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## Author, illustrator sharing story

The children's book *Rosey Makes Sense* by local author and educator Melissa Israel and local illustrator Sarena Chirdon will be discussed by the two at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 18, at the Novi Public Library.

Fun and informational activities will highlight the evening; books will also be available for purchase and can be signed by both author and illustrator.

For more information or to register, visit [www.novilibrary.org](http://www.novilibrary.org) or call 248-349-0720

## Candidate questions

The *Novi News* will be conducting interviews with candidates for the August primary races for state House 38th District and 52-1 District Court.

If you have a question for these candidates, please send to [cstone@hometownlife.com](mailto:cstone@hometownlife.com).

# Novi teachers to school board: Current wages same as 2003-04

Some on food stamps, working multiple jobs

By Cal Stone  
Staff Writer

A group of Novi Community School District teachers spoke before the Board of Education at its June 5 meeting with a unified message: Their current wages are comparable to those of 2003-04 and it's no longer acceptable.

"It's time that I stand up for my members," said Chandra Madafferi, president of the Novi Education Association teachers

union. She said Novi's approximately 440 teachers have done their part in helping the board maintain its goal of a 10-percent fund equity balance over the years. They realize that the district is not receiving extra funding from the state.

But many of the NEA members are on step increases and they fully expected to move up the pay ladder annually before hitting the longevity tiers. Those steps, however, have not been given in recent years.

"And they don't come to us at 22 years old out of college," Madafferi said. "They're com-

ing to us with a lot of experience, valuable experience. And they're coming here and taking pay cuts and coming down on step one because they hope to be able to recoup those steps in the long haul – not only to contribute to Novi, but also to regain what they have lost coming here in the long run."

She asked the board to reconsider its proposed 2014-15 budget that again does not include any step increases.

"A lot of us ... are overwhelmed in student loan debt," she said. "We have a bubble of staff in the middle who are taking classes to make themselves

better teachers because we want to. We want our students to grow and be awesome because we help make Novi great. We take pride in our profession."

A survey by the NEA of its members revealed that more than half are working more than one job "to make ends meet," Madafferi said.

Heather Burnside, a teacher at Village Oaks Elementary, implored the board to look through the eyes of a teacher and try to understand the situation. She stated that in 2011-12,

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Amy Stump joins a group of Home Depot volunteers June 5 as they rehab the American Legion Constitution Post 224. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Team Depot

American Legion post gets a helping hand

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

Led by a volunteer group made up of workers from area Home Depot stores, the building to house Wixom's new American Legion Constitution Post 224 is now being transformed to give local military veterans a place to call home.

"We've been looking for a home for two to three years now, so this feels good to get in here and get to work," Post 224 Adjutant Bill Lapham said.

Last week, 45 volunteers from Team Depot, Home Depot's associate-led volunteer force, began installing drywall and ceiling tiles and remodeling a bathroom. They joined Post 224 members to also paint, complete plumbing projects and remove debris.

Post 224 leaders said these renovations will directly impact the lives of numerous veterans and their families by providing the post with a place to continue offering services and fundraising.

Lapham said members had been looking for a home when they came across the location on

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# Judge Powers hit with 58-page complaint

52-1 district judge charged with numerous violations

By Cal Stone  
Staff Writer

The Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission issued a 58-page complaint Tuesday against Judge Dennis Powers of the 52-1 District Court, citing a variety of wrongdoings by the Novi jurist.

Fraudulent mileage reimbursements were noted in 14 pages of Count I. Powers allegedly submitted \$2,560 worth of excessive mileage claims, dual destination mileage claims and numerous non-work day mileage claims.

Count II focuses on fraudulent conference reimbursements that were supposed to be made only for "expenses incurred by employees in con-



Powers

ducting county business." Powers, a licensed real estate broker in Michigan, submitted travel expense vouchers and received expense reimbursements for attending real estate training, which was not related to his position on the bench.

Powers attended conferences on 41 work days in 2012 and 19 work days in the first four months of 2013. All but four of the days did not constitute "county business."

Four pages of annual leave and tardiness violations are cited in Count III, while misuse of county-issued equipment is the focus of Count IV. Cellphone abuse from July 2012 to August 2013 included sending or receiving more than 11,000 text messages, more than 1,200 data

transfers and transmitting or receiving more than 250 pictures and videos – most not related to Powers' role as a judge – with charges of more \$1,881.

Powers is also charged with using his county-issued laptop computer for personal matters and letting other individuals use it for their personal and business matters.

Count V – failure to perform duties impartially and diligently, failure to follow the law – deals with an incident involving a defendant, James Tyler, who was arrested for threatening to "put a bullet in the head" of Judge Brian MacKenzie, Powers' colleague at the 52-1. MacKenzie had sentenced Tyler in 2006 in an operating while impaired case and Tyler was fired from his job as an Oakland County Sheriff's deputy. Six pages of the charges give a

step-by-step look at the incident, with Powers failing to make an on-the-record disclosure of his relationship with Tyler's father and for failing to recuse himself from the case.

Several more cases over which Powers presided were cited for violations he allegedly committed.

Under Count VI, several different improper extrajudicial activities by Powers are noted. Judges should not serve as director, officer, manager, adviser or employee of any business and several violations are cited with Powers' relationship with the Oakland County Credit Union and World Data Corp.

Count VII, improper and inappropriate judicial behavior, details the incident that led to Powers' troubles in the first place – WJBK-TV (Channel 2)

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# TEACHERS

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teachers agreed to a 1-percent decrease and pay 15 percent of insurance costs to help the district earn best practices funds. At that time, teachers also started paying 3 percent toward retirement health care due to a state mandate.

In 2012-13, teachers agreed to a 1.33-percent decrease, as well as 15 percent of insurance costs and 3 percent toward retirement health care. They also began paying higher insurance deductibles and co-pays.

In 2013-14, because of the institution of a hard cap, staff started paying a much higher portion of health care costs and deductibles, while continuing the 3 percent toward retirement health care.

Burnside said staff members understand the state has decreased the funding and they want to keep quality of education high in Novi and keep cuts as far away from classrooms as possible.

"I think to the community, it may have appeared here in Novi it

was business as usual," she said. "Education was the same, but staff was taking cuts."

She explained that a teacher hired in at the current first step, BA1, which is a bachelor's degree, gets a salary of \$39,500. If that teacher opts for the family insurance, that drops to \$36,500. Factor in the 3 percent for retirement health care costs and it's down to \$35,500 – the same amount a BA1 step new hire made under the 2003-04 contract.

The same thing happens at all the step levels, Burnside noted.

### District's stance

President Dennis O'Connor said the Novi Board of Education refrains from negotiating labor contracts in public and in the media. He did say that there are more than 500 school districts in Michigan and Novi ranks 16th in the state for teacher salaries.

"Novi is a very attractive school district for instructional staff," O'Connor said. "In many cases, we have had as many as 250 applicants for one teaching position. Everyone knows and appreciates the fact that

Novi Schools is a great place to work and a wonderful district to educate students."

Don Crockett has been a teacher in Novi for 29 years and he acknowledges that the district is receiving roughly the same funding from the state as it did in 2008. He recalled the late 1990s, when proposed vouchers had the potential to greatly reduce the district's revenue and the staff and board worked together to educate the community and defeat vouchers by a 2-1 margin.

"It's time for us to work together once again to influence our lawmakers to adequately fund this and all school districts in the state of Michigan," Crockett said.

Dr. Steve Matthews, district superintendent, said the concessions teachers and all staff have taken over the past several years are appreciated.

"We recognize the need to have a wage scale that is competitive and recognizes the hard work that all of our staff does," he said. "However, from the district perspective, we must be mindful of the minimal increases that we are receiving from the state. We will continue to negotiate with our employee groups in good faith to reach settlements that are fair and equitable and that keeps the school district financially stable."

Four years ago, teachers lost 2½ hours per week of planning time, Madafferri said, and their student load increased approximately 60 students.

She said it's time to think about how everyone can tighten their belts "and not just build budgets on the assumption that teachers are just going to take pay freezes and pay cuts year after year."

The result is that many teachers are regretting their decision to enter the field and are seeking other forms of employment, according to Tom Brenner, past president of the NEA and a Novi High teacher.

"That saddens me deeply," he said. "In fact, that's something that's terribly wrong with the way the system works right now."

He said those who value education must get together to take back control of schools.

"We can no longer sit back and trust politicians to make those decisions for us," Brenner said.

He implored the board to join with teachers in pleading their case in Lansing and targeting legislators on education committees.

"Our future, as a community of learners, is at stake," Brenner said.

### How it's changed

Erin Latham, a first-grade teacher at Novi Woods, said she remembers coming to the dis-

### RETIRING

The following teachers and staff of the Novi Community School District were recognized for their service at the Board of Education's June 5 meeting.

Richard Anderson, high school teacher; Kathleen Bailey, middle school head cook; Claudia Balko, Parview teacher; Karen Bryant, middle school teacher; Margaret Burris, Orchard Hills principal's secretary; Leslie Buttermore, bus driver; Jill Carroll, Novi Woods teacher; Joan Cox, high school parapro – special education; Eileen Galopin, Parkview teacher; Christine Jarrell, community education assistant; Karen Kelly, technology support specialist; Cheryl Kohring, Deerfield care aide; Kathleen Lombardi, middle school kitchen manager; Dawn Long, Novi Woods teacher; Kerry Marroni, Novi Woods media specialist; Pauline McShane, middle school hall monitor; Susan Nanasi, Village Oaks teacher; Pamela Neville, Parkview food service assistant; Sara Purdue, bus driver; Nancy Russell, Novi Meadows unit leader; Lynn Serenson, middle school teacher; Katherine Snow, Deerfield teacher; Meredith Somers Mulcahy, high school teacher; Christine Sowiński, Parkview speech; Jan Valade, preschool teacher; Peggy Wickman, Orchard Hills teacher; Judith Workman, teacher consultant; Gail Yaris, high school parapro; John Zofchak; mechanic.

trict nine years ago and looking forward to the annual salary step increases. Novi's newest teachers, she said, have not been afforded that same opportunity. They are "literally struggling" to make ends meet.

One teacher, she said, was second-guessing whether or not to take her child to the doctor because of the potential medical bill.

"That breaks my heart," Latham said. "And I'm just grateful I'm not in that same situation, because I've been able to move up in my career."

She also spoke of a colleague who will be getting a master's degree

at a cost of \$20,000 – and who now in her second year teaching in Novi is making less than her first year.

"I know another teacher who just qualified for food stamps because of her salary," Latham said. "Our great teachers are literally going to be forced out of this career just so they can make ends meet."

The teachers are currently contracted under a year-to-year wage reopener. Madafferri said it used to be three to five years, but she'd like to at least settle on a two-year contract.

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# LEGION

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North Wixom Road at the southwest corner of Loon Lake Road. It's a former video store that had various issues like pipe leaks, so some changes are needed before they can open the doors. He and Post Cmdr. John Hurst went to the Novi Home Depot looking for supplies when they were told of a possible idea for

help. "This is a big thing for us to get this type of help. It means a lot," Latham said.

With a \$13,000 grant from Home Depot and associate team help, the post's renovation got off to the right start and will need more work later this summer.

### Supporting communities

The volunteer group worked on this project on members' days off and it

was just another example of how local Home Depots support the community.

"Giving back through volunteerism, philanthropy, product donations and sharing expertise is a core value at the Home Depot and a passion for our associates," Novi Home Depot store manager Don Stump said, adding that associates from the Northville and Fenton stores joined them in the project. The Home Depot

Foundation said it's dedicated to improving the homes of U.S. military veterans through financial and volunteer resources to help nonprofit organizations. The foundation has pledged \$80 million to these efforts over five years and since 2011 has invested more than \$65 million to ensure every veteran has a safe place to call home.

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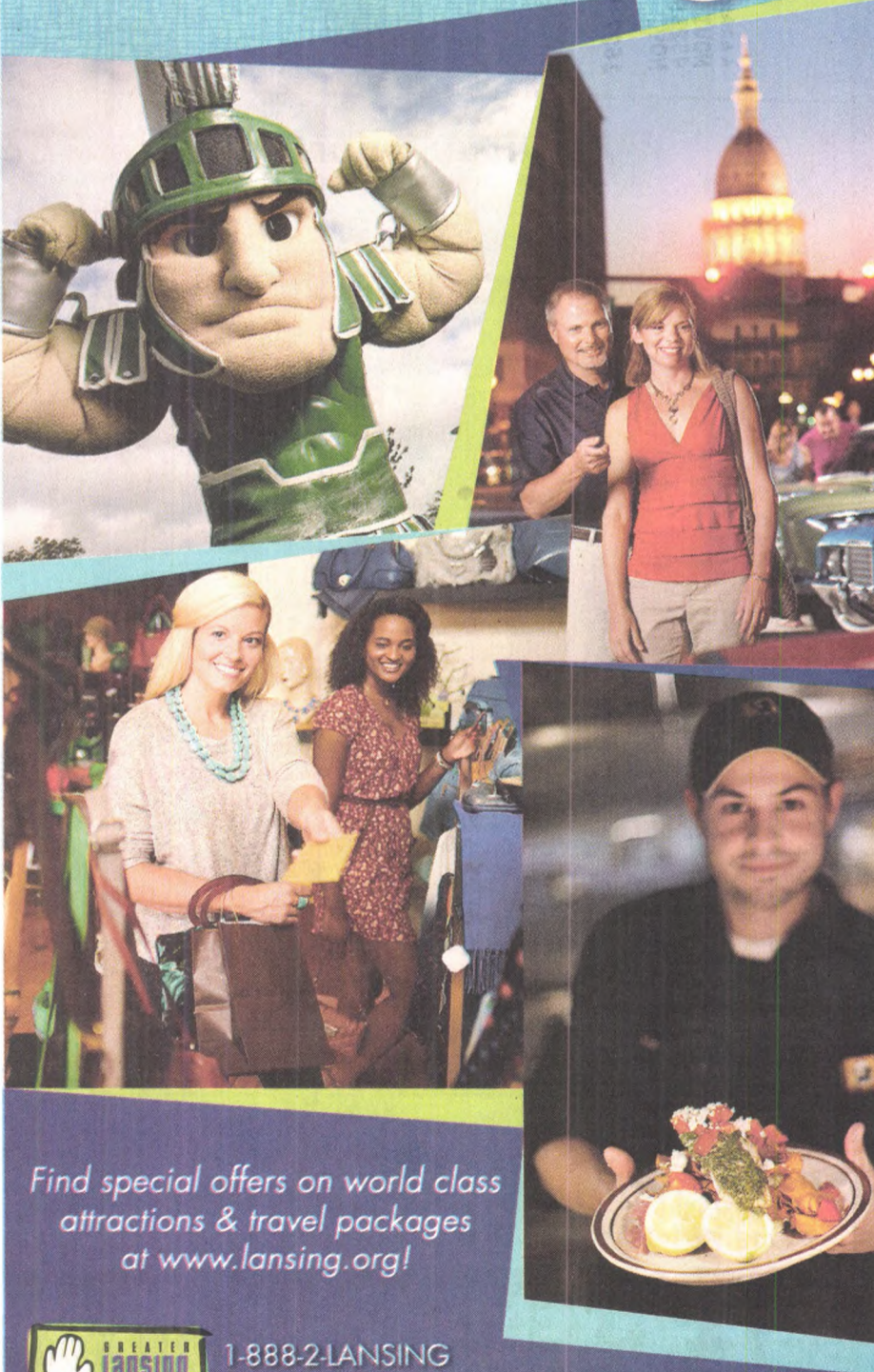
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# Garden Walk blooms with beauty, friendship

**By Julie Brown**  
Staff Writer

This year's outside color is a bit late, due to the harsh winter and cool spring, but the Gardeners of Northville & Novi (The No-Nos) are ready for its annual Garden Walk from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 21.

Barbara Krabbenbos of Livonia is this year's publicity chair. The walk has been held every other year, for 12 years, she said, making this year's the sixth.

Seven gardens in Novi and Northville will be featured during the Mad Hatters' Tea Party Garden Walk, held June 21 rain or shine. There are four Novi gardens and three from Northville. Garden styles range from formal to cottage, forest, woodlands and rock gardens.

Not to be missed is a 14-tiered waterfall with multi-level gardens at

one of the homes.

"It's something that appeals to a certain segment of the population," Krabbenbos said, touting the event's exercise and fresh air. The club's last garden walk drew some 300-400 people. "A lot of it hinges on the weather. We're hoping and praying for good weather."

There will be refreshments, vendors and a 50/50 raffle during the walk. Public restrooms are available at the Art House. Attendees are asked not to bring strollers or wagons. There will be a chance to win a custom-designed quilt donated by a garden club member.

### About the club

The No-Nos host speakers on garden-related topics eight months of the year which have speaker fees. Garden club members also do maintenance of the Art House gardens, as



Tom and Gina Van Horn's Novi garden will be featured June 21 during the Garden Walk of The No-Nos. They've been working on their garden, which features a monarch butterfly flower patch, for about 30 years. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

well as giving scholarships and contributing to local food banks.

"We do do community

service and we do have a scholarship fund," Krabbenbos said.

The club website is

[www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org](http://www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org).

The garden club meets at 6:30 p.m. the

### DETAILS

Tickets are \$10 (cash or check) and on sale at: Begonia Brothers in Northville; Gardenviews in Northville; Backyard Birds in Plymouth; Wild-birds Unlimited in Novi; and the Northville Art House. June 21, the day of the walk, tickets will only be available at the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady St., in downtown Northville.

second Monday of each month at the Northville Art House. It's open to men and women (high school age and up), many from Novi or Northville, but also Plymouth, Southfield, Walled Lake and other communities.

"We're getting members from a larger area. We have a lot of quality speakers," with many focused on education, she said.

# Local Relay for Life set for June 21-22

**By Julie Brown**  
Staff Writer

This year's Relay for Life of Novi-Northville has a \$54,500 goal for the American Cancer Society. The event will start at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 21, at Novi Middle School, 11 Mile and Wixom roads.

That's a new location for the local Relay, which in the past was held at Ford Field in downtown Northville.

"We don't think that'll be a problem," ACS Relay specialist Christina Linn said of the middle school site. "It's actually a great location."

There's no charge to use the middle school site, unlike Ford Field, she noted.

Planning for the Relay for Life of Novi-Northville began last October with local event chair Ammie Childs. In the Relay for Life, team members walk continuously on the track for 24 hours, symbolizing their

commitment to the fight against cancer.

Last year's Novi-Northville Relay had a \$72,000 fundraising goal, up from \$62,000 in 2012. Last year's Relay was the second for the combined event, its ACS organizer said at that time, with the Ford Field/Northville event held prior to the combination with Novi for a number of years previously.

After the 10 a.m. start Saturday, June 21, there will again be a survivors' lap, as in past years. When the sun goes down that Saturday night, there will again be the lumina-ria ceremony to honor those fighting cancer and remember those who've lost their battle to the disease.

Teens from Novi and Northville high schools already did their fundraising portion of the Relay on May 17, Linn said. The main Novi-Northville event will wrap up at 10 a.m.

Sunday, June 22, at Novi Middle School.

"Right now, we have about 13 teams," Linn said May 27. "We'll probably have about 250 to 300 participants at the Relay."

Linn comes to Michigan from an ACS staff job in Nashville, Tenn. The now-Farming-ton resident said, "It's pretty similar other than the Relays in Nashville are 12 hours rather than 24 hours."

She praised the "dedicated teams that are coming back" and hardworking Novi-Northville committee members. Linn can be reached at [christina.linn@cancer.org](mailto:christina.linn@cancer.org) or 248-663-3454.

Entertainment is being lined up and Linn welcomes inquiries from performers who can entertain gratis during the Relay. Additional information on the local Relay is online at [relayforlife.org/novi-northville](http://relayforlife.org/novi-northville).



Relay for Life walkers walk continuously on the track for 24 hours, symbolizing their commitment to the cancer fight. This year's Novi-Northville Relay for Life will be June 21-22 at Novi Middle School. HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

In 1985, Dr. Gordy Klatt walked and ran around a track in Tacoma, Wash., for 24 hours, raising \$27,000 to help the ACS fight cancer.

A year later, 340 supporters joined the overnight event.

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Steve Matthews

SUPER TALK

the last day of the 2013-14 school year. When I was a child, I looked forward to summer. It was a chance to experience things that I could not experience during the school year. My family toured the West, pulling a small camping trailer one year. We rode a train through Mexico to visit the beaches on the Gulf of Mexico. We went to Disneyland. We saw the Houston Astros play in the Astrodome in Houston. But more importantly,

my mother took my sister and me to the library every week. We would go for the weekly library program. Then we would get to check out books. I loved visiting the library every week during the summer. Summer is a time that can take a toll on academic achievement. Many researchers have studied the "summer slump." Richard Allington, a reading researcher, suggests that young readers, unless they continue to practice their skills, can actually lose ability in the summer. By the end of sixth grade, this accumulated loss during the summer can actually create a reader who is up to 18 months behind where they should be.

Why? Some young readers never get the chance to practice. In the summer, young children are so busy that we forget to encourage them to read. The Kaiser Family

Foundation says that on any given day, 30 percent of all children will play a video game, spending just over an hour engaged with the game. While video games may have a purpose, they are not meant to help develop readers and writers.

Jim Trelease, an advocate of reading aloud to children, advocates getting books into the hands of students during the summer. This is especially important for students from preschool through eighth grade.

If we value education, then it is important for us to help our children continue to learn during the summer. While summer is meant to be relaxing and enjoyable, it is also important for us to encourage the students we know to read.

I would ask that you check out the Novi Public Library this summer. The Novi Public Library and

the Novi Community School District are collaborating on a summer reading program. This program will provide a wide variety of opportunities for students to read.

I would encourage you to get involved with your children this summer and encourage them to read. Make a commitment to read to your children every night. Make a commitment to get books into the hands of your children so that the skills they have developed during the school year don't begin to erode.

If we take just a little bit of time in the summer to maintain our children's reading skills, then summer will not only be a lot of fun, it will make school more enjoyable when a student returns in the fall.

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

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Walled Lake summer food program

The Walled Lake Consolidated School District announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program for Children. Free meals will be made available to children 18 years and under or persons up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by a state or local public educational agency. The meals will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

Meals will be provided at Walled Lake Community Education Center, 615 N. Pontiac Trail. Breakfast will be served 8:30-9 a.m. and lunch from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Monday through Friday from June 23 through Aug. 22.

Contact the food service office at 248-956-3082 for more information.

### Novi Northville Montessori Center enrollment

Novi Northville Montessori Center is accepting applications for 2014-15 enrollment. Classroom Tours will be 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 18 and 25 and July 9 and 23.

Children must be 2½ years old (30 months) and completely potty trained. The center offer five full days, five half days and three full days Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday only.

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### Summer school registration

Novi Community Education has begun registration for summer school. New this year is online registration (high school summer school only) at [www.novicommunityed.org](http://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](http://www.novi.k12.mi.us) under Community Education – Summer School.

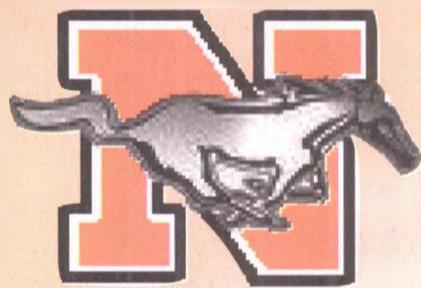
## For the Walkers



Novi Woods students Blaire King (left) and Sophie Saeli were two of the many students who wore pink to the school June 6 and walked a lap or two around the soccer field to raise money and awareness for cancer research and cures. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Novi Woods participated in a fundraiser June 6 in efforts to raise money for the Novi Woods Walkers – Rhonda Hoffman, Jenny Camilleri, Amy Jones and Laura McMahon. In August, the four will take part in the Susan G. Komen 3-Day Walk for the Cure. Each of the members are committed to 60 miles in three days and a minimum fundraising obligation of \$2,300 per walker. Novi Woods families supported the cure by wearing pink and giving a donation, raising nearly \$846. Shown are Woods students (front, from left) Levi Matas, Odin Gullidge, Natasha Gedeon, Katherine Chen, Gabriel Araujo Da Silveria and Anishya Madala and (back, from left) Rishma Madala, Ben Matas, Brendan Lynch, Gabby Tate and Jimmy Ryzdik. The Novi Woods Walkers will be hosting various fundraisers to raise money for the cure.



## Senior All Night Party Committee Northville High School Class of 2014 Wishes to Thank All Those Involved in Making This Year's Party a Huge Success

To the committee members who worked so hard over the past year, to all the volunteers who donated their time and energy, to the community who supported us, and to all the many who contributed to ensure that the graduating class of 2014 had a night to remember we express our sincere gratitude.

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 Drs. Bookwalter, Fee & Wright, Plymouth  
 Bravo! Cucina Italiana, Livonia  
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 Broughton Music Center  
 Buffalo Wild Wings, Livonia  
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 Jeffrey Burstein, DDS  
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# Palooza celebrates learning

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

Novi Community Schools held its first Project Palooza to showcase 16 project-based learning units from first to seventh grade to celebrate this new district initiative.

Held at the Novi Public Library, the event was well-attended by parents, families, school staff and friends.

Project-based learning specialist Myla Lee introduced the students and teachers who spent the school year developing, creating and presenting a variety of projects.

"We celebrate their learning and teaching," Lee said.

The projects were truly diverse.

Parkview Elementary second-graders talked about their social studies class project, "Diggin' Digital Citizenship," which had a goal of making them better users of computers and the Internet.

Seventh-graders had a project presented by student Mitch Galecka called "Tech It Out," which



Novi Middle School seventh-grader Mitch Galecka stands in front of the group project he worked on as part of the school district's project-based learning initiative. **LONNIE HUHMAN**

explored the different technologies that could be used to promote learning in the classroom.

For Galecka, PBL was a resounding success this year.

"I think it's a really cool idea," he said. "It really gave us a chance to explore ideas, do research and create a group project ourselves. I definitely learned from it."

With help from the Novi Education Foundation, project-based

learning was introduced to the district with the help of a cohort of teachers. Lee said PBL is a meaningful methodology and framework that addresses all areas of the district's mission, specifically social justice, career and college readiness and writing across the curriculum.

Students gained knowledge and skills by working for an extended period of time to investigate and respond to a complex question or challenge. Teams of students formed to tackle a project and answer their driving question.

A big part of PBL, which was on full display at the Palooza, is public speaking. All the students presented their work to a big group of adults inside the library meeting room.

Their parents were impressed.

"It's done so much for my daughter," Novi parent Julie Maday said of PBL. "She really wants to learn and is excited about doing it this way."

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# Beyond Belief brings music from, and to, older adults

A new chorus of older adults is working to bring music and entertainment to senior communities across metro Detroit. The Beyond Belief Senior Chorus is composed of 40 close-knit members from Oakland and Wayne counties ranging in age from 55 to 100 years old.

The chorus was established under the Mission Six Foundation in 2014 to bring music to older adults and senior communities which otherwise might have limited interaction with music and the performing arts. Since its inception, the group has traveled to independent living facilities and nursing homes.

"What this chorus proves on a daily basis is that no one is too old, too feeble or too disabled to share in the joy of music," said Aaron Martinez, executive director of

Mission Six.

Under the eye of director Marilee Dechart, the chorus is preparing to hit the stage as a group for the first time in its show "Music! Music! Music!," a collection of songs and dances from the 1950s. Beyond Belief rehearses at 1:30 p.m. each Tuesday and Friday at the Novi United Methodist Church.

In partnership with the Novi Community School District and Novi Community Education, the show will be brought to the Novi Middle School Auditorium at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 18-19.

Tickets will be available beginning June 16, for \$10 in advance and \$13 at the door. Tickets will also be available by calling 248-991-0175. For more information, visit Mission Six's website at [www.mission6.org](http://www.mission6.org).

# Goodbye gift



Hickory Woods Elementary in Novi held a special assembly June 5 for retiring Principal Patricia Werner. She was presented with a gift that was made using the fingerprints of all the students in the school, then the students performed a surprise flash mob to the song "Happy" by Pharrell Williams. Pictured are (from left) Jack Gorman, Lexi Kantor, Matthew Brown, Werner, Rachel Weiss and Max Gorman.

## Livonia Public Schools Opening Japanese Immersion Magnet Program To Out-Of-District Students

Livonia Public Schools is opening its Japanese Immersion Magnet program to Limited Schools of Choice 105c for the 2014-15 school year. This program is geared toward elementary students looking for a specialized learning experience in a Japanese/English dual immersion setting.

Seats are open to students entering Kdg, 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th grade in the 2014-15 school year.  
50 seats in Kindergarten; 25 seats in each grade 1st-4th  
Limited Registration Window: June 10 - June 24, 2014

Applications will be accepted at LPS Board of Education Office—Personnel Department, located at 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154 June 10, 2014 at 8 a.m.-June 24, 2014 at 4 p.m.

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# Novi man looks back at D-Day experience

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

One word comes to mind when Fox Run resident Michael Glagola looks back at his D-Day experience in World War II, for which he had been training since he joined the U.S. Navy in 1943.

"I was lucky," he said recalling those fateful moments June 6, 1944, in which the Landing Ship, Tank (LST) he served on was sunk by a mine just off the coast of Normandy, France.

Glagola was 19 years old when he joined the navy. He was trained to drive the famous Landing Craft, Vehicle, Personnel (LCVP). Also known as a Higgins boat, this was a landing craft used extensively in amphibious landings during World War II, especially along the northern coast of Europe after they were deployed from the LSTs they were kept on during the crossing of the English Channel.

A disagreement between his commanding officer and the LST's executive officer led to his crew being dismissed from the LST shortly before the invasion. This decision, Glagola said, may have saved his life.

However, this didn't mean he didn't see any action. Soon after D-Day, he was part of the naval crews hauling men and supplies to France. He was later connected with the 1st U.S. Army as it crossed Europe.

"I joined the navy because I thought it would keep me out of a foxhole," he said with a smile. "But I was wrong. I ended up spending a lot of time in foxholes."

Glagola grew up in a coal mining town in Pennsylvania and joined the service after high school. He trained in New York and Florida. From the start, he and his crew member friends knew they would be taking part in an invasion of Europe.

His brother John also served and flew 35 missions with a B-24 crew during the war.



These photos are from Michael Glagola's scrapbook. He (left) and his brother John are pictured in uniform. His brother flew more than 30 missions over Europe during World War II.

One of Glagola's most detailed memories of the initial invasion is from loading ships at the docks in Plymouth, England. He said the number of planes and barrage balloons in the sky that day was awe inspiring.

"They were everywhere," he said. Once the U.S. military had a foothold and began moving toward Germany, Glagola's crew joined up with the army. The mission was to eventually use their LCVP to haul men and supplies across the Rhine River, which they did when

they found the bridges destroyed or damaged.

He made it out safely and ended up making the military a career over the course of three decades, with 11 years on active duty. After World War II, he became a jet pilot and flew planes like the F-4, which he said was one of the defining moments in his life.

"I loved to fly," he said. He also used the G.I. Bill to help get a college degree to become an engineer, which brought him and his wife Su-

zanne to Michigan in the 1950s to work in the auto industry.

His story has stayed with him all of these years and he went back for the D-Day 50th anniversary ceremonies in 1994.

Each June 6, his mind settles on one thought - the men he served with.

"They were great men," he said. "I would have gone to hell and back with them."

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## IN THE SERVICE

### Alexander Mychalowych

Navy Ensign Alexander Mychalowych, son of Andrew W. and Andrea M. Mychalowych of Farmington Hills and a 2010 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School in Novi, recently graduated with a bachelor of science degree from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and was commissioned to his current rank.

Graduation and commissioning is the culmination of a rigorous four year program of intense academic, military and physical training designed to produce combat leaders of character for the Navy and Marine Corps. In the Naval Academy's Class of 2014, 1,068 midshipmen graduated, of which 784 sailors were commissioned as navy ensigns and 265 Marines were commissioned as Marine Corps second lieutenants.

## Artists adds patriotic murals to renovated American Legion post

By Kurt Kuban  
Staff Writer

As members of Northville's American Legion Post 147 were putting the finishing touches on the recent \$25,000 renovation of their lounge, they felt there was something missing.

Enter Salem Township sign artist Theresa Skinner, who created two patriotic murals that stand as a testament to what the American Legion stands for. One of the works is a hand-painted 4-by-5-foot mural in honor of America's prisoners of war/missing in action and the other a 4-by-6-foot vinyl reproduction of American soldiers during World War II holding an American flag with a sunset in the background.

The two works now accompany the portrait of Lloyd H. Green, the World War I soldier killed in action for whom the post is named.

"We were putting the portrait of Lloyd back up and we thought we needed something else up on the walls," Post Adjutant Gary DeMars said.

Skinner, 50, the former owner of Value Signs in Northville, has been a supporter of veterans for many years. When she found out the Legion members were looking for something patriotic to spruce up the walls, she donated her time. She spent several months working on the POW/MIA mural, making sure it was perfect.

"I couldn't just come in here and throw it together. I had to really put some time into it," she said. "I wanted something that will be here forever, just like this place."

The post, located at 100 W. Dunlap in downtown Northville, has about 300 members, mostly from Northville and Novi. It dates back to 1920 and was named after Green, a young communications courier who was the only Northville resident killed in World War I. Post members are active in the community and help put on the Memorial Day Parade. Some Post 147 members participated June 7 in the Salem Township Flag Day Parade. Skinner was one of that event's organizers, which is how she met Ron Dollenbach, Post 147's junior vice com-



Theresa Skinner takes a look at the mural she painted for Northville's American Legion Post 147. The art is on the west wall of the Legion's renovated lounge. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

mander.

Dollenbach was the one who reached out to Skinner about doing the murals. He said members couldn't be happier with how they turned out.

"We're really proud of both of these works and especially the POW/MIA mural. Being veterans, we have lost many comrades, some who are still missing," he said.

### Full accounting

The POW/MIA mural includes an American flag and the words "All Gave Some. Some Gave All."

The other mural is based on a historical photograph, "At the End of the Day," which Skinner said was chosen after flipping through many, many photos.

"We went through thousands of photographs trying to find the right one," she said. "Seeing that sunset with the soldiers and the American flag really means something special. It fits in perfect here."

The Post had a dedication ceremony May 23 and honored Skinner for her work, which she donated.

DeMars said the works are more than just art, however. American Legion members are committed to getting a full accounting of all of America's more than 1,600 POW/MIAs - mostly from the Vietnam War, but other conflicts as well. He said Skinner's mural is a reflection of this cause.

"They are still thought

about on a daily basis and we need to do all we can to get a full accounting," he said. "This is a beautiful piece of art, but it's also a powerful reminder for all who enter this lounge."

As for Skinner, she is so happy she was able to lend her talents to a cause for which she truly believes.

She has many friends who are veterans, including Richard L. Holloway, a World War II fighter pilot and Plymouth resident, with whom she remains very close.

"This is all about giving something back to our veterans. I'm just paying it forward," Skinner said.

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## SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE UPDATES

### Seminar for students with disabilities

The Counseling Department at Schoolcraft College is sponsoring an informational seminar for high school students who have disabilities and are interested in attending Schoolcraft College this fall. This session, at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 14, in the Livonia campus' Liberal Arts Building, is designed to provide information that will be useful in making the transition to Schoolcraft College. Topics of discussion will include the documentation required for accessing accommodations at Schoolcraft and the important differences between accommodations provided in high school and those offered at Schoolcraft.

Visit [www.schoolcraft.edu/disabilitysupportservices](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/disabilitysupportservices) for more information and to register. Call the Schoolcraft College Disability Support Services Office at 734-462-4421 with any additional questions.

*Schoolcraft College is a predominantly two-year college offering classes at the main campus in Livonia, the Radcliff Center in Garden City, the Public Safety Training Complex in Livonia and online at [www.schoolcraft.edu](http://www.schoolcraft.edu).*

# S'craft trustees OK four-year culinary arts program

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College took one more step toward offering a four-year degree in culinary arts.

The school's Board of Trustees approved the plan for offering bachelor's degrees in two tracks: a bachelor of arts in culinary entrepreneurial leadership and bachelor of science in culinary nutrition and leadership. Now the college, located on Haggerty in Livonia, will have a visit from the Higher Learning Commission to try to receive its approval before having four-year degree students at the college.

"We expect that whole process to take the next nine months," said Rich Weinkauff, the school's vice president of instruction. "Successful approval by the Higher Learning Commission will allow us to market it and get real public with it."

The college is planning on enrolling students in its four-year



Chef Shawn Loving, culinary arts department chairman at Schoolcraft College, said having students around for two additional years will allow for deeper training.

program beginning in fall 2015. The school began the process last year after it received the highest accreditation possible from the American Culinary Federation.

The process for offering a four-year degree at a two-year college such as Schoolcraft was OK'd by the state Legislature in 2012 for several specific areas of study, which include energy production, concrete technology, maritime technology and culinary arts.

Northwestern Michigan College earlier this year became one of the first two-year colleges

to grant a four-year degree, graduating students with bachelor's degrees in maritime technology. Other schools, such as Jackson Community College and Lake Michigan College, are planning to enroll students this fall in a four-year program for energy production after receiving approval from the Higher Learning Commission.

Schoolcraft is one of the first schools in the state to receive approval from its governing board to move forward with a culinary arts bachelor's degree program, said Mike Hansen, president of the

Michigan Community College Association. He said the process of moving forward with four-year programs after the legislation was approved two years ago now becomes more methodical, as the biggest hurdle before was approval from the state.

"After we got that, then the process colleges have to go through is more procedural," Hansen said.

### New aspects of program

Weinkauff said in addition to offering two new degrees, a new professional chef academy will also be available to a limited number of students in the program. The academy will be designed to provide more hands-on experience for students working under several professional chefs.

"That's kind of a unique angle to what we're providing at the bachelor's level," he said. "That's going to be an experiential component of the program."

Also planned for the

program will be coursework detailing nutrition and food science, as well as the business aspect of the culinary arts.

Chef Shawn Loving, culinary arts department chairman, said those additional tracks are an important aspect of the field outside of the kitchen.

"Those two need to go hand-in-hand for success," he said.

"That's very critical." Loving said having students around for two additional years will allow for better relationships between instructors and students. Often, students are just getting comfortable with instructors in their last semester, he said. This longer period will allow for deeper training to prepare students to work after graduation.

"You realize that they did learn and that they did enjoy every moment," Loving said. "We get to embrace our students longer and I think it will build up a stronger success rate overall."

## ON CAMPUS

### University of Wisconsin-Madison

Students named to the dean's list for the spring semester of the 2013-14 academic year included Novi's Nicole Greenhalgh, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. To be eligible, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester.

### Columbia College, Chicago

Nina Lynn Stockman graduated summa cum laude with a 3.9 GPA. She received a bachelor of arts degree in fashion business May 17 and was on the dean's list all four years. She is a 2010 graduate of Novi High School.

### University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Novi's Alex Engebretson received a \$5,000 MICPA/Gregory Nowak Leadership Scholarship to

help fund his fifth/graduate year of college.

### Grand Valley State University

The following students were placed on the dean's list for the winter 2014 semester concluding in April. The list includes those students who have maintained a 3.5 grade-point average and been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits.

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Friday, June 13 | 1:30 pm

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Tuesday, June 24 | 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

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# Long days, technology keys to I-96 rebuild

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

Jerry Torresan II's workday at the I-96 reconstruction project begins bright and early, arriving on the job around 6 a.m. to begin prepping for the day.

His work as a Michigan Department of Transportation inspector had him traversing much of the west end of the project in Livonia the past few weeks.

"I get here first thing in the morning, before the contractor starts, having a game plan and getting the job done," the Shelby Township resident said. "It's basically surveying, making sure the elevations are correct, everything conforms to the plans and specifications that we have."

Torresan is among about 100 MDOT inspectors and 500 construction workers who have spent countless hours working on the seven-mile reconstruction project on the freeway from Telegraph in Redford to Newburgh



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in Livonia.

The \$148 million project has seen non-stop work since it began in April. Except for part of Memorial Day weekend last month, crews have been out destroying the former road surface, prepping to lay new roadway and working on bridges around the clock.

Work has progressed smoothly since the freeway closed: several portions have already been laid on the west side of the project in Livonia and several bridges that closed earlier in the project have already re-

opened.

Approximately nine surface miles of pavement have been laid nearly two months into the project; 49 more miles are left to go. (Miles are calculated per lane.) The freeway is expected to reopen no later than October.

Down on the freeway, plaques adorn the bottom of each bridge, labeling them to help keep workers informed of their location; the entire freeway is not recognizable and it can be difficult to figure out which roadway is which. Crews

work either a 12- or 10-hour shift, though some workers have logged 16-hour days, said Jeff Horne, an MDOT engineer.

"Sometimes people are working seven days, six days, it really varies," he said. "I don't think they're working seven days at 16 hours. They might do eight on Saturday and have Sunday off. It really all depends."

There are several types of workers on the project site, including laborers and operators. Operators have more versatility in their work and a wider array of assignments, while laborers tend to stick to one type of work, such as digging.

"You have a lot of quantity," Horne said. "You keep repeating what you're doing."

## Technology improvements

Advances in construction technology being used in the project are helping those involved. Crews were out last week leveling the roadway's

grade, as well as crushing concrete, constructing the retaining wall and laying down pavement for the lanes and shoulder.

Torresan said he has worked on intensive projects with MDOT before, such as the I-94/I-69 work in St. Clair County several years ago, but the new technology being used in today's construction is vastly improving the work.

"I was up in Port Huron and did the Black River Bridge; that was big," he said. "With technology now a days, it makes it so much more accurate."

MDOT inspector Rick McGowan echoed Torresan's thoughts on technology. The Grosse Ile resident said he carries his state-issued iPad with him on site, to pull up documents and other information relevant to the project. It makes it easy and more cost-effective to communicate visually with project managers when issues come up.

"Before, we didn't

have everything at our fingertips," he said. "We're discussing some grade issues over here, trying to iron out some transitions over here and, basically, I was able to throw the engineer and the senior inspector on FaceTime and basically talk over some issues so they didn't have to come out."

One recently added piece of new technology that's assisting with construction is a GPS-equipped plow that takes coordinates and uses them to adjust the plow as the driver moves along the freeway. The plow will move accordingly with the grade as needed, with little assistance from the operator.

"The grade checker will make sure he's good and, if he's not, he can make little adjustments here or there," Torresan said. "They do it in a course of about 50 yards or so. If he's not, he'll make his corrections and he's good for the day."

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# Parents laud soon-to-be law that will help prevent drug-related deaths

By Karen Smith  
Staff Writer

A bill expected to be signed into law in the next two to three weeks won't bring back Mark and Carol Garofoli's son, but the Livonia couple hopes it will prevent another drug-related death.

The law will allow families to file a court petition to force their loved one into substance abuse treatment before they hurt themselves or others.

"We had our hands tied," Carol Garofoli said of their 22-year-old son, also named Mark. "Every time we checked our son in, he checked himself out."

The Garofolis said they will witness Gov. Rick Snyder's signing of the bill. "I hope

somehow it has our son's name on it. That would make it even better. It doesn't bring him back; I just hope it helps other people," she said.

The Garofolis started working on the bill with state Rep. John Walsh, R-Livonia, after Mark, who was addicted to heroin, committed suicide in May 2011. The son could no longer think rationally and had walked out of a rehab facility in Memphis, Mich., just two weeks prior to his death. His parents, and everyone else, were powerless to stop him because he was over age 18.

Walsh said he was unaware of the need for involuntary treatment for substance abuse until he met the Garofolis. "Their story was so compelling," he said in a previous

interview. After researching it and meeting with the various stakeholders, "I felt I could do something," he said.

The bill was modeled after the Marchman Act in Florida, as well as similar laws in other states such as Ohio.

Walsh introduced his proposed legislation May 24, 2012, the one-year anniversary of the Garofolis' son's death.

Walsh said Friday that it took the bill more than two years to work its way through the Legislature because of the concern lawmakers had over taking away an individual's personal liberty. "It took people time to get comfortable with it," he said, adding that the bill treats those addicted to substances "no different than how we treat someone

with a mental health issue." The bill passed the Senate on June 3.

Walsh said he worked with the American Civil Liberties Union, the Michigan Department of Community Health, the Michigan Probate Judges Association and the Michigan Association of Substance Abuse Coordinating Agencies, among others, to protect individual rights and guard against someone being wrongfully committed.

Walsh said he is very happy the bill finally passed and is awaiting the governor's signature into law. "I think it gives families ... a very important piece of intervention," he said.

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Mark and Carol Garofoli hold a portrait of their son Mark, who committed suicide while addicted to heroin. His parents had no legal authority to force him to get treatment.



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# Teen, family support Make-A-Wish at June 13 event

**By Julie Brown**  
Staff Writer



Rabinowitz

Women are encouraged to round up their friends for a "Mom's Night Out" to help raise money for Make-A-Wish Michigan. The comedy show will begin at 8 p.m. Friday, June 13, at Big Tommy's Comedy Club in the lower level of Big Tommy's Parthenon, 40380 Grand River Ave., in Novi.

Ryan Rabinowitz, 16, a Novi High School sophomore, has been fundraising with his "Round Up at the Rink" for Make-A-Wish. Last year, he was able to raise almost

\$3,000 to send a young girl battling cancer to Disney World. Comedy tickets are \$15, of which \$10 will be donated to Make-A-Wish. Women can shop 5:30-7:30 p.m. for such items as Pampered Chef, Isagenix, Tupperware and others. All vendors will return a percentage of sales to the charity.

Ryan, son of Trish and Alan Rabinowitz of Novi, is big brother to Zac, 9. Ryan Rabinowitz started

his "Round up at the Rink" in ninth grade by contacting the president of the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association.

The teen then contacted many arenas to have them "round up" rink concession sales to boost his Make-A-Wish fundraising.

"I felt a very good sense of accomplishment," he said of his fundraising and sending the child to Disney World. "I'm very appreciative of everyone who helped. It just makes me more eager to continue and keep this fundraiser going."

He also wants to show

gratitude for the great women behind the hockey players: "Behind every hockey player is a hockey mom. We thought it'd be a good idea to get them involved in a good way."

"Obviously, anything he can raise would be wonderful," mom Trish said, noting her older son has a \$5,000 fundraising goal for this year.

Fewer rinks agreed to participate this year, so the family tossed around the idea of a comedy benefit at Big Tommy's. Ryan, on the hockey and JV baseball teams at Novi High, had heard of another hockey benefit at

Big Tommy's.

"Dads can come, too. Anybody really is invited," she said of the comedy show, limited to those age 21 and up. The vendors were added for shopping and fundraising. "He'll roll it out again next year," she said of Ryan's charity fundraising, which will include tweaking plans and exploring other avenues. Ryan will attend Friday to help organize the event at Big Tommy's Comedy Club.

Ryan Rabinowitz was first inspired to get involved by a school leadership program in fourth grade that emphasized

community service. "I like what Make-A-Wish does," he said of the trips for ailing children and their families. "I think the hockey community is just so amazing."

His parents are proud of his efforts. "They've been a big help as well in the process," Ryan said. "They've supported me through everything."

To purchase tickets for the benefit, call Trish Rabinowitz at 248-417-3599. Ryan's goal after high school is to attend the University of Michigan. "I've been a big fan since I was a little kid," he said of U-M. "It's a great school."

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## OUR VIEWS

# Time to pay homage to the flag

## Annual Flag Day grew from humble roots

"We take the stars from Heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing Liberty."

That's what George Washington once said about the newly created American flag during the American Revolution.

Authorized by Congress June 14, 1777, what we now know as the Stars and Stripes first flew over the walls of Fort Stanwix in the wilderness of upstate New York. It is unlikely that the soldiers within those walls, who were taking on the most powerful nation in the world at the time, realized that the red, white and blue American flag would become one of the most recognizable symbols in the world.

Although despised by some, the Stars and Stripes has inspired countless others in nearly every corner of the globe, especially where people have lived under tyranny. It isn't the design of the flag (though it is certainly handsome, as flags go) that is inspiring. It is the very ideals for which the flag has stood and which it has represented since its inception: liberty, democracy, freedom.

While there have been plenty of times in our history when we have not lived up to those ideals, they have still been our guiding principles since the founding of this nation. They were the ideals that inspired the makers of the flag and those who fought to fly it over their heads – not just in the American Revolution, but in every American war since, including today in Afghanistan.

Never were we so moved, so determined, as the memorable raising of our flag on Iwo Jima in World War II and over the ruins of the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. Our nation has come a long way from the simple beginnings of the U.S. flag and Betsy Ross. It has become a national symbol of pride and a call to patriotic fervor, marked Saturday as a national holiday.

It is a tradition rooted in the 1800s. The idea of a day celebrating our flag can be traced back to 1885 in Fredonia, Wis. On June 14, 1885, Bernard J. Cigrand, a 19-year-old teacher at Stony Hill School, placed a 10-inch, 38-star flag in a bottle on his desk, then assigned essays on the flag and its significance. This observance commemorated Congress' adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777. This observance was also the beginning of Cigrand's long years of fervent and devoted effort to bring about national recognition and observance of Flag Day.

The celebration spread to New York and, soon thereafter, it moved to the Philadelphia home of Betsy Ross, where the Sons of the Revolution celebrated the day. The movement then took hold in Pennsylvania, where the superintendent of public education moved Flag Day ceremonies into Independence Square. Then the observance moved on to Chicago with schoolchildren there.

In 1914, Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane gave a Flag Day address. As a culmination to the groundswell of support, President Woodrow Wilson established Flag Day on May 30, 1916. But it wasn't until Aug. 3, 1949, that President Harry Truman designated June 14 as National Flag Day.

Started by children and their teacher, it is appropriate for all of us to reflect on the meaning behind the flag. The National Flag Day Foundation hopes we'll all stop at 7 p.m. Saturday for the annual Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

May we all be flag bearers in spirit, if not in actuality. And may our flag continue as the standard for the liberty and justice we so treasure.



The American flag with its red and white stripes and white stars on a field of blue was authorized June 14, 1777 by the Continental Congress.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

# Do you have any advice for recent high school graduates?

This question was asked at the Novi and Northville public libraries.



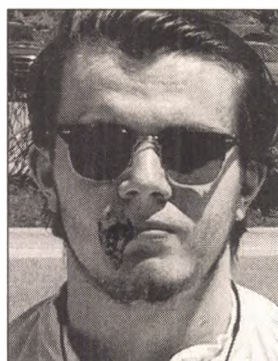
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**Jack Wakinshaw**  
Novi (Class of 2015)



"Have a goal before you decide on or get to college, so you don't waste your time and money."

**Patti Tomasak**  
Northville

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### State leaders need to prioritize education funding

Election rhetoric has started, and Gov. Snyder's supporters are telling us he has greatly increased funding for schools while Democratic candidate Mark Schauer's supporters tell us he hasn't. Mr. Snyder's team says he's increased funding per pupil, while Mr. Schauer's team says Snyder's cut funding by \$1 billion. If you have the time and energy to parse through all the financial statements and budget proposals, you could probably make caveat-filled cases for both.

The actual numbers show Michigan has been disinvesting in education for at least a decade. This is a bipartisan crisis. If one is really interested in the numbers, and in leaving partisanship aside, look at actual school district budget statements.

Walled Lake Schools have had the same cuts. In a letter introducing the 2013-14 district budget, its superintendent discusses the "devastating reductions" in eight of the last 12 years that include concessions from all employee groups, cuts in textbook budgets, elimination of media specialists and the dean of students position, and reductions in teaching staff and paraprofessionals.

Novi's report is similar. It shows a 4.7-percent decrease in state per pupil funding since 2008-09. The governor's plan for 2014-15 would add \$78 per pupil. This assumes \$52 for "best practices" – a silly sideshow of "practices" that have no bearing on what the families of Novi actually need. For Novi, \$78 represents a less than 1-percent in-

crease over last year. A negligible increase after years of cuts is not a victory, nor is it in any way indicative of "investment" in education. It is pathetic. Even the House Fiscal Agency agrees that net operations funding for schools over the last four- and seven-year periods has declined – and that obviously includes since Mr. Snyder took office.

Parents should be asking their district administrators for their budget numbers and then asking their state legislators and the governor why they're not prioritizing classroom funding. Let's stop listening to the campaign spin and start demanding from our elected officials actual investment in our public schools.

**Kathleen Hood**  
Novi

### Disappointed in sports coverage

I have been a Novi resident for almost 18 years and have religiously read the *Novi News* each week. This past Thursday, I was so excited to go out to the mailbox to pick up the paper. I was expecting a fabulous spread on how great the Novi High teams did at their respective competitions on the previous weekend. So many of our seniors, including my Novi High baseball player, were very late and almost didn't make the commencement ceremony due to the excitement of their games and events.

My mouth dropped to the ground when I immediately pulled the sports section and saw the huge photo of the Northville girls soccer team on the front page. Not only did they get the front page spot, but they also go a second photo on page 2. Where were our boys? Page 3, no photo. Amazing!

Northville has their own local paper, which I'm pretty sure has covered this story. I do realize that there are Novi residents who attend Northville schools, but knowing many of them, most affiliate themselves with Northville, not Novi. Thank goodness for the heartfelt quote by Rick Green or I would have shredded the entire section. The article made it sound like the two district games were just another average day at the ballpark – nothing special, like it really was! No mention at all of my son pitching spectacularly for the first nine of 11 innings in that first game and helping to keep the Farmington team in check.

I started out as sad and disappointed for our boys, after their dedication and hard-fought battle this season. Now, I'm over that and am just plain furious. The baseball program in general gets little respect or attention to start. This was their opportunity to shine after a phenomenal season and the *Novi News* let them down. When I pick up this week's paper from the mailbox, it will immediately go to the recycling bin, as I'm sure the focus will be on how disappointing the regional game was Saturday.

As soon as I get to work this morning, I will be canceling my *Novi News* subscription. I wish it was in time to stop this week's edition, because I'm sure it will be filled with the disappointment of Saturday's regional game. Northville also lost their regional game, but I'll bet the focus this time will be on Novi's downfall. I won't know, because the paper will immediately be dumped in the recycling bin. So disappointed!

**Susan Whitehead**  
Novi

## GUEST COLUMN

# Graduates: Follow facts, your conscience

In early May, I was honored to deliver the commencement address to graduates of the Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan.

I told the graduates that I hope they will keep in their minds and hearts the spirit of the man whose name graces the Ford School. Gerald Ford was admirable for many reasons, but perhaps none is more important than the difficult step he took in pardoning President Nixon. In doing so, he gave us one of history's most poignant examples of a politician doing what he felt was right in the face of public opposition. Pardoning Nixon may very well have cost Gerald Ford his office, but it was an essential step in healing the wounds of Watergate.

Just as much has changed over my career, so will those graduates see many changes during theirs. But if issues change, principles do not. There are ways of examining issues that apply, regardless of the specific challenges we face.

I discussed with them one example, based on my recent trip to Afghanistan. Since my first visit there more than a decade ago, Afghan society has transformed itself. In 2001, roughly 1 million Afghan children were in schools. Now, there are more than 8 million. Before we and our allies came, the Taliban allowed essentially no Afghan girls to attend school; now, there are 2.6 million girls in classrooms. In 2001, average life expectancy in Afghanistan was 45 years. Now it's 62 years.

None of this has been cheap



**Carl Levin**

GUEST COLUMNIST

or easy – and tough challenges lie ahead. But the Afghan people, with our assistance, have made significant progress.

But these days, if Americans think of Afghanistan at all, it is with a shudder. In a poll last December, two-thirds of Americans said our involvement in Afghanistan wasn't worth the effort. But while polls show that most Americans want to end our involvement in Afghanistan, most Afghans – and every candidate for the Afghan presidency – want us to stay and to continue to help.

Now, why this disconnect? Most Americans only know Afghanistan through newspaper stories or reports on television. And those reports are almost unrelentingly negative.

I believe that the stream of negative coverage has combined with Americans' understandable war weariness to shift public opinion decisively against our involvement in Afghanistan.

From that first visit onward, I've learned things visiting and studying about Afghanistan that have led me to a different conclusion from that reached by most Americans. The details matter.

When someone tells you you're getting too far into the weeds, that's often a sign to get even deeper – to get down deeper, to get down to the roots. In-

formation is a shield against one's own biases and the biases of those around you.

If you're in elected office, the pursuit of the details may lead you to an uncomfortable place: a position at odds with public opinion. But you must be prepared to follow the evidence and your conscience where they lead – even if, and perhaps especially if, they lead somewhere politically uncomfortable.

There is too much at stake for us to surrender to superficial media narratives or volatile opinion polls. To do so in Afghanistan would be to leave millions of Afghan girls without an education or hope or to repeal newly won health insurance coverage for more than 8 million Americans. The fact that the war in Afghanistan or the fight for universal health care have not always gone as we had hoped is no reason to abandon those important causes.

And the same goes for the causes for which the Ford School's graduates will fight in the years ahead, whether it's combating climate change, preserving privacy and cyber security in the Internet age or closing the wide and growing income gap.

To meet those challenges and others, the next generation of policy makers will need to marshal the facts, bring to bear their great education, their good judgment and their conscience and persevere in the face of criticism and doubt.

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

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# Poll: Peters leads Land in U.S. Senate race, thanks to women voters

By Todd Spangler  
Gannett Michigan

WASHINGTON — Terri Lynn Land contends in a television ad that she knows more about women than Gary Peters does, but between the two U.S. Senate candidates, he's the one enjoying female voter support — and by a considerable margin.

Really. Peters, a Democratic congressman from Bloomfield Township, held a percentage lead of 44-38 over Republican Land, with 18 percent undecided, in an exclusive poll of 600 likely Michigan voters done May 17-20 for the *Detroit Free Press*, WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) and state-wide polling firm EPIC-MRA of Lansing. And the overall margin is largely attributable to a whopping 14-point advantage Peters had among women.

Land, a former Michigan secretary of state and the de facto Republican nominee to replace retiring U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, had a five-point lead among men, who made up a slightly smaller proportion of the survey sample.

The poll, which has a margin of error of plus or minus four percentage points, showed a six-point improvement for Peters since February, when he trailed Land 41-3.

"The ads by Peters (and his allies) attacking Land on women's issues have had more of an impact in terms of the race than the Obamacare attacks on Peters have benefitted Land," said Bernie Porn, EPIC-MRA's pollster.

Land is expected to try to close that gap among women — Peters'



Gary Peters and Terri Lynn Land FILE PHOTOS

lead of 47-33 percent with 20 percent undecided indicates there could be room to do so — but she'll have to do so in the face of repeated reminders of her support of Republican policies being portrayed by Democrats as hurtful to women.

Democratic groups have hit hard at Land, saying policies she supports could restrict women's access to health care; last month, President Barack Obama also chided Land without mentioning her by name for saying women were "more interested in flexibility in a job" than pay equity.

Land responded with an ad called "Really?" in which she patiently looked at the camera and her watch while asking viewers to consider who knew more about women, her or Peters.

"As a woman, I might know a little bit more about women than Gary Peters," she said.

Some voters disagree, in some cases turned off by support Land has received from outside groups including Americans for Prosperity, an organization linked to conservative backers Charles and David Koch. AFP has spent several million dollars in Michigan on ads including those hitting Peters for his support of the Affordable Care Act, otherwise known as Obamacare.

And the attacks on Peters — estimates show Republicans outspending Democrats so far in the

race — for voting for the ACA as a congressman may have limited impact: While the poll showed 53 percent of Michiganders opposed Obamacare, only 36 percent said it would make a difference in how they voted.

Land led significantly, 71-12, among those voters. But Peters held a sizable lead, 78-12, among the 26 percent of those surveyed who said support of the ACA made it more likely they would vote for a candidate. More importantly, he led 50-25, with 25 percent undecided, among the 35 percent of those surveyed who said it would make no difference in how they voted.

The poll wasn't all good news for Peters. The independent vote — making up 19 percent of the electorate in the EPIC-MRA sample — was a virtual three-way split among Land, Peters and undecided. And in Oakland County, Peters' home county and considered vital territory by both campaigns, it was a virtual tie, with Peters having just a 47-45 edge.

Scott Lumsden, a 51-year-old project manager for General Motors who lives in Rochester Hills, is an independent voter who said he typically votes Democratic, but is supporting Land — for now at least — as someone who doesn't seem to him to be "obsessed with taxes and abortion."

"I think she's more what I call a common-sense Republican and that's who I'd like to vote for," he said.

Land led 58-25 in west Michigan, where she hails from, but Peters enjoyed a sizable 54-30 lead in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties overall — the most pop-

ulous area of the state. And there were indications that some voters supporting Republican Gov. Rick Snyder for re-election could split their ballots to back Peters.

Among them were results showing that while Land led among voters believing the state was headed in the right direction, her margin among those voters — 51-34 for Peters — was less than his 56-23 lead over her among people who believe the state is headed in the wrong direction.

Peters, meanwhile, had the support of 15 percent of voters planning to vote for Snyder, compared to 12 percent of voters planning to

back Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mark Schauer who planned to vote for Land. Among the 15 percent of voters still undecided in the gubernatorial race, most — 53 percent — were undecided in the Senate race as well, but Peters held a huge lead, 37-9, over the rest.

It indicated there was still plenty of room to woo voters with five months until the election and the seat getting national interest as Republicans try to recapture the Senate majority. No Republican candidate has won a U.S. Senate seat for Michigan since 1994, however.

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## POWERS

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news reporter Rob Wolcheck's report May 20, 2013, on the judge's absenteeism and tardiness from court. After it aired, Powers told court staff that he would terminate the "rat" who provided the info to the media. Misrepresentations were noted in Count VIII, with Powers cited for making false statements to the MJTC's request for his comments by explaining most of the charges listed above.

If the allegations prove true, Powers may be in violation of 20 acts of misconduct.

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# Novi man grateful for health after cancer scare

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

John Matthews, 65, of Novi was having a physical in 2011 when his doctor found increased PSA levels. In January 2012, Matthews was diagnosed with prostate cancer.

That March, he had his prostate removed. In June 2012, Matthews was well enough to participate in the Run for the Ribbon benefit for prostate cancer awareness and research.

"I went home March 2," the General Motors retiree recalled of his surgery, done with the Da Vinci machine. Working out regularly has boosted his health.

"I do an hour, hour and a half at the gym every day. Very seldom miss,"



John and Kathy Matthews are enjoying their 42 years of marriage and time with family. The Novi couple dealt with John's prostate cancer diagnosis; he is now cancer-free.

said Matthews, who had follow-up radiation in the summer in 2013. His PSA levels are now undetectable for cancer.

### 'Good experience'

"It's been a very good experience, overall," he said. "Feeling good. Staying busy."

He and wife Kathy, a registered nurse, have three grown children, four grandchildren and another grandchild on the way. Matthews, who had done fundraising bicycle rides for multiple sclerosis, is glad to participate in the Sunday, June 15, Run for the Ribbon for prostate cancer, set for the Detroit Zoo at 10 Mile and Woodward in Royal Oak.

He recalled his family going with him to the zoo for the 2012 benefit. This year, Matthews is hoping to continue to raise awareness by participat-

ing in the race again, starting at 8 a.m.

Registrations made until June 13 are \$30 for adults and \$20 for children. Online registration is at [www.miurunfortheribbon.org](http://www.miurunfortheribbon.org). After June 13, participants must register on race day. Race day registration is \$35 for adults and \$25 for children.

"I got a lot of family support. A lot of support making decisions." His wife was a big help with her nursing background, Matthews said, noting the jury is still somewhat out on Da Vinci surgery.

He praises his doctors: » Dr. Lori Finn, M.D., with offices in Farmington Hills. She is Matthews' primary physician and alerted him to an elevated PSA during an annual physical in summer 2011.

» Dr. Kenneth M. Kernen, M.D., chief of urol-

ogy at William Beaumont Troy and an MIU partner.

Kernen performed all of Matthews' diagnostic procedures and the robotically assisted radical prostatectomy, in March 2012, at Beaumont Troy. He runs in the 5K Run for the Ribbon as well.

» Dr. Donald Brabbins, M.D., Radiation Oncology Department director, at Beaumont Royal Oak.

Brabbins directed Matthews' intensity modulated radiation therapy, for seven weeks, in July and August 2013, when his PSA readings indicated potential cancer cells in the margin tissues where Matthews' prostate had been removed over a year earlier.

The Novi couple has a daughter in San Francisco. They flew to Colorado to see her shortly after his surgery, taking a train through the Rockies, Sierra Nevadas and more. He and Kathy have been married 42 years.

Matthews was with GM 41 years and is an engineer who graduated from what was then General Motors Institute. He was with GM from 1967 to 2008, including management roles.

### 'Pretty confident'

When retiring, he had a choice of a lump sum payment or annuity. "I didn't do that," he said of the lump sum and his

### EARLY DETECTION KEY

Prostate cancer is the most common type of non-skin cancer found in American men, affecting one in seven, and is the second leading cause of death for men, according to the American Cancer Society. The ACS estimates more than 233,000 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed in the U.S. in 2014.

While more than 29,000 men will lose their fight with the disease, it is estimated more than two million men are prostate cancer survivors, either diagnosed and treated or living with the disease.

For more information about the Michigan Institute of Urology Men's Health Foundation, visit [MIUMensHealthFoundation.org](http://MIUMensHealthFoundation.org).

ing busy." He said of the Run for the Ribbon, "It's just a good cause. I like to participate in it and promote it every chance I get."

He'd done bicycle rides of some 150 miles, including Northville to Michigan State University in East Lansing, for the MS cause.

"We really enjoy the family now, all the activities." Their oldest grandson is finishing his sophomore year at Novi High and on the JV baseball and basketball teams.

"They all hope to make that varsity next year," the proud grandfather said. "No guarantees."

His hobbies include biking, boating, home improvement, gym activities, traveling and visiting two children in Charlotte, N.C., and San Francisco, plus spending time with the couple's locally resident daughter, husband and grandchildren.

For them, Novi's been a great place to live since 1979. Matthews was traveling in 2013 and missed the Run for the Ribbon, but is eager to get back this year.

"It's a good thing, just like the MS" fundraising, he said. Matthews was aware of his genetic risk, as his father had prostate cancer when in his 70s.

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### COMMUNITY BRIEFS

#### 52-1 District Court forum

The League of Women Voters Oakland Area is co-sponsoring with the Oakland County Bar Association and the *Detroit Free Press* a 52-1 District Court candidate forum at 7 p.m. Monday, June 23, at Wixom City Hall, 49045 Pontiac Trail. The public is invited to learn more about the candi-

dates for this office and ask questions.

The district includes Novi, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Wixom, the townships of Commerce, Highland, Lyon, Milford and Novi and the villages of Milford and Wolverine Lake.

Scott W. Powers and Travis M. Reeds are challenging incumbent Judge Brian MacKenzie for the six-year term.

#### Farmers Market opens June 28

The Novi Farmers Market will open for the season Saturday, June 28, and run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday through Sept. 13 on the Civic Center Campus, 45175 10 Mile, in the Novi High School parking lot.

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Vendor applications are available online at [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org). For additional information, contact Wendy DuVall at 248-347-0400 or [wduvall@cityofnovi.org](mailto:wduvall@cityofnovi.org).

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# Rice routs CC for lacrosse title

Warriors win 10th consecutive state championship with 23-7 victory against overmatched Shamrocks

By Perry A. Farrell  
and Wright Wilson  
GANNETT MICHIGAN

Nine-time defending Division 1 lacrosse champion Birmingham Brother Rice had plenty of changes this season.

Longtime coach Rob Ambrose resigned and was replaced by first-year coach Ajay Chawla.

For the first time, Rice lost to a team from the state of Michigan, losing to eventual Division 2 state champion Birmingham Detroit Country Day, 8-7, in overtime.

Despite those two incidents, Rice, the only school to ever win the MHSAA title in Division 1, found itself in the cham-

pionship game against a familiar opponent: Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

The Catholic League rivals played twice during the regular season, with Rice prevailing, 15-9 and 12-8.

It wouldn't be close this time, as Rice made it 10 titles in a row Saturday with 12 goals in the second period in a 23-7 domination of the Shamrocks.

Rice finished the year 19-4; CC fell to 15-6.

"I think today was the largest victory margin in state championship history," Chawla said. "I'll have to call Mr. Ambrose and talk to him a little bit about that."

Senior Jason Alessi (five goals) and sophomore Morgan

Macko (four goals) combined for seven goals in the first half, while senior attacker Joe Dudley tacked on a hat trick and Liam Reaume added two goals.

"We knew going into the season it was going to be tough because teams were going to come after us more than ever because of a new coach," Alessi said. "Everyone thought without coach Ambrose, we couldn't do anything. We wanted to prove to the state and in the national scheme of things this team is still here to play. It's about the team, the team, the team."

"You could say we saved our best for last. It couldn't have happened in a better fashion."

Rice got on the board early and often, getting goals 24 seconds apart from Alessi and Macko to grab an early two-



Birmingham Brother Rice's John Lockwood goes for the ball against Novi-Detroit Catholic Central's Andrew Caris during the first quarter of the Division 1 boys lacrosse state final. GANNETT MICHIGAN

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Novi's Craig Wilson is tagged out at second by Brighton's Robert Spencer during the regional semifinal. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Late-inning surge snuffs Novi's season

Brighton rallies to pull out 9-3 regional semifinal triumph

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

The rising tide that carried Novi's baseball team to victories in 13 of its past 14 games came crashing down in the final inning of the regional semifinal Saturday against visiting Brighton.

"I was really proud of going down the stretch how our kids were stronger and stronger," Novi coach Rick Green said. "Our kids really believed they could've beat Brighton. We

were right there."

Novi (24-15-1) was tied 3-3 with the Bulldogs (26-6) going into the seventh inning, but Brighton tallied a pair of three-run doubles with two outs to grab a 9-3 victory.

"Bottom of the seventh inning, we beat out a ground ball to first and they called us out," Green said. "A double play in the sixth seemed to lift them going into the top of the seventh."

After Brighton's first two batters got on base, Green said a bunt, pop

out, wild pitch, walk and ground out led to a bases-loaded scenario with two outs, but then the Bulldogs knocked one to the left field wall to take a 6-3 lead.

Senior pitcher Tyler Whitehead held strong for 6½ innings, allowing nine hits, three strikeouts, four walks, one hit batter and nine earned runs before senior Mark Czapski closed out the final ½ inning.

Novi's runs came in the third, fourth and fifth innings after Brighton had taken a 3-0 lead in the top of

the third.

Doubles by both senior Andrew Turek and junior Michael Mitchell led to the first run. Then singles by senior Bryan Klosterman, junior Adam Tobias and senior Craig Wilson cut the lead to 3-2. The game was tied 3-3 after a Mitchell single was followed by a sacrifice fly from Whitehead and single from Klosterman.

With the loss comes graduation for 10 Wildcats among the 19-player

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# Three Novi residents capture USTA qualifier titles

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

The strength of the local tennis community is no surprise to those paying attention. A trio of USTA SEMTA qualifiers provided a testament to that June 3 as Novi residents Alex Wen, Connor Johnston and Timothy Wang won the tournament championships in the boys 14, 16 and 18 age groups, respectively.

Wen will be a Novi High School freshman in the fall. As the sixth seed, he claimed a 6-0, 6-3 victory over top-seeded Jibril Nettles of Detroit in the final.

Johnston, who will be a junior at Northville High School, posted a 6-0, 6-1 win as the top seed over eighth-seed-

ed Denali Kitayama of West Bloomfield.

Wang will be a senior at Novi High School and is slated to join Columbia University's tennis squad in 2015. As the top seed, he defeated second-seeded Detroit Catholic Central's Michael Dubé 6-4, 6-4.

For full results, visit <http://tennislink.usta.com/Tournaments/TournamentHome/Tournament.aspx?T=152355>.

All three Novi residents advance to Midwest Closed Championships held June 21-26, with Wen in Okemos and Johnston and Wang both in Indianapolis.

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



Novi resident Alex Wen won the USTA SEMTA qualifier tournament championship in the boys 14 age group June 3. PHOTOS BY SUE AND KENT WANG



Novi resident and Northville High School student Connor Johnston won the USTA SEMTA qualifier tournament championship in the boys 16 age group June 3.



Novi High School student Timothy Wang won the USTA SEMTA qualifier tournament championship in the boys 18 age group June 3.

# Novi summer sports camps build future Wildcats

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

Every summer, while many students take off for vacation while out of school, others are at Novi High School grooming the next generation of Wildcats.

Many student-athletes will join their coaches in summer sports camps at the school, 24062 Taft Road. Most of the nine camps covering seven different sports are geared for something between grades K-9, with each varying slightly.

The **girls basketball** camp is the first to kick off the summer 9 a.m. from noon June 16-20, as coach Bill Kelp and his crew will fill the high school's gym and field house with two groups (grades 2-5 and 6-9), with the younger group using 8-foot baskets instead of

the standard 10-foot baskets. Focus will include dribbling, shooting, passing, pivoting, faking, rebounding, team play, sportsmanship and provide an introduction to the Wildcats' offensive and defensive schemes. Cost for the camp is \$120, which includes a T-shirt and outdoor basketball. Awards and trophies will also be given out for individual and team competitions.

Their counterparts from the **boys basketball** program will follow suit with a camp 9 a.m. to noon June 23-27 in the gym and field house. Coach Brian Tass will teach fundamentals, drills and techniques for ball handling, shooting and defense, along with offensive concepts, sportsmanship and team play, to boys grades 3-9. The \$100 cost of the

camp includes T-shirts, along with awards for contest winners.

June 23-24 will also feature a **field hockey** camp for girls going into grades 7-10, where coaches Kevin and Amy Kilgore will provide a basic skills camp for newcomers. Although participants need to bring their own mouth guard, shin guards and athletic shoes, there will be some field hockey sticks available to borrow if campers do not have their own. The \$50 camp will take place at the field hockey field, located south of the school along Taft Road.

The week of July 7-9 will feature three camps, for the volleyball, cheer and field hockey teams.

**Volleyball** will use the gym 9-11:30 a.m. all three days to host a camp for girls entering grades

5-10. Courts will be divided by age and skill. The \$110 cost includes a camp T-shirt.

Novi's varsity **cheerleaders** will host a set of clinics for girls ages 5-12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 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.

The Kilgores and crew will return 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the **field hockey** field for a camp geared toward grades 9-12. All the same requirements exist as for the June introductory camp, but this one is geared toward varsity hopefuls getting

a jump-start on the fall season. The camp costs \$165.

A pair of **football** camps with coach Jeff Burnside and crew will take place July 21-25. Grades 3-8 are invited to a camp that runs 9-11 a.m. each day that will teach the fundamentals of blocking and tackling. Each player will be taught position-specific skills, with increasing levels of difficulty for the older age groups. In addition to water, campers will also need to bring both grass football cleats and indoor gym shoes. Camp costs \$60.

The same days 3-6 p.m. will focus on grades 9-12. The \$95 camp will have a similar focus on blocking, tackling and position-specific skills, while grades 9-10 will also learn the fundamentals and basic offen-

sive plays and defensive concepts. Grades 11-12 will also learn about the fundamental skills surrounding offense, defense and special teams.

The summer camp series will conclude Aug. 23 with a **pon pon** clinic. Grades K-4 will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and grades 5-8 2-6 p.m., both in the field house. Participants will learn a routine, kick line and jump basics from coach Jacquie St. Antoine and varsity student-athletes. The \$40 clinic includes a snack, clinic T-shirt and participation in the halftime performance at the 7 p.m. Aug. 28 Novi High varsity football game, when the Wildcats debut their new field against Brighton.

For details on all the camps or to register, visit [www.novi.k12.mi.us/athletics/summercamps](http://www.novi.k12.mi.us/athletics/summercamps).

## BASEBALL

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varsity roster. Klosterman, Turek, Whitehead, Czapski, Wilson, Keaton Figurski, Jared Casaccia, Charlie Richter, Blair Myers and Andrew Stefan were all slated to cross the stage earlier this month.

"Of all the years, I've never had a team that's turned it around like this team has," Green said. "They started believing

in themselves. We're going to miss a lot of those seniors. Turek was a great captain, a great leader on the field, raised his average 100 points this year. It was quite an accomplishment from last year to this year.

"I think our pitchers stepped up this year. Our defense got better and better... It was fun watching these guys grow throughout the season."

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Tyler Whitehead (right) greets Michael Mitchell after he'd scored a run for Novi. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

covering Novi High School sports for the Novi News.

## CC golf team finishes second at state finals

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

One stroke. That was the difference between winning a state championship and finishing second.

And while there is no doubt several golfers on the Detroit Catholic Central squad could point to where they should have eliminated a stroke or two while playing in the state finals last weekend, the team, as a whole, turned in an outstanding performance to finish second in Division 1.

The Shamrocks finished the two-day tournament with a team total of 585. They shot 293 the first day and 292 the second.

The squad finished just one stroke behind

Swartz Creek, which shot 293 and 291. It was Swartz Creek's first golf state title since 1967 in its first finals appearance since 1969.

Finishing third was Rockford, which had 585, while Grandville was fourth with 596 and Plymouth fifth with 597.

Catholic Central turned in some very strong scores throughout both days of competition on the Forest Akers golf course. James Piot, a freshman, carded a 72 the first day and a 70 the second for a 142, while Domenic Mancinelli shot a 72 and a 76 for a 148. Also shooting a 148 was Glenn Piot, who carded 74 both days, while Dan Ault shot 75 both days for a 150. Ben Smith shot a 77 the first day and came back to

eliminate four strokes the second day for a 73 and a total of 150.

Macinelli's 72 counted toward the team total Friday, while Smith's 73 counted Saturday.

Five individual players finished with a 141 in the tournament. Bed Roeder (Midland Dow), Jordan Bohannon (Birmingham Groves), Ben Zyber (Swartz Creek), Seth Terpstra (Grandville) and Joel Pietila (Rockford) all carded the same score.

James Piot finished tied for sixth with University of Detroit-Jesuit's Charlie Bolton and Swartz Creek's Mike Kelley.

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goal lead.

It took the winners 5:20 to get on the board again, when Dudley scored to make it 3-0.

Sixty-one seconds later, Dan Lunghamer made it 4-0 and CC coach Dave Wilson was forced to call a rare timeout.

"I think we had our state championship game on Wednesday against Forest Hills Northern (in the semifinal)," Wilson said. "We kind of left it all on the field for that. The locker room didn't feel good. The bus ride didn't feel good. I just thought there was a lack of energy."

CC finally got on the board with a goal from Marc Longe with 1:15 left in the first quarter.

Rice poured it on with goals from Macko, Alessi, Dudley and Reaume to make it 16-3 at halftime.

The Warriors kept the offense in the CC zone and just pounded goalie Joe Williams, who was replaced by Micky Williams.

Rice tacked on another five goals in the third and shut out the Shamrocks to take a commanding 21-3 advantage.

### CC wins semifinal in overtime

Wilson correctly predicted that his team would need about 15 goals to win the Division 1 semifinal June 4 over Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern. What he didn't figure is that he

would need nine of them from Jack Van Acker.

Not only did the senior attackman net the Shamrocks' first three goals in their 15-14 victory, he put in the game-winner 1:41 into overtime to send CC into the state championship game.

"We've been working really hard in the off-season and we just didn't want to throw it away in one possession, so we knew when it came to overtime it was time to bear down and score," Van Acker said. "We've had a couple of comeback victories this year. We know how to pull those out, so that's what we did."

After goalkeeper Jonathan Phillips stonewalled the Huskies with two point-blank saves in the extra period, Catholic Central intercepted a pass, Zack Crawford carried it upfield and fed Van Acker in the right corner. He charged the net, twirled around and fired the ball into the upper left corner.

"There was no doubt who we were going to turn to. I don't think anybody can really hang with him," Wilson said. "We just need to get it to him with some space and he makes things happen. We were kind of shocked that they didn't lock him off."

Catholic Central trailed 9-4 early in the third quarter, as Northern's Luke Malec, Mitchell Haggart and Christian Carlson all scored in the first two minutes of the second half. But the Shamrocks scored the five straight over the

next six minutes — three of them from Van Acker — to tie the game.

The contest was also knotted at 10-10, 12-12, 13-13 and 14-14. Van Acker had the game-tying goal, with 1:37 remaining in regulation, after Bobby Pelton gave Northern (19-2) a 14-13 lead.

"This is what the semifinals is all about," Wilson said. "It should be close, it should go back and forth, it's good lacrosse. It means the state is setting up the tournament the right way and they're getting these types of games."

"It's obviously disappointing, but that's what life is. You have to learn to deal with adversity and overcome it," Forest Hills Northern coach Mark Lardieri said. "I've got nothing to complain about. We had two dead-pan shots; the goalie did an awesome job, so I give credit to him. I appreciate good goalie play and he had a great game."

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## Bringing Zen to all

### New Northville yoga studio to open this weekend

When Empower Yoga Studio opens its doors June 14, students will find no "guru" dictating classes. Instead, the new studio will be sporting a "community" approach, freeing its team of teachers — each with yoga specialties — to lead classes in their own preferred style. The result: a breadth of options for matching teachers to tastes, interests and abilities, all in what owner Julie Cook calls "a judgment-free environment."

Cook said her studio is designed to appeal to people with all levels of yoga experience.

"In our technology-filled lives, sky-high stress is an epidemic in our society. We don't get the chance to reboot and heal. Yoga can reduce stress levels greatly and improve health and quality of life," said Cook, a certified yoga instructor. "At Empower Yoga, we meet the student where they are with a variety of class styles and levels that meet our students' unique needs and interests."

For example, in addition to classic Vinyasa classes (hot and otherwise), there's the ongoing "Yoga for Beginners," a 30-day program that gently guides those who are new to yoga. "Healthy Backs" is a restorative yoga that is ideal for anyone seeking healing and relaxation. For competitive athletes, there's Cook's "Endurance Yoga" — a program that caters directly to the needs of competitive athletes. Cook said Endurance Yoga has built local renown for its ability to improve athletic performance while reducing risk of training-related injuries.

"Yoga for athletes is usually taught in a gym and participants miss out on a quiet, peaceful experience," she said. "The Empower Yoga setting is serene, providing a Zen-like, relaxed feeling the moment you walk in



Julie Cook is owner and operator of Empower Yoga Studio, located at 41620 Six Mile Road in Northville Township. The studio opens its doors June 14.

the door. It's yoga the way it's meant to be experienced."

The experience is an essential element to generate the full power of yoga, she says.

"The meaning of yoga is to 'yoke.' It creates a oneness with both the body and mind, balancing the brain and easing stress and depression," Cook said. "The physical postures help us to work out all of the stress and tension that we hold deep in our tissues."

Indeed, yoga's physical postures (called Asanas) are designed to keep the body strong, fit and flexible, while breathing techniques aim to focus the mind. "Together they work beautifully to change the biochemistry of the brain and help restore balance to

both body and mind," Cook said.

Cook's passion and enthusiasm for the power of yoga to change lives is evident in the studio's philosophy of "Karma Yoga" — the act of giving without any expectation of receiving. The studio has a full plan for giving back to the community, included are some karma-building fundraisers for Pontiac's Light House Mission.

Empower Yoga Studio is located at 41620 Six Mile Road in Northville Township. There are a number of grand opening specials, including 30 days of unlimited yoga classes for just \$30. For more information, call the studio at 248-719-7520 or visit [www.empower-yoga.net](http://www.empower-yoga.net).

## Novi embezzlement case in court June 23

A Howell man being sued by his former employer for allegedly violating his contract returns to court June 23 on felony charges for allegedly embezzling from the Novi company.

According to Oakland County Circuit Court records, Dwayne Thomas Deziel was arraigned June 2 on three counts of embezzling at least \$1,000 but less than \$20,000 from Innovative Research Inc., a supplier of human and animal biological products, including proteins and antibodies. He remains free on a \$5,000 bond, court records show.

Duane Day, vice president of Innovative, said previously the embezzling was discovered by the bookkeeper after Deziel resigned to begin his own web design company, Osciee Designs.

In a separate matter, Innovative filed a lawsuit against Deziel in Oakland County Circuit Court

alleging he violated a non-competition agreement he signed in 2007, when he developed Bio720.com to "offer the same products offered by Innovative," according to court documents.

Deziel's Osciee Designs website announced on a blog that it would handle Bio720's web design and that the company is a "marketplace for the biological and medical community." Innovative alleges that Deziel owns the Bio720.com domain and that he is behind the creation of the company.

The lawsuit further alleges that Deziel kept confidential information — customer and/or supplier lists — when he left Innovative, which successfully sought an injunction against Deziel operating Bio720, court records show.

The civil case is on hold after Deziel filed for bankruptcy, according to court records.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Signature leases in Novi

Signature Associates has negotiated the lease of 7,463 square feet of office space located at 28100 Cabot Drive, Novi. Brad Viergever and Chris Secontaine of Signature represented the tenant, ProTrans International.

### Christopher & Banks opens Novi store

Christopher & Banks opened a store at Novi Town Center. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.

to 8 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

For more information, phone 248-305-7277 or visit [www.christopherandbanks.com](http://www.christopherandbanks.com).

### Retail forecasts rise, April sales climb

Michigan retailers welcomed a long-awaited rise in sales during April with a burst of optimism about sales for the rest of spring and early summer, according to the Michigan Retail Index, a joint project of Michigan Retailers Association and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

## Welcome



A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held June 5 at Civil & Environmental Consultants, 44725 Grand River Ave., in Novi. Pictured (from left) are Jim Kovacs, senior vice president; Mike Beaudoin; Ryan Dunning, vice president and office lead; Ken Miller, president and CEO; Sen. Mike Kowall; Doug Browne, Steve Szura; and Carrie Szura.



Team Schostak Family Restaurant's 26th grand re-opening of one of its newly acquired Applebee's locations was held May 23. The company owns 65 Applebee's restaurants throughout the state. The Novi location recently underwent major renovations to the interior and exterior, boasting new hometown murals, an open bar area and sleek, modern design. The celebration was marked with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and \$2,500 check presentation to Forgotten Harvest. The money was raised during an online auction of all the restaurant's old celebrity memorabilia and decor. Local firefighters, police officers, city leaders and business owners attended the event. The celebration also featured a "dine to donate" lunch, raising more than \$400 for the Detroit Catholic Central athletic boosters program. Team Schostak Family Restaurants has donated more than \$100,000 to hunger-relief organization and nonprofits through the Applebee's grand re-openings.



A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held May 21 at Novi's Hungry Howies. The business presented a check for \$250 to both Novi Parks Foundation and Michigan Paralyzed Veterans.

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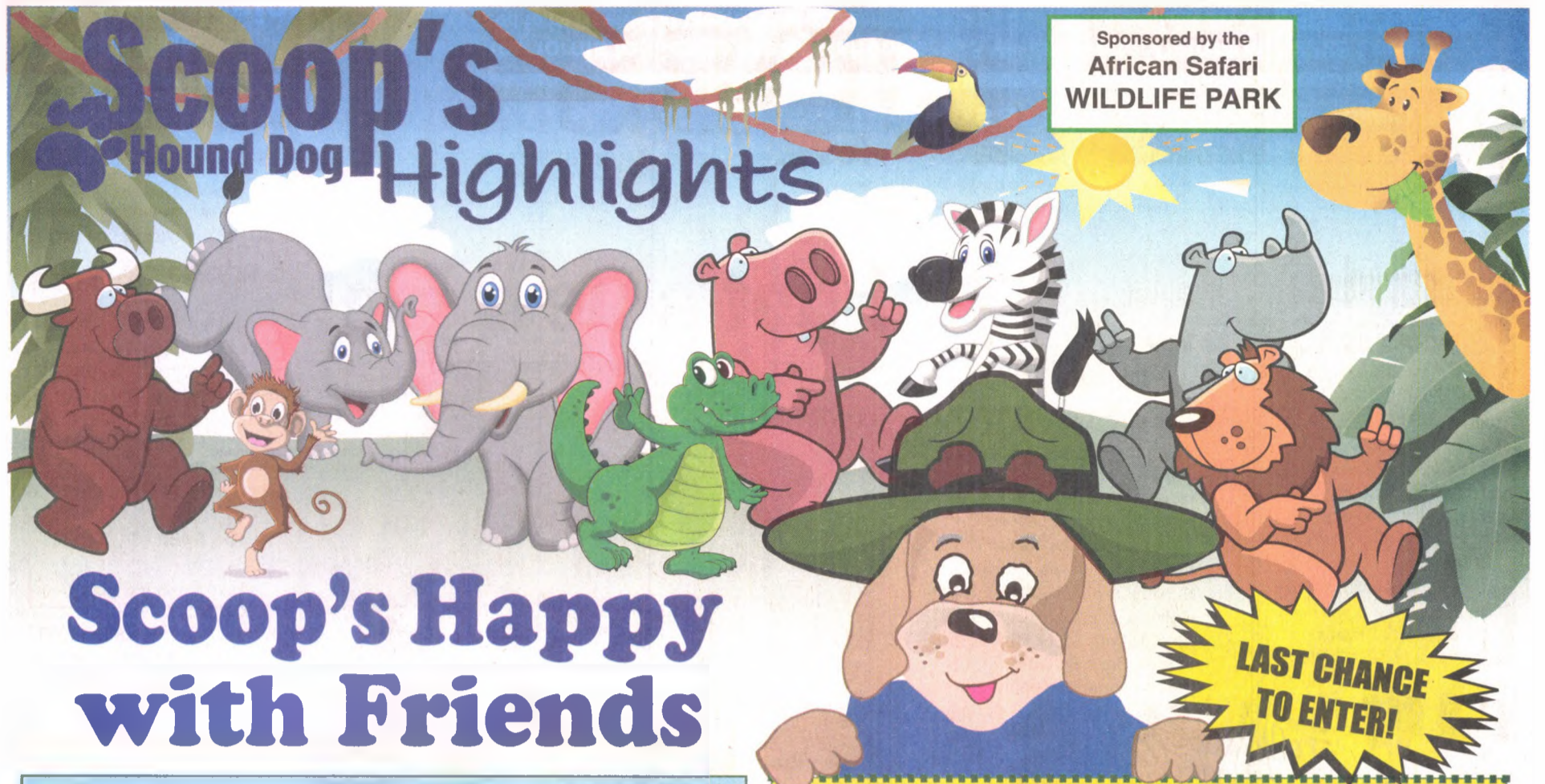
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# Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights

## Scoop's Happy with Friends

### What's the Scoop?

Mr. Chris Kozaczynski, teacher at Walker-Winter Elementary School shares an investigative report by student Madeline Barnard, after his class reads the book Jalapeno Bagel by Natasha Wing and samples the products from the bakery in California. With a little help from her teacher, Madeline interviews classmates and staff in this enlightening report.



**Madeline Barnard**  
2nd Grade

Shalom, amigos! Have you ever tried a jalapeno bagel? Well my class has, and we had the magic of California come to us. Jalapeno Bagels is a story about a little boy who doesn't know what to bring for International Day at school. He goes to his mom and dad's bakery to decide what to bring. His dad is Jewish and his mom is Mexican. He tastes a lot of different things at the bakery, but he still cannot make up his mind. His dad was making bagels and they decided to blend the cultures together to make a jalapeno bagel.

food from California. She liked the jalapeno bagels the most. She didn't like the pumpkin turnovers. She thought our idea to order food from Los Bagels was creative and thought it was a nice thing to do. She was happy to sample the bagels.

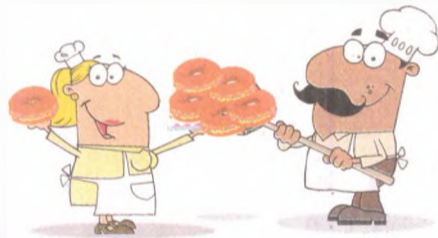
Our principal, Mrs. Mytych said it was a cool idea to find a bakery in California. She liked the jalapeno bagels most, too. She didn't like the pumpkin turnovers. She thought we showed our Life Skill of resourcefulness, and it was a great idea to order food for our class.

Los Bagels is the bakery in California that is in the story. It is a Mexican/Jewish bakery. It was started in 1984 by Dennis Rael. They sell the empanadas, bagels, chango bars, and challah from the story, plus a whole lot more!! Our teacher, Mr. Chris, ordered a sampler of the foods from the story for us to try.

Our teacher, Mr. Chris, made his own chango bars from the recipe that was in our anthology. After we tried the samples from the bakery, our class made apple turnovers. We used dough and cinnamon covered apples. They were delicious!!

Our class thought that the jalapeno bagels were the best. We really didn't like the slug slime. Pumpkin turnovers were pretty good, and everyone liked the chango bars. The challah bread was very sweet. Some students from another class came and sampled the food with us. We scored the different items on a chart in the classroom so we could figure out what the class liked the most.

Our class really enjoyed sampling the foods that were in the story we read. It was very exciting and delicious! I hope we have a chance to do something like this again.



Ms. Ewert, our school social worker, thought it was very cool that we ordered

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**Daunte Porter** Age 6: Redford  
**Deshawn Porter** Age 7: Redford



**Jonah Koilpillai**  
Age 9: Northville



**Paulina Wrobel**  
Age 6: Northville

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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| <b>Evan Lampley</b>   | Novi          | 6 / 2  |
| <b>Marvon Douthet</b> | Inkster       | 6 / 5  |
| <b>Ashley Tuer</b>    | Northville    | 6 / 13 |
| <b>Brady Brumwell</b> | Northville    | 6 / 17 |
| <b>Donald Anchak</b>  | Beverly Hills | 6 / 25 |
| <b>Graysen Varley</b> | Highland      | 6 / 25 |

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