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ITC donates \$250,000 to Novi Parks Foundation

Novi-based ITC Holdings Corp. is donating \$250,000 to support the development of parks and recreation programs in the city of Novi. Members of the Novi City Council accepted a proposal during Monday's council meeting to extend ITC's naming rights for the ITC Community Sports Park through 2018.

The five-year \$50,000 annual pledge will provide the nonprofit Novi Parks Foundation with further means to pursue its long-term strategic recreation vision in Novi – to be the first city in Oakland County to build a world class greenway trail system to connect its parks together.

The agreement brings ITC's total 10-year commitment to \$750,000 and includes signage for the sports park and the trail head, which will follow the existing ITC transmission corridor, once the trail becomes accessible to the public.

State's per-pupil funding increase really means less money for Novi

District will receive smaller grant from state next year

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

How can a statewide increase between \$50 and \$175 in the per-pupil foundation allowance for K-12 schools wind up as a reduction of \$16 per student for the Novi district?

Steve Matthews, superintendent of Novi Community Schools, can explain the impact on his district of the budget adopted by a conference committee June 10, but that doesn't

mean he likes or understands it.

"Novi would get a \$50 per student increase," he said, "yet our retirement cost increase when calculated is a \$64 per student increase."

Matthews was referring to the costs for Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System – costs school districts must pay for retirement, health and other structural costs.

Additionally, he said, the best practice money is cut from \$52 per student to \$50 per student:

"So, in effect, we lose another \$2 per student there."

By adding the increase of \$50 per student and deducting the increased cost of \$64 per student and the loss of \$2 per student in best practice, next year Novi schools will see a reduction of \$16 per student.

"It is hard to understand the Legislature's rationale," Matthews said.

"I agree that lower-funded districts should receive an equity payment increase, but how can the Legislature believe that this is fair or appropriate?"

Novi is one of nearly 150

school districts in the state that will actually see a decrease, not increase, in per-pupil funding under the new school aid budget.

"Once again, Lansing politicians continue to cut money from our schools while other areas of government get more funds – and that raises some real questions about their commitment to our kids' futures," said Mark Burton, executive director of the Tri-County Alliance for Public Education, which represents superintendents in Oak-

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Summer send-off



Novi Woods teachers, including 18-year-veteran Libby Crawford (right) form an arch to send off the last batch of students on their final day of the 2013-14 school year June 12. Fourth-grader Ana Davilda-Zublah is at center. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

State Fair expected to be even better this year

Fifth Third Bank is top sponsor again

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair, running Aug. 28 through Sept. 1, is expected to be bigger and better this year.

"We are trying to grow on the foundation of the past several years in a measured way," said Blair Bowman, proprietor of the Suburban Collection Showplace and Michigan State Fair, LLC. "The fair will be bigger and better because of the success of last year and the response we have received from those participating and attending."

"Ultimately, this is a celebration of the great things Michigan has to offer," he added, "and we are honored to lead that celebration."

In 2013, the state fair saw more than 80,000 attendees at The Showplace. This was double the turnout from the previous year, when the event was called the Great Lakes State Fair.

A press conference was held Tuesday at the venue to announce new elements and expanded attractions.

There will be a 25-percent increase in the size of the carnival, with several new rides, as well as the footprint expansion of the fair to include 20 additional acres. The Shrine Circus will now have two tents and more shows throughout the weekend.

There will also be a 30-percent increase in both the Urban Agriculture and 4-H Gold Ribbon College Scholarship programs, which will include all the proceeds from Guernsey Dairy's endless chocolate milk attraction. More livestock exhibitors will be on hand as well.

The Kroger Co. of Michigan is participating as a new presenting sponsor of the Michigan-Made Pavilion at the Fair, which offers exhibits, sampling and vending opportunities for an array of food, beverages and other products manufactured in the state.

In addition, a new talent competition called Super Star Michigan Talent Contest will be introduced this year with a cash prize, mentoring

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Section of Eight Mile closed for resurfacing

School is out, so work on Eight Mile Road is scheduled to start again.

Construction work began Monday between Taft and Beck roads.

According to city of Northville Public Works Director Jim Gallogly, Oakland County is still planning on improving Eight Mile from Beck Road east to Taft Road. This segment is part of last year's project, which took place west of Beck Road. Work crews were waiting for school to let out before beginning the work, which is scheduled to be completed before school begins again in September.

This section of Eight Mile will be closed to through traffic while the Road Commission for



Drainage pipes are piled along the north side of Eight Mile east of Beck June 10 in anticipation of the start of a major effort to repair the stretch from Taft to Beck roads. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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land, Macomb and Wayne counties.

"Voters routinely say Lansing must make our kids' education a priority and that includes making sure our children get the resources they need to compete for 21st century jobs," Burton added. "With this budget, Lansing politicians are letting our kids and our families know that education will always take a back seat."

Steve Barr, Novi's assistant superintendent of business operations, expects to budget for an increase of 30 students for the 2014-15 school year, bringing the district to approximately 6,474 students.

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NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT SUMMARY OF STATE AID 2008-09 THROUGH 2014-15

Description	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	Governor 2014-15	House 2014-15	Senate 2014-15	Projection 2014-15
Foundation Allowance	\$8,799	\$8,799	\$8,799	\$8,329	\$8,329	\$8,359	\$8,442	\$8,415	\$8,509	\$8,409
20j Hold Harmless	\$281	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
11d Proration	\$0	(\$154)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
MSPERS Cost Offset	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$123	\$126	\$83	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$83
Reduction of MSPERS Unfunded Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$78	\$78	\$0	\$0
Best Practices	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$52	\$52	\$52	\$52	\$0	\$50
Pupil Performance Based Funding	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$0	\$70
20f Hold Harmless	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18	\$18	\$18	\$148	\$18
Total State Aid (per pupil)	\$9,080	\$8,645	\$8,799	\$8,552	\$8,547	\$8,582	\$8,660	\$8,633	\$8,657	\$8,630
State Aid increase (decrease) over Prior Year (per pupil)	\$56	(\$435)	\$154	(\$247)	(\$5)	\$35	\$78	\$51	\$75	\$48
Increase in Retirement Rate (.99%) over 2013-14 (per pupil)	X	X	X	X	X	X	(\$64)	(\$64)	(\$64)	(\$64)

There are two numbers worth noting in each school year. First, there is the foundation allowance. This is what the state provides to Novi and is the first number in each school year.

At the bottom of the column for each school year is the total state aid number. That takes into account other funds the district receives.

In Novi, the foundation allowance is \$8,409 for the 2014-15 school year, an increase of \$50 from the 2013-14 school year.

Novi's total state aid will be \$8,630 for 2014-15, compared to \$8,582 in 2013-14. However, note that Novi has an increase in its retirement rate for 2014-15 that costs the district, when it is calculated out, \$64 per student.

So available money to spend next year in the district will be \$8,566 per student - \$16 less than Novi had available in the 2013-14 school year.

"So the state can say that we received an increase," said Dr. Steve Matthews, Novi's superintendent, "but because of costs increases in the retirement rate, we ultimately will have less to spend per student in 2014-15 than we did in 2013-14."

This chart was created when the governor's, the House's and the Senate's proposals were still in play, hence the columns for those three potential budgets. The 2014-15 projection is the final number that Novi provided.

"You can see that any way you look at it - foundation allowance or total state aid - Novi receives less in 2014-15 than we did in 2008-09," Matthews said.

Lebo resigning from school board July 7

Shari Lebo, secretary of the Novi Community Schools Board of Education, announced during last

Thursday's meeting that she will be resigning effective July 7. Her husband will be taking a temporary job

assignment in England for two years, but Lebo said the family plans to return to Novi after.

Her five-year term expires Dec. 31. Applications for the position will be accepted until July 11. Interviews will be held July 17, and the board will make its decision on Aug. 7.

Trustee Jason Manar resigned June 2 and his term expired at the end of this year as well. The board stopped accepting applications for Manar's vacant seat Friday and has been reviewing applications. The board will hold public interviews at its regularly scheduled board meeting Thursday, June 19, and then vote on Manar's replacement at the following meeting Thursday, June 26. If Manar's position is not filled by July 2, the Oakland Intermediate School District will step in and fill it.

Manar's vacant seat and Lebo's soon-to-be vacant seat, as well as that of Treasurer Ann Glubzinski, will be up for grabs in the November general election.

Willy Mena is the first candidate to file for a seat on the board.

Several years ago, the board switched from four-year to six-year terms. The current board also includes Dennis O'Connor, president; Bobbie Murphy, vice president; and Trustees George Kortlandt and Tracey Cadwell. Their terms expire Dec. 31, 2016.

Interested in being a trustee?

Residents must be United States citizens to apply. They also must live in the Novi School District and be registered voters.

Interested citizens can contact the superintendent's office at

248-449-1204 for information and then submit an application at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road. The application can be found on the district website at <http://www.novi.k12.mi.us/district/boe/boe-vacancy/>.

Those interested in applying for this seat must submit the following items:

Resume/background Information
Statement on qualifications

Past/present community civic service

Answer to the question: Why do you want to serve on the Novi school board?

It is an expectation of most of the Novi school board members that all potential appointees will file to run for election to a full term in the Nov. 4 general election.

The trustee seat is a six-year term.

To run for this office, you must:

Pick up petition at the Novi City Clerk's Office.

Pay \$100 or submit 40 signatures from school district voters.

Filed the petition at the Oakland County Clerk's Office, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac; 248-858-0563.

The deadline to file to be placed on the November ballot is Tuesday, July 22.

For more information on the electoral process, go to the Oakland County Elections Division web site at http://www.oakgov.com/clerkrod/elections/Documents/2014_filing_req_schools_nov.pdf

For more information on the appointment process, contact Ange Vaughan, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 248-449-1204 or anvaughan@novischools.net.

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Developer gets OK for Napier-10 Mile development

By Diane Gale Andreassi
Staff Writer

A development on the northwest corner of Napier and 10 Mile roads has cleared all of Lyon Township's approvals to begin work on just more than 80 upscale residential lots.

The township master plan called for one home per acre on the property, however, the developer was approved for the extra half-dozen homes through the planned development unit, in exchange for other improvements the developer will make in the area.

Lyon Trustee Steve Adams was the lone dissenting vote to approve the PUD. PUDs are allowed in the master plan and the PUD allows the township to increase density if the developer provides enough public benefit to offset the change.

The Rathmor Park project developers Andy Millia and Randy Wertheimer promised to pay \$50,000 toward a tree preservation fund and \$185,000 to help pave Napier Road. Lyon and Novi are paying 20 percent each for the paving costs. The \$185,000 will go toward Lyon



Rathmor Park on the northwest corner of 10 Mile and Napier roads will include more than 80 homes valued between \$400,000 and \$550,000. HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Township's share. Another perk from the Rathmor Park development is that it is an upper-scale property

and one of the first subdivisions on the eastern limits of Lyon, abutting high-priced homes on the western end of

Novi, officials said. The developers expect homes there to sell in the \$400,000 to \$550,000 range.

"There's a continuity of housing types," Supervisor Lannie Young said. "It's a high-level product coming in at the eastern entrance."

Adams asked: "Why are we going so far away from the master plan? We're adding population and new homes and that's not the answer."

Trustee Sean O'Neil noted that development is necessary to help pay, through usage fees, for the township's water and sewer development.

Those water and sewer extensions were made years ago, because there were threats of annexation, and that was the clearest solution to fend off other communities from eating away at Lyon's property, township Treasurer Patty Carcone said. If the township had water and sewer lines, other communities were forbidden from annexing property.

"We never wanted to be in the sewer and water business," Carcone said. "It forced us to save the township property."

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Oakland prosecutor says Novi judge should be held in contempt

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Novi District Judge Brian MacKenzie should be held in contempt of court for ignoring an order to disclose domestic violence cases he dismissed, according to a complaint filed Tuesday by Oakland County Prosecutor Jessica Cooper.

Circuit Judge Colleen O'Brien in February ordered MacKenzie to provide the files to Cooper's office after concluding MacKenzie had broken state law with his sentences and illegally dismissed cases without notifying prosecutors.

Cooper said her staff has found at least 33 more domestic violence

cases that MacKenzie mishandled and failed to disclose, on top of 22 previously noted cases. His secrecy violates O'Brien's order and he should face a contempt of court finding, Cooper argued.

Sanctions for contempt can include jail time.

MacKenzie and his lawyer, John Lynch, did not immediately respond to a request for comment. In past court filings, MacKenzie has called Cooper's allegations "false, impertinent and scandalous."

Cooper said in her pleading that 30 of the 33 domestic violence cases her office recently uncovered included sentences that "blatantly violated state law." Two

other cases may have included illegal sentences, but because MacKenzie sealed those files, prosecutors could not be certain, she said.

She also said he was ordering files sealed and sentencing defendants when he knew there would be no prosecutor in the courtroom to object.

"I'm not surprised," Cooper told the *Detroit Free Press*. "This is a rogue judge."

O'Brien ruled in February that MacKenzie had violated state law at least eight times by illegally dismissing domestic violence cases or reducing sentences.

Among the cases O'Brien cited was one involving a woman

charged with kicking in her husband's bedroom door and assaulting him. MacKenzie dismissed the charges without approval of the prosecutor or the victim.

O'Brien ruled his actions in that case were illegal.

In another instance, MacKenzie dismissed a domestic violence case against a woman who pleaded guilty to striking her husband in the eye as he held their 2-year-old daughter. MacKenzie originally sentenced her to one year probation, but he dismissed the case June 3, 2013, "on motion of prosecuting attorney."

Coopers insists there was no such motion and that her office would have contested a dismissal. When her office

sought a transcript of the hearing, she was told there was none.

No hearing has been scheduled yet on Cooper's latest complaint.

Wayne State University Law Professor Peter Henning said that if O'Brien determined MacKenzie was, indeed, violating her court order, she could find him in contempt and punish him in several ways, up to and including jail time.

"But that's getting pretty close to the nuclear option," he said.

"Judge O'Brien has several options and you don't want to disrupt a court."

Other sanctions could include ordering him to appear before her, fining him or warning him.

"This is one the district court judge is ultimately not going to win," Henning said.

"He's come to the attention of the circuit court and they're going to expect him to comply with the law. A judge, above anyone else, is expected to comply with an order."

MacKenzie has not faced an election challenge since 1988, but now has two attorneys who hope to unseat him. Scott Powers, son of MacKenzie's colleague, Dennis Powers, is running against him, as well as Travis Reeds, MacKenzie's former law clerk.

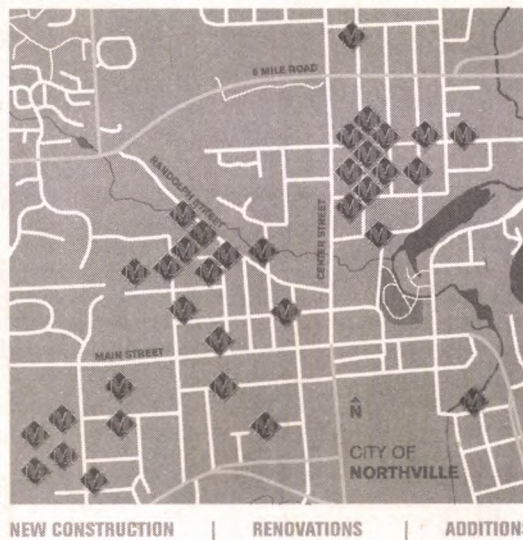
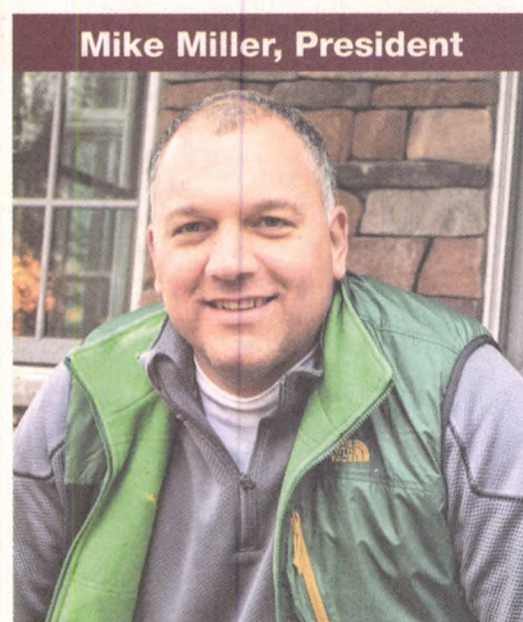
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Novi Adult Education grads reach a milestone

By **Lonnie Huhman**
 Staff Writer

Each individual in the Novi Adult Education Class of 2014 has his or her own story, but now they all share the same one after receiving a high school diploma.

"This is just too real. It feels great to finally get here," graduate Jacob Denton said, holding his diploma inside the Novi Middle School cafeteria after the ceremony June 5.

Denton was also recognized in the first group to be part of the program's new Honor Society. Denton, like others in the class, had past experiences with school that were difficult and led him to seek an alternative place to learn in Novi.

He, along with 30 others, walked across the stage that evening as their families cheered them on. This group consists of students 18 years and older. They have left another high school after some hardships or they are coming back after years away to complete the journey they started years before.

"This is the highlight of the year," Novi Community Education Director Bob Steeh said of

the graduation ceremony. "They have all overcome big challenges to make it here."

Scholarships were awarded to Jacob Prevost and Chris Heide. Prevost was at Livonia Franklin High School previously, but found his home in Novi. He is planning on going to Oakland Community College. Heide walked away from South Lyon, which does not have a program, to attend classes in Novi. He will go on to Specs Howard for graphic design.

Graduate April Flores, 34, said she made it to this point with help from family and friends. She said she came to Novi with no confidence and some fears, but her time in the program inspired her to want achieve more.

"When I decided to attend Novi Adult Education to receive and get my diploma, I wanted to set a good example for my children," Flores said in her keynote speech. "If it was not for this program, I wouldn't have been able to do that. I also got a second chance."

In his farewell speech to the class, Novi Community Schools Superintendent Steve Mat-



Novi Adult Education graduate Jacob Denton receives his diploma June 5 from school board President Dennis O'Connor. LONNIE HUHMEN

thews recited the Robert Frost poem *The Road Not Taken*. He told class members they have all taken different paths, but have now reached an important milestone. He emphasized

they should believe they are ready for the challenges that lie ahead.

"Look ahead with confidence," Matthews said. "Whatever happens, you know that

you have been tested and you have what it takes to succeed."

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 Northville High School




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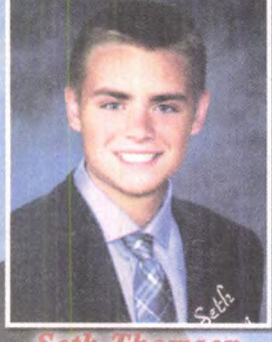
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 We love you,
 Mom, Dad, Bobby, Kevin & Kammie

Don't mope, take action on school financing

I left fifth grade as normal as any other fifth-grader at Inez Elementary School in Albuquerque, N.M. I had my group of friends. I was doing well in school. I had been the master of ceremonies for our fifth-grade talent show. I had won the school 60-yard dash during field day. I was first chair trumpet. During lunch and recess, I did not have to worry about who I was going to hang out with - I knew my friends would be waiting for me.

I entered sixth grade with a brace on my leg, unable to do many of the things that I had done all of my life. I was suddenly "not normal." I not only looked different, but when I walked, I made a significant amount of noise with my metal brace creaking and groaning. While this



Steve Matthews
SUPER TALK

created some significant turmoil in my life, the most amazing aspect of this whole experience was that I was suddenly alone.

I needed people to support me, to help me, to be with me through what was a difficult time.

But no one stepped forward - at least initially.

At the beginning of sixth grade, I would come home and mope about. Finally, my mom had enough. She told me to quit complaining and to ask people to do things with me. I initially protested, feeling sorry for myself. But she would not let me off the hook.

So I asked. I asked to join groups. I asked people to do things with me. And, much to my surprise, Les, Woody, Tom and Gary all became my very good friends.

I thought of that experience this week as I watched the state Legislature work through its school funding process.

We are lucky in Novi. We have historically been funded above the state minimum. That is true because many years ago, the citizens in our community approved operating millages that supported the schools. Because our district was funded above the state minimum when Proposal A started in 1993, our district benefited.

But for the past several years, we have seen our funding decrease in Novi. In the 2008-09 school year, Novi had a

base funding of \$8,799 per student. Additional funding brought that total to \$9,080 per student. For the upcoming school year, our base funding will be \$8,409 per student and, when additional funding is added, we will be at \$8,630 per student.

For the 2014-15 school year, the state Legislature approved and the governor signed a new school aid package that allocated Novi an increase of \$50 per student over the previous school year. However, part of the school aid act is an increase in our state retirement cost (which we are mandated to pay) of \$64 per student. Additionally, "best practice" funded decrease \$2 per student.

So in the end, when you add up the additional revenue and subtract the

added costs, our district will have \$16 less to spend on students and staff in the upcoming year. Novi is one of 150 districts in the state to be in this situation.

Other districts and, surprisingly, cyber-schools received a \$175 increase in state aid.

And this is where my experience between fifth and sixth grade connects. I felt alone when the final school aid budget passed. I felt sorry for myself. I was tempted to begin to mope around.

But my mom's words of counsel came back to me. I needed to quit complaining and ask people to do things with me. So I am.

I need you to contact state Rep. Hugh Crawford and state Sen. Mike Kowall and let them know that as a resident of the Novi Community

School District, you are unhappy with the school aid bill. Crawford understands the situation we are in. He voted against the school aid bill. I applaud him for that. Kowall has indicated he will work to get Novi and other school districts in our situation additional revenue in a supplemental spending bill.

But our politicians will not act unless they hear from you. So please contact them and let them know that you are not satisfied with the school aid budget. Ask them to work on a supplemental spending bill.

My mom would be proud.

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

Novi High teacher named Milken Center Fellow

The Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes in Fort Scott, Kan., an international educational nonprofit, has awarded its fellowship to physics teacher Brian Langley of Novi High School. Langley was to arrive Sunday in Fort Scott for a week of collaboration with the center.

The LMC Fellowship is awarded on the basis of merit to educators who have distinguished themselves in teaching respect and understanding through project-based learning or who have the potential for this distinction. The center selects exemplary teachers from across America and Europe, drawn from a variety of disciplines, to collaborate on projects that discover, develop and communicate the stories of Unsung Heroes in



Langley

history.

Langley has been teaching chemistry and physics at Novi High School since 2000, sharing his enthusiasm for learning with his students on a daily basis. Langley values strong, positive relationships in the classroom and views these relationships as the foundation of a highly effective learning environment, where everyone is working toward collective goals.

Since 2008, Langley has been especially focused on increasing the scientific literacy of his students by incorporating more reading and writing in the classroom. Along with teaching, Langley serves as a science content area leader for the Novi Community

School District and has worked on numerous committees, including one that led to the establishment of Professional Learning Communities district-wide. He is involved with improving the district's teacher evaluation system.

Outside of the classroom, Langley is dedicated to bringing greater depth to conversations on public education and education reform. He regularly speaks on the topic and has been published by the *Washington Post*. He is currently the acting past president of the Network of Michigan Educators, a group connecting exemplary educators as recognized by the state Department of Education.

In 2007, Langley was named Milken Educator for the state of Michigan. In 2008, he received the College of Natural

Science Recent Alumni Award from Michigan State University. Lowell Milken Center Director Norm Conard said, "Brian fits so well with our fellow emphasis on STEM. He is a strong academic who will develop an outstanding collaborative project. We look forward to his innovative ideas."

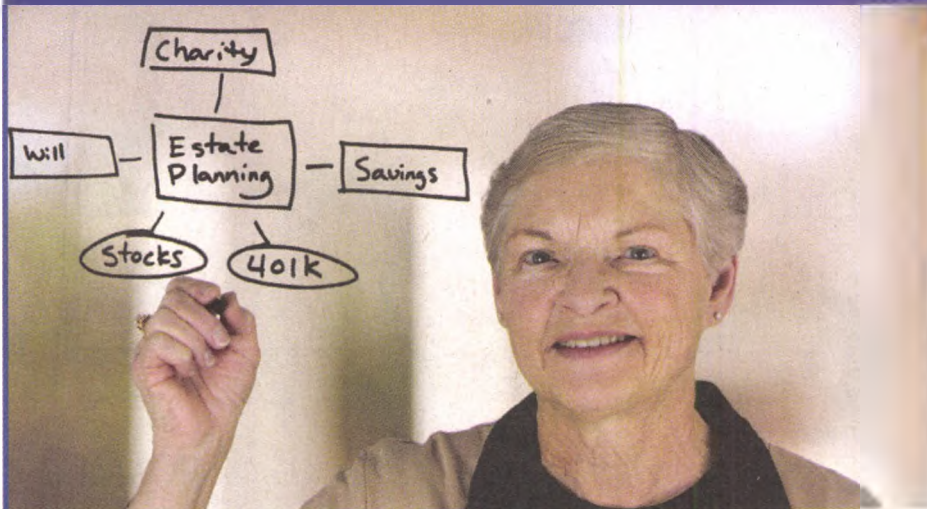
While in Fort Scott, LMC fellows gain knowledge, educational resources and ongoing support to enhance their classrooms and help students cultivate a passion for learning by creating projects that initiate positive change. Fellows emerge prepared to develop Unsung Heroes projects with their students as they apply and evaluate the stories of role models who have changed the world throughout history.

Reading's a B.E.A.R.



At Parkview Elementary School in Novi, students are participating in a unique program that teaches important financial lessons and also encourages active reading. Lotus Bank sponsors the B.E.A.R. (Be Excited About Reading) Club and personal banker Linda Abraham is actively involved in running the program. The B.E.A.R. Club allows students to log minutes read each month, then those minutes are deposited into a reading "savings account." Students who log the most minutes are rewarded with the opportunity to serve as the "teller" for the next month. Earlier this month, Abraham (right) and Lotus Bank President and CEO Neal Searle were on hand to present 500 books to send home with Parkview students for summer reading. Even though just grades 1-4 participate in the B.E.A.R. Club program, the kindergarteners also received books at the B.E.A.R. Club Book Bash so they can get an early start on reading for next year. For the six-month periods of September through November and January through March, grades 1-4 read a total of 1,560,335 minutes.

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Middle school students construct homeless shelters

Seventh- and eighth-grade design tech students at Clifford H. Smart Middle School recently constructed three different models of pallet homeless shelters made completely from recycled materials. The prototype displays have furniture, primitive heating/cooling systems, a means of cooking, water collection systems, insulation and more. The goal for this project was to develop an easy system for

homeless people or volunteer groups to construct shelters around the world.

The project was completely generated by the students and the process took around 12 weeks to complete. Each class was set up like a small company, with each class being divided into four divisions: construction, alternative energy, furniture and presentation. The students set up a time line that would guide the work

being done on the project.

"I want the students to understand that helping people and developing relationships is what life is about," said Kevin Olson, design tech teacher at Smart. "I also wanted them to gain experience in design process and working with their hands. Communication and directing their own learning through daily goals was a huge part of this project."



Members of the seventh-grade design tech class at Smart Middle School and one of their prototype pallet homeless shelters.

Walled Lake Western students contribute art to community

Jane Culling and members of the Walled Lake Western High School Art Club recently completed a public art mural which is now on display on West Maple Road near the Walled Lake Community Education Center.

The mural, titled "Summertime in Walled Lake," was constructed duplicating a technique created by Yaacov Agam, an Israeli artist. The two pictures that are part of the mural were constructed in a folded paper fan-like method. When you look in one direction at the mural, you see one picture; in the other direction, you see another picture.

Randy Schiller, district carpenter, cut the pieces of art and fit them together to form the mural, constructed the frame and displayed it at its current location.

Valerie Kemp, a supporter of the project, said, "The mural is evidence of the talent that exists within the young people of our community and how eager they are to express themselves to the world."

This marks the fifth



The Walled Lake Western High School Art Club's public art mural is on display on West Maple Road near the Walled Lake Community Education Center.

piece of public art that has been brought into Walled Lake, contributing to the community's uniqueness and adding needed "eye candy" to its streets.

In 2013, the Walled Lake School District was a large supporter of the Detroit Institute of Arts Inside | Out Project between March and June. Art teachers mimicked the theme at their 10-day art camp and further deepened the influence of the exhibit with their students.

Fostering the trend

further, Walled Lake art teachers Andrea Novak, Cynthia Scarpace and Mary Grovsvenor contributed their talented brush strokes toward a community mural which portrayed a map of Walled Lake (located across from Mercer Beach on East Walled Lake Drive). Then, in fall 2013, the Walled Lake Schools first public art mural came to fruition, a sunflower mural created by Walled Lake Elementary School art teacher Lani Yuen and her students.

Walled Lake students win Merit Scholarships

The Walled Lake Consolidated School District recognized three students who won college-sponsored Merit Scholarships through the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Zachary Bezemek, a Central student, won a \$2,000 National Merit Michigan State University Scholarship. This scholarship can be renewed for up to four years while he attends MSU, where he plans to study computer engineering with an additional emphasis on cognitive science.

Bezemek is a member of the bowling team, Percussion Ensemble and the Environmental Club. He is the son of Timothy and Linda Bezemek.

"Zach is an exceptional young man," said Maryjo Hecker, Central counselor. "He has been a positive student and contributor to class of 2014 since the moment he arrived at Central. It has been a pleasure for us to watch him grow into the incredible young man that he is. I am confident in his future success he will make a great asset to



Bezemek



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University Scholarship. This scholarship can be renewed for up to four years while she attends

the student body of Michigan State University."

Umang Lathia, Western student, won a National Merit Vanderbilt University Scholarship. He declined the scholarship as he plans to attend the University of Michigan.

Lathia is a member of the varsity soccer, swimming and track teams. He is vice president of the Student Council and an International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme candidate. He is the son of Amit and Nirali Lathia.

"He is a very intelligent, outgoing, friendly and highly committed young man who is a leader among his peers," said Ida Turpin, Western counselor. "His academic performance throughout his high school years has been exemplary."

Jennifer Lim, a Western student, won a \$2,000 National Merit Tulane

Tulane, where she plans to study biology.

Lim is a member of the varsity swim team and orchestra. She participates in National Honor Society, SADD and Students Without Borders. She also tutors students at Wixom Elementary. She is the daughter of Steven Lim and Emily Zheng.

"Jennifer's academic record only gives a glimpse into her overall character and commitment to excellence," Turpin said. "She is hard-working, persistent, curious, creative and empathetic. In her extracurricular activities, she has not just been content with taking on a membership role, she has risen to leadership."

Officials of each sponsor college selected their scholarship winners from among the finalists in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program.



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Schoolcraft College expanding veterans' services

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College has an expanded Veterans Services Office opening on its Livonia campus on Haggerty, north of Six Mile.

Plans are for the facility to open in September, with work now on schedule.

The facility will feature a lounge, said Pam Paxton-Keehner, the college's veterans services coordinator. Also on tap are study carrels. "Just a place to hang out," she said.

The college enrolls some 225 military veterans in a typical semester, Paxton-Keehner said. She's been on the job since 2009 with the Post-9/11 Bill to support education for returning veterans.

The majority of the veterans have served in



Many educational benefits for returning military veterans are offered, with Schoolcraft's Pam Paxton-Keehner the college's veterans services coordinator. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Iraq or Afghanistan, she said. "They seem to gravitate toward the public safety kind of careers," including police, fire and EMT. "We have some who are doing nursing."

Paxton-Keehner agreed a military discharge can be a confusing time for veterans with all the paperwork. "They're

so anxious to move on and get home," she said.

Some are unsure of how to proceed with higher education. "We're a one-stop shop," said Paxton-Keehner, who can be reached at 734-462-4400, ext. 5346. "It is very overwhelming. We try to sort it out."

The military benefits

in education can be tough to decipher, along with other services for veterans. Paxton-Keehner recommends veterans wishing to attend Schoolcraft first call her. There is a checklist for things like admissions, the placement test and more before registration. She's housed in the

college's McDowell Center with other student services. "We really hope to have much more robust referral help for them," she said, such as housing and VA health benefits.

"We really hope to make it more their own," she said of the expanded office.

The new office will have a space for Paxton-Keehner, the clerk at the entrance and both lounge and study areas.

"It's more than we've ever had before, so I'm very excited," she said of the retrofitting of the existing space for veterans.

One veteran is Lawrence Smith of Canton, who earned an associate's degree with honors from Schoolcraft before heading to Eastern Michigan University, where he's almost completed his bachelor's degree in pub-

lic safety.

Smith, an officer with the Detroit Police Department, was encouraged to return to school by his wife, who is also former military. Smith served in the U.S. Army from 1983 to 2005, including in Germany, Japan and Egypt.

Paxton-Keehner is proud of Smith, as well as another student heading to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. That student/veteran earned the Purple Heart.

"It is amazing to watch them succeed," she said. "I love what I do. It's really opened my eyes. I have the utmost respect for these guys."

She didn't have much experience with returning veterans earlier in her life and said, "All they need is a little help. This is the best job on campus. It's just amazing."

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SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE UPDATES

EMU deal helps criminal justice students graduate faster

Schoolcraft College students interested in a bachelor's degree in criminology will have an easier process transferring to Eastern Michigan University as a result of a new articulation agreement that was signed by the two schools. EMU's bachelor of science in criminology and criminal justice requires a total of 124 credits. The new agreement will allow up to 86 credits from Schoolcraft to transfer to EMU. The multidisciplinary program offers four areas of concentration: legal studies, law enforcement, corrections and criminal justice administration.

Business in Australia seminar

Representatives from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Detroit; U.S. Export Assistance Center, Detroit; and East Michigan District Export Council will present insights, observations, anecdotal experiences and nuances specific to the business community of Australia 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 19, during the first of three different International Insights seminars in the coming months. Brazil will be the focus of the session Aug. 14 and Singapore will be discussed Sept. 25.

Sessions will run one hour and be followed by networking, beverages and hors d'oeuvres. Registration for the June 19 and Aug. 14 sessions is \$45, the Sept. 25 session, which will include dinner in the American Harvest Restaurant, is \$75. To register or learn more information about the International Insights Seminar series, visit www.schoolcraft.edu/bdc or call 734-462-4673.

Youth piano camp recital

Each summer, the music faculty from Schoolcraft College hosts a special week-long piano camp for elementary, middle and high school-age students.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day during the Summer Piano Camp, participants attend classes in composition, theory, rhythm and music history; perform solo repertoire, piano duets and piano ensembles; and focus on sight-reading skills. Instructors include professional musicians and college professors.

To celebrate all their hard work during the week and share what they have learned, the students perform a special free recital at 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 27, at the VisTaTech Center on the main campus in Livonia.

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State businesses push for Proposal 1

Supporters of August ballot issue want tax on equipment eliminated

By Wayne Peal
Gannett Michigan

Proposal 1 would eliminate Michigan's personal property tax if voters approve it in the Aug. 5 primary election.

Despite how it is referred to, it is not a tax on homeowners. The tax is levied only on Michigan businesses' equipment.

It's also a tax that has been criticized in some quarters for hurting existing businesses' ability to expand and the state's ability to attract new businesses and new jobs.

Proposal 1 would preserve the Legislature's already approved four-year personal property tax phaseout and the exemption given this year to businesses with less than \$80,000 in cash value.

It would also adopt a new reimbursement formula for the municipalities that have long depended upon the tax and give greater financial support to schools.

None of that would happen, plus the tax would stay as it is, if voters say no.

Supporters acknowledge the issue isn't the easiest sell.

"There is confusion out there," said Kelly Rossman-McKinney, whose Lansing-based agency, Truscott Rossman, is handling publicity regarding Proposal 1.

The personal property tax has long been a sore point for large and small businesses. On the other hand, municipalities have said that eliminating it without coming up with an alternative revenue source — as the Legislature did — leaves them facing substantial budget cuts.

Proposal 1 attempts to answer both concerns by amending the Michigan

Use Tax, another state tax, to provide money directly to municipalities for police, fire and other local services.

It would also increase the dedicated tax revenue given to schools.

Putting the measure on the ballot was required by state tax law; the Legislature couldn't have enacted those kind of changes on its own.

But the decision to put it before voters received overwhelming bipartisan support in the state House and Senate.

The Michigan Municipal League and Michigan Chamber of Commerce, two groups not always in lockstep, have also given their support. So, too, have a host of other organizations, from the Fraternal Order of Police to the Michigan Association of School Boards to the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Those and other organizations have come together as Michigan Citizens For Strong & Safe Communities, the coalition supporting the proposal.

Ramifications largely unknown

Yet with less than two months before the election, the issue's ramifications remain largely unknown to the public and even among some members of the state business community.

"I've spoken to at least two of our big employers and they were unaware of it," Howell Area Chamber of Commerce President Pat Convery said during a roundtable discussion with O&E Media.

That's why supporters are busy making the rounds and they might have no more eloquent spokesman than Howell Police Chief George Basar, past president of the

Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police.

"This isn't a tax increase. It makes businesses more competitive, assures local government a secure stream of revenue and doesn't cost homeowners anything," said Basar, a Proposal 1 supporter.

The personal property tax is levied in perpetuity against business equipment.

"I've talked to one local business owner whose company has been here 70 years and he's still paying taxes on equipment that might have been there that long," Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Pam McConeghy said. "Michigan is the only state that taxes businesses this way."

Michigan businesses have long claimed the tax, which dates to 1893, is outmoded.

Among other states in the Great Lakes region, Illinois, New York, Minnesota, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin levy no such tax, while Indiana's tax lessens as a business' equipment ages.

"When (Great Lakes) businesses are looking for a place to expand, it might not be Texas or California, but it might be Illinois, it might be Wis-

PROPOSAL 1 WORDING

Approval or disapproval of amendatory act to reduce state use tax and replace with a local community stabilization share to modernize the tax system and help small business grow and create jobs. The amendatory act adopted by the Legislature would:

1. Reduce the state use tax and replace with a local community stabilization share of the tax for the purpose of modernizing the tax system to help small business grow and create jobs in Michigan.
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3. Increase portion of state use tax dedicated for aid to local school districts.
4. Prohibit Authority from increasing taxes.
5. Prohibit total use tax from exceeding constitutional 6-percent limitation.

Should this law be approved?

consin," Rossman-McKinney said.

Though tempered by the fate of other Lansing-made promises, the guarantee that municipalities would be reimbursed was enough to secure support from the Michigan Municipal League.

"Ideally, we would have liked to have seen a (state) constitutional amendment, but this does represent what we were looking for," said Howell City Manager Shea Charles, chair of the MML's finance committee.

To make up the revenue, the state would create a local community

stabilization share out of the current state use tax. Such action would generate slightly more than \$96 million in replacement local revenue for 2015-16. It would jump to \$380 million in 2016-17, when the full phaseout is complete, and rise every year after that.

To cover the state's potential revenue loss, manufacturers would pay a new Essential Services Assessment, which would go to the state's general fund.

Additional general fund revenue would also be raised from the elimination of a series of targeted corporate tax

breaks, mostly approved under the administration of former Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

The state's use tax is levied against mobile home sales, off-road vehicle and watercraft sales, telephone services and hotel room rentals, among other items.

Despite the change, the use tax would remain at its current 6-percent maximum level.

Though the message might take some explaining, supporters believe primary voters, in particular, will come to understand.

"Primary voters are educated voters," Rossman-McKinney said.

The fear is what might happen in this year's lame-duck legislative session should the ballot proposal fail.

"The Legislature might just come back and repeal the personal property tax without a replacement source of funding," Charles said. "I can't say that would happen, but we have seen some strange things" come out of lame-duck sessions.

Cutting the tax without making up for the lost revenue would devastate local governments still dealing with the last decade's economic collapse, Basar said.

"Since 2006, we're already down 10 part-time or reserve officers and four full-time officers," he said of his department. "And that's not unique to us."

Failure in August doesn't mean supporters would give up.

"I'd suspect we wouldn't see the last of this," Convery said.

But supporters say Proposal 1 is the best deal Michigan's cities, townships and schools are likely to get — and they hope voters agree.

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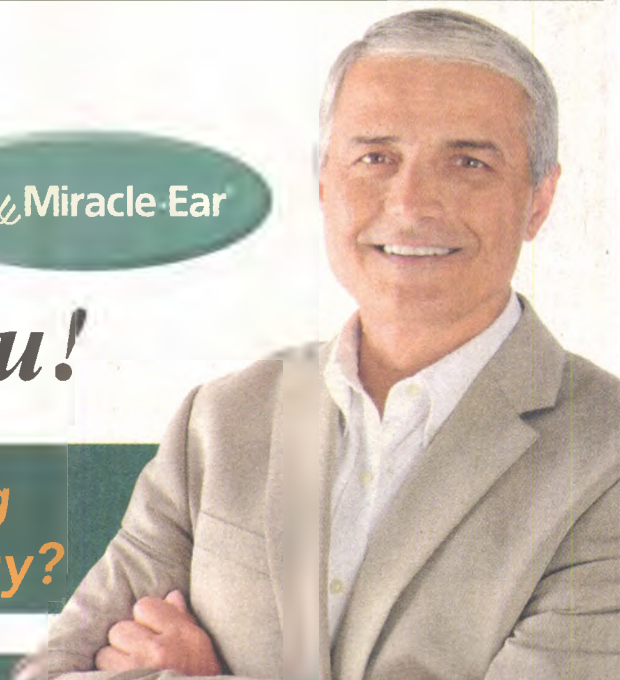
The city of Novi project to renovate 11 Mile Road west of Meadowbrook Road continues June 12. Currently, traffic is traveling only eastbound as the road is completely torn up, regraded and eventually topped with a new surface. The 22-year-old, nearly mile-long road's reconstruction was budgeted for a bit more than \$800,000 and should be completed by the end of the summer. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Parents' lawsuit against Livonia, Walmart moved to federal court

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

The lawsuit filed against the city of Livonia, its police department and a local Walmart has been moved out of Wayne County Circuit Court and into federal court.

Deborah Gordon, the attorney representing Novi residents John and Wendy Kozma as well as their daughter Jodi in a lawsuit filed last month against the city and Walmart, said the request was made by the city and the retail giant. Because the complaint alleges the Kozma's daughter had her Fourth and 14th Amendment rights violated by an unnecessary search and seizure, the defendants can ask to have it moved since it deals with the U.S. Constitution, Gordon said.

"That gives them the right to move them into federal court," said Gordon, a Bloomfield Hills attorney. "It's the same lawsuit."

Gordon said the complaint filed in Wayne



A family photo shows Jodi Kozma leaving Walmart after being accused of stealing hair ties. They say the receipt proves her innocence.

County Circuit Court is the same one being used by the federal court, which is the District of Eastern Michigan in Detroit.

The case was originally filed last month by Gordon on behalf of the family, who says their daughter was shopping August 2012 at the Livonia store at 29574 Seven

Mile and was unlawfully detained by store employees and Livonia police, who believed she was shoplifting.

Jodi Kozma, 25, has hypoxia and persistent fetal circulation and is mentally impaired and requires constant supervision from a family member when in public, according to the com-

plaint. She purchased some hair ties and began to walk out of the store when she was stopped by loss prevention agents at the store and became confused. They prevented her from leaving until police arrived. Police detained her until it was determined Jodi Kozma had not taken anything illegally from the store and let her go.

The city's attorney, Don Knapp, has said the police officers properly determined there was probable cause for retail fraud. Police must also determine the facts after their own investigation, he said, and not just rely on statements made.

The case was originally scheduled for a status conference in August before a circuit judge in Wayne County, which will not take place. No date for a hearing in federal court has been scheduled, Gordon said.

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Tires stolen

Eight wheels/tires were stolen from two vehicles parked at the Suburban Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Novi dealership.

The 2014 Dodge Chargers were found up on landscape blocks and the items missing May 22 at the location on Haggerty. It's suspected they were taken overnight. No other evidence was found and the suspect was not caught on camera, which may have been due to the vehicles being in a position that left them obscured.

Jewelry stolen

An unknown suspect broke into a Novi home and stole a handful of pricey jewelry.

The homeowner arrived home May 30 to find the door to the garage unlocked with no apparent damage to the door. A check of the house turned up missing jewelry from a bedroom, including a \$7,000 Rolex.

Purse missing

A vehicle parked outside of the Tilted Kilt bar

and restaurant was broken into and the owner's purse is now missing.

The incident happened May 31. The vehicle owner found her driver's side window smashed in. The purse contained a debit card, but it was canceled before any reported transactions.

Drunken driving

A hit and run accident led Novi police to a suspected drunken driver.

Novi police were dispatched May 31 on a report of a hit and run at Novi Road and Main Street. The person that was rear-ended told police the other driver drove away. Police caught up with the vehicle and suspect at Nine Mile and Meadowbrook roads.

The driver's vehicle had damage to its front end and he smelled like he had been drinking, according to the police report. Police also found the air bag deployed in the suspect's vehicle. He registered 0.167 percent blood-alcohol content during the preliminary Breathalyzer test.

- By Lonnie Huhman

Novi Police: Triple-homicide suspect brought to justice

The 2008 Novi triple-homicide case reached a resolution June 12 with a verdict coming in the case of the man charged with murdering his family and then escaping to another country.

According to Novi Police, Lakshminivasa Nerusu was found guilty of three counts of first-degree, premeditated murder in the deaths of his wife Jayalakshmi Nerusu and two children, Tejasvi Nerusu and Siva Kumar Nerusu.

The trial began June 3 in front of Judge Nancy Grant in Oakland County Circuit Court and the

jury received the case during the afternoon of June 11.

On Oct. 13, 2008, Nerusu was accused of killing his then 37-year-old wife and their two children, a 14-year old daughter and 12-year old son. Following the murders, Nerusu fled to India. Novi Police found the deceased bodies after responding to a welfare check at the Nerusu home Oct. 27, 2008.

Investigators from the Novi Police Department worked collaboratively with the Federal Bureau of Investiga-

tion and U.S. Department of State to apprehend Nerusu on a three-count first-degree murder warrant issued by the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office and unlawful flight to avoid prosecution warrant by the U.S. Attorney's Office in Detroit.

Novi's Chief of Police David E. Molloy said, "This is a prime example of multiple agencies working together to ensure the person involved in such a heinous act is held accountable. Wednesday's guilty verdict does not make the community whole again,

however I am pleased that justice has been served."

Nerusu was returned May 25, 2013, to the United States under "Project Welcome Home," an initiative of the FBI's Criminal Investigative Division to support the apprehension and extradition of international fugitives charged with crimes of violence who have fled the U.S.

Nerusu will be back in front of Grant for sentencing at 8 a.m. July 3. The first-degree murder charge carries a penalty of mandatory life in prison.

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LOCAL EVENTS HELP AVAILABLE FOR DEMENTIA

Time/Date: 3-5 p.m. Thursday, June 19 and 26 and July 10 and 17

Location: Novi Senior Center (45175 W. 10 Mile)

Details: The Area Agency on Aging 1-B and the Alzheimer's Association-Greater Michigan Chapter are hosting a free training program for families concerned about and/or caring for someone with a dementia related illness, such as Alzheimer's disease. The Creating Confident Caregivers program has been proven to reduce caregiver stress by empowering caregivers with useful tools and information. Caregivers are encouraged to attend all six classes in order to complete the training. All materials, fliers, and training books are provided by the AAA 1-B, and there is no cost for the caregiver to attend this training. The class is limited to 12 participants. Up to three members from one family can attend a training together.

Contact: To register for the CCC training program, as well as on-site respite care, call the Area Agency on Aging 1-B at 800-852-7795, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

HEALTH SEMINAR

Time/Date: 2 p.m. Saturday, June 21

Location: Better Health Market, 42875 Grand River in Novi
Details: Free seminar on "Getting your gut in order for overall fitness and summer weight loss" with nationally known health and fitness expert Peter Nielsen and Dr. Frank Patino, creator of The Patino Diet. Reservations are suggested.

Contact: 248-735-8100 or visit www.thebetterhealthstore.com

LINGENFELTER CARS & COFFEE

Time/Date: 8-10 a.m. each Saturday through Sept. 20

Location: Lingenfelter Performance Engineering - North Engine Build Facility, 47451 Avante Drive, Wixom (at I-96 and Beck Road)

NOVI COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Details: Guests can visit and take a tour of Lingenfelter's dyno testing area. Although there is no fee to participate in the event, guests are encouraged to bring a donation of nonperishable food items to be donated to Gleaners Community Food Bank and/or make a monetary donation.

Contact: Updates will be posted on their Facebook page and website: www.lingenfeltercollection.com

CARELINK LECTURES

Transitions - Life After Treatment group

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

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

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

Contact: Jenny Bailey at 248-465-5466

FRIENDS OF ISLAND LAKE

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

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

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

Contact: www.islandlakefriends.org

BEREAVEMENT MEETING

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

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

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

NAMI METRO

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

Location: Providence Park Hospital, Novi

Details: Family support group meetings.

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

WOMANHEART OF NOVI

Time/Date: 7 p.m. fourth Wednesday of each month

Location: Providence Park Hospital, Novi

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

Contact: Sharon Mallon, 248-348-5189.

SUBURBAN COLLECTION SHOWPLACE

Location: 46100 Grand River, Novi

Phone: 248-348-5600

Web: www.SuburbanShowplace.com

GOLF OUTINGS

NOVI ROTARY

Date: June 19

Location: Mystic Creek

Details: Golfers will play 18 holes with lunch, dinner and prizes - all while supporting student scholarships, at-need families in and around Novi, clean water projects, community military veterans and seniors and childhood health around the world.

Contact: www.noviro Rotary.org

NOVI EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Date: June 19

Location: Links of Novi, 50395 W. 10 Mile Road

Details: Four-person scramble format; \$500 per foursome; lunch at the turn; dinner after 18 holes; \$50 for dinner only; \$20 per team for skins game; putting contest; 50/50 drawing.

Contact: <http://www.novieducationalfoundation.org/> 2014-golf-scramble

WALLED LAKE SCHOOLS FIFTH ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

Date: June 23

Location: Edgewood Country Club, Commerce Township

Details: The Foundation for

Excellence Scramble's shotgun start will be at 10 a.m. Outing includes continental breakfast at registration; 18 holes of golf; barbecue lunch at the turn; course contests; reception / gourmet plated dinner; raffle; and a silent auction. The cost is \$125 per golfer to enjoy the full day or only \$50 to attend reception and dinner.

Contact: 248-956-2116; www.wlcsd.org/foundation.cfm

NOVI PARKS FOUNDATION ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Date: Thursday, Aug. 7

Location: Links of Novi Golf Club, 50395 10 Mile Road

Details: Golf and dinner for \$125 per person or \$500 per foursome. It is \$50 to attend the dinner only. Each registered participant receives 18-holes of golf with cart, continental breakfast, lunch, a gourmet steak dinner and prizes. Early Bird Special for \$500 includes a foursome plus a hole sponsorship; available until Friday, July 18. The Novi Parks Foundation raises money for the purpose of supporting park enhancements, recreational opportunities and scholarship programs for local children. Registration forms are available online at www.noviparksfoundation.org.

Contact: The Novi Parks Foundation, P.O. Box 1169, Novi, MI 48376 and via email at golf@noviparksfoundation.org.

BUSINESS

NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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

No. VI Dinner Tour

Time/Date: 5:30-10 p.m. Tuesday, June 24

Details: Enjoy the delicious food from some of Novi's finest restaurants -- Andiamo; Black Rock; Bonefish Grill; Novi Chop-house; Steve & Rocky's; and The Baronette Renaissance. Restaurants will be serving samples of their signature dishes and appetizers. Participants will begin the tour from their designated start location at 5:30 p.m. After enjoying your time at that restaurant, you will be taken by limo buses provided by Millennium Limousines, to your next restaurant. After visiting the five restaurants, all guests will finish the dinner tour at The Baronette Renaissance with dessert and networking. Cost is \$30 per person before June 21; \$40 after. Soft drinks, ice tea and coffee included; cash bar available.

LOCAL BUSINESS NETWORK MEETING

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

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

AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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

Location: DoubleTree Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi

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

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

NORTHVILLE-NOVI BUSINESS NETWORKING BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. first and

third Tuesday of each month (except November and December, which are just the first Tuesday)

Location: Kerby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty

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

Contact: Fonda Milana at 586-232-3009 or fmlana@sunrisefinancialgroupplc.com.

METRO NOVI BNI

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

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

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

Contact: Julie Paquette at 248-797-1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com; www.metronovibni.com.

HUD COUNSELING

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

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

Book Discussion Group

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

Details: Drop in or call the library if you are interested in joining this group.

CLUBS

NOVI ROTARY CLUB

Time/Date: Noon each Thursday

Location: Novi Methodist Church 41671 W. 10 Mile

Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check website for speaker information; novirotary.org.

NOVI LIONS CLUB

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

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

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

NOVI TOASTMASTERS CLUB

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

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

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

Shakespeare in the Park



The Novi Civic Theatre, in association with Sky's the Limit Productions, invites the community to experience scenes from Shakespeare's greatest plays at Fuerst Park, at the corner of 10 Mile and Taft roads. Performances will take place at 7 p.m. Friday, June 20, and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 21-22. Opening night will be during the Sizzling Summer Art Series event. The production will include scenes from "Macbeth," "Hamlet," "Romeo and Juliet," "As You Like It" and several other iconic Shakespeare plays. Shakespeare in the Park is directed by Nancy Cooper and the cast includes 26 residents of Novi and the surrounding communities. Each family-friendly, free show will be about one hour in length. Seating in the Fuerst Park Amphitheater is available on a first-come, first-served basis. In case of inclement weather, the shows will take place Friday and Saturday at the Novi Civic Center and Sunday at Township Hall at Fuerst Park. Call 248-347-0473 for weather updates.



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Mynt bartender Jennifer Louis mixes up a Zimm's Dirty Martini at the Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk club. Mynt is styled after a lounge in Cincinnati. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

New nightlife spot comes to Novi

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

A new Novi hot spot – Mynt – celebrated its grand opening last weekend.

Located within the Twelve Mile Road Crossing at Fountain Walk entertainment complex, this happy hour spot, restaurant and nightclub is bringing something new that should attract a crowd.

"We cater to a variety of people," co-owner Mark Mercer said. "Mynt has something for everyone. Whether you're looking to watch a game or for a cool after-work spot for a drink and some food or a place to enjoy some nightlife, I think we have it."

The ownership group brings a lot of experience and success to this venture. The partners are Nicola Iliev, Pece Ilievski, Chris Garcia and Ian Mynes. They own and operate establishments in Ohio, including the original Mynt in Cincinnati, as well as BBR Columbus; Sway Martinis; Tapa Lounge; and The Garage Bar. The name Mynt is sort of a play on the words "my night out."

Mynt is located in the center



Mynt is proud of its LED ball-sign that will communicate to patrons during their visits.

court, across from Lucky Strike. The ownership group was approached by Fountain Walk about the opportunity of possibly setting up a location in Michigan and jumped at it.

Mercer said they are happy to be at Fountain Walk.

"There's a ton of potential here, so we are glad to be part of this

business community," he said.

Its location was vacant previously, but now the 8,000-square-foot building is newly renovated to fit in three bar areas, a dance floor, VIP area and tables and seating for eating. It also has a number of flat-screen televisions. The décor has the flavor of Detroit with a little bit of Las Vegas thrown in.

The kitchen works with fresh ingredients and the menu is diverse. Chef Steve Kimbrough describes it as full of flavors, served until 1:30 a.m. He said Mynt will add to the thriving set of food options at Fountain Walk.

The drink selection really does stand out at Mynt. From a variety of martinis to domestic favorites like Bell's beer, the bar has something for everyone.

So check out Mynt for a happy hour spot, food with signature items, a sports viewing destination, a mixology menu, gigantic parties, nationally recognized DJs and nightlife.

"We're a unique place," Mercer said.

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Shoetique employee Cassandra Alexander arranges the store's wares June 5. The shop, which specializes in ladies footwear and handbags, has been open in West Oaks Plaza's northwest corner since April 9. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Shop offers fashionable shoes, accessories

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Derrick Gergis' wife Rama likes fashion and shoes, which is ideal for their new Shoetique store, which opened April 9 – her birthday.

The Keego Harbor residents' store specializes in upscale shoes for women and girls and also carries purses, wallets and jewelry.

"It's good," Derrick said of business. "We need to get the word out a little more."

They're pleased customers are returning for additional purchases, which helps with word of mouth. Derrick has owned a shoe store, as has his mother, and their experience helps them with

the move into more upscale shoe retailing.

"We have great shoes, great prices, very fashion-forward," he said, noting such shoe brands as Jessica Simpson, Steve Madden, Chinese Laundry, Dolce Vita, Betsey Johnson, Bamboo and more.

"We have shoes for every occasion and style," Derrick said.

His dad Morey is longtime owner of the Vintage Wine Shoppe in Novi, in business some 35 years. "We're in the area our whole life," Derrick said.

Shoetique is offering an opening promotion this month, with the second item half off with a purchase, Derrick said.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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Location: M-5 and 13 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-668-7014 or CelebrateRecovery@brightmoorcc.org
Web: www.brightmoorchurch.org
Celebrate Recovery
Time/Dates: 7 p.m. Mondays
Details: Worship, teaching or testimony, and open-share

recovery groups. Organizers offer the principles and tools to bring healing for the hurts, deliverance from life-controlling habits, and freedom from the hang-ups that keep us from developing strong and healthy relations with God and others. Enter at Door D on the south side of the building. No cost; free child care is available for children birth through fifth grade. Preregister.

Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
Contact: 248-349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org
Mass Schedule
Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday through Friday; 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday

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Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile
Contact: 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointe-meadows.org
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Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile, Northville
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Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia
Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org
Contact: 248-442-8822
Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednesdays
Women's Coffee Break Bible Study: 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays; *God Revealed* by Fred Sievert
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Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile
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Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing
Contact: 248-348-1020
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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
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Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile
Contact: 248-348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org
Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Classic worship service, Adult Bible Fellowship classes and Children's Sunday School; 11 a.m. Contemporary worship service with Kids Church, Teen Worship Service and Adult Bible Fellowship classes. Cafe is open from 9:15-11 a.m. Refreshments at 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m. Evening Traditional Service
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Location: 200 E. Main
Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.fpcnorthville.org
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.
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Location: 205 E. Lake St. (corner of Wells and 10 Mile), South Lyon

Contact: 248-437-2875

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Location: 41415 Nine Mile, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Contact: 248-349-0565
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First United Methodist Church of Northville

Location: 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville
Contact: 248-349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org
Summer Sunday Worship (Memorial Day-Labor Day): 10 a.m.
Summer Sunday School (Memorial Day-Labor Day): Nursery; 10 a.m. - Nursery-sixth grade
Sunday Worship (September-May): 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.
Sunday School (September-May): 8 a.m. Nursery; 9:15 a.m. Nursery 12th grade; 11 a.m. Nursery-sixth grade

Holy Cross Episcopal Church

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile
Contact: 248-427-1175 or holycrossnovi@gmail.com; visit holyCROSSnovi.org
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Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. worship service
Alzheimer's Support Group: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month.

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**AMREIN, KATHARINA (KARIN)**

Age 73, of Northville passed away Thursday, June 12, 2014 at home after a three year battle with Lymphoma. She was born July 15, 1940 in Apatin, Serbia; daughter of Jakob and Theresia Amrein. Karin was married to Allan Inglis on May 25, 1985 in Montreal. The couple moved to Northville, Michigan in 1990. Karin dedicated her life to her family as a loving and caring homemaker. She was a wonderful cook and baker and enjoyed gardening. She was an active member of the Northville Garden Club and the Downtown Beautification Commission. Her love of flowers helped to make Northville a beautiful place to be. Karin is survived by her husband Allan; her son Peter Ursika; and her sisters Ingeborg (Uwe) Lund and Renate Bostick; her nieces and their families Renee Amrein (Ryan) and Marcia Bostick (Issac, Theodore, and Marcia Andrea). A memorial visitation for all friends will be held, Saturday, June 21, 2014 from 10a.m. until Noon at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap, Northville. Memorial contributions can be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154. Online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

ANDREWS, FRIEDA R.

Age 93, of Novi, passed away 6/10/14. Private services were held. Online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

**CARINGI, ANGELINE**

Age 86, passed away in the care of her family June 13, 2014. Preceded in death by Remo, her beloved husband of nearly 61 years. In addition to her children Joseph, Tom (Paula), Sue, Karen (Gary) Freida, and Rich (Sherry), Angie is survived by her six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; brothers-in-law August (Betty), Mario (the late Rosalie); sister-in-law Maria (the late Frank) Fortuna; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends. Funeral Liturgy was held from St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows, Milford on June 16. Msgr. John Budde officiated. Burial Highland Cemetery. Memorials to Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph of Detroit. For further information, phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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DeLUCA, THERESA

Age 52, of Hutchinson, Kansas, died May 23, 2014 at her home. She was born June 26, 1961 in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Ronald and Carolyn Cologie. She was raised in South Lyon, Michigan and was a 1979 graduate of South Lyon High School. She was an Assistant Secretary for Holy Cross Catholic School, Hutchinson, KS. On September 10, 1996 she married Ken DeLuca in Farmington Hills, MI. Survivors include her husband Ken and two sons, Dominic and Dylan DeLuca, of Hutchinson, KS, her parents; Ronald and Carolyn Cologie, South Lyon, four sisters; Catherine Chapman, Magnolia, Texas, Marie Golightly (Brian), South Lyon, Christine Goike (Tom), Standish, and Joanne LaGriff (Paul) of Brighton. Mass of Christian Burial was held at Holy Cross Catholic Church, May 28th, in Hutchinson, KS. A memorial service will be held from 5:00pm to 8:00pm Thursday, June 26 for family and close friends, with a Rosary at 6:30 pm at the Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial contributions may be given to Holy Cross Catholic School, 2631 Independence Road, Hutchinson, KS 67502.

**ELIAS, FERN MAXINE "MICKY"**

Was born on January 17, 1922 in Lincoln, Nebraska and passed away early Saturday morning, June 7, 2014 surrounded by family in Novi, Michigan. For Mickey, family was everything. To say that she was a mother, a wife, a chef and an artist all wrapped up into one will never do her justice enough. The love she shared with those around her inspired and fueled their ability to reach their potential. Hard to quantify and sometimes thankless, she was the cornerstone of her family. We all are who we are today because of her. A previous Executive Secretary for the city manager of Naperville, Illinois, Mickey did not shy away from a challenge and was always very organized and a known problem solver. She was always very involved in her community and a standing member of the First United Methodist Church, along with previously being an active member of the Hospital Guild of Central DuPage Hospital in Illinois. Even recently she participated in a church quilting group and bible study. Mickey was always known for her artistic abilities. Many of her loved ones and friends own pieces of her art or still wrap themselves in one of her beautifully handcrafted quilts. Mickey was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years Frank Elias; her sister Ruth Dick; her brother Keith Shankland; and her parents Lawson and Lulu Shankland. Mickey passionately loved her family and is survived by her beloved daughters Linda and Pam with husbands Craig and Dean. Additionally she leaves her five grandchildren and their family's, Chris and Tyler, Emily and Brent, Erin and Eric and Megan and Howard; including her four great-granddaughters. Clara, Sasha, Skyler, and Lylah really loved their "GiGi". She will be missed dearly by her sister-in-law Rose and many nephews and nieces. Mickey is also fondly remembered by many long term friends. A memorial service will be held Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 West 8 Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167 (please be advised that 8 Mile is closed between Beck and Taft Roads, but there will be access to the church). The family suggests that memorials may be made in lieu of flowers to the First United Methodist Church of Northville or the World Wildlife Fund, 1250 Twenty Fourth Street, N.W., P.O. Box 97180, Washington, DC 20090-7180. Share online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

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HAMLIN, PATRICIA JANE

Age 82, of Highland Twp., passed away June 15, 2014. Beloved wife of the late Bruce for 45 years. Loving mother of Richele (Gary) Howard, Jill King, Richard King, the late Craig King, Kristi (George) Thomas and Bruce (Colleen) Hamlin. Proud grandmother of Christopher, Chelsea, Richard, Thora, Jonah, Kendall, Nicole, Artellus and Violet. Treasured great-grandmother of Jasmine and Sophia. Dear sister of Ralph (Gladys) Rogers, Elizabeth Carpenter and Barbara Rogers. Special aunt of Michelle (David) Ross and Michael (Kathleen) Hamlin. Memorial Visitation will be held Thursday, June 19, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and Friday, June 20, 2014 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Highland Chapel of the Elton Black & Son Funeral Home, 3295 E. Highland Rd., Highland. Memorial Service will be held Saturday, June 21, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at the Highland United Methodist Church, 680 W. Livingston Rd., Highland. Share a memory at www.eltonblackandsonhighland.com

Elton Black & Son Funeral Home**SCHMEICHEL, DEBRA L.**

Age 57, June 12, 2014. Funeral June 18, 11a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon

SCHUTZ, RUDOLPH "RUDY"

age 85, passed June 12. Funeral June 16 at 3 p.m. visitation after to 7 p.m. PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon.

**WINTER, FRANK H.**

His Legacy... Frank (Francis) Hammond Winter, age 86, of Green Oak Twp., MI, passed away June 12, 2014. He was born April 15, 1928 to Frank and Bridget (Hammond) Winter, in Detroit, MI. Following in his grandfather's talents (originating in Newfoundland), Frank had a passion for woodworking and making furniture. Within the family, he was the oldest of his generation and kindly referred to as "Old Man Winter". He will be dearly missed by all who loved him. His Family... Frank leaves behind his former wife Elizabeth (Chartier) Winter; their children, Kathleen (Rick) Hampton, James (Donna) Winter, daughter-in-law, Roberta Winter, Patricia (Bill) Calus, Peter Winter, Thomas (Mira) Winter; Anne Winter, and Jeremy Winter; his brothers, Gerald (Dorothy) Winter, William (Rita) Winter, Louis (Barbara) Winter, and Robert Coady; (23) grandchildren; (7) great grandchildren; and a large extended family. Frank is preceded in death by his wife, Shirley (Gray) Winter; sons, Timothy and David; and brother Roy (Ann). His Farewell... Family and friends will gather Friday, June 13, 2014, from 4-8pm, with a 7:30pm Rosary service, at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel. Frank's Healing Farewell will be Saturday, June 14, 2014, at Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Church, in Brighton, MI. He will lie in-state at 10am, followed by an 11am Mass of Christian Burial, with Father John Rocus serving as celebrant. Burial will follow at Holy Spirit Cemetery. Memorial donations are suggested to Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Church, Brighton MI. Please leave a message of comfort for Frank's family at 1-877-231-7900, or sign his guestbook at www.borekjennings.com.



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opportunities and a recording opportunity with one of Detroit's most well-known producers going to the winner. Because of demand, the pricing structure at the fair will also be different, with more individual options available.

EIGHT MILE

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Oakland County resurfaces the road. The detour route for passenger vehicles is Beck Road to Nine Mile Road to Taft Road and vice versa. The detour route for commercial trucks is Beck Road to 10 Mile Road to Novi Road and vice versa. The cost of the project is about \$4.7 million with \$2.8 million coming from federal funds. The remainder (\$1.9 million) is shared by the Road Commission for Oakland County, Northville Township, the city of Northville, the city of Novi and Oakland County general government through the Tri-Party Program. Part of the improvements will include adding a continuous left-turn lane from Beck to Taft. As part of the overall project, the traffic signals at the Eight Mile and Beck and Eight Mile and Taft intersections will be updated, as will the flasher at the Eight Mile and Napier intersection. The pedestrian crosswalks along this section of Eight Mile will also be upgraded to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Doris Fell remains active in retirement

Doris Fell's logistical pragmatism in retirement is helping her remain an active volunteer in southeast Michigan. A lifelong community service worker, she is now using the second bedroom in her Fox Run apartment in Novi as an office to work on her volunteer and nonprofit board duties. Fell volunteers as a home missionary for the American Baptist Church and has been a member of the Detroit Baptist Union for about 15 years. She also serves on the board of the MetroHealth Foundation, an organization that provides grants to small inner-city clinics. She has been involved with the foundation for 30 years. Fell is a member of the American Baptist Church and worked in her church's community centers in Boston, Mass., and Dayton, Ohio. She then went on to serve as the director of Friendship House in Detroit. "The centers developed when people were immigrating to this coun-

These are just a few of the changes to come. To help guide the growth, fair organizers have brought on a new executive director, Stephen Masters. He joins the fair from his recent positions as executive director of the Bays de Noc Convention and Visitors Bureau in Escanaba and management team member of the Upper Peninsula State

Fair. "It's exciting to be part of this," said Masters, who brings a wealth of relevant experience to the role, according to Bowman. To learn more about the fair, go to <http://michiganstatefairllc.com>.

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Originally, RCOE expected to complete the section between Garfield and Beck in 2013, with the section between Napier and Garfield to be completed next year. However, the scheduling was changed to avoid closing the road just before the start of school due to some unforeseen engineering concerns. The project involves resurfacing this section of Eight Mile with three inches of asphalt. Additionally, the lanes will be widened for bicycles and drainage improvements and sidewalks will be completed between Beck and Taft roads.



Doris Fell is a logistical pragmatic community service volunteer.

try and the American Baptist churches would help new communities in their new communities and find jobs," she said. "Then we felt there was a need for child care when women were just beginning to go to work, so we

developed a large child care program and launched many other activities." When she is not volunteering, Fell has found time to take several cruises along the American coastlines.

Program includes kayaking, archery for women

By Laura Colvin
Staff Writer

Women looking for something fun to do this summer might want to check out the Kensington Women's Adventure at Kensington Metropark.

The program, which takes place from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 28, gives adult women an opportunity to try out new outdoor skills and experiences.

"Working for a park system, we saw the need to create an environment to try new things in a safe environment," said metropark Farm Man-

ager Debbie Cavallaro, who founded the Women's Adventure program 15 years ago.

The program includes opportunities to try activities such as kayaking and archery.

"We always do the kayaking, since we're adjacent to the Huron River," Cavallaro said, noting the river is exceptionally high this year and offers plenty of opportunity for wildlife viewing. "We have certified kayak instructors who make it very safe and comfortable; they go through everything, explain the dynamics of



Women enjoy kayaking on the Huron River during a recent Kensington Women's Adventure program at Kensington Metropark.

the boat, so by the time you get in the water, you feel very comfortable with where you're headed, what you're doing and what your goal is - and it's different for every-

one." Participants also enjoy the archery part of the program, she added, since it's an activity many haven't tried before.

"This year, we also have a life coach coming to do a meditation-type exercise," she said. "It's a very mindful experience." Cavallaro said the

program is appropriate for friends, family members and others who want to share the experience, as well as individuals. Lunch, water and all equipment is provided.

"There's a lot of camaraderie," she said.

The program, which costs \$60, is limited to 30 participants. To register, call the Kensington Farm Center at 248-684-8632.

Kensington Farm Center is located inside Kensington Metropark, 2240 W. Buno Road, in Milford.

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OUR VIEWS

No road plan makes no sense

By going on summer recess, Senate ignores will, business of the people

It would be considered poetic justice if state senators leaving Lansing last week hit giant, car-damaging potholes after adjourning without doing anything substantive about the condition of the state's roads.

Oh, sure, they adjourned having sent a budget to Gov. Rick Snyder for the fiscal year that begins in October, which includes \$3.7 billion for the Michigan Department of Transportation, but Snyder had sought an additional \$1.2 billion and the House had approved a package that would have raised an estimated \$500 million.

But the Senate couldn't – or wouldn't – reach consensus on new road revenue. Instead, senators say, there's money in the budget to perform stop-gap work on roads now and the Senate will deal with the need for a more comprehensive plan when it reconvenes.

Of course, when it reconvenes, candidates who survive the Aug. 5 primary will be worrying about re-election. Even more likely, they're worrying about re-election now, which is one reason they kicked this particular can down the divot-filled road.

Surveys show most Michigan voters want better roads and they're willing to pay for them. Snyder and Senate Majority Leader Randy Richardville pro-



The state Senate adjourned last week without a comprehensive plan to deal with what voters have consistently said is their top issue: road conditions. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

posed a wholesale gas tax hike as a long-term solution to Michigan's constant under-funding of roads. Voters are pounding legislators with complaints about the condition of the state's roads, which cost motorists money on a daily basis.

State Rep. Kurt Heise, a Republican from Plymouth Township, said the House plan to raise an extra \$500 million would have earmarked more existing money for roads, increased the penalties for overweight trucks, tied the gasoline tax to the wholesale price of

gas and increased the diesel fuel tax. The wholesale gas tax hike is unquestionably a tough sell, especially in an election year and when you consider the state already has the fifth-highest gas tax in the country (19 cents per gallon for gasoline, 15 cents per gallon for diesel fuel).

But if voters are willing to pay the additional money – and if even Republican leaders think it's the best of what may be bad options to get it done – shouldn't senators have either considered it or come up with ideas of their own?

Isn't it reasonable to ask the Senate to have gotten something – anything – done?

Apparently, Senate leadership is saying the road issue will be dealt with in lame-duck session. That's the chosen way of dealing with tough, unpopular issues lately (road plan, right-to-work, etc.) and it lacks a certain level of accountability.

Heise and others have said they'd "be happy to come back" to Lansing to get a plan in place, but that's not going to happen. Legislators instead will spend the summer running for re-election, rather than doing the business of the people, business that should have been done in the first place.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Double standard on display

Let's see if I got this right. Candidate A works hard, in good faith, and gets enough legitimate signatures to get on the primary ballot. However, he file's too early and is disqualified. He appeals and loses. Consequentially, he spends millions of his own money, and proceeds as a write-in candidate and wins'.

Candidate B works a little bit, and gets what he thinks is enough legitimate signatures to get on the primary ballot. However, he finds out that some of the signature gathers are not registered voters including a couple of felons. This, of course, is against the rules and he is disqualified.

However, upon a first level appeal, a judge by the name of Judge Matthew Leitman ruled in favor of candidate B because there was "substantial likelihood of success" at a higher level appeal for candidate B and "There is evidence that their failure to comply with the Registration Statute was the result of good faith mistakes, and they believed they were in compliance with the statute."

In other words, Candidate B was trying, and working really hard, and he would have won out in the end, so let's just ignore the law.

Really. You could not make this stuff up. This really happened with candidate A being Mike Duggan and candidate B being John Conyers. This is the ultimate example of a double standard and hypocrisy at its finest. It's a sad day for our judicial system.

Paul Thal
Novi

Defending sports coverage

In response to the "Disappointed in sports coverage" letter in the June 12 edition, there are many more than one-student athlete meriting coverage in each week's newspaper. Let me preface this by saying the baseball article that was attacked was the only one I did not personally write this season, as our

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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Farmington reporter was covering the Novi-Farmington battle in person.

In Susan Whitehead's letter, she attacks the Novi News for not focusing the front of the sports section on the pair of extra-inning district baseball games her son pitched in the semifinal of. It was no doubt an exciting set of games, which Novi won both 3-2, but extra innings does not guarantee the front page of the section.

Whitehead took issue with the story about Novi's No. 6-ranked girls soccer team – which won five state titles between 2005-11 – getting knocked out of the tourney in a district final by No. 1-ranked rival Northville, who went on to win its first title since 2004 Saturday. Any Novi-Northville rivalry game in soccer is huge deal in this area since the two schools now combine to hold seven of the past 11 state titles, but a when the winner has a clean path deep into the state playoffs, it's even more of a focal point. Her argument that Novi's soccer team shouldn't have made the front of the section was that Northville has its own paper, although she openly acknowledged that several Northville student-athletes live within the city of Novi.

This includes two of the Northville team's top three players.

Whitehead also took issue that the baseball team was not recognized because they had to rush from the May 31 district final in Farmington to their graduation ceremony in Ypsilanti. However, both track teams had to make it there from their state meet in Rockford and girls tennis had to make it from their state meet in Midland. Both were much greater distances.

She was also amazed that there was no baseball photo, not thinking that we would send our lone photographer to the entire Novi High School's commencement over a baseball district game.

She then predicted the baseball regional semifinal loss would be on the front of the June 19 sports section, which was accurate because it was the ONLY Novi sporting event that entire week.

We try to do our best to provide fair coverage of all the sports that we get updates from coaches or parents about. This led to nine articles on Novi baseball this season, more than any other sport, including the state-ranked girls soccer and state-ranked girls tennis teams, as those three coaches worked the closest with me on a weekly basis. Of those nine baseball articles, seven made the front of the sports section and Whitehead's son was mentioned in all nine of the articles. There were also eight baseball pho-

tos, including two of Whitehead's son. However, this merited a complaint about poor coverage, while other sports simply got their scores listed in the sports roundup when I never received additional updates. This also isn't my full-time job, but I've been doing it for the past five years.

This doesn't include the multiple press clippings the family had us publish about collegiate commitments and changes of commitments. All in all, her son was the most publicized spring sport male student-athlete at Novi High this season and I'm sure he'll do great pitching at the collegiate level. Granted all of this, I found her June 12 written tirade very disappointing that she would spark an outcry about unfair coverage of her son and his team.

Chris Jackett
Novi

Kudos from library

Dear Novi Educators: I just wanted to thank you again for an amazing school year.

The Library Board of Trustees and I am so grateful for the beautiful partnership that the Novi Library and Novi Community School District has formed. We are doing great things for our families. Thank you for the opportunity to collaborate together. So many wonderful programs have occurred this past year due to your willingness to work with the Novi Public Library: Teen Space, Summer Reading, Asian

Fusion exhibit, Social Justice initiatives, Project Palooza, monthly Parent Book Discussions, MLK Celebration, tours/school visits, author events, media specialist meetings, middle and high school student advisory committees, Coffee with the Superintendent and, yes, many, many more!

I hope you all have a fantastic summer. The library staff and I look forward to seeing you all again in fall 2014.

Julie Farkas
Novi Public Library
director

Raising fuel taxes just wrong

As the Legislature is still working on increased funding for our roads before they and schoolkids are off to play for the summer, some are acting as though they deserve praise for doing their job. It was the beginning of the year last year when Gov. Snyder called for increased funding for roads, about the time this Legislature started. And as we have all seen since then, our roads are in far worse condition. Snyder said we are not spending enough on Michigan roads to maintain them as they should be. Apparently he did not think that when he cut the road budget 12 percent in 2011, making Michigan dead last for spending on roads.

Now some are calling for raising fuel taxes. "They haven't been raised since whatever year." It's the same case that was made when John Engler let the roads

go to hell and the people had had enough of bad roads and said yes. Seems like deja vu. It worked once. Will it work again? I recall when some called for Jennifer Granholm when she was governor to suspend the sales tax on gasoline when prices went above \$3, saying drivers needed relief. Now, with prices hovering around \$4, they are saying make them pay more.

While it may be true state revenue from fuel taxes are down because drivers are buying less, and I agree we should spend more on our roads, I don't see the case for charging drivers more. Isn't this just an example of the free market? People are using less because it cost more and now you want them to pay more because they are using less. It's like it was on cigarettes, people will quit smoking if they have to pay more and some might not start. I quit smoking years ago. And as I gradually replace my yard power tools with battery-powered ones, I look forward to the day I buy an all-electric car; I'm just not quite there yet.

However, we still need roads and a way to pay for them. But as far as this Legislature is concerned, even if they get their work done before they go on summer recess, they should pay for handing it in late. They and Rick Snyder have failed; we should vote them all out.

Chuck Tindall
Novi

COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you want to see an increase in the gas tax if it means fixing Michigan roads? Why or why not?

This question was asked at the Novi Public Library.



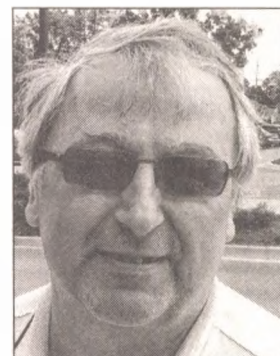
"I want better roads, so if that's the way to do it, than yes."

Kim Masterson
Novi



"I don't mind it if it's just used for fixing the roads and nothing else."

Cindy Alessi
Novi



"I want to see the roads fixed, so I guess the gas tax would work. Maybe more than the sales tax."

Jim Frankowski
Novi



Probably. I've lost a tire in a big pothole this year, so the roads definitely need fixing."

Karen Wenson
Novi

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Legacy continues thanks to slain woman's friends

By Linda Rose
Correspondent

This July will mark the one-year anniversary of the tragic death of Lisa Christensen, an incident that shocked both the Northville and Novi communities. Christensen's life was taken by her estranged husband, who then took his own.

While the passing of time has brought healing to many who knew Lisa, many credit their acceptance of her death to the work they are doing to keep their friend's memory alive. Their latest effort is the Linked Through Lisa Golf Outing set for Sunday, June 22.

"Over the past months, about 12 of us have joined together to organize various fundraisers with the goal of helping support Lisa's children and to continuing her legacy of kindness and involvement," said Kim Yaggi, a Northville resident who is helping with the golf outing.

"These events have been therapeutic for all of us involved. Most of the group putting together these fundraisers did not even know each other

DETAILS

The Linked Through Lisa Golf Outing will be held Sunday, June 22, at Lyon Oaks Golf Club in Wixom, with registration at 11 a.m., a putting contest at noon, the shotgun start at 1 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. To purchase tickets, visit <http://tinyurl.com/tlgolfouting>. For more information, call 248-974-4365 or email teamlisa2013@yahoo.com. Tickets for golf and dinner are \$125. Student tickets are \$100. Cost to attend just the dinner is \$25.

before this tragedy," Yaggi said. "Lisa is the reason we were brought together and we believe the fundraisers are an important part of keeping her memory and legacy alive. All of us on the committee agree that this has been a big part of the healing process for us."

While the core organizing committee is about a dozen local individuals, hundreds in the Northville and Novi community have attended



Shown (from left) are Jeanne Bowman, Kim Yaggi and Jeanne McCauley at Lyon Oaks, the site of the upcoming Linked Through Lisa Golf Outing.

events like a basketball fundraiser at Northville High School and a wine-tasting at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall.

Golf outing

The golf outing will be held at Lyon Oaks Golf Club in Wixom, with registration at 11 a.m., a putting contest at noon, the shotgun start at 1 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m.

"Lisa loved golf so this is a fitting event," Yaggi

said. "Even if you are not a golfer, you can attend the dinner and it will be a great day to remember Lisa."

A resident of Novi, Christensen was known in the area through her leadership roles in youth sports. She was the Northville Parks and Recreation Department's director of youth basketball and heavily involved in sporting activities with her children.

Funds from the golf outing will be used to support Christensen's two teenage children, Mallory and Mitchell Weber. Mallory, who graduated from Northville High School in 2012, is currently attending Penn State University. Mitchell will be a senior at Northville High School in the fall. Christensen's mother, Jeanne Bowman, has taken on the role of caring for the children.

"I am just overwhelmed by this amazing committee, this group of Lisa's friends who have put so much love and effort into these events," Bowman said. "Team Lisa actually started only a week after my daughter died. That is how quickly they stepped up to help and honor my daughter. The amount of support they show is amazing and the family is so grateful for it. We want the team to know how much we appreciate what they have done, taking a year of their lives to remember Lisa through all their efforts."

Jeanne McCauley, a Novi resident and friend of Christensen for more than 20 years, is also a member of Team Lisa.

Like many in the group, she still gets emotional when they talk about their friend.

"Lisa has been gone almost a year and it has been a painful time for us, but also a time where we have come together to emulate Lisa's spirit," McCauley said. "Lisa taught us a graceful kindness in the way she motivated others through her leadership in school activities, sports or helping one of us when we needed it. It is because of Lisa's example that we are a committee of doers. Lisa would be proud of this group for our collaborative, get-things-done spirit and with her memory to inspire us, we are fortunate to have this outlet to both heal and help."

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More than just Friends: Novi Library gets boost from boosters



Willy Mena (from left), Julie Farkas and Sue Johnson with the Friends of the Novi Library's \$25,000 donation.

At the annual Friends of Novi Library membership meeting June 11, Julie Farkas, library director, addressed the audience by thanking members for their continued support.

"Members of the group are not just volunteers, they are partners who help make the Novi Library a huge success," she said.

Partnering this year meant helping the Novi Library with its fundraising initiative, expanding programming opportunities in the Novi community, growing awareness

of the library's services, resources and events and celebrating library successes.

The Friends hosted a number of programs with the library this year that welcomed more than 9,000 attendees. Sales from their used book store, located in the library, generated more than \$20,000 in revenue.

Incoming president of the Friends, Sue Johnson, commented on the group's dedication to serving the community and the strong relationship between members to "work hard for the

greater good of the library."

Johnson presented a check in the amount of \$25,000 to Farkas and Novi Library Board President Willy Mena to be used for wish list items supporting programs, furniture and technology for the upcoming fiscal year.

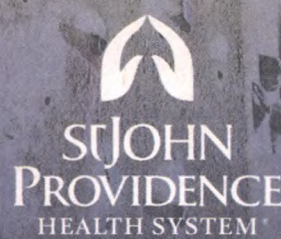
"The Friends have been longtime supporters (more than 50 years) and advocates of the Novi Library," Mena said, "and on behalf of the Novi Library Board, I thank them for their continued support."

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Plymouth man relishes the big stage

Anti-bullying message resonates with kids

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

He doesn't wail on a traditional instrument like the Stratocaster guitar Eric Clapton favors or the Steinway piano Elton John pounds on, nor does he jump around on stage and belt out lyrics like his hero, Steven Tyler of Aerosmith.

In fact, Ron Bachman can't jump at all – he lost his legs when he was 4.

But make no mistake – he's as rock 'n' roll as they come. Witness one of his Walk This Way presentations to a group of middle school students and watch their reaction. Remember all those chicks screaming when The Beatles hit the U.S.?

Bachman's "song," however, is much more serious than anything the Fab Four ever put down. And he's on a mission to make sure every kid in this country hears it.

The mission

For youths who are being bullied – and, equally as important, for those who are doing the bullying – the effect of Bachman's 45-minute school assembly is life altering.

"It's working," said Bachman, who often speaks in third person. "The big thing is, it's having a change for the kids. The kids that are cutting. The kids that are so, so depressed. These kids that are bullying to an extent that we've never seen before. There's no question – we have the data – the Walk This Way program performed by Ron has got bullying dropping in the communities we go to."

Bachman, who lives in Plymouth, pointed out a recent Associated Press article "U.S. survey finds



Ron Bachman teaches Anderson Middle School students how to Walk This Way on April 17. BERKLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

sharp drop in children's bullying" attributed to the Walk This Way program and including a photo of Bachman with 700 kids.

"So, yeah, we know," Bachman said. "You can't get to everybody, but that's not the goal. If you can get to one kid that day who's thinking of leaving us or she puts down that device that's for mutilating herself ... if we can get that kid to rally up, follow up with herself and learn to Walk This Way, that's the mission."

The show

It all begins with a five-minute video that removes the shock value of seeing Bachman for the first time and gives the students "tons of food for thought," Bachman said.

Then in kicks his theme song, Aerosmith's *Walk This Way*, with about 10 to 12 bars of Joe Perry's guitar riff, then his introduction: "Please welcome Ron Bachman!"

"When I come on," he said, "they know I don't have legs. They've already seen how I get around. Those questions don't need to be asked.

And we get to work." That work can be uncomfortable for many in the audience. Within 10 minutes of the show's start, nearly everyone is reaching for a tissue.

And the bullies? They're easy for Bachman to spot – he's spent his lifetime dealing with them.

"They can't make eye contact," Bachman said. "Suddenly, as I'm going by, I'll see their heads go down. Later, I'm thinking, OK – I got one there. I got one over here. I'll get back to 'em. And when I say, 'Let me tell you something: If you're a bully' ... and I just pause. Take a drink of water after that and then look. I'll see these heads go down and I know where my bullies are."

He never singles the bullies out. He never hurts their feelings. That's not what *Walk This Way* is about. That, Bachman said, will just cause them to keep bullying.

"As I'm rolling back forth, I can stop and look right into their eyes and I can do 20 to 30 seconds and touch them," Bachman said. "I grab their

my cup of tea," Bachman said.

A while later, Bachman had lost a kidney. He was struggling to make ends meet, a single father raising a daughter, and the Salvation Army in Plymouth was very helpful.

"We're in a rough situation financially," said Bachman, who lived in Northville at the time, "and The Salvation Army in Plymouth was right there."

He did a show for the Army and Northville Civic Concern, which wound up in the *Walk This Way* film.

"What you don't see is my back was wringing wet," Bachman said. "I was a complete nervous wreck."

He did a bit on "sticks and stones will break my bones, but words will never hurt me," but the kids didn't get it. They just knew the saying and chanted it.

"I said, 'NO! Names will destroy you.' And it took off from there," he said.

His second show was at Novi Middle School. He wasn't expecting a big audience, but wound up with 350 students listening to him. WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) showed up and did a piece called *Standing Tall* that aired two weeks later and then went to the wire service.

"And a career was born," Bachman said.

The road

Fast forward to 2014 and Bachman is on the road, touring as hard and often as any rocker. His core audience, his comfort zone, is middle school students.

"Where can you turn it into a concert where those kids will climb out of those seats and be that excited about what took place? Middle school," he said.

But Bachman also speaks to high school students and adults via corporations like DTE and United Way.

Canadian auto supplier Linamar has been backing Bachman since 2004 and has him signed until 2017. He recently wrapped up his winter/spring tour for the Dodge 20 group of auto dealers, which has been sponsoring him since 2010. Each dealer gets him for a week and he'll do shows all over, focusing on Florida when it's harsh weather up here.

"Yeah, we're shakin' things up," Bachman said. "I'm out there on the road touring; doing all the driving; loading in and loading out."

That's eight shows a week, two per day, including an evening show so the parents can see what he's been doing all week with their children.

"We're hitting home runs everywhere," he said, adding that he's yet to have a nonchalant response.

"No, before we're done, it's, 'Can we get him back? How long is he going to be in town?'"

Being featured on the

front page of the local newspaper, wherever he's at, is standard, as is an appearance on the local TV station. That kind of publicity is invaluable to his sponsors, but they've also become champions of Bachman.

"Well, it's not so much they're a big fan of Ron – they're a big fan of the fallout," he said. "You come into a community and when I leave, the letters come pouring in to them saying, 'I can't believe what's happening at our school. The kids are literally walking down the hall, going, 'I love you man.'"

Throughout the schools are signs declaring, "Walk This Way," "Ronnie Rocks!," "We're a non-bullying school," "We're a school that Walks This Way."

"I'm flattered," Bachman said. "We all are entertainers. I'm a showman. You love that part of it. But to see the fallout – that it really, really stopped a kid who was thinking of taking her life or stopped a young man whose vision of what was cool was to continually pound people in school verbally and beat up on the weaker. To see that kid stop ... it's goosebumps time, right?"

Full concert

Now those 45-minute assembly shows are being turned into half-day performances for the entire school. In fact, Anderson Middle School in the Berkley School District recently gave Bachman an entire day with its students.

There are some new life lessons everyone learns during those shows that Bachman calls "concerts," complete with screaming, yelling and chants of "I love me!" "I respect me!" "I admire me!" and "Oooohhh, yeah! Oooooo, yeah!"

"And afterward, they come at you like cattle," Bachman said. "It's a Paul McCartney moment. All I say is, 'OK, you want an autograph? Come on!'"

He did that at a Long Island show and wound up with 1,000 kids stampeding out of the bleachers toward him.

"As a kid, we all want to have a Beatle moment," he said. "We all want that moment in our lives. I don't care what you do for a living. We all want that one moment where you go, 'They rushed me! They had to sound the alarm!' That's the shtick part, where you get your little feel-good."

Why that song?


Using a song titled *Walk This Way* may seem like an odd choice for a motivational speaker with no legs, but once one learns why he chose it – or, rather, why it chose him – it makes perfect sense.

Closing in on 57 now, Bachman was just 4 when his legs were re-

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moved due to a congenial birth defect. To get around as a kid, he used to walk on his hands. But like most people of that era who are from Detroit, he was into rock music. It was a band out of Boston that spoke to him – Aerosmith.

When the band played one of its many shows at Cobo Arena, Bachman was there.

"I was fortunate enough to meet Steven (Tyler)," Bachman said. "I was in his dressing room one night before the show. And I don't know who the person was, but he opened up the door to say something to Steven and looked over at me and said, 'Yeah, man, I still can't get over how you get around. That's so cool.' And Steven, without missing a beat, said, 'Well that's because we walk like this, but Ron walks this way. And me, all I heard (hums guitar lick intro to song), right? You're this big fan who's heard *Walk This Way* since you were 15 and all of the sudden at that moment, he had just branded me. My hero, the guy whose posters I had all over my room, just branded me without knowing it. So, who are you? You're Ronnie 'Walk This Way' Bachman. And it stuck. Of course, Steven is very proud of that. I remember it like it was yesterday."

No trade-ins

In his program to students, Bachman explains that we all want to be somebody else – Superman, Steven Tyler, a fashion model.

"But the hard core truth of it is this: the person you woke up to and looked in the mirror today, that's going to be the same person you look at tomorrow ... and six months from now ... and in six years," Bachman said. "And 25 years from

now, it's still you. It will always be you."

So, Bachman said, the question is: Who do you want to see – a constantly battered, bullied, ornery person or a happy, well-adjusted human who contributes to society and is loved?

"No matter how tough your life is, don't ever attack you," he said. "The greatest gift you have is you. You have got to find that thing to know that you have value and you can depend on you. Nobody is going to do it for you. Reach for the highest goals, but understand there are no trade-ins."

Bachman recalled a former student, now a 24-year-old nurse, who gets out of the shower every morning and sees the scars she inflicted upon herself "because of someone's big mouth in school when she was only 13 or 14. Don't attack you."

It's a great message that Bachman said kids need to hear, all across the country.

For adults, too

But Bachman's message is not just for the students. Linamar recently asked him to do a one-on-one life coach session with a middle-aged Toronto man who was left paralyzed after slamming his snowmobile into a tree going 90 mph.

"He was right at that part where he said, 'This is where it ends for me. I'm done,'" Bachman said.

Bachman got his Facebook fans to rally around this man and encourage him. He's now out of his bed, in a wheelchair and demanding to go to rehab and get stronger.

The accident was in February and Bachman got to him earlier this year. Now they text back and forth and the two communicate regularly. The man, Bachman said, finally realized that what's left is more important than what's gone. Yes, the future will be a challenge.

"But guess who's still going to be in your house – the four babies you brought into this world," Bachman told him. "Your wife is going to be cooking you dinner and you're going to be giving her a smooch. From here up, you weren't hurt – now let's go!"

Bachman said it's simple: It all boils down to this thing that sits comfortably between your ears.

"That's where all the power is," he said. "It's not your legs. It's not your arms. It's not your will. It's not all these things that we want to tell people. It's the way you think of yourself and it's all there for you."

He wondered how many people lose a limb and then wind up trying things they never thought of before coming close to death because they now want to experience more.

The next step

Because he performs so much outside Michigan, many folks here are surprised to find out he's from this state and still lives here. But he's hoping that this is the year he's able to finally expand his reach across the Mississippi River and he believes his new book (see sidebar) will provide that opportunity – and more.

"People question whether a show like Ellen DeGeneres is ready to put Ron Bachman on the couch and show him on TV," Bachman said. "If they don't, that's a sad commentary on our vets coming home, on the young lady that the shark bit her arm off, on the Boston bombers' victims who were standing there cheering on runners and in the blink of an eye lost limbs. And you're going to say no? I got 56 years in on this; I know what I'm talking about. I'm not the new kid on the block going, 'I became an amputee last week. Let me tell you my story.' You don't have one yet. You have the story of how it

BOOK OUT SOON

Ron Bachman has a new book, *Walk This Way: Life Lessons for Dealing with Bullies and Bad Times*, that will hit Amazon by mid-June as a paperback. Self-published by Walk This Way LLC, the 200-page book will also be available to download via Kindle.

Bachman wrote it with Conny Coon, spending long hours going over his life and what he wanted to say. During the two-year writing process, he said he was constantly on the road doing six-week tours and would then come home "with all that energy" and try to do a writing session.

"It's a mixed bag, geared toward middle schoolers," Bachman said. "How did Ron do it – get up every day without legs and find a place for himself in this world? Growing up in inner-city Detroit, how did he not cave into pressures? There's where the tools are: life lessons and his experiences." And he takes some of the kids' stories and what he's witnessed from parents over the years.

Bachman said it's a "feel-good book with some moments of sadness" that's a quick read and a motivational guide.

"I gave the book in raw form to a school teacher who read it in one night," he said. "She called me that night and said, 'It's perfect. It's exactly what we need in our schools.'"

Although it's geared toward middle school students, high school students and adults can benefit from it as well.

Bachman's lifelong friend, artist Kim Fujiwara, designed the jacket cover.

"People who don't know Ron will never understand the cover," Bachman said. "We didn't want to just do a cover with the words. People who knew Ron and grew up in the 48227, 48228 (ZIP codes) will know what that cover represents. It's the brick wall of the houses we grew up in, but it's faded; it's weathered; it's tainted; it's chipped. That's who Ron is today. His pride's been hurt, but he's still standing and he's still that brick wall. You could run a Mack truck through that wall and there could be three bricks left and he'd still be talking!"

Bachman will also be selling the book out of the back of his van while on tour and each of his 20 Dodge dealers will have copies, as will Linamar in Canada. School libraries will also get copies so teachers can get it into the hands of students.

With more than 350,000 social media fans, Bachman is hoping the "bounce effect" will multiply that by 10, spreading the word quickly. His goal is to hit 10,000 in sales and, hopefully, attract a publishing company to pick it up.

His ultimate goal is to visit every state and spread his anti-bullying message. That will take major sponsorships to fund a tour.

"This isn't a cancer we're trying to cure or multiple sclerosis or childhood diabetes. This is straight up, kids are walking into our schools with automatic weapons and they're killing your kid," he said. "Who doesn't want to join that fight?"

happened, but you don't have a life yet."

The truth, Bachman said, is that the largest – and fastest growing – minority group in this country is the disabled community.

"And we don't discriminate," he said. "We got black people, white people, Asians, men,

women, children, seniors ... we run the gamut. Anybody can become disabled. Nobody can become Hispanic or black."

Bachman has survived five decades. He was married, divorced, raised a daughter and is now a grandfather. He grew up when there was no Amer-

icans with Disabilities Act; no handicap parking; and disabled people were called cripples.

"Yeah – I'm the guy," he said. "I feel comfortable today."

He noted the vast number of commercials for medical devices and scooters and the fact that baby boomers have dominated this country since World War II.

"Now we're aging," he said. "In the next 10 years, we hit 65. Think about everything that needs to be adapted. Watch and see what happens in this country."

A change is coming

Bachman, who was chosen for the Energizer Keep Going Hall of Fame in 2008, looks back on his life with joy, not sorrow. He's an entertainer trying to help kids and nobody gets more out of his program than he does.

It's an amazing turn of events. Here's a guy who lost half his body and now rides around on an Amigo scooter doing his thing. He raised a daughter, Alicia, and got her through Michigan State University. She's now a pharmaceutical rep living in New York City and at the time of this interview she was due any minute to deliver a sibling to her 18-month-old daughter Ayla.

Will there always be that sector of people who are going to be unkind, "because they didn't have great parents like us and they just never get their ticket in the clue box of life? Yup. There will be," Bachman said. "But I can't tell you how many times I've been in coney islands, E.G. Nick's, wherever and out of the clear blue, a stranger walks up and says, 'I don't mean to interrupt, but would you sign this napkin for me?' Now that's when you know that you've done something."

Rock on, Ronnie! Rock on!

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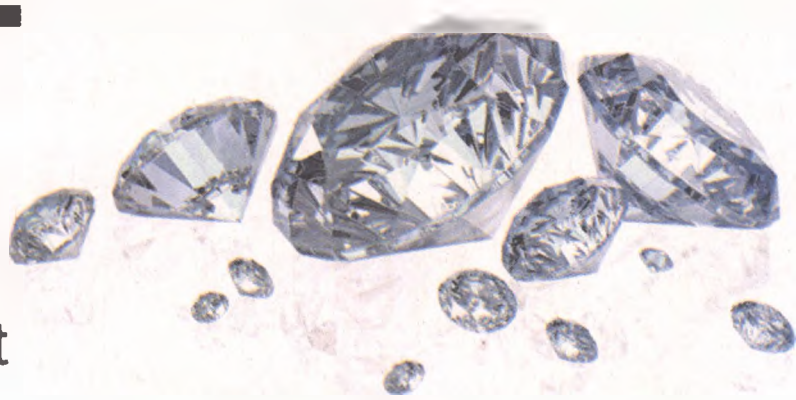
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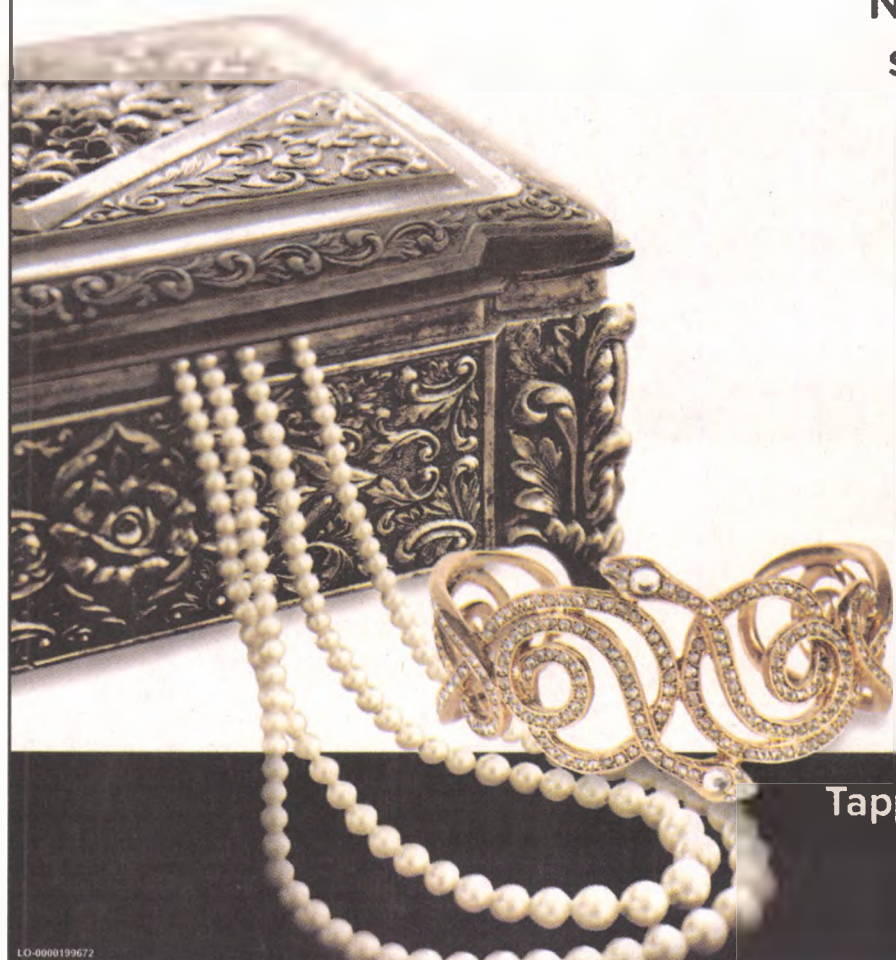
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STATE CHAMPS!

23rd victory is magic one for champion Mustangs

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Ten years removed from its last Division 1 state title, Northville's girls soccer team is champion once again.

The No. 1-ranked Mustangs (23-0-0) didn't let any questionable luck from the night before's Friday the 13th full moon linger, as they took care of business Saturday against No. 4 Utica Eisenhower (18-3-1), dominating en route to a 2-1 victory at Williamston.

"Long time coming," Northville coach Eric Brucker said. "(I, personally, have been doing high school athletics for 19 years. I was part of the '04 staff. I got to be the voice of explaining what this experience is. Being the head coach now, it's just a great feeling. I'm so proud of these kids. All the work that they've done, they've earned it."

Northville didn't take long to get on the scoreboard, immediately taking its high-powered offense to the Eagles.

About 8:45 into the game, senior Megan Buckingham had the ball on the left side and split a trio of defenders with a through pass to senior all-state player Jamie Cheslik inside the penalty arc. Eisenhower sophomore goalkeeper Bianca Koupparis came out to deflect the initial shot by Cheslik, but it landed at the feet of Buckingham, who was in the left end of the goal box alone with nothing between her and the empty net. Buckingham — who was recently named both Miss Soccer of Michigan and Michigan Soccer Gatorade Player of the Year — completed the play for an early 1-0 lead.

The Mustangs had a pair of corner kicks with 25 minutes remaining and a few quality chances in the final 13 minutes of the half, but held the 1-0 lead at the break.



Northville's Gabby Mencotti raises the state championship trophy as teammate Ashley Peper (left) celebrates. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

"Today's game, we executed what we needed to," Brucker said. "We came in with a game plan to have different players play posi-

tions they don't normally play. We saw how well (Isabella) Palazzolo was on their left side and it's rare to have to mark somebody

on the outside mid, so Suzie (Redick) and Alissa (Moore) did an outstanding

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ALL-AREA GIRLS SOCCER TEAM



Northville's Megan Buckingham on the attack against Okemos. JOHN PAWLOSKI

Buckingham powers way to best in area, state

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

With the storybook success Northville's Division 1 state champion team had en route to a 23-0-0 season, senior forward Megan Buckingham was a vital part of the equation. Behind 23 goals, 23 assists and a mean cut on the field, Buckingham is the All-Area Players of the Year. The accolade accompanies a list that includes Miss Soccer of Michigan, Michigan Soccer Gatorade Player of the Year, Michigan Dream Team, first team all-state, all-region, all-district, all-conference and both KLAA scholar-athlete and MHSSCA all-academic team awards.

"One of the best players to every don the Mustangs colors on a soccer field," Northville coach Eric Brucker said. "Megan's individual ball skills and field vision are amazing. She is going to be fun to watch at North Carolina."

First team
Jamie Cheslik
Northville sr. F

The powerful threat that Buckingham provided wouldn't have been as effective if not for linemate Cheslik. Probably one of the fastest players in the state, Cheslik had a team-high 34 goals to accompany her 17 assists. She was also on the Dream Team, on top of first team all-state and KLAA scholar-athlete honors. She was voted outstanding forward and team MVP by her teammates.

"Jamie is a pure goal scorer," Brucker said. "She finds ways to be in the best position to score. Amazing speed and agility. Great team player. One of the best strikers to every don the Mustangs colors on a soccer field. She is going to be fun to watch at Michigan State."

Taylor Pavlika
Novi sr. M

She earned first team all-state honors after leading the Wildcats with four goals and 10 assists. She'll continue playing in the fall with Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne.

"Taylor was the heart of our

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5K FUNDRAISER

Isabella and Tanner Cipriano were at the event. AILEEN WINGBLAD



Cipriano Classic draws supporters

By Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer

Once again, they came. Moms and dads with tots in strollers, families with pet dogs in tow, avid runners, teens and tweens, seniors and more.

All of them, individually and collectively, offering a shared message: "We support you."

An estimated 1,000-plus people flooded the Farmington Family YMCA grounds June 6 for the third annual Cipriano Classic 5K run/walk, to benefit the Cipriano Children's Trust. Proceeds go toward the continuing medical recovery and daily living needs of the Cipriano family.

Tanner Cipriano, who recently finished his freshman year at the University of Notre Dame where he's majoring in American studies and film, greeted the crowd shortly after 6:30 p.m. with heartfelt appreciation, as well as humor.

"Thank you for showing up, supporting my family and supporting my dad. He'd be honored to see you here in his memory," Tanner said.

Tanner referred to twin brother Salvatore as the event's "MVP."

"He's the strongest person I know. I'm proud to be his brother ... he's testament to physical and mental toughness," he said. "Not that you needed to be here — you could have just vacuumed our house."

Tanner also noted his mother Rose is taking "huge steps" in her recovery.

"All of you have made a difference," he said. "Please continue to show your love and support."

Rose Cipriano and Salvatore were severely injured in an attack by Tucker Cipriano — Rose's son and Sal's brother — and Tucker's friend, Mitchell Young, at their Farmington Hills home in April 2012. Bob Cipriano, Rose's husband and the children's father, was killed. The two assailants are serving life sentences.

Tanner and the youngest Cipriano, Isabella, escaped injury in the attack

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and fled to a neighbor's house.

Caring community

The Rev. Dennis Kauffmann, administrator at Catholic Central High School where Tanner and Salvatore were students, has attended each Cipriano Classic 5K run/walk since the first a couple of months after the deadly assault. "I come to show support for the Ciprianos — to let them know they are loved. They are and always will be members of the CC family," he said.

Jeanne Freed of Farmington, whose sister's family is close friends with the Ciprianos, has also participated in the fundraiser each year. "I can't imagine not coming," she said. "This is a way for the Farmington Hills community to show support in a small way. They are an amazing family ... you just try to do what you can do."

Minutes before Isabella got the Cipriano Classic officially under way by tooting an air horn, two of her friends, Dana Buckhave and Emma O'Connell, were spotted in the

crowd wearing tutus over their running outfits. "Because it's a fun run," Dana said, grinning.

Isabella, she added, is "really nice and cares about how people feel."

Emma agreed, saying, "She cares about everyone."

Of course, some of the participants had never met the Ciprianos, but were touched by what the family has endured. "I just wanted to show my support, donating some time and money," Barb Frey said. "It's a good local event and it's nice to have something this important put on by Farmington Hills."

Steve Kostan, long-time Detroit-area radio disc jockey, was on hand to serve as announcer. "It's a great cause, a great event," he said. "They needed somebody to volunteer and I live in Farmington Hills, so I felt it was important to be part of it. I'm glad to be here, offering my support."

April Tini, one of the event's organizers, said she was "thrilled" with the turnout.

"What a caring community we have," she said. "And it's all done for Rose and her family. They are a shining example of faith, courage and love."

Northville, CC represented in Border Classic football game

Team Michigan earns win with dedicated ground attack

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Team Michigan, under the leadership of Walled Lake Western coach Mike Zdebski, used a strong running game that put up nearly 250 yards to grind out a win over Team Ohio in the first Border Classic last weekend.

Combined with a defense that allowed negative rushing yards and the 27-14 victory for Team Michigan came as no surprise.

The tactic was nothing new for the representatives on the team from

Northville High School and Detroit Catholic Central.

Dimitri Angelas, a 6-5, 291-pound offensive lineman from Northville who will play at Massachusetts next season, helped lead the Mustangs to one of their best seasons ever under the leadership of coach Matt Ladach. He was one of the big guys up front that opened up holes for all three of Team Michigan's rushing touchdowns.

Michigan scored on runs of 60 yards (John Glenn's Devon Spalding), 10 yards (Clarkston's Ian

Erikson) and 7 yards (DeLaSalle's Giovanni Rescigno)

Team Ohio actually scored first, going up 7-0 on a 40-yard touchdown pass from Grand Sherman to Marcus Whitfield. The passing game was the only bright spot for the Ohio gridders, who couldn't get their ground game to work against Team Michigan's stifling defensive front.

Part of that front was Detroit Catholic Central's Dylan Roney, a 6-2, 235-pound defensive end who will continue his career at Navy in the fall. He

and his fellow Michigan defenders held Ohio to minus-4 yards rushing. The defense also picked up seven sacks on the day.

Team Michigan's other points came off two field goals by kicker Kyle Bambar, who played for Zdebski at Walled Lake Western.

The game, which was played at Findlay, Ohio, will take place again next season at a yet-to-be-named Michigan location.

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

Battle of the Bats



The Livonia City Thunder 13U travel baseball team won its second tournament of the year, the Wolves Battle of the Bats Tournament in Toledo, Ohio. The Thunder beat the Tecumseh Zone 14-3 and defeated the highly-ranked AAA Oakland Grizzlies 14-0 to set up a championship showdown with the Indiana Baseball Factory, the top-ranked USSSA team from Indiana. The Livonia City Thunder played near flawless baseball, winning the championship game 9-1 in convincing fashion to bring home the hardware. Team members include: (back, from left) head coach Dennis Bushart, Ethan Sandusky, Evan Yokie, Tommy Wells, Alan Woodward, assistant coach Joe Lack, Joe Hardenbergh, head coach Greg Wendt and Brendon Unger and (front, from left) Andrew Lack, Marco Genrich, Cole Bushart, Nick Beard, Brian Wendt and Justin Reynolds. Also on the team is assistant coach Rick Genrich.

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job swapping back and forth and taking her out of the play."

Second half

Northville came out on fire in the second half, barely allowing the ball out of the Eagles' end for the first 22 minutes. With senior all-state choice Gabby Mencotti applying pressure and pushing the midfield forward early on, Cheslik and Buckingham each had moments where they literally ran circles around portions of the Eisenhower defense.

"We just kind of play like we play club together, so we're used to each other and just play our own games," Buckingham said of her Michigan Hawks teammate.

About 16:30 into the second half, Buckingham played a through ball up the center to Cheslik for a breakaway from 35 yards out. A defender blocked Cheslik's touch, but the block hit Cheslik

and she came out of the play able to touch it around Koupparis at the top of the box as Koupparis slid forward. Cheslik dribbled a few yards before tapping it into an empty net for a 2-0 lead.

"I just pressured the defense and was hoping they would fumble the ball like they did," Cheslik said. "It was a perfect day. It was awesome. We worked well as a team. I couldn't have done it without Megan. Just us playing together makes it so easy. All the goals and all the stuff is just from each of us playing off of each other."

It was only three minutes later that Buckingham almost found Cheslik again with a pass through the goal box from the left goal line, but the ball slid through the goal mouth untouched and Koupparis eventually came up with it.

After Eisenhower senior defender Jillian Doss pushed up into the offense and temporarily injured her right foot with 17:30 remaining, the Eagles restarted play

fired up, keeping the ball in Northville's end for a bit and getting a pair of shots on Mustangs junior all-state goalkeeper Emily Maresh.

"It's hard to say she's hidden back there, but she makes everything in front of us easier," Brucker said. "The confidence the other players have knowing she's on the back line allows us to be more aggressive in our back third with our players. She's just outstanding."

Cheslik had a golden opportunity at another goal with nine minutes remaining after Buckingham beat a defender along the goal line on the left side and crossed a low and slow ball into the center, but Cheslik's left-footed attempted from 10 yards out was redirected by Koupparis and cleared by a defender.

Just 58 seconds later, Eisenhower made a game of it when junior Paige Duda hooked a dipping 30-yard shot around a diving Maresh into the upper right corner of the goal to cut the deficit to 2-1.

"They went through scoring four or five all through the playoffs," Brucker said. "I wasn't expecting a 1-0 game, so I told them at halftime that one wouldn't be enough and I was right. We're not used to getting scored on. We got scored on five times all season in 23 games. When it happens, these guys are mentally tough enough to not let it effect them."

The final eight minutes were filled with rushed challenges from both sides and the Eisenhower defense easing Buckingham around in its own end in an attempt to regain possession for another shot attempt that would never come.

Accolades

Northville captured

its third state title in girls soccer, having also won in 1984 and 2004.

"In my eyes, I thought we had a chance, but I never thought we'd go undefeated," said Buckingham, who will be playing for the University of North Carolina in the fall. "It's just kind of setting in. It's unreal. You don't think you'll go undefeated, never lose or tie a game. I'm proud of my whole team and our goalkeeper. She did awesome."

"With the players we played with and the teammates and all the pressure of us being No. 1, I think that helped us out a little bit because we went into every game thinking we had to keep our name going, we couldn't let it down," added Cheslik, who will be playing for Michigan State University in the fall.

With perfect record and state title, the Mustangs are also No. 1 in the StudentSports.com Fab 50 national poll and have a strong possibility of taking the No. 1 spot in the final NSCAA poll from coaches nationwide after the previous No. 1 team lost. The last Michigan team to claim the No. 1 national ranking was Novi after its 2011 state title.

"We play in such a tough conference, the KLAA, and our rivals, when we play Novi it's always going to be a battle," Brucker said. "There are some that were closer than I thought they should've been and then others where we played so well it showed the potential we had."

"I don't know if it's ever in the cards, but they found a way to make it happen."

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

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ALL-AREA

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team," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "She has the best combination of size, strength and athleticism of any player I have ever coached. She is also great on set pieces; she can throw the ball in 35 yards and takes all of our free kicks and corner kicks." **Gabby Mancotti Northville sr. M**

The glue in the midfield that kick-started the Mustangs' offense. The first team all-state pick had eight goals and four assists as team captain. She also earned KLAA scholar-athlete and MHSSCA all-academic team honors.

"Gabby is our catalyst," Brucker said. "She is the target out of the back and starts the transition forward. She distributes the ball so well and also has the ability to challenge people (one-on-one). She is going to be a handful at Grand Valley State."

Emily Maresh Northville jr. GK

No champion squad is complete without stellar goaltending and Maresh provided that. The first team all-state choice allowed just four goals over 23 games, a 0.195 goals-against average.

"Emily is the best goalie in the state," Brucker said. "Great hands, great footwork. Has truly become a vocal leader in our defense. Her outstanding skill set allows our defense to be more aggressive."

Karissa Koomen Novi sr. D

A third team all-state pick, she anchored the Wildcats' defense, which gave up only 18 goals over 20 games. The captain graduates with a 3.98 grade-point average and will be heading into the University of Michigan's nursing program.

"Karissa was not only a great defender - always matching up against the other teams' best forward - but she also has the foot skills of a midfielder, which allowed her to win balls and then start and join in on the offense," O'Leary said.

Kendall Kramer Novi sr. M

A fixture for the past four years, Kramer earned all-state honorable mention after picking up two goals, six assists and helping the Wildcats to a No. 6 ranking in Division 1. Behind a 3.57 grade-point average, she'll continue her playing days in the fall at the University of Michigan.

"Kendall was the picture-perfect left midfielder," O'Leary said. "She has the ability of a defender to defend the other team's outside attacker, but she also has the skills of a forward to join in our attack and she serves balls into the box equally well with her left and right foot."

Julia Palushaj South Lyon East sr. F

The best finish in program history had a lot to do with Palushaj. A Division 2 first team all-state choice, she tallied 21 goals and 10 assists, which earned her a spot at Concordia University this fall.

"Julia was a great player for us this year and was always a threat around the goal," South Lyon East coach Jon Cadwallader said. "Her touch and hold-up play was a critical component of what we did on offense."

Jacqui Kozlowski Novi sr. D

A captain and four-year player, she earned all-district honors and heads to Michigan State University with a 3.75 grade-point average.

"Jacqui played the depth position for our defense and had a great senior year after missing the past two seasons with knee injuries," O'Leary said. "She was the emotional leader of our team and did an outstanding job of not only keeping our defense organized, but keeping the entire team organized."

Chloe Allen Novi soph. F

As the leading offensive threat, the all-district pick tallied 11 goals and five assists despite regularly being double-teamed by opposing defenders.

"Chloe followed up a good freshman year on varsity, where she was the second forward, and had a great sophomore year as our main option,"

ALL-AREA GIRLS SOCCER TEAM

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Megan Buckingham, Northville sr. F

FIRST TEAM

Jamie Cheslik, Northville sr. F
Taylor Pavlika, Novi sr. M
Gabby Mancotti, Northville sr. M
Emily Maresh, Northville jr. GK
Karissa Koomen, Novi sr. D
Kendall Kramer, Novi sr. M
Julia Palushaj, South Lyon East sr. F
Jacqui Kozlowski, Novi sr. D
Chloe Allen, Novi soph. F
Rachel Jankowiak, South Lyon East, sr. M
Sydney O'Donnell, South Lyon East, soph. M

SECOND TEAM

Ashley Peper, Northville sr. D
Katrina Koomen, Novi soph. D
Lauren Webster, South Lyon East sr. D
Alyssa Sawyer, South Lyon East jr. GK
Allyse Zondlak, Milford sr. D
Jenna Smith, Milford, soph. M
Lauren Stancato, South Lyon sr. F
Courtney Tyler, South Lyon sr. M
Hannah Scott, Milford fr. M
Elise Carr, Milford fr. M
Kate Gillingham, Milford fr. D

HONORABLE MENTION

Novi - Bethany Kopel (Fr. GK)
South Lyon - Julia Toye (Fr. D)

O'Leary said. "She really improved her drive to the goal and her ability to take on defenders to get to goal."

Rachel Jankowiak South Lyon East sr. M

Behind 14 goals and 12 assists, she was a threat to anyone. The Division 2 third team all-state player captained the Cougars to the regional finals.

"Rachel is everything that you want in a player and a leader," Cadwallader said. "She was a great positive influence on the younger members of the team with her hard work and dedication. Her ability to break down players and create man-up situations on the outside was outstanding."

Sydney O'Donnell South Lyon East soph. M

She earned Division 2 third team all-state honors after finishing with 15 goals and seven assists.

"Sydney was a dominant force in the center midfield," Cadwallader said. "Her ability to win balls in the air, control the ball and break up opposing attacking threats was huge for us this season. She was often the first line of defense that helped us average less than one goal scored (against) per game."

Second team

Ashley Peper Northville sr. D

A core piece of the defense, she earned third team all-state hon-

ors and was voted most dedicated by her teammates. The four-year letter-winner earned six assists this year.

Katrina Koomen Novi soph. D

She was the team's second leading scorer with eight goals. With a 4.0 grade-point average, she used her head to factor into set pieces while locking down opponents' speedy forwards.

Lauren Webster South Lyon East sr. D

She earned Division 2 all-state honorable mention after helping backstop the best finish in program history, which included a trip to the regional finals. Her ability to win balls in the air and to transition into the offense also helped keep opponents guessing.

Alyssa Sawyer South Lyon East jr. GK

She was a Division 2 third team all-stater choice with a 0.91 goals-against average and 4½ shutouts while playing in a very tough KLAA Central Division. Several big saves in the postseason helped the Cougars into the regional finals.

Allyse Zondlak Milford sr. D

Charged with defending opponents' best players, she led the defense both on and off the field, earning all-district honors in the process.

Jenna Smith Milford soph. M

She led the offense with 10 goals and three assists en route to earning all-district honorable

mention honors. With two years left, Smith should help a struggling Milford program.

Lauren Stancato South Lyon sr. F

Despite a tough season for her squad, she was the catalyst of the offense. Over her career, she finished with 35 goals.

Courtney Tyler South Lyon sr. M

A catalyst for her team's attack, she will play alongside South Lyon East forward Julia Palushaj at Concordia University this fall.

Hannah Scott Milford fr. M

As part of a young midfield core, she was a fierce champion of 50/50 balls in her area, adding a spark while tallying one goal and two assists en route to an all-district honorable mention selection.

Elise Carr Milford fr. M

With strong vision, she added more promise for the future of the Milford midfield. She tallied two assists while earning all-conference honorable mention.

Kate Gillingham Milford fr. D

She was charged with helping keep opponents' offenses at bay. With three years to go, she's likely to step into the role vacated by a graduating senior Allyse Zondlak as marker of opponents' best strikers.

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

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 Ten Mile Road to consider:

CASE NO. PZ14-0011 1292 EAST LAKE DR

The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Sections 2400 and 2503(1)(E)(3), to allow construction of a new single family home with attached wood decks on an existing lakefront lot with a reduced south side yard setback of 5.0 ft., a reduced aggregate side setback of 11.5 ft., a maximum 955 square foot attached garage, and maximum lot coverage of 30%. The property is located west of Novi Rd and south of 14 Mile Rd.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires that a structure within an R-4 zoning district have a minimum side setback of 10 ft., a minimum aggregate side setback of 25 ft. and maximum 25% lot coverage. Section 2503(1)(E)(3) states that an accessory building may not exceed 850 square feet.

CASE NO. PZ14-0021 24400 NOVI ROAD HERTZ

The applicant is requesting a variance from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-1(2) to allow an individual businesses sign of 3 square feet located on an existing business center sign. The property is located south of Grand River and north of Ten Mile Road in the I-1 Zoning District. Previous variance 96-004 was granted specifically for the existing tenants. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-1(2) prohibits information regarding individual businesses on a business center sign.

CASE NO. PZ14-0022 1367 EAST LAKE DRIVE

The applicant is requesting an exception from Section 2910 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance to allow an accessory structure of 180 square feet in area and a maximum height of 12 feet on a lot having water frontage. The property is located west of Novi Road and south of 14 Mile Road in the R-4 Zoning District.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2910 requires that property on the water side of a public thoroughfare maintain the yard as an open unobscured yard, except that the following may be permitted: a boat well or a single storage shed that is no larger than 10 feet by 10 feet in area and no taller than eight (8) feet in height, and the winter storage of boats and docks.

CASE NO. PZ14-0023 23363 MYSTIC FOREST DRIVE

The applicant is requesting a variance from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, 2400 to allow construction of a new screen-in-porch extending 3.46 ft. into the required 35 ft. rear setback of an existing home and maximum lot coverage of 26.3%. The property is located west of Novi Road and south of Ten Mile Road in the R-4 Zoning District.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires a minimum 35 ft. rear yard setback in the R-4 Zoning District and maximum 25% lot coverage.

CASE NO. PZ14-0024 27600 WIXOM RD VARSITY LINCOLN (PARCEL 50-22-17-101-029)

The applicant is requesting a variance from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(5)(c) to allow an oversize changeable copy portion sign of .6840 square feet exceeding allowable two-third (2/3) .6666 square feet of the total sign area. The property is located on the south side of Grand River and east of Wixom Road in the B-3 Zoning District.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(5)(c) changeable copy signs, changeable copy portion of such sign shall not exceed two-thirds (2/3) of the sign area.

CASE NO. PZ14-0025 2214 AUSTIN DRIVE

The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Sections 2400 to allow construction of a new single family home with attached wood deck on an existing lakefront lot with a reduced north side yard setback of 3.0 ft., a reduced aggregate side setback of 7.0 ft., a reduce front yard setback of 13.3 ft., and maximum lot coverage of 37.9%. The property is located west of Old Novi Road and south of 13 Mile Road in the R-4 Zoning District.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires minimum and aggregate side yard setbacks of 10 ft. and 25 ft. respectively, a front yard setback of 30 ft. and maximum lot coverage of 25%.

CASE NO. PZ14-0026 1705 EAST LAKE DRIVE

The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Sections 2400 to allow construction of a new wood deck over existing first floor footprint on an existing lakefront lot with a reduced east side yard setback of 7.0 ft., a reduced aggregate side setback of 12.0 ft., a reduce front yard setback of 6.0 ft. The property is located west of Novi Road and south of 14 Mile Road in the R-4 Zoning District.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires minimum and aggregate side yard setbacks of 10 ft. and 25 ft. respectively, a front yard setback of 30 ft.

CASE NO. PZ14-0027 1957 WEST LAKE DRIVE

The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2503 (1)(E)(3), to allow construction of an 528 square foot detached garage in the front of the property on an existing lakefront lot with a reduced south side yard setback of 4.0 ft., a reduced aggregate side setback of 7.0 ft., a reduce front yard setback of 19.0 ft., and maximum lot coverage of 29%. The property is located east of Beck Road and south of W. Pontiac Trail in the R-4 Zoning District.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires minimum and aggregate side yard setbacks of 10 ft. and 25 ft. respectively, a front yard setback of 30 ft. and maximum lot coverage of 25%.

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NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT PTSLU14-0003

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the representative for Marty Feldman Chevrolet is requesting a **Temporary Special Land Use Permit** in accordance with 3004.2 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance for temporary exterior storage of new stock vehicles at **42050 Grand River, parcel # 50-22-23-226-023**, north of Grand River Ave west of Meadowbrook Road, a developed parcel for a 12 month period. The property is zoned I-1 and the use is contrary to 1905(1) of the Novi Zoning Ordinance.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner whose property is located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a temporary special land use permit.

This request will be considered at **10:00 AM on Tuesday June 24th, 2014** at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to Rachelle Shively and must be received prior to **Monday June 23rd, 2014**.

Rachelle Shively
Customer Service Rep.
(248) 347-0415

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2014-2015 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Thursday, June 26, 2014, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan, the Board of Education of Novi Community School District will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2014-2015 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2014-2015 budget until after the public hearing. Beginning June 24, 2014, a copy of the 2014-2015 proposed budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, will be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan.

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

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Shari Lebo, Secretary
Novi School District Board of Education

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 9, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT 18.269 FOR A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 97-18 AS AMENDED. THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE AT ARTICLE 12. OSC. OFFICE SERVICE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT SECTION 1203. REQUIRED CONDITIONS: IN ORDER TO ALLOW OUTDOOR DISPLAY AREAS IN CONJUNCTION WITH A PERMITTED GENERAL HOSPITAL USE.**

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing. The proposed text amendment is available for examination and review at the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Any written comments must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, July 9, 2014.

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary
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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Amistee focuses on growing, maintaining customer satisfaction

Tell us about your business, including types of services and/or products you feature.

Amistee is a full-service air duct cleaning and insulation company that is always looking for a better way to clean duct work, install insulation and offer exceptional customer service. We have been dedicated to our customers from day one and as we started hiring employees, became dedicated to them as well in their personal and professional success. We care about them as if they are an extension of our family.

How did you first decide to open your business?

Owning a business was always the goal for both Mike and me. We wanted to live in Michigan and the Midwest to be close to our families. After graduating from Michigan State and working in the corporate world, we both quickly realized that owning our own business was what we wanted to do. When looking at air duct cleaning and the level of service offered to potential buyers, we quickly realized that we needed to penetrate this market with a fresh new business model that offered nothing but the best customer service, employees and always have the best equipment. People, processes and quality duct cleaning were the focus from beginning.

Why did you choose this area for your business?

With both of us grow-

ing up in the metro Detroit area, we took note that Novi was a perfect, centralized location for a service company needing to get everywhere in southeast Michigan quickly. Our technicians have great access to all the major expressways and highways, which enables them to get to their jobs efficiently. With our new building, located right at Beck Road and Grand River Avenue, we can be on the expressway in seconds.

What makes your business unique?

The fact that we provide unbeatable exceptional service. Unfortunately, in our industry that is not always the case. We are the only company that provides a 90-day guarantee - and we stick by that to ensure every customer is 100-percent satisfied. We invest in our people, invest in employee training and are always looking for ways to improve on the Amistee experience.

How has it changed since you opened?

The biggest change has been Steve and me going from cleaning duct work every day with a vision of a company to now focusing on growing the business and training our technicians to always give the customer the "Amistee experience." We have always wanted to make sure that the technicians that become part of the team care about each customer as much as we do. Training is a big part of that. Not just training on how to clean duct work, but



Steve Dickinson (left) and Mike McCowan, owners of the Amistee Air Duct Cleaning and Insulation in Novi.

customer service training and weekly meetings in the Amistee stand-alone facility that is filled with duct work, furnaces and examples of different HVAC systems. We have a banner in the back of our shop that says "Always do what is right for the customer" - and that is what we live by.

How has the recent economy affected your business?

Our business has been affected by the economy in only positive ways. Everyone wants to breathe clean air and everyone wants great customer service. What we have noticed is that the recent economic difficulties made it hard for sub-par companies to stay in business. If you were not dedicated to your customer and employee, your company would fail. We have always treated our employees and customers how we would want to be treated. By doing so, we have gotten dedicated employees who offer exceptional service and happy customers who have rated Amistee No. 1

on Google, Yelp, Yahoo and local news channels year after year.

Any advice for business owners?

Our growth can really be attributed to two things: our employees and the process of goal-setting. Without our employees, we could not provide this great service to homeowners. Our employees truly care about their customers and love doing a great job for them. You have to make it a team effort to accomplish a common goal. It seems like a common trend for business owners to be solely focused on money. We have been focused on hiring great people, giving them the best tools to do the job and always looking at better ways to offer exceptional cleanings and it has helped us grow one of the largest air duct cleaning companies in the country.

The process of setting and achieving yearly goals has really been big for us. Sitting down and preparing goals you want to achieve and then being held responsible for

DETAILS

Name: Amistee Air Duct Cleaning and Insulation
Address: 47087 Grand River Ave., Novi
Owners: Steve Dickinson and Mike McCowan
Hometown: Livonia
Opened: 2005
Employees: 30
Hours: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday
Specialty: Exceptional air duct cleaning and insulation
Phone: 248-349-8877
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achieving those goals has allowed us know what we want and figure out the steps to get there. It also allows you to know when you can celebrate by achieving a specific goal or get back in the trenches and work harder at something.

What's in store for the future of your business?

Right now we are just trying to keep growing at the pace that we have been for the last 10 years without losing our high level of service. We are constantly looking for different ways to improve and keep our customers happy. It is one of the largest compliments to hear from our customers that they have never been offered such great service from any service company that they have ever had in their home before. This is what drives us.

Srinerger teams with Energy Alliance Group

Energy Alliance Group of Michigan and other companies like Novi-based Srinerger are forming partnerships to bring their clients the best in energy efficiency and/or energy generation.

Srinerger is an end-to-end solar energy solutions company with sales, design and engineering services for commercial, residential and nonprofit organizations. The Energy Alliance Group of Michigan, with offices in Ann Arbor and Grand Rapids, is an energy solutions company providing energy-saving products, technologies and services. EAG takes the guesswork out of an overwhelming number of potential energy-saving solutions.

"Revamping an existing building to be more energy efficient often requires multiple solutions, especially if all energy-consuming and/or producing systems are considered. Because no company is an expert in all areas, we seek out the best and partner to work with them," said Scott Ringlein, CEO of EAG.

Prasad Gullapalli, CEO of Srinerger (the "Sri" stands for socially responsible individual), is excited to be working with EAG. "I'm looking forward to solarizing EAG clients and helping create comprehensive solutions for their energy needs. EAG and Srinerger also will work together to find the best financing option available to clients," he added.

Both companies are advocates for the relatively new Property Assessed Clean Energy program, which is a cash flow-positive finance program offered in Michigan through Lean and Green Michigan.

Along with other solar capabilities, EAG will begin offering Srinerger's Power Purchase Agreement, a solar finance tool that allows client long-term consistency in electricity pricing.

"We design and install the solar systems and facilitate 20 year financing through third-party financiers. That generally brings the cost down long-term and offers consistent pricing, which is really great for our clients," said Karin Viola, Srinerger business development manager.

"We believe the best model is for companies to work together. We may be part of projects that EAG initiates and they may be part of some that Srinerger initiates. We are both very good at what we do and we can help each other," Gullapalli added.

The companies already have started working on several projects together, one with a company in Canada, a manufacturer in Warren and others with Washtenaw and Wayne county nonprofit organizations.

EAG also has partnerships with other companies that provide services in the areas of heating and cooling, lighting, air compression, natural gas provider selection, recycling, energy audits, telecommunications, finance and more.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Hino Trucks partners with Telogis

Novi-based Hino Trucks has partnered with Telogis to release its next-generation platform for Hino INSIGHT, the company's comprehensive, web-based location and telematics solution tailored for the medium-duty commercial truck market. Hino INSIGHT 2.0 powered by Telogis supports Hino's commitment to provide customers with improved total cost of ownership, better vehicle up time and world-class user experiences. The updated platform will help customers save money, increase safety and improve operations by providing the mission-critical information it require to optimize its fleets.

Telematics awards

The 2014 Telematics Update Awards were recently presented at a dinner at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

The winners are: Global OEM Infotainment Solution Award: Volvo; Best Telematics Service Provider Award: Ericsson; Best Telematics Content Aggregator Award: INRIX; Best Aftermarket Device or Solutions Award: Delphi; Best Telematics Safety and Security Technology Award: Elektrobot & OnStar; Best Telematics

Service or Solutions for Commercial Vehicles Award: Daimler & Telogis; Best Navigation Solution or Product Award: Audi of America & Weather Network; Best Automotive Application Award: xtime; 2013/14 Industry Newcomer Award: NissanConnect; Best Telematics Product or Service Launch in an Emerging Market (BRIC Region): Qoros Automotive; Best Insurance Telematics Product or Service Launch: OCTO; and Telematics Leadership Award: Mary Chan, President, Global Connected Consumer, General Motors.

"We are finally in the post connectivity era within the automotive industry, but the journey is far from over," said Precksha Saksensa-Sood, managing director of Telematics Update and one of the six judges. "We are on the cusp of witnessing a great deal more when it comes to truly contextualized services. Value-centric partnerships and innovative approaches will come to define this space. A special mention to our stellar finalists for this year because a trophy is only the tip of the iceberg and it takes much more to define a true winner. Last but not the least, my congratulations to the winners of the 2014 TU awards."

NEWSMAKERS

Two locals win E&Y awards

Ernst & Young announced the winners of the Entrepreneur Of The Year Award in Michigan and Northwest Ohio. This group of leading entrepreneurs was selected by an independent judging panel made up of previous winners of the award, leading CEOs, private capital investors and other regional business leaders. The winners were revealed at a

black-tie gala June 5 at the MGM Grand Hotel Detroit. Local winners included:

Emerging: **Cheong Choon Ng**, president and co-owner, Choon's Design in Wixom

Business Services: **Richard Penington**, president and CEO, Summit Health, Inc., in Novi

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Survey: Realtor incomes on the rise, younger pros enter field

Reflecting the 11.5 percent growth in home prices last year, income and sales volume jumped for the third year in a row, according to the 2014 National Association of Realtors Member Profile. The survey also found an increase in new and younger members to NAR in 2013.

The survey's results are representative of the nation's Realtors; members of NAR account for about half of the approximately two million active real estate licensees in the U.S. Many nonmember licensees are inactive or part-time. Realtors go beyond state licensing requirements by subscribing to NAR's Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice and committing to continuing education. NAR members also have access to professional resources to better serve their clients' needs.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, said recovery in the housing market since the downturn continues to improve the earnings of real estate professionals. "Fueled mostly by rising home sales and prices, the median gross income of a Realtor increased to \$47,700 in 2013 from \$43,500 in 2012, marking a 9.6 percent rise and a sharp gain from \$34,900 in 2011," he said. "Although the median number of transactions or commercial deals remained unchanged from last year at 12, this marked a continued return to pre-recession levels after bottoming out at seven transactions in 2008 and 2009."

There are two sides to every real estate transaction — one each for the seller and the buyer. As expected, median gross income and number of transactions generally increases with experience. Last year, NAR members in business for more than 16 years earned \$70,200 and made 15 transactions. On the contrary, those with three to five years earned less than half that amount (\$30,100) and had 10 transactions. Incomes also varied by license type, as members licensed as brokers earned \$66,300 in 2013, while the median earnings for sales agents increased \$1,000 from the previous year to \$35,000.

Last year also brought an influx of new and younger members to NAR. Years of experience in real estate decreased to 12 years from 13 years in 2012; the typical tenure at a firm decreased to six years from seven years; and the age of members decreased to 56 years from 57 years. Three percent of all Realtors are under 30 years of age, 16 percent are between ages 30 and 44, and 24 percent are 65 and older.

"Realtors bring value to buyers and sellers, help build communities, and encourage responsible homeownership behaviors," said NAR President Steve Brown, co-owner of Ironton Inc., Realtors in Dayton, Ohio. "The fact that the number of members with one year or less of experience rose to 9 percent in 2013 from 5 percent the year before shows that those agents getting into the field are attracted to the many benefits and



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business opportunities that come with being a Realtor."

The typical NAR member works 40 hours per week. Women represent 57 percent of all members, accounting for 53 percent of brokers and 62 percent of sales agents. More than three-quarters of all Realtors cite real estate as their only occupation, and 82 percent (up 2 percent from last year) are certain they will remain in the business for at least two more years. This share is higher than the previous two years, indicating the optimism that's seen in today's market.

Most members — 57 percent — are licensed as sales agents; 26 percent are brokers, 17 percent broker associates and 3 percent appraisers (some hold more than one license). Thirteen percent of members have one personal assistant, while 3 percent have two or more personal assistants.

Several factors limit potential clients in completing transactions. Members said finding the right property was the biggest challenge (33 percent) followed by obtaining a mortgage (25 percent).

"The survey indicates that inventory shortages, overly restrictive mortgage lending standards and the rise in home prices and interest rates last year had an impact on Realtors ability to help their client find the right property," said Yun.

Similar to 2012, eight out of 10 NAR members focus on residential sales and 73 percent have secondary real estate specialties. Of those members with secondary specialties, residential brokerage is the largest at 35 percent. Both residential property management and relocation were next at 17 percent, followed by commercial brokerage at 16 percent. Smaller percentages were also in counseling, land development, auctions and commercial appraisal.

Realtors continue to rely on repeat business and referrals. Repeat business accounted for a median 21 percent of activity in 2013 and is higher for those with more experience. For members in the business 16 years or more, repeat business was 42 percent of their activity. Referrals accounted for an additional 21 percent of all business.

NAR members understand the importance of a web presence and communicating with their clients through several channels. More than two-thirds have a personal website — operational for a median of eight years — and 91 percent report their firm has an online presence. Sixty-one percent of the respondents use social or professional networking sites — an increase of 5 percent from 2012 — and 12 percent have a blog. Realtors use a variety of communications methods when interacting with current clients or customers, with 94 percent preferring e-mail, followed by telephone at 90 percent and text messaging at 80 percent.

Compensation structures for Realtors and firm affiliation remained mostly the same from 2012. Sixty-eight percent of respondents are compensated through a split commission arrangement, 17 percent receive all of the commission and another 4 percent receive a commission plus a share of profits; 11 percent received some other form of compensation. Eighty-two percent of members work as independent contractors for their firms. The vast majority of Realtors receive no fringe benefits, although 33 percent are covered by errors and omissions insurance. Only 5 percent receive health insurance through their firm.

NAR members are well-educated (50 percent hold a bachelor's degree or higher), own a home (86 percent), invest in at least one residential investment property (39 percent), and bring a wide range of expertise, skills and experience to the profession. Only 6 percent began their career in real estate, with the majority having previous full-time careers in management, business or financial (19 percent) or sales and retail (15 percent). Forty-one percent of those fluent in other languages speak Spanish and 96 percent are registered to vote.

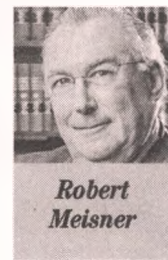
Respondents worked for a firm typically with one office and had been with that firm for six years. Fifty-seven percent of members are affiliated with an independent firm, and 38 percent are with a franchised company; 5 percent are other. Nine percent of Realtors report their firm was bought by or merged with another firm during the past two years, down from the second consecutive year and from 11 percent in the 2012 study.

The 2014 National Association of Realtors Member Profile is based on a survey of 95,340 members, which generated 6,462 usable responses, representing an adjusted response rate of 6.8 percent. Survey responses were weighted to be representative of state-level NAR membership. Income and transaction data are for 2013, while other data represent member characteristics in early 2014. The study can be ordered by calling 800-874-6500, or online at www.realtor.org/prodser.nsf/Research. The profile costs \$14.95 for NAR members and \$149.95 for nonmembers.

Midtown booms, but do homework

Q: I am thinking about buying a condominium in Midtown Detroit. Do you have any suggestions?

A: Just as with any other purchase, find out as much as you can about the developer. Some developers use different LLC's to develop their condos even though they have gotten in trouble in other condos and do not disclose that information. Some developers may have even filed for bankruptcy which may impact on their ability to complete and/or otherwise develop a condo in a proper fashion. The more you know about the developer, particularly if it is a conversion, the better prepared you are to make a wise investment.



Robert Meisner

Q: I am a new developer trying to build in a subdivision in a municipality where they are requiring me to make all kinds of improvements to the subdivision which I never contracted to do. Is there any recourse that I have?

A: It may well be that the municipality is trying to "exact" unreasonable concessions from you. There is a legal term called "exaction" that basically means that the municipality, as a condition of permitting you to develop your property, is unreasonably trying to make you do things that are not reasonably related to the proposed development and which you legally do not have an obligation to do. Such conditions can be deemed to be a taking of property without providing just compensation, which is unconstitutional. You should see an experienced real estate lawyer at your earliest convenience to both advise you on your rights and to assist you in negotiations with the municipality.

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

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

On board

Weichert Realtors - Cass Realty has announced that Realtor Eric Waldon has joined the sales team of the agency's Dearborn office. A native and resident of Detroit with nine years of experience in the real estate industry, he will assist property buyers and sellers throughout Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, and Livingston counties. He is a member of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors (GMAR) and has a background as a loan officer.

Waldon earned an associate's degree from Henry Ford Community College and studied finance at Wayne State University.

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-11, near Trenton Road.

Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayne Koehler at 313-819-0919.

Seminar each Tuesday, Thursday

A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday and at 2 p.m. each Thursday at various locations. RSVP at 800-260-5484.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 3-7, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

32933 Long Bow Ct \$360,000
16997 Madoline St \$203,000

BIRMINGHAM

981 Ann St \$875,000
655 Chester St \$595,000
2450 Cole St \$575,000
2109 Dorchester Rd \$200,000
1248 Emmons Ave \$492,000
1146 Henrietta St \$451,000
1011 Kennesaw St \$620,000
1823 Pembroke Rd \$745,000
1410 Yorkshire Rd \$370,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

5017 Dianna Dr \$400,000
5307 Echo Rd \$190,000
1667 Fairfield Dr \$275,000
644 Rudgate Rd \$1,200,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

150 Billingsgate Ct \$130,000
1617 Franklin Rd \$425,000
2550 Lamplighter Ln \$345,000
755 Oakleigh Dr \$825,000

5160 Provincial Dr \$333,000
4531 Walden Dr \$311,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

9431 Arbor Way \$411,000
2830 Augusta Dr \$206,000
5092 Carinas Way Ct \$295,000
8420 Cascade St \$75,000
8420 Cascade St \$145,000
1936 Golfcrest Dr \$360,000
2183 Palmetto \$258,000
4408 Philip \$350,000
2395 Solace Dr \$55,000
8656 War Bonnet Dr \$165,000

FARMINGTON

24074 Colchester Dr \$131,000
31923 Lamar Dr \$136,000
31952 Marblehead Rd \$140,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

33542 Argonne Rd \$225,000
22099 Boulder Dr \$395,000
25327 Chapelweigh Dr \$195,000
29211 Chestnut Ct \$340,000
20956 Gill Rd \$90,000
30300 Gladstone St \$192,000
31167 Harmony Ln \$70,000
29805 Hemlock Ave \$145,000
21728 Manchester Ct \$315,000
29606 Middlebelt Rd # Gar105 \$101,000
21769 S Brandon St \$128,000
30567 Sequoia Cir \$265,000

36585 Valley Ridge Dr \$319,000
33780 Vista Dr \$146,000
25380 Wessex St \$212,000
27804 Westcott \$196,000
Crescent Cir \$280,000
27243 Winterset Cir \$280,000

LATHRUP VILLAGE

26530 Meadowood Ct N \$120,000

MILFORD

957 Deep Valley Dr \$338,000
2931 Hiding Pl \$399,000
2933 Hiding Pl \$389,000
3139 Katie Ln \$348,000
3654 Lake Vista Ct \$827,000
654 Summit Ridge Dr \$158,000

NORTHVILLE

52975 Nine Mile Rd \$270,000
22121 Cumberland Dr \$294,000
52347 Ferndale Dr \$100,000
22384 Innsbrook Dr \$210,000
21481 Woodfarm Dr \$370,000
NOVI
25000 Delmont Dr \$305,000
22468 Havergale St \$377,000
50436 Langley Dr \$636,000
50458 Langley Dr \$587,000
23582 N Rockledge \$80,000
24603 Olde Orchard St \$101,000
24415 Perceval Ln \$471,000
47690 Rochester Dr \$500,000
24685 Venice Dr \$324,000

39763 Village Wood Ln \$78,000
23138 W Le Bost \$192,000
23392 W Le Bost \$195,000
24235 Weathervane Ct \$210,000
24156 Westmont Dr \$477,000
28544 Witherspoon Dr \$111,000

SOUTH LYON

1023 Chestnut Ln \$253,000
52645 Fremont Dr E \$352,000
737 Knollwood Cir \$173,000
1078 Paddock Dr \$252,000
1190 Paddock Dr \$273,000
1050 Paddock Ln \$235,000
28405 Pontiac Trl \$150,000
22270 Quail Run Cir Unit 4 \$120,000
52437 Trailwood Dr \$2,000

SOUTHFIELD

20930 Avon Ln \$60,000
21055 Concord St \$160,000
29858 Fall River Rd \$140,000
23580 Plumbrooke Dr \$125,000
29861 Rambling Rd \$120,000
25322 Saint James \$117,000
25039 Sherwood Cir \$53,000

WHITE LAKE

685 Oxbow Lake Rd \$318,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 24-28, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

1960 Brookfield St \$159,000
156 Cherry Hill Pointe \$181,000
Dr
44997 Coachman Ct \$156,000
41445 Copper Creek Dr \$125,000
48158 Covington Ct \$365,000
43998 N Umerland Cir \$174,000
44251 Richmond Ct \$223,000
41992 Saratoga Cir \$165,000

42238 Saratoga Cir \$159,000
41462 Strawberry Ct \$209,000
48370 Wadebridge Dr \$430,000

GARDEN CITY

28820 Beechwood St \$48,000
32230 Florence St \$75,000
29149 James St \$83,000
33021 Sheridan St \$90,000

LIVONIA

9910 Arden St \$149,000
15068 Berwick St \$114,000
15196 Berwick St \$137,000
14183 Cardwell St \$120,000
15108 Country Club Dr \$161,000
9057 Laurel St \$122,000
36731 Rayburn St \$174,000
14680 Santa Anita Ave \$200,000

28643 Terrence St \$187,000
9608 Westmore St \$140,000

NORTHVILLE

44926 Broadmoor Cir S \$437,000
19824 Irongate Ct \$114,000
46099 Neeson St \$54,000
16745 Northville Rd \$120,000
311 Saint Lawrence Blvd \$325,000
PLYMOUTH
45931 Amesbury Dr \$415,000
13275 Cambridge Ct \$354,000
635 Jener Pl \$180,000
44700 Joy Rd \$270,000
1450 Junction St \$177,000
REDFORD
25682 Deborah \$90,000
17133 Delaware Ave \$38,000

13568 Woodbine \$26,000
15719 Wormer \$68,000

WAYNE

35726 Brush St \$48,000
34305 Glover St \$23,000
WESTLAND
37631 Beechwood St \$130,000
8228 Fremont St \$87,000
8166 Huntington St \$23,000
1700 N Carlson St \$137,000
815 N Hix Rd \$58,000
32018 Ottawa St \$14,000
810 Patricia Place Dr \$195,000
8444 Rae Dr \$108,000
38601 Shelby Dr \$2,000
1167 Shoemaker Dr \$45,000



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BEST SELF STORAGE OF NEW HUDSON. 53600 Grand River Ave. will hold a lien sale on June 30, 2014 at 12:00 noon on lots: #376 Jessica Gailey #404 Thomas Brake

BRIGHTON - HUGE YARD SALE RAIN OR SHINE
6/19, 20 & 21, 9am-4pm
1480 PEPPERGROVE DRIVE

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S. of Joy Rd., E. of 275. Enter off of Eches Rd. or Holly Rd. June 19-21, 9am-4pm. Rain or Shine!

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Thurs & Fri 9-5 Sat 9-1. 620 General Motors Rd.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS:
7430 Plainfield, N of Warren, E of Inkster. June 20-21, 9-5pm. Tools, furniture & misc. IF RAINING NO SALE

Dearborn - Historic Springwells Park Annual Garage Sale!
20+ homes. Rotunda & Greenfield. Fri. June 20 & Sat. June 21, 9am-5pm & Sun. June 22, 10am-2pm.

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Bank Debt Cards
No Checks
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Ann Arbor, 1:00 pm
Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds
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Auction Sales

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Notice is hereby given that on Sat., June 21, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. the contents of 10 units will be sold by competitive bidding at Estate Storage, 21650 Novi Rd., Novi, MI 48375. (Units) may or may not include the following Household Items, Recreational Items and/or Misc. Goods.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
Pursuant to public act 148 Milford Self Storage will hold a public sale to dispose of the following #80 M.T.S. Modernizing - household items, #72-82 Arsch - household items, #80 Melton - Furniture, #56 Sacher - Household items, #41 - Rzepka - furniture, #37-39 - Friedman - furniture, #38 Saganak - household items. Sale will be held at 10am June 30, 2014 at Milford Self Storage, 320 E. Huron, Milford, MI 48381. 248-685-9222

Rummage Sales & Flea Markets

BRIGHTON St. Patrick Council of Catholic Women Large Parish Rummage Sale 1000's of items!!
Activity Center at: 710 Rickett Rd. June 19, 8am to 4pm June 20, 8am to 4pm

Estates Sales

SOUTHFIELD - 1964D Jeanette, Thurs-Fri, Jun 19-20, 9a-4pm! Furniture, household items, some - thing for all. Priced to sell!

Garage/Moving Sales

Bloomfield Hills: Garage / Estate
6160 Westmoor. Sporting equip, electronics, tools, furn., home goods, clothing Rain or shine. Fri. & Sat., 10-4

BRIGHTON 5 houses
June 18-20, 10a-4p.
Stonewood Lane Sub Sale, off Corlett/ Hyne Rd.

BRIGHTON - Chadwick Farms Sub Sale
June 19, 20 & 21 9am-4pm, off of Maribry Rd, 1/4 mile West of Rickett.

BRIGHTON - HUGE YARD SALE RAIN OR SHINE
6/19, 20 & 21, 9am-4pm
1480 PEPPERGROVE DRIVE

BRIGHTON - June 19-21, 8-4pm
Stonewood Lane Sub Sale, off Corlett/ Hyne Rd. 6182 Windemere Pte. 6103 & 6174 Nottingham Pte.

Brighton - White Pines Sub Sale
June 19-21, 8am-4pm. W. off of Bauer Rd. Furniture, household, clothing, bikes, tools, kids items & more!

CANTON ESTATE SALE
June 19-22, 10-5pm.
42300 Proctor, Cherry Hill & Lilly.

CANTON: Holiday Park Sub Sale!
S. of Joy Rd., E. of 275. Enter off of Eches Rd. or Holly Rd. June 19-21, 9am-4pm. Rain or Shine!

CHRIST LUTHERAN Church Annual Rummage Sale!
Thurs & Fri 9-5 Sat 9-1. 620 General Motors Rd.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS:
7430 Plainfield, N of Warren, E of Inkster. June 20-21, 9-5pm. Tools, furniture & misc. IF RAINING NO SALE

Dearborn - Historic Springwells Park Annual Garage Sale!
20+ homes. Rotunda & Greenfield. Fri. June 20 & Sat. June 21, 9am-5pm & Sun. June 22, 10am-2pm.

Farm Hills: YARD SALE!
Household items, clothes, vinyl albums, more. (248)688-6814 krwbsr367@gmail.com

Farming: GARAGE/ESTATE SALE - June 19, 20, 21 9am-5pm. 34771 Whitaker ct. FARMINGTON, Living room, Penn House dining room, home office, Ent. center, office equipment, elec. supplies, tools, portable generator, 08 Polaris snowmobile, & more.

RECYCLE THIS NEWSPAPER

NEW HUDSON Moving Sale
Furniture, die cast models, electronics and more. This Saturday (6/21) only, from 10:00 until 3:00. (586) 940-2293 majduko426@comcast.net

Northville: Hills of Crestwood Subdivision, north of 6 Mile, east of Back, 17489 Deer Path Drive. June 20, 9am-4 pm. Lots of household goods lamps, pictures, workout equipment, too much to list!

Northville: HUGE CHARITY SALE for the CFA 8:00-4:00
Thurs. June 19 & Fri. June 20, and 8-NOON Sat. June 21. 463 Maplewood, Northville, N of 8 Mile, btwn Novi Rd & Center St.

Cash in with Classifieds 800-579-SELL

Garage/Moving Sales

FARMINGTON HILLS: June 19-21, 9am-5pm. 28055 Hickory Dr. Tools, toys, clothing shoes, DVDs, books, pics, decorations, computer electronics.

FARMINGTON HILLS SUBDIVISION SALE:
Timbercrest Sub, 12 Mile & Middlebelt. Household goods, furniture, etc. Fri. June 20, 12-4; Sat. June 21, 8-3; Sun. June 22, 10-3.

FARMINGTON HILLS- Sub Sale, Colony Park West, S. of 12 E. of Drake. June 19-21, 9-4pm. Toys, bikes, bike trailer, household, clothing, craft supplies & misc. items.

HIGHLAND - Fri-Sat 9-5pm. Artificial trees, greenery, christmas decor, picture frames, blow-up beds, books & more. 263 Prestwick Trail, Prestwick Village Golf Club Sub 1.5 miles West of Milford Road off M-59

Howell/Hartland Estates!
Sub Sale. Cullen & 59. June 19-22, 7-6p. Kid's, tools, plumbing, fixtures.

Howell - Sub Sale
Thurs/Fri/Sat, June 19-21 9AM. The Forest Sub - Francis Rd, 1/2 mile east of D-19

LIVONIA 8th Annual Sub Sale
THU/FRI/SAT, 6-19, 20, 21. Between Levan & Wayne Rds. S. of Plymouth. Furniture, Antiques, Appliances, Tools, Books, Vintage Records and Cameras, Jewelry, Avon, Skis (downhill/cr), ice fishing gear, Lawn & Garden Equip, Childrens Clothes toys and equip. Quilts, Dolls, and much much more 40+ homes. aconan22@gmail.com

Livonia - ESTATE SALE
9435 Lathers, off W. Chicago St. E. of Middlebelt. Fri 9-4, Sat/Sun 10-4 pm www.livonitiques.com or (248) 872-5607

Livonia: June 20 & 21 9-4 pm. A real treasure hunt of items: golf items, house goods, Christmas stuff, pond supplies, misc. 15837 Foch St., N of 5 Mile, W. of Inkster Road.

LIVONIA: Multi-Family Sale!
June 19-20, 9-5pm. 1767 Roselinda Dr. just W of Newburgh on the south side of Plymouth.

LIVONIA - SMB Estates, SUB-WIDE, 30+homes! Off Yale, 1 mile W. of Farmington, bet. 5 Mile & School - craft. Jun 19,20,21, 9a-4p.

MILFORD - Garage Sale:
June 19-21, Half-built R.C. airplanes, lots of tools, parts & cover film, engines, two stroke & four stroke, car jack stands, auto rebuild tools, lg dog cages, portable organ, wire welder, set & 220 amp welder, lots more stuff! 767 Friar, off Commerce Rd.

MILFORD - Huge Sale - Lots of fun and home decor, retail counter, Rainbow swingset, lots of misc., every from A-Z, come and see! Great prices!
Thurs, Fri. & Sat. 9-4pm
2486 RUNAWAY TRAIL off Garner Road, between Commerce & GM

MILFORD - MOVING SALE!
June 20 & 21, 9am-5pm. 545 E. Liberty, Village of Milford off 1st St. Furniture, household goods, antiques

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Garage/Moving Sales

NORTHVILLE: June 20-21, 9-5 119 Randolph. Furniture, antiques, household, misc., music, books, clothes, toys, etc.

NORTHVILLE: Kenmore upright freezer, microwaves, basketball net/backboard, misc ceramic tile, new garage light fixtures & bulbs, bi-fold doors, xbox games, DVDs, girls size 14sh clothes, young men's XL clothes, kitchen stuff, sports, vintage pyrex, scroll saw, wicker shelves, MORE! 15996 Park Lane, 1 blk N. off 5 Mile, W. of Haggerty. Sat. June 21, 9-4

NOVI: 49687 Leyland Circle Thurs-Sat., June 19-21, 9-4pm. Furniture, kid's toys and household items.

NOVI DeARBROOK Sub Sale, S. of 9 Mile, W. of Meadowbrook, June 20, 21 & 22, 8a-5p.

NOVI GARAGE SALE Thurs-Fri, June 19-20 9-5pm 25189 Woodworth Dr. N. off 10 Mile, off of Dinsler Dr. East of Wixom Road. Household items, many toys, misc.

NOVI - Meadowbrook Glens Sub Sale - N. of 10 Mile, W. of Meadowbrook. June 20, 21 & 22, 9-6pm. Rain or Shine!

Plymouth: 680 Simpson Fri 6-20 & Sat 6-21 9am - 5pm
MOM TO MOM SALE & A WHOLE LOT MORE. Books, toys, clothes, homegoods.

Plymouth: June 19-21, 9-5pm. Antiques, furniture & etc., collectibles & household, lots of great stuff. 44427 Beech Dr. W. of Sheldon, btwn Ann Rd & Ann Arbor Trail.

Plymouth Township Huntington Park Sub-Wide Garage Sale - On Powell (between Ridge and Napoleon), Thurs thru Sat (June 19-21) 9:00am - 5:00pm daily

Plymouth: Trailwood Sub-Wide Garage Sale June 19-21 9AM-5PM. Ann Arbor Rd and Canton Center in Plymouth Mi. Household items, clothes, kids things, and much more.

Redford: RUMMAGE SALE 21 Robert Bell/Armine Gym 57101 W. Chicago (cm of Inker), June 19th-21st, 9am-5pm. Presale hours (\$1 admission) June 18th 5:00-8:00pm & June 19th 9:00-11:00am

ROCHESTER: St. John Lutheran Church Rummage Sale 1011 W. University Drive. Fri., June 20, 9a-5pm. (Early Bird 8-9:30) Sat., June 21, 9am-Noon (\$5 bag or 1/2 off). Thrivent Matching Funds.

Garage/Moving Sales

SOUTH LYON: Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 24155 Griswold Rd. Thurs. June 19, 9-6, Fri. June 20, 9-3, Sat. June 21, 10-noon Bag Sale. 248-437-9810

SOUTH LYON - Green Oak Twp. Historical Society, June 19 & 20, 9am-4pm. 10789 Silver Lake Rd., just E. of US-23. Antiques, collectibles & furniture.

SOUTH LYON: Household items, furniture, tons of baby/kid's clothes & toys. 309 Winchester, Thurs. 8-5, Fri 8-5, Sat. 8-noon.

SOUTH LYON Sub Division Garage Sale Thurs - Sat, June 19 - 21, 9am-5pm. Orchard Edge Estates. Silver Lake & Pontiac Tr.

South Lyon - Thurs-Sat., 9am. 24135 Douglas Dr., 10 Mile W. of Millard Rd. Tons of jewelry, cheap! Girls Justice size 7-8, boys sizes 4-7, high chair, saucer, & household.

ST. CLAIR SHORES: LUXURY Yard Sale Consolidating homes in NY/ LA. Louis. Prada, Gucci, Ralph, Breitling, Panerai, IWC, Tag, Gurkha. Furniture, Furnishings, Apparel, Bags, Watches, Sports and lots more! 21116 Martin Road in St. Clair Shores, between Harper and Little Mack. June 27-29 (586) 771-9123

WESTLAND Heritage Park Community Sale, Friday through Sunday, June 20th-June 22nd, 9a-5p. On Hix Rd., just north of Koppernick

WESTLAND - Huge garage sale 723 South Wildwood Thurs-Sun 9-5 infant/kids items, toys, strollers, christ-mas, household & Misc.,

Household Goods

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Birds & Fish

MALE COCKATOO - Umbrella Parrot, 15 yrs old w/ cage. Very friendly, talks, must go to a bird lover! \$1000. 810-610-1827

RAINBOW FEATHERS BIRD FAIR VFW Post 345 27345 Schoolcraft, Redford Twp. Sun. June 22nd, 10 - 4 Admission \$3.00, kids 12 & Under Free. For info Call Dave: (734) 422-5981

Cats

Kittens to a good home - gray bi-ger striped, gray w/ white paws & bibs, about 6 wks old. 517-546-8016

Dogs

ALASKAN HUSKY - AKC, female 3 yr old, needs training. \$300. 248-933-6370

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Found - Pets

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Roofing

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Crossword Puzzle

What You Could've Had

ACROSS

1 Practical intelligence
5 Drains the energy from
9 Soap-filled scrubber
15 — Mahal
18 Cave effect
19 Lerate beast
20 Locate on a radio dial
21 Two-color whale
22 Certain kind of sucrose
24 Fixed part of a motor
25 Horse food
26 Demeaned
27 Eatery check
29 It's often served in a bread bowl
31 Poker payoff
32 Part of CIA: Abbr.
34 Mimiex of movies
36 Big name in pain relief
37 Starchy, seasoned side
40 Ralph with "Raiders"
41 Degree
42 Heaved sounds
43 Long Island's ocean: Abbr.
44 Suitable

DOWN

1 Online programs
2 Arctic vehicle with a sail
3 British play venue
4 Barflies
5 Smear
6 Eighth mo.
7 Duck-billed swimmers
8 Shot liquids
9 Roads: Abbr.
10 Beginning
11 Suddenly focus
12 Daintily small
13 Pays (for)
14 Animated "Explorer"
15 Exchanged
16 Not dormant
17 Old March birthstone
21 "Trés chiel"
23 Sea lion, e.g.
28 When that time arrives
30 Hiker's flask
33 Pitcher
34 Young and others
35 Hage
38 Ray blockage no.
39 Eye up
43 Key near Ctrl
45 I, to Wilhelm

ACROSS

47 Bed on many a plate
55 "It must be him, — shall die"
58 Bizet opera
61 Airing at midnight, say
62 "— believer!"
63 "Jaws" writer Peter
65 Edward who wrote "Peer Gynt"
66 Dr. Watson player —
68 Burden
69 Bloody Mary garnish
73 Spelling of "Beverly Hills 90210"
74 Brest "Bye!"
76 Offer a price for at auction
77 Landed, as a fish
79 Apt name for a cook?
80 Fiscal gain
82 Mudbath site
84 London brew
85 Heinz product
88 "It's not over — it's over!"
90 Pet doc
91 Leave
94 — use (pointless)

DOWN

98 "Attack, Spot!"
101 Dish of peppery greens
107 Seize forcibly
108 Permit
109 Adverse to, in the sticks
110 Enjoyed food
111 It often has cream cheese icing
113 Lose tension
115 "This Boy's Life" author Bruce
117 Be the owner of
118 5K entrants
120 Maker of V8 juice, whose eight original ingredients are the theme of this puzzle
122 Got an A+ on
123 Baltimore pro
124 "A Bushel — Peck"
125 Princess of "Star Wars"
126 Longtime draft org.
127 Two fivers
128 "But — art?"
129 Yemeni city

DOWN

46 Barber's powder
48 Rocky hills
49 Condo part
50 "Ramona the Pest" author Beverly
51 "Bald" fliers
52 Actor Abe
53 Star TV chef
54 Like IV solutions
55 Province-like subdivision of Russia
56 Entertain at story time
57 Silvery-white element
59 Adias rival
60 Bill Clinton memoir
64 So-so mark
65 Ob- — (doc who delivers)
67 Suffix with Gotham
70 Clean up copy
71 Campus mil. org.
72 Held on to type
75 Like bouncy, fast music
78 Chou En- —
81 Turn sour
82 Blockheads
83 On — with (much like)
86 Claimed

DOWN

87 Throw forcefully
89 Mauna —
92 1980s first family
93 Flavor enhancer, for short
95 Thrashed (about)
96 Wood of film
97 Certain Ukraine resident
98 Like
99 Asimov and Mizrahi
100 Bends
101 Group's declaration of concern
102 Alternative to 36-Across
103 Tackle
104 Singer Ray of the big band era
105 Refrain from taking further action
106 Haughty type
112 Horse's gait
114 Trendy juice berry
116 Lugosi or Bartok
119 Sun. lecture
121 Nero's 1,501

Answer to Last Week's Puzzle

MACS AGHAST BYE SPOT
AFRO BROTHY HEAP MUSE
DREAMCASHER ALLOWABLE
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SHEARINGSECTIONPITAS
WAVINGILENEDSILO
WISESTHAILTOTHESHEAF
ARUNELANAGEISM SRA
HALOROTDICE EDAMS
TURNTHEOTHERSHEIK
PHASERIDSURUSNAP
IONFITSINATOMTOMB
QUALIFYINGMASHAMATIS
UNTOILLRPMONIN
EDENS OVERSTUFFEDCHER
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By Mary Lorenz
CareerBuilder writer

If there's one thing hiring managers and HR professionals need to know about today's candidates, it's that they take to rejection the same way Taylor Swift does: They don't go down quietly.

Though they may not write chart-topping pop songs about the employers who scorned them, they do take to social media to publicly vent their frustrations, putting a dent in those companies' employer brands and even their bottom lines. Studies have shown that workers are less likely to purchase products or services from companies that don't bother to respond to their job applications, and many will talk about a bad experience they had with a potential employer with friends and family.

What candidates really think when they don't hear back

Not convinced? A few years ago, we heard from quite a few job seekers trying to figure out why hiring managers didn't respond to candidates and they had some choice words about those companies. Below are just a handful of comments we received from jilted job seekers:

"It does make the company look totally pathetic and sad that they couldn't get back to me with the status of the job I interviewed for. I will warn any of my past co-workers...to stay away from this company, they are very unprofessional."

"I have very strong feelings about several businesses that have interviewed me and never been back in touch (after saying they would) that I take every opportunity to make their lack of consideration known whenever their business comes up in conversation."

"It's really easy to set up [rejection email] templates...and it takes less time to use one as a reply for an email than it does



to actually review the application. If you've got time to read applications, you've got time to send form replies, and if you don't have time to read applications, you shouldn't be advertising jobs."

"No one of any talent and quality wants to work for a company that cannot [get back to the people you interview]. If you are a company with high turnover, it's probably your fault, and it won't change unless you do."

"Yes, being told 'No, we don't want you' sucks...but what hurts more is just never knowing. Okay, you don't want to hire me, I get it, but at least have the decency to tell me."

"Indeed it is cold and unprofessional not to email back a brief 'rejection' letter after an interview. After someone took the time to get nicely dressed

and groomed, spent money on gas, a new haircut, and took up valuable job searching time for an interview, it makes sense just to get back to them."

"Follow up on a company's part is a PR opportunity. If you're going to treat me this way as an applicant, [it makes me wonder] 'how will you treat me as an employee?'"

DO follow up with every candidate

Ideally, you should respond to every single applicant who applies (and yes, you do have time -- see below), but at the very least, you should follow up with the candidates you bring in to interview -- even when it's bad news. After all, the candidate took just as much time out of his/her day as you did to come in for the interview.

Do's and don'ts for rejecting candidates



DON'T think ignorance is bliss

Most candidates agree it's better to hear they got rejected than hearing nothing at all. Sending rejection emails or letters may feel harsh, but it's far crueler to ignore them completely.

DON'T think "I don't have time" is an excuse

As one job seeker noted above, it takes just a few minutes to create an email template in Outlook, which you can then use over and over again to quickly and easily follow up with applicants. (Not sure how to break the news? Check out a sample rejection letter template.) Just remember to personalize it before sending it off.

DON'T give false hope

Don't promise to keep a candidate's resume on file if you have no intention of doing so. A simple "We wish you success in your job search" is a fine way to end a letter.

DO be honest and concise

State a clear reason for the rejection (e.g. "We have selected another candidate whose credentials were better suited for the position."), but don't feel the need to go into great detail.

DON'T be nasty

Even if the interview was a disaster, unkindness is never called for (and it could come back to haunt you).

DON'T let the good ones get away

If the person was a strong candidate, chances are he or she might be the right fit for a future position. Invite him or her to join your Talent Network if you have one or let them know you're keeping his or her information on file.

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