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As part of its annual Summer Sidewalk Sale this weekend, Novi Town Center will host a free outdoor showing of *The LEGO Movie* at dusk Saturday. Suitable for all ages, with free popcorn and drinks available, the movie will be shown at the fountain area near Crescent Boulevard and Ingersol Drive, with a tent and chairs set up for viewers.

Market to open Saturday

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

The Detroit Eastern Market Farm Stand will bring fresh items each week. Vendor applications are available online at www.cityofnovi.org. For additional information, contact Wendy DuVall at 248-347-0400 or wduvall@cityofnovi.org.

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District court candidates say they'll restore its dignity



Scott Powers (left) and Travis Reeds, candidates along with incumbent Judge Brian MacKenzie for a seat on the 52-1 District Court, squared off against each other Monday in a forum in Wixom.

By Lonnie Huhman
 Staff Writer

No matter who wins the race for the seat on the 52-1 District Court bench, the first task for that person will be restoring that court's honor in the eyes of the Oakland County communities it serves.

That was one of the underlying messages from Monday's candidate forum organized by the League of Women Voters-Oakland Area with co-sponsoring by the Oakland County Bar Association and *Detroit Free Press*.

The 52-1 District Court's reputation in the public eye has taken some hits. The district includes Novi, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Wixom, the townships of Commerce, Highland, Lyon, Milford and Novi and the villages of Milford and Wolverine Lake.

One forum attendee was Novi resident John Kuenzel, who has been surprised to hear of the court's issues.

"I think public trust in the court is damaged," he said.

The Michigan Judicial Tenure

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The city of Novi will be turning its attention to a number of side streets this summer for resurfacing, including this potholed section of Wedgewood off of Pontiac Trail. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi roads getting upgrades

By Lonnie Huhman
 Staff Writer

The asphalt and concrete projects within the city of Novi's 2014 Neighborhood Road Program will start soon and again will help make driving around Novi more comfortable once they are completed.

The city council approved a \$1,166,945 asphalt contract with Pavex Corp. of Trenton at the June 16 meeting and a concrete contract with Fiore Enterprises, LLC, in the amount of \$661,859.

"This year's program will implement the city's asset management approach for pavements that was established in 2009," Public Services Director Rob Hayes told the council.

According to Hayes, the asset manage-

ment program stresses the importance of using preventative maintenance to preserve good quality roads using low-cost rehabilitation techniques, rather than allowing the roads to deteriorate to a point that requires reconstruction involving much more effort at a higher cost.

He and Brian Coburn, public services engineer, told council that roads that have deteriorated significantly will be addressed with rehabilitation methods such as overlays, panel replacements and joint repairs to allow more efficient application of available road funds to maximize the number of neighborhood streets included in each year of the annual program.

Mallott, Wedgewood and Le Bost will be

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2014 ROAD WORK

The 2014 asphalt projects includes:

- » Asphalt reconstruction of Wedgewood Drive
 - » Asphalt overlay throughout Haverhill Farms Subdivision
 - » Asphalt reconstruction of Malott Drive and portions of Le Bost Drive, including sidewalk improvements throughout the project scope
- The concrete projects include:
- » Road repairs and sidewalk improvements on Galway Drive and within the Autumn Park Subdivision

To see the full list of work, go to <http://www.cityofnovi.org>.

Council members closer to picking city manager

By Lonnie Huhman
 Staff Writer

Although no official final candidates have been named yet, the city of Novi is getting to the end in its search for a new city manager.

The Novi City Council went into an executive session during a special meeting Monday for the purpose of discussing the applications for city manager. Assistant City Manager Victor Cardenas is the interim city manager, but he has elected not to seek the full-time position and will return to his assistant post

once a decision is made.

Cardenas said council met Monday with consultant Chuck Anderson of Water's Consulting "to review the applicants and determine who should be brought in for an on-site interview."

He said there were around 30 applications to be reviewed before the final interviews begin.

Water's helped the city prepare a recruitment profile as it started its nationwide search for the right person to lead the city of Novi's daily operations.

Former City Manager Clay

Pearson announced his resignation Jan. 28 before moving to a new position as city manager in Pearland, Texas, which he took over in March. Pearson was appointed city manager for Novi in July 2006, after serving as assistant city manager since September 2000.

"I am confident we will find the right person who will continue to lead our dynamic community in the right direction," Novi Mayor Bob Gatt said.

According to Cardenas, on-site interviews are set to take place at 6 p.m. Monday, July 14. After the interviews, council

will deliberate and choose to enter into contract negotiations with a preferred candidate. At this point, there is not firm date for a decision, but more will become known July 14.

Council will meet at the Novi Civic Center to hold the on-site interviews. At that time, Anderson will confer with council to identify the candidates who will interview at the open special council meeting scheduled for that evening.

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reconstructed with inter-layer and geo-grid, geo-synthetic paving materials designed to extend the service life of the pavement.

The inter-layer is constructed of a fiberglass mesh embedded into high-performance polyester mats and is placed between asphalt lifts to provide additional strength and resist reflective cracking, while also preventing moisture infiltration into the pavement structure.

The geo-grid is placed within the aggregate base layer to reduce sub-grade stresses by spreading point loads over a larger area (i.e., the "snowshoe effect").

Construction of the projects will begin this summer and should be substantially completed this construction season.

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Patrons register for Summer Reading Program

School is officially on summer break and the Novi Library has been busy registering more than 1,600 patrons in the first week of its Summer Reading Program.

Geared towards all ages, this science-themed program is intended to help children and teens keep up with their reading during the summer months and enjoy some fantastic programs and activities along the way.

To take part in the Summer Reading Program, you can sign up and record your reading minutes online at www.novilibrary.org or stop by the library to register. Youngsters under the kindergarten age can practice their literacy skills by joining the "Read to Me" program, children going into grades K-4 can "Fizz, Boom, Read" and teens in grades 5-12 can "Spark a Reaction."

If you are an adult with a love for reading, be sure to sign up for the "Literary Elements"

program where you can also catch up on your reading and earn prizes. Along with reading, the programs also feature a variety of different activities and events, drawings, story times and a finale trip to Paradise Park.

The Summer Reading Program is a favorite tradition to many patrons who look forward to it every year, with the numbers always rising. As in previous years, close to 100 teen volunteers and two interns are available with the sign-up process and will be on hand along with library staff to help patrons record their minutes and register during the summer.

For more information about Novi Public Library or the Summer Reading Program, visit novilibrary.org or stop by at 45255 W. 10 Mile Rd.

Youth Police and Fire Academy

The Novi Police and Fire Departments announce the upcoming Youth Police and Fire Academy, scheduled for July 14-18.

"It is not every day that people get to see the operations of these two departments and just how these services impact them," said David E. Molloy, Novi's director of public safety/chief of police. "It is our hope that each academy graduate will not only walk away with a deeper knowledge of these public safety services, but also develop into positive leaders within the Novi community and beyond."

During the one-week course, police staff will educate attendees about patrol operations, use of force, the K-9 program, traffic stops/laws, the judicial system and much more. Fire staff will provide instruction on operations, home fire/emergency safety, Jaws of Life and fire

CITY UPDATES



Heather Wingler gets her daughter Lauren, 8, signed up at the Novi Public Library for its summer reading program, called Fizz, Boom-Read. Drake Wang (right), 13, is one of many volunteers helping to get kids signed up for the program and its prizes for books read.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

apparatus. The goal of the program is to create and develop responsible, well-informed citizens who are prepared to become positive community members and leaders.

Applications are currently being accepted for the free program scheduled from noon to 4 p.m. July 14-18 at Fire Station No. 4, 49375 10 Mile Road. The academy is open to anyone ages 13-18, but participants must reside in the city of Novi or attend a school within the city and each participant must pass a background investigation.

The registration deadline is July 1. For more information, contact Detective Jon Zabick at 248-347-0548, jzabick@cityofnovi.org or

visit www.cityofnovi.org.

Civilian pistol safety class

The Novi Police Department will be offering a civilian pistol safety class from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday, July 12, at the Novi Police Department Training Center (45125 10 Mile Road). The course fulfills both the classroom and shooting requirements to obtain a Michigan Concealed Pistol License.

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

participants are subject to a criminal background check.

After lunch, participants will move to the Novi Firearms Training Center to complete the course. Students must bring their own equipment, including a personal handgun, 100 rounds of ammunition, safety glasses, shooter's earmuffs or ear plugs, a pen or pencil, a baseball cap and wear loose comfortable clothing to participate in the course. Participants must be 21 years old and do not have to be a Novi resident to attend.

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

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Jump into July!

Be sure to take advantage of all the great events we have planned for the month of July. Join in for fun, informative, and entertaining activities throughout the entire month!

Events At:

Independence Village of Plymouth
14707 Northville Road, Plymouth, MI 48170
734-453-2600

Fourth of July Celebration

Wednesday, July 2 | 1:30 pm

Join your own Village Joy Singers as they help Independence Village celebrate Independence Day. Our thirty-voice choir will present a program of all your patriotic favorites. Light refreshments will be served.

Art in the Park

July 11 - 13
Friday, 11:00 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday, 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Sunday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Be sure to stop by our booth during Michigan's second largest art fair. Located in downtown Plymouth, it's a great weekend of art, food and fun you won't want to miss.

America the Beautiful Patriotic Presentation

Monday, July 30 | 1:30 pm

Celebrate America through song and story. "Suzanne and Jim" will inspire your patriotic pride with this star-spangled show.

Sunday Brunch & Open House

Sunday Brunch

Sunday, July 20

Bring your family and friends and join us for a delicious chef-prepared brunch buffet. In addition to the delicious breakfast and lunch food, be sure not to miss the fantastic desserts our chef has prepared especially for this event.

Cost \$17.00 adults, \$13.00 ages 6-12, ages 4 and under are free.

Summer Celebration Open House

Saturday, July 26

Join us for the July Open House and enjoy an old fashioned picnic with everything but the ants! It's a chance for us to get together as a community, tell a few stories, and share a laugh and a meal.

Please Call for Details

Events At:

Independence Village of White Lake
935 Union Lake Road, White Lake, MI 48386
248-360-7235

Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, July 9
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Two of our favorite things come together for this fun event—ice cream and being social. Create your own ice cream with a variety of flavors and toppings, then sit down with your friends and swap stories like you used to do at the local soda fountain.

Time to get Jazzy

Thursday, July 31 | 6:00 pm

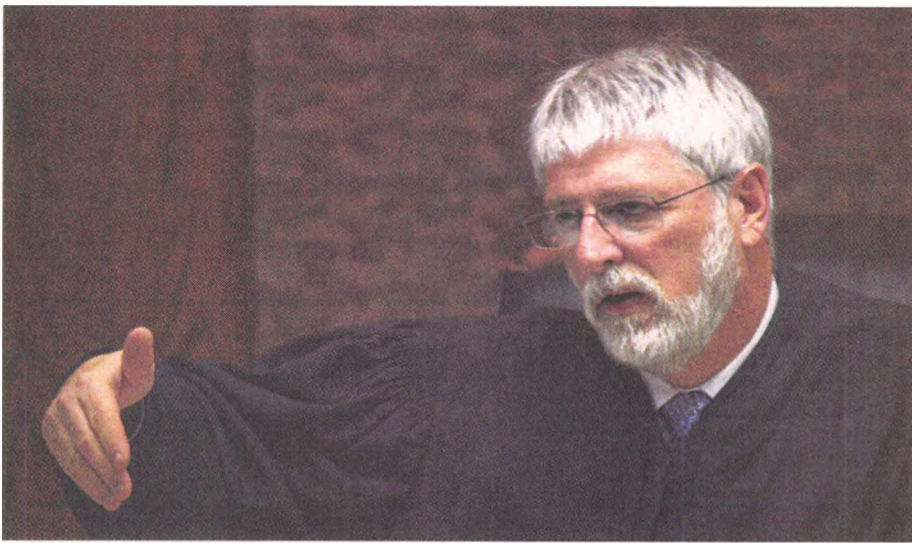
What could be better than some cool jazz and an ice-cold martini? Independence Village of White Lake proudly presents an evening of jazz with vocalist Sheila Landos. Enjoy exquisite appetizers and be part of the scene.

PLEASE RSVP THREE DAYS BEFORE THE EVENT



Attorney for Novi judge says he complied with court order

By John Wisely and L.L. Brasier
GANNETT MICHIGAN



Judge Brian MacKenzie has worked hard to provide what the court ordered, said his attorney, David Timmis. The order covered cases going back more than 10 years.
KATHLEEN GALLIGAN | GANNETT MICHIGAN

The attorney for Novi District Judge Brian MacKenzie denied allegations last week by the Oakland County prosecutor that the judge has violated a court order to turn over for review all domestic violence cases that he has dismissed.

MacKenzie said in a statement to the *Detroit Free Press* through his lawyer, David Timmis, that he thinks he has fully complied with Oakland County Circuit Judge Colleen O'Brien's order.

O'Brien set a July 2 deadline for MacKenzie to officially respond to the complaint filed last week by Prosecutor Jessica Cooper, arguing that MacKenzie should be found in contempt of court for failing to turn over at least 33 additional domestic violence cases that he handled.

O'Brien gave Cooper until July 9 to reply once MacKenzie files his response. O'Brien said in an order that she will review the filings before deciding whether to issue an opinion or hold

a hearing.

Cooper argued last year that MacKenzie had broken the law by dismissing some domestic violence cases without approval from the prosecutor or the victim, improperly sealed files and altered court records.

O'Brien ruled in February that MacKenzie had violated the law on at least eight occasions with his sentences and ordered him to turn over for review all domestic

violence cases he had dismissed since 2003.

Timmis said that MacKenzie has worked hard to provide what the court ordered, which covered cases going back more than 10 years.

"This herculean task was undertaken by Judge MacKenzie, with the assistance of the court administrator and the head of the probation department," Timmis said in a statement. "More than 400 cases had to be reviewed and

each individual involved on behalf of the 52-1 District Court undertook to fully comply with Judge O'Brien's opinion and order."

Timmis also said the prosecutor's office has refused to respond to two requests to identify the 33 cases it found that weren't turned over.

"In the event that the prosecutor's office identifies the 33 cases, Judge MacKenzie will be in a position to comment," Timmis said.

COURT

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Commission has charged that Judge Dennis Powers bilked taxpayers by filing fraudulent expense accounts, padded mileage forms, frequently failed to show up for work and ran up thousands of dollars in cell-phone expenses. That complaint also alleges he failed to take seriously death threats a defendant made against colleague Judge Brian MacKenzie.

MacKenzie, whose seat is up for election, was sanctioned by a higher court late in February. This came after Oakland County assistant prosecutors complained he was running an unethical court, hiding files and improperly dismissing domestic violence cases.

Two out of three

The forum was a chance for the public to get to know all three candidates, but only two showed up. MacKenzie had a previously scheduled commitment, so he could not attend, while candidates Scott Powers and Travis Reeds partic-

ipated in the hour-long Q&A.

Both are attorneys in the area with connections to the district court. Reeds is MacKenzie's former law clerk and Powers is the son of Judge Dennis Powers.

After the forum, Kuenzel said Reeds gave him the most confidence and that's why he might get his vote.

To bring light to their candidacies, Karen Safran of the Oakland County Bar Association and Brian Dickerson of the *Free Press* asked the candidates a set of questions. Some centered on the controversies.

"There has been a lot of press about the 52-1 court lately, but there has also been a lot of bad press about courts in general," Safran said. "And I'm wondering if, to both of you, if you could give us some thoughts, whether there has been a loss of public trust in the judiciary."

Powers said there has been some loss in confidence and the public wants to see fairness practiced in the courtroom. When asked why he selected his father as a model of a fair judge, Powers said it was because he believes his

father has done a good job in his role.

He did emphasize that judges must be, among many things, prepared and respectful to ensure a fair and professional courtroom. It's the role of the judge to protect the community and seek out the truth, Powers said.

He said his father advised him not to run but he went against the advice, feeling that he has what it takes to be a good judge - impartial, with a fair outlook and a belief in the law.

"We need an individual capable of doing that - restoring dignity to the office of judge, integrity and somebody who will listen, who has humility," Powers said.

Reeds believes the district court has really lost the trust of the public as he goes around to different communities.

"What I'm hearing at the doors is that the people are not happy," he said. "They're not satisfied with where their community's court is right now and they want a change."

He added, "I'm confident that if I'm elected, I can bring back the trust. I will work as hard as it takes, as long it takes, to

restore our community's confidence in our court because ... that's what our community deserves."

In his closing statement, Reeds said he possesses wide-ranging courtroom experience and a fair temperament to help do just that.

The primary election is Aug. 5. The two candidates receiving the most votes will move on to the November general election.

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Mackenzie's endorsements for re-election top 400; candidate forum tonight

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

As the three candidates for a seat on the 52-1 District Court bench prepare for tonight's forum in Wixom, the Committee to Retain Judge Brian MacKenzie announced that more than 400 elected officials, judges, magistrates and attorneys have already endorsed the incumbent's re-election.

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, a Republican, and Oakland County Treasurer Andrew Meisner, a Democrat, have joined together to back MacKenzie. Inter-party endorsements come from the mayor and full city council of Novi, the 52-1 District Court's home base.

"I have known this judge for well over 25 years," Novi Mayor Bob Gatt said. "As a former Novi police officer and community corrections administrator, I can tell you first-hand that Judge MacKenzie is one of the finest judges in Oakland County. The innovative programs that he has created have served our communities well. There can be no substitute for the imagination, flexibility, empathy and professionalism that he brings to his job."

MacKenzie, who has served as a district judge since 1988, was honored by the Foundation for the Improvement of Justice with the Paul H. Chapman Medal for significant contributions to the American criminal justice system, and has received numerous other awards for his community-based programs.

MacKenzie has also received the endorsement of public officials, judges, magistrates and members of the commu-

nity. To see the up-to-date list of his endorsements, visit <http://www.judgebrianmackenzie.com/endorsements/>.

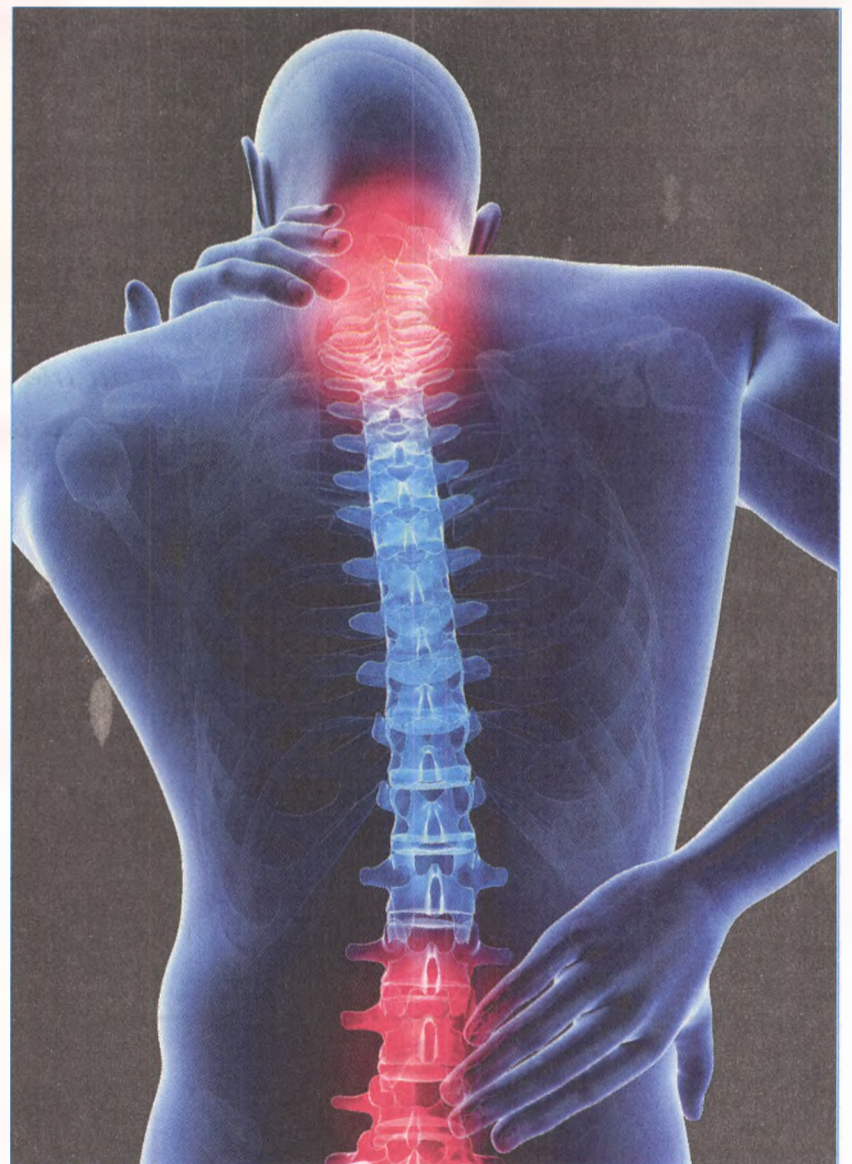
The League of Women Voters-Oakland Area is co-sponsoring with the Oakland County Bar Association and the *Detroit Free Press* a 52-1 District Court candidate forum at 7 p.m. tonight (June 26) at Wixom City Hall, 49045 Pontiac Trail. The public is invited to learn more about the candidates and ask questions.

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

Scott W. Powers, son of 52-1 District Judge Dennis Powers, and Travis M. Reeds, MacKenzie's former clerk, are challenging MacKenzie for the six-year term.

Oakland County Circuit Judge Colleen O'Brien ruled in February that MacKenzie had violated the law on at least eight occasions with his sentences and ordered him to turn over for review all domestic violence cases he had dismissed since 2003.

Last Tuesday, county Prosecutor Jessica Cooper filed a complaint that MacKenzie should be found in contempt of court for failing to turn over at least 33 additional domestic violence cases that he handled. O'Brien set a July 2 deadline for MacKenzie to officially respond to the complaint filed and then Cooper has until July 9 to reply once MacKenzie files his response. O'Brien will then review the filings before deciding to issue an opinion or hold a hearing. MacKenzie's attorney,



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Concerns about access to adult education worry some in Novi

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The staff at Novi's Community and Adult Education is worried about the future, specifically when it comes to funding and its overall organization on the state level. Officials are working to get the word out before things change even more and make things more difficult for those wishing to better themselves through education.

Bob Steeh, Novi Community School's director of community education, wants to motivate those who care about this issue to contact their legislators in support of adult education.

Steeh said adult education seems to be ignored and little attention is being paid to a growing concern, which is less programming for an increasing population.

"According to the American Fact Finder, there are approximately 900,000 adults in Michigan without a high school diploma or that read below a ninth-grade reading level," Steeh said, pointing to what he and Linda Cianferra, Novi's Alternative, Adult and Continuing Education coordinator, believe is the biggest concern.

His worries really started back in 2003, when adult education funding at the state level was reduced from \$80 million to \$22 million, which is where it stands now. He and Cianferra understand all of the needs across the state for school districts, but they said adults can't be ignored and the state must re-prioritize life-long learning.

Steeh, who is on the board of directors for the Michigan Association for Community and Adult Education, said reduced funding has led to the decrease in adult education programs around the state from 170 to 83. In turn, this has reduced the number of adults being served from 87,000 to 31,000. Many neighboring adult education programs have been cut all together, such as South Lyon's.

Novi has filled the void for many in the area, but this could change.

"Since access is limited, we are unable to provide opportunities for all people to secure the skills necessary



Steeh

for employment," Steeh said.

Changes tough

Again this year, Steeh said proposed changes in Lansing could make it even tougher on adult education programs. He said there is potential legislation that will add another layer between local programs and their organization and funding. In the past, programs went from being part of and overseen by the Department of Education to now being connected with Michigan Works. That's a change that Steeh and Cianferra said doesn't make complete sense because, ultimately, it is an education program.

Steeh said Gov. Rick Snyder is putting forth the idea to create Prosperity Regions, which would oversee different initiatives within a specific region, like adult education. Novi would be part of the proposed Region 10, which would include Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. One of these would be designated in charge of the adult education programs in metro Detroit, a large area.

According to Steeh, Region 10 makes up 52 percent of the adult education population in the state, so it would receive more than half the \$22 million in overall funding. From there, 5 percent of that would go to the intermediate school district in charge of the region, which would be the new way to oversee these programs.

Every bit matters as programs struggle to meet a big need. He thinks many adults are being and have been negatively impacted by the continuing lowering of the priority on adult education.

"If reduced access to adult education programs continues, the only opportunity to raise academic proficiency for high school dropouts will be eliminated," Steeh said. "As experience and research confirms, this leads to higher levels of incarceration and welfare costs and fewer young adults entering and contributing to our workforce and economy."

ON CAMPUS

Wheaton College

Novi students Amber Wright and Joshua Wright were named to the dean's list for the spring 2014 semester. Dean's list honors are earned by undergraduate students who carry 12 or more credit hours and achieve a 3.5 grade-point average or higher on the 4.0 scale.

Michigan Technological University

The achievements of nearly 1,000 graduates were honored May 3 at spring commencement, including the following students from Novi: Stephanie Deptula, bachelor of science in electrical engineering; Cody Fack-

ender, bachelor of science in mechanical engineering technology; and Andrew Shaw, bachelor of science in mechanical engineering and in biomedical engineering

University of St. Thomas-Houston

Novi's Alyssa Barnes was named to the dean's list for the spring 2014 semester. The dean's list is published each semester to recognize those students who, with a minimum credit hour load of 12 credit hours, have achieved a GPA of at least 3.3.

Albion College

The following Novi students were named to dean's list for the spring 2014 semester: Mikaela

Falsetti, Margaux Kabodian, Joshua Massab, Caitlin McClorey, Jonathan Takeshita and Xueying Yang. Students named to the dean's list must achieve a grade-point average of 3.5 or above at the completion of the semester.

Marquette University

Novi's Amy Cauzillo has been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2014 semester. She is pursuing a doctor of physical therapy degree.

Northern Michigan University

Novi's Andrew Bartlett and Wixom's Rachel Storck were named to the Dean's List for the winter 2014 semester.



Drumcommunity

Varun Brijesh, 4, dances with his mother Jayasree during a June 19 visit to the Novi Public Library by Lori Fithian and her Drumcommunity. The morning show gave dozens of kids and parents the opportunity to bang away at drums, cymbals, triangles and other percussion instruments and dance away the hour. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

School board looking to fill vacancy

Applications for the Novi school board seat opened with the resignation of Shari Lebo will be accepted until July 11. Interviews will be held July 17 and the board will make its decision Aug. 7.

The term expires Dec. 31, as does the seat vacated by Jason Manar (which the board is expected to fill at tonight's meeting) and that of Ann Glubzinski, treasurer. She has announced she will seek re-election in the November election. Willy Mena is also a candidate for a six-year seat on the board.

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; and answer 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.

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; file 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@novi.schools.net.

Summer C.A.R.E.

Registration for Novi Community Education's Summer Child C.A.R.E. has begun. This program is for children ages 3 who have attended one year of preschool up to children going into the eighth grade.

The program ends Friday, Aug. 15. Hours of operation are 6:45 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Students will be placed in age-appropriate groups and will participate in crafts, sports, field trips, games and free play. This year's location will be at the Instructional Technology Building (Novi Meadows), 25425 Taft Road. Lunch and snack are included (except on field trips days).

Registration and scheduling is done online at www.novicommunityed.org. Call 248-449-1713 for more information.

Glubzinski seeking re-election

Serving on a local school board is rewarding while at the same time very challenging, says Ann Glubzinski,



Glubzinski

who announced her candidacy for re-election to Novi's school board.

"Over the last few years, K-12 districts across Michigan have faced significant reductions in state funding," she said. "As a result, there has been a need to make difficult decisions regarding resource allocation within my district."

She says that serving as a board president during Michigan's severe recession has necessitated gracious diplomacy, substantial critical analysis and ultimately having to make unpopular decisions.

"Throughout my term in leadership, I have

learned that while I will never please all stakeholders, I can assure those individuals that I have our students' best interests in mind when establishing resource allocation priorities," Glubzinski said. "This very visible community-based leadership position begs the utilization of a broad skill set in order to satisfy our stakeholders, who demand very high educational standards for our community."

Glubzinski has sat on the board since 2006, serving as treasurer her first two years and since 2012. The treasurer of the board works closely with the assistant superintendent of business and finance to manage the district's \$70 million budget. The treasurer also chairs the finance committee.

Responsibilities of the position include reviewing quarterly budget updates; reviewing the annual budget before presentation to the entire

board; developing strategies to maintain a fund equity position of 10 percent or higher; reviewing project list and progress on projects financed by the sinking fund or other bond-funded construction activities; and meeting with independent auditors to assess the accuracy of financial records.

"While working at Comerica, Inc.," she said, "I gained a greater understanding of how business touches people every day, both as a consumer and as an employee. Consequently, I decided to pursue a master's degree in business administration. I selected marketing as my major because of my positive experience working as a marketing product manager at the bank and as a result of the management development program experience."

Glubzinski also has a bachelor of arts degree in political science from Michigan State Univer-

sity, minoring in economics and graduating with honors.

"My undergraduate degree actually ties very well with my master's program," she said. "My emphasis in political science was in the area of survey research and evaluation of public opinion. I immensely enjoy probability and statistics. I discovered that analyzing data to draw accurate conclusions was both interesting and challenging. My minor in economics laid a solid foundation for analysis of both micro and macro economic trends."

Glubzinski also was a fellow for the Michigan Political Leadership Program and she earned Michigan Association of School Boards Level 1 certification. She is a full-time faculty member of Concordia University's School of Business since 2012 and is an adjunct faculty member of Schoolcraft College in Livonia.



Banks Bulldog Bolt

Students at Sarah Banks Middle School, a Walled Lake Consolidated School, held their first end-of-the-year fundraiser – the Banks Bulldog Bolt – June 2. More than 250 students participated in an obstacle course-style event consisting of a run/sprint, spider web, water slide, balancing beams, tire run, haystack climbing wall and finally fun with colors (face chalking). Shown are eighth-graders Maddy Ramos and Lindsey Amcheshlavsky. "I am very proud of everyone," Banks Principal Brad Paddock said. "It was our first year of trying this type of fundraiser. We easily raised over \$1,000 for the Banks Dolbeer Historic Home Project." The home is currently in a restoration process in the city of Walled Lake. The Friends of the Banks Dolbeer home have several fundraisers during the year. CURTIS DROGMILLER

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EMU, Schoolcraft OK criminology program

Schoolcraft College students interested in a degree in criminology will have an easier process transferring to Eastern Michigan University as a result of a new articulation agreement recently signed by the two schools at Eastern's Livonia Center, 38777 Six Mile Road.

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.

Articulation agreements are a joint partnership between an EMU academic program and an academic program at a community college. Agreements make it easier for a student to successfully transfer to EMU, saving time and money and transfer credits.



Signing the articulation agreement are (from left) Thomas Venner, EMU dean of Arts and Sciences; Kim Schatzel, EMU provost and vice president for Academic Affairs and Student Services; Cheryl Hagen, Schoolcraft College vice president of Student Services; and Robert Leadley, Schoolcraft College dean of Occupational Programs and Economic Development.

"We're excited about offering this articulated program because there has been so much interest expressed by Schoolcraft students," said Patricia Cygnar, director of community

college relations at Eastern Michigan. "Eastern's degree completion program in criminology will be offered conveniently for Schoolcraft students at the EMU Livonia Center. Students will be able

to complete a bachelor's degree with the law enforcement or corrections concentrations right in Livonia."

The criminology degree can lead to a variety of careers in the criminal

justice system and corporate/private security. Careers include police officer, criminologist, forensic psychologist, private investigator, security specialist and correction officer. The

program is recognized by the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Training Council and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

EMU and Schoolcraft have 15 other articulation agreements, including applied technology, industrial distribution, aviation management, communication technology, health administration, hotel and restaurant management, nursing completion, public safety, social work and technology management.

Eastern Michigan University currently has 146 articulation agreements, with 17 Michigan community colleges, five out-of-state community colleges and three universities participating. A reverse transfer program and the Honors program are also available through 33 academic programs at Eastern.

For more information, go to www.emich.edu/ccr/artguide.php or call EMU community college relations at 734-487-6577.

District looks ahead, preparing for Sept. 2

Early in life, I learned my lesson about preparing for the future.

It was summer. I was 5 or 6 years old. My family was in the mountains, enjoying the day. There was a creek running through the picnic area.

Evidently, I am drawn to water – at least that is what my mom says. Right before it was time to leave, I was in the water. Wet from head to toe.

We had no towels in the car. No one was supposed to get wet. I had no dry clothes in the car. Again, no one was supposed to get wet.

My parents were



Steve Matthews
SUPER TALK

ready to leave. Yet, I was soaking wet. My parents didn't want me sitting on the car seat with wet clothes. It was at least an hour drive home.

Why my sister had some dry clothes in the car is still a mystery to me. But the next thing you know, there I am sitting in my sister's clothes – pouting as we drive home.

That incident taught me a lesson. You have to prepare.

For the past several

months, we have been preparing for the 2014-15 school year. For the next several weeks, those preparations will intensify.

We have started hiring teachers. At the June 19 Board of Education meeting, we hired three teachers for next year. We are continuing to monitor class size and school enrollments and will continue to hire when appropriate throughout the summer.

We have two significant construction projects under way this summer. We are installing artificial turf at the stadium field at the high school. This will provide additional opportunities for our

athletic teams, our band and community groups to use this field.

We are also temporarily transforming part of our ITC building into two additional preschool classrooms. This will provide us with additional preschool capacity for the next two years. These classrooms provide a service to our community but, more importantly, they also prepare our young students for kindergarten in Novi.

Many teachers have spent the last few days of June working together. They have reviewed curriculum. They have studied project-based learning. They have spent time

examining reading and math instruction. They have updated technology skills.

Our administrators have spent time this last week of June meeting and thinking about how we work with the students in our buildings. How do we discipline? How do we create engaging environments? How do we develop strong, positive relationships with students and parents? What can we do administratively to improve the culture of our schools?

I understand our responsibility to our community. We are expected to be ready for the start of school Sept. 2. More impor-

tantly, we are expected to continue to improve on the wonderful educational opportunities that we provide our students. We are committed to doing that.

That is why planning is important. We are not waiting until someone falls in the water and has no dry clothes. We look ahead and make our preparations early so that when school starts, we will be ready.

I look forward to our new school year. I will also keep a pair of dry clothes in my car.

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

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION For the PRIMARY/SPECIAL ELECTION to be held on TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2014

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

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

In Person:

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

Obtain Forms Online

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

By Mail:

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

The August 5, 2014 Election will be conducted in all precincts and includes the following:

- STATE: Governor
 Congressional: United States Senator and Representative in Congress
 Legislative: State Senator and State Representative
 County: County Commissioner
 Judicial: Judge of 52nd District Court 1st Division – Incumbent position

And for the purpose of electing Delegates to County Convention of the Republican and Democratic Parties.

STATE PROPOSAL - PROPOSAL 14-1

APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF AMENDATORY ACT TO REDUCE STATE USE TAX AND REPLACE WITH A LOCAL COMMUNITY STABILIZATION SHARE TO MODERNIZE THE TAX SYSTEM TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES GROW AND CREATE JOBS

Charter Amendment Proposal 1

Shall Sections 4.4 and 4.5 of the Novi City Charter, which currently provide that the Mayor and Councilmembers are paid on a per meeting basis, be changed to provide that a Councilperson will be paid \$4,500 per year and that the Mayor will be paid \$6,500 per year, effective upon adoption of this amendment, with a corresponding deletion of the provision in Section 5.7 of the Charter stating that the salary of an elected official shall not be changed from the day the official is elected until the end of the official's term of office?

Precincts 17, 18 and 19 will also vote on the following:

WAYNE COUNTY REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Pursuant to state law, the revenue raised by the proposed enhancement millage will be collected by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency and distributed to local public school districts within the boundaries of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency based on pupil membership count.

Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Michigan, be increased by 2.00 mills (\$2 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years, 2014 to 2019, inclusive, as new additional millage to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district operating purposes? It is estimated that 2 mills would raise approximately \$80,000,000 when first levied in 2014.

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

Maryanne Cornelius, MMC
City Clerk

For Mandy's Place



Oakland County Commissioner Kathy S. Crawford presented a special proclamation June 11 to the Village Oaks Elementary School and staff for donating more than 2,000 books for children at Mandy's Place. The 490 students collected the books and learned a valuable lesson in making a difference in the lives of others. Teachers Diana Malczewski, Shannon Myrand and Michelle Hurley were instrumental in making the project a reality. Mandy's Place is a temporary foster facility for children who have been subject to neglect and abuse in Oakland County and is part of Children's Village. Shown (from left) are Malczewski, Myrand, Hurley, Crawford and Oakland County Board Chairman Michael J. Gingell. JULIA RUFFIN

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT PTSLU14-0004

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the representative for NOVI Energy is requesting a **Temporary Special Land Use Permit** in accordance with 3004.2 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance for temporary placement of ground mounted solar panels on Hampton Woods Condo Unit #3 (west of 23955 Novi Road), south of Ten Mile Road, west of Novi Road for 12 months from date of approval.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure 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 **11:00 AM on Tuesday, July 8th, 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 July 7th, 2014.**

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

Wixom awards two major contract extensions

The city of Wixom has signed contract extensions for maintenance of its water and waste water utility systems, as well as for its financial and accounting services.

United Water Environmental Services has been awarded five-year contract extensions by the city of Wixom to provide for the maintenance and operation of the city's water and waste water utility systems. Under the contract extensions, United Water will continue to provide complete operation and maintenance of the water distribution system and appurtenances and waste water collection system and treatment plant within its design capabilities 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

"The city is pleased to continue its two-decade relationship with United Water (formerly known as Earth Tech Operations Services)," said Tony Nowicki, city manager. "With its high level of expertise, our integrated team of United Water and city staff work together to keep the facilities operating in peak condition and providing water and waste water services to the systems users in the most efficient, responsive and economical manner available. In fact, through this partnership, users enjoy one of the region's lowest combined water and waste water rate structures."

The extensions are the first since major contract modifications were made five years ago. They

provide a stable cost structure to maintain low water and sewer rates to the customers.

"We are excited about extending our contract with the city of Wixom," said Bertrand Camus, CEO of United Water. "Together we have accomplished much in terms of innovation, efficiencies and operations. A testament to our partnership is the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration's STAR designation for excellence in running the Wixom system. We look forward to building upon our success in the future."

Rehmann Robson of Troy has been awarded a three-year contract extension by the city to provide financial and

accounting services.

After the city's finance director of 29 years announced his retirement at the end of August 2013, the city needed to fill this void and provide uninterrupted professional financial and accounting services. According to Nowicki, consistent with the city's goal of increasing operational efficiency, cost avoidance and reducing legacy obligations, staff evaluated several service alternatives, including a new full-time finance director, outsourcing and departmental reorganization. From that review, it had been determined that a combination of outsourcing and departmental reorganization was the most viable means by which to pro-

vide internal financial management and accounting services.

Ultimately, a professional services agreement was crafted and approved by the city in October 2013 for an initial eight-month term with Rehmann Robson to provide comprehensive accounting, consulting and other municipal financial services. With the initial term complete and a change order extending the contract for three years, the annual savings to the community by employing this unique model has been calculated to be in excess of \$87,000.

During that eight-month initial term, the city and Rehmann Robson team developed new financial and investment

reporting packets, prepared a budget along with multi-year projections and assisted in streamlining accounting practices. Future projects include converting to a new financial software system, conversion to the Michigan State Chart of Accounts, a comprehensive review of the capital improvement program and a number of other undertakings.

"The Wixom-Rehmann Robson dynamic duo (Marilyn Stamper and Casey Zaski) are on a roll. Never have I seen two people so excited about accounting and accomplish so much in such a short period of time," Nowicki said. "It's a great fit for both the city and Rehmann Robson."

Eight Mile Road work

Eight Mile Road, seen here from Beck Road, is now closed to Taft Road to all but local traffic for a major construction effort. Eight Mile from Beck to Napier Road will also undergo work this summer and the road might not be fully open to all traffic until November. Detours around the construction zones have been posted. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Voters face July 7 deadline to register for primary

As Novi political groups ratchet up their efforts to mobilize voters this election season, residents who want to have a voice in the Aug. 5 primary are facing a July 7 deadline to register.

As of Monday afternoon, Novi had 39,286 registered voters. Residents seeking to register may go to the clerk's office in the Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, or to any Secretary of State office. One is located at 31164 Beck Road.

Potential voters also may get a registration application from the Secretary of State website at www.michigan.gov/sos. Simply click on the Elections in Michigan tab and look for the form which, if mailed,

must be postmarked by July 7.

Residents who go to the Novi city clerk's office to register should bring identification. They also must be 18 years old by election day and reside in Novi.

Voters in the primary, as opposed to the general election, must cast their ballots for one party rather than mixing up their choices.

Voters don't have to vote in every political race or for every ballot measure, but they must vote within the confines of one political party. That's because the purpose of a primary is to choose candidates who will advance to the November general election and face an opposing party's nominee.

SEMCOG's interactive map shows commuting patterns

SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, has a new interactive map that shows commuting patterns for communities in the seven-county southeast Michigan region — Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne counties.

The new map answers the following questions

for each community:

- » How many residents work in the community in which they live?
- » Where are additional workers commuting from?
- » What communities are residents commuting to?

Using data from the Census Transportation Planning Package, Commuting Patterns in South-

east Michigan, SEMCOG developed an interactive map that shows where people in southeast Michigan commute to and from. Just click on a community and explore by selecting "Inflows" or "Outflows."

Results show the number of workers who live and work in the selected community, as well as the number of workers who

commute to the selected community. Detailed statistics of the communities that residents commute to or from is displayed in a bar chart. The map also colors in the relational communities.

This interactive map (semcog.org/mapping/commute_map/index.html) is best viewed in Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox.



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Firefighters from Lyon, South Lyon, Wixom, Walled Lake, Commerce, Highland Township, Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills participated in the June 18 training scenario. PHOTOS BY HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

MOCK GAS LEAK HELPS RESPONDERS IRON OUT KINKS

By Diane Gale Andreassi
Staff Writer

It was the mother of all fire drills Friday, when firefighters from nine communities simulated a gas leak at South Lyon East High School.

The exercise tested Oakland County's new radio system.

"The primary purpose of the exercise was to test our current communications response plans and our capabilities for a significant incident," Lyon Fire Chief Ken Van Sparrentak said.

To make things even more interesting, Lyon Township firefighters were called to a real medical emergency during the drill. That unexpected turn of events provided a lesson, too.



Lyon Township organized a mock four-alarm fire last week at South Lyon East High School for area fire departments, giving firefighters a chance to test communication between departments.

Van Sparrentak said he learned it's essential to immediately call in more responders than might be deemed necessary to ensure there is enough personnel to handle the initial call in case other incidents occur.

Lyon, South Lyon, Wixom, Walled Lake,

Commerce, Highland Township, Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills firefighters responded to the mock four-alarm call. The training scenario at the school involved utility crews who were laying fiber optic cables. While working, natural gas could be

smelled, followed by a large explosion in the school's pool area.

"Obviously, it was the kind of incident that we would need mutual aid and the ability to communicate with incoming agencies," Van Sparrentak said. "I think we are all a little better prepared for something like that. We all came together and worked well together. The relationships are important before the emergency happens."

Increasing response

As the incident escalated from one alarm to four, more agencies were called in to help. Lessons learned from the drill will be applied to another mock program in September with other Oakland County fire departments.

A four-alarm fire "is hopefully as big as we get for a major incident," he said. "Our radio system county wide is relatively new and it takes practice to be proficient at it. We have to get out there and practice. Let's test to see if we can talk with each other. Here's our radio system. How do we use it and how do we use it for that nightmare event?"

Communication among responders is key. When things go wrong, he said, "it's an inability to communicate with other agencies" that cause additional problems.

South Lyon Fire Chief Mike Kennedy, who was at the scene Friday, said the training was well worth it.

"I give Lyon Township a ton of credit for doing it," he said. "It's the first of its kind done in Oakland County."

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Oakland gun violence report nabs national honor

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners Public Services Committee and its Curbing Gun Violence Study Group's efforts have garnered national recognition.

The bipartisan initiative to "Prevent Gun Violence in Oakland County and Public Awareness Program" has been selected for a 2014 National Association of Counties Achievement Award. The program was described as being innovative and was selected in the National Association of Counties category of Civic Education and Public Information.

"The bipartisan effort with (Oakland Commissioner) Marcia (Gershenson) is what I feel real good about," said Bill Dwyer, Oakland County chairman of the Public Service Committee and Curbing Gun Violence Study Group.

Actions taken that resulted in the national recognition of the program included full review of the threat of gun violence, with experts from many facets of the issue and agencies participating in gauging the situation in Oakland County following the 2012 Sandy Hook massacre and other mass shootings.

"We will continue to focus on our goal to decrease gun violence, despite the complexity of the issue and the rising tide of violence plaguing our nation," said Dwyer, former Farmington Hills police chief.

As a result of the

committee's study group, a series of bipartisan resolutions calling for action at the state and federal level were issued. Grant funding for more local school law enforcement liaison officers were requested by resolution by the Board of Commissioners and sent to the Michigan Legislature.

Former news anchor Diana Lewis recorded three public service announcements to promote awareness about age-appropriate video game content for children, as well as mental health and gun safety locks. These have been distributed to local public access, cable and commercial network stations.

In May, the committee's study group recognized Mental Health Awareness Month and announced the free Mental Health Training programs available for county residents and other services.

A Gun Safety Awareness Day Free Gun Lock Giveaway was hosted countywide June 6, with more than 38 law agencies joining this first-time effort.

Dwyer and Gershenson have continued the bipartisan effort, as specified by their resolution MR No. 13017, to Examine How Oakland County Citizens Are Protected From Gun Violence.

The report is available online at www.oakgov.com/boc.

For more information, call Dwyer at 248-417-7500 or Gershenson at 248-808-1032.

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Car break-in

A woman's car was broken into while parked at the Lifetime Fitness in Novi.

The incident occurred May 21 at the location on High Pointe Boulevard. The woman found her car's passenger window broken and a Coach handbag missing. There were two witnesses who saw a man swing something to hit the window and then quickly drive away.

The case remains open.

Another car break-in

A car parked in front of Chuck E. Cheese was broken into and a GPS, purse and bag of medical supplies were stolen.

The larceny happened May 31 and the owner had her car's driver's side window smashed in while inside. The medical supplies included a blood pressure machine. The parking lot security cameras were not working at the time.

The case is closed due to lack of evidence.

Tire/wheels stolen

A vehicle at Suburban Infiniti of Novi had its tires/wheels stolen by an unknown suspect.

The theft took place some time over the weekend of May 31 through June 2 at the location on Haggerty Road. Four 22-inch wheels/tires were taken. The SUV was found on wooden blocks by a dealership employee. There were no security cameras or witnesses that observed the theft.

iPhone and wallet stolen

A man's cellphone and cash were stolen while he played basketball at Lifetime Fitness.

The incident happened June 2. The man believes his locker key fell out while playing and someone must have picked it up. He found his key in the locker and it opened to reveal his personal items missing. The case remains open for further investigation.

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Family raises money in memory of mother, wife

By Diane Gale Andreassi
Staff Writer

Live Like Andi is the mantra Andi O'Connell's family uses to raise money and awareness for the rare cancer that took her life seven years ago.

O'Connell was 40 when she died from adenoid cystic carcinoma. She left her husband Michael and three children, Tyler, Gabrielle, and Olivia, after a 21-year battle with the disease.

The South Lyon family launched the Live Like Andi Foundation shortly after her death. The foundation is hosting 5K and 10K races at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 28, at Catholic Central High School. The annual event last year drew about 500 people and has raised \$400,000 for the Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma Research Foundation, as well as other organizations.



Gabrielle O'Connell and her family created the Live Like Andi Foundation shortly after her mom's death seven years ago, raising money for the Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma Research Foundation and other organizations. HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Research funds

Shortly after O'Connell died, her family was sitting at the breakfast table and they decided they wanted to help other families with support and to raise money for studies

that could develop a cure for the disease that is neither inherited nor associated with smoking, drinking, infection or ethnicity, said Gabrielle, 18, a recent graduate of South Lyon High School. "It's just random," said

Gabrielle, who plans to attend Michigan State University in the fall to study science "hopefully to do lab research on cancer."

Money raised by the Live Like Andi Foundation goes toward research leading to a cure for ACC, to support ACC patients and their families and to award scholarships to students who share Andi's positive outlook despite carrying heavy burdens.

Some of the \$400,000 raised has gone to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, which recently completed the second portion of a clinical trial on ACC, Gabrielle said.

"Karmanos is only one of many who receive our funds," she added.

Diagnosed with ACC

O'Connell was 19 when she was diagnosed with ACC and her life expectancy was five to seven years. She is remem-

bered for her herculean arsenal of hope that buoyed her family and friends, her husband said.

ACCRF is the leading organization working to fund research leading to treatments and ultimately a cure for ACC. There is no known cure and not much research is being conducted. Afflicting thousands of Americans, ACC is diagnosed in about 600 new cases each year in the United States.

"She's definitely proud of me, my brother and my sister," Gabrielle said, referring to her mother. "And I think she would be very proud of our work so far" with raising money for research.

For more information, go to the www.livelikeyandi.org website. Donations by mail may be sent to P.O. Box 521, South Lyon, MI 48178.

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Discover The Infatuations and at Baronette hotel

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

Looking to discover something new and exciting? Head over 6-10 p.m. today to the Baronette Renaissance Detroit-Novi Hotel and chances are pretty good that you will.

It's the day Renaissance hotels around the world encourage travelers (and locals) to celebrate their third annual Global Day of Discovery.

"We have a program called 'Live Life to Discover' where we introduce you to something new anywhere you travel," said Sora Chan, of the Novi Baronette Renaissance (located on the east side of Novi Road, just south of 12 Mile Road). "You'll always discover new things. We work with local artists to come in and perform in our lob-



The Infatuations are a celebration of the well-crafted pop-soul of Motown, but with a modern flair.

bies."

Tonight, folks at the Novi hotel will discover The Infatuations, one of Detroit's hottest bands. Winners of five (of 14 nominations) 2014 Detroit Music Awards, the band is a blend of funk, pop, soul and Motown, all featured on its first full-length release *Detroit Block Party*.

"I know this band has lots of followers because we've been getting a lot of calls," Chan said.

"There are many people interested in the event."

She said the hotel will offer special wines, special menus and signature cocktails, too. Although there is a cash bar, the event is free for hotel guests and non-guests of all ages.

For more information, visit the Baronette's Facebook page or call 248-349-7800.

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Upcoming events help build interest in annual Komen 3-Day walk

The 2014 Susan G. Komen 3-Day is coming to the tri-county area Aug. 15-17.

The 60-mile walk will begin Aug. 15 with an inspiring opening ceremony at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River, Novi, and end Aug. 17 with a celebratory closing ceremony at Ford World Headquarters in Dearborn.

The Komen 3-Day is for both women and men who want to be a part of something bigger — ending breast

cancer forever.

Participants raise a minimum of \$2,300 and walk an average of 20 miles a day for three consecutive days, educating tens of thousands of people about breast health and raising funds to help support breast cancer research and community outreach programs.

In preparation for the walk, there will be a Wine-y Walker Meet-Up 6-8 p.m. today (Thursday, June 26) at Michigan by the Bottle Tasting Room, 45645 Hayes

Road, Shelby Township.

During the 3-Day, there is no whining and no wine-ing allowed, but before the event participants are free to indulge a bit.

Participants can treat themselves to some Michigan wines and local bites while meeting fellow walkers and crew. A 3-Day coach will be available to answer questions.

For more information about the Susan G. Komen 3-Day, call 800-996-3DAY or visit www.the3day.org.



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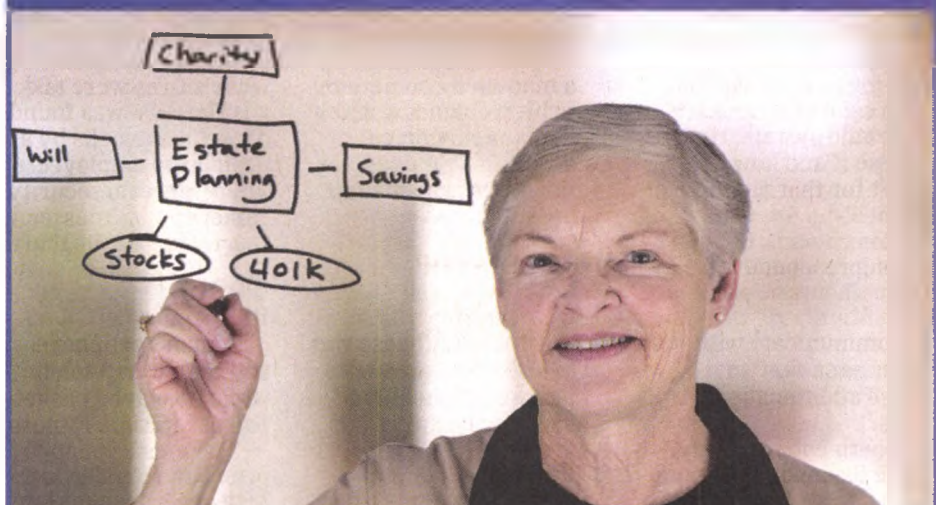
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Trott made millions in mortgage crisis

Candidate for U.S. House seat says his company did nothing wrong

By John Wisely and L.L. Brasier
Gannett Michigan

In a commercial for his congressional campaign, David Trott tells of joining his mom and dad's business in 1985 and later taking the helm.

"The business grew from six people to 1,800," Trott says, as the camera shows him, dressed in an open-collared shirt, in a light-filled room, before shifting to scenes of people working in a warehouse setting and an office. "I'm a job creator."

Trott never identifies what the family business does. The stock footage used in the political ad shows what appears to be manufacturing or shipping.

In reality, Trott is an attorney and his specialty is foreclosing on homes on behalf of banks and other lenders — as many as 80,000 in Michigan in a single year, by his own count, during the peak of the housing crisis.

His Farmington Hills law firm, Trott & Trott, is Michigan's largest foreclosure law firm and one of the biggest in the country. Financial disclosure statements he filed in December as part of his congressional campaign show the financial holdings of Trott and his wife Kathleen are worth at least \$60.2 million and possibly as much as \$204.9 million.

Trott became a leader in the foreclosure industry that boomed in 2008 when the housing market went bust by buying up companies needed to complete a foreclosure from beginning to end. And he profits at each step of the process.

Besides his law firm that handles legal work, Trott owns or has a financial interest in the document company that processes paperwork, a newspaper that publishes required legal notices, the title companies that do the deed work and a large real estate firm that sometimes handles the homes on which his clients have foreclosed.

Trott's businesses are legal and he defends them as a crucial part of the mortgage lending process, representing the interests of banks and mortgage companies.

"I'm just doing my job for my clients," Trott told the *Detroit Free Press* in December. "We have good people and we are working hard to do it right."

Elliot Spoon, a mortgage expert who teaches real estate law at Michigan State University, called Trott an innovator who invested in technology and developed a business model that has brought efficiencies to an industry in chaos.

But critics say his one-stop-shopping approach sometimes works against struggling homeowners.

"The only way he makes money is to take people's homes," said attorney Valerie Moran, who helped a retired

nurse keep her Walled Lake home after a two-year legal battle.

Trott declined to discuss that case and those of several other Michigan families interviewed by the *Free Press*, some of whom were able to stop their foreclosures through legal battles with Trott's law firm and the banks.

"This firm has never been subject to a significant judgment and no court has ever sanctioned the firm for unethical conduct," he said.

His job, Trott said, is to do what is in the best interests of the banks that hire him, whether that's negotiating a loan modification or taking a house through foreclosure. If he put his own interests or those of the homeowners ahead of the banks, his clients would fire him, he said.

Trott's businesses, which he operates from a 200,000-square-foot office complex on Northwestern Highway that formerly housed the headquarters of Compuware, have made him both revered and reviled.

His congressional campaign promises to bring increased scrutiny. Trott is challenging incumbent U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio in the GOP primary in Michigan's heavily Republican 11th District.

A recent political ad, paid for by a group supporting Bentivolio, called Trott "the Foreclosure King" and attacked him for foreclosing on a 101-year-old Detroit woman who'd lived in a family home for 65 years. Unbeknownst to the woman, her son had taken out a reverse mortgage and hidden eviction notices from her.

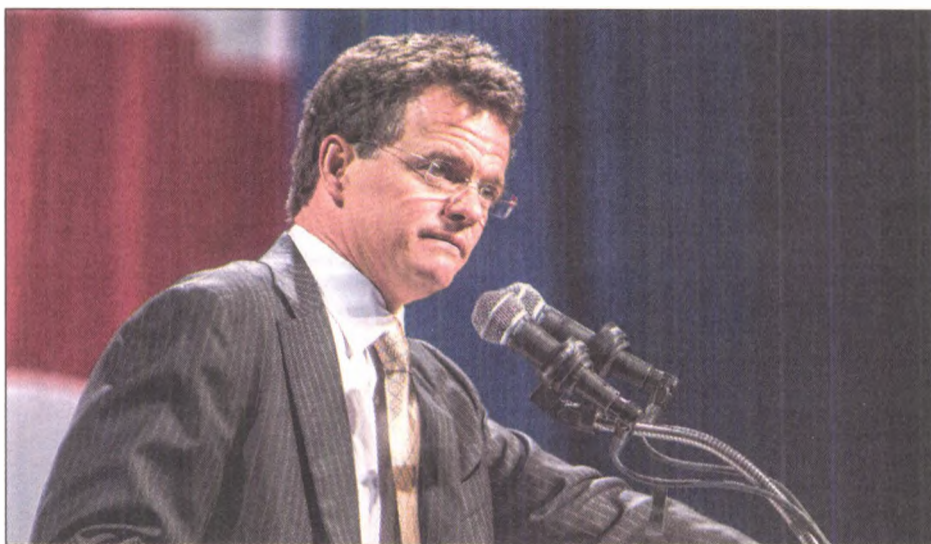
Trott didn't personally participate in that foreclosure or most of the other thousands of foreclosures handled by his firm annually — he currently employs 74 attorneys to do that. Those "mediation team" members, as they are called on the business cards handed out to delinquent borrowers, act as the face of the banks and mortgage companies in the foreclosure process.

Offer refused

Mark Rozier sometimes stares out the window of the lower flat of a decrepit duplex where he lives on Burnside Street in northeast Detroit. Some windows in the other flat are boarded up with plywood; the lawn is patchy and brown. Across the street sits a once-tidy, cream-colored house.

He once owned that house. Built a second story. Added a bedroom and a bath. Renovated the kitchen, carpeted the porch, tended the flower beds. And raised a family there, despite the rapid deterioration of one of Detroit's most blighted neighborhoods.

But Rozier, like tens of thousands of other Michiganders, lost his home to foreclosure during the housing crisis. After a



David Trott introduces keynote speaker Donald Trump during the 124th Oakland County Republican Party Lincoln Day Dinner in 2013. GANNETT MICHIGAN

three-year legal battle with Trott's law firm and the bank, the notice arrived last Christmas Eve. He was evicted in January and moved his wife, who is on kidney dialysis, his bedridden mother, and his uncle, who has Down syndrome and is in a wheelchair, into a neighbor's empty duplex across the street.

With the neighborhood in decline, his former house was only worth \$10,000 when the foreclosure was filed — even though Rozier, 49, owed \$48,000 on the mortgage, money taken out in part to fund the improvements. He'd started missing his \$634 monthly payments in 2009 when his wife Nomora, a nurse's aide, went into kidney failure and could no longer work.

Rozier said he scraped up \$8,000 to try to keep it. The bank, through Trott's law firm, refused that offer and spent three years and thousands of dollars in legal fees, taking the home away from him, Rozier and his attorney said.

JPMorgan Chase & Co. spokeswoman Amy Bonitatibus said the bank tried to work with the Roziers early on, but that Rozier made the cash offer too late, after the house had been foreclosed upon. The bank spent little on legal fees because the case stalled after a judge halted the eviction for a year, she said.

"We worked hard to keep the customer in his home," she said.

The home is now for sale for \$4,900. Most of the \$8,000 Rozier said he had saved up at the time of the foreclosure went to other bills, including medical payments for his sick wife.

"I hope someday we can go back home," Rozier said wistfully in a recent interview. "That maybe somebody will let me buy back my house."

The home that Rozier put his heart and earnings into has since been stripped by vandals of its copper wiring, plumbing and kitchen cabinets. The front door and side doors have been kicked in and it is taking on the look of all the other homes in the neighborhood — one of despair.

Attorney Angela Howell, who helps low-income families fight foreclosures and represented the Roziers in their battle, said there were government programs that could have helped the Roziers' refinance, if

Trott's law firm and the lender had agreed.

"Why does Trott, the bank, want to spend \$20,000 in attorney fees fighting to throw this family out of a home they won't be able to resell?" she asked. "It makes no sense."

Money to be made

As the housing crisis imploded — 3 million homes were in foreclosure nationwide by 2009 — Trott's clients were woefully unprepared to handle the avalanche of foreclosures and the millions of requests for help that swamped the mortgage industry.

"Banks were overwhelmed by the amount of loans that were in default and the amount of loans that might be eligible to be modified," MSU's Spoon said. "They didn't have control of the situation. They didn't have enough trained people to deal with it. It spun out of control on them."

Their inability to deal with the onslaught of defaults proved Trott's good fortune.

For lenders looking to take back a home from a delinquent borrower, Trott & Trott offered a unique one-stop-shopping business model.

For Trott, there was money to be made on each foreclosure that came through his business empire — in 2009, by his own accounting, he handled 80,000 in Michigan alone. The banks paid his firm a flat fee for each foreclosure completed — exactly how much, Trott won't say.

Filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission show that beyond his firm's legal fees, Trott's businesses generated hundreds of millions of dollars for him and his business partners.

Two aspects of Trott's work — legal notice publishing and foreclosure file processing — generated \$344.3 million in business between 2007 and 2012 for Dolan Media. The Minneapolis-based information company partnered with Trott on numerous projects, including partial ownership of *Detroit Legal News Publishing*, according to the SEC filings.

Trott's business was so valuable, *Detroit Legal News* took out a \$15 million life insurance policy on Trott and paid him a \$500,000 annual consulting fee, as long as his law firm provided at least 1,000 foreclosure notices

per month, the SEC filings show.

Trott also helped create a foreclosure file processing company, now known as NDeX. He sold his stake to Dolan Media for \$10.5 million four years ago, but continued to run it until February 2013, earning about \$264,000 annually. Dolan also paid about \$646,000 annually to lease office space for NDeX in Trott's headquarters on Northwestern Highway.

As the economy recovered and foreclosures fell, Dolan Media sold back the Michigan part of the NDeX business to Trott last year for an undisclosed sum. In March, Dolan filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy to reduce its debt.

'Nothing but a charade'

In 2009, the federal government launched massive housing assistance programs to try to stem the avalanche of foreclosures; Michiganders alone lost 500,000 homes during the crisis. The assistance was available through banks.

Trott's firm was hired by the banks to bargain in good faith with borrowers to modify loans with incentives such as reduced principal, lower interest rates or longer payback periods.

But in state and federal lawsuits reviewed by the *Free Press*, dozens of delinquent borrowers complained that they were turned down for minor problems, such as misplaced documents, confusion over deadlines or poor communication.

Trott, in recent interviews, said that although his firm had the authority to assist homeowners in stopping foreclosures — and was even required by state law to meet with troubled homeowners to discuss their options — he preferred to defer to the banks and mortgage companies, which often gave the thumbs down to new deals.

Trott denies that he or his bank clients mistreated homeowners seeking loan modifications.

"I don't purposefully avoid giving someone a loan modification to make more money," he told the *Free Press*. "It suggests I'm unethical."

But he acknowledged that he makes more money by foreclosing than by stopping the process with a loan modification.

"Absolutely," he said. "You could say the same thing about a doctor who says you're healthy now. I don't need to see you anymore."

In 2012, the U.S. Justice Department sued the

nation's top five banks for mishandling foreclosures and failing to adequately assist struggling homeowners in obtaining money they were entitled to under federal programs — loan modifications typically handled through foreclosure law firms such as Trott & Trott.

The banks — Bank of America, JPMorgan Chase, Wells Fargo, Citigroup and Ally Financial — eventually settled the suit, agreeing to pay \$25 billion but without admitting wrongdoing. Trott was not named in the suit and did not participate in any settlement.

"In the course of their servicing and oversight of mortgage loans the banks violated federal laws, program requirements and contractual requirements governing loss mitigation," the Justice Department charged in the suit, adding the banks engaged in "unfair, unlawful, and deceptive practices" in how they treated troubled homeowners facing foreclosures.

"It was nothing but a charade," said attorney Ryan Stearn, who has represented dozens of homeowners suing Trott & Trott and the banks, sometimes successfully alleging that they were entitled to loan modifications under the laws, but were wrongly turned away. "The banks weren't even capable of processing the sheer volume of loan modification requests that were coming in. They didn't have enough underwriters."

Valuable service

Besides his headquarters at the Trott Financial Center, Trott also has offices in Oakland and Macomb counties, as well as in Westerville, Ohio.

It's a far cry from the firm's humble beginnings, when his parents opened up Robert A. Trott, P.C., a boutique firm that worked in real estate law.

"They needed 20 files a month to break even," Trott said.

When David Trott joined the business in 1985, his father changed the firm name to Trott & Trott.

Trott said his father was bookish and enjoyed proofreading files, while his mother Rose, who was the office manager, was more gregarious and liked talking to clients. Trott said he takes after his mother and always preferred dealing with the clients.

Trott's wife is also an attorney. In 2000, Kathleen Trott formed Attorneys Title Agency to do the title searches for the firm after the company they had used stopped taking new files.

"We formed the title agency out of the necessity," he said.

As the real estate market crashed, many long-time title companies in metro Detroit were struggling or closing. Trott bought Greko Title, Seaver Title and Great Lakes Title to handle his foreclosures, as well as other work.

"The ancillary businesses have been great," Trott said. "They help you cross-sell the business. As the foreclosure business has declined, we've been able to move people on to the title companies."

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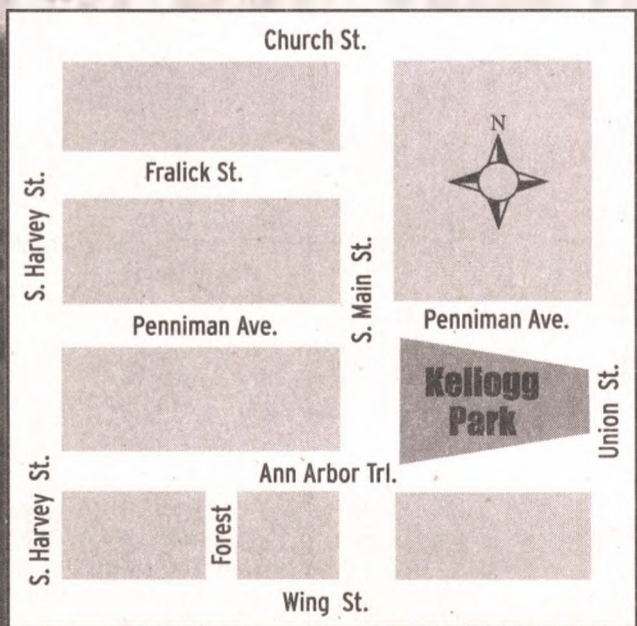


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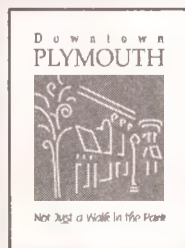
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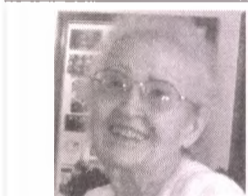
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GEIGER, KAY E.



Age 84, passed away June 20, 2014. She is survived by her children: Dawn Habkirk and David Geiger, her grandchildren: Marty, Luke, Kale, Jake, Daniel, Erik, Brett and great grandchildren: Ryjker, Holland and Bryn "Kay". Kay is also survived by her dear friend Bill Collins. She is preceded in death by Gordon A. Geiger and her children Dan and Diane. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, July 1, 2014 at 6:00pm, with friends gathering at 5:00pm, at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St. South Lyon.
www.phillipsfuneral.com



HORSFALL, ALMEDA M.

Age 89, of Northville, passed away June 22, 2014. She was born January 12, 1925 in Springfield, Illinois; daughter of Lewis and Bessie (nee Trout) Whetzel. On January 22, 1943 in Lincoln, Nebraska Almeda married the love of her life Owen Horsfall and they spent 46 blissful years together until his death in 1989. Almeda and Owen chose to raise their family in Northville and lived there for over 40 years. After Owen's death Almeda moved back to her hometown of Springfield for a few years, then back to Northville. She enjoyed crossword puzzles, refinishing furniture, and working in her yard. She was a wonderful baker and cook; she baked hundreds, if not thousands of cookies around Christmas time. Almeda was a caregiver by nature and was always there for family and friends. When her children were younger she was very active and loved playing with them. She was the designated pitcher for the neighborhood baseball games. She was her children's class mom and cherished attending all of the activities both inside and outside the classroom. Almeda is survived by her children, Mary (Mike) Dittmer, Lois (Mark) Black, and David Horsfall; her siblings, Denzil DeVaney, Ora Blankenship, Jr., Fred (Nancy) Blankenship, and Linda Marvel; her grandchildren, Donald Gardner, Eric Gardner, Elizabeth (Richard) Burns, Kathy (Jeff) Snyder, Riley (Amanda) Horsfall, and Wendy Horsfall; and her great-grandchildren, Kylie, Logan, Meghan, Daniel, Matthew, Katy, Jonah, Mackenzie, and Raigen. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and nine brothers and sisters. Visitation will be held Thursday, June 26 from 9:30am until 11am with the funeral service beginning at 11am at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap, Northville. Pastor Mark Black with Hillcrest Baptist Church in Mishawaka, Indiana will officiate the service. She will be laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to Home Away From Home, 807 East Grand River, Fowlerville, MI 48836. Please visit:
www.casterlinefuneralhome.com to offer your condolences



THUMM, BETTY J.

Age 85, of Northville, passed away June 17, 2014. She was born April 20, 1929 in Detroit, Michigan, daughter of Leo Wilfred and Vida Myrtle (nee Batchelor) Dilse. Betty graduated from Southeastern High School in 1947; she was a very gifted student. At the age of 13 she was hired at J.L. Hudson Company, but did not start her job until she was 14. She was 17 and still in high school when they made her a Supervisor in Inspections. After high school graduation, she went to work for Michigan Bell as a Service Representative and was later promoted to Supervisor in the business office. Betty was a hardworking and devoted mother who supported her children by working as a bookkeeper with various plumbing companies. She also was the owner and operator of Tiffany Personnel Company. Betty loved traveling to Mackinac Island and loved going to the Michigan State Fair with her family. She was a great cook who enjoyed an occasional fine dining experience. Betty liked to garden and was very proud of her rose bushes. She is survived by her children, Debra (William) Miller, Robert (Frankie) Thumm, Carol Thumm, Leslie Thumm, Susan (Moses) Venegas, and Richard Thumm; and her grandchildren, Shannon Clark, Robert Thumm, Brian Clark, Heather Haely, Jennifer Haely, and Erin Venegas. She was preceded in death by her parents and her younger sister Ruth Dilse. A Funeral Service was held last Friday at Casterline Funeral Home of Northville. She was laid to rest at Perry Mount Park in Pontiac. Memorial contribution would be appreciated to the Special Olympics Michigan, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859. Online condolences at
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ZIMMERMANN, ELAINE A.

Age 70, passed away June 20, 2014. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 28, 2014 at 3:30pm, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St. The family will receive friends at 2:00pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions should be made out to Oak Point Church, and mailed to 50200 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48374. At her request in the memo line write Missions/Elaine Zimmermann. Funds received will be used specifically for Mission Trips.

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



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Web: www.brightmoorchurch.org

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Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road

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

Mass Schedule

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

Holy days: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment

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

AA: 8 p.m. Wednesdays

Crosspointe Meadows Church

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile

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

Sunday worship: 11 a.m.

Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages

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

Destiny Worship Center

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

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

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org

Contact: 248-442-8822

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

Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednesdays

Women's Coffee Break Bible Study: 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays; *God Revealed* by Fred Sievert

Special Needs Ministry: Contact Judy Cook, 248-442-8822

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile

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

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing

Contact: 248-348-1020

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

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

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

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

First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile

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

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

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

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

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Troy Ogle and Surge Youth Group. There is a Family Story Time during the month of June for birth through kindergarten with their family.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main

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

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.

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

First Presbyterian Church

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

Contact: 248-437-2875

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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

Contact: 248-349-0565

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

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

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

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

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

Hope Lutheran Church

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

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman, Livonia

Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit

RELIGION CALENDAR

www.livoniachurch.net

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

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

Legacy Church

(formerly First Baptist Church and Orchard Hills Baptist Church)

Location: 23455 Novi Road, Novi

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

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

Worship Services: 11 a.m.

Bible Study/Prayer: Wednesday 7 p.m.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road between Eight Mile and Nine Mile

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

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Church School and Nursery Care: provided during worship

Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.

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

Pilgrim Fellowship: 6 p.m. Sundays

Orchard Grove Community Church

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Building C, Walled Lake

Web: www.orchardgrove.org

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

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile

Contact: 248-348-9030; ncalife.org

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

Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.; Adult elective classes; junior and senior high ministries; children's programs, Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade); call 248-348-9031.

Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Life

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

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

Novi United Methodist Church

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile

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

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

Sunday Worship: 9:45 a.m.

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

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

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Location: 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills

Phone: 248-553-3380

St. James Catholic Church

Location: 46325 10 Mile, Novi

Contact: 248-347-7778

Pastor: Monsignor John Kasza

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

St. John Lutheran Church

Location: 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills

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

Oak Pointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile, Novi

Contact: 248-912-0043

Web: www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups

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

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

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

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

Our Saviour Apostolic Lutheran Church

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville

Contact: 248-374-2268

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

Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Orchard Grove Community Church

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake

Contact: 248-926-6584; www.orchardgrove.org

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township

Contact: 734-453-0326, Ext. 221

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

Location: 132 Orchard Drive, Northville

Contact: 248-349-2621 or olv-northville.org

Saturday Worship: 5 p.m.

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

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon, Plymouth

Contact: pastor Bill Burke at 734-927-0891

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

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

Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville

Hams broadcasting at Field Day this weekend

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

The public is invited to visit Field Day, which is held annually by local amateur radio operators, who are also known as ham radio operators or "hams."

The volunteers will set up about 7 a.m. and go a full 24 hours Saturday and Sunday, June 28-29, at Garden City Park, located on Cherry Hill, east of Merriman.

Operators like Richard Zarczynski said that the day provides both education and fun.

The objective is to work as many stations as possible on amateur bands and to learn to operate in abnormal situations in less than optimal conditions. Field Day is open to all amateurs in the areas covered by the ARRL/RAC



Operator David Herron, whose call sign is N8DAH, makes some final adjustments to the 20-meter beam antenna before it's raised on the tower for Field Day, June 28-29, in Garden City.

Field Organizations.

"The Garden City Amateur Radio Club will again be demonstrating our value in public assistance with using various modes of emergency communications capabilities," Zarczynski said.

"Ham radio operators, especially in the U.S. and Canada, will be participating in this annual event sponsored by the American Radio Relay League known as ARRL, a national association for amateur operators."

He added that the state Senate has adopted SR 0049, which declares that the week of June 23-29 as "Amateur Radio Week in Michigan."

All licensed amateur radio operators are welcome to join GCARC club members in operating from multiple stations set up in the park.

Other activities:

» The club's volunteer examiners team will conduct testing for technician, general and extra class license privileges to those amateur operators who want to upgrade their license classification. This is scheduled for noon Saturday, June 28.

» Boy Scout Troop 740, sponsored by the Garden City Presbyterian Church, will be camping on site and providing meals and support to the hams.

» There will be a special Get-On-The-Air station set up for youths who want to make contact and broadcast with other hams on the HF and VHF bands.

Zarczynski invited families to stop by and have all of their questions answered by the ham radio operators.

The Garden City Amateur Radio Club meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month in the lower level of the Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, one block south of Ford. Potential new members and guests are welcome.

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1850 S. Commerce Rd.
Walled Lake, MI 48390
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Website: milfordbaptist.org

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holycrossnovi@gmail.com
LO-0000179391

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10774 Nine Mile Road
Rev. M. Lee Taylor • 449-2582
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Pastor Bryant Anderson
238 N. Main Street, Milford MI (248) 684-2805
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Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School age 3 thru 5th grade @ 10 a.m.
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Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister
LO-0000179396

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50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi
Saturday Worship 5:15 p.m.,
Sunday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
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www.oakpointe.org

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HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
680 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 48357
248-887-1311 • www.myhunc.com
Sunday Worship: 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Kids Church: 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
MS & HS Youth: 10:30 a.m.
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Milford United Methodist Church
1200 Atlantic St., Milford, MI 48381
Sunday Worship: 9:30 am
Children's Church: 9:40 am
Groups for Children, Youth and Adults
248-684-2798
www.milfordumc.net

ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI
46325 10 Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48374
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Msgr John Kasza, Pastor
Parish Office: 347-7778

NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
41671 W. Ten Mile Road • Novi, MI 48375
Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.
Rev. James M. Smith, Pastor
248-349-2652
www.umcnovi.com
"Loving God, loving each other and living our core values"

South Lyon

New Hudson

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(248) 437-6212 • Gerald S. Hunter, Pastor
Sunday School & Bible Class - 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
www.newhudsonumc.org

OAKPOINTE milford CHURCH
1250 South Hill Rd.
(248) 685-3560 www.opcmilford.org
Contemporary Worship Service: Sunday 9:15 am & 11:15 am
Adventurous Children's Program: Sunday 9:15 am & 11:15 am
The Rock (Middle School) Wednesdays 6:30-8 pm, Sundays 9:15 am
The 707 (High School) Sundays 6:30-8:30 pm
Women, Men and Life Groups Various Schedules

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
205 E. Lake (10 Mile) 248.437.2875
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
Children's Church for Grades K thru 5th
Nursery Care Provided
Mid-Week Study Thursday 7:00 p.m.
Rev. Michael Horlocker, Pastor
www.fpcsouthlyon.org

BIBLE BELIEVERS CHURCH
Gathering in Jesus Name
52909 10 Mile Rd • South Lyon, MI 48178
Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Mike Ragan, Pastor
734-347-1983 pastor cell
Old fashioned preaching KJV

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

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

The Church of Christ
21860 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, MI 48178
248-437-3585 • www.southlyoncoc.org
9:30 a.m. Sunday School,
10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship
Wednesday Midweek Ministries 7 p.m.
Troy Singleton, Minister
LO-0000179313

CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN
(Missouri Synod)
Pastor Terry Nelson
437-8810 • 486-4335
Griswold Rd. at 10 Mile
Worship: 10 a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m.;
Adult Bible Study: 9 a.m.
LO-0000179331

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

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Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
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1208 E. Commerce, Milford
Worship: Sun 11am, Wed 7pm
We are here through Christ Jesus
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are hurting, diseased, addicted
and depressed.
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Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church
22200 Pontiac Trail (S of 9 Mile)
Sunday Worship @ 9:30 am
Sunday School @ 11 am
Wednesday mid-week programs
Rev. David Brown, Pastor
248-437-2222 • www.fellowshippepc.org

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60820 Marjorie Ann St., South Lyon 48178
Phone: 248-437-2983
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 pm. Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm.
Senior Pastor: Rob Freshour / Assoc. Pastor: Randy Weeks
Website: www.fbcsouthlyon.com
• Email: fbcsouthlyon@sbcglobal.net
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40000 Six Mile Road
Northville, MI 48168
248-374-7400
Sunday Worship Services
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4 different music styles from classic to modern
www.wardchurch.org
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Shepherd's Way Lutheran Church, ELCA
59255 10 Mile Rd.
South Lyon MI 48178
Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Education Hour 10:15 AM
Rev. Bart Muller, Pastor
248-573-7320
www.shepherdswaysouthlyon.org

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH
28900 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon
248-486-0400
www.CROSSROADS.net
Summer Service Times
July 6-Aug 31: 9:30am & 11am
July 13-Aug 10
9:30 is Contemporary Service
11am is Family Oriented Service

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133 Orchard Dr., Northville
WEEKEND LITURGIES Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, 7:30, 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
Church 349-2621, School 349-3610
Religious Education 349-2559
Rev. Denis Theroux, Pastor
LO-0000165205

Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church
54899 8 Mile Rd. at Currie Rd. Northville, MI 48167
248-374-2263
Sunday Worship:
10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Fellowship/Coffee
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
Wednesday Bible Study (Colesians) at 7 pm
LO-0000165207 Pastor Andy Whitten

SOLID ROCK BIBLE CHURCH
Loving God and Loving People
22183 Pontiac Trail • 248-486-4400
(In Brookdale Shopping Center,
behind Powerhouse Gym)
SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:00 A.M.
Reed Heckmann, Pastor/Teacher
www.solidrocksouthlyon.com
LO-0000179451

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Services held at:
Saint Andrews Episcopal Church
16360 Hubbard Road - Livonia
South of Six Mile Road
Adult Sunday School 9:30 - 10:15 am; Worship 10:30 am.
Childrens Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Dr. James N. McGuire • Nursery Provided
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For more information regarding this Directory, please call Sue Sare at 248-437-2011, ext. 247 or e-mail: ssare@hometownlife.com

OUR VIEWS

Stay safe and smart when around the water

It only takes a second for disaster to strike

Michigan's waterways are blessed with beauty and fraught with risks. Although summer officially launched on June 21, one need look no further than the Memorial Day weekend for some harsh reminders of the latter.

WZZM-TV reported a 35-year-old Grand Rapids mother of two went missing May 25 after a boating outing with family members in western Michigan's Newaygo County. Her uncle told the TV station that while her companions tried to help her after she went in the 40-degree waters of Kimball Lake, she never came back up. Divers discovered her body Tuesday after a search that spanned the course of three days.

Water dangers don't evaporate on land, either. The same day as that Newaygo County incident, a 3-year-old Redford girl could not be revived after family members found her unresponsive in a backyard swimming pool, according to a *Detroit Free Press* report. The girl was pronounced dead at a nearby hospital.

In a flash, many lives were changed as a result of those incidents.

Such was also the case in a 2010 drowning of a Hamburg Township man in Zukey Lake. In that incident, according to *Livingston County Daily Press & Argus* reports, the man was assisting his teenage son and his son's friend after their pontoon boat drifted off while they were swimming. The teens made it back; he did not, even though he was said to be an experienced swimmer and, years earlier, helped save two men from drowning after their canoe tipped in Whitewood Lake.

Episodes like these show that safety simply cannot be taken granted around water. Here is some advice from the nonprofit organizations Safe Kids Worldwide and National Drowning Prevention Alliance to reduce the risk of having your next outing around water end in heartbreak.

» Learn to swim well. Don't take chances by overestimating your swimming skills, either. Observe designated swimming areas; most drownings happen within 10-30 feet of safety, so straying even a little too far could create a problem if you run into trouble.

» Never swim alone or rely on toys such as inner tubes and water wings to stay afloat.

» Boaters ought to carry safety equipment such as life preservers for everybody on board and make sure they use the gear.

» Refrain from using alcohol. Not only can alcohol impair the senses in its own ways, it can exacerbate the cumulative effects of noise, vibration, sun, glare and wind.

» Never leave a child unattended around water. Babies can drown in as little as one inch of water. Empty all tubs, buckets, containers and wading pools immediately after use.

» Avoid drains and suction valves and make sure children know the dangers associated with them.

» Actively supervise children in and around water. That includes shunning potential distractions such as cellphones. When several adults are present and children are swimming, have the adults take shifts supervising the children for a preset time period.

» Learn how to perform CPR. Even if you never need to use it, you will have greater peace of mind if you are a parent.

Following these pointers will help keep things fun for everybody this summer — and others to come.



Lifeguard Joe Carzon watches swimmers at a city pool. It is a good idea for parents to remain just as vigilant, especially when young children are swimming. FILE PHOTO

COMMUNITY VOICE

Where's your favorite place to vacation in Michigan and why?

This question was asked at the Novi Civic Center.



"I haven't vacationed in a while, but probably Traverse City or Holland."

Frank Silvestri
Novi



"Traverse City. There's a great resort there and lots of nice places to visit and it's on the water."

Nilofar Emami-Said
Novi



"Fenton, because I have a cottage there on a lake. It's beautiful."

Edith Lipa
Novi



"Holland. It has a bunch of sites to visit and you can dip your toes in the water, which was cold recently."

Gloria Downey
Novi

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Time to replace Republicans

So our Republican-led Legislature has decided again to ignore the people's wishes. All polls are now showing fixing Michigan roads the #1 issue, even to the point some are willing to pay higher taxes. But Republicans in the Legislature decided the roads can wait and went on vacation.

In 2012, the people voted out the emergency manager law, and Gov. Snyder and the Republicans ignored the voters and brought it right back. When a citizens group looked like it would get a minimum wage increase on the ballot for the voters to decide, the Republicans came running with a new law to stop it with a smaller increase. In 2008, Oakland County voters elected Barack Obama president and also elected two Democrats to countywide office the first time in decades. So, with the voters clearly favoring Democrats, the Republicans in the Legislature wrote legislation that Snyder signed into law allowing commissioners in Oakland County (only county in Michigan) to draw their new districts. However, voters still reelected President Obama, the first two Democrats from 2008, plus two more to countywide office.

Clearly it is time to replace these vote-suppressing Republicans with people who actually believe in democracy and care

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. Letters should be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats. Letters must be received by 9 a.m. Monday for Thursday's print edition.

Web: www.hometownlife.com

Mail: Letters to the Editor, 101 N. Lafayette St., South Lyon, MI 48178

Email: cstone@hometownlife.com

Blog: You may also let your opinions be heard with your own blog at www.hometownlife.com.

about what the voters want.

Cynthia Churches
Novi

Power in numbers

Amazing news! The U.S. Senate voted to expand veterans' health care at Veteran Administration facilities across the country. This would allow the VA to contract more with private medical centers to decrease the waiting time of 57,000 veterans and their families. The VA will also shift \$500 million within its budget to hire more medical staff. The Senate also voted to increase tuition assistance and job training for veterans return-

ing home.

This is what the voters want. This has all been accomplished due to pressure from public outcry. So, just imagine what we could accomplish if all our political action groups for education, labor, healthcare, environment, women's rights, veterans, etc., brought their members together to fight for these causes. There is power in numbers and wisdom in joining forces.

Colleen Crossey
Novi

Fragile economy

Does anyone think that workers will work any harder or be more productive if given a 40-percent increase in pay through no efforts of their own?

And what about the small business owners who provide these jobs? Can they sustain a 40-percent increase in their payroll costs, plus the increased FICA and other taxes?

This is what the push for an increase in the minimum wage will mean to our fragile economy. And when I called Congressman Peters' office and asked where he stood on this issue, the person on the phone said the congressman is still researching this. Well, I got a letter from Peters' office saying he fully supports Obama in increasing the minimum wage. What we have is a failure to communicate.

Bill Smith
Farmington Hills

GUEST COLUMN

BIO-BASED MANUFACTURING: CREATING MICHIGAN JOBS

Michigan farmers are known for the tremendous diversity of crops our state grows — cherries, apples, blueberries, soybeans, corn and sugar beets, to name just a few. But here's a crop you might not think about: Michigan farmers are growing manufacturing jobs every single day.

Agriculture and manufacturing are at the heart of our economy and are the foundation for our middle class. It's simple: When we make things here and grow things here, we create jobs here. And when we make things here with the things we grow here, it's even better.

Bio-based manufacturing, using home-grown agricultural crops instead of petroleum-based chemicals to make products, is an industry poised to grow and create jobs right here in America.

At the same time our bio-based manufacturers are creating jobs, they are helping the environment and reducing our dependence on foreign oil.

This is truly a win-win-win for Michigan. That's why we strengthened support for bio-based manufacturing in the bipartisan Farm Bill that passed earlier this year.

Long history

In fact, bio-based manufacturing has a long history in Michigan and helped in our first manufacturing revolution in the early 20th century. Henry Ford was one of the first to recognize the potential of using plant materials in manufacturing. Having grown up on a farm, Ford experimented with ways that soy-based products



Debbie Stabenow

GUEST COLUMNIST

could be used in automobiles.

By the 1940s, there were two bushels of soybeans in every single Ford car that came off the line. Soybeans were used for everything from the paint on the outside of the car to the plastic buttons inside.

Today, Ford is continuing the legacy of its founder and in every single new Ford car and truck built in North America, you're sitting on seats made of soybeans.

But Ford is not alone. Chrysler is using coconut fibers to produce seat back cushions and seat bottoms, while GM is using wood fiber to make flooring and inserts.

Other Michigan companies are helping to lead the way in this 21st century manufacturing revolution and some of them were highlighted at my Grow It Here, Make It Here showcase at the U.S. Senate last week.

KTM Industries of Lansing is creating foam packaging made of cornstarch. Instead of taking up space in your trash can like regular Styrofoam, you can compost it in your backyard or run it under water in the sink and it melts away down the drain. It's safe for the environment, it protects your packages during transport and it doesn't take up space in the landfill. Even better, it creates jobs here in Michigan. In fact,

KTM has doubled its number of employees in the last 12 months.

Foam made of soy

Learn Corp. in Southfield is using a foam material made of soy to create cushioning for car seats. It uses renewable soy oil as an environmentally friendly replacement for petroleum, reducing the carbon footprint and improving product price stability, while still meeting strict automotive performance standards.

And Fabri-Kal from Kalamazoo uses a 100-percent plant-based material to make renewable cups, lids, portion containers and on-the-go boxes. Fabri-Kal is a family-owned business and makes its renewable serving products right here in Michigan.

This is a win-win-win for Michigan: Farmers sell more of their crops, businesses create jobs and it is good for the environment.

Bio-based manufacturing is the next jobs revolution in our country and one that Michigan is ready to lead. It brings together Michigan's top two industries — manufacturing and agriculture — and it creates new opportunities for companies and farmers to partner to continue growing an essential crop right here at home: manufacturing jobs.

U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Lansing, is chairwoman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry and authored the bipartisan 2014 Farm Bill that was signed into law by President Obama at Michigan State University earlier this year.

NOVI NEWS

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NOVI COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LOCAL EVENTS HELP AVAILABLE FOR DEMENTIA

Time/Date: 3-5 p.m. Thursday, June 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.

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)

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 non-perishable 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 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

GET LISTED!

Submit: Send calendar submissions via email to ctstone@hometownlife.com, by fax to 248-685-2892 or by mail to *Novi News*, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by 9 a.m. Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Novi Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com.

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

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 Hengstbeck 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 (sunriseNET-WORKINGgroup.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@sunrisefinancial-groupllc.com.

METRO NOVI BNI

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

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

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

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

HUD COUNSELING

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

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

Book Discussion Group

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

Details: 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

LIBRARY LINES

NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY

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YAM exhibit honors Vietnam veterans



A battlefield photograph serves as a backdrop for a display of uniforms and equipment from the Vietnam War. SUE MASON

Vets being asked to write down names

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

It's not many museums that open an exhibit and ask people to write on the displays. But that's the case at the Yankee Air Museum, where veterans who served in-country during the Vietnam War are being asked to sign sandbags and 55-gallon drums.

The display, unveiled Memorial Day, takes up a large area at the rear of museum and includes an F-4C Phantom II and Bell UH-1 Iroquois, unofficially known as a Huey. The exhibit has been staged to look like Vietnam with the sandbags and drums.

"We used fiberglass roofing panels and painted them to look like corrugated metal walls," volunteer Bob Catalano said. "All of the stuff on display is from Vietnam."

The museum worked in consultation with the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 310 on the exhibit. Members insisted that the drums include ones with orange strips to represent containers of the defoliant Agent Orange.

In the case of Phantom II, the museum did research and found two airmen, 1st Lt. Loren Torkelson and 1st Lt. George Pollin, whose story reflects the challenges faced during the Vietnam War.

Their plane was actually shot down April 29, 1967. Torkelson successfully ejected and was captured and held prisoner by the North Vietnamese for six years. He never saw a second

parachute deploy and believes Pollin went down with the plane.

However, a set of remains returned Dec. 20, 1990, by the Vietnamese were those of Pollin.

There also are panels describing the war and a display of artifacts belonging to Glen Veno, who served in Vietnam in 1971 as part of A Troop, 2/17th Calvary, 101st Airborne.

But the most unique part of the display is the names written on the sandbags and drums. Most notable is the signature of retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Donald "Digger" Odell, who was a prisoner of war from Oct. 17, 1967, to March 14, 1973. "Digger" spent his time in captivity at the Hanoi Hilton, Catalano said.

Vietnam veterans can get help from a docent in adding their names to the display. Relatives of deceased veterans can add their loved ones with the help of a museum docent.

"It's finally finished," Catalano said about the exhibit. "When we got the Huey, that got the ball rolling. That was the impetus. It sat in the air park for years and then we started working with the VVA on this."

The museum is at 47884 D St., off Beck, north of Ecorse. It's open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is \$8 for adults age 18 and older and \$5 for children, seniors age 65 and older, students with IDs and military (past and present) with ID. Children age 2 and under are free.

For more information, call the museum at 734-483-4030.

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Air Museum seeks female clothing

Uniform, accessory donations sought from Vietnam era

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Merv Wygant hangs out with hundreds of pieces of clothing and accessories, but that's not enough for him. He wants more.

The Plymouth resident is slowly but surely organizing the Yankee Air Museum's clothing collection. Each donated uniform hangs in a plastic bag on racks that fill the textiles room at the museum. Each one has been painstakingly inventoried and cataloged and, when possible, information about it recorded. Each item has a hanger tag that shows the year it was donated, the number of donations that year and that item in that list of donations.

The collection is large and keeps getting larger, but Wygant wants more — specifically uniforms belonging to female personnel, especially from the Vietnam War.

"It's amazing, we have a lot of some things and then not a lot of others," he said.

The museum unveiled

its Vietnam War display at a Memorial Day ceremony last month and while it had flight suits, fatigues, helmets and canteens, it lacked clothing worn by women. In fact, Wygant has found that while the museum has a few nurses' uniforms from World War II, there is nothing from the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

"When we do want to put out something for the women, we have nothing for the nurses," he said. "We're looking for anything from women who were in the different services. We have a couple from the Far East Command, but we could really use nurses' uniforms, dress clothing, fatigues and scrubs."

And while he's at it, Wygant could also use some naval uniforms from the Vietnam War.

"When we did the Vietnam display, it was a hard time coming up with a naval officer," he said.

Donations can be dropped off at the museum — which is located on D Street off Beck



Merv Wygant of Plymouth is on the hunt for women's uniforms from the Vietnam War to augment the collection at the Yankee Air Museum. SUE MASON

Road on the north side of Willow Run Airport — but in many cases, the donors leave before volunteer Gale Robinett can get information about the items.

While preserving the items is important, it's just as important to get the story that goes with them, Wygant said. Right now, it's hit or miss.

Some items have complete stories, some have nothing.

"A lot of times, families come in and drop stuff off and leave; be-

fore we can stop them, they're gone," Wygant said. "When you donate an insignia, that's good, but there's also a story that goes with it. When we change out an exhibit, we can give the story behind the display. We can say this guy served in this unit at this time. We can link the item back to the provenance."

Wygant points to a medical petty officer uniform that's part of the collection. The museum has the story of the officer who served in the

White House. In addition to a uniform and dress jacket with a White House patch, there's also a jacket from Camp David.

For items with no information, Wygant searches the Internet to do a comparison. Sometimes the search can take an hour or more, it all depends on how quickly he can find it on the web.

The museum tries to use as many items from its collection in its displays, but at times it will

buy a reproduction or hunt an item down on eBay. In the case of the latter, the item comes without the story.

Donations can be dropped off at the museum at 47884 D St., Belleville, or send an email to Pete Stowe at Pete.Stowe@YankeeAir-Museum.org. In some instances, a photo of the donation may be requested to determine if it's something the museum can use, Wygant said.

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ALL-AREA GIRLS TENNIS

Northville's Kumar leads way as area's best



Northville sophomore Reeshma Kumar is the All-Area Player of the Year. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

The No. 1 singles flight in high school tennis is always reserved for the best player. Such was the case for Northville sophomore Reeshma Kumar, the 2014 All-Area Player of the Year and an all-state honorable mention choice. The Mustangs won the KLAA title and finished a program-best third at the Division 1 state meet. Kumar's only losses at were in the KLAA and regional tournament finals, plus at the state meet. "She earned all-state honorable mention for her outstanding play at states and she also earned an all-academic award for her excellent academic performance this year in school," Northville coach Linda Jones said.

First team

Anika Mukherji and Danielle Romano Northville

Mukherji, a junior, and Romano, a senior, earned all-state honorable mention while winning the KLAA and regional No. 1 flight titles before top-seeded Port Huron Northern defeated them en route to the state title.

Claudia Ma and Paige Baal Northville

Both juniors, they claimed KLAA and regional No. 2 flight titles to earn the fourth seed at the Division 1 state meet. They made all-state honorable mention and all-academic awards

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ALL-AREA GIRLS TENNIS

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FIRST TEAM

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Harika Bollineni and Dhivya Sridar, Novi
Sam Martin and Carolyn Zhang, Novi
Amelia Albanelli, Northville
Allison Lollo, Novi
Youna Lee, Novi

Falvo was tough, thoughtful coach

Longtime Mercy softball skipper succumbs to cancer at age 63

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Jack Falvo is remembered as a demanding and tough-minded softball coach who cared about his players and wanted to make them winners in life as well as sport.

His purpose and objective was very much in step with the Mercy High School mission of preparing young women for college and the career world.

Falvo, the highly successful coach of the Marlins for 17 seasons, died June 13 at his home following an eight-month struggle with pancreatic cancer. He was 63.

"When the players were between the lines, he was competitive and hard-nosed," longtime Mercy assistant coach Jerry Ashe said. "But those student-athletes were better prepared for the real world and what a woman of the new millennium would face in life and in the corporate world."

"He was a hard-nosed guy, but he was really a teddy bear off the field — and so generous to his players, as well as the Mercy program."



Falvo

Dana (Falvo) Haller, who played four years on the Mercy varsity for her father, said she had the best of both worlds.

"He was my dad and he was my coach," she said, citing the many former players who called on the family this week to share their memories. "I'm glad I was able to share him in that way, as a coach. You really see the impact he had on so many lives."

"For me personally, he was my first coach in life. So often in my career, he would call me and coach me through different things and give me advice."

A former all-area outfielder, Haller played at Hillsdale College and is now a television producer with NBC in New York.

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Marcel Schmid of Stuttgart, Germany, played professional soccer in his homeland. THOMAS BEAUDOIN

Fans get a kick out of World Cup soccer

Matches draw viewers to establishments

By Beth Jachman
Staff Writer

The Englishmen at the Claddagh Irish Pub of Livonia were probably a little disappointed June 19.

Make that a lot, as England lost to Uruguay in a FIFA World Cup match. But that didn't take away from the camaraderie of the hard-core fans who gathered to watch.

"Since the day I was born," is the response of Leyton Ellison, who is from England

UP NEXT

The U.S. will face Germany at noon today. The Americans tied Portugal last Sunday after beating Ghana in their opening game. The U.S. needs to finish first or second in its group to advance to the knockout round.

and lives in Livonia, to the question of how long he has been interested in soccer.

He coaches a local soccer club, AC Milan Detroit, and plays soccer for Schoolcraft College.

He watches the World Cup matches every day, he said, but notes people in the United States aren't as interested as they are back home. "Nobody cares," he said.

Back home, soccer matches are more of a public event, said Marcel Schmid, who is from Stuttgart, Germany.

But the enthusiasm is growing here. It's getting bigger," said Schmid, who played professionally in Germany and coaches at Schoolcraft College.

Lifelong fans

Paul Johnston, who lives in

Northville but is originally from England, agrees.

"There'd be no traffic moving," he said pointing to busy Haggerty Road.

People in England don't just watch the game in pubs, he said. "A lot of people just have parties at home," he said.

"All my life," is his response to how long he has been into soccer.

But he says interest in the sport is increasing in the United States. "It's getting better," he said. He's been

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Division champs



The Livonia YMCA Galaxy '05 U9 soccer team recently won its WSSL division with a 7-1-0 record. The team wrapped up the season June 11 with a 2-0 win over a CW3 '06 BAC Red team in Walled Lake that averaged a division-high 5.6 goals per game. In a division where six of eight other teams were 100 percent U9 boys, the Galaxy roster consisted of three U9 boys, two U8 boys and five U9 girls. The team won the title by outscoring opponents 27-19 for a plus-8 goal differential, whereas the second- and third-place Northville and CW3 teams were plus-21 and plus-24. Team members include: (back, from left) assistant coach John Murray, Regan Murray, Avery Colucci, Ben Schlack and head coach Chris Jackett and (front, from left) Carmen Rogers, Alyvia Kipp, Angela Beroff, Carter Cannon and Jack Houghton. Also on the team are Andrew Nodge and Kaiden Davie.

State champs



The Michigan Jaguars Boys U14 Green team, which includes players from Novi, Northville, Plymouth, Canton, Milford, South Lyon, Livonia and even one as far as Eastpointe, started off the season a little slow with seven new players. As the season progressed, the team began to gel and as a result it peaked at the right moment in time. May 10-11 at the Michigan Jaguars Soccer Tournament, the team won the title with four victories, beating Windsor FC Nationals 2-0; Carpathia Kickers '00, 7-2; Grand Rapids Crew U14 Gold, 3-0; and Chicago Magic PSG City Blues, 4-1. In the State Cup finals June 1 at Saginaw, the team beat the Michigan Wolves 3-2. On the Got Soccer website, the local team is ranked 10th out of 749 teams in the Region 2 division. The team was ranked 35th in the state at the beginning of the season. Team members include: (front, from left) Ethan Park, Justin Schultz, Tyler Welch, Ryan Pierson, Omar Lahbiki, Brady Walker, Matthew Park, Michael Jecmen and Noah Gibson and (back, from left) Brendan Zuk, Mark Tolacz, Dominic Gatson, Mac Adams, Kasey Salami, Quinn Franchino, Jeremy Coen, Jaylen Burch and coach Barry Scott.

Whalers' future appears cloudy

Owner Karmanos: 'Hockeytown' needs to support OHL team

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Don Elland said he always wanted to coach the Plymouth Whalers, ever since he became the first building manager at Compuware Arena when it opened in the mid-1990s.

"I'd watch them practice, because I was a manager at the rink the first day this rink opened," Elland said. "I've watched Plymouth practice every day and it was always a dream to maybe coach at this level."

Now that the 50-year-old Elland is getting that opportunity, he hopes it won't be a one-and-done situation.

Elland and new Whalers general manager Mark Craig (incidentally, Elland's coach some 34 years ago) were formally introduced at a May 30 press conference at Compuware.

Both take over from former coach-GM Mike Vellucci, who in late April was hired as assistant general manager and director of hockey operations with the NHL's Carolina Hurricanes.

Yet it remains to be seen what the future might hold for Elland and Craig or the Ontario Hockey League franchise beyond 2014-15.

That's because Compuware Arena and Whalers owner Peter Karmanos — also during the press conference — made some blunt remarks about whether he could assure the franchise remained on solid ground for the long term.

Earlier this year, rumors persisted that Karmanos was considering moving the Whalers to Ontario (with Hamilton a top spot, although Chatham could emerge) because the OHL team goes largely ignored by the masses (media and fans, alike) in Hockeytown.

Numbers game

"Well, to be frank about it, it's tough running an OHL team in a major league city," Karmanos said, answering a question during the press conference. "Our attendance (2,500 per game in 2013-14) has been good, but it's not great."

"I look down (Highway) 401, you see the London Knights selling out every game. You know if you had to sell the team, you might want to move into one of those cities, rather than keep it playing here."

Karmanos, however, did say that "if we could get attendance where we think it should be here, I think the future is great. If we continue to draw a couple thousand people a game, we're going to take a look at some options."

A major thorn in the

side of Karmanos and the rest of the organization is the lack of attention and attendance despite the team having unprecedented success on the ice with 23 consecutive playoff appearances — 14 of those with Vellucci behind the bench — and an OHL championship in 2006-07.

The Whalers have also sent many players to the NHL, including stars such as Dallas forward Tyler Seguin, Columbus defenseman James Wisniewski and

Pittsburgh forward James Neal.

Karmanos smiled when asked how long he planned on giving the metro Detroit hockey community to take notice and

start coming out to Compuware (a facility with a capacity of about 3,800).

"Next year," he said. "I can't really answer that question. I've stuck it out for a long time. We have one of the best franchises, if not the best, on the ice in the OHL."

"But we're operating in Hockeytown; it's an NHL city. It's tough. It just depends how long all these guys here ... want to fight the good fight."

Karmanos said the OHL is "a great, great brand of hockey, it's fun coming to games. They are generally on the weekend. ... It's well worth the dollars that you pay for a ticket."

Get the word out

Both Elland and Craig said they were hopeful that the Whalers would be given longer than one season to turn things around from an attendance standpoint.

"Mr. Karmanos always does things the right way," Elland said. "He's been here for how many years? He's had options to move it before, but he's passionate about hockey, he's passionate about this city. So I think he'll do everything he can to stay here."

Craig added that more needs to be done to help potential Whalers and OHL fans understand just how top-notch the league's brand of hockey is.

"I think we all know that he is a great owner and he's going to do everything he can to continue to support us here," Craig said. "But at some point, if we can't build the fan base to a higher height, it's going to be tough for him and I get it."

"I think the key is, we need to find a way to get people to identify with these kids. Coming to one game doesn't do it. We need to find a way to get people to come to multiple games."

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Local athletes land postseason honors

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

When it comes to boasting some of the best athletes in the state, Northville, Novi and Detroit Catholic Central high schools are no slouches.

This year, the schools picked up all-America, state Dream Team and all-state honors in several sports for a slew of athletes.

Girls soccer

The highest honors in the state were given to Northville senior standout Megan Buckingham (midfielder), who was named both the Gatorade Player of the Year and Miss Soccer. She was also selected to the state's Dream Team and to the all-state first team.

Joining her was fellow Northville senior Jamie Cheslik (forward), who was selected to this year's Dream Team as well as the all-state first team. Also earning all-state first team honors were Northville senior Gabby Mencotti (midfielder), Northville junior Emily Maresh (goalie) and Novi senior Taylor Pavlika (midfielder).

Northville senior Ashley Peper (defender) and Novi senior senior Karissa Koomen (defender) were named to the all-state third team, while Novi senior Kendall Kramer (forward) was on the all-state honorable mention squad.

Boys lacrosse

Two Detroit Catholic Central players were given the coveted title of All-American this season after leading their team to runner-up in Michigan. Jack Van Acker (attack) and Sean Birney (midfield) were both named to the All-America team, an honor they added to their all-state first team honors.

Also earning all-state first team nods were Northville's Alec Melucci (attack); Novi's Tommy McMaster (defense); and Travis Sparling (defense);



Novi first baseman Bryan Klosterman earned all-state second team honors. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

and Catholic Central's Alex Jarzembowski (specialist) and Andrew Caris (specialist).

All-state second team honors were given to Catholic Central's Sean Stanners (attack), Northville's Jake Fuller (midfield) and Novi's Alex Capara (specialist).

All-state third team status was awarded to Catholic Central's Marc Longe (midfield) and Northville's Daniel Baldwin (specialist).

Honorable mention selections includes Novi's Keith Pravato (midfield) and Ryan Moore (midfield) and Northville's John Cooke (attack), Peter Chew (specialist) and Alex Justice (goalie).

Girls tennis

Northville was the only local school to earn all-state honors, no doubt helped along by the team's third-place finish at the state finals.

Earning all-state honorable mention in singles were sophomore Reeshma Kumar and sophomore Emma Worley.



Northville's Megan Buckingham (left) earned many individual accolades this year, including being named both the Gatorade Player of the Year and Miss Soccer. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Honorable mention nods in doubles were given to the team of junior Anika Mukherji and senior Danielle Romano, as well as the duo of junior Claudia Ma and junior Paige Baal.

Baseball

Just a single local athlete earned all-state recognition, senior Bryan Klosterman of Novi. Klosterman was awarded all-state second team honors for his play at first base.

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Northville's Alec Melucci was named to the all-state first team. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Always a teacher

While the details of the play are now forgotten, she recalled her dad using a game situation to teach more than softball.

"He said to me, 'Dana, what you experienced at that moment is a lot like you'll experience in business,'" she said. "He would always give these lectures in the car after a game, equating a play to business, and I never understood what he was saying. Then, when I had my own career, he would say, 'See, it was just like that play!'"

"When I was in college, he would send clippings and motivational cards. He always believed there were bigger lessons," she added. "What he contributed and offered to us as young women was the confidence, the determination, the focus (to succeed). Those things meant a lot to us in the long run."

Falvo was a dentist with a

practice in Canton until recent years. When he left coaching after the 2011 season, he traveled and did consulting work for other dental offices.

Not surprisingly, Falvo was a well-organized, detail-oriented individual, according to his daughter.

"He would show up to practice with this meticulously written schedule," she said. "Every 10 minutes was perfectly scheduled — warmup, throwing, hitting drill. We always had a plan for practice and we always knew what we were doing."

Highly successful

Falvo's teams compiled a 410-200-1 record at Mercy, twice winning 35 games in a season.

Under his leadership, the Marlins won 10 district and eight regional championships. They went to Battle Creek for the state semifinals four times and were the state runners-up in 2002.

Mercy also won seven Central Division titles and two Catholic League championships (2001 and 2003).

"He was a great coach," said Nancy Malinowski, the director of athletics at Mercy and an assistant softball coach. "He was tough on the kids; he was a competitor. But he got results. He put his heart and soul into the program. He turned out some excellent teams."

"He was very generous man with his time, his giving back, to different things for the school. He was always quick to offer help in any way he could."

Falvo also was a huge Red Wings fan. He was recognized at a game last November for a being a longtime season ticket holder (since 1976).

"He loved any sport, whether it was baseball or hockey," Haller said. "We recently took up golf as a family. He just loved to be on the field or on the course. He was a big sports fan."

"He taught us to be scrappy. That competitive spirit is something I got from my dad that I will never forget."

Not just softball

Falvo was a wrestler at Dearborn Fordson High School

and Western Michigan University before going to dental school at the University of Detroit.

He also coached his oldest son Nick in the South Farmington Blues baseball organization. Nick later played at U-D Jesuit High School and is now a lawyer.

"He really wanted people to toughen up," his son said. "Part of him telling you that was also telling you to grow up, to be more mature on the field and in life, to be a better person as well."

"He always pushed us to be students of the game. That led us to be better athletes, but his big thing was definitely to compete."

Falvo is also survived by his wife Kris, daughter Michele (Kendall), son Jonathon, grandchildren Jack and Katherine and mother Caroline. A funeral Mass was said June 17 at St. James Catholic Church in Novi.

Memorial donations may be made to the KIND-Unicef (www.unicefusa.org) or St. Vincent de Paul Detroit Dental (www.svdpdet.org).

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living in the United States since 1991 and said he has seen a big difference over the years.

Watching World Cup soccer with lifelong fans is exciting, Doug Ware of Livonia said: "It's pretty exciting to watch the game with guys who understand it a lot better than I do."

"I appreciate their enthusiasm for the sport," Ware added.

Mike Bona of Livonia said he first began watching World Cup in 1994: "It's growing in popularity in the U.S."

"We've watched a lot of games here," he said. Bona is a soccer coach at Schoolcraft College.

100-percent soccer

Coaches from the Plymouth Soccer Club were also watching the game at Claddagh.

Yao Kra of Ivory Coast, who lives in Canton, says he goes to all the Irish pubs he can find to watch the games.

Watching games is much different here, though. "Back home, it's 100-percent soccer," he said. "It's fun."

"It's great to be with a crowd that loves soccer," said Zach Wilkes of Westland, who also coaches for the Plymouth Soccer Club. He said he has been playing soccer since he was 4.

"I played soccer my whole life," Erik Shaltis of Redford said Friday. "I coach both my son and daughter in Ferndale Soccer. I grew up in Redford Soccer League — my dad was the president of the league for several years."

The U.S. didn't have mainstream soccer on TV back then, "so when World Cup came along, I fell in love ... now every four years is like a month-long holiday for me and my friends — well, some of them," Shaltis said.

He became a fan of South American teams like Brazil and Argentina. "I have the pleasure of watching it this year with three rookies," he said, referring to his girlfriend, son and daughter.

ALL-AREA

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and ended their season with a loss in the state semifinals to the top-seed and eventual champions from Port Huron Northern.

Erin Day Novi

Despite a 10-15 record, Day, a junior, was a regional finalist and KLAA quarterfinalist at No. 1 flight.

"Day's tennis skills continue to show steady improvement and playing the No. 1 player from each team only helps to accelerate this process," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "Long rallies, good service returns and the ability to hit with depth are keys to Erin's game. Because she makes very few unforced errors, Day forces her opponents to play at a high level to win the match."

Emma Worley Northville

Worley, a sophomore, earned all-state honorable mention and the fifth seed at the Division 1 state meet after winning KLAA and regional No. 2 flight titles. Also a recipient of an all-academic award, she finished her season in the state quarterfinals.

Joanne Gao Northville

Gao, a freshman, won KLAA

and regional No. 3 flight titles en route to the Division 1 state semifinals. She was the third seed, losing in the semifinals to the eventual state champion from Clarkston.

Asawari Kanitkar and Amy Zhou Novi

The seniors finished second in both the KLAA and regional tournaments at No. 1 flight, finishing with a 13-10 record.

"This doubles team utilized the penetrating ground strokes of Kanitkar and the winning volleys of Zhou to win many key matches for the Wildcats," Hanson said.

Jessica Lypka Novi

Lypka, a freshman, finished with a 16-12 record as the runner-up at both the KLAA and regional meets at No. 2 flight.

"Jessica Lypka was one of the pleasant surprises for Novi this past year," Hanson said. "Excellent foot speed, a strong forehand and the ability to move the ball around on the court produced many wins for Lypka during her first year of high school tennis."

Alex Jeannotte and Jordan Hermiz Northville

Jeannotte, a senior, and Hermiz, a junior, went undefeated en route to the state championship at No. 3 flight, earning all-academic awards, as well.

Second team

Rachel Bailey and Dina Fawaz Novi

The seniors played No. 2 flight and had a 17-9 record while finishing as runners-up at both the KLAA and regional meets. They utilized an aggressive style of play at the net to claim big wins over Clarkston, Birmingham Groves, West Bloomfield and Brighton.

Libby Quinn and Chloe Page Northville

The seniors went undefeated at No. 4 flight until their final match for the Division 1 state title, where as the third-seed they lost 6-2, 6-4 to the top-seeded duo from Grosse Pointe South. Both players also earned all-academic awards.

Danielle Mathiesen Lakeland

Mathiesen, a senior, finished her third straight season in No. 1 flight with a 12-4 record. She battled Kumar to a tough 6-2, 3-6, 6-4 loss in a KLAA quarterfinal and finished with the highest match winning percentage for the Eagles over the past three years.

Harika Bollineni and Dhivya Sridar Novi

Seeded fifth at the Division 1 state meet, Bollineni, a senior, and Sridar, a junior, earned a

15-8 record at No. 3 flight, with four of those losses coming against the two state finalists from Northville and Troy.

Sam Martin and Carolyn Zhang Novi

Martin, a junior, and Zhang, a sophomore, were KLAA and regional finalists at No. 4 flight, earning the fifth seed at the Division 1 state meet with their 17-6 record. Following a big win over Clarkston, they lost a tough 7-6, 7-6 decision in the state quarterfinals to fourth-seeded Troy.

Amelia Albanelli Northville

A junior, she claimed KLAA and regional titles at No. 4 flight before suffering her first loss of the season at the Division 1 state meet to a top-seeded Midland Dow opponent. She also earned an all-academic award.

Allison Lollo Novi

A sophomore, she finished 13-14 as a regional runner-up and KLAA semifinalist at No. 4 flight.

Youna Lee Novi

A sophomore, she finished 8-13 while advancing to the regional semifinals and KLAA quarterfinals at No. 3 flight.

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'A PERFECT FIT'

Familiarity with Northville lures L.J. Griffin Funeral Home

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

David Griffin has spent pretty much his entire life in and around the funeral home business – literally.

While growing up in Westland, Griffin and his family lived in the upstairs area of the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home. His parents, Geraldine and the late Lawrence Griffin, were longtime funeral home operators, having opened their first one back in 1954 in Detroit before moving and opening up the Westland facility on Middlebelt in 1972.

So you might say young David had a bird's-eye view of the day-to-day operations. After graduating from Bishop Borgess High School in Redford, he got more involved in the family business, along with his brother Larry. In the 1990s, the company underwent a major expansion, opening funeral homes in Canton (1994) and Livonia (1998).

"I think it's fair to say we're extremely established in this business," said David Griffin, 53.

Now the family has added another facility to its stable, on Northville Road in Northville.

Having lived in Northville for a number of years, David often drove past the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home on Northville Road at Seven Mile. When its owner, John Sassaman, became ill and put it up for sale,



The Griffin family (from right, Geraldine, David and Larry, are taking over the funeral home formerly run by John Sassaman (at left) near Seven Mile and Northville roads. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Griffin jumped at the opportunity, purchasing it in March.

"I live in the community. I know John. When I heard he had some health problems, we approached him and were able to come in and relieve him of the day-to-day operations," Griffin said.

Sassaman bought the funeral home, previously

the Ross B. Northrop & Sons Funeral Home, back in 1986. It was built by Ross Northrop in 1974. Sassaman, a longtime Northville resident and very active socially, was diagnosed with stage IV colon cancer last July.

"Up until that day of the diagnosis, I had no inkling I was even sick," said Sassaman, 69. "After

consultations with my doctor, he suggested I eliminate all stress-related activities. High on that list was running the funeral home."

That's when Sassaman decided to sell the business. In his opinion, he couldn't have been any more fortunate than finding the Griffin family. Both David and mother Geraldine live in Northville, while Larry lives nearby in Livonia.

"It is an excellent fit for the funeral home and it's going to be a perfect fit for the community," Sassaman said, stressing the fact that David Griffin lives in Northville, which sends an important message. "I couldn't have asked for anything better."

Having undergone cancer therapy that seems to be working, Sassaman is feeling better and is even working with Griffin on a part-time basis to help with the ownership transition.

Due to the fact that the funeral home dates back to the early 1970s, the Griffins are giving it a major facelift. In fact, the renovation goes much deeper. David Griffin estimated by the time the project is complete sometime this year, they will have spent a quarter-million dollars updating the 12,000-square-foot building.

"We're doing a complete renovation. We've moved walls and stripped this place right down to the studs. We're putting

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on a new roof. You might say we've done everything. from the ceiling to the floor," Griffin said. "We want to provide a funeral home that is up the standards of the Northville community. When we're done, we're going to have a much more modernized facility."

The renovation will include a more spacious lounge that will allow families to bring in refreshments and food, a dining room upstairs and the entire facility will be made handicap accessible. They are also bringing in new televisions for video tributes. Griffin said the whole goal is to make families more at ease and help them through the difficulty of losing a loved one.

"Once we are finished, people are going to walk into this place and say, 'Wow,'" he said.

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Tumblr advances: The positive social network

Tired of the negative posts, constant ads and annoying articles on social networks such as Facebook and Twitter? If so, you might enjoy the flexibility of Tumblr, a relatively new microblogging site.

A microblog is the name for a site that allows you to share short updates (like Twitter). Unlike Twitter though, Tumblr allows users the ability to create content that is as long or as short as they want. Let's pretend you want to make a 140-character update; you can do that. You can also write a 2,000-word story, add a video, audio, photos or animated files.

The beauty of Tumblr is that there are few restrictions. Users can create their own profiles with customized imagery, links and designs. Advanced users can build their own templates using HTML (computer code), while novice users can grab free templates or pay for some enhanced templates.

Tumblr also gives users the ability to change their own URL. So if you wanted to write an awesome blog about hockey, you could theoretically name it "awesomesomehockeyblog.com" and it could still be hosted on Tumblr.

Still, the most popular feature on the social network is the lack of ads. Tumblr is owned by Yahoo, but it doesn't concern itself with share-



holders, as do Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn. Therefore, there are hardly ever ads. The ones there are, you barely notice.

The lack of advertisements isn't an accident. Founder David Karp keeps them out of the system by design in order to make the site less intrusive. The site can generate revenue by selling themes.

Generally speaking, the type of content you will find on Tumblr is more advanced than anywhere on the social web. There are more pieces of graphic designed art, video clips, animated GIFs and audio than on the other aforementioned social networks. And to allow the mass viewing of this content, Tumblr also utilizes hashtags, like Twitter and Facebook.

If you still aren't sure how hashtags work, hashtagging is the process of typing the pound sign/hashtag sign (#) before a keyword or phrase. The combination of the pound sign and phrase becomes a clickable link and a link takes you to a stream of similar content. So if you visited Twitter or Tumblr and typed in #DetroitLions, you would see all of the content that was

tagged with #DetroitLions.

Hashtagging helps organize sites like Tumblr, while also allowing users to find content they may be interested in.

Another great feature of the blogging site is the lack of negativity. In order to comment on something, users must "re-blog" them or share them to their own page. It is only then that they can make a comment. For instance, if you draw a terrible painting of a pony and share it to your Tumblr account, you would never actually have to see people telling you how terrible your pony is. That's why Tumblr is considered the positive social network.

While the site has been in development for nearly a decade, it has only been mainstream for about two years. The site is populated mostly by millennials, but two-thirds of people 18-49 are millennials, so don't confuse it as simply a site for kids.

If you're interested in checking out the flexibility of Tumblr, visit Tumblr.com to sign up. It takes about five minutes and the sign-up process will walk you through following other bloggers and picking a theme.

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A housing shortage is possible in the U.S., some experts predict. GETTY IMAGES/STOCKPHOTO

HOME CONSTRUCTION MAY FALL SHORT OF NEEDS

New home construction activity is currently insufficient in most of the U.S., and some states could face persistent housing shortages and affordability issues unless housing starts increase to match up with local job creation, according to new analysis by the National Association of Realtors.

The labor market, which is a key to overall economic health, has recovered all of the eight million jobs lost since the recession. NAR measured whether new home construction has kept up with job creation to determine the impact of construction on housing supply. The findings reveal that new home construction is underperforming in 32 states and the District of Columbia.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says there's a strong relationship between new jobs and an increase in demand for housing. "Historically, there's one new home construction for every one-and-a-half new jobs," he said. "Our analysis found that a majority of states are constructing too few homes in relation to local job market conditions. This lack of construction has hamstrung supply and slowed home sales."

NAR analyzed jobs created in every state and the District of Columbia over a three-year period ending in the first quarter of 2014 relative to new single-family housing starts over the same period. Indicating lagging new home construction, 33 states (including the District of Columbia) have a ratio

"A persistent lag in new home construction will lead to faster home price growth, which will negatively impact housing affordability."

LAWRENCE YUN
NAR chief economist

greater than 1.5 – the long-term average.

The disparity was the greatest in Florida, Utah, California, Montana and Indiana, where job creation has been particularly strong. Yun cautions that these states could face persistent housing shortages and affordability issues unless housing starts increase to match local job gains.

"A persistent lag in new home construction will lead to faster home price growth, which will negatively impact housing affordability," said Yun.

In addition, Realtors' home price growth expectations in the first quarter of 2014 was generally strongest in states facing housing shortage conditions. Lack of inventory has pushed prices up and put pressure on affordability – especially for first-time homebuyers.

"Realtors have an intuitive sense of

how fast prices are likely to rise from on-the-field observations," said Yun. "Their price outlook largely shows gains to be the strongest in states with slow home construction in relation to job growth."

On the contrary, home price growth looks to be manageable in states with strong job gains and near commensurate increases in new home construction. Housing starts are seen as more than adequate to local job growth in Mississippi, Arkansas, Connecticut, Alabama and Vermont.

Inventory of homes sale and new construction drives supply. Although the number of existing-homes for sale increased in April, it remains historically low, averaging six months or less for 20 consecutive months.

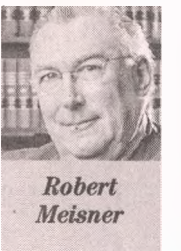
Looking ahead, Yun says homebuilders will have to produce amidst the current challenges facing the building market. Limited access to credit for smaller builders, rising construction costs, concerns about the re-emergence of entry-level consumers to the market in the face of student debt and a tight credit box, and the general decline in affordability and purchase power over the last year is causing hesitation among builders.

"It's critical to increase housing starts in these states facing shortage conditions or else prospective buyers may struggle with options and affordability if income growth cannot compensate for rising home prices," said Yun.

Rezoning might be open to challenge

Q: Our township proposed the rezoning of certain property for multi-family housing, but because of community pressure, the township reversed its position and adopted a zoning ordinance that limited construction to single-family units and prohibited multi-family housing absent a special permit.

Our organization is a non-profit community-based developer of affordable housing and we wonder if we have any grounds to challenge the township's zoning decision?



Robert Meisner

A: I think you have a very good claim that the township violated the Fair Housing Act by prohibiting the development of low-income housing. If the community pressure was motivated by racial animus or if the prohibition had a significantly adverse or disproportionate impact on persons of a particular type, the zoning ordinance would likely be found to be discriminatory under either the disparate treatment or disparate impact theories and a violation of the Fair Housing Act. Recent case law supports this position.

Q: I am a landlord and my lease agreement obligates the tenant to pay rent Jan. 1 in advance for the full year. The lease also provides that if terminated early, I am not obligated to return any part of the rent already paid. I received the annual rent advance, but the tenant stopped payment, claiming that the check was sent in error. The tenant then notified me that she was terminating the tenancy and sent only a partial payment for the month that she rented the premises. Am I entitled to the balance of the rent for the entire year?

A: Of course, each case depends on the particular facts and the laws from state to state differ, but in a similar case out of New York, the Court of Appeals found that the tenant was liable because the lease required advance payment in full. The Court of Appeals pointed out that under common law, rent paid in advance is not recoverable if the lease is terminated before the completion of the term unless the lease provides otherwise. The fact that the tenant never actually paid the rent does not defeat its obligation to pay on the due date.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

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

CANTON
4147 Hawksbury Ct \$239,000
7773 N Canton Ctr Rd \$140,000
3944 Ravensfield Dr \$180,000
41187 Southwind Dr \$77,000
42114 Starlite Ct \$178,000
433 Torrington Dr W \$360,000

46885 Wareham \$363,000
2546 Woodmont Dr E \$195,000
4022 Wrenwood Ln \$237,000
GARDEN CITY
31559 James St \$95,000
LIVONIA
15557 Alpine Dr \$253,000
19327 Augusta Dr \$370,000
30215 Bentley St \$147,000
9150 Houghton St \$120,000
29866 Lori St \$149,000
29103 Lyndon St \$126,000
37492 N Laurel Park Dr \$145,000
32940 Northgate Ave \$257,000

28319 Oakley St \$175,000
32731 Oakley St \$144,000
39209 Orangelawn St \$154,000
50960 Belmont Park Ct \$479,000
18260 Blue Heron Pointe Dr \$438,000
PLYMOUTH
169 Adams St \$245,000
661 Adams St \$284,000
1149 Dewey St \$297,000
14934 Maplewood Ln \$224,000
9403 N Canton Center Rd \$103,000
12401 N Ridge Rd \$775,000
1495 Penniman Ave \$365,000

13572 Westbrook Rd \$450,000
REDFORD
11330 Berwyn \$75,000
20457 Lexington \$45,000
14224 San Jose \$40,000
15091 Seneca \$130,000
WESTLAND
32161 Genessee St \$40,000
29862 Lonnie Dr \$89,000
244 S Marie St \$85,000
1686 S Newburgh Rd \$75,000
701 Summerfield Dr \$189,000

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BINGHAM FARMS
23760 Overlook Cir \$295,000
BIRMINGHAM
222 Bird Ave \$584,000
648 Cherry Ct \$545,000
2492 E Bradford Rd \$230,000
1863 E Lincoln St \$200,000
535 N Old Woodward Ave \$215,000
2253 Pembroke Rd \$535,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS
450 Billingsgate Ct # A \$120,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP
2662 Broadway Blvd \$588,000
4251 Derry Rd \$218,000
2980 E Bradford Dr \$850,000
425 Fox Hills Dr N \$86,000
1795 Golf Ridge Dr \$278,000
6121 Golfview Dr \$332,000
5445 Lane Lake Rd \$720,000

860 Lone Pine Rd \$1,150,000
5616 Pebbleshire Rd \$432,000
5540 Pine Brooke Ct \$650,000
1190 Rolling Hills Dr \$118,000
859 Sunningdale Dr \$1,075,000
1157 Timberview Trl \$250,000
5275 Wing Lake Rd \$365,000
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642 Andrews St \$124,000
234 Arabelle St \$65,000
162 Cardinal St \$70,000
486 Charlevoix St \$177,000
4494 Darlene Dr \$365,000
8325 Dickert St \$300,000
3154 Edgewood Park Ct \$280,000
4650 Newcroft St \$63,000
FARMINGTON
31831 Grand River Ave Unit 77 \$25,000
FARMINGTON HILLS
32847 Ardwick Rd \$204,000
29731 Belfast St \$229,000
22126 Cape Cod Way \$70,000
34054 Edmonton St \$119,000
26583 Greythorne Trl \$174,000
34021 Kirby St \$80,000
28853 Nottoway Dr \$275,000
29633 Pine Ridge Cir \$135,000
33635 Quaker Valley Rd \$191,000

25402 Wykeshire Rd \$218,000
FRANKLIN
32625 Redfern St \$390,000
32975 Romsey Rd \$400,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE
18791 San Quentin Dr \$206,000
MILFORD
267 Milford Meadows Dr \$141,000
1953 Scenic Dr \$370,000
1285 Yellowstone Valley Dr \$263,000
1339 Yosemite Valley Dr \$319,000
NORTHVILLE
847 McDonald Dr \$540,000
22803 Poppleton Dr \$100,000
38540 Rhonswood Dr \$180,000
NOVI
22387 Carlisle Ct \$488,000
22675 Colony Ct \$390,000
44721 Ellery Ln \$140,000
51161 Hallfield St \$312,000
27972 Hopkins Dr \$220,000
27078 Ladbrooke St \$246,000
40504 Ladene Ln \$240,000
31156 Lagoon Dr \$368,000
23596 N Rockledge \$93,000
21765 Siegal Dr \$265,000
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28502 Witherspoon Dr \$140,000

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58766 Swing Beam Ct \$76,000
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29766 Fall River Rd \$75,000
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27675 Harvard Rd \$120,000
17040 Melrose St \$40,000
17040 Melrose St \$62,000
19665 Raleigh Cir S \$49,000
17277 Redwood Ave \$46,000
28651 Regent Ct N \$54,000
25444 Southwood Dr \$240,000
29837 Spring Hill Dr \$97,000
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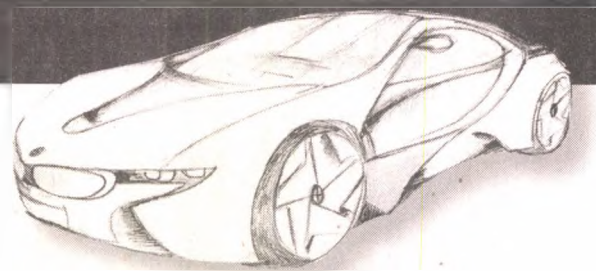
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Car Report

GMC Has a Big, Big Hit in Hugely Capable New GMC Yukon



By Dale Buss

If the unraveling of Iraq had occurred even three years ago, the U.S. automotive industry might have been greatly alarmed because of the potential run-up in oil – and gasoline – prices and how it would spook American consumers, as such spikes notably have before. And sales

occurring ever again in our lifetimes have receded to almost nil. Gasoline prices in this country can be expected to demonstrate much more stability in the years ahead – albeit at today's \$3-a-gallon-and-up levels – even though oil remains a global market.

And demand for vehicles such as the new Yukon, and the 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe and Chevrolet Suburban, won't be whacked nearly as severely as they were several years ago.

After the 2008 financial crash and Great Recession, the entire segment of hulking SUVs like the GM models and the now-defunct Ford Excursions was written off as moribund. Gasoline prices spiked at more than \$4 a gallon; they offered woeful fuel economy; the recession had sapped purchasing power from most Americans; and gas-thirsty SUVs were considered automotive Public Enemy No. 1 by the mainstream media and cultural elite.

But the new GM fleet is just the right group of new offerings to bring the category back amid signs that a good number of Americans again want the size, roominess, towing capabilities and other practical advantages of mammoth SUVs in updated packages. Yukon sales, for example, were ahead by 143 percent in May compared with a year earlier and were 42 percent higher for the year to date compared with 2013.

The Yukon also has just gotten a hugely important new imprimatur: It was named in a tie with Suburban as the top-ranked Large SUV in the 2014

Initial Quality Study by J.D. Power & Associates.

So what kind of vehicle is worthy of such glowing regard?

The new 2015 Yukon is fully redesigned with greater engine output

The 2015 version still offers some of the most important benefits of driving such a large vehicle: a high position to optimize visibility while driving, ample mass and loads of safety features to lend confidence on the road, and cavernous

with a 5.3-liter V8 engine that generates 355 horsepower, even more than last version's 320 horsepower, and a six-speed automatic transmission. But Yukon also posts respectable fuel economy of 18 mpg combined, 16 in the



Rear connectivity features are a highlight. Prospects would look significantly worse for vehicles such as the brand-new 2015 GMC Yukon.

But while sensitivities to the threat to Iraq's oil capabilities have sent global crude prices significantly higher lately, one major change in the picture has prevented U.S. consumers and automakers from being nearly as concerned about such dangers as last time: the new paradigm of domestic energy security.

Advanced technologies such as "fracking" and horizontal drilling have boosted U.S. crude-oil production by 47 percent since 2010, and last October domestic oil production surpassed imports for the first time in nearly two decades.

The upshot: The chances of a repeat of the traumatic gasoline-lines scenario of the Seventies



The 2015 GMC Yukon is helping bring back the large-SUV segment.

and improved fuel economy at the same time, better standard and optional equipment, an integrated fold-flat third-row rear seat, updated exterior styling, a quieter interior and low-range gearing now available on the Denali model.

The new Yukon still brings its traditional rugged truck construction and V8 towing capacity but also has added amenities and features that make the experience of driving and riding in it more like that of a full-fledged luxury SUVs.

I got to experience most of the joys of the new Yukon on a recent road trip.

interior room and seating flexibility that take maximum advantage of all of that room.

The SLT version that I drove also featured four-wheel-drive, providing the kind of sure-footedness that comes in handy in the unpredictable weather Michigan has experienced so far in 2014.

What the latest Yukon also provides is better fuel economy than ever before, and more touches that add up to a premium driving experience.

The 2015 Yukon comes standard

city and 22 on the highway with 4WD. GM's new "active fuel management" features such as cylinder deactivation are squeezing every possible mile out of this big powertrain.

Comfort-wise, the new, noticeably improved Yukon now sports high-quality materials, crisp gauge readouts, an intuitive central infotainment display, advanced rear-passenger connectivity features, and other creature comforts including a third row of seats that now is firmly anchored in the vehicle's floor as stow-away seats.

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Just like in dating, job searching can sometimes cause you to look back on your past at some of the baggage you've collected. But while your date may be forgiving of poor communication skills or your fear of commitment, hiring managers aren't necessarily as understanding.

So when you bring baggage to your job search, such as gaps on your resume or looking for jobs out of state, you'll have to discuss the subject carefully and at the right moment. To help figure out timing, consider these tips for addressing your job-search baggage.

Save the cover letter for why you're qualified

A cover letter may seem like a natural place to address any concerns a potential employer may have, but in a competitive job market, your first impression can't be made up of reasons to doubt your capabilities.

"This weakens your application right from the start," says Cheryl E. Palmer, career coach and owner of Call to Career, a career coaching firm. "My advice is to keep it positive in the cover letter and avoid touchy issues. If you have a strong resume, the recruiter will follow up with you, and if they have questions about your background, they will ask those questions during a screening interview. But with the cover letter and resume, you at least want to make the first cut."

Addressing resume gaps

If there are gaps of empty time on your resume, an employer will likely be curious as to what you were doing. Palmer suggests waiting for the interviewer to bring this up -- but be sure to have an answer ready. "The answer that you give needs to be clear enough so that it does not provoke more questions,"

When do I bring up my baggage in a job search?



you stayed involved with your field. Whether it was volunteering, pursuing more education or simply reading industry publications, show how you made the most of your time.

When you're overqualified

There are plenty of reasons a job seeker may be interested in a position that's a rung lower on their career ladder. Just know that interviewers will want to understand your reasoning. Yes, you can bring your experience to the role, but if an interviewer believes you're only interested in the job until you can find something better, he probably won't take the risk of hiring you. Instead, point to why this match makes sense.

"If you have been in management but are being interviewed

for a staff position with no managerial responsibilities, you may talk about how you realized that you prefer to be in a position where you can focus on being an individual contributor and do your best work. After all, not everyone is cut out to be in management," Palmer says. "Or you might enthusiastically talk about your interest in the mission of the company that you are applying to instead of focusing on the fact that it is a step backward for your career. The bottom line is that you need to convince the interviewer that your taking the position will be a win-win for both parties."

Bringing up relocation

By applying for a job that's a significant distance away from you, you may think it's obvious

that you're willing to relocate. However, employers can sometimes see this as a gray area in a candidate's qualifications.

To help take away doubt, Palmer says, "Typically, when it comes to relocation, you are competing against local candidates. And not all employers are willing to pay for your relocation. If you are in a position to pay for your own relocation, and you know that the employer will not do it for you, it is appropriate to mention in the interview that you are willing to relocate at your own expense. This will put you on an even playing field with local candidates."

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All Shifts - Varied Hours
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