustangs picked up two hits in the victory. Juniors Ashley Schiffer and Melissa Swart

were joined by sophomores Allison Zwarka and Katie O'Malley and freshmen Mackenzie Kamm and Megan Swart with two hits. Sophomore Brianna Nayh had a hit and walked three times.

The game wasn't as much of a one-sided affair as it sounds. The two teams traded leads five times before Northville went on a tear in the sixth inning, scoring six runs to secure the victory.

"Make no mistake, this Novi team is much improved over previous years and very, very well-coached," Ritz said. "We knew this would be a challenge and it was. I like how our team responded.'

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Northville downs Novi in Baseline battle, 3-0

Eighth-ranked Wildcats knock off No. 13 Okemos

> **By Chris Jackett** Correspondent

The battle for girls soccer supremacy continued last week with a contest between two Baseline rivals who are ranked in the top 10 of Divi-

The rankings held true April 16 as No. 1 Northville (7-0-0) handed No. 8 Novi (4-1-0) its first loss of the season in fairly dominant fashion, 3-0.

"They're just scary they're so good," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "They're just awesome. They're better than us at every position. We barely generated any offense and they had the ball almost the entire game. Their two forwards up top are two of the best players in Michigan, if not the country.

"All night long, we struggled with Megan Buckingham and Jamie Cheslik, their speed and their ability to dribble. There's probably not another school in Michigan that has one player as good as either one of them and they have both of them. They're just that good.'

Set plays proved to be the difference, as they are in many close contests. The Mustangs struck first 13 minutes into the game, when senior Ashley Peper played a high corner kick from the left side to senior Cheslik at the back post amid a flur-

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Novi's Taylor Pavlika tries to maintain control of ball against Northville. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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July 21-23, South Lyon Volunteer Park, 6:15-7:15 p.m. (Lil' Lions Academy for ages 4-8).

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"Football Contest." Deadline to enter is April 30.

Novi shuts out Mott, 15-0

Pulling back to .500, Novi's boys lacrosse team rebounded from a 9-6 loss April 14 to Northville (4-3) and claimed a pair of road victories. The Wildcats defeated Waterford Mott (1-5) in a 15-0 decision April 16 before beating Farmington Unified (2-4) 16-7 Saturday.

The 'Cats will host Royal Oak (2-2) Friday, visit Plymouth (3-6) Monday and visit South Lyon (5-1) Wednesday, all at 7 p.m.

Novi's perfect season ended

After a hot 4-0 start to the season, Novi's girls lacrosse team dropped a pair of contests last week. Host Plymouth Salem (9-1) upended the Wildcats 11-9 April 14 before Canton (5-2) came to Novi to claim a 16-11 victory.

Up next are Plymouth (3-6) Monday, Northville (0-7) Wednesday and South Lyon United (2-2) May 1, all 7 p.m. at home.

Hurdlers, Pavlika's field events lead Wildcats

The Trojan Relays at Whitmore Lake provided mixed results for Novi's track and field teams.

The girls finished tied for second of seven teams with 86 points, alongside South Lyon and five points behind Davison. The relay teams placed well, including a 1:10.20 victory in the 400-meter shuttle hurdles by Katie Wheeler, Ellie Bullock, Kristen Schubring and DeAnna Martynenko. Taylor Pavlika also won the shot put (36-0) and the discus (123-9).

The boys finished fifth with 48 points, as Walled Lake Western collected the crown with 110 points. The Wildcats' best finish there was also in the 400-meter shuttle hurdles, where Hunter Joy, John Stefan, Anurag Koduri and Erik Biberstein finished second in 1:11.05, just 6.03 seconds behind Western.

The team will visit Waterford Mott Saturday and then host Northville at 3:45 p.m. Tuesday.

Soccer alumni planning game

After a successful event in 2012, Novi High School soccer alumni are planning a new alumni game for noon Saturday, July 12, at Novi Meadows. Those interested should register at http://liquidthread.me/ novisoccer2014 by June 16. The \$35 cost will cover team shirts, with all proceeds and donations being donated in a tribute for former coach Larry Christoff to the Michigan Institute of

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Urology. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/ groups/176557825720061 for updates or contact Class of 1995's Nickie (Borashko) Stocks at nborashko@hotmail.com.

Summer camp for cheerleaders

Novi's varsity cheerleaders will host a series of clinics for girls ages 5-12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 7-9 at Novi Woods Elementary, 25345 Taft. The \$100 registration fee for the three-day, 18-hour clinic will include lunch, with T-shirts available while supplies last for \$15 each. A 2:30 p.m. showcase July 9 will display what the girls have learned. Other items will also be available for \$5 to \$15.

Those attending should wear comfortable clothing, tennis shows and have their hair up and away from their face. They should not be wearing jewelry.

Registration is available online at www.novi.k12.mi.us/ athletics under "Summer Camps." Contact coach Ashley Karinen at AKarinen07@gmail.com with any questions.

Girls basketball camp

The Novi Wildcats girls basketball camp is just around the corner. Winner of the past five KLAA Central Division titles, coach Bill Kelp and his squad will be back on the court in June to teach the finer points of dribbling, shooting, passing, pivoting, faking, rebounding, team play, sportsmanship and even provide an introduction to the Wildcats' offensive and defensive schemes. Gym clothes and shoes are required, while all participants will receive a T-shirt and outdoor basketball. Awards and trophies will also be given out for individual and team competitions.

The camp runs from 9 a.m. to noon June 16-20 at Novi High School's performance gym and field house. Players will be separated into two groups, grades 2-5 and 6-9, with the younger group using 8-foot baskets instead of the standard 10-foot baskets. Cost for the camp is \$120.

All registration is available online at www.novi.k12.mi.us/ athletics under "Summer Camps." Contact coach Kelp at bkelp@novi. k12.mi.us with any questions.

- By Chris Jackett

Mustangs get first win over Novi since 2010

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

Not a single member of this year's boys lacrosse team at Northville was even in high school the last time the Mustangs beat Novi.

After three straight years of losing to the Wildcats, this year's team decided it had enough. Northville scored the first goal of the game off a pass from Alex Fuller that Alex Melucci buried in the goal and went on to secure a 9-6 victory - the team's first over Novi since 2010.

"It was a great game

overall," Northville coach Greg Durham said.

The game went into a bit of a back-and-forth mode for the remainder of the first quarter, but Northville burned through the second quarter with some high-octane play. The Mustangs scored four unanswered goals, including one with just three seconds left in the half off a shot by Brennan Sweeney that

made it a 6-2 game. Novi fought back in the second half, scoring three straight goals, and Northville burned a timeout to have a chat with the coach.

"I told them to settle down and play our game and continue to play great defense at the midfield," Durham said.

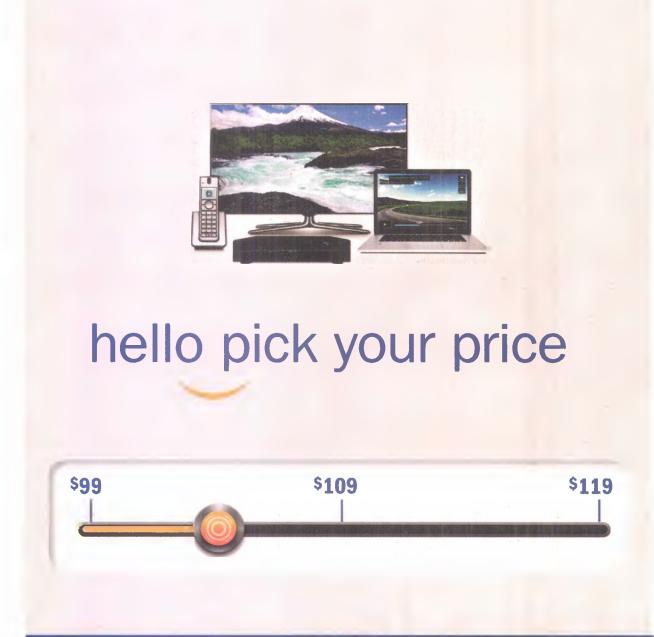
Northville went out to win the next face-off and Sweeney then scored his second goal of the game to make it

Novi would score just one more time, but the Mustangs added two more in the fourth quarter. Jake Fuller took a pass from Sweeney and found the back of the net from 15 yards away to make it an 8-6 game, while Fuller scored off a rebound of his own shot to close the scoring with

just 30 seconds remain-

ing.
"They are a very talented team" Durham said of Novi. "Keith Pravato, Alex Cabrera, Travis Sparling and Tommy McMaster all are college-bound players that we recognized as players that we need to stop and avoid. We put ourselves in good positions tonight to execute our offensive system and to stop their talented midfield. Anytime your defense only gives up six goals, it tells us that we did something right."

Earning the win in goal was Alex Justice, who stopped 11 shots.



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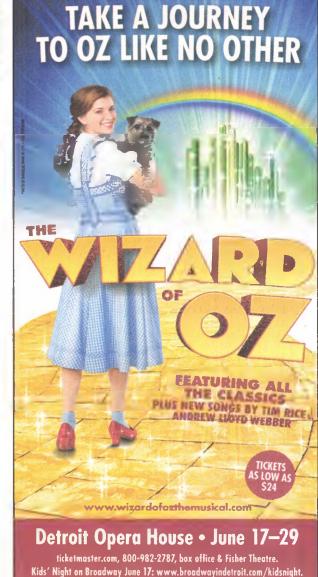
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Clarkston, Pioneer too much for Novi netters

By Chris Jackett Correspondent

Coming off spring break, Novi's girls tennis team had a bittersweet week.

The Wildcats improved to 3-1 in the KLAA Central Division, but couldn't stack up against some of the state's top teams in a quad meet at Ann

Novi's junior varsity squad picked up two victories against the varsity squads from the neighboring South Lyon district, defeating South Lyon East 7-2 April 15 and South Lyon 8-1 April 17.

"Both East and South Lyon, their teams were much better this year than last," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "Our kids had to work. A lot of times, they don't. I do it for respect to their programs, too. Every year, I see improvement for East and South Lyon."

The Wildcats sent their varsity netters to Livonia Stevenson to defeat the Spartans 7-2 April 16 in a tune-up for a tough challenge Saturday at Ann Arbor Pioneer; where the Wildcats faced No. 2 Clarkston, No. 9 Pioneer and No. 10 Troy. Clarkston and the hosts tied for first, while the Wildcats finished fourth after picking up victories in eight of 24 matches.

Throughout the week, Novi's doubles squads proved to be its strongest point.

Seniors Asawari Kanitkar and Amy Zhou picked up a 6-1, 6-2 win over Stevenson at No. 1 doubles, but ran into 6-4, 6-2 road blocks against both Clarkston and Pioneer. Down 2-1 in the first set, they picked up a victory over Troy when one of the Troy players was injured.

In No. 2 doubles, seniors Rachel Bailey and Dina Fawaz defeated Stevenson 6-2, 6-1; Clarkston 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; and Troy 7-5, 6-1; but lost 6-2, 6-3 to Pio-

Senior Harika Bollineni and junior Dhivya Sridar picked up a No. 3 doubles win over Stevenson 6-1, 6-0, but had a pair of tough losses, 6-1, 6-1 to Pioneer and 6-0, 4-6, 6-3 to Troy, before defeating Clarkston 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 to round out their week.

Junior Sam Martin teamed with freshman Teja Mogasala to pick up a 6-0, 6-2 victory over Stevenson at No. 4 doubles, but teamed with sophomore Carolyn Zhang at the

quad meet to defeat Clarkston 6-0, 6-7(4), 6-2 and Pioneer 0-6, 6-4, 7-5 in a pair of grueling matches following a 6-3, 6-1 loss to Troy.

Junior Šhakila Khan teamed with Zhang for a 6-1, 7-5 win over Stevenson at No. 5 doubles, giving the Wildcats a clean doubles sweep in that dual meet.

Novi's singles flights continued to struggle against some of the toughest competition in the state, especially Clark-

ston's powerhouse lineup. Clarkston's singles are loaded. They're going to be seeded extremely high," Hanson said of the state meet. "It was a good tournament for us. We had some good matches.

We had a lot of three-set matches."

Freshman Jessica Lypka fared best, picking up a 6-3, 6-0 victory at No. 3 singles before moving up to No. 2 singles to do damage. She defeated Troy 6-1, 6-0 and Pioneer 6-2, 6-1, but lost to Clarkston 6-0, 6-0.

"Jessica has been improv-ing all year long," Hanson said. "She's very athletic, she covers the court well, she plays smart for a freshman. She moves the ball well.'

Sophomore Youna Lee picked up the only other singles victory for Novi's varsity last week, winning a 6-0, 6-4 decision against Stevenson at No. 2. Playing No. 3 a few days later, she lost 6-2, 6-1 to Clarkston; 6-0, 6-1 to Pioneer; and 7-6(4), 6-3 to Troy.

Drawing the toughest competition at both meets, junior Erin Day fell to 1-7 at No. 1 singles after losing to Stevenson 6-0, 6-0; Pioneer 6-0, 6-2; Troy 6-2, 6-1; and Clarkston 6-0,

6-0.
"The thing about Erin is she's going to make you hit lots of shots," Hanson said. "She's playing some top-level kids. Unfortunately, (Stevenson's Aimee) Moccia is one of (the best) in the state, (a) four-year varsity player. She could get a seed at states this year. She's a quality player."

Sophomore Allison Lollo also fell to 1-7 at No. 4 singles after losing to Stevenson 1-6, 6-3, 6-2; Pioneer 3-6, 6-2, 6-4; Troy 6-1, 6-4 and Clarkston 6-1,

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ry of Wildcats defenders. Cheslik found the ball in time to poke it past diving freshman goalkeeper Bethany Kopel for a 1-0 lead.

With 11 minutes left in the first half, Peper sent a corner kick in from the right side that went high across the Novi goal mouth. Senior Gabby Mencotti brought the ball down to her feet and found the side netting inside the near post for a 2-0 halftime

"They're just always buzzing around your upper third," O'Leary said. "They're fun to watch. If they weren't beating me, I'd enjoy watching them.

"It's going to take an effort. You almost have to play a perfect game and hope they make mistakes to beat them."

Novi turned up the offensive pressure early in the second half, but junior Northville goalkeeper Emily Maresh (10 saves) had her sights set on her sixth shutout of the season and Peper, senior Karen Lovelace and juniors Sarah Castellano and Morgan Gozdor were there to help.

The Mustangs got some insurance with 12 minutes remaining, as freshmen Sydney Schembri took a pass out of the middle and charged down the right side, finding Cheslik at the back post with a cross that Cheslik one-timed out of the air and into the net from 12 yards out.

"This was a great team win," Northville coach Eric Brucker said. "We were able to control much of the game and put pressure on Novi all over the field. Our defense played very organized and

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Novi (4-1-0, 2-1-0 KLAA Central) hosts South Lyon East at 7 p.m. Monday and Plymouth Salem at 7 p.m. Tuesday before visit Livonia Stevenson at 7 p.m. May 1.

patient. Our midfield went after every 50/50 ball and controlled the entire tempo of the game. Our forwards worked hard all game and took advantage of our scoring chances."

Okemos

While the Mustangs went on spring break, the Wildcats hosted No. 13 Okemos (1-2-0) Saturday at Meadows Stadium and came away with a 3-1

With Dream Team senior Ashton Miller (Duke signee) and all-state first team senior Kristelle Yewah (Michigan State signee) both across the way, the Wildcats weren't swayed and spent 90 percent of the first half in their opponents' end.

However, it was a counterattack set up by Chieftains junior Erin Doster 13 minutes into the game that led to a free kick by Miller 35 yards away from the goal. The future Blue Devil got just enough on her shot for it to hit off Kopel's hands, off the crossbar and down into the net. Despite a 4-1 shot advantage and many more that missed the net, Novi found itself in a 1-0 halftime hole.

"When they scored, we got down on ourselves," O'Leary said. "It should be the opposite where you get hungry, but we have a lot of young kids. We did a good job of keeping the pressure up in the second

"It was just a fluke. She's a

great goalie. She didn't let herself get down and she came out on that one ball."

The second half wasn't even nine minutes old when Novi sophomore Megan Riley found the equalizer. Sophomore Jessie Halmaghi passed the ball to junior Amanda Minissale at the right corner of the goal box and Minissale played it off a defender. The blocked cross landed at the feet of an unmarked Riley just to the right of the penalty spot, from where she settled and buried it in the lower left corner.

Just 2:32 later, senior Gabby DeLeon sent a free kick into the box from 40 yards out on the left side and a mistimed header attempt by a defender allowed sophomore Katrina Koomen to collect the ball with space at the 6-yard line for placement into the left side netting.

As sophomore Chloe Allen, senior Taylor Pavlika, DeLeon and Koomen continued to cause trouble for Okemos' defense, it was Koomen who provided the insurance with 93 seconds remaining when she settled a pass from 10 yard off the left post, turned and fired it into the uppernear corner.

'We've played five games and I've got more goals and assists from a wider range of people than I ever have," O'Leary said. "We don't have the player who's going to get 30 goals and 15 assists, but we still needs to get those 30 goals and 15 assists."

The Chieftains used three different goalies in the game, for spans of 40, 29 and 11 minutes apiece.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Pitch, Hit & Run

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is hosting a free Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit & Run competition for Novi-area youth from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 10, at Ella Mae Power Park.

Pitch, Hit & Run is the official skills competition of Major League Baseball. This grassroots program is designed to provide youngsters with an opportunity to participate in a competition that recognizes individual excellence in core baseball or softball skills.

Boys and girls are divided into four age divisions (7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14) and have the opportunity to advance through four levels of competition, including team championships at major league ballparks and the national finals at the 2014 MLB All-Star Game. The individual pitching, hitting and running champions, along with the all-around champion in each age and gender group at the local competition, will advance to the sectional level of competition.

No pre-registration is necessary. All participants must have a copy of their birth certificate and parent or guardian available to complete a registration/waiver form prior to the start of the competition. For questions concerning the competition, please contact Greg Morris at gmorris@cityofnovi.org or 248-347-

Registration for youth Tball, coach pitch baseball, softball and fast-pitch softball summer leagues is going on now through May 23. Visit cityofnovi.org to learn more.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED CITY 2014-2015 BUDGET** at the Regular Meeting of Council to be held on MONDAY, MAY 12, 2014. Said hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the same may be reached, at the Novi Čivic Center Council Chamber, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan,

Interested citizens may appear and present written and/or verbal comments on the proposed budget.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

A copy of the proposed 2014-15 budget is currently available at the Novi Civic Center, Office of the City Clerk for public inspection, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan.

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To the Qualified Electors of the Novi Community School District, City of Novi - Oakland County, Michigan: Notice is Hereby Given that a Special Election will be held in the City of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan on TUESDAY, May 6, 2014. The Polls will be open 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. for the purpose of voting on the following proposal:

> 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 proposals 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.

All Polling Places are handicap accessible and Braille and audio versions of voting instructions are available for the Polling Places listed below. The following precincts are in the Novi **Community School District:**

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Absentee ballots are available to qualified electors in the Novi Community School District at the Office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. The City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, May 3, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining an absentee ballot. The deadline for the City Clerk's Office to receive applications for ballots to be mailed is 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 3, 2014. Persons qualified to vote by absentee ballot may obtain a ballot in person at the City Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. Monday, May 5, 2014 and must vote that ballot in the City Clerk's Office. You may verify your voter registration and polling location at www.michigan.gov/vote

Maryanne Cornelius, MMC Novi City Clerk

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CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF OFFICIAL PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON **TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabulating equipment to be used for the General Election to be held on Tuesday, MAY 6, 2014. The test will be conducted at 4:00 PM on Monday, April 28, 2014 at the Novi City Clerk's Office, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of

This test is open to all interested parties. For further information, contact the Novi City Clerk's Office at 248-347-0456.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS, MMC, CITY CLERK

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 Ten Mile Road to consider:

CASE NO. PZ14-0009 NOVI CORPORATE PARK PARCEL 5022-09-451-028 The applicant is requesting a renewal from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 3004 2 for the continued placement of a temporary construction/sales trailer located at parcel 50-22-09-451-028 for Novi Corporate Park. The property is located east of West Park Dr and north of Twelve Mile, in the I-1 Zoning District. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 3004 2., "Temporary Use Permits" states:

"The Building Official shall have the power to grant permits authorizing temporary special land uses for...temporary buildings...not to exceed two (2) years on undeveloped parcels within the City.

CASE NO. PZ14-0010 BECK NORTH (LOT 56) PARCEL NUMBERS 5022-04-151-028, 031. 032 AND PART OF 016.

The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 1905.4(a) to allow 3 truck wells and overhead loading door facing residential district and Section 1905.4(c) to allow a height variance of 10.6 feet to allow construction of a (1) story building (29 ft. 4in. plus 6 ft. to top of RTU screen). The property is located at the north side of Cartier Dr at Hudson Dr, in the I-1 Zoning District.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 1905.4(a) requires loading/unloading

docks and truck wells shall be placed on or in the wall of the building that is opposite the boundary of the residential district. Section 1905.4(c) the maximum heights of any building constructed on a lot or site adjacent to a residential district shall be twenty-five (25) feet.

CASE NO. PZ14-0011 1292 EAST LAKE DR

The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 to allow construction of a new single family home with attached wood decks on an existing lakefront lot with a reduced south side yard setback of 5.0 ft, a reduced aggregate side setback of 11.5 ft. and maximum lot coverage of 30%. The property is located east of Novi Rd and south of 14 Mile Rd in the R-4 Zoning District.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires that a structure within an R-4 zoning district have a minimum side setback of 10 ft., a minimum aggregate side setback of 25 ft. and maximum 25% lot coverage.

CASE NO. PZ14-0012 44050 TWELVE MILE RD - STONERIDGE OFFICE PARK The applicant is requesting an exception from Section 28-6(4) of the Novi Sign Ordinance to allow a 70 sq. ft. real estate sign where 16 sq. ft. is allowed for an ongoing commercial development. The property is located north of Twelve Mile Rd and west of Novi Rd, in the OS-1 Zoning District.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-6(4) allows a maximum of a 16 sq. ft. real estate marketing sign for commercial properties.

CASE NO. PZ14-0013 301 DUANA AVE

The applicant is requesting variances to allow reduced rear yard setback of 4.0 ft., respectively to allow construction of a deck on the rear of an existing home. The property is located north of 13 Mile Rd and south of South Lake Dr in the R-4 Zoning District. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2907 uncovered decks may project into a

"required rear yard" for a distance not exceeding eighteen (18) feet. Publish: April 24th, 2014 LO-0000191888 3x **ALL-AREA BOYS SWIMMING**

Lakeland's Walker named area's top swimmer

By Jeff Theisen Sports Writer

Lakeland senior swimmer Will Walker qualified for the Division 2 state finals for the final time in his career. He left with an individual title and a runner-up finish, as well as competing on a pair of relays for the Eagles.

Those accomplishments elevated him to 2014 All-Area Swimmer of the Year.

Walker captured the championship in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 20.83 seconds. He also finished second in the 100 butterfly in 50.11.

"Will's performance in the 50 free is the result of years and years of hard work and hours spent in the pool," coach Chris Follick said. "His progress from freshman year is truly remarkable. He is a testament to what you can achieve when you put your mind to something.'

First team **Tanner Vincent** Novi

The senior earned all-state in a pair of events by taking fourth in the 200 individual medley (1:51.97) and seventh in the 100 butterfly (51.98). He also helped the 400 freestyle relay team to an 11th-place finish. Vincent set new school records in the 100 fly and 100 back and also earned KLAA titles in the same events.

"Tanner's time in the 200 IM was faster than the All-American consideration time," coach Brent Pohlonski said. "Last time I checked, his time was 46th in the nation. Tanner was also named the MHSAA scholar-athlete. Accord-



Lakeland's Will Walker is the 2014 All-Area Swimmer of the Year. HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

and 200 free relays.

"Joel was much im-

proved this year. He set a

new varsity record in the

200 IM, but chose not to

swim it at the state meet

so that he could help the

team more by swimming

Burch said. "He had his

prelims of the state meet

in the 100 fly, earning his

first individual all-state

honors by finishing in the

The junior came away

from the Division 1 state

finals with plenty of med-

all-state in the two relays

(medley and 200 free), as

well as earning points in

"Nick also made the

relays at the state meet,"

Burch said. "This did not give him much time to

rest before the 100 back-

stroke, yet he still went

his personal best time by

over a second and nearly

finished in the top eight.

Even though he was in

(the consolation heat),

state meet.'

South Lyon

the 400 free.

Mikhail Wisman

this was the first time he

scored individually at the

The junior competed

in all three relays at the

state meet, earning all-

state honors in the 200

medley and 200 free, as

well as scoring points in

'Mikhail was a key

relays at the state meet,"

style is what allowed our

freestyle relays to finish

as high as they did in the state. This is the first

time Mikhail has scored

member of all of our

Burch said. "His im-

provement in his free-

the 100 backstroke and

team commitment to

swimming in all three

als. VanDyke earned

best swim ever in the

in all three relays.

top eight.'

Nick VanDyke

400 free relay.

South Lyon

ing to Mr. Gordon, (he) is the first athlete from Novi to ever win this award."

Max Wilkinson South Lyon

The senior had three all-state swims at the Division 1 finals. He was on the 200 IM relay and 200 free relay, both of which finished eighth. Individually, Wilkinson was eighth in the 100 free and finished the meet as part of the 400 free relay which was 13th.

"Max set a new varsity record in the 100 freestyle this year," coach John Burch said. "He really was willing to work hard to change some of his bad habits and this allowed him to have a great state meet. He was a very important member of all of our relays at the state meet and his decision to swim all three relays allowed us to have our best state meet ever."

Joel Bischoff South Lyon

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The senior competed in all three relays, while also making all-state as an individual. Bischoff was eighth in the 100 fly, as were the 200 medley

at the state meet." **Matt Meadows South Lyon**

The sophomore diver finished the year in stellar fashion with a sixthplace state finish for all-state honors.

'Matt was much improved," Burch said. "He went from not making the state meet last season to finishing in the top eight this season and earning all-state honors. He is still learning and will be even better next vear.'

Ethan Schmidt South Lyon

The junior diver capped off his season with a 12th-place finish at the state finals.

"Ethan was our best diver all year, even though he got beat out at the state meet by Matt,' Burch said. "Ethan had an outstanding year and scored at the state meet for the first time.

Andrew Westphal Northville

The senior sprinter earned nearly half of Northville's 64 team points with a pair of allstate swims. He finished fourth in the 100 freestyle (46.23) and fifth in the 50 free (21.23) for a combined 29 points. Westphal was also on two relays, helping the 400 free relay team to an eighth-place finish and another all-state honor and a 12th-place finish

with the 200 free relay. 'Andrew leaves here as the best sprint freestyler in the history of our school. That is all that really needs to be said," coach Rich Bennetts said. "I was proud of all he accomplished, because he did it with good, old-fashioned hard work. He didn't cut corners. He showed up every day and worked as hard as he could for four years. Very impressive.' Josh Liu

Northville The senior was part of the eighth-place 400 relay team, as well as finishing 16th in the 100

breaststroke. "For Josh to have a great swim at the state meet his senior year of high school and to make it back to finals on Saturday, I was very happy for him," Bennetts said. "He is able to leave here now knowing that he left his mark at Northville."

James Xue Northville

The sophomore competed in four events at states, including the all-state 400 free relay and the 200 free relay. Individually, Xue finished 20th in the 100 butterfly and 21st in the 200

free. "Jimmy was great on the relays all year and he swam very well for us at the state meet." Bennetts said. "He will be a force in our conference and at the state level for the next two years

Mark Kaminski Northville

The junior swam on the 200 free and 400 free relays, earning all-state honors. He also placed 29th individually in the 200 free.

Chris Geng Northville

The sophomore added a couple of points for Northville with a 15thplace finish in the breaststroke.

"Chris has a lot of talent," Bennetts said. "I was glad to see him take the next step and score at the state meet this year. We are looking for big things from him next year.'

Brian Simonich Milford

The junior diver finished 12th at the Division 2 state finals with 342.15 points. It's the third time he's reached the finals and second time he placed.

"Brian is a very determined athlete that truly earns his success with hard work," coach Chris Smith said. "Along with dive coach Marc Miller, he has set the standard for commitment for our team in a very difficult sport. He will be training in the off-season with a remarkable goal in sight, to become state champion next year."

Second team Ryan Perczak

The senior finished his high school career with a trip to the state finals in the 100 butterfly, finishing 35th.

Connor Pogue South Lyon

The sophomore earned important state experience in the 100 backstroke with a 26thplace finish. Levi Oxner **South Lyon**

The senior missed reaching the state finals in diving by less than a

point at regionals. He was a key part of the diving squad that dominated meets for South Lyon throughout the year.

Jacob Lanczki **South Lyon**

The senior just missed reaching state last year and was on track to reaching his goal when a serious car accident ended his season early. Burch said he was diving better than his junior season prior to the accident.

Nick Dufresne Northville

The senior capped his career with a trip to states, where he finished 22nd in the 500 free.

Alan Ruan Northville The senior made a trip

to states, where he finished 30th in the 100 breaststroke. He also competed with the 200 medley relay team, which finished 26th.

Yash Bajaj Northville

The junior claimed 22nd in the 100 breaststroke at states. **Rvan Dean**

Lakeland The senior just missed scoring points at states as

part of the 400 free relay team that finished 17th. Dean also competed with the 200 free relay team, which finished 19th. **Nick Langmeyer**

Lakeland

The sophomore was part of the 400 free relay at states.

Thomas Antishin Lakeland

The freshman got an early taste of the state meet as part of the 400 free relay and the 200 free relay.

Dylan Henderson Lakeland The junior finished his

year with a trip to the state finals as part of the 200 free relay (19th). **Sid Kareddy** The freshman was

part of the 400 freestyle relay that finished 11th at the Division 1 finals. Arthur Shi Novi

The junior was also a member of the 400 free relay team. **Jacob Robbins**

Novi The senior was another member of the 400

free relay team.

Catholic Central did not turn

information for All-Area team.

NOVI

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and scored four runs to take a 6-5 lead and then scored six runs in the sixth inning," Green said.

Junior Adam Tobias allowed six walks, three strikeouts and five earned runs in the first 3⅓ innings before Beaton picked up his first varsity victory by allowing one hit, one strikeout, one walk and zero runs in the final 3½ innings.

The offense was alert, as well. Mitchell, senior Craig Wilson and Wexler

each had two hits, while Whitehead, Tobias and seniors Keaton Figurski, Bryan Klosterman and Andrew Turek all tallied one hit. Each had either a run or RBI, while Wilson added two stolen bases on two attempts.

"The second game was suspended because it was dark out. It was 4-3 after four (innings)," said Green, who hopes to finish the game at a later date and give his team another chance at a lateinning rally.

Troy Athens

The Wildcats made a special trip to the Lansing Lugnuts' stadium Saturday to face Troy Athens, but that didn't go well. The squad lost 12-6 in the first game and 5-1 in a five-inning second game.

Wilson took the loss for the first game, allowing four runs, four walks and three strikeouts in two innings.

He did get some offensive help with two hits from Baxter and one each from Mitchell, Figurski, Klosterman, senior Jared Casaccia, Turek, Beaton and Wexler. Mitchell and Baxter each had two RBIs, while Figurski and Wexler picked up the other two. Senior Charlie Richter

took the loss in the second game, allowing two strikeouts, one walk and five runs (two earned) in three innings. However, junior Mike Ninkovich showed promise in one inning of relief, where he struck out two Athens batters.

Klosterman and Wilson each had one hit. while Andrew Stefan picked up Novi's lone RBI on a ground out.

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

SOFTBALL

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Earning the win on the mound was Zwarka, who threw a complete game as she gave up just three runs and struck out

The nightcap found

the Mustangs simply dominating from start to finish, winning 14-0 in a mercy-rule game that lasted five innings.

Northville picked up 13 hits in the win, led by Megan Swart, who went 3-for-3, scored two runs and had four RBIs. Nayh went 3-for-4, including a triple, and scored two

Chapekis went 2-for-3, including a double, and scored four runs. The game also show-

runs and had two RBIs.

cased the debut of freshman Emma Canado, who was called up from junior varsity to fill an empty slot on the roster. She made the best of her first varsity appearance, going 2-for-3, knocking a triple and driving home five RBIs.

Kristen Jones earned the win, pitching five innings while allowing five hits and no runs.

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

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Oakland County business workshops offered in May

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

Unless otherwise noted, all programs take place at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For preregistration and location specifics, visit www.advantageoakland.com/expand or call 248-858-0783.

Get a Grip on Your Business | EOS Workshop Nay 1, 9-11 a.m. If you are the owner, leader or manager of an entrepreneurial organization who wants to see your business consistently run better and grow faster, Mike Kotsis, a professional EOS implementer, can help you and your team simplify, clarify and achieve your vision. You will walk away with a focused action plan using the EOS workbook containing the tools that will help you to gain more traction in your business. Con't let the company run you - Get a Grip on Your Business. Fee: \$40 per person, preregistration is required.

Business Research: Feasibility to Expansion May 7, 9 a.m. to noon Thinking of starting a business and want to research your business idea? Do you want to identify market trends and opportunities to grow your sales? Are you looking for new customers or to diversify your market base? **Business research** shows you ways to find your ideal customers, your competitors, perform competitive analysis and more. This is presented by the Oakland County Business Center, Oakland County Market Research Department and an Oakland County Public Library business reference librarian. Fee This workshop is free, but preregistration is required

Know Your Numbers: Five Keys to Using Financial Statements May 13, 9 a.m. to noon Who Should Attend: Business owners and key staff who want to have a better understanding of how to use their financial statements. The ideal participant will have two-to-three years of financial history and be pursuing financing or having challenges with cash flow. Topics include how to use your balance sheet and income statement in managing your business, use break even analysis to improve your decisionmaking, find the source of your cash flow problems, increase your company's cash flow, and get the banker on your side. Fee: \$25, preregistration is required

CEED Microloan Orientation May 14, 9-11 a.m. Many small businesses face obstacles when trying to obtain a business loan. The recognition of the serious need for working capital for existing businesses, start-up or expansion, equipment purchases, and job creation is not the priority it once was. If you

have a need for alternative financing consider the Microloan Program. Discover the requirements and process necessary to apply and obtain a microloan. Fee: This workshop is free, but preregistration is required.

QuickBooks® for **Business Owners May** 15, 9 a.m. to noon Join ATD Solutions as we explore the possibilities within Quick-Books. Our Quick-**Books for Business** Owners class is recommended for owners and financial decision makers who would like to explore the options available within QuickBooks. ATD Solutions will review best practices to limit your exposure to embezzlement or fraud within your company, the best version to use, and which industry specific reports to use to make great business decisions. Further resources will be presented to help you after this introduc-tory class. Fee: \$40 per person, preregistration is required.

Break the Rules, **Close More Sales May** 15, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A business development workshop for business owners, company Presidents/CEO's and professional service firms and sales people; in two short hours, you'll learn how to establish trust with your prospects, prospect more efficiently, shorten the sales cycle, eliminate stalls and objection, take control of the sales process, and differentiate your company. Fee: \$40 per person, preregistration is required.

Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) Certification Orientation May 21, 9-11 a.m. Learn about the benefits and process of becoming a Women's **Business Enterprise** (WBE). Benefits include certification to private sector WBE's and access to procurement opportunities with major national companies. Fee: \$25 per person, preregistration is required.

Team SBA Financing Roundtable May 22, 9 a.m. to noon Before you apply for a business loan, we recommend that you first attend the Small **Business Association** Forum on Small Business Lending. This is a free loan orientation conducted by a business banker, a business consultant from the SBA's network of Small Business Development Centers, and an SBA representative. During the roundtable, we'll debunk the myths and demystify the process of small business financing. You'll learn how the lending process works and what is expected of you and you'll understand how the SBA can assist with our SBA Guaranteed Loan Program. This session is best suited to those who have good credit, a solid business idea, and some money to invest in their business. Because the SBA does not provide loan guarantees to real estate investment firms, including purchasing and rehabbing houses for sale, this type of financing is not discussed at the roundtables. Fee: This workshop is free, but

preregistration is

required.

Manor of Novi ranked among nation's best

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

According to the U.S. News & World Report in its Best Nursing Homes rankings for 2014, the Manor of Novi is one of the best.

Late last month, the center, 24500 Meadowbrook Road, was recognized as a five-star center. Part of the Michiganbased Ciena Healthcare systems, the Manor of Novi takes this recognition as evidence of successfully completing its daily mission.

'We are very honored by this," said Lisa Berthol, administrator at the Manor of Novi. "The five-star status is something we strive to maintain each year."

Residential care

The Manor offers state-of-the-art shortterm rehabilitation facilities combined with longterm skilled nursing care, all in a comfortable, feelslike-home environment.

It provides physical, occupational and speech therapy, around-the-clock skilled nursing, wound care management, dietary and nutritional services, pain management, dental, podiatry and psychiatry services, as well as recreational therapy.

"Residential care is our main priority," Berthol said. "We are a family here."

She attributes the success to a great staff and team, which emphasizes customer service. Much of the staff has



Hernandez in some physical therapy. The short- and long-term care facility was recently noted for its overall quality in a national survey. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

been with the center for years. Another big contribution to its success is the support of Ciena Health-

"We are so pleased that U.S. News & World Report has given our facilities the highest rating possible and named us to their list of Best Nursing Homes, said Mohammad Qazi, president and CEO, Ciena Healthcare.

He added, "We are proud of our quality services and outstanding health care professionals and proud that we have created state-of-the-art centers with the latest amenities and safety features to serve and heal

our residents and patients. Our exceptional team has worked together to insure the health inspections, nurse staffing and quality measures

are all in place."
U.S. News & World Report created the ranking system to help consumers, their families, and caregivers compare nursing homes more easily. To create the list, it drew on data from Nursing Home Compare, a program run by CMS, the federal agency that sets and enforces standards for nursing homes.

The ratings are based on how well the home met health and safety standards for food preparations and other nursing home activities in the latest three state inspections, the average numbers of hours per day of care received per resident from nurses at all levels, the percentages of residents who got recommended care such as flu vaccinations and percentages of residents who had pain, bedsores, urinary tract infection and other care-related problems.

There are currently 130 residents at the Manor of Novi. It can be reached by calling 248-477-2000 or by emailing novi_admisssions@cienafacilities.com.

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ITC Holdings Corp. to spend \$4.5 billion in five-year plan

Novi-based ITC Holdings Corp. announced its new five-year capital investment plan of approximately \$4.5 billion for the period 2014-18, as a part of a comprehensive strategic update. The new five-year plan reflects expected investments of approximately \$2.2 billion in ITC's base operating companies, approximately \$1.2 billion in regional infrastructure projects and approximately \$1.1 billion in additional development projects.

Successful execution of this capital investment plan is projected to increase ITC's consolidated year-end rate base plus construction work in progress by approximately 70 percent over the plan period, from approximately \$4.5 billion at the end of 2013 to approximately \$7.6 billion at the end of 2018. This increase in projected rate base, plus construction work in progress, is expected to result in compound annual growth in operating earnings per share in the range of 11-13 percent over the forecast period. The company also expects to grow its dividend annually in the range of 10-15 percent over the same time frame.

The company also announced its board of directors has authorized

HIGHLIGHTS

- » Five-year capital investment plan of approximately \$4.5 billion for 2014-18
- » Projected compound annual growth rate in operating earnings per share of 11-13 percent » Projected annual
- dividend growth in the range of 10-15 percent » Share repurchase program authorized for up to \$250 million

up to \$250 million in share repurchases through Dec. 31, 2015, as part of its broader capital allocation plan.

"ITC's new five-year capital investment plan is premised on achieving and maintaining operational excellence at all of

our existing operating companies, as well as continuing our leadership role in the development and advancement of critical new regional infrastructure," said Joseph L. Welch, chairman, president and CEO of ITC. "These in-

vestments in our business are a core component of our balanced capital allocation strategy and reflect our commitment to reinvesting in the business to drive long-term value for both our customers and shareholders.'

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ECONOMIST: HOME SALES STEADY FOR 2014

Existing-home sales are expected to retain the healthy gains seen this year, while prices will stay on an uptrend in 2014, according to a forecast presentation at a residential forum during the 2013 Realtors Conference & Expo.

Lawrence Yun, chief economist of the National Association of Realtors, said existing-home sales have shown a 20 percent cumulative increase over the past two years, while prices have gained 18 percent, but incomes have risen only 2 to 4 percent in the same

"We've come off of record high housing affordability conditions in the past year, and are now at a five-year low, but conditions are still the fifth best in the past 40 years," Yun said. "While the median-income family in many areas will still be well positioned to buy a home in 2014, income is barely budging given growth in consumer prices.

Yun said the other headwinds moving forward include limited inventory conditions in many areas and mortgage lending standards that are still unnecessarily stringent. "Although home sales have recovered over the past two years, mortgage purchase applications have been flat for the past four years, even with rising sales," he said.

With higher mortgage interest rates, he expects refinancings to collapse in 2014 to the lowest level in at least 15 years, and hopes purchase applications will begin to rise. "This is an incentive for banks to increase mortgage origination, especially considering the low default rates in recent years. But even with cheap mortgages for the past four years, all-cash buyers stayed high, accounting for over 30 percent of sales," Yun noted.

Beyond bank motivation, Yun said Washington policies for mortgage lending have been too restrictive. He cited rising fees for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, higher Federal Housing Administration premiums, as well as Dodd-Frank banking regulations, which have been strangling community banks. In addition, Yun said banks are holding onto funds for potential Department of Justice lawsuits, rather than making

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them available to mortgage borrowers. He said job creation, and hopefully a relaxation in stringent lending standards, will offset higher mortgage interest rates. Existing-home sales this year are forecast to rise 10 percent to nearly 5.13 million, but should hold

fairly even at about 5.12 million in 2014. Limited supplies were the biggest factor in price performance in the past year, with inventory bouncing around 13-year lows, and seriously delinquent mortgages have been trending steadily down. The national median existinghome price for all of 2013 was up just over 11 percent, to about \$197,000; then increase nearly 6 percent this year.

Yun expects the inventory shortages to be felt again this spring. "Housing starts are the only way to alleviate inventory shortages," he said. "Housing starts need to rise 50 percent to meet underlying demand.'

Housing starts are forecast to hit 917,000 this year and reach 1.13 million in 2014, which is still well below the underlying demand of about 1.5 million. New-home sales were forecasted to total 429,000 in 2013, and grow to 508,000 this year.

Inflationary pressure may begin to build during the course of 2014, with consumer prices projected to rise 2.7 percent, but Yun said inflation could reach 4 to 6 percent in 2015. Mortgage interest rates are expected to trend upward and reach 5.4 by the end of

Yun projected growth in Gross Domestic Product to be 1.7 percent in 2013 and 2.5 percent in 2014. "If not for the housing recovery, we could be on the

verge of a recession," Yun noted. "The rent component of inflation is rising, so the only way to tame price growth is new home inventory.

Since the economic downturn, 8.8 million jobs were lost, but only seven million have been regained. "We need another six to eight million jobs to get back to normal," Yun said. The states with the fastest job growth are North Dakota, Utah, Idaho, Texas, Colorado, Minnesota, Georgia, Washington, Arizona and New Jersey. The unemployzona and New Jersey. The unemployment rate is projected to decline to about 6.7 percent around the end of

2014. Based on the forecast, the top 10 markets to watch for a housing turn-around in 2014 are Salt Lake City; Naples, Fla.; Tampa, Fla.; Atlanta; Boise, Idaho; Houston; Charlotte, N.C.; Denver; Seattle; and Tucson, Ariz.

Also speaking was John Krainer, senior economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, who said near-term economic momentum is weakening, but improvement in growth is expected going forward. "Inflation has been subdued, and is expected to remain below the Fed's 2 percent target over the next few years," he said. "Despite improvement in the labor market, the unemployment rate remains elevated but will be falling slow-

Krainer notes improved household net worth, aided by rising home values, is supporting consumption spending, but home sales and inventories are not growing as expected. "New-home sales are significantly underperforming, and have been bouncing around World War II lows," he said.

"There is a big disconnect between rising home prices and inventory slowing down," Krainer said. Normally, higher levels of new construction would be expected in a rising sales environment.

Krainer notes there is a relationship between the share of underwater mortgages and the number of homes for sale. "In markets where we saw a high percentage of underwater home owners, we also saw lower inventory lev-

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Cuba: Interesting land, some old ways remain

Q: We are thinking about visiting Cuba through a cultural exchange; can we buy real estate there?

A: As best I can tell from talking to Cubans on my visit, you must be a resident or have close relatives such as a wife or parents or have business with the government to own real estate. Surprisingly many of the apartments in Havana are owned by their inhabitants and over the last two years, the government has al-

them. Nor do they pay any taxes at this time but the government is looking into implementing it for the first time. The housing in downtown Havana is extremely overcrowded, but in the Miramar region, where Castro pur-

lowed them to sell

portedly lives, there are upscale private homes formerly owned by upper crust families before the revo-lution in 1959, but don't count on investing there for the foreseeable

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Q: I have heard about cultural exchanges between the United States and Cuba where you are able, as U.S. citizens, to learn more about the country and its neigh-borhoods. Do you have any experi-ence or knowledge about that?

A: Yes, I recently went on an educational-cultural exchange which is allowed by the U.S. government under certain circumstances. Because of the shortage of raw materials and almost everything else, because of the embargo, etc., Cuba must be creative and innovative in not only fix ing its old U.S. cars, but building and refurbishing homes and apartments. I visited a neighborhood where a famous artist not only artistically decorated his own house, but much cf the neighborhood in graphic and colorful designs, similar to what we have seen by an artist in Detroit attempting to cover up blight. Many of the homes that were formerly owned by rich Cubans before the revolution are now embassies and government offices which are well maintained on beautiful boulevards; yet much of the exterior of many of the homes and buildings remains unpainted. It was an interesting visit.

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JOBS

By Debra Auerbach CareerBuilder writer

Job seekers often start their search by identifying the type of job they want before looking for companies that offer relevant positions. But what if you have your eye on a specific company you want to work for, and you're willing to do whatever it takes to become a part of that organization?

Perhaps you've always considered the company to be interesting and innovative and you admire the company's culture. Or maybe the company tops a best places to work list, making it a desirable place to start or grow a career. Sometimes it might be driven by knowing people who work at the company and wanting to work alongside familiar faces.

Whatever the reason, pursuing a particular company versus a specific job comes with its challenges. But if you're committed to working somewhere, there are ways to up your chances of getting hired there.

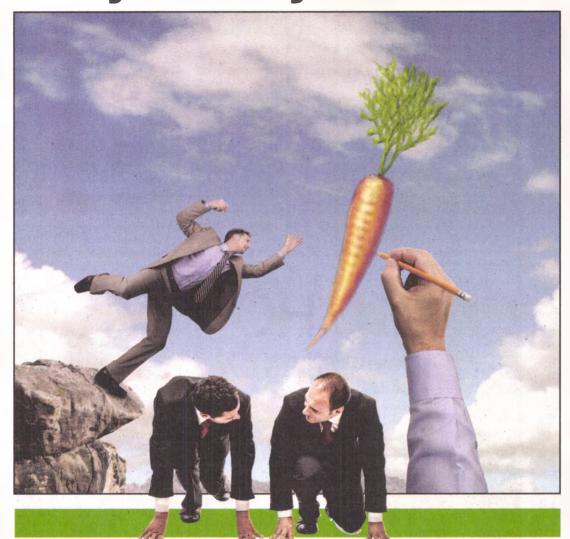
"If you're dead-set on working at a specific company, then 95 percent of your job-search time and effort should be dedicated to wooing that company and demonstrating to them that you're not only the best candidate for the job, but that you're destined to work there and nowhere else," says Joseph Terach, CEO of Resume Deli.

Here's how:

Make sure you know why you want to work there

You may have convinced yourself that you're destined to work at a specific company, but make sure you can back up your reasoning. "What may seem like a great company isn't always what it appears," says David R. Sanford, executive vice president, client relations at recruitment firm WinterWyman. "You need to do your due diligence to make sure you are pursuing the best environment. Talk to people

Get a job at the company you really want...



that you know to see if they have any connections inside. Reach out to those connections and talk to a few people about the culture, work environment, work-life balance, etc."

Sanford also suggests using online resources such as Facebook or GlassDoor, which can tell you a lot about the company and its culture. "All of this will help you decide if this is a company that is worth your time pursuing," he says.

Do your homework

If you know without a doubt

this is the company for you, fill your brain with as much knowledge about the company as possible. "Read as much news as you can about your target company," Terach says. "Figure out their business strategy, who their partners are, who's in their supply chain and so on. These are the people and things you should get to know. Why? For one, being able to speak intelligently about the company's operations is impressive at an interview or job fair; for another, you might learn something about the company that will help you

better understand what they truly need in a new hire."

Tap your network of contacts

One of the best ways to get your foot in the door at a company you admire is to seek out people in your professional network with a connection to the organization. "Find people you know well who might either already work there or who [know someone who works there] to have an informational meeting about what you want to do," says Jayne Mattson, senior vice president of client services at

outplacement and career coaching company Keystone Associates. "If you are referred by someone who knows you extremely well, your chances increase to have a faceto-face meeting where you will be able to leave a better impression than email or phone."

Build a relationship with HR

While the human resources department is sometimes hard to reach, do what you can to connect with someone on the team directly. If you've already communicated with someone in your network who has an "in" at the company, use that person to introduce you to the right HR contact. "It does not hurt to show interest in working for the company with HR," Mattson says. "And if you can develop a relationship with them, ask them if you can buy them a cup of coffee because you would love to work for their company."

Mattson suggests explaining to the HR person that before you apply for specific jobs, you want to make sure you understand where you would be the best fit. She will appreciate that you're being proactive and not wasting the company's time by applying to jobs that don't suit you.

Make your interest known before a job opens up

Part of the reason why it's good to establish a relationship with HR and other influencers within the company is to let them know of your interest before a position becomes available. "You will increase your chances of being hired by your targeted company by meeting the right people before any positions are advertised," Mattson says. "Ideally you want visibility within the company ahead of jobs being advertised to eliminate your competition and for someone to think of you before they become published."

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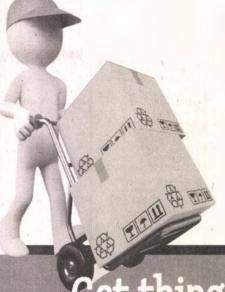
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From time to time our agreements with cable channels and television stations come up for reuri unite to time our agreements with cable channels and television stations come up for renewal. While we do not anticipate any loss or disruption of service, regulations require us to notify you of the possibility of losing programming. Therefore, please be advised that our agreements with Gol TV, Jewelry TV, NHL. Center Ice, NHL. Network, Outdoor Channel, and Youtoo remain in effect on a month-to-month basis, but we may have to cease carriage in all formats if our authority to continue is withheld. Also, our agreement with WMYD MyTV expires on May 31, 2014 and we may have to cease carriage in all formats if our authority to continue is withheld.

We are working diligently at this time to come to acceptable and fair terms with all these

On April 1, 2014, WXYZDT3 Live Well Network was added to channel 105 On April 1, 2014, WXYZDT2, channel 127 rebranded to Bounce TV.

On or after June 24, 2014, the following channels will be repositioned from Sports Pass to

Bright House Networks utilizes a new digital video delivery technology known as Switched Digital Video (SDV). SDV is a robust bandwidth management system that makes it possible offer more digital video programming services than before including new HD channels To be able to offer more new video services. Bright House Networks will be moving some existing programming services to the new SDV system as well as adding new services or the SDV system.

On or after June 1, 2014, the following services will be added to the SDV system Nick Jr. HD

Channel 310 Channel 306 Nicktoons HD

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Car Report

Spring Comes In Flood of New Models **Revealed at NY Show**



By Dale Buss

After a rough winter in Detroit, the entire auto industry is bursting with significant news as carmaker executives trumpet new wares at the New York International Auto Show press preview this week.

Here's a brand-by-brand look at much of what's happening automotive-wise in Gotham this week:

Acura: The Honda-owned luxury brand unveiled the all-new 2015 TLX performance-luxury sedan, designed to deliver a unique and compelling blend of sports-sedan athleticism and premium luxury refinement, the way the brand put it. The company said its performance-tuned sports sedan represents "the start of a new era for Acura.

Audi: The new A3 sedan, which just went on sale in the US, was named World Car of the Year by a

group of international auto journalists. the Detroit News said. Audi is touting its "uncompromised" chops as a luxury car despite the model's starting \$29,900 price point. "This really represents what Audi does extremely well," Audi of America CEO Scott Keogh told reporters in New York. Sales of A3 sedan, he said, are "off to a great start" in the United States.

BMW: Audi's German rival managed to cop honors for its electric i3 as World Green Car of the Year from the same group of journalists and the World Car of the Year Design award over the Mazda3 and Mercedes-Benz C-Class. BMW will be selling the i3 in the US in coming weeks.

The company's Mini brand, meanwhile, unveiled a new Mini Cooper model that flashed fan-suggested design features and incorporated a test-driving

Ford: The company unveiled a limited-edition of its new 50thanniversary Mustang. The Mustang 50 Year Limited Edition is modelled on the GT fastback and will be limited to just 1,964 units - in honor of the year the car was introduced - and will come with nearly every available option. "We wanted to provide our most dedicated fans with the emotion of the original Mustang in a 21st-

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ahead of the reveal in New York.

chairman Bill Ford Jr. in a statement

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Hyundai: The Korean brand made a big statement in 2010 when it launched the new Hyundai Sonata, whose dramatic styling, moderate price and medium size caught the attention of Americans and made competitors sit up and take notice for the first time. Now in New York, Hyundai is introducing a redesigned 2015 version of its Sonata that is full of new safety features and other refinements. And it's coming just in time, as Hyundai's US sales have stumbled lately.

Jeep: The new compact SUV Renegade, built on a Fiat-designed platform, made its debut and is expected to go on sale in Europe later this year and in the US early next



Jeep is fielding a new Renegade compact SUV based on a Fiat design.

year. The new vehicle is supposed to be just fine off road while coming in a smaller and more fuel-efficient package than previous Jeeps.

Toyota: The leading Japanese auto company attempted to step past its own recent bad news about recalls in New York by touting a new, 2015 version of the Toyota Camry that will be "the best Camry we've ever built," Toyota Division General Manager Bill Fay said at the unveiling of the car, according to Automotive News.

To extend the car's 12-year reign as America's best-selling car, Toyota realizes it must do a better job of delivering on such superlatives than it did with the last big redesign, in 2011. So the new Camry is nearly two inches longer and a half-inch wider, with returned power steering, better body rigidity and a fresh new design.

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and the most extensive mid-cycle change in our company's history, in only its third year," Bob Carter, Toyota's US senior vice president of automotive operations, told a gathering of securities analysts in New York.

The company also is attempting to recreate an entire brand: Scion, its "youth" marque that has fallen on declining sales and brand irrelevance the last several years. At New York, Automotive News said, executives pledged to replace three of Scion's five US nameplates over a two-year period starting in 2015.

"Some events of the last decade forced Toyota to make tradeoffs, and Scion's [product-introduction] cadence was affected by that," Doug Murtha, Scion vice president, told the publication. The first of the tree models will be unveiled in November, he said.



Ford will only make "1,964" units of the 50 Year Limited Edition of the new Mustang.

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