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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 Bash. Nandi, along with his wife Kali and his entire television crew, is hosting a charity 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.

The event benefits "Ask Dr. Nandi Charities" which supports local families in need, as well as health and wellness education. Tickets are \$20 and available at www.ticketleap.com.

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Novi firefighters Mark Pehrson (left) and Mike Moisan try on gear at Fire Station No. 1 on Grand River Avenue. Both have more than 20 years of experience as paid on-call firefighters for the city of Novi.
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Fire department: HELP!

Novi seeks a few good men, women

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The Novi Fire Department is looking for a few good people to serve the community as paid on-call firefighters. "Over the past year, we have lost a number of employees for various reasons including retirements, not able to complete the recruit training, not maintaining department training and one was hired full time as a Novi fire protection officer. We also allowed a few paid on-call to transfer to auxiliary," said Jeff Johnson, Novi's

director of EMS/Fire Operations.

Because of those losses, the department is making a bigger push to add to its crew.

Qualifications needed

According to Johnson, the job description involves being under the supervision of the director of EMS/Fire Operations or designated supervisor, responding to alarms or requests for service and acting in emergencies such as storms, medical emergencies and fires as directed.

The work involves the responsibility for the protection of life and property from

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The city of Novi, in search of more paid on-call firefighters, will have this and other signs outside its fire stations in the coming weeks.

Arbor Day, environmental efforts celebrated in Novi

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Environmental stewardship is an important thing in Novi and last weekend's Arbor Day celebration provided the chance for a group of residents to show support and give back to the community.

The community event held at Lakeshore Park had participants planting and mulching trees. The general consensus in the group was this was an important thing to do.

Arbor Day was created as special day set aside for the planting of trees.

Father/daughter team Jerry and Anna Allen came to the event to help out and get some fresh air. Anna was also doing it as part of an American Heritage Girl project. The weather April 26 was sunny and a little breezy and both were glad to be outside.



Novi residents Jerry and Anna Allen planted tree saplings at the Arbor Day event held April 26 at Lakeshore Park. LONNIE HUHMANN

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District seeks \$71M bond

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, voters in the Novi school district will be asked to approve a \$70.9 million bond that "would allow our district to sustain our excellence for years to come," said Dr. Steve Matthews, district superintendent.

If successful, the bond will fund a wide variety of projects (see related graphic for details and costs) this year through approximately 2020, Matthews added.

"Our building infrastructure — roofs, parking lots, windows — technology, buses and additional classroom space would all be addressed," Matthews said.

"There would be no increase in our tax rate, so I believe it is a positive for the district."

The list of those projects comes from a Facility Assessment Report of district facilities that the firm of Plante Moran Cresa was contracted to perform beginning in June 2013 in conjunction with school district staff. Plante Moran performed the assessment of technology, while district staff performed the assessment of buses and furniture and equipment.

That report was presented in December to the Board of Education and a 24-person steering committee was then formed to meet four times and review the report. Three community meetings were held in January to receive input on the report. The report, updated with feedback from the community and steering committee, was presented in February to the board.

"We've always felt that we needed priorities set in front of us to give us an idea of what we should be approving, what we should be moving forward with, and you folks did that," board Trustee George Kortlandt said in February. "I am very much in favor of this. I think this is what the district needs to keep its posi-

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2014 BOND FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Facilities & Sites	
Description	Cost
Roofing	\$6,985,000
Parking lots and sites	\$8,279,000
Building envelope exterior	\$4,043,000
Interior finishes	\$7,093,000
HVAC	\$4,572,000
Plumbing	\$508,000
Electrical	\$3,780,000
TOTAL	\$35,260,000

Building Capacity & Class Sizes	
Description	Cost
Elementary (K-4) classroom additions	\$4,196,000
New early childhood education center*	\$10,958,000*
TOTAL	\$15,154,000

*Eliminates the need to construct \$6,118,000 of additions at Novi Meadows, Novi Middle School and the ITC (Grad school). Construction of early childhood center resolves future overcrowding issues at the buildings and maintains/reduces class sizes.

Technology, Security, Furniture, Equipment & Buses	
Description	Cost
Technology and security	\$14,404,000
Furniture and equipment	\$7,217,000
Buses	\$3,500,000
TOTAL	\$25,121,000

All Capital Assets	
Description	Cost
Facilities and sites	\$35,260,000
Building capacity/class sizes	\$15,154,000
Technology, security, furniture, equipment and buses	\$25,121,000
TOTAL	\$75,535,000

Less available funds from recreation fund - \$1,200,000

Less available funds from sinking fund - \$4,400,000

Bond issuance costs net of interest earnings + \$1,000,000

TOTAL FUNDS NEEDED \$70,935,000

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tion where it is in the educational world in Michigan and move us forward even."

In assessing the district's facilities, 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. Bottom line: Student growth necessitates additional classroom space at many of the district's schools if Novi wants to keep one of the lowest class size averages in the county - 22 at elementary level, 26-28 at secondary schools. The solution is to relocate programs at Meadows, the middle school and the ITC, thus freeing up classrooms in those, and build a new early childhood education center.

Technology and secu-

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

Steve Barr, assistant superintendent of business operations, said that there would be a net-zero increase from the current levy, but that will only be possible once the current debt begins to expire.

"Personally, I would have had a problem if the bond proposal featured increased tax rates. That's not acceptable," said Dennis O'Connor, school board president. "We accomplished our goal of not increasing our current tax rate. It's also important to note that the bond dollars will not be used for operational expenses. The bond dollars can't be used for teacher salaries/benefits/pensions. That's a 'plus' because that keeps us - board and administration - accountable to the taxpayers on day-to-day spending issues."

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Knitting time



Diane Gross smiles as she begins another row of knitting on a sweater she's creating during an April 22 meeting of the All Things Knitting/Crocheting at Novi's Meadowbrook Commons. The group, which is free to join, meets at 3 p.m. each Tuesday inside the Novi Senior Center on Meadowbrook Road. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

MC Nightmares



Gary Busey was in Novi for the Annual Motor City Nightmares Horror convention this past weekend, signing autographs and posing for pictures. Hope Drogmiller, editor of her own website, had the opportunity for an interview with Busey during his busy day at the convention. CURTIS DROGMILLER

FIRE

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fire or other threatening circumstances. Learning to use an apparatus, equipment operation and maintenance is required. Because an element of danger is involved, the individual must be able to follow directions and exercise judgment in meeting emergencies, Johnson said of the traits

needed for the positions.

"We generally start new recruits in the fall and spring Fire/EMS Training Academy. It takes a few months to process applications, backgrounds and physical ability testing," Johnson said. "We are always seeking interested candidates for the paid on-call program. However, with the upcoming fall class, we are gearing up now. It takes nearly two years to fully train someone with

no experience to the Firefighter I and II, EMT-Basic and Hazmat Operations level."

A few of the necessary qualifications include: minimum age 18 years old, education equivalent to completion of high school and able to read, write and clearly speak the English language, possession of the necessary physical capabilities to perform the duties of this position and a valid Michigan operator's

license and a safe driving record.

Paid on-call recruit pay starts at \$7.70 per hour during initial training up to fully certified making \$18.81.

To learn more about the opportunities, go to <http://www.cityofnovi.org/Services/Fire/FireOverview.asp> or call 248-349-2162.

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ARBOR DAY

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"It feels good to breathe in the fresh air," Anna said while digging a hole to plant the tree sapling.

The city of Novi recognized the day through a proclamation at its last city council meeting. It read in part: "Trees within the city of Novi increase property values, enhance the vitality of business areas and beautify our community."

It also cited the many benefits of trees, from reducing the erosion of needed topsoil by wind and water, cleaning the air, producing oxygen and providing habitat for wildlife. They are also a renewable resource able to provide paper, wood for homes, fuel for fires and countless other products.

Councilman Andrew Mutch was on hand at Lakeshore to help out and thank those present. "This does make a huge difference," he said.

Arbor Day is just one example of Novi's caring attitude and for all of its efforts it has been recognized for environmental leadership as part of the Michigan Green Communities Challenge, which measures progress in implementing energy, economic development and environmental improvements.

The next event will be an Earth Day celebration from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 3, at MSU Tollgate Farm, (28115 Meadowbrook). In part-

nership with MSU Extension Tollgate, community members will be mulching, planting trees, weeding, pulling garlic mustard weed and preparing the Hungry Garden for the sprint planting.

To learn more about Novi's environmental efforts and other opportunities, go to <http://www.cityofnovi.org/Green/OverviewGreen.asp>.

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LEGO fest a fan fave with local, distant families

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Andrea and Ally Ash of Farmington Hills are glad their children, Ava, 9, and Aiden, 7, love LEGO.

"Cause I like to build and it's creative," Ava said during the April 25-27 LEGO KidsFest at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. "Animal creations, especially monkeys."

Her brother said, "I like building anything. I usually make like ships." He's seen *The LEGO Movie* twice and likes to build things based on the movie.

"They just make their own inventions," mom Andrea said, adding the couple bought their children bookshelves to display what they'd built. Like many parents at the sold-out event, she grew up with LEGO.

"You could sit all day long and make anything," she said. "It's great preparation to be an engineer." The couple bought their kids basic kits.

"This is wonderful," she added of the fest. "It's our first time here. It's not so much of a structured day."

Lots to do, see

Children, parents and grandparents were playing with LEGO throughout the big room. Adrian Fernandez of Northville and brother Oscar Sanchez of Novi brought their wives and children.

Adrian Fernandez Jr., 12, and brother Luciano, 9, were having a blast. "It's cool," the 12-year-old said. "We can create stuff like cars." His younger brother added, "That you can build things" as what he likes.

Oscar Fernandez's 10-year-old son, also Oscar, likes "the characters, I think," his dad said. "He likes books with the characters." Fernandez likes the LEGO products, not-

FUN FACTS ABOUT LEGO

- » LEGO is the contraction of two Danish words, "leg godt" which means "play well." (The company is based in Billund, Denmark.)
- » More than 400 billion LEGO bricks have been produced since 1949.
- » Approximately seven LEGO sets are sold each second.
- » There are about 62 LEGO bricks for every one of the world's six billion inhabitants.
- » Laid end to end, the number of LEGO bricks sold in a year would reach more than five times around the world.
- » Children around the world spend five billion hours a year playing with LEGO bricks.
- » With a production of about 306 million tires a year, the LEGO group is the largest producer of tires in the world.

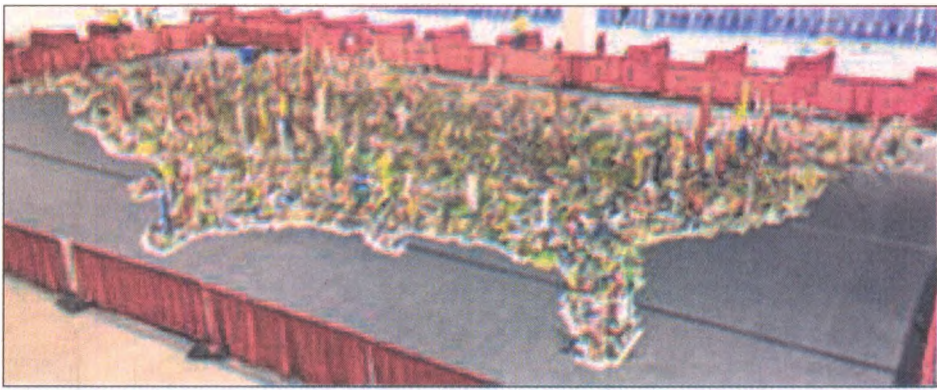
ing only that their cost can add up.

Nearby, posing for a photo with his older son, was Mike Yates of Windsor, Ontario. He brought three children, Jagger, 6, Stella, 4, and Levi, 2.

"He's definitely a LEGO nut," dad Yates said of Jagger, who said he likes "Building it. Superheroes." His dad said of the Novi event, "I think it's a lot better than I thought it would be."

Tracey Weiss works for a company based near Hartford, Conn., that runs these events. Its headquarters are near LEGO North American headquarters in that state. "It's an easy run for us to go back and forth," Weiss said.

They do about seven LEGO shows a year and were last here about 18 months ago. Shows are done in Canada, too, including one this May in Calgary.



It was a LEGO Nation at the KidsFest at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi last weekend.

"Look at that," Weiss said, gesturing to a nearby family. "Mom and Dad and the kids are building a high scary structure."

There were a number of models perfect for photo poses by attendees, including Captain Jack Sparrow from the *Pirates of the Caribbean* movie. "They're amazing," she said of the models, which are held together with a special epoxy and shipped already built.

One area, the Challenge Zone, gave families a chance to work together on, for example, creating a sushi design in two minutes. "It's a lot of fun," Weiss said, also pointing out a completed pizza design elsewhere, with realistic but not edible toppings.

The LEGO Disney Princess and Cartoon Network are partnerships that have boosted the brand, she said. Weiss noted 915 million configurations can be made with six bricks.

For younger kids, the popular DUPLO area gave playtime chances. "They're so well made," Weiss said of LEGO. "People have sets from the '50s."

The fest was packed, with Creation Nation, a "map" of the United States, popular. Kids made creations that were then placed by LEGO staff.

"Detroit looks pretty filled in," Weiss said,

adding a maple leaf will be done in May at the Canadian event.

'Possibilities are endless'

"There's a pride that comes with building something you did yourself," she said. "The possibilities are endless. There's just so many things you can do with LEGO bricks."

LEGO has expanded into computer-aided designs, although many parents at the fest like to see their kids get offline.

"I'd rather him play with LEGO than video games any day," said dad Josh Launder of Findlay, Ohio, who came to the fest with wife Melissa, son Brayden, 10, and daughter Aubrie, 8.

"He's a LEGO nut," said Josh, whose family found the Novi event on a LEGO club email list. "He just likes building with them, creating things."

The Launder family didn't mind the roughly two-hour drive. "It was the closest one to Ohio," Josh said. He's a big Cleveland Indians fan, but left that garb and the Ohio State stuff home.

"We're pretty close to Ann Arbor," he said with a smile, adding of their kids, "They're having a good time. It's a blast."

Dad James Keck of Bedford brought his wife, two of their children and a 9-year-old nephew. Their sons are 10 and 4.

The Keck kids have his old sets, as well as newer ones of their own.

Weiss said, "I'm seeing more girls here playing with everything. The girls love it." Girls love Disney and the 5 Friends set with strong female role models, although children were playing with all kinds of things.

"The Star Wars phenomenon is mind-boggling," she added.

"It just continues. It's about making memories here."

The newer Legends of Chima, with a jungle theme, is also popular. The Meet the Mixels! Partnership with the Cartoon Network appeals to kids as well, Weiss said. Those characters have joints that bend.

An Art Gallery of LEGO drew families, as did the Race Ramps. There was even a Reading Rest Stop for tired kids - and their families - as well as many LEGO-related products for sale and cartoons being shown.

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'Yes' vote helps improve district's bus fleet

The first time I rode a bus to school was in high school. Prior to high school, I had either walked or rode my bike. My first day of high school, I walked four blocks to the corner of Hendola and Bellamah, picking up friends along the way and meeting more friends at the stop. There were 17 high school students at the stop.

My guess is that my friends and I were more excited about the bus stop than the neighbors.

Before high school, I had ridden buses for various school activities - field trips, band competitions, athletic events - but I had never ridden a bus to school.

I never gave much thought to school buses.



Steve Matthews
SUPER TALK

They were a part of the fabric of my school life. How much were they used? Who maintained them? When did they wear out? These questions never crossed my mind when I was waiting at the corner of Hendola and Bellamah.

Now I see school buses everywhere. I see them from my office window as I look down on Taft Road every morning. I get behind them at times as I travel from building to building.

These days, I think about school buses a lot. In Novi, we use 30

buses that travel approximately 2,400 miles per day. In addition, we have seven substitute buses that are available if a regular bus is in for maintenance, breaks down or to use on field trips.

Our first bus run leaves the bus garage at 6:25 a.m. to start picking up high school students and the last drop-off in the afternoon, from our late bus that is used to transport students who stay after school at Meadows and the middle school for activities, is at 5:15 p.m.

We transport between 3,100 and 3,500 students a day - depending on the day and the weather.

On May 6, we are asking voters in Novi to approve a bond. The

bond will do many good things for the district. It will provide us with an opportunity to maintain our building infrastructure. Roofs, parking lots, windows and doors are some of the items that this bond will allow us to maintain.

The proposed bond will also allow us to add needed classroom space at the elementary level. With new housing developments being built and a lack of elementary classroom space and a desire to maintain low class sizes at the elementary level, new classrooms are in order.

To accommodate increasing demand for our preschool program, the May 6 bond also dedicates money to build a new early childhood

center in the district. This will consolidate our preschool and early childhood programs into one building and free up classroom space at the middle school and Meadows to meet the needs of our increasing enrollment.

The May 6 bond also proposes refreshing our district technology. We are not asking to nor planning on providing every student with a new computer. What we are planning for are needed upgrades to our technology infrastructure and adding needed laptop, tablet, and staff computers.

Finally, the May 6 bond will allow us to buy new buses. We use our buses extensively, putting tens of thousands of

miles on them yearly. We have two mechanics who work daily to maintain our buses. Our buses continue to pass our mandated state inspections with a 100-percent pass rate.

But buses wear out and run down. The May 6 bond will allow us to purchase buses to improve our fleet and to continue to meet the needs of our students.

I would encourage a yes vote May 6 to sustain the excellence in the Novi Community School District and to continue moving our district forward.

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

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Montessori open house

Novi-Northville Montessori Center (23835 Novi Road) will hold an open house 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 7.

The open houses give parents an opportunity to meet the staff, visit the school and learn about the classes and programs offered. NNMC offers five full days from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; three full days on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays and five half days. They also offer before-care starting at 7 a.m. and after-school care 3-6 p.m. NNMC offers music and Spanish as part of their curriculum. Extracurricular classes of yoga, dance and gymnastics are also offered after school on site.

The school welcomes

students ages 2½ through kindergarten. Children must turn 5 by Oct. 1, 2014.

For more information, call 248-348-3033.

A Growing Place registration

A Growing Place is now registering new students in their afternoon young 5's and pre-kindergarten classes. Both classes are available in two-, three- or five-day options. Call 248-471-2333 for more details or to learn about full- and half-day classes. A Growing Place Inc. is located at 40700 W. 10 Mile in Novi.

Summer school registration

Novi Community Education begins registration for summer school May 1.

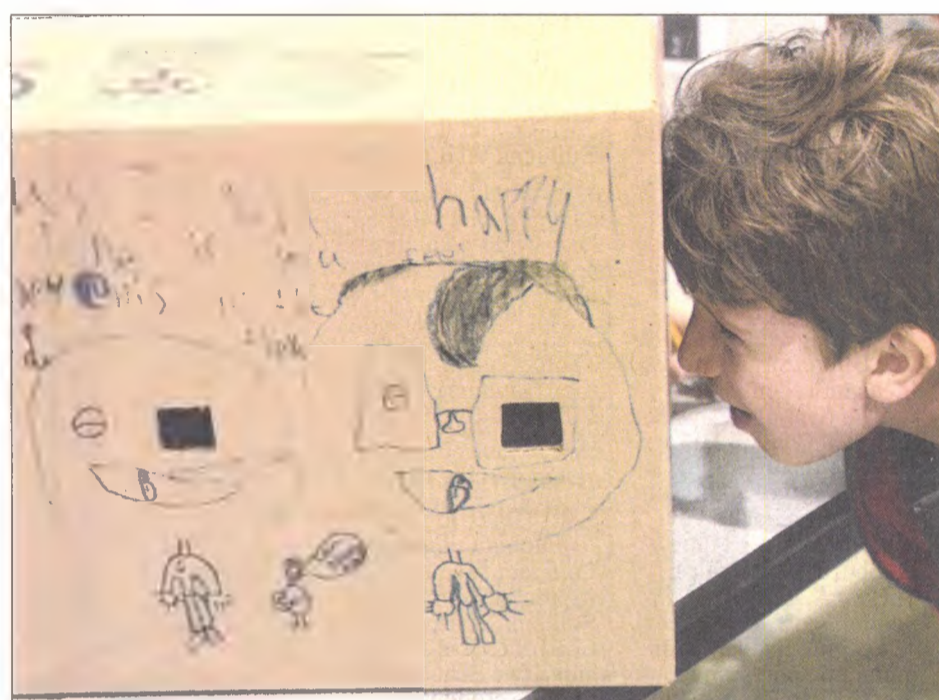
New this year is on-

line registration (high school summer school only) at www.novicommunityed.org. High school students and parents will now view the courses online, download the forms for verification and fax or email them to the Community Education Office after they process their online selection and payment.

Summer school refresher courses pre-kindergarten to eighth grade will continue to register at the Novi Community Education office. Summer classes begin Monday, June 23, and end Thursday, July 24.

A list of classes, times and fees are online at www.novi.k12.mi.us under Community Education - Summer School.

Science fair



Nate Curtiss looks through a peep-hole in a box at that illustrates the various phases of the moon during the Parkview Elementary School science fair April 24. A couple of hundred students and parents showed up that evening to check out the science projects created by Parkview students. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Schoolcraft board OKs tuition hike

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

The Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees approved last week a new \$6 per credit hour infrastructure fee and a \$3 to \$4 per credit hour tuition hike for fall 2014.

The new infrastructure fee is to cover operational expenses such as water, sewer, telephone and other basic business needs, said Frank Ruggirello Jr., Schoolcraft's director of marketing and communications. None of the money from the new fee will go to infrastructure improvements for the new Schoolcraft to U partnership program with Wayne State University and University of Toledo that will start in the fall, he said.

Tuition will go from \$90 to \$93 per credit hour for residents, \$131 to \$135

per credit hour for non-residents and \$195 to \$199 per credit hour for out-of-state and international students.

A resident student is one whose legal residence is within the public school districts of Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton and part of Novi.

The board approved the new fee and tuition increase in a 4-1 vote. Trustee Joan Gebhardt, who cast the lone dissenting vote, said in a telephone interview she has voted no on tuition and fee increases for the past four years because she's concerned about making college unaffordable for resident students. "I'm adamant that we are there to help our residents," she said, adding she doesn't want them to have to go into debt to pay for communi-

ty college.

The new infrastructure fee is in addition to service and instructional equipment fees, going up from \$5 and \$7 to \$6 and \$8 per credit hour, respectively, and a per-semester registration fee being increased from \$40 to \$42 next fall.

Schoolcraft remains competitive with neighboring community colleges, Ruggirello said.

Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress and Chief Financial Officer Glenn Cerny "don't take this lightly," Ruggirello said of the tuition and fee increases. "It's a balancing act." He said Schoolcraft hasn't gone to the electorate for a millage since 1986.

According to a chart Schoolcraft College provided comparing tuition rates for 2013-14, Schoolcraft was in the middle at \$90 per credit hour. Mott

charged \$122.50, Wayne County, \$102; Washtenaw, \$98; Macomb, \$89; Henry Ford, \$87; and Oakland, \$76.40.

"Even if you include the fees, it costs less to attend Schoolcraft College than other colleges and universities and the student gets much more personal attention and support," Ruggirello said.

A student taking 12 credit hours at Schoolcraft in fall 2014 will pay approximately \$1,326 for tuition and fees, up from \$1,264 in fall 2013.

Some of the colleges with lower tuition rates collect more in property taxes per student, Ruggirello said: "At some point, somebody's got to pay."

For example, in 2013, Oakland Community College collected \$2,956 in property taxes per student, while Schoolcraft collected \$1,672 per student.

ON CAMPUS

Spring Arbor University

Christopher Bellamy from Novi was granted a bachelor of science degree in finance during commencement exercises Nov. 23, 2013.

University of Detroit Mercy

Four students from Novi - Frank Holecek, Megan Parikh, Derek Holecek and Sarah Montone - were recently recognized March 23 at the university's Honors Convocation.

Alma College

Gwendolyn Greer of Novi was one of seven students recognized for induction into Phi Beta Kappa as a junior at the April 2 Senior Dinner. The 2010 Novi High graduate is the daughter of Dale and Martha Greer.

More than 130 Alma College students participated in the 18th annual

Kappa Honors Day program April 3. Chelsea Radgens, a senior from Novi, presented "True Colors: Inner Beauty Revealed Through Dance and Sign Language."

Merit winners

National Merit Scholarship Corporation released the names of the first group of winners in the 59th annual National Merit Scholarship Program, including Novi's Asawari Kanitkar and Meenakshi Sundararaju.

Phi Kappa Phi

The following Novi residents were initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's most selective honor society for all academic disciplines: Andrew Morton, Michigan State University chapter; and Marina Haque, Jonathan Muncie, Manpreet Bajwa and Harinee Sampath, University of Michigan chapter.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE UPDATES

Schoolcraft newspaper honored

Staff members of *The Schoolcraft Connection*, the college's student-run newspaper, received four first-place awards, four second-place awards, four third-place awards and two honorable mentions at the annual Michigan Community College Press Association Awards at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant recently.

The first-place awards included Column Humor: Pete Helms (Livonia); Inside Page Design: Kate Mrla (Allen Park); Personality Profile: Peter Hubbard (Northville); Turkey Award: *The Connection* staff.

Second-place awards included Sports News Story: Evan Paputa (Plymouth); Overall Newspaper Design: *The Connection* staff; Front Page Design: Sabrina Keyes

(Dearborn) and Kate Mrla (Allen Park); General Excellence: *The Connection* staff

Third-place awards included Sports Column: Josh Covert (Livonia); Editorial Writing: *The Connection* staff; Critical Review: Carlos Razo (Garden City); Headline Writing: Pete Helms (Livonia).

Honorable Mention went to Sports News Photo: Camyle Cryderman (Livonia); Cartoon Editorial: Urmila Bilgi (Novi).

Dedication to Community Service

Michigan Campus Compact recently held its annual Outstanding Student Service Awards Celebration in East Lansing. Two Schoolcraft College students received the Commitment to Service award. Lori Kelly-Wheeler (Canton) and Sara Osen (Ply-

mouth) were recognized for the breadth and depth of their community involvement and service experiences.

In addition, 17 other students received the Heart and Soul Award in recognition of their time, effort and commitment to their communities. Winners included Vincent Allen (Livonia), Ashi Arora (Novi), Erin Brewer (Livonia), Kortnie Bush (Farmington Hills), Jessica Coatsworth (Garden City), Zachary D'Agostino (Canton), Anna Granch (Dearborn), Benjamin Gresko (Howell), McKenzie Hayes (Plymouth), Megan Krajewski (Livonia), Jonathan Kris (Canton), Arianna Kurili (Canton), Loan Nguyen (Livonia), Blandelia Payne (Redford), Maria Cielito Robles (Livonia), Freya Thodesen-Kasparian (Canton) and Erica Wysocki (Livonia).

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About 20 students took part in the making of sushi rolls that day.

Sushi for everyone!

The Novi High School Japanese Club met during the afternoon of April 22. For \$1 to cover the goods, club members got to make their own sushi rolls from scratch – and then eat them with a bit of soy sauce. Braver souls tried gobbs of wasabi sauce.



Ryan Schanerberger tackles the difficult task of spreading the rather sticky rice atop the seaweed leaves as he begins making his California roll.



A student begins spreading rice on a piece of seaweed.



The ingredients for the sushi rolls await assembly.



Novi High sophomore Jennifer Lee begins to cut the California rolls she's created. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi High grad makes his mark in L.A. as pro illustrator

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Cameron K. Lewis, 26, is living in Los Angeles these days and working as an illustrator, mostly storyboards for commercials before they're filmed. He recently did a Go-Gurt one.



Lewis

"Even Viagra. A wide range of things," said Lewis, a 2005 Novi High School graduate

who earned a bachelor of fine arts degree in illustration from the School of Visual Arts in New York City in 2010.

"I think it's a nice change of pace after living in New York five years," Lewis said of L.A. "It's slower and calmer, more conducive to my work."

He's the son of Paul and Susan Lewis, who will soon move from here to Ohio. The younger Lewis praised Novi High teachers.

"The art teachers were great," he said, citing Gary Boyer and Erin Warden (now Harbar). Journalism adviser/teacher Lydia Cadena also helped, as did his college faculty.

"Absolutely. The faculty at SVA were all working professionals. It was a great challenge," he said.

He began in New York City after college graduation, but found he was taking on too much work, some not challenging, to pay the rent. "It was just whatever I could get," Lewis said.

Now in L.A., clients approach "with real work that's challenging."

Clients

As a storyboard artist, he's worked on more than 120 commercial spots for

clients such as Verizon, AT&T, Honda, Ford, Mercedes-Benz, Cadillac, Jaguar, Capital One, United Airlines, McDonald's, Denny's, Foot Locker, Marshalls, TJ Maxx, Tylenol and more.

In the future, he'd like to create movie posters, which he appreciates. "It's not terribly prevalent anymore," with the growth of Photoshop, he said.

Lewis was featured in *MacUser*, a British magazine, in 2013. His work has appeared in *Las Vegas Weekly* and he did for the *Philadelphia City Paper* an annual *People Who Died* issue, which he had previously done two years earlier.

Other illustration clients include *Entertainment Weekly*, *Village Voice*, *Dallas Observer*, *OC Weekly*, *Seattle Weekly*, *Miami New Times*, *New York Observer*, *Commercial Observer*, *Nat Geo Wild*, *Capital New York* and *The Independent*.

He encourages younger illustrators, pointing out there are many artists to learn from: "Just an evolving process of who interests you."

He's found studying film has helped him in his work as well.

His parents have been a big help. "They've always been extremely supportive of me following the passion to do art," he said. "Luckily, it's worked out."

Lewis tells younger artists, "Always be working. Constantly take on projects; experiment."

Cadena recalled Lewis doing illustrations even



Cameron K. Lewis, whose illustration is shown here, credits his teachers at Novi High as well as college faculty in his success.

before he joined the Novi High newspaper.

"He did everything," she said. "He did writing, photography and illustration."

Lewis did editorial cartoons on the 2004 presidential election while in high school. "He would do caricatures of George Bush," as well as John Kerry, Cadena said. "They were fantastic."

He was a quick learner, she recalled. "He's very adaptable" and is also a musician. "He's so talented," as well as modest and kind, Cadena

added.

"He has a great work ethic," she said. "He just kept moving forward." Lewis began at Central Michigan University, but realized it wasn't for him "and moved on. Talent can get you really far. He makes his opportunities. He doesn't limit himself," Cadena said.

You can see some of his work at <http://cameronklewis.com/> or check out how he creates his work at his sketchblog, <http://cameronklewis.blogspot.com/>.



Cameron K. Lewis created this Doctor Brawl illustration.

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Exchange student program sends teens to Ireland for summer

Western Ireland is the setting for an educational trip of a lifetime for Michigan high school students this summer.

From July 12-27, AFS-USA will sponsor a learning experience for students ages 15-18. Travelers will explore the castles and countryside of western Ireland and learn about Irish history, arts, crafts and music with peers from other parts of the world.

"Students traveling to Ireland this summer will experience a real-time education that promises to take them out of the history books, right into the life of modern Ireland, with its unique personality and fabled history," Ann Steglich, lead volunteer of the Metro Detroit Chapter of AFS-USA Inc., said in a release. "What a wonderful cultural adventure for teenagers to experience a completely different part of the world, one that they may only dream of visiting in a lifetime."

The program costs \$3,804, which includes all expenses including airfare and medical insurance. Students are responsible for the costs related to getting a passport and any souvenir budget.

"This is a great opportunity because students can bring friends or siblings to share the experience," Steglich said. "What could be a better way to spend summer break than learning about another country and experiencing the culture of its people firsthand?"

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Voters to decide on raises for mayor, council

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

Do Novi voters think the mayor and city council members should get raises?

The Charter Review Committee thinks so and recommended to raise a council member's annual compensation to \$4,500 and the mayor's to \$6,500. If the state attorney general approves the ballot language, this question will go before voters in the August primary election.

Committee's recommendation

"Things have changed quite dramatically during the past 45 years," Charter Review Committee member and Novi resident Doreen Poupard said. "The population has

grown to just under 57,000 residents, inflation and the cost of living has increased by about 600 percent. But most of all, the duties of the mayor and council members have significantly increased in scope, responsibilities and time commitments."

According to the current city charter, the mayor receives \$20 per council meeting and a council member receives \$15 per council meeting. On average, there are two council meetings per month; however, the council and mayor do much more outside of those two monthly meetings.

The committee said in comparison to other cities around Michigan with 40,000 to 80,000 residents, even with the rec-

ommended increases, Novi salaries are lower. Many other cities average \$7,000 annually for the mayor and \$5,000 for council members.

By a 6-1 vote, the Novi City Council approved a resolution authorizing the submission of "Charter Amendment Ballot Proposals to Electors" for a ballot proposal relating to mayor and council member compensation to the voters at the Aug. 5 election pursuant to recommendation from the Ad Hoc Charter Review Committee.

Council reaction

Council member Andrew Mutch voted against the resolution. He thinks the compensation was too high and said serving the community was a selfless effort in

his mind.

"The people who have served and are serving today and will serve in the future, do so because of their love for the Novi community," Mutch said.

He thought the previous voting down of one of the charter amending proposals last year was because there may have been a perception that the city government was not going to be transparent enough. He thought this new proposal may be misconstrued as an attempt by council members to increase their own pay.

Council member Justin Fischer put forward a motion supporting the ballot recommendation because, like others on the council, thought the voters should ultimately decide. He thought the

proposal was a bit of an "elephant in the room." But with the data supplied by the review committee and in recognition of their efforts, he supported putting forward the question to the community.

"The people have the right to say, 'Yes, this should be implemented' or 'No, it shouldn't be,'" council member Wayne Wrobel said. "This is not a decision I think that we should make. ... We need to give it to them and let them make the decision."

Charter changes

The current compensation totals were set in 1969, when the city charter was created. The charter was updated in 1977. Because of the amount of time and changes since then, the

review committee, composed of community members, was established to look at modernizing the charter's language.

This led to five ballot questions going before the voters on the Nov. 5, 2013, ballot. Those dealt with adding gender-neutral language to the charter, modernizing the publication requirements when the city needs to provide notice of some action that has been taken or will be taken, allowing the city manager to reorganize departments and changing the requirements that city bills be paid by check.

Three of the five questions passed. Proposal 3 and 5, dealing with publication requirements and check payment requirements, failed.

Lauffer to challenge Crawford in GOP primary for 38th District seat

Conservative Republican Dan Lauffer has officially entered the race for state representative to represent the 38th House District, consisting of Walled Lake, Novi, Lyon Township, South Lyon and part of Northville in Oakland County.

"My solemn pledge to the taxpayers of the 38th District is that I will never vote to expand Obamacare in any way and I will never vote for any kind of tax increase whatsoever under any circumstances," Lauffer said. "This differentiates me from my moderate opponent who has pledged to 'continue Hugh's great record.' While Hugh and Kathy Crawford are nice people, the Crawford record includes multiple votes to expand Obamacare and to impose the senior pension tax on my fellow retirees. I'll fight every day to overturn CrawfordCare and the Crawford Pension Tax if elected."

Born and raised in southeast Michigan, Lauffer, 67, was a



Lauffer

pastor for 27 years before serving as a college professor for 13 years and is recently retired. Lauffer has signed the Americans For Tax

Reform "Taxpayer Protection Pledge" to never vote for a tax increase.

Lauffer's campaign has retained the consulting services of Advantage Associates, LLC and its president, Jake Davison. "Dan Lauffer is in a perfect position to win this primary," Davison said. "Kathy is the de facto incumbent and has embraced Hugh's entire record. This is a one-on-one match-up and Dan has the ability to bring together Tea Party conservatives, as well as those GOP primary voters who do not consider themselves to be Tea Party member."

Lauffer is a resident of Walled Lake, where he lives with his wife of 47 years, Christine.

Six in U.S. House 11th District race

By **Jay Grossman**
Staff Writer

Bobby McKenzie, a former walk-on player with the Michigan State University men's basketball team, rounds out the list of six candidates who filed to run for the U.S. House 11th District seat.

The filing deadline was April 22. The district is currently served by Republican Kerry Bentivolio, who is just completing his first term in office.

The 39-year-old Canton resident is one of four Democrats vying to win the Aug. 5 primary. He faces Nancy Skinner of Birmingham, Dr. Anil Kumar of Bloomfield Hills and Bill Roberts of Livonia. On the Republican ticket, Bentivolio of Milford is running against Dave Trott of Commerce.

McKenzie had announced in October that he was planning to run for the seat. He filed his paperwork the day before the deadline to get his name on the ballot.

"I'm running because the



McKenzie

district deserves a representative who will fight for the middle class and small businesses, who will fight to protect Social Security and

Medicare and who will fight to raise the minimum wage," McKenzie said in a news release. "We're gaining momentum every day and our message is resonating."

Campaign spokesman Tony Coppola said more than 30 volunteers are working on McKenzie's campaign and have helped raise around \$250,000 as of March 31.

"He decided to run for this seat because he thinks the current representation is out of touch with this district," Coppola said Tuesday. "He wants to focus on helping middle-class families and small businesses ... and making sure we have good-paying jobs here in Michigan."

McKenzie grew up in Dearborn Heights and earned a B.A. in economics from MSU,

where he was a walk-on with the 1997-98 Spartans basketball team. He earned a master's degree at Georgetown and most recently worked at the U.S. Department of State, where he focused on counterterrorism efforts.

McKenzie's father runs a vacuum repair shop in Westland. McKenzie's grandfather was a World War II veteran who moved the family from Alabama to Detroit in the 1950s.

His campaign has the support of several labor organizations and former congressmen Lee Hamilton and Dave Curson.

The 11th District, which was redrawn in 2013, includes the cities of Auburn Hills, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Farmington, Lake Angelus, Livonia, Northville, Novi, South Lyon, Troy, Walled Lake and Wixom, as well as the townships of Commerce, Highland, Lyon, Milford, Novi, Waterford and White Lake. It also includes parts of Clawson, Rochester Hills and West Bloomfield.

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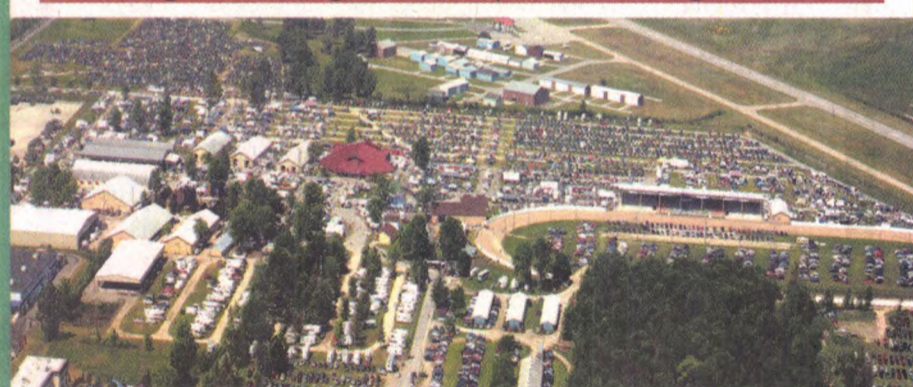
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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Locker theft

A man's wallet was stolen while he worked out at Lifetime Fitness in Novi.

The theft happened while he was in the middle of exercising at the gym April 6. He told Novi police that he dropped his key some time during the workout and could not find it. The suspect must have picked up the key, because when the locker was later opened, the wallet was missing. Inside it were credit cards, cash and his driver's license. No evidence was found and there are no suspects in this case.

Cocaine, no license

Two people were arrested for different charges after Novi police stopped a vehicle when a check revealed the owner had warrants.

The driver was stopped at Beck Road off of I-96 the night of April 3. Police reported smelling marijuana and alcohol inside the vehicle. The driver had 14 license suspensions, so he was detained. The female passenger was later arrested after giving police a false name.

A search of the vehicle turned up a small amount of cocaine, which

the driver took responsibility for, and an open bottle of liquor. The bottle was found underneath the passenger's seat, so she was also cited.

Rims, tires stolen

Cadillac of Novi was robbed of four chrome rims and tires by an unknown suspect.

Some time overnight April 2-3 at the location on Grand River, the vehicle was put up on cinder blocks and items were taken off of a 2014 XTS.

There are no suspects; no other evidence was found at the scene.

— By Lonnie Huhman

SEMCOG adopts green vision for region

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments has a green vision for the area, following the recent adoption of a Green Infrastructure Vision for southeast Michigan.

SEMCOG's General Assembly voted unanimously to adopt the plan.

"I am extremely pleased that SEMCOG membership adopted the Green Infrastructure Vision," said Rochester Hills Mayor Bryan Barnett, who chaired SEMCOG's Green Infrastructure Vision Task Force. "This multi-year project offers tremendous insight and direction to help community leaders and, ultimately, residents better understand, manage, enhance and appreciate the green infrastructure that surrounds us."

Green infrastructure includes parks, lakes, wetlands and trees, as well as constructed green roofs, bioswales and rain gardens. Southeast Michigan is home to more than 180,000 acres of public parks, more than 900,000 acres of trees, the only international wildlife refuge in North America and the largest coastal wetland system in the

Great Lakes.

The Green Infrastructure Vision for southeast Michigan ties all the components of the region's green infrastructure together into an identified system and, for the first time, benchmarks current green infrastructure, visions where the area wants to go and provides policy recommendations on how to get there.

The vision was developed through numerous stakeholder engagement sessions to gather input on priorities for southeast Michigan's green infrastructure in the future. This input, along with data gathering and analysis resulted in 10 regional policies:

» While there are many types of green infrastructure and owners, southeast Michigan's green infrastructure is a network that needs to be managed as a system.

» Southeast Michigan has high-quality, unique natural areas that need to be managed, preserved and, in some cases, restored.

» Public accessibility to the green infrastructure network is paramount, including access

to parks, trails, water and ensuring public spaces are designed for all residents.

» Additional green infrastructure should focus on connecting the public network together, focusing on riparian corridors (lands adjacent to rivers and lakes) and trails, as well as meeting unmet recreation needs.

» Increasing tree canopy is a priority due to the numerous benefits, including water quality, property value enhancement, aesthetics and connecting the green infrastructure network in urban areas.

» In urban areas, constructed green infrastructure should be focused on publicly owned land, such as roads and government property, as well as areas with large impervious surfaces, such as private parking lots, to improve the quality of local and regional water resources.

SEMCOG is the only organization in southeast Michigan that brings together all governments to solve regional challenges and enhance the quality of life for the seven-county region's 4.7 million people.

Friends of Rouge hold river cleanup events

The Friends of the Rouge's annual river clean-up takes place in May and June.

Work days have been scheduled for May 3, May 10 and June 7, with the main event May 17.

Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds are invited to participate in hands-on activities to care for the Rouge River.

Following are the dates and locations for events:

» May 3: Stewardship Network garlic mustard pull, Dearborn; Maybury State Park, Northville; Holliday Nature Preserve, Westland.

» May 10: Eliza Howell Park, Detroit; Goff Nature Preserve, Livonia; Park Clean-Up Day, Northville Township.

» May 17: Douglas Evans Nature Preserve, Beverly Hills; Flodin Park, Canton Township; Meadows of Canton, Canton Township; Workman Elementary Habitat, Canton Township; Ford Field Greenway Trail, Dearborn; Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn; Henry Ford Estate - Garlic Mustard Removal, Dearborn; University of Michigan Environmental Interpretive Center, Dearborn; Parkland Park, Dearborn Heights; Rouge Park, Detroit; St. Paul of the Cross Retreat, Detroit; Shiawassee Park, Farmington; Botsford Commons Senior Community, Farmington Hills; Heritage Park, Farmington Hills; Oakland Commu-

nity College Orchard Ridge Campus, Farmington Hills; Coventry Gardens Park, Livonia; Allen Drive Park, Northville; Linear Park, Northville Township; Mead's Mill, Northville Township; Smith Elementary School, Byron Creek, Plymouth; Plymouth Township Park, Plymouth Township; Lola Valley Park, Redford Township; Beech Woods Recreation Center, Southfield; Berberian Woods, Southfield; Kosch-Headwaters Preserve, Superior Township; Woodside Village Subdivision, Superior Township; Goudy Park, Wayne.

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Spring Fling Wednesday, May 20 1:30 p.m.

Spring is in the air! Come and celebrate with us! New Generations musical group will perform and sampling plates of delectable desserts will be served. RSVP by May 18.

Memorial Day Celebration Friday, May 23 12:00 p.m.

Veterans from VFW Post 6695 will join us as we honor and remember those who have given so much for our freedom. We will have color guard, flag raising and patriotic music. Every veteran will receive a commemorative pin. An old-fashioned cookout style lunch will be served. RSVP by May 19.

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Get in the spirit of Cinco de Mayo and celebrate the Spanish Holiday with Mariachi Motown. The trio includes Guitar, Trumpet and Accordion. RSVP by May 3.

Mother's Day Fashion Show Wednesday, May 7 12:00 p.m.

Enjoy a Mother's Day Tea, Luncheon and Fashion Show. Everyone is welcome to enjoy shopping for the latest Spring Fashion's following the show. Cash and Carry. RSVP by May 5.

Elder Law Workshop Thursday, May 22 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Join us as Attorney Nicole Wipp with Family and Aging Law Center provides information regarding VA Benefits, Estate Planning, Long term care insurance and Tax Planning. Please register at: (248) 278-1511.

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Six Novi residents earn national Girl Scouts awards

Girl Scouts of South-eastern Michigan announced six Novi residents received national volunteer awards at its National Volunteer Awards banquet, held April 6 at The San Marino Club in Troy. Individuals who earn these awards demonstrate exceptional dedication and service as Girl Scouts volunteers.

Connie Gregory, Dawn Bluga, Roxanne Warner and Marge Stone all received the Volunteer of Excellence Award. Mary Basile and Marie Malecki received the Appreciation Pin.

National awards are presented to volunteers who contributed outstanding service while partnering directly with girls in to implement the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, or who have gone beyond expectations in supporting

GSSEM's mission-delivery goals in one or more functional areas including membership, volunteer relations and fund development. Fellow volunteers, or GSSEM staff, who can vouch for their "above and beyond the call of duty" level of service to girls and other adult volunteers in the GSSEM service area must nominate all honorees.

Volunteer of Excellence Award recipients

» Connie Gregory has been a dedicated Girl Scout volunteer for more than 20 years, serving as a district product sales coordinator, district webmaster, council delegate, volunteer day camp director and council event volunteer. She also served as the district product sales coordinator



Award winners included (from left) Roxanne Warner, Mary Basile, Marge Stone, Dawn Bluga and Connie Gregory.

for a neighboring district when a vacancy opened, and took on the troop organizer role. Gregory has organized, volunteered and assisted in many large scale GSSEM events, and consistently models excellent leadership skills.

» Dawn Bluga serves as district leader support coordinator, troop organizer, a member of the Gold Award Committee and a troop leader. Bluga organized her district's Encampment, Community Dance and Thinking

Day celebration. She is strong leader of girls, an outstanding mentor for leaders in her district and promotes the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Under her leadership, many girls have grown as people and Scouts into responsible, self-confident and accomplished young women.

» Roxanne Warner is a troop leader and district finance coordinator. She has also served as a council delegate and actively shares her knowledge

with other district volunteers. Warner leads a large and active troop and always welcomes new girls. She promotes inclusion and is dedicated to providing a girl-led experience, allowing her girls to lead the planning of events and activities.

» Marge Stone is a troop leader for two troops, a troop organizer, a leader support coordinator and a district product sales coordinator. She has organized large-scale GSSEM events and can always be counted on to assist her girls as they facilitate girl-led events. Stone is energetic, knowledgeable and creative.

Appreciation Pin recipients

» Mary Basile volunteers as the registration coordinator, troop organizer and the product sales booth coordinator

for her area. She also started an informal weekly meeting for Girl Scout leaders to meet, learn and work together. Basile also volunteers to run and host various events for the girls in her district. During cookie season, she works to set up booths at area businesses and events to ensure girls are able to sell cookies at booths.

» Marie Malecki has worked hard to recruit new girls to Girl Scouts and has organized four round-ups leading to 150 new girl members in her district. She also helped to place those girls in troops and, in some cases, created new troops. Malecki works with other adult volunteers as the community service coordinator for her district. In this role, she identifies new community service opportunities for troops.



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Junior League benefit



Former Junior League of Birmingham member Kelly Petrocella of West Bloomfield (left), JLB adviser Michelle Knierim of Novi and former JLB member Jessica Mumav of Lake Orion attended Bites, Bubbles & Books to benefit the JLB March 27 at The Townsend Hotel. Guests enjoyed delicacies featured in the Junior League's cookbook "Seasons in Thyme" and prepared by Townsend executive chef Drew Sayes. JULIE YOLLES

IN THE SERVICE

Christian Gjonaj

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Christian Gjonaj, son of Lesh and Leza Gjonaj of Novi, along with approximately 6,000 other sailors and Marines stationed aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier U.S.S. Harry S. Truman, returned to Naval Station Norfolk, Va., marking the end of the ship's nine-month deployment to the U.S. 5th and 6th Fleet areas of operations.

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Gjonaj is a 2011 graduate of Northville High School.


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The Michigan International Women's Show brings Bravo's reality series *The Millionaire Matchmaker* Patti Stanger, Food Network's *Extreme Chef* Jerome Brown and author and speaker Sharon Frame to the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi May 1-4.

"It's an eclectic mixture of food, fashion and fun experiences that will appeal to women of all ages and interests," said Beth Anderson, executive show manager of Southern Shows. "Be inspired and entertained with your mom, sister, daughter or girlfriend at fashion shows, cooking demonstrations, makeovers and shopping."

Medical lifestyle talk show host, Dr. Parth Nandi, M.D., FACP, will share his insight, advice and expertise on how to live a happy, healthier and fuller life as seen on the *Ask Dr. Nandi* television show known for well-being, compassion and a focus on medical topics.

Inspiration Uncorked of Ferndale will encourage originality with information on its scarf decorating, wine glass painting, mosaics and jewelry making classes during its presentations.

Chef instructors, organizations and southern cooking radio host chef Lisa Lofton Shively will prepare recipes and provide cooking tips in the Stonebridge Kitchen &

DETAILS

Event: The 19th annual Michigan International Women's Show

Location: Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River, Novi

Hours: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday

Admission: \$10; \$5 for ages 6-12; free for children age 5 and younger with a paying adult. Online advance tickets are \$8 online. Discount tickets are available at Kroger for \$7. Group tickets for four or more are offered in advance online for \$8. Thursday admission after 3 p.m. is \$3. Happy Hours tickets after 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday are \$5.

Parking: On site is available for \$5.

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Bath Cooking Theater. United Dairy Industry of Michigan registered dietitians will offer dairy recipes for children and

adult diets.

Spring makeup trends and helpful cosmetic tips will be part of the makeovers offered by Macy's

beauty experts, along with an array of new spring scents.

Kroger Pavilion will feature ice cream tastings, makeovers from L'Oreal, cooking demonstrations, blood pressure screenings from the Kroger Pharmacy and women's health and skin safety discussions from Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute community educators along with a raffle to benefit the Institute.

Fire Fighters' charity fashion show will heat up the runway with modeling of their dress blues and bunker gear. Guardian Angel Animal Rescue will sponsor "Pawject Runway-Fido Fashion Show" featuring canine

couture, essentials and adoption information.

Other features include Scavenger Hunt with gifts hidden throughout the show each day; special gifts to the first 100 show attendees each day; Friday's Girls Night Out with free gifts and discounts for attendees entering after 5 p.m.; Sunday's Mother & Daughters Day sponsored by United Dairy Industry of Michigan with an insulated tote given to the first 500 show attendees, gifts and prizes; and more than 400 exhibitors displaying cosmetics, fragrances, lingerie, purses, shoes, gifts, decor items, food, arts and crafts, clothing, fashion and accessories.

Farmington Players spread 'Rumors' on their stage

Rumors is a zany, fast-paced comedy by playwright Neil Simon in which knowledge is power.

A developing scandal involving an apparent suicide attempt by the deputy mayor of New York is the backdrop, as the characters try to stay one step ahead of each another to hide what they know. Hilarity ensues as four aristocratic couples join the party and the cover-up spirals out of control — just as the police arrive.

The Farmington Players production of *Rumors* runs through May 17 and is sponsored by Tru Vista Wealth Advisors, a financial advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial.

Rumors is in the genre of comedy known as "farce." What is farce, you might ask? While it is often characterized by physical humor and slamming doors and is sometimes confused with

slapstick, farce is actually much more sophisticated than that.

In farce, the characters all take themselves very seriously, and even though their situations become far-fetched, the characters are not in on the joke and never play for laughs. To me, FARCE stands for Fast Action Requiring Comedic Excellence. Good farce requires great comedic timing and strong characters, each with his own agenda, and each willing to do almost anything to achieve his purpose.

Director Cynthia Tupper of Farmington Hills is fond of reciting her cardinal rule for farce, which is to make it "fast, loud and funny." She has cast the show with veteran performers who do a convincing job portraying "wealthy, well-educated couples acting like lunatics."

Leading the lunatic brigade is Jim Moll of

Farmington Hills, who plays the frenetic lawyer, Ken Gorman. Moll expressed a "fondness for Neil Simon's work. His writing style is both conversational and comic. And, being a farce, this show relies both on the wonderful comedy of the script and sight gags and physical comedy."

Moll is paired with Erin Osgood of Brighton who plays Ken's wife Chris. Osgood knows that "audiences will love this show because it's a non-stop party. Nothing is funnier than watching people stumble through chaos and the craziness that unfolds."

Next on the scene are Claire and Lenny Ganz, played by Sue Rogers of West Bloomfield and Frank Markus of Royal Oak. Marcus expands on what makes Neil Simon's brand of farce special: "Neil Simon has a real knack for compelling, engaging dialogue and



On stage in "Rumors" with (Officer Pudney) Kristi Schwartz, Canton; (Cassie Cooper) Julia Spina-Kilar, West Bloomfield; (Lenny Ganz) Frank Markus of Royal Oak; (Claire Ganz) Sue Rogers, West Bloomfield; (Glenn Cooper) Ross Grossman, Farmington Hills; (Officer Welch) Erik Carlson, Southfield. Behind the couch are (Ernie Cusack) Nick; (Chris Gorman) Erin Osgood of Brighton; (Ken Gorman) Jim Moll of Farmington Hills. KURT MATHIAK

he's written non-fiction books about the art of writing farce well. He knows what he's talking about, too. I personally view many farces with some skepticism, because too many of them rely too heavily on low-est-common-denominator sight gags and door slamming for laughs."

Julia Spina-Kilar of West Bloomfield and Ross Grossman of Farmington Hills play Cassie and Glenn Cooper, a political couple who are any-

thing but politically correct. Spina-Kilar said that while farce is just a "tick-tock away from reality, *Rumors* is a situation people might be able to relate to or at least enjoy watching at a safe distance! People panicking, behaving badly and showing their true colors is most likely somewhere in everyone's experience."

Similarly, Grossman considers farce a spectator sport: "Farce is an opportunity for audience

members to let go in these crazy times, in a safe way — because it's not happening to them." He also echoes what others have said about the fun and challenge of playing farce well: "For me, it is a challenge for a character to take themselves as serious as in a drama, but in this absurd, outlandish situation, where their dedication to making bad decisions and interesting choices spin out of control, and make us all feel better about our own lives."

Rounding out the cast are Mary Ann Tweedie of Novi and Nick Szczerba of Brownstown, who play Cookie and Ernie Cusack, and Erik Carlson of Southfield and Kristi Schwartz of Canton Township, who play police officer partners Welch and Pudney.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.farmingtonplayers.org or by calling the box office at 248-553-2955. Several blogs with show photos are available at <http://playingthebarn.blogspot.com/>. You may also visit the Barn's Facebook page.

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Some of those working on the clock include (from left) Carolyn Schooley, John Barbay, Bernie Balsar and Paul Benivegna.

Grandparents build clock for Fox Run fund

Eight grandparents are now building a vintage grandfather clock

at Fox Run retirement community in Novi to benefit the community's

Resident Care Fund. They have been working on the grandfather clock

in the community's Hobby Shop for the past month and hope to complete it by May 1.

The grandfather clock weighs 75 pounds and is 81 inches high, 28 inches wide and 16 inches deep. It is made of cherry wood and will have a medium brown finish. It has precision, German-made mechanisms.

The Fox Run residents work in sporadic shifts. They are now sanding and staining the grandfather clock's wood.

The grandfather clock's retail price, according to resident hobbyist Don Boufford, is \$4,000. The grandfather clock will be auctioned at this summer's June 20 Nostalgic Detroit Gala to raise money for Fox Run's Resident Care Fund. This fund is the community-supported program that guarantees all Fox Run residents with a home for life in the event that they outlive their personal assets.

"We hope to raise a few thousand dollars with this clock," Boufford said.

Website offers resources for caregivers

SOUTHFIELD — With men and women reaching age 65 now averaging a life expectancy of an additional 19.2 years, more families will be caring for elderly loved ones who increasingly want to remain living independently and in the safety of their own homes.

MichiganHomeCareGuide.com, a website created and managed by the Area Agency on Aging 1-B, is designed to help seniors and family caregivers in Southeast Michigan find quality in-home care.

The Southfield-based AAA 1-B, a nonprofit serving seniors and adults with disabilities, developed MichiganHomeCareGuide.com as a free, unbiased community resource designed to guide seniors and families who are looking for home care. Initial funding for the project was provided by the Jewish Fund.

"There are lots of choices out there when it comes to home care," said Tina Abbate Marzolf, CEO of the AAA 1-B. "It can be overwhelming. People often don't know where to start. We wanted to create something that families, especially families who might be in crisis, could use to make informed decisions."

Seniors and family caregivers can search the site's listings of area home care providers to find a company that is right for them. Users can narrow listings based on their specific needs and also get firsthand insight into a company's performance by reading reviews entered by other people who have used their services.

In addition to company listings, the site

offers an extensive library of informative articles on aging and care giving.

MichiganHomeCareGuide.com was inspired by a family caregiver whose mother suffered from dementia. While caring for his mother, he struggled to find quality home care and the resources and information he needed. He was discouraged because he could go online and find reviews about restaurants, hotels or appliances, but he could not find anything similar to guide him when searching for something much more important — a quality home care agency for his vulnerable mother.

The site was developed with the input and assistance of a group of 12 seniors and disabled adults who themselves receive in-home care. They wanted to share their experiences and insights and create a site that would work for people like them. They met one to two times a month for over a year and helped develop the rating and review criteria, the look and feel of the site and the content. They also spent many hours making sure that the site would be easy to use and intuitive for older adults and people with disabilities.

MichiganHomeCareGuide.com is complemented by a Facebook page ([Facebook.com/MichiganHomeCareGuide](https://www.facebook.com/MichiganHomeCareGuide)) that provides a forum for caregivers and family members to exchange ideas, share experiences and discuss issues of mutual concern.

For more information, visit MichiganHomeCareGuide.com.

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The Women's Advisory Board for Oakland County will hold a free Women Veterans Job and Networking Fair from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, May 16, at Oakland Community College's Auburn Hills Campus.

Operation: Success is a one-day job and networking fair that will provide valuable information for women veterans seeking access to services for career and employment opportunities. This event will feature speakers, such as Air Force veteran Heather Pacquette, Army veteran Ingrid Tigh and Army veteran Kate Holmes, who is a member of the Women's Advisory Board for Oakland County.

Operation: Success was created after a series of focus groups by the Women's Advisory Board. The discussion groups identified gaps in services for women veterans. The WAB learned that there is a need to connect veterans with available resources. A common problem veterans face is not being able to connect with agencies or understand how important their military skills are in the civilian marketplace.

Space is limited. Veterans interested in attending should register by calling 248-853-7862 or go online at www.business.auburnhillschamber.com/events/details/operation-success-1103. The fair will be held in Oakland Community College's Building G-Student Center, 2900 Featherstone Road, in Auburn Hills.

For more information, call 248-808-1032.

Signature reps Black Rock

Signature Associates has been named the exclusive real estate representatives for Black Rock Bar and Grill of Novi and Hartland. Signature will represent Black Rock, both corporate and franchise units, as it expands the concept. Bruce Baja, director of retail at Signature Associates, will assist Black Rock in its expansion.

Signature leases in Wixom

Signature Associates has negotiated the lease of 32,500 square feet of industrial space located at 28025 Oakland Oaks Court, Wixom.

Jim Montgomery of Signature Associates represented both the landlord, Oakland Oaks, LLC, and the tenant, Sonotronic. Oakland Oaks, LLC is improving the facility to a state-of-the-art manufacturing/research facility.



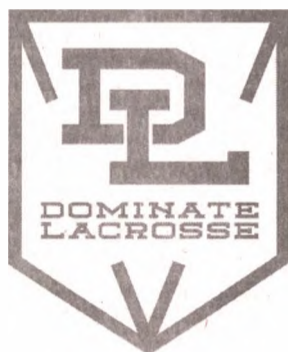
Nick Diegel teach lacrosse skills to local youth players.

Local standout returns to open lacrosse business

Local lacrosse standout Nick Diegel is returning to the area to open a lacrosse instruction company, Dominate Lacrosse (www.DominateLacrosse.com).

Diegel, who graduated from Northville High School in 2009, is excited to pass his knowledge and experience playing at the highest level in lacrosse on to the local boys and girls. Besides having several summer lacrosse camps available, he also provides personal instruction and lessons, along with strength and conditioning and ongoing mentoring to all campers and students.

"The major differentiators that Dominate Lacrosse will offer from other lacrosse camps are that you will learn from people who have played D-I lacrosse - today's lacrosse, not old lacrosse. The game has changed," Diegel said. "We offer college-level strength and conditioning plans, top meal plans and ongoing mentoring in a very structured and



professional environment."

Based in Northville, Diegel's company will be holding camps this summer for parks and recreation departments in Novi and South Lyon.

The foundation and culture of Dominate Lacrosse is built upon mentoring and developing youth lacrosse players through teamwork, discipline, integrity, leadership, strong academics and education, sportsmanship, love respect and family, positive coaching, and building class and character on and off the field.

Diegel will be completing his lacrosse career in May after play-

DETAILS

Visit www.DominateLacrosse.com to find the summer lacrosse schedules and the several camps offered this summer from kindergarten through 12th grade. All skill levels are welcome, from beginner to elite.

ing NCAA Division I lacrosse the last three years for Ohio State, where he also has been a three-time Student Athlete Award winner, two-time Academic Big Ten honoree and has won an ECAC conference championship ring.

Diegel will be completing his student teaching next year and upon completion will obtain his bachelor of arts in physical education, along with a health licensure specialization in May 2015. Diegel plans to return to Michigan full time after graduation in hopes to secure a teaching position in the area. He will also continue his education in his pursuit of a master's degree in sports administration.

NEWSMAKERS

Tom Wegehaupt

Tanner Friedman Strategic Communications announced Tom Wegehaupt has joined the firm as account manager.

Wegehaupt brings a proven track record of developing, directing and implementing a wide range of public relations and marketing communication strategies with a heavy focus on automotive and technology.

He joined Tanner Friedman from a full-service digital agency, where he held the position of project manager and helped mainly automotive clients define

their media presence online.

Wegehaupt served for nine years in the public relations department of the largest European automotive manufacturer. There, he developed and maintained relationships with a diverse range of national and international media professionals, served as a brand spokesperson, counseled executives and possessed a strong voice in the development and implementation of the brand's communication strategy.

Wegehaupt completed his business and general education courses at Oakland University and holds a bachelor of business administration with a concentration in marketing from Baker College.



Wegehaupt

Outreach



Rafael Garcia (left) and Luis Hernandez (right) from Preh, Inc., together with Juan Pablo Lontscharitsch of St. William Parish, stack donated goods as part of a recent community outreach sponsored by the South Oakland Shelter organization and hosted by the St. William Parish in Walled Lake. Based in Novi, Preh is a high-tech global automotive electronics supplier whose products are found on the world's leading vehicles and has been voted both "a cool company to work for" and a "best company to work for" in Novi. Preh employees assisted with registration, dinner preparations and cleanup, sorting and organizing donations, preparing lunch bags and other services.

OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

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

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

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 decision-making, 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.

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.

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CITY BRIEFS

Disney's 'Peter Pan Jr.'

The Novi Civic Theatre presents Disney's Peter Pan Jr. May 9-10 and 17-18. Tickets are available for purchase via www.cityofnovi.org...

pirate, Captain Hook! The production has two casts with 80 actors in third through 12th grades. The Jolly Roger cast includes Megan Gron of Northville (Peter Pan); Camryn Tynan of Northville (Wendy); Drew Smith of Waterford (Michael); and Nick Czarnota of Novi (John).

seniors (age 55 and older). All seats are general admission. For more information about the Novi Civic Theatre and other creative art opportunities in Novi, visit www.cityofnovi.org...

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 26.

The parade and ceremony honor veterans and those who sacrificed their lives. Groups are encouraged to showcase community spirit by creating

SMART driver program The city of Novi Older Adult Services and AARP have partnered to offer a comprehensive driver refresher course 12:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, and Thursday, May 8.

float, decorating a vehicle or marching as a unit. Families may participate by decorating bicycles and riding the parade route. The parade route begins at 10 Mile and Karim Boulevard...

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Novi

BRIGHTMOOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH 40800 W. 13 Mile Road, Novi on the corner of M-5 & W 13 Sundays 9:15a & 11:15a www.brightmoorcc.org something for the entire family

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375 Saturday 4:30 p.m. (English) & 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Sunday 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

Walled Lake

CROSSPOINT COMMUNITY CHURCH 1850 S. Commerce Rd. Walled Lake, MI 48390 Sunday Services: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Wednesday Evening: 7 p.m. All Ages

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HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL 40700 W. Ten Mile Rd. • 248-427-1175 Sunday Worship 7:45 am & 10 am Healing Service Wednesday 11:45 am Rev. Ann Webber, Rector

Whitmore Lake

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

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Highland

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Milford United Methodist Church 1200 Atlantic St., Milford, MI 48381 Sunday Worship: 8:30 am and 10:30 am, 6 pm Children's Church: 10:30 am Groups for Children, Youth and Adults 248-684-2798

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WEST HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH 1116 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48380 248-887-1218 Sunday Worship 9 am & 11:15 am Wed. Kids-6:30 pm/Adults-6:45 pm Also Small Groups / Ministry Teams

The Church of Christ 21860 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, MI 48178 248-437-3585 • www.southlyonccc.org 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship Wednesday Midweek Ministries 7 p.m. Troy Singleton, Minister

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NEW HOPE - A Unitarian Universalist Congregation 57855 Grand River Ave., New Hudson, MI 48165 Phone 248-474-9108 Sunday Celebration of Life Service 10:30 a.m. Rev. Suzanne Paul, Minister Website: http://www.newhopeuu.org

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Northville

First Presbyterian Church of Northville www.fpcnorthville.org 200 E. MAIN ST. AT HUTTON Worship, 9:30 am. Sunday School for all ages, 10:30 am. 248-349-0911

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Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church 54899 8 Mile Rd. at Currie Rd. Northville, MI 48167 248-374-2268 Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Fellowship/Coffee 11:00 a.m. Worship Service Wednesday Bible Study (Colossians) at 7 pm Pastor Andy Whittier

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FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Services held at Saint Andrews Episcopal Church 16360 Hubbard Road - Livonia South of Six Mile Road Adult Sunday School 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Childrens Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Dr. James N. McGuire • Nursery Provided

OUR VIEW

New tests for teachers only a beginning

State needs to support reforms

Raising standards required for becoming a teacher is a laudable goal, but making it tougher to enter the field won't by itself improve educational outcomes in Michigan. Our problems are bigger than that.

The state House of Representatives' Education Subcommittee recently approved \$3.6 million to revamp teacher certification tests. The appropriation would allow the Department of Education to accelerate efforts to toughen the exams, something state Superintendent Mike Flanagan has said is a priority.

Tougher certification tests won't by themselves lead to a higher level of performance in Michigan classrooms, nor will they address the underlying systemic — and political — issues that stunt professional growth in public education.

We agree and we encourage both chambers of the Legislature to send it on to Gov. Rick Snyder for his signature. It's been more than a decade since Michigan updated these exams, which by most accounts are laughably easy.

As *Bridge* magazine's Ron French reported in his "Building a Better Teacher" series last fall, when the education department beefed up the test all aspiring teachers must take before they are allowed to student teach, the pass rate plummeted from 82 percent on previous exams to 26 percent. Flanagan at the time hailed the test results as proof that the state was serious about letting only the most qualified teachers into Michigan classrooms.

The infusion of cash means that the department will be able to roll out the new tests in two years rather than the estimated 11 years it would have otherwise taken; that faster timetable is worth the investment.

But let's keep it real. Tougher certification tests won't by themselves lead to a higher level of performance in Michigan classrooms, nor will they address the underlying systemic — and political — issues that stunt professional growth in public education.

There's plenty of blame to go around when it comes to poor educational outcomes in Michigan, but too much of that blame is misplaced at the feet of teachers.

As a state and a nation, we can press for higher admissions standards into teaching programs and those programs can do a better job of aligning themselves with the demands of today's classrooms.

It's not at all clear, however, that so-called "smarter teachers" will fix what ails public schools, certainly not without significant efforts to improve the conditions and resources available to educators.

We've seen little evidence that our teachers lack skills or expertise. What they lack, rather, is time, guidance and support necessary to be fully effective and grow in their careers.

Poorly compensated relative to other professions, teaching in the United States has long struggled to be seen as a valued profession. Policymakers, many of them in Lansing, seem to prefer a high-turnover teaching force that is minimally trained.

The overemphasis on standardized tests, punitive evaluation policies and bureaucratic regulations, combined with larger class sizes and resource-starved classrooms, combine to create a high rate of turnover among teachers. About 40 percent of all teachers leave within the first five years of starting their jobs — more than any other profession.

There's nothing wrong with demanding higher standards from aspiring teachers, but policymakers should take into account that high achievers have standards as well, among them the opportunity to work in an environment in which they feel valued and adequately compensated.

Until we decide that teaching is a serious profession that demands substantial public investment, we will not produce the skilled teachers that are needed to address the needs of our children.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What's your best advice for younger generations?

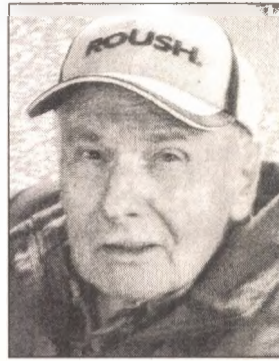
We asked this question at Novi's Meadowbrook Commons and Northville's Allen Terrace Senior residential community.



"Have a friend, be a good friend."
Barbara McDonald
Novi



"Look after your health and get plenty of exercise."
DeeAnne Allen
Novi



"Stay out of any more wars. We've had too many in this country."
Ed Gaffka
Northville



"Save all your money for when you're old."
Rose Brink
Novi

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Honor Michigan war dogs

Michigan War Dog Memorial Inc. is located at Milford and 11 Mile roads in Lyon Township.

The restoration of the abandoned memorial started in 2010. Through our research, we found the site was established in 1936 as a pet cemetery. At that time, it was called Happy Hunting Grounds Pet Cemetery. In 1946, after the local residents were informed of the many lives war dogs saved during World War II, a monument was erected to honor them for their heroic service to our country. In 1947, the first war dog was interred, Sgt. Sparks SN 49. Sgt. Sparks fought with the U.S. Marines in the Pacific in four campaigns and brought everybody home safely.

We started restoring this two-acre site, clearing heavy brush, dead trees. As the word spread of our mission, many VSOs (veteran service organizations), K-9 supporters and local residents came together as an all-volunteer force to restore this hallowed ground back to its former grandeur.

In 2013, we formed a nonprofit organization and renamed the site "Michigan War Dog Memorial." We also received clearance from the township to resume interment for all K-9s that serve and protect us. This includes police K-9s, Homeland Security K-9s, Border Patrol K-9s, etc. It also includes service K-9s for the disabled, therapy dogs and companion dogs for veterans with

PTSD.

If a Michigan working dog is KIA or dies while deployed on foreign soil, there is a memorial and burial with honors; if it dies at his/her home base, there is a memorial and burial with honors; however, if the retired dog is adopted out and dies, there is no place for the brave K-9 to be buried with honors. We have made a place for this heroic K-9 at no cost to the handler/owner.

In 2013, we interred two retired military working dogs with full military honors for their bravery. "Buddy" E-154, TSA-EDD and "Mina" F-735, U.S. Army-MDD.

Our mission for 2014 is to erect four more monuments, one for the K-9s that served in the Korea War, one for the K-9s that served and were left behind in the Vietnam War, one for the K-9s that served in Iraq and one for the K-9s that served in Afghanistan.

With the help from private donations and corporate sponsors stepping up, we will be able to complete this mission. If you can, please make a donation. To donate, go to www.mwdm.org.

Phil Weitlauf
Michigan War Dog Memorial Inc. president

Limit influence of corporations

The signers of our U.S. Constitution did not intend corporations to be treated as living persons, the way the Constitution is in-

terpreted now. Corporations are now unlimited in the amount of money they can spend on candidates and lawmakers to influence legislation only to their own benefit. Senate Resolution 18 and House Resolution 21 would rectify this unfairness. Please urge both our Sens. Levin and Stabenow and your representative in the House to co-sponsor and support this legislation.

Sally Peck
Livonia

Pass meth legislation

I support Sen. Proos and Rep. Price's recently proposed anti-meth bills (Senate Bills 535, 563, 564, 756, along with House Bills 5363 and 5364) because they are reasonable and effective approaches to curbing one of our state's worst afflictions.

Meth is a terrible drug that can devastate entire communities. Michigan law enforcement officers are doing everything they can to curtail its distribution, production and abuse, but meth presents a complex problem to try to solve. Sen. Proos and Rep. Price have proposed innovative new policies that would give our law enforcement professionals more tools to combat the meth problem.

Policies that target meth need to be smart, balanced and effective. Proos and Price deserve credit for crafting such a policy.

Carl F. Berry
retired police chief,
Plymouth Township

GUEST COLUMN

State's bridges, like our roads, have been neglected

As our cars rattle and bounce over potholes, it's evident that our roads are in great need of repair. Perhaps not so obvious is that Michigan's long-standing road-funding crisis has also taken a toll on our bridges.

It has been widely reported that Michigan is, and has long been, among the bottom 10 states in the nation in per capita state and local road funding (according to U.S. Census Bureau data) and that this has resulted in 80 percent of Michigan's local roads being in fair or poor condition.

Most of us, however, pay little attention to the bridges that dot our road system, particularly since most of the critical bridge structure is under the road surface and therefore out of sight. The Road Commission for Oakland County, however, pays a lot of attention to these structures.

We have 105 bridges greater than 20 feet in length and 177 less than 20 feet in length. Why do we break them down by those greater or less than 20 feet? Because only the bridges greater than 20 feet in length are eligible for Local Bridge Program funding.

The Local Bridge Program is a state-run program that combines state and federal dollars and competitively awards grants to repair or replace bridges. It is usually the only funding source available to repair or replace these bridges.

While some of our bridges are in less than ideal condition, we are not concerned about them falling down. That's because we are vigilant about inspecting them.

Every bridge greater than 20 feet receives a detailed inspection every two years. Bridges less than 20 feet are inspected every four years.



Ron Fowkes
GUEST COLUMNIST

At the first sign of deterioration, the frequency of inspections is increased and continues to increase if deterioration advances. Because of this, it is highly unlikely that a bridge on our system could advance to the point of being at risk of collapsing without us closing it well before that.

Our inspections are conducted by a company, Great Lakes Engineering, which specializes in bridge inspections and has some of the most qualified bridge experts in the state on staff. The inspections often involve getting in the water under the bridge to get a close-up look at the underside of the structure, where they study beams and other elements of the superstructure for any signs of stress (often signs that are not visible to the untrained eye).

When our inspections indicate the bridge has reached a level of deterioration that affects its ability to carry certain weights, we typically reduce the amount of weight that can legally be driven across the bridge in order to slow the rate of deterioration.

Typically, this does not impact passenger vehicles and generally affects only commercial trucks. In severe cases, though, we are forced to impose weight restrictions that result in school buses and fire trucks being prohibited on the bridge. In the most extreme cases, we would have to close a bridge.

Even though we have been fortunate in recent years, getting enough special bridge funding to

replace or repair some of our most deteriorated structures, there remains no shortage of bridges in our system needing rehabilitation or replacement.

Of the 105 bridges greater than 20 feet in length, 16 are currently structurally deficient and 19 are functionally obsolete. Weight restrictions have been imposed on 18 of these bridges.

As a percentage, more of our bridges greater than 20 feet are in fair or poor condition than are in good condition. Just more than 40 percent are in good condition, while 40 percent are in fair condition and about 18 percent are in poor condition.

The real danger in all this is that, unless we start investing more in our infrastructure, these numbers are going to get worse. More and more bridges will become structurally deficient and/or functionally obsolete.

We will have to impose weight restrictions on more and more bridges and increase the level of restrictions on those bridges where there are already restrictions. The ever-increasing weight restrictions will become a greater inconvenience and potentially a safety concern if we are forced to restrict emergency vehicles from some bridges.

It is important that we don't forget that Michigan's long-standing road-funding crisis has resulted not only in neglected roads, but deteriorated bridges as well.

If, like me, you're worried about Michigan's bridges, I encourage you to contact your state legislators and urge them to find a solution to our long-term road and bridge-funding crisis.

Ron Fowkes of Milford is the vice chair of the Oakland County Board of Road Commissioners.

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Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

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

First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile
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First Presbyterian Church

Location: 205 E. Lake St. (corner of Wells and 10 Mile), South Lyon
Contact: 248-437-2875

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Location: 41415 Nine Mile, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi
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Novi girls varsity tennis defeated Ann Arbor Skyline, Birmingham Groves and Brighton at Saturday's Brighton Quad Invitational. Pictured with their championship trophy are team members (front, from left) Erin Day, Dina Fawaz, Rachel Bailey, Harika Bollineni, Carolyn Zhang and Shakhila Khan; (middle, from left) Asawari Kanitkar, Dhivya Sridar, Sam Martin, Amy Zhou, Ava Bianchi, Katie Telder and Jessica Lypka; and (back) coaches Lowes and Hanson. MIKE BIANCHI

Wildcats battle Cougars to draw

Eighth-ranked Novi shuts down Saline, 4-1

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

With two fellow top-10 Division 1 opponents on the schedule last week, Novi's girls soccer team showed it belongs in the rankings.

Ranked No. 8 heading into last week, Novi (6-1-1, 3-1-0 KLA Central) moved up to No. 6 this week after two solid performances April 22 against No. 9 Saline and April 24 against No. 2 Rochester Hills Stoney Creek.

The Wildcats took the lead early in both games.

ON TAP

Novi (6-1-1, 3-1-0 KLA Central) has a busy week of league play ahead. The Wildcats will visit Livonia Stevenson (4-2-2, 0-2-0 Central) at 7 p.m. today, No. 14 Plymouth (2-2-0, 2-1-0 Central) at 5:30 p.m. Friday, host South Lyon (0-5-1, 0-3-0 Central) at 7 p.m. Tuesday and visit South Lyon East at 7 p.m. May 8.

Sophomore Chloe Allen scored nine minutes into the Saline game off a cross from senior Gabby DeLeon. Just two minutes later, sophomore Jessie Halmaghi set DeLeon up for a goal of her own to make it 2-0. Saline cut its deficit to 2-1 about 10 minutes before halftime, but DeLeon tallied her third point of the game 13

minutes into the second half when she set senior Taylor Pavlika up with a drop pass for a one-timer at the top of the goal crease. Freshman Bailey Baumbick capitalized on DeLeon's third assist of the day with 10 minutes left to account for a 4-1 victory.

Coming into the second game of the week undefeated, Stoney Creek (5-0-1) posed a tougher challenge.

However, Allen received a pass

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Novi senior Gabby DeLeon (No. 29) had a goal and three assists in a win over Saline. CHRIS JACKETT

Novi upends A.A. Huron, falls to Bloomfield Hills

Doubles squads propelling Wildcats to success

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Even with one dual meet canceled due to rain, Novi's girls tennis team had a jam-packed week that included battling two of the top teams in Division 1.

Novi (5-2) picked up a 6-2 victory on the road April 22 over No. 8 Ann Arbor Huron to start the week, but lost an 8-0 decision to No. 3 Bloomfield Hills the next day. The 'Cats also beat Saline 7-1 April 24 before winning a quad meet Saturday at Brighton that included the host Bulldogs, Birmingham Groves and Ann Arbor Skyline. Novi swept the top four doubles flights and went 2-1 in four of the other five flights.

"(Huron is) ranked No. 8, so it was a good win," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "We're playing these teams to get good competition and improve our games. Lahser and Andover were really good tennis schools in their own rights. When you play the top teams, they expose your weaknesses very quickly. Their singles were very good, not quite the level of Clarkston. It was good for us. Our kids stuck their nose in there and battled."

Leading the way was junior Erin Day, who went 3-2 at No. 1 singles last

ON TAP

Novi (5-2) has another busy week ahead. The Wildcats visit Brighton today and then have the weekend to regroup before facing Plymouth on Tuesday and No. 1 Grosse Pointe South on Wednesday.

week. Day lost 6-0, 6-1 to Bloomfield Hills, beat Saline 6-0, 6-1, then battled through the quad meet after a 6-1, 6-0 loss to Skyline to defeat Brighton 6-4, 6-7(4), 10-8 and Groves 5-7, 6-2, 10-5 in a pair of matches that went to a tiebreaker.

"Erin had a very good tournament," Hanson said. "She played hard and won a couple very tough matches against Brighton and Groves."

Day also teamed with senior Amy Zhou for a 7-5, 6-2 victory over Huron at No. 1 doubles, as Zhou's regular partner - senior Asawari Kanitkar - missed the three dual meets with an injury.

Freshman Jessica Lypka had a tough week in going 2-4 at No. 2 singles. She lost 6-2, 6-1 to Huron; lost 6-1, 6-0 to Bloomfield Hills; beat Saline 6-4, 6-1; beat Brighton 6-2, 6-3; lost to Groves 7-6

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Novi's No. 1 singles player Erin Day warms up. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Wildcats' season picking up speed, victories

Novi pitchers throw complete games in four of six outings

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Novi's baseball team showed a lot of promise last week.

After a 1-8 start, strong performances by multiple pitchers helped the Wildcats (5-10, 1-3 KLA Central) roll to a 4-2 record in the past week. And Novi was in both losses, too, but couldn't close the deal.

The week started April 22 against Walled Lake Central (12-3, 6-2 North), as senior Mark Czapski pitched a complete game, allowing 12 hits, one strikeout and seven runs (four earned) in an 8-7 victory.

"There was a big two-run single by (junior Brian) Baxter in the bottom of the sixth," Novi coach Rick Green said of the Wildcats' go-ahead run.

Baxter led Novi's offense with three RBIs and two runs while going 2-for-3. Senior Andrew Turek also went 2-for-3, while senior Jared Casaccia, junior Adam Tobias, senior Keaton Figurski, senior Bryan Klosterman and junior Michael Mitchell each had one hit.

South Lyon East

The 'Cats visited South Lyon East (3-4, 3-4 Central) the next night for a division double-

header. Novi rode the arm of southpaw senior Tyler Whitehead to a 6-0 victory. With a seven-inning complete game, Whitehead had nine strikeouts and allowed three hits and two walks.

"He pitched a great game," Green said.

Whitehead - who verbally committed to NCAA Division III's Hope College earlier this school year - signed a national letter of intent April 25 to play at Division II's Georgetown (Ky.) College after receiving a scholarship offer April 15.

His shutout was helped by Klosterman and junior Brendan Wexler with two hits each, while Casaccia tallied one. Novi was also helped by five walks from East's pitchers.

Things didn't go the Wildcats' way in the second game, as the Cougars picked away at

ON TAP

Novi (5-10, 1-3 KLA Central) will host Walled Lake Northern (7-4, 4-2 North) for a doubleheader Friday, visit Westland John Glenn (8-6, 3-3 South) Monday and then visit Plymouth Salem (3-2, 3-2 Central) Wednesday for a doubleheader, all at 4 p.m.

starting pitcher Tobias and took advantage of errors to tally six runs (four earned) through the first two innings en route to an 8-4 victory. Tobias mastered one strikeout, two walks and one hit batter before senior Blair Myers took over for four innings of relief; he allowed four hits, two strikeouts and two runs (one earned).

But the offense wasn't there. Casaccia led the way with two hits and an RBI, while Turek and Mitchell (one RBI) each had one hit and sophomore Scott Beaton tallied a ground out run.

Ypsilanti Lincoln

The bats had no problems Friday against Ypsilanti Lincoln. Over the course of a doubleheader, Novi outscored the Railsplitters 26-0 in a pair of mercy-rule victories.

Senior Craig Wilson pitched a full five innings in the first game, a 12-0 win. He allowed one hit, four walks and one hit batter.

The offense was led by Whitehead (3-for-3, four RBIs), Klosterman (2-for-4, two RBIs) and one hit apiece for Figurski,

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Catholic Central golf team playing well

Squad picks up tournament win, eighth-place finish

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Detroit Catholic Central golf team has been making the best of the spring now that it has apparently arrived. The squad went out last week and collected a win at the Indianwood tournament, as well as a fourth-place finish.

Wait – two places in the same tournament? “We had two teams participating (at) Indianwood,” assistant golf coach Rick Williams said. “One on the Old Course and one on the New Course.” Catholic Central’s Blue squad cranked out some impressive scores to take home

the tournament victory with a 300. Ben Smith shot an impressive 72 on the Old Course, while James Piot carded a 74, Glenn Piot shot a 76 and Dan Ault recorded a 78. Jimmy Ryan also played, shooting an 84, but only the team’s top four scores were counted. On the New Course, the White team shot a 332 for fourth place. Max Palmer shot

a 74, while Joe Amori carded an 82, Steve Magagna had an 84 and Eddie Allen recorded a 92. Also playing but not being scored was Nazir Jairazbhoy, who shot a 92. The Shamrocks also participated with a third team at the East Lansing Invitational, where they finished eighth in a field of 21 teams with a 331 on the day. The Shamrocks played the

Walnut Hills Country Club and were led by senior Jackson Bushway, who shot a 79, including a solid eagle on the eighth hole. Ryan Bomya, Ryan Burke and Alex Hayes each shot an 84, while Josh Stein recorded an 86. Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer covering sports for the Northville Record and Novi News.

CC lacrosse squad falls to Brother Rice

Shamrocks put up fight, but can't come away with win

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Heading into the lacrosse game against Brother Rice last week, Detroit Catholic Central knew it would find one of two teams waiting. Either the Warriors, who had just suffered through their first in-state loss in 12 years, would be dejected or they'd be on the rebound. Unfortunately for the Shamrocks, they found themselves facing the latter and Brother Rice began working on a new win streak as it escaped with a 15-9 victory. In the game prior, the Warriors were defeated by Detroit Country Day. It

was their first loss to a Michigan team in more than a decade. The Warriors weren't going to make it back-to-back losses, despite Catholic Central's best efforts. Brother Rice raced out to a 13-1 lead, but had to hold off a rejuvenated Shamrocks squad in the second half to preserve the win. The Shamrocks were the first to score, as Justin Baker found the back of the net less than a minute into the game. It would be more than 30 minutes before they were able to repeat the feat. In the third quarter, trailing 13-1, the Shamrocks' offense began to surge. They went on a

ON TAP

Detroit Catholic Central will play at Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central at 5:30 p.m. Friday.

four-goal run and then added two more in the opening minutes of the fourth to cut into Rice's advantage, 14-8, but the rejuvenated offense showed up too late. Leading the Shamrocks was Jack Van Acker, who had three goals, while Baker and Sean Birney had two goals each and Connor Holton and Sean Stanners added one each. Catholic Central fell to 5-1, while top-ranked Brother Rice climbed to 7-2. Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer covering sports for the Northville Record and Novi News.



Novi sophomore Chloe Allen get a shot on goal in a game earlier this season.

SOCCER

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from senior Kendall Kramer, fought off a defender and beat the keeper 11 minutes into the contest for an early lead that would hold through halftime. “It was a great soccer game between two very good teams,” Novi coach Brian O’Leary said. “In the second half, both team had some great chances to score and there was some very entertaining, back-and-forth soccer.”

With six minutes left in the game, the Cougars sent a cross into a crowded box that found the head of a Stoney Creek forward headed for the tying goal. “Many of our players played great games,” O’Leary said. “Jacqui Kozlowski jockeyed her best game of the year. Karissa Koomen did a great job battling all night long with Stoney Creek’s all-state forward Jamison Midgley. Gabby DeLeon contributed a



Novi sophomore Katrina Koomen (left) scores in a game earlier this season. PHOTOS BY CHRIS JACKETT



Senior Kendall Kramer helped Novi to a win and a tie last week.

ton both on offense and defense from her center mid position. And Jessie Parvana and Bella Schultz did a

great job coming off the bench and giving quality minutes at outside mid.” Novi freshman goalkeeper Bethany Kovel picked up eight saves, as just three Stoney Creek attempts were not on net. Seven of Novi’s nine shot attempts were on net. The Wildcats wrapped up the week with a 2-0 victory Friday over visiting South Lyon East (8-3-0, 1-3-0 Central). Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former staff writer covering Novi High School sports for the Novi News.

Knights pick up first win

Rugby team suffers two shutout losses, but bounces right back with victory

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Taking two losses to start the season is always a rough way to begin, but it's how a team responds to that adversity that decides what the remainder of the year will bring. The Northville Knights Rugby Club, coached by Ron Cornell, suffered a 17-0 loss against Brighton to open the season April 3 and then was bulldozed by Howell, 28-0, a week later. But the squad came back April 16 to earn a victory over a scrappy Berkeley Squad. The Mustangs found themselves trailing, 10-0, with just 10 minutes remaining in the match when Joel Atallah took the ball and scampered into the end zone for a try from approximately five meters

out as he powered his way down the sideline. Ricky Lenczewski tried for the extra point, but his kick hit the left upright and bounced out. Northville took the ensuing kickoff, however, and began grinding its way forward as time rolled off the clock. The Knights moved the ball to the right, pitching it out wide to Luke Sims, who drew the wide defender before tossing a lateral to Matt McNamara. McNamara raced 10 meters, setting the ball in end zone for the try with less than a minute left to tie the score, 10-10. The team scrambled back from the conversion kick, which was set to the right side of the goal post. The right-footed Lenczewski hooked the shot through despite the tough

ON TAP

The Knights will play Lakeview at 5:30 p.m. today at Riley Upper Elementary School in Livonia. They will then travel to the Elkhart (Ind.) Invitational this weekend. On May 8, they play Grand Blanc at home at 5:30 p.m.

angle, making it a 12-10 game with time expiring. Northville then received the kick off and kicked the ball into touch to run out the clock and earn the win. The victory puts the Knights at 1-2 on the season. To open the year, they fell to Brighton, 17-0, on a cold and rainy night. “We played good defense, but had no ball movement and a lot of drops and missed tackles that led to the Brighton scores,” said Cornell of his squad, which had trailed just 7-0 at the half. Against a very tough Howell team, the Knights were shorthanded due to Novi’s spring break and the rest of the team played poorly. “We got down early on a missed tackle on the outside, which led to a 50-meter try,” Cornell said, recalling the play that deflated his team. “They were bigger and more aggressive than we were.”

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

BASEBALL

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Baxter and Casaccia, most who tallied runs alongside Turek and senior Andrew Stefan. Novi’s batters were just as potent in the second game, a 14-0 victory. Tobias (3-for-3, two RBIs), Wilson (3-for-4, RBI), freshman Alec Bageris (one hit, two RBIs), Beaton (one hit, two RBIs), junior Mike Ninkovich (2-for-3, one RBI), Mitchell (one hit), Myers (one hit, two RBIs), sophomore Spencer VanKirk (one hit, two RBIs) and senior Charlie Richter (one hit, RBI) led the way. VanKirk’s hit was his first with the varsity squad. Ninkovich and Richter combined for a five-inning complete game shutout. Ninkovich gave up two hits, three strikeouts and one walk in four innings, before Richter came in for the fifth inning and struck out two of the three batters he faced. Livonia Churchill In a disappointing finish to a good week, Novi lost 4-3 Monday to Churchill (4-6, 2-5 South). Despite out-hitting the Chargers 10-3 and having 16 runners on base to their five, Churchill managed to pull out the victory with Czapski on the mound for Novi. He had a seven-inning complete game, allowing three hits with four strike-

outs, two walks and four runs (two earned). The offense was led by Ninkovich (3-for-4, RBI), Figurski (two hits) and one hit apiece from Klosterman, Whitehead, Mitchell and Wilson (RBI). “We should’ve easily won this game,” Green said. “We left so many guys in scoring position. We’re just taking so many big swings with guys on third in scoring position and less than two outs. “I’m just disappointed that we have runners in scoring positions and we’re making those mistakes in the field.” Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former staff writer covering Novi High School sports for the Novi News.

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Girls lacrosse dominates two Farmington teams

Wildcats tie last season's victory total midway through 2014 campaign

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Last week was a game of opposites for Novi's girls lacrosse team.

The Wildcats (6-3) dropped a 16-5 contest to Troy (5-2) April 19, but bounced back for a pair of victories over the neighboring Farmington school district in which the Wildcats had a 36-10 goal advantage.

"Overall our season has been a 180 from last year," Novi coach Caitlin Warda said.

"We have been able to connect and find one another on the field and our stick skills just continue to progress. Our biggest challenge is trying to keep up with the teams who have long-lived and progressed programs. Coming together on defense and being able to fight against those highly skilled offensive teams has been our biggest challenge, but we are absolutely beginning to overcome it."

Against Farmington Unified (3-2) - Farmington and North Farmington - April 21, the Wildcats rolled to a 21-6 win against those highly skilled offensive teams has been our biggest challenge, but we are absolutely beginning to overcome it."

The offensive flurry was spurred by sophomore Ginal Salemi (three goals, three assists), senior captain Haley Parker (two goals, four assists), senior captain Megan Paul (four goals), junior Mina Cunmulaj (one goal, two assists), senior Chloe MacDonald (two goals), junior Morgan Statetzny (two goals), senior Megan Murphy (one goal) and senior Nicole Lazzara (one goal).

"We have amped up our communication and overall made much wiser decisions as a whole," Warda said. "Every timeout is a positive one and we have so much reinforcement from one another to keep our heads up and to never back

down, even if we are losing."

The Wildcats claimed a 15-4 victory April 23 when it hosted Farmington Hills Harrison (2-6).

Paul led the way with six goals and two assists, while Clark had four goals and two assists. Also chipping in were Lazzara (two goals) and Parker, Salemi and sophomore Lauren Chapman (one goal each).

"It's amazing to see where the team was when we started and where it is now," Warda said. "In just three years, our team has gone from never picking up a stick before to winning more games than we are losing just halfway through the season. Our goal, like most other teams I'm sure, is to

ON TAP

Novi (6-3) will host South Lyon United (3-6) today and Plymouth Salem (10-1) Monday before visiting Canton (5-2) Wednesday and South Lyon United May 8.

make it to playoffs. I have confidence that we can do it. We have worked so hard these past three years and we have girls on this team that have been playing together since the program began in 2012."

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

Monroe champs



The Livonia City Thunder 13-U Travel Baseball team entered its first tournament of the year and played near flawless baseball. The pitching staff allowed only eight hits over the four games and players made some serious noise with the bats in Monroe, going undefeated in its bracket with wins over Brighton (19-1), the Waterford Angels (19-2) and the Livonia Ravens (15-1). The Thunder then defeated the Jackson Heat (11-1) in the championship game. Team members include (back, from left) head coach Dennis Bushart, Evan Yokie, Ethan Sandusky, D.J. Harding, assistant coach Rick Genrich and assistant coach Joe Lack and (front, from left) head coach Greg Wendt, Brandon Unger, Allen Woodward, Cole Bushart, Marco Genrich, Brian Wendt, Joe Hardenbergh and Andrew Lack. Also on the team are Nick Rood and Justin Reynolds.

Area teams earn top rankings

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It has never been much of a secret that the teams from Northville, Novi and Detroit Catholic Central are some of the state's best, but it's always nice when the coaching polls verify it.

This spring sports season, all three schools are boasting several top-ranked teams in the polls, which are typically voted on by the respective coaching associations for each sport.

The top-ranked team from the area is the No. 1-ranked Northville girls soccer team, which has remained undefeated so far this season, including a 3-0 victory over Novi, which is the No. 6-ranked team in the state.

In girls tennis, Northville has earned itself a No. 4-ranking. Grosse

Pointe South is the top-ranked team.

Catholic Central is earning itself much-deserved recognition on the boys lacrosse field, picking up a No. 3 ranking from laxpower.com, which ranks teams.

Northville is also ranked in the boys lacrosse poll as the No. 23 team in the state. The top-ranked team is - unsurprisingly - Brother Rice. South Lyon is ranked No. 15.

Northville's baseball team isn't ranked in the top 10 by the coaches association, but it is ranked No. 6 in the Mlive.com Detroit rankings. The softball team is ranked as honorable mention of the same poll.

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TENNIS

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(3), 6-3; and lost to Skyline 6-3, 6-3.

"Jessica at two, every time out is a new learning experience for her," Hanson said. "But she competes and had a good tournament."

At No. 3 singles, sophomore Youna Lee had similar struggles, losing 6-1, 6-1 to both Huron and Bloomfield Hills; beating Saline 6-0, 6-2; Groves 2-6, 6-3, 10-7 and Skyline 6-2, 6-1 before losing 6-3, 6-2 to Brighton.

Sophomore Allison Lollo had slightly more luck at No. 4 singles, defeating Huron 1-6, 6-3, 6-1; losing 6-1, 6-2 to Bloomfield Hills; beating Saline 6-1, 6-2; Skyline 6-0, 6-2; Brighton 6-2, 6-3 and

then losing 6-4, 6-3 to Groves.

The doubles squads saw a lot more success last week. After teaming with Day for a No. 1 doubles victory, Zhou teamed with freshman Teja Mogsala in a 6-1, 6-2 loss to Bloomfield Hills and a 6-1, 6-2 victory over Saline before being reunited with Kanitkar to sweep the Brighton quad with a 6-3, 6-2 win over Brighton; 6-3, 6-0 win over Groves and 6-1, 6-4 win over Skyline.

As one of only two doubles pairs that featured the same players last week, the No. 2 doubles team of seniors Rachel Bailey and Dina Fawaz defeated Huron 6-4, 6-3; lost to Bloomfield Hills 6-3, 6-1; beat Saline 6-3, 6-1; and then swept Groves 7-5, 2-6, 10-2; Skyline 6-3, 6-1 and Brighton

6-0, 6-0.

In No. 3 doubles, senior Harika Bollineni and junior Dhiyya Sridar beat Huron 6-3, 6-0; Skyline 6-0, 6-1; Brighton 6-2, 6-7(4), 10-5 and Groves 6-2, 6-3.

While Bollineni and Sridar were out of town on a class trip, sophomores Ava Bianchi and Shivani Kozarekar moved up from junior varsity for a pair of losses: 6-0, 7-5 to Bloomfield Hills and 6-2, 6-2 to Saline.

Junior Sam Martin and sophomore Carolyn Zhang teamed at No. 4 doubles for a 6-2, 6-2 win over Huron; 7-5, 6-4 loss to Bloomfield Hills; 6-0, 6-0 win over Saline; 6-1, 6-2 win over Brighton; 6-3, 6-7(4), 10-5 win over Groves and a 6-0, 6-0 win over Skyline.

Wrapping up the flights was junior Shaki-

la Khan and freshman Teja Mogsala, who beat Huron 6-1, 6-2; beat Groves 6-3, 6-3; lost to Skyline 2-6, 7-6(4), 10-8 and beat Brighton 6-0, 6-1. The No. 5 doubles did not compete against Bloomfield Hills or Saline.

"We had seven (tie-breakers) and the good news is we won six of them," Hanson said. "As a coach, you don't like to play that, but at tournaments that last so long and it was windy and cold yesterday, that's what

they played. It's the choice of the host school. Those are a little tricky, but we played excellent."

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

NOVI ROUNDUP

Novi clips Ravens, claws Plymouth

After a slow start, Novi's boys lacrosse team flipped its week last week. The Wildcats (6-5) dropped an April 23 contest 13-6 at Saline (8-2), but rebounded with an 11-4 victory Friday over Royal Oak (3-4) and a 13-6 win Monday at Plymouth (3-7).

The 'Cats will host Walled Lake Western (1-6) 7 p.m. Friday, visit Plymouth Salem (3-6) at 8 p.m. Monday and host Canton (4-2) at 7 p.m. May 8.

Wildcats 1-7 against KLAA, 4-1 against OAA

Novi's softball season was night and day along the KLAA border until this weekend. Through April 25, the Wildcats (5-9, 0-4 Central) were 0-6 in the KLAA and 4-0 against the OAA.

The team had dropped games 4-0 to Canton April 2, 15-0 to Plymouth April 14, 11-8 and 14-0 to Northville April 16 and then 11-1 and 13-2 against South Lyon East April 23. However, it had picked up 8-6 and 13-0 victories over Birmingham Seaholm April 17 and 7-6 and 15-6 victories over West Bloomfield April 21.

This past weekend added a little more variety, as the Wildcats defeated KLAA's Walled Lake Northern, but then lost 9-5 to OAA's Rochester Adams and 16-0 to Fenton. The 'Cats followed it up with a 12-4 loss Monday to Livonia Churchill.

Novi will visit Westland John Glenn on Monday, visit Plymouth Salem for a doubleheader Wednesday and then visit OAA's Farmington for a doubleheader May 8.

Summer camp for young cheerleaders

Novi's varsity cheerleaders will host a set of clinics for girls ages 5-12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 7-9 at Novi Woods Elementary, 25345 Taft Road. 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 shoes 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 returning

The Novi Wildcats' girls basketball camp is just around the corner. Winners of the past five KLAA Central Division titles, coach Bill Kelp and his squad will be back on the court in June to teach girls the finer points behind 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. Teams and competitions 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.

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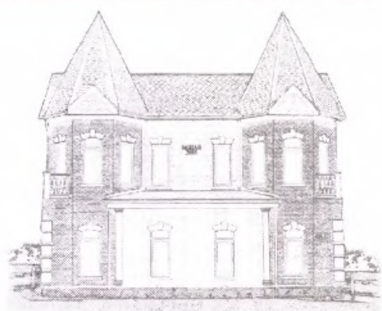
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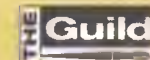
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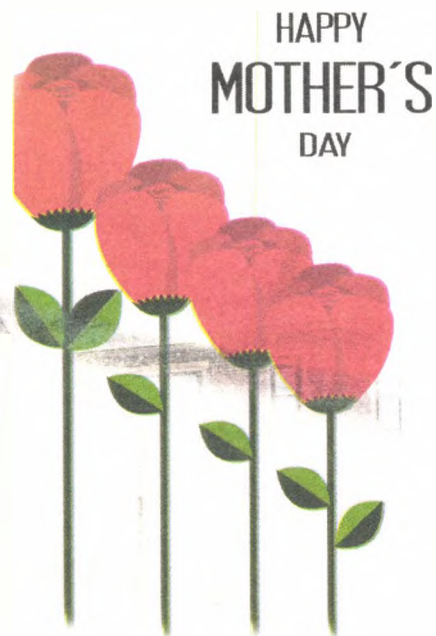
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Thanks to all of the sons, daughters, nieces and others who sent in photos and heartwarming tributes.

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Area artisans showcase design talents

■ Junior League Show House opens May 3 ■

The Junior League of Detroit has announced a slate of 19 metro Detroit interior decorating firms and more than 30 designers and artists whose work will be featured in the 2014 Designers' Show House, open May 3-18 at 1007 Bishop Road in Grosse Pointe Park.

In addition, six professional landscapers have been chosen to transform the extensive grounds surrounding the house. A boutique, greenery and cafe will offer opportunities for shopping and relaxing.

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What: The JLD Designers' Show House. Ticket prices are \$20 prior to the opening May 3 and \$25 at the door. Contact 313-881-0040 or visit jldetroit.org for more preview details and retail ticket locations.

When: Saturday, May 3 through Sunday, May 18, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday as well as 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Where: A 9,000-square-foot Tudor house, 1007 Bishop Road, Grosse Pointe Park.

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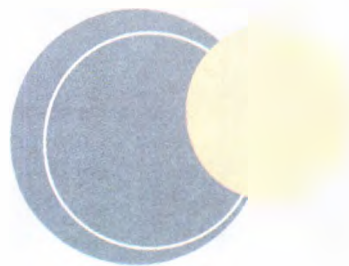
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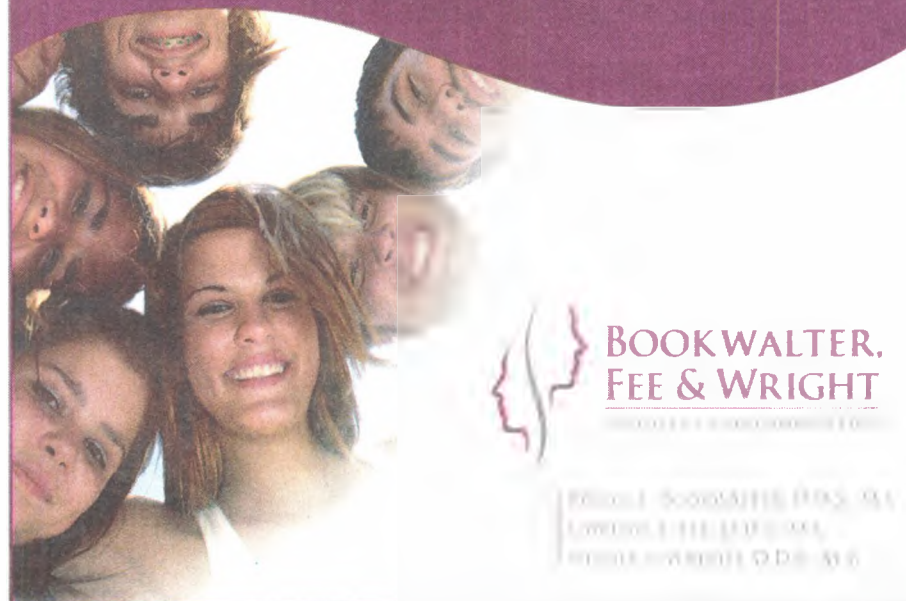


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WARRIORS IN PINK

Breast cancer survivors tell why they race for the cure

By Jill Halpin, Contributing Writer

Eddie Katz-Silverstein wants everyone to know that there is life after breast cancer.

After undergoing two mastectomies, the two-time breast cancer survivor says she is strong evidence that a diagnosis of breast cancer "is just a part of your life; it is not the end."

It is one reason that she will join legions of the other walkers Saturday, June 7, at Detroit's Chene Park for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. It will be the ninth race for the 66-year-old Farmington Hills resident, something about which she is passionate.

"In 1991, when I was first diagnosed, breast cancer was something people didn't really talk about – you whispered it," Katz-

Silverstein said. "I think it was because people felt that breast cancer was a death sentence. I am living proof that that it is not and I want to share that message with others.

"All of us get scared and it's natural. I think that sharing our emotions is important. It is also important to see someone who has been through it, who understands that fear, has come through to the other side of it and can laugh about it – it helps," she added.

Katz-Silverstein estimates she has raised more than \$25,000 since she first began participating in the race in 2006.

The Susan G. Komen organization has been very good about getting the message out about



Eddie Katz-Silverstein and husband Mark get into the "pink" spirit at last year's race.

early detection and helping people in the community that cannot afford mammograms and other

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RACE FOR THE CURE

New location, steadfast mission of saving lives

By Jill Halpin
Contributing Writer

Runners, walkers and all other participants – take your mark. The 23rd annual Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure is fast approaching, but there is time to join families and friends from across metro Detroit in an effort to eliminate breast cancer.

This year's event, locally presented by the Karmanos Cancer Institute, is Saturday, June 7, at scenic Chene Park on Detroit's riverfront. It's a new location, but it is still the "same mission and the same race, just a new place," said Maureen Keenan Meldrum, chair of the Detroit Race for the Cure.

Between 30,000 and 40,000 participants – runners, walkers and supporters – are expected to participate in this year's 5K event, all in an effort to raise money to help support the fight against breast cancer.

This year's occasion promises to be a fun-filled affair, with more than 20 bands and entertainment groups, a children's area and food trucks adding to the festivities. In addition, the special Komen traditions to help celebrate and remember both lost loved ones and survivors will continue to bring meaning to the event.

Funds raised by the event are used to support research, raise awareness and promote outreach, Meldrum said.

In fact, keeping the money in the community is key to the Komen mission, she said.

"Seventy-five percent of the net income from each race stays in the community and funds local breast cancer screenings, education and treatment support programs and treatment projects," she said.

In addition, 25 percent of the net income from each race supports Susan G. Komen research grants made to scientists around the world.

Last year's Detroit race invested more than \$1 million in metro Detroit (Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties) breast cancer programs and more than \$291,700 in breast cancer research grants through Susan G. Komen.

According to the Centers for Dis-

DETAILS

What: 23rd annual Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure®, locally presented by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

When: Saturday, June 7. Packet pickup starts at 6:30 a.m. Street closures and on-site registration at 7 a.m., with all booths open. Opening ceremonies at 8 a.m., followed by competitive 5K run at 9 a.m. The 5K walk follows. Closing ceremony and awards are 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Where: Chene Park, 2600 Atwater Street, along the Detroit River less than one mile east of the Renaissance Center.

Why: To save lives and end breast cancer forever.

ease Control and Prevention, breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed form of cancer among women, with more than 206,966 women and 2,039 men in the United States diagnosed with breast cancer in 2010.

There is good news: breast cancer has experienced a 30-percent reduction in mortality in the past 20 years, Meldrum said.

Despite this, there is still much work needed locally.

"There is still an urgent need for more work to put a permanent end to breast cancer," Meldrum said.

She noted that metropolitan Detroit ranks higher than the rest of the state and the nation in three key areas, including incidence, the stage of the disease at time of diagnosis and mortality rates.

"We have made so many advances in breast cancer," she said. "By working together, we can continue to work to finally put an end to this disease."

The race, the largest cancer event in Michigan, also features 10,000 pink ribbons, pink carpet-runway for survivors, Warriors in Pink Drummers, powered by Ford, Survivor Café, Survivor Trolley, sponsor giveaways, Shop for the Cure and more. For more information or to register for the event, go to <http://www.karmanoscancer.org/KomenDetroit/race.aspx>.

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Thelma Sim of Northville (right) and her daughter, Dr. Audrey Sim of Royal Oak, are members of "Julie's Angels," a team started in the memory of Julie Sim.

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care, Katz-Silverstein said.

Recently retired after 23 years with PNC bank (formerly National City), Katz-Silverstein said she plans to spend more time advocating for the prevention of breast cancer.

"I feel so lucky that this race exists and that I am able to participate and help people," she said. "Every day is a blessing and a new adventure."

Early detection

Early detection is the battle cry of Thelma Sim of Northville and her daughter, Dr. Audrey Sim of Royal Oak, a family practice physician with an office in St. Clair Shores.

The pair lost their beloved daughter and sister, Julie Sim, an adjunct professor of political science at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, in 2005 after she battled the disease for five years.

"Julie's disease was a particularly aggressive form," Thelma Sim said, "and she needed support and guidance. Her sister stepped up and helped develop a plan not only to help her get through it, but to try and find a way to help others in the same situation."

Part of that guidance and support came through the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, she said.

With additional support from a wide network of friends and colleagues from Schoolcraft, a team, "Julie's Angels," was formed and began aggressively fundraising in hopes of finding a way to end the devastating disease.

"Julie did not want others to have to suffer through the stages like she did. She maintained a positive atti-

tude throughout her battle and part of that came from the knowledge that she was helping others in need," Thelma Sim said.

Julie's ability to inspire is noteworthy:

» In the past nine years, "Julie's Angels" has brought more than 1,200 team members to the Race for the Cure.

» Both Thelma and Audrey have raised over \$70,000 in the past six years.

» Education about the disease has become a part of Julie's legacy as well, her mother said.

"No one is too young to get breast cancer. Julie was only 34 when she was diagnosed. Early detection is so important for survival," she said. "It is so important to get your regular check-ups and follow up if you feel something. Do not put it off. Take care of the situation right away."



Sandy Jessop and her husband Bo will be at the 2014 race at Chene Park.

Personal experience

Farmington Hills resident Sandy Jessop, 56, vividly remembers the night the significance of the Race for the Cure hit home for her.

As a breast cancer survivor, she, along with a dedicated cadre of family and friends, had long participated in the event in an effort to raise money in hopes of putting an end to breast cancer.

Diagnosed at age 46, the married mother of two grown daughters underwent surgery and radiation while running her training and development business.

She was fortunate – and grateful – to have a strong foundation of support.

"My treatment really was a wonderful experience," Jessop said. "I tried hard to keep a positive attitude."

Participating in the Race for the Cure and volunteering along with her daughters at the Susan G. Ko-

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MESSAGES OF LOVE TO

Mom



Terry Taylor of Milford sent this photo of her daughter-in-law Kim Bueter and her one-week-old granddaughter June Violet. Taylor wrote: "Kim is as beautiful on the inside as she is on the outside. It will be an honor to watch her and our son Brandon raise our granddaughter into the same loving and caring person Kim is."

Mother's Day is celebrated in many countries (46 at least). In the U.S., this special day is the result of the efforts of Anna Jarvis and Julia Ward Howe. The resolution for having a dedicated Mother's Day the second Sunday in May was signed May 8, 1914, by President Woodrow Wilson.

Howe, an activist, writer and poet (known for her Civil War song *Battle Hymn of the Republic*) had originally suggested the day celebrate mothers and peace.

Jarvis is recognized as the founder of Mother's Day in the U.S. She got the inspiration from her own mother.

The staff at *Hometown Life Woman* asked readers to send us a favorite photo of their mother, grandmother, aunt or other special woman who has filled the role of mother and made a difference in their life.

Here are those reader submissions in time for Mother's Day 2014 on Sunday, May 11.

Happy Mother's Day and enjoy these heartfelt messages from local readers.

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Denise Jenkins (right) with her mom Edith Mrakitsch, 94, pictured at the Kentucky Derby last year. Jenkins says her mom is special "because she is my mom." Jenkins had the privilege of helping her mom check an item off her bucket list by going to the Kentucky Derby. "It was a very special trip for me and, according to her, 'It was the best vacation in my whole life.'"

'Best mother'

The Rev. Dr. Gregory E Zotos, D.D., Ph.D. says his mother Cathy, who celebrated her 80th birthday March 7, is "best other a person can have."

He praised his mother's 46 years a volunteer in Livonia, as a PTA representative at Livonia's Clay Elementary in 1965 and service with the Livonia Golfview Meadows-Burton Valley Civic association for 14 years.

"She was very active and became a president. Tragedy struck our family in 1979, when my father and sister were killed by a drunken driver close to home. My mother went right back to Livonia volunteering with Metrovision, Livonia's first cable television system - producing, editing and working on character generation for 20 years. She enjoyed working with all the great talent and the great volunteers. She received numerous awards.

"Throughout her life, she had been activities director for a variety of nursing homes in Livonia and Farmington to help seniors and be a companion to anyone who was alone. She did this for 35 years."



The Rev. Gregory E. Zotos with his mother Cathy Zotos.

Grandmas are special

Shannon McGrath of Livonia wrote this about Barbara Knox, her grandmother: "The love of a grandma is unique. God must have given grandmothers to us to liven up our lives, to make our lives more complete, to make us well-rounded and better human beings. She played a big part in my family's childhood and I can remember so many times sitting in her house listening to stories, coloring and eating cookies with milk. She taught me a lot about love and the meaning of family. She has never been just 'our grandmother,' but our guardian, our friend and our inspiration."



Representing four generations of women are: great-grandmother Barbara Knox (left); grandmother Linda McGrath (standing), holding her granddaughter Keelie Elswick; and Kelly Elswick, Linda's daughter, who is all smiles in the hospital. Shannon McGrath (not pictured) who sent the tribute is daughter to Linda and sister to Kelly.



Laura Slayton (left) of Canton and her mother Rosanna Pino. "My mom is special to me because she is always there for me, no matter what. I can always count on her for advice, or just to listen to me when I need it. I also can count on her as my casino buddy and for homemade Italian dinners," Laura wrote.



Sandra Blaisdell (left) and Ellie Wikoff both live in South Lyon and are "like two peas in a pod." Blaisdell wrote: "Mom is the fine china of treasures, a real diamond in the rough. She has a knack for mailing cards, so to know her is to be the recipient of her cards. Mom, you are every bit the lady your mother was."

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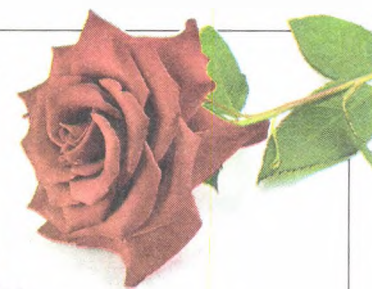
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Pat Gucwa (right) and her aunt, Ann Miedlar.



'Thank you,' Aunt Ann

Pat Gucwa of Livonia wrote this tribute to her aunt, Ann Miedlar.

"When my mother was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1960, my aunt was the one assisting our family in any way she could. After my mother's passing, she was always there to help my father with anything and everything.

"There was five of us ranging from age 5 to 14. My younger brother was in kindergarten and only attended school a half-day. She volunteered to have my little brother live with her and my uncle Monday through Friday so he would not be left alone while we were still in school.

"When my father got sick a few years later, she took my younger sister and younger brother, along with myself, into her home. She wanted to make sure we would have a positive environment with a

family atmosphere during our childhood.

"My uncle, her husband, was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and even though she worked full time, Aunt Ann never missed a beat. She took care of her 'Loving Leo' until his passing.

"When her nephew was sick in Florida, she was the lady flying down to help him and his family. Her older sister is a widow and lived on her own for many years. Never able to drive, Aunt Ann would take her to all her doctor appointments and assist with all the necessary errands that were needed."

Gucwa wants *Woman* readers to meet "this Superwoman," who at 90½ "runs circles around all of us."

"With great appreciation and with all my love, to my dearest and loving Aunt Ann."

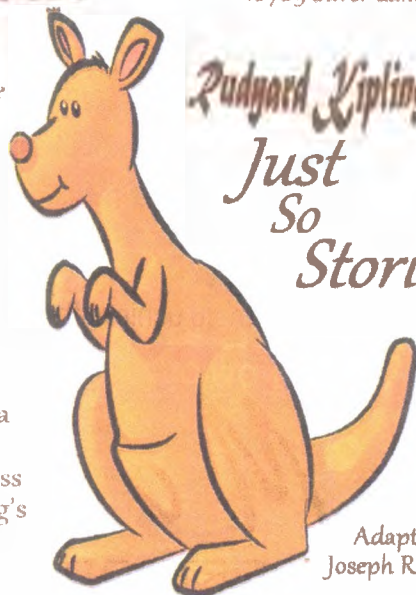
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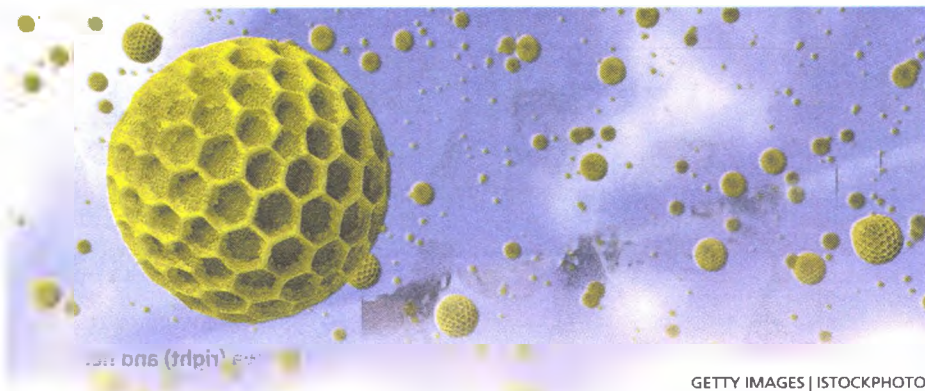
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Highland resident Linda Shallman (right) and her mom Mary Williams, 88. Linda wrote: "My mom is always there for me. I had spine surgery and she took care of me at age 88. She suffers from a bad back, but never missed a beat caring for my family during my recovery. I love her to the moon and back. Did I mention that she is so-o-o-o much fun?"



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May Day, May Day!

Allergy season is here

Well, we survived the polar vortex (plural), only to be followed by the pollen vortex.

Yes, that is exactly what it sounds like. Basically, the freezing temperatures of our super-sized winter delayed the blooming of trees and now that it's finally warming up, the trees and the grass are going to bloom at the same time, causing a dramatic rise in pollen, resulting in a big gigantic headache – literally – for us allergy sufferers. And I said, I wasn't going to complain about one thing once it finally warmed up.

The good news – if you can call it that – is with a late spring, it's going to be shorter allergy season than normal. But don't get too excited – what we will have will be fast and furious.

Prepare yourself for an extra dose of congestion, runny nose, itching-watery eyes, sneezing and coughing. Wait, didn't I just go through that all winter long? I'm so confused.

There are some simple things you can do to help ease the pain.

Take a hot shower, get in your comies and get some rest. The steam from the shower will soothe sinuses and clear nasal passages, as well as help remove allergens from your skin and hair.

By putting on a fresh change of clothes, you won't track unwanted external environmental allergens around the house.

Lack of sleep weakens your immune system, which in turn can make an existing allergy worse – or even develop a new one. Seven to nine hours of sleep a night is optimum.

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In my last two columns, I discussed the importance of living on a budget and having an emergency account. That's all great, until a disaster happens. No matter how careful we may be, we're all subject to the possibility of disaster.

Accidents happen to everyone. We may suffer sudden medical problems, loss of a car or home, a disability or the death of a loved one. But in all these cases, insurance is available to ensure that the accidents we suffer don't threaten our long-term financial welfare.

Because disaster can strike in a number of ways, a variety of insurance is available to help protect us. Health insurance provides for medical expenses, disability insurance insures us against losing our income if we become unable to work, homeowner's insurance protects us from losing a home, car insurance guarantees we can replace our vehicle and life insurance provides funds for our families in the event of our death.

Some people believe that they will go through life without encountering any accidents or mishaps. That is false thinking. We are not able to guarantee that nothing will ever happen to us. That is why we need protection or insurance



Paula Swain

for these possible, somewhat predictable, mishaps.

Recently, a friend of mine, Sue, unexpectedly died at the age of 33. She married Steve, her soul mate and the father of her three children, last year. They were happy. Even though they both worked, they struggled financially. They didn't live on a budget, had very little in savings and no life insurance

Sue's untimely death left the family in a panic. There were no funds for funeral services or to pay the bills next month.

At one of the most stressful and emotional times of anyone's life, you shouldn't have to be worrying about money. Fortunately for Steve, he has a supportive group of family and friends who pitched in and gave Sue a proper funeral service.

It doesn't matter how substantial or limited your income, there may be a need for life insurance, which is fundamental to a sound financial plan. Over the years, life insurance has given me

peace of mind knowing that money would be available to protect my family in a number of ways, including:

1. To pay for final expenses

The cost of a funeral can easily run into the tens of thousands of dollars and I don't want my spouse or children to suffer financially at my death.

2. To cover children's expenses

Like most mothers, I want to be sure my kids are well taken care of and can afford a college education. For this reason, I have additional coverage while my kids are still at home.

3. To replace income

In the event of my or my spouse's death, additional income may be needed to pay everyday living expenses. If your spouse is the sole bread winner, life insurance is essential to replace their income.

4. To pay off debts

So that my family wouldn't have to sell the home, life insurance can pay off the mortgage or any other outstanding debts.

5. To provide a sense of security

Perhaps most importantly, buying life insurance provides me with a sense of financial security and safety that my family will be provided for.

Figuring out the amount of life insurance you need shouldn't be left to guesswork. It's important to consider all of your expenses, debt, savings, investments and other assets to get a realistic picture of how much life insurance you need and what type of policy will work best to fit that need.

My message in life and through this column is aimed directly at women in this readership area. I am dedicated to walking you through the steps that you need to make to take control of your financial future and prepare you for a secure retirement.

Women spend so much time as caretakers, worrying about how to meet the needs of everyone else. Now it is the time to start focusing on your needs – including your financial needs.

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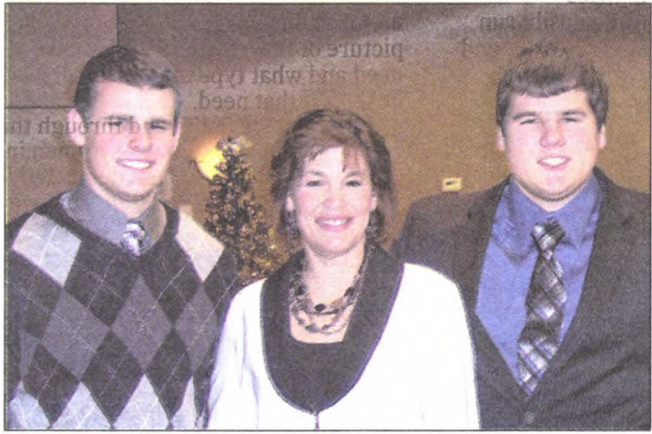


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Pictured are South Lyon residents April Talaga and her twin sons Derek (left) and Ryan. Ryan wrote: "My mom means the world to me. She has always been supporting me the past 20 years of my life in everything I do, from academics to on and off the field in athletics. If it was not for my mother, I would not be the person I am today. On this Mother's Day, I would like to honor my mother for all she does for me and my twin brother, as well as the community."



Wendy Rought (right) of Canton sent this photo taken in West Branch, celebrating her mother's birthday and enjoying a long weekend with her aunt and sisters. Pictured (from left) are (mom) Ilene Lashbrook, (aunt) Pam Gaillers, Karen Lange, Sandra Ackerman and Rought, who wrote: "I have been so fortunate to know so many amazing hard-working women my whole life. We are all best friends and they have a special place in my heart."



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WARRIORS

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men Foundation seemed a natural fit, she said.

"Everyone was like instant family," she said.

In addition, the fact that at least 75 percent of the money raised stayed in the community always held substantial meaning for her.

Reasons to participate

"Funding screenings, promoting awareness and subsidizing research - all of those things are key," Jessop said.

However, it was not until she attended an event honoring those raising funds that she became aware of the direct impact of her efforts and the efforts of other race participants.

"I was seated next to someone whom I had never met and when I introduced myself, I said, 'Hi, I'm Sandy and I've raised more than \$2,000.' The woman looked at me and said, 'And I am a recipient of that money.' She was one of the



Julie Sim was escorted by an ROTC group in 2005 to the stage at a local Komen event. Julie died of breast cancer just months later. She was teaching political science at Schoolcraft College in Livonia when she was diagnosed with cancer at age 35.

grant recipients. The money we had raised was going to support her treatment, to help her fight her battle," Jessop said, "and the realization was overwhelming."

It is a memory that has kept Jessop coming back year after year. She is accompanied by her husband Bo, who will perform with his band Bo White and the Bluesers during the event at Chene Park.

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she progressed through numerous management posts into executive leadership. Audrey was instrumental in the planning, development and execution of corporate profitability goals and numerous major strategic initiatives in the areas of Wealth Management and Commercial Lending. Prior to joining the executive management team at MBT, she was a senior executive with Republic Bank (now First Merit Bank), serving as Director of Retail Products and Services; and was founder and president of Main Street Bank.

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Audrey Mistor earned a B.A. from Siena Heights University, continued on to earn an M.S.A. from Central Michigan University. She participated in a many global executive leadership programs, providing her with a broad international view of financial management.

1996. She is a member of the Plymouth A.M. Rotary Club, where she serves on the club's Foundation Board, and serves as Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Philharmonic Orchestra. Her past community service positions include Treasurer and Board member of the Northville Community Foundation, past Treasurer and Board member of the Northville Chamber and participation on the Beautification Commission of Northville Township. Her deeply rooted dedication to the community extends to numerous local events and fund raising efforts.

Canton has a new housing concept that is extremely senior friendly

By Dennis Zelazny

As the years go on, the thought of getting older sinks deeper and deeper. After talking with Sharyl Rubritius at Faithful Senior Living, although I still have some fear of the uncertainty that comes with aging and needing help from others, I now feel confident that I will be able to retain my happiness and as much of my independence as I can while being fully taken care of at the Faithful Senior Living Home.

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PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

The ballots arrived by the armload and the task of sorting is now finished. The winners were presented with their certificates, and once again, it's your move. Stop by to see your favorites and discover some new businesses you might not have known about.

The 2014 People's Choice Awards continue the popular tradition of recognizing local businesses for their excellence. From the best burger to the best hair salon, these are the favorite spots of your friends and neighbors. The votes came from readers of the *Milford Times*, *Northville Record*, *Novi News* and *South Lyon Herald*.

The winners are named because of our readers' choices. The submitted ballots are tallied and the results are then published in this annual special section. While you're out and about, tell those business owners congratulations. They are winners — just like you will be patronizing them. They are the backbone of your community. Be sure to check back in August, when we bring you the stories behind the winners.

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Downtown Milford is known for its unique shops and restaurants, parades and events, including the Milford Memories Summer Festival that attracts thousands of visitors each August.

Just north of Milford, Highland Township offers a playground of state recreation areas, lakes, horse farms, businesses and a variety of shops along the M-59 corridor.

Hard-working business owners also contribute greatly to the Huron Valley communities. Readers of the *Milford Times* are proud of those communities and have voted again this year in the annual People's Choice Awards to show support for their favorite businesses.

Favorite fare

D's Colonial Café knows how to get the day started right and nabbed a nod once again for Best Breakfast, while Bakers of Milford earned readers' choice for Best Sunday Brunch. Schwartz's Delicatessen, readers agree, serves up the Best Sandwiches.

Fresco Pizza Café was an all-around favorite, earning the top spot in Best Family Restaurant, Best Pizza and Best

After Work Meeting Spot. To round it all off, Tom Beller of Fresco Pizza Cafe was voted Best Waitress/Waiter. Congratulations, Tom!

Want some great soup? A salad? Head over to Milford House Bar & Grill, voted best for both. The Burger Joint took home two awards, too: Best Burger and Best Fries.

Planning a special evening? Gravity Bar & Grill does it up right and came out on top for both Best Elegant Dining



Hannah Aittima rolls paczki in powdered sugar for Fat Tuesday. Milford Baking Co. won the People's Choice Awards for Best Dessert and Best Bakery/Baked Goods. LAURA COLVIN

and Best Romantic Restaurant.

Blue Grill was voted Best Ethnic Restaurant for its flavorful fare, while Black Rock Bar & Grill sizzled with the Best Steak award and Smoke Street BBQ, new to downtown Milford's landscape last year, smoked the competition for Best Barbecued Ribs.

Leo's Coney Island has the Best Hot Dogs/Coneys in town, readers agree, while Holden's Party Store & Deli emerged again as a favorite for Best Chicken and Best Party Store. Subway came out on top for Best Sub, while McDonald's was voted the area's best Best Fast Food Restaurant.

To wash down all the best fare, readers voted Colasanti's Produce & Plants best for Wine Selection and chose Palate for the Best Beer Selection in town.

Have a sweet tooth? Milford Baking Co. earned readers' choice for Best Desserts and Best Bakery/Baked Goods, while Dairy Queen came out on top for Best Ice Cream.

Good health

We all know how important it is to take care of our health – and that of our families – and the Huron Valley has numerous professionals to help you keep in tip-top shape from head to toe.

When it comes to doctors, *Milford Times* readers chose Deborah A Booth, D.O., as the area's Best Physician and, for oral health and a great smile, voted

Milford Dental's Jill Seguin, D.D.S., FAGD, as Best Dentist.

Heinsight Optical Co. got the nod for Best Eye Care and Dr. Michael Sadowski of Total Health Chiropractic was named Best Chiropractor. For Best Massage Therapist, readers picked Essential Massage & Wellness Center. For medication needs, readers said the Milford Sav-Mor Pharmacy is the Huron Valley's Best Pharmacy.

Feeling good

While it's important to stay healthy on the inside, we all want to look good on the outside, too. In the Huron Valley you can find all kinds of professions waiting to help you look your best.

Readers voted Milford Barbers as the area's Best Barbershop, Milford's Mane Care came in first for Best Hair Salon and Intrigue Tanning was the favorite for Best Tanning Salon. A+ Nails and Salon Del Sol share the award for Best Nail Salon.

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award for Best Women's Wear, while Our Blessings Consignment, Inc., grabbed top honors for Best Resale Shop. Readers said they like to keep all those clothes looking great at Highland Cleaners, voted Best Dry Cleaner. And who could forget the shoes? For Feet's Sake was voted Best Shoe Store.

When everyone's looking their best, check out Amber Lights Photography, voted Best Photography Studio

Fitness and fun

When it comes to getting fit and staying that way, readers chose William & Marie Carls Family YMCA as Best Health Club. For those looking to spice things up or bust a move, Karen's School of Dance came out on top as Best Dance Studio. But don't let all that hard work go to waste – stock up on all your nutritional needs at The Health Mart, voted Best Health Food.

Taking care of business

When it comes to your small – or large – business, your home and your family, there's no such thing as business as usual. Your needs are unique and the Huron Valley has the highly skilled business professionals you need to keep things running smoothly.

When it comes to managing your

money, Jeffrey Stark of Edward Jones was the top choice for Best Financial Adviser, while Insurance Advisors, Inc., earned the Best Insurance Agency award. Looking for legal representation? The Law Office of Jack Bolling got readers' nod for Best Lawyer. Huron Valley State Bank came out on top as Best Bank.

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Colasanti's Market owner Ken Snook (left) talks with "Under the Radar Michigan" host Tom Daldin and the crew during filming for the show in April. The Highland market was tapped as the People's Choice for Best Wine Selection. HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Most downtown Milford restaurants offer outdoor seating for patrons. Palate, pictured here, was a People's Choice winner for Best Beer Selection in the Huron Valley. HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Maureen LaFontaine was honored earlier this year by the Women's Automotive Association International. The Highland-based dealership won People's Choice Awards for Best New and Used Car Dealership and Salesperson. HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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Milford Attorney Jack W. Bolling loves the historic surroundings of his office now located in a renovated 130-year old home at 334 Union St. in downtown Milford.

An avid history buff, Milford attorney Jack W. Bolling is passionate about keeping the past alive for future generations.

He is just as interested in preserving your family's legacy by helping you make decisions that will keep your memory alive through your children and grandchildren.

As an estate/legacy planner, Bolling has trademarked his approach to the estate planning process and accompanying legal services as Legacy LifeLines™. This process includes three steps: 1) counseling and plan design; 2) funding of the revocable living trust; and 3) an on-going maintenance plan that is unique to Bolling's practice.

Bolling encourages his clients to think beyond their financial matters and look into their own life's fulfillment by asking themselves questions like: What really matters most to me? What would I really like to accomplish? What legacy do I really want to leave behind?

These important life questions are all the more reason that Bolling has expanded his practice to include Medicaid planning.

He believes that estate planning and Medicaid planning go hand in hand.

"Through proper planning, it is possible to provide for your long-term care while preserving assets for you and your loved ones," Bolling said. "Why should you give up something that you've worked your whole life for when your spouse becomes ill?"

Bolling is also an accredited VA attorney and

can help people who have either served or whose family member has served in the U.S. military.

"There are many veterans' programs available, but you need to know who to ask and what to ask," Bolling said. "I am the person who can help you sort through these issues."

While helping people on a one-to-one basis with their legacy planning, Bolling reaches an even broader audience as a guest columnist for Gannett Newspapers, including The Milford Times. He is also a guest speaker for many local groups and organizations.

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respect and passion for history, Bolling is pleased that his practice is now housed in a 130-year old Victorian home at 334 Union St. in downtown Milford, which has been renovated to the period of time in which it was built.

Original pine wood planked floors, a cupola, winding staircases, tall ceilings and etched glass front doors are just a few of the features that drew Bolling to this location in November 2008.

"History comes alive to me while conducting my practice in this historic home," Bolling said. "It gives me a sense of the past and a vision for the future — exactly what I want to bring to my clients."

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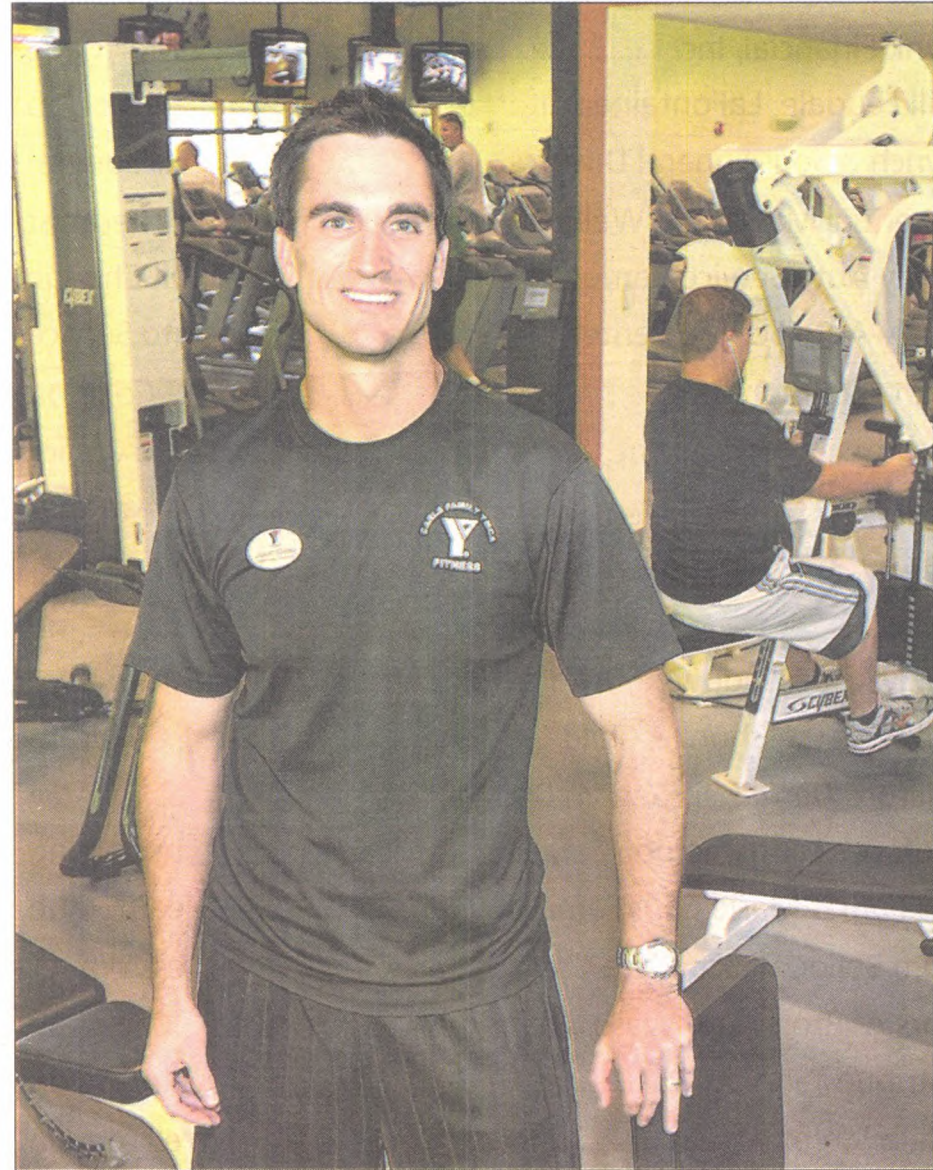
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A robust business community is a large part of what makes Novi attractive to shoppers, new residents and new businesses. Many developments, including Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi Town Center and Twelve Oaks Mall, are major destinations for shopping, dining and entertainment. *Novi News* readers have voted again this year in our annual People's Choice Awards.



Drs. Timothy Kirk and Amy Crissman of Novi's Town & Country Eyecare. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A bite to eat

Start your day off with a good meal at the Breakfast Club restaurant, winner of the Best Breakfast award. This year, Dunkin' Donuts again won for the Best Baked Goods and Starbucks took top honors for Best Coffee.

Taco Bell was chosen to receive the Best Fast Food restaurant award. If salad is what you are looking for, the people's choice for the Best Salad went to The Big Salad.

As in 2013, Maria's Italian Bakery, Deli & Catering was up for the challenge and received the Best Deli award for their efforts. Jet's Pizza was chosen for the Best Pizza award. Zoup! Repeated its honors from last year and took the top position for the Best Soup award. Subway, again, was the choice for the Best Sub award and Leo's Coney Island was honored with the Best Hot Dogs/Coneys award.

Big Tommy's Parthenon Greek Cui-

sine won the Best Greek Restaurant category, while Happy Sushi won for Best Sushi Restaurant. Voters picked Pei Wei Asian Diner for Best Asian Restaurant and On The Border won Best Mexican Restaurant.

For Best Family Restaurant, the honors went to the Honey Tree Grille, while Bagger Dave's Burger Tavern won for Best Burgers. Outback Steakhouse was picked for Best Steaks. And Just Baked was honored with the Best Desserts award.

Drinks and nightlife

For a great martini, readers chose Bar Louie in the Best Martini category. For wine lovers, Novi Party Store won for Best Wine Selection/Store, while Steve & Rocky's earned top honors in the Wine Selection/Restaurant category.

Library Sports Pub & Grill scored a hat trick with three awards for Best Beer Selection/Restaurant, Best After

Work Meeting and Best Sports Bar. The award for Best Dancing went to 29 Park.

Rockin' retailers

Looking for the perfect frame for your picture? Head to Michael's, winner for Best Framing. Dick's Sporting Goods was picked as the Best Sporting Goods outlet. For buying and selling used apparel, Plato's Closet is our readers' choice for Best Consignment shop. Best Jewelry Store honors went to Larson Jewelry Design. Family Video was picked as the Best Video Store.

Glenda's Garden Center picked up three awards: Best Landscaping Company; Best Garden Center and Best Florist.

Personal needs

Whether you're in need of a new hairdo, great looking nails or the perfect tan, Novi's home to the best in the businesses. The Palms Tanning & Spa

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To keep everything in great shape, Club Pilates is the choice for Best Health/Fitness Center. And perfect your footwork at Sheryl's School of Dance, picked as Best Dance Studio.

Dr. Jeffrey Weingarten M.D., Ear, Nose & Throat Consultants, received the most votes in the Best Physician category, while Town & Country Eyecare was picked for Best Eyecare. Best Dentist honors went to Novi Oaks Dental, while Dr. Mark S. Hunter, D.M.D. was chosen Best Orthodontist. And don't forget your pets! For the Best Veterinarian, take them to Novi Veterinary Clinic.

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Tom Goulas pauses a moment in his busy day at his Sheldon Road Honey Tree Grille restaurant. It was tabbed as Best Family Restaurant. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Businesses recognized by Northville readers

The Northville community boasts the best of both worlds.

To this day, the city of Northville retains a small-town atmosphere with stately Victorian-era architecture in its historic district and well-kept older homes built before the 1930s. A stroll through the city's historic downtown boasts old-fashioned street lamps, benches, specialty shops, galleries, theaters, restaurants, businesses and preserved landmarks.

And then there is Northville Township. While there are still signs of its rural heritage, the township is one of the fastest growing communities in the state, with subdivisions filled with stately homes and manicured landscapes.

Put them both together, add in the popular Northville Public School District, and you have one of the most desirable communities in the state of Michigan. Not only is it a great place to live for families and residents, but it is also a great place to do business. All of the unique shops and eateries in the downtown area, plus the big box stores and chain restaurants in the township, attract shoppers from around the area.

Readers of the *Northville Record* are proud of their community and have voted again this year in our People's Choice Awards to show support for their favorite businesses.

Good eats

Northville Record readers take their local menus very seriously. For starters, they voted Starbucks the best place to get Specialty Coffee and Rebecca's Family Restaurant as Best Breakfast. Our readers also voted Deadwood Bar & Grill for the Best Sunday Brunch. Wendy's was chosen for the Best Fast Food and Rebecca's also won for Best Family Restaurant.

In the Best Soup category, voters chose Zoup! Sizzling Sticks Mongolian Barbeque won Best Salad Bar, while Poole's Tavern earned Best Burgers. Our readers chose Joseph's Coney Island as Best Hot Dogs/Coneys and Subway was chosen for Best Subs. Guernsey Farms Dairy won for both Best Ice Cream and Best Chicken.

Table 5 was chosen as the best place Quality Dining, as well as Best Wine Selection/Restaurant and best place for a Romantic Dinner.

Poole's also netted several awards in addition to Best Burger. The eatery also claimed the Best Barbecued Ribs and Best After Work Meeting Place. Similarly, the Northville Sports Den won as Best Sports Bar and Best Beer Selection/Restaurant.

Rocky's of Northville won for both Best Steak and Best Seafood, while Pizza Cutter got the nod for Best Pizza. For those with a sweet tooth, Edward's Cafe & Caterer earned Best Desserts.

When it comes to the more exotic fare, Le George Mediterranean Bistro was chosen as Best Mediterranean, Border Cantina won Best Tex-Mex Restaurant, Tirami Su won Best Italian Restaurant and P.F. Chang's is Best Asian Restaurant.

Local health services and salons

Northville residents pay close attention to their health and fitness; here

are their favorite choices in those categories.

Dr. Cheryl A. Johnstone, M.D. received the Best Physician award, while Stiles Chiropractic, PC, earned the title of Best Chiropractor. Jeffrey E. Burstein, D.D.S. received the Best Dentist award, while Dr. Robert Paulen & Associates, PC, was selected for Best Eye Care.

In the lines of keeping fit, Planet Fitness is the people's choice for both Best Fitness Center and Best Health/Fitness Company. Tan Factory and The Tanning Club tied for Best Tanning Salon.

And when it comes to Best Dance Studio, Piazza Dance Co. earned the most votes. Taking more than a deep breath was Bikram Yoga as Best Yoga Studio.

Utopia Salon and Spa was voted the Best Hair Salon.

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The Piazza Dance Co. was voted Best Dance Studio. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Local offerings

There is a lot of creativity in the Northville area and Starring the Gallery is the people's choice for the Best Art Store. Bailey & Shamoun Interiors was named Best Home Decor. And when it came to floral needs, Uniquely Yours was chosen as the Best Floral Shop. And speaking of unique, Knightsbridge Antique Mall was named the Best Antique Shop.

When working around their homes, our readers named Northville Lumber as the Best Lumber, Imagine Landscapes won the title for Best Landscaping and the title for Best Hardware/Home Improvement goes to Home Depot.

Our readers chose Universal Painting Co. as the Best House Painter.

Auto Care

When it came to car care, the winners were Davis Auto Care as Best Auto Service, Jim's Oil Depot as Best Oil Change and Northville Collision as the Best Collision Shop.

Other professional services

Scott Lowrey, C.P.A. was named Best Accountant, Comerica Bank was named Best Bank and The Jamey Kramer



Northville Orin Jewelers manager Linda Mimnaugh (left) works with some customers. Orin won for Best Jewelry Store.

Group-Re/Max Classic was Best Real Estate Company

State Farm Insurance was the people's choice for Best Insurance Agency, Sunny Pointe Child Care Center as Best Childcare and Hidden Spring as Best Veterinary Service. Speaking of pets, Pet Smart was Best Pet Supply Store.

If travel is in your future, you might want to talk to Brookside Travel, the Best Travel Agency.

Dick's Sporting Goods was voted Best Sporting Goods.

When the totals were in, Edward's Cafe & Caterer was winner as Best

Bakery/Baked Goods.

Clothing was big on our list, as well. Van Dam's Boutique won the title as Best Women's Wear and Alexander's Custom Clothiers was the choice for Best Men's Wear. And Baby Baby Plus More was named Best Children's Wear, while New 2 U was named Best Resale Shop. The best place to sparkle is Orin Jewelers, which was voted Best Jewelry Store.

Hiller's Market was voted Best Grocery and CVS was the people's choice for Best Pharmacy.

Good Time Party Store was very



Cook Manny Dedaj mans the grill at Joseph's Coney Island, which won for Best Hot Dogs/Coneys. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

popular among our readers, who voted the business the Best Party Store, Best Beer Selection/Store and Best Wine Selection/Store.

And last, but certainly not least, Jeanette Anderson over at Riffles Restaurant was chosen as Northville's Best Waitress/Waiter.

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Rebecca's Family Restaurant	Family Restaurant
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Sizzling Sticks Mongolian Barbeque	Salad Bar
Poole's Tavern	Burgers
Joseph's Coney Island	Hot Dogs/Coneys
Subway	Subs
Guernsey Farms Dairy	Ice Cream
Guernsey Farms Dairy	Chicken
Table 5	Quality Dining
Edwards Café & Caterer	Desserts
Tirami Su	Italian Restaurant
Rocky's of Northville	Seafood
P.F. Chang's	Asian Restaurant
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Table 5	Romantic Dinner
Poole's Tavern	After Work Meeting Place
Northville Sports Den	Sports Bar
Le George Mediterranean Bistro	Mediterranean
Utopia Salon & Spa	Hair Salon
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Tan Factory	Tanning Salon
The Tanning Club	Tanning Salon
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Dr. Jeffrey E. Burstein, D.D.S.	Dentist
Dr. Robert Paulen & Associates, PC	Eye care
Piazza Dance Co.	Dance Studio
Planet Fitness	Fitness Provider
Pet Smart	Pet Supplies
Starring "The Gallery"	Art Store
CVS Pharmacy	Pharmacy
Edward's Cafe & Caterer	Baked Goods
Uniquely Yours	Floral Shop
Hiller's Market	Grocery Store
Good Time Party Store	Party Store
Orin Jewelers	Jewelry Store
Northville Lumber	Lumber
Good Time Party Store	Beer Selection/Store
Good Time Party Store	Wine Selection/Store
Baby Baby Plus More	Children's Wear
Alexander's Custom Clothiers of Northville	Men's Wear
Van Dam's Boutique	Women's Wear
New 2 You	Resale Shop
Dick's Sports Goods	Sporting Goods
Knightsbridge Antique Mall	Antiques
Home Depot	Hardware/Home Improvement
Bailey & Shamoun Interiors	Best Home Decor
Bikram Yoga of Northville	Yoga Studio



Businesses recognized by South Lyon readers

The South Lyon area – generally considered the area within the South Lyon Community School District boundaries – encompasses four townships, a city and parts of three counties in one of the fastest-growing areas in southeast Michigan.

Located near I-96, the communities offer commuters an easy trip to Detroit, Ann Arbor and Lansing. The historic downtown area of South Lyon offers world-class dining and unique shopping, as well as a movie theater and local entertainment in a quaint, comfortable setting.

Lyon Township has also exploded with new neighborhoods, businesses, restaurants and schools, making it an appealing location for new residents in recent years.

To pay tribute to those businesses most loved by area residents, the *South Lyon Herald* announces this year's People's Choice Awards, chosen by residents of South Lyon and the townships of Lyon, Green Oak, Salem and Northfield.

Food, food, food

No matter what type of food fits your mood, the South Lyon area is chock full of great eateries and *South Lyon Herald* readers were happy to share their top picks.

To start the day off right, readers chose Village Bakery for Best Coffee/Doughnuts/Bagels, while Java House Café came out on top for Best Specialty Coffee.

Lyon Grill was a big winner and all-around local favorite, coming in first for Best Sandwiches, Best Family Restaurant, Best Steak and Best Wine Selection/Restaurant. Lyon Grill was also chosen for Best Soup and shares the honor with Leo's Coney Island. Aleko's was also a local favorite, as well, voted for Best Salad and Best Barbecued Ribs. Readers also deemed Aleko's the Best Caterer.

Readers say you can get the Best Burger in town at the South Lyon Hotel. If it's served up by South Lyon's Best Wait Staff, Ryan Marvin of the South Lyon Hotel, well, that's a double treat.

Brown's Root Beer & Sandwich Shop, readers agreed, dishes up the Best Hot Dogs/Coneys, while Wendy's took the top spot for Best Fast Food Restaurant and Jimmy Johns was voted Best Subs. Jet's Pizza was first for Best Pizza

For a little something different, check out the Fortuna Inn, voted Best Oriental Restaurant, or the The Lyon Cantina, which came out on top for Best Tex-Mex Restaurant. For an ice cold brew, stop by the Witch's Hat Brewing Co. for the Best Beer Selection/Restaurant, or finish off your meal at Dairy Queen, voted tops for Best Ice Cream and Best Desserts.

A healthy you

We all know how important it is to stay healthy and the South Lyon area has everything you need to keep you going strong from head to toe.

Dr. Patrick R. Brennan, D.O., South Lyon Family Physicians, was our readers' choice for Best Doctor, while Dr. Paul Simon, D.D.S., of South Lyon Dental Care Center, came out on top as Best Dentist. Hamway & Stroster, TNT Orthodontics, was voted Best Orthodontist.

To take care of their eyes, readers liked Bifano Eyecare for Best Eye Care.

Dr. Larry Kaplan, Kaplan Chiropractic Clinic, was chosen as Best Chiropractor, while Personalized Hearing Care was the pick for Best Audiologist and Brostrom Physical Therapy was tops for Physical Therapist. Pat Elkington, Woodside Massage Therapy was named Best Massage Therapist.



Erin and Ryan Cottongim are tripling the space for their Witch's Hat Brewery operations once they move to a new location in South Lyon later this year. The business won a People's Choice Award for Best Beer Selection. HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Look good

While it's important to stay healthy on the inside, we all want to look good on the outside, too, and in the South Lyon area you can find all kinds of professionals waiting to help you look your best.

When it comes to hair, *South Lyon Herald* readers voted Fantastic Sam's as Best Hair Salon and Bob's Barber Shop as Best Barbershop – and that's no wonder, since Bob Mohn at Bob's Barber Shop came out on top as the Best Hair Stylist.

For nails, readers picked Jasmine Nails II for Best Nails and, for an all-over glow, it was Sunsational Tanning as Best Tanning Salon. Anytime Fitness rocked the vote as Best Health/Fitness club.

Get where you're going

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Have an accident? South Lyon Collision, voted Best Collision Shop, can get you back on the road, while South Lyon Tire & Service, voted Best Tire Shop,

can keep you on the road. Victory Lane is the top pick for Best Oil Change and Auto Zone is Best Auto Parts Store.

When it comes time for a new car, check out Hines Park Ford, picked as the area's Best Auto Dealership. If you're looking for a used vehicle, Bill at South Lyon Motors, our readers' pick for Best Used Car Salesperson, is the man to see. And don't forget to keep it sparking at Lyon Auto Wash, chosen as Best Car Wash.

Not business as usual

When it comes to your small – or large – business, your home and your family, there's no such thing as business as usual. Your needs are unique and the South Lyon area has just about every type of business you need to keep things running smoothly.

Brenda W. Smith & Co., C.P.A.s, is the area's Best Accountant. State Farm Insurance came in as Best Insurance Agency and Philip J. Weipert was voted Best Lawyer. Bill Counts, BC Consulting, got the nod for Best Financial Adviser, while PNC Bank was Best Bank. Lakeland Printing was voted Best

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Buying or selling a home? Real Estate One was chosen as the Best Real Estate Company, while Abe Ayoub, Mayfair Realty, grabbed the nod for Best Real Estate Agent.

When it comes to making final arrangements, Phillips Funeral Home came out as Best Funeral Home.

At home

Home is where the heart is – it's where you hang your hat and also most likely your biggest investment. The South Lyon area offers a variety of professionals to make sure your abode, and everything in it, keeps humming.

Brumley Heating & Cooling offers the Best Appliance Repair, while Seghi Renovations is the area's best Home Improvement Contractor and Perfect Floors offers options for Best Carpet/Flooring.

Need a paint job? You can't go wrong with Van Gogh Painting as Best House Painter. Landscaping needs? The vote went to Landforms as Best Landscaping Company.

Readers gave a double nod to Martin's Do-It-Best Hardware as Best Home Improvement Contractor and Best Hardware Store.

If apartment living is more your



Diane Lowe takes a photo of her grandson Michael Juranek as his mother Jennifer Juranek jingles her keys to get his attention. The annual fall Pumpkinfest is one of many area events that draws visitors to southwest Oakland County. HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

style, check out Brookwood Apartments, voted Best Apartment Complex.

Stop and shop

Sometimes you just need to stop and shop, whether it be for life's necessities, gifts or just a little something extra for yourself. The South Lyon area has everything you need, starting with Verizon, voted Best Cell Phone, Driven

Computers, voted Best Computer Store and Best Computer Repair, or 3R Pools, chosen as Best Pool Place. Get your ride on at South Lyon Cycle, chosen as Best Bicycle Shop.

Readers say Lyon Book Den is the best place to buy books and picked Pat's Field of Flowers as Best Floral Shop. South Lyon Resale Shoppe was Best Resale Shop.

Kroger came out on top as the Best Grocery Store, while Lafayette Party Store was the Best Party Store

Kathleen's Upscale Gifts & Boutique got thumbs up as the area's Best Specialty Store and South Lyon Watch and Jewelry came in as Best Jewelry Store.

Fur, feathers and fins

Our pets are part of the family, too, but you don't have to go far from home to get them the best care possible.

South Lyon Animal Clinic was voted Best Veterinary Clinic, while readers agreed Pet Supplies Plus was the best place to get Pet Supplies. Keep all your animal friends looking good and smelling clean at Royal Touch Pet Salon, voted Best Pet Grooming, and check out Wildwind Equestrian Center, voted Best Stable, for all boarding needs.

Everything else

You don't leave your kids with just anyone and neither do our readers, who chose Hour Kidz Day Care as Best Child Care.

Parkside Cleaners rose to the top as the Best Dry Cleaner and Greener Pastures Market, Best Health Food Store, is the place for all your nutritional needs.

Finally, when you're ready to bust a move, check out American Dance Academy, voted Best Dance Studio.

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- Wendy's Fast Food Restaurant
- Lyon Grill Family Restaurant
- Lyon Grill Soup
- Leo's Coney Island Soup
- Aleko's Salad
- South Lyon Hotel Burgers
- Brown's Root Beer & Sandwich Shop Hot Dogs/Coneys
- Jimmy Johns Subs
- Dairy Queen Ice Cream
- Dairy Queen Desserts
- Fortuna Inn Oriental Restaurant
- The Lyon Cantina Tex-Mex Restaurant
- Jet's Pizza Pizza
- Lyon Grill Steak
- Aleko's Barbeque Ribs
- Lyon Grill Wine Selection/Restaurant
- Witch's Hat Brewing Co. Beer Selection Restaurant
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Don and Linda Burniac show off some of the fresh vegetables available at Greener Pastures, an organic market in South Lyon. The market won a People's Choice Award for Best Health Food Store. HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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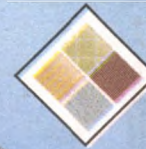
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People dance to the music of the Paul Carey Organ Trio during Blues, Brews & Brats, a popular downtown South Lyon event. HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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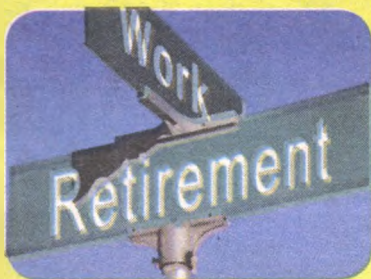
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