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## Road work halted for Fourth of July holiday

Road Commission for Oakland County Managing Director Dennis Kolar announced that most RCOC road construction projects will be suspended at 3 p.m. Thursday, July 3, for the Fourth of July holiday.

Work will resume after 6 a.m. Monday, July 7.

"The Road Commission wants to ensure that its roads are as free of obstructions as possible during this period because of the increased holiday traffic we typically see on the July 4 holiday," Kolar stated.

"That should help to ensure safe and convenient holiday travel for motorists in Oakland County."

Kolar also prohibited the hauling of most heavy earth-moving equipment and other large contractor equipment on county roads (vehicles that require a permit to travel on county roads) during the holiday.

Some lane closures will be eliminated for the holiday.

# City's water rates bump up

Residential customers to see 3-percent increase

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

Novi residents and businesses will see a slight increase in water and sewer rates starting Aug. 1.

The Novi City Council recently approved resolutions to enact proposed water and sewer rates

for the new fiscal year of 2014-15.

The combined water and sewer rate increase to the average customer for the 2014-15 fiscal year will be approximately 3 percent (or \$20.48 annually) for residential customers, which is down from the 9-percent increase last year. These will range from a 3- to 6-percent increase for commercial and industrial customers, depending on things like size of meter and consump-

tion.

According to Michael Andrews, Novi's Water and Sewer finance specialist, and Carl Johnson, Novi's finance director and treasurer, the new Novi rate schedules incorporate the increase from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department of approximately 7 percent for water services (down from the 11-percent increase last year) and the combined pass-through

increase from the Oakland County Water Resource Commission of 1 percent for sewer services, which is down from the 6-percent increase last year.

The city of Novi purchases treated water and sewer services from the DWSD and OCWRC.

The new Novi rate schedules incorporate the increase from the DWSD of approximately 7

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4-H Club members Susanna Khanuk (left) and Alana Hutka listen to Tollgate educational teacher Megan Tomasek give instructions on showing their goats at the Oakland County Fair. PHOTOS BY LONNIE HUHMANN

# Novi Club links fun and learning

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

The garden the Sun, Water and Seeds 4-H Club is growing at Tollgate Farm is testament to the group's dedication in learning to be good stewards of the land.

This club may be unknown to some in the Novi community, but to those who have stopped by to purchase some of their fresh and locally grown produce it's become a great resource.

The produce grown inside the hoop house, like the tomatoes and peppers, is part of an overall experiential project for the 4-H Club. Made up of kids ranging in age from 6-17, the club aims to be a great mix of farming and entrepreneurship.

This 4-H Club is a group of kids and



The hoop house at Tollgate Farm on Meadowbrook Road is filled with the growing produce planted by the 4-H Club.

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# The Golden Rule helps Novi business succeed

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

Eradico Services Inc. is one Novi business that has seen significant growth over the last decade through some tough economic times. Management said its success is the result of great teamwork, customer service and leadership.

It might not be the most glamorous business, specializing in services such as ridding homes and businesses of pests and weeds, but Eradico has proven to be one of the most useful and needed ones.

Based off of Meadowbrook Road in Novi, this business has grown to include a number of services and locations, with its revenue increasing each year in the last three years.

Co-owner Steve Russell, who



The Eradico team, which management said is the basis of its company's success over the last decade. Co-owners Chuck Russell and David Sidder are standing far left and Steve Russell is far right. PHOTO BY LONNIE HUHMANN

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percent for water services (down from the 11-percent increase last year) and the combined pass-through increase from the OCWRC of 1-percent for sewer services, which is down from the 6-percent increase last year.

"The city (Novi) has two drivers that dictate the minimum fees charged to its customers. These drivers include administrative costs and capital improvement costs," said Andrews and Johnson. "The costs incurred for the operation and maintenance of our water system will vary dependent upon the size of a water main, meter, etc. One important aspect to our minimum rate setting is the fact that a larger meter/pipe will incur a greater cost to operate and maintain."

In addition, they said the stress on the infrastructure is greater with more water flowing through a larger pipe and meter.

The rate increase comes down from DWSD in its effort to straighten things out with its operations.

"These rate increases continue to incorporate our ongoing efforts to control expenses while providing quality water and sewage services," said DWSD Director Sue McCormick in a letter to Novi clarifying the rate increases.

She said DWSD's adopted rates for FY 2014-15 are the result of a 0.9-percent increase of water and a 2.2-percent decrease for sewage in its operating budgets. She added their department's capital-related costs are anticipated to increase by 3.1 percent for water and 1.3 percent for sewage.

"The increases will fund infrastructure improvements and reduce future borrowing needs," she said.

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The Zippy Two Dads have their audience up and clapping at their June 17 concert at Fuerst Park.



# Tremendous Tuesdays

Sisters Annaliese, 3, and Gillian Knapp, left, 1, enjoy a lollipop and the tunes of the Zippy Two Dads during the inaugural Tremendous Tuesdays event at Novi's Fuerst Park on June 17. The family-friendly series of concerts, jugglers and magicians will continue at 10:30 a.m. every Tuesday at Fuerst through Aug. 12. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# CLUB

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adult volunteers learning about gardening, nutrition, food safety, cooking, entrepreneurship and a lot more. It's part of Michigan State University's 4-H Youth Gardens and Farm Stands Project in Oakland County.

"Hands-on gardening activities provide the produce for sale at farm stands. Thinking through

the business activities of producing, pricing, advertising and selling builds teamwork skills as well as an individual's business skills," said club coordinator and Novi resident Mary Hutka of some of the club's missions.

The club works together to grow food for people using nonrenewable resources wisely and Earth-friendly methods while also keeping a successful farm business growing.

In addition to growing

produce, the group will participate in the Oakland County Fair by showcasing some goats from Tollgate. This again is an activity teaching hands-on experience with animals and how to care for them.

Over this past winter, the club collected seeds and planted them, which were eventually donated to various community organizations around metro Detroit. At least 2,000 people were helped by this project.

Another project

they're working on right now is the raising of 19 heritage turkeys at Tollgate. This is again teaching them the combination of farming and business. They will eventually sell the turkeys come Thanksgiving.

It's not all work though. The club has a lot of fun activities throughout the year, including camping and a Halloween party.

Club member Alana Hutka, 13, said she originally joined the club at her mother's urging, but

since then she has grown to really love it.

"I like being with the other club members and being outside with the animals," she said. "It's a lot of fun to learn about farming and the animals."

To learn more about the club, go to <http://www.sunwaterseeds4h.moonfruit.com>.

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owns Eradico with his brother Chuck and friend David Sidder, said their growth can be traced back to loyal cus-

tomers, good staff and wise counsel.

"We will always treat others as we want to be treated," Steve said of their team values. "The 'Golden Rule' is central to who we are and is supported by our values. Central to our values is

providing personal and efficient service to every person."

They have locations all over Michigan, including in Traverse City, Ferndale and Kalamazoo.

The company's combined operations brought in \$10.5 million in 2011 and just over \$12 million last year. It has grown from \$8.8 million in 2008 to a projected \$12.5 million in 2014.

Eradico provides a comprehensive array of protective and preventative services to care for any home or business. In addition to pest and lawn services, they also do exterior and interior Christmas decorating.

## Company history

This company has come a long way since it was started in 1931 in Detroit, however all through that time it was guided by basic values.

According to Steve Russell, Eradico Pest Control was founded by entrepreneur Myron Sempliner. In 1980, Bill Russell, Steve and Chuck's father, joined

the firm, bringing a wealth of industry experience. Not long after, highlighting the 50-year milestone of Eradico, Russell and three long-term employees purchased the company.

The new owners, including Bill Russell, as president, and Glenn Sidder, as vice president, enthusiastically developed new customer relationships, business systems and industry opportunities.

"As a result, the company grew exponentially from its inaugural roots to become a professional enterprise," Steve Russell said.

Chuck and Steve along with David joined their fathers' company and learned the business from the ground up. They said through hard work and goal setting, expanded service areas have been developed without losing the personal service and customer care Eradico was founded on. Soon the second generation, carrying on the traditions and values of their fathers, was given the

opportunity to move into the top management positions of the company.

"Surrounding ourselves with good people has been one of the best decisions we've made," David said.

Leading with a fresh perspective and developing an innovative approach to team training, the new management team broadened Eradico's Pest Services offerings with mosquito control and further expanded property service capabilities with tree and shrub care and lawn care. Within a short time, the Eradico team maximized its industry relationships and became a valued leader of the Weed Man Lawn Services and Christmas Decor franchises.

"We try to make a difference in people's lives," Chuck said. "Whether it's with our customers or our employees, our goal is to have a positive impact."

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**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 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@cityof-novi.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.cityof-novi.org or contact Sgt. Michael Warren at mwarren@cityofnovi.org or 248-921-9843.



Fox Run residents taking part in the Memory Walk. At this circular walk, residents were asked to memorize an image at each numbered stop. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Novi senior citizens work out their brains

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

Brains at Fox Run got a workout recently during a special activity event that was done to help promote things like memory and socialization.

"This is a delightful event," said Fox Run resident Norma Arim, 94, a former teacher. "I'm in good health, but I do have some memory loss, so I'm hoping these things will help."

The Brain Event was held June 6 at Fox Run's pool courtyard. A number of stations were set up including:

- » Memory walk: Remembering objects along the path in the courtyard.
- » Physical activity station: Exercises to develop non-dominant side.
- » Guard your health station: Word search to educate the key factors of a healthy lifestyle.
- » Healthy food station: Blindfold taste test of healthy food choices.
- » Sleep Station: Habits to encour-

age better sleep.

» Socialization station: Ice-breaker to encourage conversation and new friendships.

This is event new to Fox Run and it's part of the overall focus on health and wellness.

Deanne Klein, Fox Run's assistant manager of rehab and wellness, said, "This is an interactive event that really takes a look at a variety of areas in their lives."

At the physical activity station, residents worked to use both sides of their brain by using both hands. Different movements were performed to get this done. Fox Run fitness coordinator Michael Knight said it's important to switch things up as much as possible.

"Challenging your body and brain as much as you can is important for overall health and wellness," Knight said.

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Fox Run residents Jim Blazak and Judy Fowler took part in a brain-building Memory Walk. They encountered games and puzzles that aimed to stir their ability to memorize people, places, things and activities.



*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!*

<p><b>Events At:</b> Independence Village of Plymouth 14707 Northville Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 734-453-2600</p> <p><b>Fourth of July Celebration</b> Wednesday, July 2   1:30 pm</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Art in the Park</b> July 11 - 13 Friday, 11:00 am - 8:00 pm Saturday, 10:00 am - 7:00 pm Sunday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>America the Beautiful Patriotic Presentation</b> Monday, July 30   1:30 pm</p> <p>Celebrate America through song and story. "Suzanne and Jim" will inspire your patriotic pride with this star-spangled show.</p>	<p><b>Sunday Brunch &amp; Open House</b></p> <p><b>Sunday Brunch</b> Sunday, July 20</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Cost \$17.00 adults, \$13.00 ages 6-12, ages 4 and under are free.</p> <p><b>Summer Celebration Open House</b> Saturday, July 26</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Please Call for Details</b></p>	<p><b>Events At:</b> Independence Village of White Lake 935 Union Lake Road, White Lake, MI 48386 248-360-7235</p> <p><b>Ice Cream Social</b> Wednesday, July 9 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Time to get Jazzy</b> Thursday, July 31   6:00 pm</p> <p>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.</p>
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## Novi teen inspired by a trip down the Amazon River

By Lonnie Huhman  
 Staff Writer

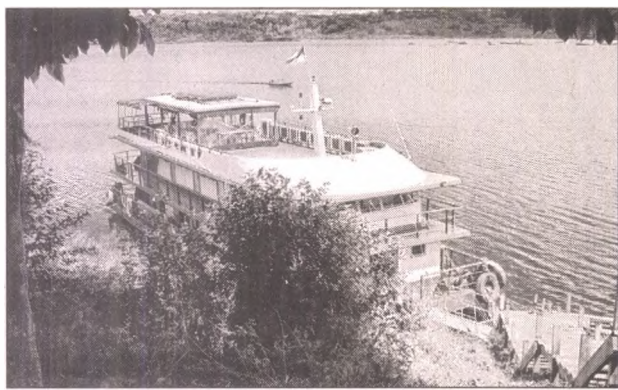
Inspired to get more involved, Novi High School graduate Tanner Vincent took an 11-day medical mission trip to the Amazon River in Brazil to help those in need.

"Every little bit helps and I want to be more involved with helping to make a difference, especially for those who are worse off than me," said Vincent, who graduated last month.

He raised the money to help fund the trip with donations from friends and family. His grandparents, who have extensive experience with the culture and language of the villages, were on the trip as well.

It was a big learning experience for Vincent — exactly what he was looking for.

He had lived in Brazil for a short time as a young child and took the same trip down the river, so he was somewhat familiar with the country. However, this visit was different because this time he was more



This is the boat that Tanner Vincent and others stayed on while they traveled down the Amazon River. Here it is docked at a village.

involved with the assistance.

"I had a lot of fun spending time with my grandparents, but I also learned a lot," Vincent said.

With help from family and friends, he was able to take with him 300 bottles of adult and children multi-vitamins to distribute to the people in the small villages along the river.

The trip started May 19 in central Brazil. Vincent was part of a 15-person group that included a doctor and dentist. The boat they took down the river was also

where they slept. They stopped at 10 different villages and each time they handed out supplies and conducted some important checkups.

A big concern was the dental hygiene of the villagers. The villages are very remote and access to everyday medical/dental help is not common.

These visits happen twice a year, so for the villagers, it's a big day when the boat shows up. Vincent helped with greeting the villagers and directing them where they needed to go. He also helped villagers



Novi High School graduate Tanner Vincent made a trip to Brazil this past May to help out villagers who live along the Amazon River.

find prescription reading glasses from a supply the group had, handing out probably 50 pairs.

They also handed out a lot of fun stuff and toys to the children. Getting to play soccer with the villagers was a lot of fun for Vincent, who said this activity was one that happened at each village

he visited. He also sat in on some church services at the villages.

"They were very gracious to see us and receive some help," Vincent said.

"I think it means a lot to them."

Vincent plans on attending Calvin College in the fall and his experi-

ence in Brazil has him thinking about medical school.

"I want to make more of a commitment to helping others in need," he said looking to the future.

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### WLCSO offers free preschool programs

A free summer preschool for income-eligible children who will be enrolled in kindergarten in fall 2014 is available now. Classes are at the Walled Lake Community Education Center, and run Monday through Thursday, through Aug. 14. Enrollment is ongoing; call 248-956-5091.

The district is also offering free preschool for children living in Walled Lake area for the upcoming school year. Families of four earning up to \$71,500 per year are always eligible and those earning up to \$90,000 per year are sometimes eligible.

Half- and full-day openings in schools and childcare centers are available.

To enroll, children must be 3 or 4 years old

on or before Oct. 1, 2014.

Call 248-956-5089 for a referral or visit [wlcsd.org/webpages/preschool](http://wlcsd.org/webpages/preschool) for more information.

### School board 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 that she will seek re-election in the November election. Willy Mena is also a candidate for a six-year seat on the board.

To apply, residents

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must be United States citizens, 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 [novi.k12.mi.us/district/boe/boe-vacancy/](http://novi.k12.mi.us/district/boe/boe-vacancy/).

Those interested in applying for this seat must submit: 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 website at [oakgov.com/clerkrod/elections/Documents/2014\\_filing\\_req\\_schools\\_nov.pdf](http://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](mailto: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).

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# Annual walk to feature six 'diverse' gardens

By Kurt Kuban  
Staff Writer

The Country Garden Club of Northville's annual garden walk has been a community tradition for more than two decades. The event, in its 21st year, takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9.

According to organizers, the theme of this year's garden walk is "Beautiful Michigan" and will feature six diverse and unique private gardens in and around Northville and Northville Township that all showcase flowers, shrubs, trees and water features.

Club president Ronnie Cambra said one of the main goals of the walk every year is to feature gardens that will appeal to a variety of gardeners. Some are owned by club members, but others are not.

"We select them randomly. We try to select a variety of gardens," she said. "We try to appeal to everyone. We have big gardens, but also some smaller ones. Not everyone has ostentatious acreage to build a garden. We choose all kinds so people can relate."

This year is no different. Among the six featured gardens are large, spread out gardens in the township and smaller pocket gardens in the city, like Terry Snyder's on Gardiner Street.

Cambra said people will really enjoy Snyder's garden, which features plenty of flowers but also vegetables, including jalapeno peppers grown from heirloom seeds brought up from Mexico.

On the larger side, there is a three-level garden in the Hidden Ridge sub owned by a builder, which includes impressive water features that take advantage of the natural drainage of the property.

"He has more land-



Some of the coneflowers in Terry Snyder's Gardiner Street garden. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

scaping, where some of the others are more flower-based," Cambra said. "People will get something different from each one."

Another one of the gardens is modeled after Butchart Gardens located on Vancouver Island.

Tickets for the event are \$10 and can be purchased at Gardenviews Garden Gallery, 117 E. Main Street, at the ticket table in Mill Race Village on the day of the walk or ordered online at [www.cgcnv.org](http://www.cgcnv.org).

In addition, Music on the Green will be going on at Mill Race Village during the garden walk. There will be a number of vendors on site selling garden products, as well as music and homemade goodies. Club members will be there to answer any questions.

The garden walk is the club's biggest fundraiser, and is used to provide an annual scholarship to a Northville High student who pursues a degree in horticulture or a related field.



Terry Snyder's Gardiner Street garden will be part of this summer's Country Garden Club of Northville Garden Walk. Snyder has been hard at work transforming the double lot garden since 1991. Snyder particularly likes the well-worn wood on the pergula she's passing through.

The club's 53 members also put together floral arrangements each week for hospice pa-

tients, and care for the gardens at the library, Post Office and at the Hunter House in Mill

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# Families cool off at metroparks' Splash-N-Blast

By Laura Colvin  
Staff Writer

Scott Young and his family recently came from Howell for some fun family time at Kensington Metropark's Splash-N-Blast water park in Milford.

"We came out to enjoy a nice day," Young said, noting that, while they frequently spend time at Kensington Metropark, it was the family's first-ever visit to Splash-N-Blast. "My wife and I both work all week, so this is a great place to come on the weekends to enjoy some time with the kids. It's a fun place, and it's nice, after a long winter, to finally get out of the house."

Located on the north end of Martindale Beach, Splash-N-Blast, opened in 2006 and includes two 240-foot twisted water slides and an adjacent spray area where water shoots from colorful cannons, palm trees, serpents and a whale.

Riders also choose between the open slide or ride down in the dark

through the enclosed slide.

"I love the closed slide," said Katie Stephenson, Splash-N-Blast supervisor. The water park is appropriate for all ages, but those who wish to ride the water slides must stand at least 48 inches tall. "It's like a tunnel, and you don't know what's coming next."

The Splash-N-Blast is open daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. through late summer. Entry to the Splash-N-Blast is \$5 for adults and \$4 for kids. After 5 p.m., adults pay \$4 and kids enter for \$3. A metropark vehicle entry permit also is required to enter any metropark.

"We get a lot of repeat customers," Stephenson said.

Entry also includes a wristband, which allows Splash-N-Blast visitors to come in and out of the park during the day.

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Zachary Young, 3, fires a water cannon at the Kensington Metropark's Splash-N-Blast water park. LAURA COLVIN

## Thirteen metroparks offer natural oasis from suburban life

What is a metropark? The question itself is a lot easier asked than answered. With almost 25,000 acres of land stretching across five counties, serving approximately 9 million visitors annually, a better question to ask would be, what isn't a metropark?

The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, better known as the metroparks, is a regional special park district encompassing Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw and Livingston counties. Currently, 13 metroparks make up the authority and cover near-



ly 25,000 acres.

The metroparks are located along the Huron and Clinton rivers, providing a greenbelt around the Detroit metropolitan area. Recreational facilities are provided at 12 sites stretching in a loop from Lake St. Clair to Lake Erie. The parks are generally more than 1,000 acres each, with Stony Creek, located in Shelby Township, and Kensington,

located in Milford, being more than 4,400 acres.

The metroparks provide a natural oasis from urban and suburban life and they provide an ever-growing variety of outdoor recreational and educational activities year round in safe, clean environments. Picnicking, fishing, swimming, boating, hiking, nature study, biking, golf, disc golf, winter sports and a host of special outdoor programs and events are available within a short drive to southeast Michigan residents.

Extensive paved hike/bike trails and scenic golf courses make the

metroparks easily distinguishable from other parks. More than 55 miles of paved hike/bike trails course through the metroparks and some of these trails connect with many more miles of trails outside the metroparks, and the system operates eight regulation golf courses and two par-3 courses.

With a strong commitment to environmental education and preservation, the metroparks operates nine full-service interpretive centers — nature, farm and historical — that provide a variety of programs both on site and off site, for almost 1.75 million people annually. A 10th in-

terpretive center, the mobile learning center, is a fully-stocked vehicle filled with exhibits and hands-on activities that visits schools, community centers, fairs and other locations in southeast Michigan to conduct nature, farm and history programs to groups that may not have the means or opportunities to visit a metropark.

The metroparks are funded principally by a property tax levy, limited to one-quarter of one mill, and by revenues from vehicle entry fees and other user fees for various facilities such as golf courses.

A vehicle entry permit is required to enter any

metropark and is \$30 annually for regular admission, \$20 annually for seniors or \$7 daily.

So next time instead of asking the question, "what is a metropark?," head to the closest one and find out for yourself all of the amazing things it has to offer, and you'll quickly realize that "what isn't a metropark" is a much shorter answer. For more information and for a list of amenities and attractions that each metropark has to offer, visit our website at [www.metroparks.com](http://www.metroparks.com).

John P. McCulloch is the director of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority.

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# Officials hope to demolish another former hospital building on Seven Mile property

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

One building on the old Northville Psychiatric Hospital property on Seven Mile Road could soon be coming down once studies are done on how much asbestos it contains and to best bring it down.

So called "Building 72", which is very visible from the most western part of the property and has been the scene of many trespassing incidents, is the one designated for this study and potential demolition.

The Northville Township Board of Trustees, by 6-0 vote, approved a nearly \$20,000 contract with AKT Peerless to perform the asbestos and hazardous materials survey, and to prepare the abatement and demolition specifications for the bidding process.

This decision and funding is in accordance with the requirements of Community Development Block Grant program, a federal granting program administered by Wayne County, which is helping to fund the



To combat trespassers and its slow collapse, the far western building of the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital on Seven Mile should be demolished soon. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

cleanup of the property. Previously, a \$200,000 Environmental Protection Agency grant helped with work at the property's powerhouse and maintenance building.

"We are accumulating about \$390,000 that might be enough money, depending on the bids, that once we get the engineering work done here and the scope of the bids we'll see if that gives us an opportunity to demolish one of the buildings on the Seven Mile property," said Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix.

He said the building was picked by using

criteria that considers how much the township has for such a project. Previous buildings to be demolished like the powerhouse building had been discovered to be filled with asbestos causing the costs of the project to sky rocket.

The former hospital opened in 1952 as a modern mental hospital that could house up to 2,000 patients. Its nearly 20 buildings included research facilities, a movie theater, bowling alley, pool and morgue. Building 72 does contain the old bowling alley and like the rest of the buildings it is run down and a safe-

ty hazard.

Building 72's prominence off Seven Mile has made it a trespassing destination, which is an ongoing issue for the Northville Township Public Safety Department. Every month the police are citing trespassers for being illegally on the township-owned property. In 2012, there were nearly 700 service calls to the property, nearly all of them for trespassers.

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# Statewide Fourth of July drunken driving crackdown begins

To celebrate freedom this Fourth of July holiday, police officials said motorists need to designate a sober driver or risk ending up behind bars. A statewide Night Patrol impaired driving enforcement crackdown kicked off Tuesday with nearly 150 law enforcement agencies in 26 counties participating.

In 2013, 354 people died in Michigan as a result of alcohol and/or drug-involved traffic crashes, a 3.5 percent increase from 2012. To

help prevent these avoidable tragedies, law enforcement agencies from local police departments, sheriff offices and Michigan State Police posts across the state will conduct extra drunken driving patrols throughout this popular summer holiday period.

The effort runs through July 13 and is paid for with federal funds administered by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning. Grant-funded counties in Southeast Michi-

gan are Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne.

"Alcohol-involved fatalities have increased during the last few years, resulting in more families mourning the preventable loss of a loved one," stated Michael L. Prince, OHSP director. "The officers are taking part to encourage drivers to make smart decisions and plan ahead to ensure a safe way home. Make no mistake, if you drive drunk, you will be arrest-

ed." During the 2013 Fourth of July holiday period, 19 people died on Michigan roads. Six of the fatal crashes were alcohol-related.

In Michigan, it is illegal to drive with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 or greater, although motorists can be arrested at any BAC level if an officer feels they are impaired. Under the state's high BAC law, motorists face enhanced penalties if a first-time arrest is for a 0.17 BAC or higher.

## POLICE BRIEFS

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#### Plants stolen

Some boxwood shrubs and perennials were taken by a couple from Glenda's Garden Center.

The incident happened on June 5, and it was reported to Novi Police that the unknown couple was spotted taking the plants from the nursery located at 40575 Grand River Avenue without paying for them. The couple used a cart and placed three or four shrubs on it as well as two or three perennials. The exterior manager spotted them as they walked out without paying and got in their car.

However, the couple's identities are not known and there is no video of the thefts, so the case is on hold pending identification.

#### Cell phone stolen

A Novi woman's iPhone 5C was allegedly stolen by her friend, she told Novi Police.

The woman told police on June 6 that a man she is friends with made a visit to her residence in the 42000 block of Park Ridge Road. After the visit, she discovered her phone missing. She told police she's unsure whether or not she wants to press charges, but wants her phone back.

The case was still open pending contact with the suspect.

### NORTHVILLE

#### Car crashes into home

A Northville man was stirred out of bed by the loud crash of a car smashing into the front of his home.

The crash happened on June 28 in the 300 block of Sherrie Lane. Northville City Police responded to the scene on the report the driver

had fled on foot. The police reported the car had hit near the front door.

The police were not able to locate the driver that night, but did find his driver's license inside the vehicle. He is a 18-year-old Northville man. The case remains open.

#### Felony warrant arrest

A North Carolina man was arrested on an outstanding warrant in downtown Northville after police got a call from a witness that the man was taking his clothes off in public.

The incident occurred at a Northville city parking lot. The witness told police that she saw the man expose himself while in the parking garage elevator and she and her husband called out of concern.

Police later found the 67-year-old man with his pants unbuttoned, no shoes on and zipper down. The police report stated the man appeared to be intoxicated. This was confirmed when he submitted to a Breathalyzer test, which registered a .25 percent blood-alcohol level. A check on him revealed a felony warrant out of the city of Plymouth.

He was later turned over to Plymouth City Police.

#### Car window smashed

A Northville Township man called police to report somebody smashed out the back window of his Ford Escape during the night of June 19.

The man, who lives on the 17200 block of Cameron Drive, told police the vehicle was parked in his driveway. When he awoke, the rear window was broken out, but nothing was taken from inside the car.

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# Mackenzie facing two challengers for his seat on the 52-1 District Court bench

Three candidates are vying for a seat on the 52-1 District Court – incumbent Judge Brian MacKenzie, Scott Powers (son of Judge Dennis Powers, of the 52-1) and attorney Travis Reeds (MacKenzie's former law clerk). The two with the most votes in the August primary will move on to the November general election. This is a six-year term. 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.

The candidates were asked 14 questions. Due to space limitations in the print edition, not all are included here. However, please visit [www.novinews.com](http://www.novinews.com) to read the entire Q&A.

**1. How could the costs of judicial administration be reduced? Can you give us a specific example of how you have reduced costs in your law practice/court?**

**MacKenzie:** Most of the cost of judicial administration comes from two sources, salaries for our staff and rent for the building. Those costs are difficult to reduce. However, during the recession, the court was given a budget task of cutting more than \$100,000. We were able to meet the task without laying off staff, the loss of whom would have degraded our ability to serve the public. Instead, as part of meeting the task we made many small cuts for everyone in the courthouse. Examples of these cuts include giving up mileage reimbursement requests for local travel and adopting two-sided printing in order to save paper. These many small cuts, in total, reduced the cost of operating the court.

**Powers:** The 52-1 District Court building is not owned by the county. A part of the court's budget is used for paying property taxes for this building. Over time, I believe the court would significantly reduce its administration costs if the county owned the building and the property. Most recently, my law office removed its internal servers and started using the Google Cloud Platform. This significantly reduced our hardware, software and information technology costs while still providing the same benefits.

**Reeds:** Judicial administration has developed in such a fashion as to be labor intensive and costly. The first step towards reducing costs is through organization and systems management using technology such as e-filing as is currently used in the federal courts and some circuit courts. There are a variety of ways that the costs at the courthouse might be reduced. Technological advancements are definitely one area for potential cost savings. These programs

can lead to greatly improved efficiency, which in turn cut costs. At the Reeds & Reeds offices in Walled Lake, I have implemented new technology to save repetitive and time-wasting jobs to streamline our work product, which leaves more time for personnel to perform other tasks.

**2. What have been the most effective methods for improving court procedures and efficiency? What other methods would you suggest?**

**MacKenzie:** Despite being one of the busiest district courts in the state, 52-1 has been a model for changing court procedure to ensure that everyone's case is heard in a timely manner. When I came to the bench, I inherited 40 pending jury trials. Now every jury trial is set within a month. Our court pioneered the rocket docket for domestic violence cases and the fast-track arrangement/pretrial program.

**Powers:** From a practicing attorney's perspective, the e-filing systems used in some courts are very efficient. Simply put, it saves time and resources for the public, the court and attorneys. I would also like to see the court's register of actions available online with the ability to order copies of documents in the court's file online. Again, it saves time and resources for everyone, and it's convenient.

**Reeds:** Implementation of the JIS (Judicial Information System), a computer program designed for courts which assists with docketing and organization, was a good first step. However, I understand there is next-generation technology which, if implemented, would increase efficiency. Technology is not the only area where improvements are available. Cost savings can be secured through implementation of procedures designed to reduce time spent handling case files. In some courts, written orders are given to litigants before he/she leaves the courtroom. The clerk prepares the document on the spot, and there's no need for transferring the file to another clerk to process. Another area for improvement is more efficient docket scheduling. Presently, multiple cases are scheduled at the same time which often results in litigants, witnesses and law enforcement personnel waiting for hours for the case to be "called". As a small businessman, I'm aware of the need to operate efficiently and cost effectively.

**3. What do you perceive as the greatest obstacles to justice, if any?**

**MacKenzie:** In a district court the greatest obstacle to justice is caseload volume. While the current caseload of about 45,000 cases for three judges is well

above state average, it is still manageable. I know from experience that a caseload in excess of 60,000 cases impacts on a judge's ability to provide a litigant in the courtroom with a sense of justice. No person should leave a courtroom thinking that a judge did not have the time or interest to hear their concerns.

**Powers:** People's inability to use the courthouse during normal court hours and lack of funds are obstacles to justice. People are often unable to take time off from work because vacation days aren't available, they've started a new job, or they can't afford the lost wages to appear in court. If they are struggling financially, then they are unable to hire an attorney to appear in court on their behalf. When this happens, most people will choose a path that ensures they don't have to go to court or that minimizes their court appearance, without regard to justice.

**Reeds:** Lack of accessibility to court services has become an increasing obstacle to justice. As the costs of litigation and appeals increase, for many people in our community, the district court is the court of last resort. Citizens are imbued with constitutional or statutory rights which can be expensive to exercise. The judge can reduce the cost of litigation by being punctual and hardworking. The reduction in cost will result in justice being achieved and in a strong community feeling that the court is there to serve and provide the necessary time and consideration for the cases that it handles.

**4. Do you believe there is such a thing as a "victimless crime"? If so, what offenses would you place in this category?**

**MacKenzie:** A so-called victimless crime is an offense with no apparent victim. The classic example is prostitution, where supposedly both parties consent. But as far as the communities that are served by the 52-1 District Court are concerned, prostitution is not a victimless crime. Once an area of prostitution exists, property values begin to decline and local crime and the drug trade increase. The entire community is effected by this so-called victimless crime.

**Powers:** There is no such thing as a victimless crime. Someone is always affected by criminal actions, whether it's a family member, a third party or the community. The judge must determine the degree of impact and sentence fairly and appropriately based on the facts of the case.

**Reeds:** I believe that all criminal offenses, whether *malum in se* or *malum prohibitum*, have at some level a victim, even if it might be society generally. However, a judge must follow the

law and, regardless of personal feelings, a crime is a crime because the legislature has so decided. The concept of victimless crimes at the district court usually involve minor in possession of alcohol and pertain to those crimes which are non-violent and have no particular victim. The judge must determine the appropriate punishment at sentencing and consider the impact on the victim. I believe that the punishment should fit the crime, and that the role of a judge is to punish those that deserve it and provide treatment only for those that need it, but with fairness for all. Our community demands protection and deterrence, but everyone who comes before the court should be treated with dignity.

**5. Do you ever wake up in the middle of the night thinking about a case, wishing you had handled something differently? If so, please describe one situation.**

**MacKenzie:** I am affected not so much by a particular case, but a way of handling cases. At the start of my time as a judge, I was not as effective in my sentencing as I am now. Over the years, I have developed more effective methods of sentencing that more frequently result in a defendant changing their behavior. For instance, we recently established an opiate court docket that focuses mainly on young women addicted to heroin. The sentencing approach used here is already showing good results.

**Powers:** Being as passionate about my clients as I am, there are times when this happens to me. The most common situation for me is recollecting testimony from earlier in the day and asking myself, "Should I call this witness or not?" "Will this line of questioning help or hurt the case?" And my favorite, "Is this an issue that the judge will listen to or am I wasting everyone's time?"

**Reeds:** Yes. I believe it would be disingenuous for anyone to say that he/she could go through life without ever rethinking a decision. As a judge, decision-making is part of the job, and I am willing to undertake the responsibility of making tough decisions to protect our community. I also believe that acting with dignity and honesty places me, personally and professionally, in the best position to make the right decision most often. Once I make a decision, I am always confident that it was not made without due deliberation. I have always believed in myself, and the times when I wake up in the middle of the night are from concern about the welfare of a client or the family, and not concern that I should have handled the situation differently.

## BRIAN MACKENZIE

**Age:** 64

**Years a resident in the 52-1 area:** 36 years

**Community involvement:** Over the years that I have lived in this area, I have been the president of the Novi Optimists; served on the Novi Library Board; I am a lifetime member of the Rotary, I have been a member of the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Novi Chamber of Commerce; I created the court in the school program that took actual criminal cases into South Lyon, South Lyon East, Novi, Milford, Walled Lake Western, Walled Lake Central and Catholic Central high schools; and I have been active in Novi Youth Assistance, South Lyon Youth Assistance, Huron Valley Youth Assistance and Lakes Area Youth Assistance.

**Related experience:** Prior to becoming a judge I was an assistant Wayne County prosecutor and an assistant attorney general for the State of Michigan; I was honored in 2001 with the Paul H. Chapman Medal for improving justice in America; I was also honored with the position of the American Bar Association/National Highway Safety Association Judicial Fellowship; I was awarded the Heart of Haven Award for my work on reducing the crime of domestic violence and the Judicial Advocate Award by the Parents of Murdered Children; I have co-edited a book on Michigan Criminal Procedure. I have also written and lectured throughout the country about issues in the law.

**Profession:** judge

**Education:** Western Michigan University BA with honors in history; Wayne State University Law School juris doctorate

**Family:** married 22 years to Karen, with three children – Kate, David and Breanna; and three grandsons – Daniel, Raymond and Henry

**Web:** <http://judgebrianmackenzie.com/>



MacKenzie

## TRAVIS REEDS

**Age:** 40

**Years a resident in the 52-1 area:** 40

**Community involvement:** Member South Lyon Chamber of Commerce; Walled Lake Rotary (former), St. Joseph Catholic Church

**Related experience:** Seventeen years courtroom and trial experience in a broad range of criminal and civil cases; 2013-2014 Super Lawyer designation by legal peers; appointed to Oakland County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; The National Trial Lawyers "Top 100 Trial Lawyers"; co-editor and author Michigan Criminal Procedure published by ICLE; lecturer and author on legal seminars on drivers license and traffic, criminal procedure, and OWI substantive law.

**Profession:** attorney

**Education:** South Lyon High School; Central Michigan University (BA); Wayne State University Law School (JD)

**Family:** married to Karen for 17 years; children – Carter, 15; and Molly, 9

**Web:** <http://reedsforjudge.com/>



Reeds

## SCOTT POWERS

**Name:** Scott W. Powers

**Age:** 40

**Years a resident in the 52-1 area:** approximately 30 years.

**Community involvement:** pro bono legal services for financially distressed individuals and a board member for Little League Baseball

**Related experience:** five years experience as a circuit court judicial clerk; 14 combined years as corporate general counsel and private practitioner handling relevant civil and criminal litigation, and trained by the Michigan Judicial Institute as a magistrate for Michigan district courts

**Profession:** attorney and counselor

**Education:** graduated from Our Lady of the Lakes, Albion College, and Wayne State University Law School

**Family:** married for 13 years with three children

**Web:** [www.powersforthepeople.com](http://www.powersforthepeople.com)



Powers

**6. Please describe one instance in which you faced an ethical dilemma and how you resolved it.**

**MacKenzie:** As a general rule, if someone I have socialized with is charged with an offense and appears on my courtroom, I disqualify myself. On a more personal level, a few years ago a former defendant contacted the police saying he was in my backyard with a gun. He was actually a few miles away, and the police found and arrested him. Shortly thereafter, I was contacted to see what my thoughts would be about charging him. I said, as a victim, I should not have a role in the charging decision. So, I left it where it belonged – with the police and prosecutor.

**Powers:** In a civil matter, a client discussed with me the facts of the case and presented me with questionable documentation supporting his position. The client wanted me to present these

materials to the court and argue his position based on them. It seemed to me that he was being disingenuous and the veracity of the documentation was questionable as well. It begs the questions of how much due diligence must an attorney use in a case, and how much can he rely on the representations of his client? The dilemma was resolved by using more due diligence and requesting more documentation until I was comfortable that I understood the truth of the matter.

**Reeds:** One instance where I was confronted with an ethical dilemma involved a client who came to consult with me about a civil case. During the course of the interview, it became clear to me that the case was going to focus on another former client. As this raised a clear conflict of interest, I handled the situation by stopping the interview and referring the client to another attorney.

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# Kids can get down, dirty at Mud Day on July 8

The Nankin Mills Area of Hines Park will become a mother's worst nightmare when Wayne County Parks turns into sloppy playground from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 8, for its 26th annual Mud Day.

Parks workers will create a giant 75-foot by 150-foot mud pit where children ages 12 and younger will have the opportunity to get down and dirty in one of the messiest playgrounds southeast Michigan has ever seen.

"Mud Day is a fun, unique and rare annual event that draws international attention," Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said. "Regardless of the time of year, Wayne County Parks have great opportunities for families to enjoy themselves and create life-long memories."

Thousands of kids will charge into the mud at 11 a.m. Youngsters will be separated into age categories for events, such as "Mud Limbo" and wheelbarrow races, before the 2014 King and Queen of Mud are crowned.

Children should wear old clothes and shoes and bring a clean change of clothes. There are no showers on-site; however, a cleanup area is available with hoses to aid in rinsing off the



It's mayhem in the mud at the annual Mud Day celebration in Hines Park. FILE PHOTO

mud. Parents are also advised to bring a supply of towels. Plastic bags will be provided to ensure that all dirty clothes

are properly contained for the trip home.

The Hines Park Nankin Mills Area is located on Hines Drive, east of

Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Sponsors for Mud Day include ITC Holdings, Community Alliance Credit Union, Kroger,

CVS, Friends of Wayne County Parks and the Western Wayne County HMRT.

For more information

on Mud Day or any other Wayne County Parks event, call 734-261-1990 or visit parks.waynecounty.com.

## Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra coming to Northville Farmers' Market

The Northville Chamber of Commerce is bringing the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra to the Northville Farmers' Market on Thursday, July 17. The Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra's Brass Quintet will perform at the Market at 11 a.m., with an Instrument Petting Zoo throughout

the Market hours of 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

The visit is part of "Taste of Music", a three-year program funded by the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan which moves classical music out of the concert hall and into the community at area farmers' mar-

kets.

Children of all ages will have the opportunity to try out real violins, cellos, trumpets and clarinets. Child-sized instruments, along with trained "zookeepers" ensure that even the smallest child will have a successful first instrumental experience. The

Northville Farmers' Market is held every Thursday from May to October at the northwest corner of Seven Mile and Center Street.

The Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra is a regional orchestra offering live, symphonic music for audiences of diverse ages and classi-

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tional programming information, contact the A2SO by calling 734-994-4801 or e-mailing info@a2so.com. For more information on the Northville Farmers' Market, contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce at 248-349-7640 or visit www.northville.org.



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## OUR VIEWS

# Put safety first this Fourth of July holiday

## Follow local laws in use of fireworks

In January 2012, it became legal for Michigan residents to buy consumer fireworks, such as Roman candles, bottle rockets and other items that leave the ground.

Now the landscape is peppered with an assortment of stores and tents to peddle the pyrotechnics to the public, who wholeheartedly embraced having their own fireworks displays long before state lawmakers made it legal, by buying fireworks in Indiana and Ohio.

But the new found residential banging and booming comes with some rules that some people chose to ignore. For them, celebrating the Fourth of July holiday can start as early as several weeks before the holiday and runs well past. But lawmakers tweaked the law last summer, giving communities the power to restrict the use of aerial fireworks from midnight to 8 a.m. on nine holidays and the days immediately before and after. On New Year's, fireworks are restricted from 1-8 a.m. For the rest of the days of the year, municipalities can restrict fireworks use as they see fit. Violators can face a fine of up to \$500.

But beyond the noise factor, care is needed in handling fireworks. Every year, injuries from consumer fireworks send thousands to the emergency room. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has found that a majority of fireworks-related injuries happen around the Fourth of July holiday. Its data shows that there were more injuries last year than there has been since 2000. There were an estimated 11,400 injuries in 2013, up from 8,700 in 2012 and 9,600 in 2011.

According to the report, children younger than 15 years of age accounted for approximately 30 percent of the estimated injuries. And of the total overall injuries, 12 percent, or 600, were to the eyes. Burns were the most common injury to all parts of the body, except the eyes, where contusions, lacerations and foreign bodies in the eyes occurred more frequently.

Groups like the public health-based organization Prevent Blindness continue to support development and enforcement of bans on the importation, sale and use of all fireworks and sparklers, except for authorized public displays by competent licensed operators. The group believes such bans are the only effective means of eliminating the social and economic impact of fireworks-related trauma and damage.

But such bans may be an uphill battle. The American Pyrotechnics Association reported a record \$662 million in personal-use fireworks revenue for last year, compared with \$328 million for display fireworks, such as those used at public shows. In Michigan, more than 880 certificates were issued for vendors to sell fireworks this year, up from 727 in 2013 and 704 in 2012, according to the Michigan State Fire Marshal's Office.

So those planning to use fireworks on, before and after the Fourth of July, follow the rules. Find out what the times are for fireworks in your community and follow them. And, do it safely. The Consumer Product Safety Commission offers these safety tips when using fireworks:

- » Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.
  - » Avoid buying fireworks that are packaged in brown paper because this is often a sign that the fireworks were made for professional displays and that they could pose a danger to consumers.
  - » Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities. Parents don't realize that young children suffer injuries from sparklers. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees – hot enough to melt some metals. They can cause severe skin burns or ignite clothing.
  - » Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse. Back up to a safe distance immediately after lighting fireworks.
  - » Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
  - » Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
  - » Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or another mishap.
  - » Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.
  - » Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers.
  - » After fireworks complete their burning, douse the spent device with plenty of water from a bucket or hose before discarding to prevent a fire.
- Put safety first this Fourth of July. Enjoy the parades and picnics, and if you must shoot off fireworks, do it with the utmost care. Fireworks can and do injure, maim and kill, if not handled properly.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### What are your plans for the 4th of July?

This question was asked at the Novi Public Library.



"I'm going to a friend's cottage."  
**Valerie Main**  
Novi



"I'm going to the parade in Northville and then having a cookout with our neighbors."  
**Diana Stotler**  
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"I might go up north, depending on how our budget looks this week."  
**George Marvaso**  
Novi



"We're spending it with my father-in-law at his cottage on Handy Lake in Hartland."  
**Tim Franklin**  
Novi

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Clarify Prop 1, please

I received a beautiful colored brochure in the mail the other day requesting that I vote yes on Prop 1. It stated that "Prop 1 solves 2 problems WITHOUT RAISING TAXES." I immediately did what every other taxpayer with an ounce of sense would do. I grabbed my watch with one hand and my wallet with the other. The cell phone was on its own.

After getting the sweat wiped off my hands, I read a little further to see who was actually making this sort of claim. A group called strongandsafecomunities.com was the group that was pushing for a yes vote on Aug. 5. I started feeling a little better. Any group that promises to strengthen communities and make them safer can't be all bad especially when they plan to do it while cutting the personal property tax on small business. As an added bonus this proposal will cover 100 percent of the cost for local police, fire, schools, road repair and libraries all at no additional cost to homeowners. Who could possibly vote against a win-win situation like this?

Well, first of all, it is endorsed by AARP which always puts anything on shaky ground with me. Second, it states that it does not change the State Constitution "but the Constitution requires voters approve this change." Now we're getting back on familiar ground, the old political double talk. I admit I haven't the slightest idea what that statement means.

I tried getting more information by going to the group's website but nothing helpful there. They do list some of the backers of the proposal – the mayor of Flint, the mayor of Grand Rapids, the mayor of Traverse City, to name a few – but their website doesn't list a phone number to get any real info on how this whole thing is supposed to work.

If any of you readers out there have any additional info or facts on this proposal, I'd appreciate it if you would write an article and help educate dummies like me who just don't get it.

**Dave Shingler**  
Novi

### Contact legislators about school funding

Kudos to Dr. Matthews for his June 19 Super Talk column bringing attention to the state's puzzling decision to increase funding for cyber charter schools – even underperforming ones – while decreasing funding to high-performing districts like Novi. This shift in funding comes despite report after report of charter school scandal and abuse.

Michigan charter law invites abuse of taxpayer funds. The private companies that manage charter schools do not have to reveal who they hire as employees or vendors so relatives can get favorable treatment at taxpayer expense. There is nothing to prevent an authorizer – a person who is supposed to be overseeing charters – from seeking employment with the management companies they are responsible for overseeing. In fact, many have been hired by the companies they formerly regulated – no waiting period needed. Conflicts of interest, shady land dealings, and contracts to family members are just a few of the problems with Michigan charter schools and yet our lawmakers feel that one billion dollars a year in taxpayer money is not enough for the charter school industry.

Meanwhile, school districts like Novi's which are more open

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and accountable to the public – and which outperform charter schools – continue to see politicians take their funding away. I don't mind paying taxes to pay for good roads and great schools, but I resent paying for bad roads, underfunded public schools and underperforming charter schools. If you agree, please let our legislators know – either today with a letter, or August and November with your vote.

**David Kniaz**  
Novi

### Go vegan

It's perversely ironic for rancher Cliven Bundy to excoriate poor people for collecting government subsidies, while ripping off the federal government of a million dollars in grazing fees. But even if he were to pay up, Bundy and his fellow ranchers would still be living on government welfare.

Livestock grazing is subsidized by federal agencies on 270 million acres of public land in 11 Western states to the tune of nearly \$300 million annually. Monthly grazing fees per cow and calf on private range land average \$11.90, but corresponding fees on federal lands are set at a paltry \$1.35.

Even so, grazing subsidies are dwarfed by other government subsidies and the medical, environmental and other external costs imposed by animal agriculture. These extra costs have been estimated at \$414 billion annually or \$3,600 per household. Each of us can make our \$3,600 annual contribution to the common good by replacing animal products in our diet with the rich variety of grain, nut and soy-based meat and dairy alternatives in our supermarket.

**Burton Burlew**  
Birmingham

### Coffee shop talk

The coffee shop discussions got loud – again. "Charter schools perform better and let parents choose what they think is important for their kids." No: "Charter schools skim off the cream of the students, leaving the public schools to deal with the rest." There are few facts presented in the debate; the opinions seem endless.

Here's mine: It's not the parents' "right" to choose that's important, but the parents who do choose. I submit those are the parents who care for their children, choosing what is best for them. There are charter schools even in the inner city and parents who care line up to get their children into them, but what of "the rest"? What of the parents who don't care and their children?

Until our public school systems offer what are the best values of the charter schools (or even better), many caring parents will choose charters if they

are available – until the public schools go out of business or they change for the better. And at that point, all children, with caring parents or not, will be better off, as will our society.

**Tom Salapatek**  
Canton

### Support senior care

I urge your publication to publish an editorial in support of the U.S. House of Representatives passing the Creating Access to Rehabilitation for Every Senior (CARES) Act (H.R. 3531) out of the House Ways and Means Committee and passage by the House.

Also, urge U.S. senators to introduce a companion bill to H.R. 3531 in the Senate and work to get it through committee and passed by the Senate.

This bill, which has received bipartisan support in the House, will reduce barriers to health care services for America's seniors by eliminating the three-day inpatient hospital stay requirement for Medicare beneficiaries who are in need of skilled nursing facility (SNF) services. To learn more about this bill, go to [www.congress.gov](http://www.congress.gov) and type H.R. 3531 in the search window.

**Denis Falkowski**  
Farmington Hills

### Hold road construction contractors accountable

With the ongoing road construction on I-96, I would certainly hope the state will hold these contractors accountable for their work, unlike what has transpired with I-275. I-275 is an abomination after just having undergone total reconstruction a few years ago. The problem?

Contractors filling of cracks between separate slabs that came out almost immediately and laid all over the road and were never replaced. I don't know if they used a solid rubber crack filler instead of the hot tar type usually used, but it was irritating, to say the least, to have full lengths of this stuff all over I-275 shortly after the construction was completed.

Now we are seeing the result of this shoddy workmanship with the colossal potholes that extend the entire length of these cracks across the highway.

Where's the road warranty that should have held the contractors responsible to replace the crack filler when it first came out? Who is enforcing that warranty? You can't tell me our local state legislators never traveled I-275 back when this was transpiring. Let's have accountability for our road construction as it is already well-documented that we have the worst roads in the country!

**Derek Pennington**  
Livonia

### Support Michigan families

Diversity is important to the security of our nation, since acceptance of every type and kind of individual, especially immigrants, increases our knowledge base. However, Gov. Rick Snyder's plan for immigration reform is not good for Michigan. He proposes bringing thousands of immigrants with technical skills to Michigan to train them for local employment.

Why aren't we retraining fellow Michiganders, including immigrants already Michigan residents, who have lost work due to unemployment in their field? The local citizens who are looking for work need to learn and develop their abilities and technical skills. Also, why aren't we increasing grants and scholarships to Michigan youth and adults?

**Denise "Chip" Black**  
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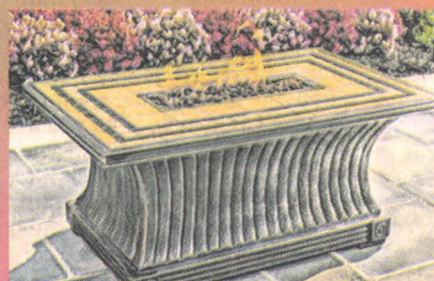
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ALL-AREA BOYS GOLF

## Shamrocks freshman Piot leads loaded field

2014 All-Area Player of Year won four tournaments

By Jeff Theisen  
Sports Writer

It's not often a freshman can come along in any sport and create waves like Catholic Central's James Piot did in golf, especially at the Division 1 state finals.

Piot had a monster year with an average of 73.23 for 18 holes while winning four tournaments – Grosse Ile, Forest Akers West, Forest Akers East and the Catholic League.

The 2014 All-Area Player of the Year capped his season by leading the Shamrocks to a runner-up finish at states by tying for sixth place individually, just one stroke out of a five-way playoff for first.

Piot showed incredible consistency by finishing in the top 10 in nine of his 12 matches.

**First team**  
**Glenn Piot**  
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The junior was another strong force with a 75.46 average, including five top-five finishes. He finished tied for first at districts with a 71, tied for third at Grosse Ile with a 73, tied for third at Bedford Valley with a 74 and tied for fifth at regionals with a 74. He shot a pair of 74s at states. He was also captain of the team.

**Dominic Mancinelli**  
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The senior was another model of

consistency with seven top-10 finishes. He carded a 74 to tie for third at Bedford Valley for his top round. He shot an even-par first round at state and a 76 on Day 2 for a total of 148. He was also a captain.

**Garret Buckley**  
**Novi**

The senior filled the No. 1 spot in impressive fashion with a 37.29 average for nine holes and 74.38 for 18. He recorded rounds of 69 at Oakland County, 71 at KLAA Conference and 73 at the Holiday Inn Express, all for medalist honors.

"Garret was honorable mention all-state as a junior and had a better senior year," coach Brad Huss said. "He was all-KLAA for the fourth time and finished tied for fifth at districts."



Catholic Central's James Piot holds the Shamrocks MVP award. The freshman is the 2014 All-Area Player of the Year.

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Megan Buckingham poses with the state championship trophy. She was named Miss Soccer by the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association this season as well as the Gatorade Player of the Year for the state. JOHN PAWLOSKI

## BUCKINGHAM WINS STATE'S TOP HONOR

Miss Soccer award caps stellar high school career

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

It's been one heck of a year for Northville girls soccer players, coaches and fans, but it's been especially notable for senior Megan Buckingham.

Buckingham, who was named the Hometown Newspapers All-Area

Player of the Year as well as Michigan's Player of the Year by Gatorade, added to her accolades with the state's top honor — the Miss Soccer award.

The award, which is determined by the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association, is given to the best player in the state.

"It's just sort of rewarding to get the recognition for the work I've put

in," said Buckingham when asked about the honor. But, in Buckingham style, she was quick to give credit elsewhere. "I could not have done it without my support system."

That system, which includes Buckingham's parents, teammates, coaches and more, has been with her for the

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## Always Basketball

Former Brazilian pro passes love of hoops to area youth

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

The team at Always Basketball knows basketball. They're offering girls and boys in grades 3-6 a chance to learn about the sport at a new summer camp being held at Northville Community Center.

Led by Northville resident Vitor Imbuzeiro, Always Basketball's summer camp makes its debut in July to give kids a chance to learn the game in a way that leaves everyone feeling good about picking up and dribbling a basketball.

"It's about having fun, but they are also learning the basics and fundamentals at the same time," Imbuzeiro said. "What we teach isn't that difficult to learn, so that's what makes it enjoyable for everyone."

Campers will focus on drills specific to the core elements: passing, ball handling, shooting and defense. The staff of Always Basketball includes current and former professional and college players, as well as coaches and many of their former players.

Imbuzeiro brings a ton of playing and coaching experience himself. Originally from Brazil, he played professionally there and then went on to coach youth and high school teams, and it was overseas where he permanently caught the coaching bug.

"After I finished my professional playing career, I was invited to go to Japan and coach high school level over there," he recalls. "What was scheduled to be a three year program turned into an 11-year run with four state tournament titles and five bids to the national tournament."

It was also in Japan that he met his wife, who is from Michigan,

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Victor Imbuzeiro teaches a participant of the Silver Spring Always Basketball camp how to hold his fingers while dribbling. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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RESTORE THE TRUST

# World champion triathlete overcomes disability

By Dan O'Meara  
Staff Writer

Aaron Scheidies has never allowed his disability to discourage him or stop him from achieving what he wanted to do in athletics.

Despite being nearly blind, the 32-year-old former Farmington resident has become a world champion triathlete and an inspiration to people worldwide.

Scheidies, who now lives in Seattle, is training and hoping to qualify for the 2016 Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

It will be the first time the triathlon is included in the competition, which will follow the Olympics Games in early September.

Scheidies competed recently in the Dallas and Chicago triathlons for impaired athletes, both of which afforded him major points toward his qualifying goal.

He also had taken to doing marathons. He has run the Boston and California marathons the last three years and could possibly qualify in that event for the Paralympics.

Scheidies will do five more triathlons this year and the New York City Marathon in November as part of his two-year "Road to Rio" effort.

In addition to winning a gold medal in 2016, Scheidies' other great ambition is to win an ESPY Award. He came close in 2011 when he was a finalist.

"An ESPY is like the academy award of sport," he said. "Anybody can be nominated. I was up for Best Male Athlete with a Disability. It's a world type of thing."

"It was pretty much the experience of a lifetime. I went to the ceremony in Los Angeles. I'd like to win it next time."

Scheidies, who graduated from Farmington High School in 2000, earned an undergraduate degree from Michigan State and then a doctorate in physical therapy from the University of Washington in 2008.

### Broadens horizons

While he still works in that field with geriatric patients, his success as an impaired triathlete



Aaron Scheidies high-fives well-wishers during a para-triathlon competition. CDIFFERENT WITH AARON

spawned another career in public speaking.

With the help of a manager, Scheidies has traveled the country to give inspirational talks, including appearances at NASA and with the Young Presidents, an organization of young entrepreneurs.

"I talk about how I live my life and have gotten to where I am, about having a good attitude," he said. "It filters to being an inspirational and motivational type speech."

"I get a lot of emails from people who found out they were losing their vision, or they're a blind, impaired individual who wants to get into athletics and they reach out to me because I've had a lot of success."

"It's nice to be able to impact people and help them figure out ways to get through it and not look at it as a death sentence or something negative but find the good things in it."

"It's one of the things I like most about being an athlete, being a role model for people and inspiring people."

### He's a writer, too

Scheidies also is active in social media. He maintains a website (cdifferentwithaaron.com) and writes a blog that was picked up by the Huffington Post and can be accessed via his web page (/throughmyeyes).

"My website is my movement to change

society's perception of the blind and impaired community - what they can do and how they live their lives," he said.

"I've substantially increased what I do. I'm moving toward writing a book here at some point when I can get some time."

"The subject will be about living life as a blind person and finding ways to succeed and be resilient. I haven't outlined it yet; I've just thought about it in my head."

When his vision was last classified, it was 20/600, but it has gotten worse, Scheidies said, adding he sees mostly blurry blocks. He can see the 'E' on an eye chart from a foot away.

When he does triathlons or runs marathons, Scheidies does so with the help of a guide, as do the other visually impaired athletes.

He and the guide are tethered at the waist for the swimming and running portions, and the guide takes the front seat on a tandem bicycle for the biking competition. Ben Collins was his guide in the Chicago triathlon.

"He's pretty much like my eyes on the course," Scheidies said. "He swims the course like he's swimming on his own. I feel a tug on the bungee-chord tether to nudge me to go the other way."

### Changes in the sport

The sports is evolving, however, and Scheidies is trying to keep up with the

changes and increased competition.

A handicap system was introduced this year. Partially but legally blind athletes start 3 minutes and 43 seconds after completely blind individuals.

"The Paralympics are becoming a more elite level type of competition around the world," Scheidies said. "They're trying to make it as fair as possible."

"It's not exactly accurate. Three-forty-three is way too much. It's not a good statistic. They'll change it before the Paralympics."

"The sport is really growing and they want it to be a headline event in the Paralympics. They see a lot of promise in triathlon as a spotlight event, and they want people to watch it."

Consequently, the length of a race has been cut in half. Swimming is now 750 meters; the biking and running elements are 20 and five kilometers, respectively.

Scheidies, who began doing triathlons in 2000 and was president of the triathlon club at MSU, has won four world championships. Four were won at the short-course distance, four at the half-ironman distance.

"They've made it a sprint event," he said. "It's more spectator friendly. It's real close competition, that type of stuff. It's all about what the media and TV want."

"It's going to a shorter, faster race and I'm getting older. I'm really having to get back to training my anaerobic system more than (was necessary for) the longer stuff I was doing."

### Big accomplishment

Scheidies achieved a major career objective in 2008 when he became the first para-triathlete to break two hours in an Olympic distance race.

"That was a cool experience," he said. "It was

special because it was breaking down barriers and showing even someone with vision impairment could compete on an elite level."

His best time at that distance is 1:57:24. That was double the distance he does now. His times on the shorter course are around one hour.

"I have broken an hour in the sprint distance triathlon," he said. "It depends how long the transitions are, how far I have to run from the water to the transition area."

Swimming is still the favorite and best event for Scheidies, who was a swimmer and runner in high school. Running is his strongest event.

"I'm still better than the average triathlete at swimming," he said. "Triathletes tend not to be good swimmers. That's what makes me a pretty good triathlete. I'm pretty well rounded in all three."

### Trying to stay on top

Scheidies said he continued to get faster until a couple years ago, but age and injuries have made it difficult to continue performing at the same level.

"I've done pretty well because I was already at a really high level with respect to the competition," he said, adding the biggest challenge nowadays is the recovery time between races and not getting injured.

"They're easier because I've done so many of them. They're not easier because I'm still pushing myself to the limit."

"A lot of times it can be a challenge finding a guide, finding people to train with and ride a tandem with, because I can't just go out and ride on my own."

In the big scheme of things, Scheidies has done very well on his own, however.

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# Hurricanes snag Nedeljkovic

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Mike Vellucci saw goalie Alex Nedeljkovic play enough with his old team — the Plymouth Whalers — to make sure he gets to see him in the future with his new one, the NHL's Carolina Hurricanes.

Vellucci, the longtime coach and general manager of the Whalers from Farmington Hills who recently was hired as assistant GM and director of hockey operations by the Hurricanes, undoubtedly was a catalyst behind the team selecting Nedeljkovic early in Saturday's second round (37th overall) at the NHL Entry Draft in Philadelphia.

"It's very surreal right now," said the 18-year-old Nedeljkovic during a Saturday afternoon telephone call. "You grow up, you dream of getting drafted and getting an opportunity to play on an NHL team."

"It's still kicking in right now that my dreams are just starting to become reality."

Nedeljkovic added that it was thrilling to pull a red Hurricanes' jersey over his head and "amazing and incredible that Coach Mike thinks so highly of me that he tried to push as much as he did to get me drafted by Carolina."

The native of Parma, Ohio, heard his name called at Wells Fargo Center one pick after the Vancouver Canucks selected netminder Thatcher

Demko of Boston College.

Both Nedeljkovic and Demko are clients of Stan Matwijiw, who is goaltending coach for the Ontario Hockey League's Whalers as well as founder and director of Bandits Goaltie School.

"I'm having a wonderful day," Matwijiw said. "I had back-to-back, 36 and 37. Thatcher Demko is also one of my guys, so it was a pretty special day for me, pretty emotional."

"I can't even put it into words how proud I am of Ned and of Thatcher, and all the hard work they put in over the years toward their game. To see them get called this early is extremely, extremely special and I can't even begin to tell you how proud I am of both of them."

Both Matwijiw and new Plymouth GM Mark Craig praised Vellucci's hockey acumen and noted that Vellucci's influence from watching Nedeljkovic with the Whalers had a definite impact on the choice.

"I'm sure Mike had influence," said Craig, who also attended the draft. "But certainly, Ned in the second round, we pretty much knew that if he was available in the second, we were pretty sure that Carolina was going to grab him. I mean, that's really a good pick. That's a great pick."

"Especially after Thatcher Demko went it didn't surprise me at all. I'm sure Mike had influence, but he (Nedeljkovic) is just such a great kid. He's just got everything. That's the nice part."

## No doubt

Chiming in about Nedeljkovic going to Vellucci's new team was Matwijiw. The Hurricanes and Whalers both are owned by Peter Karmanos.

"Look, Mike is a very smart hockey man," Matwijiw said. "Obviously, he was the one that played Ned the 65 games this year (2013-14) and gave him that workload. He knew that boy could play."

"And I think there was no choice that if Alex was around at 37 that they weren't going to draft him."

The first goalie picked in the seven-round draft was Mason McDonald by the Calgary Flames, with the 34th selection. Then came Demko and Nedeljkovic in rapid fashion.

But Matwijiw said the goalie nicknamed "Ned" definitely would still have been picked by Vellucci and new Carolina GM Ron Francis even if the other two goalies were still available.

"Hats off to Mike, he's already starting to make his mark with the Carolina Hurricanes and what a mark it is," Matwijiw continued. "Because he (Nedeljkovic) is a very, very, very special talent."

"There is no doubt in my mind that Alex Nedeljkovic will be an NHL goalie."

Nedeljkovic, the 2013

Ontario Hockey League Goaltender of the Year and the fourth-rated goalie overall by NHL Central Scouting entering the draft, has two full seasons left with the Whalers.

That means Whalers fans will still have the chance to go to Compuware Arena to catch a glimpse of Nedeljkovic's netminding brilliance.

He stopped over 2,000 shots last season, posting a 2.88 goals-against average and .925 save percentage while almost single-handedly leading the Whalers into the playoffs for a league-record 23rd consecutive year.

## Four others picked

The Nedeljkovic pick wasn't the only good news to come out of Wells Fargo Center for the Whalers.

Also drafted by Vellucci's Hurricanes was Plymouth Whalers defenseman Josh Wesley (fourth round, 96th overall).

Taken in the third round were Whalers right wing Connor Chatham (71st overall, New Jersey) and defenseman Alex Peters (75th overall, Dallas).

A fifth Whalers player selected was left wing Matt Mistele, taken by the Los Angeles Kings with the 180th pick overall (last pick of the sixth round). Plymouth defenseman Yannick Rathgeb was not drafted.

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# GOLF

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He had a great career and he is an elite player in Michigan and will be playing at Loyola in Chicago next year."

## Jake Kneen Lakeland

The senior finished the year on fire by winning the regional title with a school-record 68 after winning medalist at the KLAA Association tournament with a 70. Kneen ended with a 74.5 average for 18 holes and was a four-year letter winner. At the state finals, Kneen shot an 80 before rebounding with a 75.

## Justin Pahl Lakeland

The four-year letter winner shot a 1-under-par 143 at the state finals to finish tied for ninth. It capped an average of 76.36 for the year. Pahl also shot a 76 at regionals and a 75 at districts. He tied for third at the KLAA Association tournament with a 77.

## Andrew Sarokin Northville

The senior averaged 37 for nine holes and 78 for 18. He earned KLAA all-conference honors, was district champ and earned Team MVP honors three years in a row. He also recorded four top-10 finishes. He will continue his career at Oakland University.

"The true No. 1 player on my team," coach Jeff Balagna said. "He played his best golf on the biggest stages throughout his career. He is one of the hardest working players I have ever coached, he was never satisfied with his game and was always looking to improve. I always felt comfortable that he was going to put up a good number — just as steady as they come."

## Second team Dan Ault Catholic Central

The senior finished with an average of 76.6,

which included four top-10 finishes and a first-place finish at Paint Creek CC with a 73.

## Ben Smith Catholic Central

The freshman completed the year with a 77.18 average and had five top-10 finishes. His top finish was a tie for second at Saline with a 75.

## Andrew Stevens Northville

The senior averaged 38 for nine holes and 79 for 18. He recorded three top-10 finishes and was co-MVP. He will continue his career at the University of Findlay in Ohio.

## Justin LaFrance Lakeland

The sophomore fired two even-par rounds at the Division 1 state finals to help the Eagles to a sixth-place finish. LaFrance was also fifth at regionals with a 74 and finished with a 77.18 average for 18 holes.

## Mitchell Stump South Lyon

The senior did not finish the year at 100 percent, causing his 18-hole average to climb to 81. When healthy, the team captain recorded rounds of 71 at Rush Lake, 75 at Orchard Lake CC and 77 at Pontiac CC.

## Jeffrey Clemence Milford

The junior finished with a nine-hole average of 39 and a 79 for 18. He was the team MVP and earned KLAA all-conference honors.

## Alec Adgate South Lyon East

The junior qualified individually for regionals and the state finals in Division 2. He finished with rounds of 82 and 79 in the finals at Forest Akers West. His top scores included a 75 at regionals, a 78 at Division 2 Oakland County and a 79 at the Northville Invite at Hudson Mills.

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# AWARD

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past 14 years when she first started kicking the ball around the pitch. Since then, she's gone on to play for the elite club team, the Michigan Hawks, and led her high school team to the Division I state championship. This year, she scored 23 goals and had 23 assists.

So what's next for the state's best player? A career away from the state, actually. Buckingham will continue her career at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"(Going to UNC) has always been a dream of mine and if I wasn't going to play soccer I would still want to be in that environment, so it was an easy choice for me," said Buckingham.

Buckingham will use

her athletic scholarship to help her study business while playing for the Tar Heels.

As new memories are being made at the NCAA Division I level, Buckingham will no doubt reflect on her career in Michigan, and the friends and soccer family she has made along the way.

"My favorite memory is probably a montage of all the trips I take with my best friends and teammates," she said.

"Soccer is what brings us together, but we bring the best out of each other on and off the field, which is what I love most. The best memories come with smiles."

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

# CAMP

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which is how he ended up in Northville. They moved to the U.S. in 2009 and have three children. He found new opportunities to coach high school again and then for the past three years as the assistant men's basketball coach at Schoolcraft College.

Imbuzeiro is a veteran of the Syracuse University Camp, has coached at the Red Auerbach Camp and Dave Cowens Camp (both in the Boston area)

and also at Oakland University's camp. Last summer he was invited to travel to Italy where he spent four weeks coaching kids at camps there.

He established Always Basketball with the intention to bring a sports activity to school children at their schools. He's been offering after-school camps to kids at Northville's Silver Springs Elementary, where his children attend.

"I opened Always Basketball Inc. to promote sports in elementary schools and to also work as a fundraiser for

the school," Imbuzeiro said. "Over the past year the company grew tremendously."

Now he and his team — which includes Always Basketball's other head coach, Northville resident Steve Claramunt — want to keep growing the basketball business by giving kids a chance at fun exercise over the summer.

For more information about Always Basketball, visit [alwaysbasketball.com](http://alwaysbasketball.com).

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**PTSLU14-0005**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the representative for Somnio Global L3C is requesting a **Temporary Special Land Use Permit** in accordance with 3004.2 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance for temporary placement of an exterior nitrogen storage tank with equipment and two diesel tanks located at 45145 W 12 Mile Rd until June 24th, 2015.

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 **9:30 AM on Tuesday, July 22nd, 2014** at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to Tom Walsh and must be received prior to **Monday July 21st, 2014**.

Tom Walsh  
Building Official  
(248) 347-0415  
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Published July 3, 2014

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
**City of Northville**

**2014 PERMANENT UTILITY CUT REPAIR PROJECT**

Sealed bids will be received in the City of Northville Council Chambers, City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 until **2:00 p.m. local time on Tuesday, July 15, 2014** for the City's **2014 Joint and Crack Sealing Program**. This project seeks a Contractor to provide all labor, materials, tools and equipment necessary to perform 360 square yards of quality Utility Cut Repairs on City streets inside the City of Northville. Contract documents and bid proposals can be examined at the City Clerks Offices at 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, and can be obtained by contacting the Northville Department of Public Works at (248) 449-9930.

The City of Northville, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Sub Title A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration of an award.

The City of Northville reserves the right to waive any irregularity or informality in bids, to reject any and/or all bids, in whole or in part, or to award any contract to other than the low bidder, should it be deemed in its best interest to do so.

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## Oakland leads in job growth

Oakland County's job growth since 2010 has outpaced other key counties of similar population around the United States, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson announced.

"Oakland County plays a significant role in Michigan's economic recovery because of our deep dive into the knowledge-based economy," Patterson said. "And from the looks of it, we are a leader in the nation as well."

The May 2014 jobs figures from the Bureau of Labor and Statistics indicate that Oakland County's labor force increased by 5,600 participants to 594,916 and the number of employed residents grew by 2,800. Because of more participation in Oakland County's work force, the May unemployment figure for Oakland County is 6.9 percent, up from 6.5 percent in April.

In an effort to diversify the economy, Patterson launched Oakland County's Emerging Sectors initiative in 2004 to identify the top 10 sectors that will attract

### COMPARISON

Oakland County has 11 percent more jobs than it had in 2010, said Dan Riley, a market research analyst in the Department of Economic Development & Community Affairs. Using the May 2014 jobs numbers just released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), Riley compared Oakland County to other counties of similar size — the same ones to which the University of Michigan compares Oakland County in its annual economic outlook report: (County and percentage more jobs since 2010)

- » Oakland County, Mich. — 11 percent
- » Wake County, N.C. — 10 percent
- » Macomb County, Mich. — 9.4 percent
- » DuPage County, Ill. — 7.9 percent
- » Hennepin County, Minn. — 6.6 percent
- » Orange County, Calif. — 6.2 percent
- » Fairfield County, Conn. — 3.9 percent
- » Nassau County, N.Y. — 2.4 percent
- » Fairfax County, Va. — 2.3 percent
- » Montgomery County, Md. — 2.2 percent

and retain sustainable, high-paying jobs to the region in the 21st century. Companies in these Emerging Sectors are involved in such leading-edge fields such as advanced electronics and controls, advanced materials and chemicals, communications and

information technology, robotics and automation, and Oakland County's Medical Main Street.

Since its inception, 284 companies have invested \$2.71 billion creating 31,379 jobs and retaining 16,282. For more information, visit [www.advantageoakland.com](http://www.advantageoakland.com).

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Cooper Standard enters into agreement

Novi-based Cooper Standard Holdings Inc., the parent company of Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc., announced that Cooper Standard has entered into an agreement with Halla Visteon Climate Control Corp. to sell HVCC its thermal and emissions product line. The company said the sale allows Cooper Standard to focus on the product lines where it holds a leading market position and can gain the greatest competitive advantage.

"A strategic decision was made to divest our thermal and emissions product line and allow the company to focus resources on our four core product groups: sealing and trim, fuel and brake delivery, fluid transfer and anti-vibration systems," said Jeffrey Edwards, chairman and CEO, Cooper Standard. "We will work closely with HVCC to ensure a smooth transition."

Cooper Standard products, including exhaust gas recirculation modules, electronic coolant pumps and valves, electronic wastegate actuators and electronic throttle bodies, as well as related assets from operations in North America, Germany, France and the Czech Republic along with certain engineering and other resources in North America and Germany are intended to transfer to existing HVCC locations over the next several months as a part of the transaction.

The sale is subject to adjustment, certain regulatory and other approvals and is expected to be finalized in the third quarter of 2014.

#### ITC share repurchase program

ITC Holdings Corp. has entered into an accelerated share repurchase program (ASR) with JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association for up to \$150 million of the company's common stock. The ASR is part of ITC's board-approved share repurchase program authorizing the repurchase of up to \$250 million through Dec. 31, 2015, as originally announced on April 15.

"This ASR demonstrates ITC's commitment to our balanced capital allocation strategy and how our model aligns the ability to invest and grow the business for the benefit of customers while also delivering value to investors," said Joseph L. Welch, chairman, president and CEO. "We remain focused on preserving our credit quality and financial flexibility to reinvest back in the business while also maintaining a strong balance sheet and delivering returns to investors."

Under the terms of the ASR, ITC has agreed to repurchase up to \$150 million of its common stock from JPMorgan in total with an initial delivery of approximately 2.9 million shares based on current market prices. The final number of shares to be repurchased will be based on the volume-weighted average share price of the company's common stock during the term of the transaction, which is expected to be completed by year-end 2014.

#### Retail forecasts rise despite sluggish May sales

Michigan retailers' outlook rose to its most optimistic level in more than nine years in May, following sluggish sales that didn't keep pace with April's post-winter surge, according to the Michigan Retail Index, a joint project of Michigan

Retailers Association and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

Retailers' 90-day sales forecasts rose more than five points in May after shooting up by 11 points in April.

"We expected sales to keep rising in May after a strong rebound in April. Instead, they fell off," said James P. Hallan, MRA president and CEO. "Retailers' optimism continued rising anyway, likely because they know the economy is improving and consumers should be willing to spend."

The May survey of MRA members showed 30 percent of retailers increased sales over the same month last year, while 46 percent recorded declines and 24 percent reported no change. The results create a seasonally adjusted performance index of 47.7, down from 51.1, in April. A year ago May the Index stood at 54.9.

The 100-point Index gauges the performance of the state's overall retail industry, based on monthly surveys conducted by MRA and the Federal Reserve. Index values above 50 generally indicate positive activity; the higher the number, the stronger the activity.

Looking forward, 63 percent of retailers expect sales during June-August to increase over the same period last year, while 8 percent project a decrease and 29 percent no change. That puts the seasonally adjusted outlook index at 79.3, up from 73.9 in April and the highest since November 2004. A year ago May, the Index stood at 76.6.

#### ICSC selects six communities

The Michigan cities of Marquette, Ferndale, Westland, Bay City, Brighton and Port Huron have been selected by the International Council of Shopping Centers to participate on the Municipal Runway at the 44th annual Michigan Idea Exchange & Alliance Program on July 24, from 8:45-9:30 a.m. at the Suburban Collection Showcase in Novi. These communities were selected following a two-month, statewide competition because of their best practices in crafting public/private partnerships that have attracted capital, created jobs and raised the tax base in their communities.

#### Signature sells space in Novi

Signature Associates has negotiated the sale of 33,025 square feet of industrial space located at 22285 Roethel Drive, Novi.

Steve Kozak and Steve Gordon of Signature Associates represented the seller, Graham Clements Management, LLC. Kozak also represented the purchaser, Shastco, LLC.

#### Pho Lucky coming to Novi

Pho Lucky, one of metro Detroit's favorite little Vietnamese noodle shops, is opening a second location with far more seating — and parking.

The new restaurant on Grand River at Haggerty in Novi will accommodate about 100 guests, compared to about 30 in the original location on Joy Road in Redford Township, said owner Cong Nguyen. He plans to open on July 7, the Monday after the Fourth of July weekend.

Pho — pronounced FUH and considered the national dish of Vietnam — is made with a flavorful clear broth, flat rice noodles and the diner's choice of meat, usually beef. Cilantro and green onions are often served on top, with a side plate of fresh herbs, lime wedges and bean sprouts added to taste.

## Prop 1 good for business



A broad-based group of supporters, including Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, AARP Michigan Volunteer State President Tom Kimble, small business owners and other community leaders, urged a yes vote on Proposal 1 on the Aug. 5 ballot, which would solve two problems at once without a tax increase on anyone. Proposal 1 would eliminate the double tax on local small businesses and it would stabilize local communities by dedicating 100 percent reimbursement of the estimated revenue lost from the Personal Property Tax (PPT) for police, fire, ambulances, jails, schools, roads, libraries and other community services. Eliminating the Personal Property Tax is expected to create up to 15,000 jobs and \$450 million in additional investment. Proposal 1 is not a tax increase. It is paid for by eliminating special corporate tax breaks the legislature has voted to end, and by establishing a statewide Essential Services Assessment paid only by manufacturers receiving a PPT reduction.

### NEWSMAKERS

#### Lotus brings Alleman on board

Lotus Bank announced that it has named Kenneth S. Alleman its Senior Credit Administration analyst.



Alleman has more than 25 years of experience in banking and finance, with a background in auditing, tax analysis, cash flow analysis, documentation,

financial statement analysis, sampling and fraud prevention.

"We are pleased to announce Ken's appointment," said Neal Searle, president and CEO of Lotus Bank. "His decades of experience will allow Lotus Bank to continue to serve the community and grow as one of the premier commercial banks in the region."

Prior to joining Lotus Bank, Alleman served as an administration manager, auditor and analyst at prominent regional and national financial

institutions. Alleman is a resident of New Hudson.

#### SBAM board member

More than 350 small business owners and supporters attended the Small Business Association of Michigan's (SBAM) 45th annual meeting June 19 in Lansing. During the meeting, SBAM's 2014-2015 board members were announced. Among them was Marie Seipenko, of the Northville-based Preferred Solutions, Inc.

The Small Business Association of Michigan

is based in Lansing. For more information, visit [www.sbam.org](http://www.sbam.org).

#### Maxion names new exec

Maxion Wheels has named Bill Wardle vice president, global sales and marketing. Maxion said the addition will help it pursue its aggressive growth strategy.

Most recently, Wardle was global vice president of sales and marketing for Magna Exteriors, Interiors and Seating. He'll be based out of the company's Novi headquarters.

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## WHERE THERE'S SMOKE...

### Smoke alarm use focus of fire prevention effort

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) June 9 announced "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!" as the theme for Fire Prevention Week 2014, Oct. 5-11. As the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years, NFPA announced the theme at its 2014 Conference and Expo in Las Vegas.

"Smoke alarms can make a life-saving difference in a fire, but they need to be working," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "Unfortunately, many home fire deaths result from fires where a smoke alarm is present but does not operate. This year's Fire Prevention Week theme focuses on motivating people to test their smoke alarms each month to make sure they're working properly."

According to NFPA statistics:  
» Having a working smoke alarm in the home cuts the risk of dying in a fire in half.

» On average each year, three out of five home fire deaths result in fires where there are either no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

*"Smoke alarms can make a life-saving difference in a fire, but they need to be working."*

**LORRAINE CARLI**  
National Fire Protection Association's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy

» In one-quarter (23 percent) of the home fire deaths, smoke alarms were present but did not sound.

"Nearly 3,000 people continue to die in fires each year, with most of those deaths occurring in homes," said Carli. "The vast majority of home fire deaths are preventable, and working smoke alarms play a big role in helping reduce those numbers."

NFPA recommends:  
» Installing smoke alarms inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.

» Testing all smoke alarms every month by using the test button.  
» Replacing all smoke alarms every

10 years or sooner if they don't respond properly when tested.

Fire Prevention Week occurs annually in October during the week in which Oct. 9 falls, commemorating the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. Each year, NFPA works in coordination with partnering companies, organizations and fire departments to promote Fire Prevention Week and its fire safety messages throughout North America.

For more information on Fire Prevention Week and this year's campaign theme, "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!", visit [www.fpw.org](http://www.fpw.org).

NFPA is a worldwide leader in fire, electrical, building, and life safety. The mission of the international non-profit organization founded in 1896 is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education. NFPA develops more than 300 codes and standards to minimize the possibility and effects of fire and other hazards. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed at no cost at [www.nfpa.org/freeaccess](http://www.nfpa.org/freeaccess).

## Tax or real estate lawyer can explain exemption changes

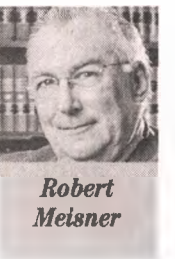
**Q: I have heard that Michigan has amended its general property tax as it relates to additional exemptions. Do you have any information?**

**A:** Yes, the amendments discontinue a short-term exemption from school operating taxes for new construction on development property, replacing it with an exemption for both the underlying real property and the structure. They exempt from school operating taxes the development property on which a formerly exempt new construction was located, for limited periods, to the same extent as provided for a principal residence under other state statutes. "Development" property means real property on which rests a residential dwelling, condominium, or other residential structure that has never been occupied, has been available for sale, has never been leased, and has never been used for any business or commercial purpose (except as an onsite office in a specified development). You are best advised to consult with your tax or real estate lawyer in connection with this new legislation.

**Q: I am selling my condo for a substantial gain, but I have concerns about the taxes I will have to pay. The association has made substantial improvements to the condominium since I have owned my unit. Is there any way to incorporate those improvements to reduce my tax liability?**

**A:** Yes. As a condominium co-owner, you have a percentage ownership interest in the entire condominium. Correspondingly, you have a percentage interest in the capital improvements to the condominium. The dollar amount of that percentage interest can be added to the tax basis of the unit when calculating the gains attributable to the sale of the unit, reducing your tax liability.

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



Robert Meisner

## REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

### Short sales

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

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

Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email [june.quantum@gmail.com](mailto:june.quantum@gmail.com) for your reservation or additional information.

### Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate. Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-11, near Trenton Road.

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

### Seminar each Tuesday, Thursday

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

### Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96.

Email [Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com](mailto:Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com) or visit [FreeForeclosureTour.com](http://FreeForeclosureTour.com).

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 18-21, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
22880 Shagbark Dr	\$465,000
31125 Sheridan Dr	\$160,000
19489 Waltham Rd	\$330,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1772 Dorchester Rd	\$499,000
1230 Holland St	\$495,000
582 Townsend St	\$935,000
448 Willits St	\$616,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
5180 Woodlands Trl	\$270,000
2007 E Hammond Lake Dr	\$285,000

4025 Telegraph Rd	\$400,000
801 W Long Lake Rd # B6	\$44,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
6975 Cathedral Dr	\$375,000
6600 Valley Spring Dr	\$545,000
6681 Woodbank Dr	\$250,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
234 Arabelle St	\$76,000
6166 Borowy Dr	\$117,000
4151 Mcalpine Dr	\$153,000
5585 Paradise St	\$192,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
21221 Hamilton Ave	\$80,000
30947 Hunters Whip Ln	\$265,000
32487 Olde Franklin Dr	\$228,000
33215 Raphael Rd	\$160,000

MILFORD	
768 Forestberry Ct	\$220,000
737 Panorama Dr	\$145,000
NORTHVILLE	
41733 Broquet Dr	\$120,000
21129 Westfarm Ct	\$280,000
NOVI	
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26276 Fieldstone Dr	\$350,000
24446 Jamestowne Rd	\$226,000
51219 Luke Ln	\$275,000
26545 Mandalay Cir	\$549,000
23534 Stonehenge Blvd	\$86,000
25877 Terra Del Mar Dr	\$625,000
SOUTH LYON	
817 Deerfield Ct	\$180,000
23030 Fremont Dr N	\$425,000
873 Hearthsides St	\$145,000
23874 Maple Ct	\$401,000

1142 Paddock Dr	\$254,000
24656 Padstone Dr	\$72,000
455 Wellington Dr	\$193,000
605 Woodland Dr	\$214,000
SOUTHFIELD	
17191 Edwards Ave	\$153,000
29670 Everett St	\$32,000
29135 Evergreen Rd # 9	\$56,000
18559 Jeanette St	\$152,000
19710 Jeanette St	\$115,000
18501 Mount Vernon St # 3-1	\$30,000
20065 N Greenway St	\$164,000
19637 W 12 Mile Rd # 104	\$50,000
WHITE LAKE	
10105 Elizabeth Lake Rd	\$135,000

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 10-14, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
46501 Bartlett Dr	\$230,000
7925 Charrington Ct	\$175,000
46058 Gainsborough Dr	\$193,000
46023 Graystone Ln	\$171,000
624 McKinley Cir	\$386,000
44114 Somerset Sq	\$191,000
1269 W Crystal Cir	\$210,000
48557 Woodson Way	\$307,000
GARDEN CITY	
698 Arcola St	\$70,000
920 Douglas St	\$98,000

5937 Inkster Rd	\$49,000
29635 Rosslyn Ave	\$150,000
LIVONIA	
36026 Ann Arbor Trl	\$50,000
9900 Blackburn St	\$191,000
35639 Elmira St	\$165,000
8940 Georgia St	\$131,000
29136 Grandon St	\$125,000
9758 Houghton St	\$145,000
27784 Cheswick Dr	\$130,000
11799 Hunters Park Ct	\$285,000
9901 Ingram St	\$133,000
27702 Long St	\$131,000
37908 N Laurel Park Dr	\$155,000
9073 Newport Way	\$130,000
29675 Nottingham Cir	\$111,000
11075 Sunset St	\$120,000
18635 Susanna Dr	\$250,000
NORTHVILLE	

16005 Pine Valley Dr	\$665,000
42914 Pond Ct	\$111,000
18098 Wildflower Dr	\$620,000
41342 Windsor Ct	\$110,000
PLYMOUTH	
9294 Ball St	\$219,000
41102 Greenbrook Ln	\$170,000
157 Hamilton Ave	\$267,000
44870 Joy Rd	\$150,000
9194 Manton Ave	\$170,000
48487 Meadow Ct	\$369,000
45138 Pinetree Dr	\$325,000
11146 Terry St	\$210,000
45293 Woodleigh Way	\$225,000
REDFORD	
9129 Appleton	\$45,000
9592 Arnold	\$60,000
17301 Brady	\$22,000
17629 Five Points St	\$22,000

18239 Gaylord	\$36,000
11348 Lenore	\$80,000
13532 Lenore	\$45,000
19955 Negaunee	\$14,000
19997 Negaunee	\$22,000
20044 Poinciana	\$33,000
9995 San Jose	\$90,000
11302 Seminole	\$57,000
13120 Sioux	\$86,000
19941 Woodworth	\$23,000
WAYNE	
4420 Adams Cir	\$65,000
33947 Winslow St	\$36,000
WESTLAND	
6610 Central City Pkwy	\$95,000
32607 Hiveley St	\$98,000
5633 N Newburgh Rd	\$210,000
698 Ravencrest Ln	\$115,000
7395 Woodview St	\$45,000



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## Assessment of new physician jobs: Specialists represent untapped talent



By Angela Rose  
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*Physician's considering a transition into retirement, looking for part-time work, or just exploring other options, will find one discipline in extremely high demand.*

Are you a retired surgeon who wants to start seeing patients again? Perhaps you've spent years as a dermatologist or rheumatologist and would now like to grow your specialty practice by including general family medical care.

Maybe you've been dreaming of transitioning to part-time work in a medical field where doctors are in extremely high demand. If any of these situations—or innumerable others—describes yours, you may want to consider a move to primary care.

### Shortage in primary care

Primary care physicians—particularly those in family medicine—are in short supply and many experts predict they will

only become more so in the coming years. In fact, a 2012 study published in the Annals of Family Medicine estimated the primary care physician shortage will reach 51,025 by 2025. A number of factors are contributing to the problem, from more than 10,000 Baby Boomers turning 65 every day to increased access to preventative healthcare for millions of Americans under the Affordable Care Act. Additionally, while the Association of American Medical Colleges predicts medical school enrollment will increase 30 percent between 2002 and 2017, too many new medical students choose sub-specialties over primary care fields.

A cap on federal financing for residency programs has compounded the issues, making it impossible for many medical school graduates to complete the final portion of their training necessary to practice medicine.

It's easy to see why many healthcare employers are desperate to hire family medicine physicians and other primary care staff. A recent nationwide survey of hospitals

and medical groups by one staffing firm found 31 percent of respondents intended to increase their medical staff with primary care doctors. Many will look at untapped sources of talent as they search for candidates, and retired specialists and other physicians looking to make a career change are exactly that.

### Online transition program

Becoming a family medicine physician after a successful career in another specialty doesn't require a return to medical school. Last year Dr. Leonard Glass, a retired reconstructive and plastic surgeon, launched an online course designed to make it simple for specialists to transition to primary care. Doctors—from those currently practicing to those who have retired yet retained their medical licenses—can refresh and deepen their family medicine skills through the 100-hour web-based Physician Retraining & Reentry program.

The program features a curriculum developed by professors at the UC San

Diego School of Medicine and covers everything a doctor might see in a primary care setting. Each of the 15 units includes pre and post-tests, and physicians must pass a final online exam covering the entire curriculum before completing a final practicum at the UC San Diego primary care simulation lab. The reward for successful completion of the program is 100 credits in continuing medical education, new family medicine job opportunities, and a chance to help alleviate the primary care physician shortage.

If you are interested in enrolling in the Physician Retraining & Reentry program, visit the website to schedule a free consultation. And when you're ready to search for your new family medicine position, remember you'll find thousands of opportunities at hospitals and clinics nationwide on HEALTHeCAREERS Network.

About the Author: Angela Rose researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends, and workplace issues for HEALTHeCAREERS.com.

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The schedule for this position is 2-3 days per week, 5 to 5 1/2 hours per day, the rate of pay is \$17.34 per hour.

Submit resume and application to:  
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**CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT**  
Regency at Whitmore Lake is offering an excellent opportunity for Certified Nursing Assistants who are passionate for making a difference in the lives of others. Regency at Whitmore Lake is a 135-bed high quality short- and long-term nursing center that is currently rated a five-star facility. We are located between Ann Arbor and Brighton off of US-23. Currently seeking full/part time CNA's. All shifts are available (7-3:30pm & 3-11:30pm & 11:00pm-7:30am). We have an excellent competitive wage scale and benefits program. Must be Prometric certified and be able to pass a drug screen/physical.

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**CNAs**  
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Due to the company growth and exciting changes at Caretel Inns of Brighton, a skilled nursing and assisted living care facility, we have multiple openings for CNAs, all shifts. MUST have current MI CNA license. New competitive wages.  
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RNs - All Shifts

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**R.N. Weekend Manager**  
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**DIETARY AIDE**

Contingent  
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Regency at Whitmore Lake, a 134 bed skilled nursing facility is currently seeking Full-Time experienced Cooks. Must have experience in the food service industry. Excellent wages & benefit packages available. Must be able to pass a criminal background check & drug screen.

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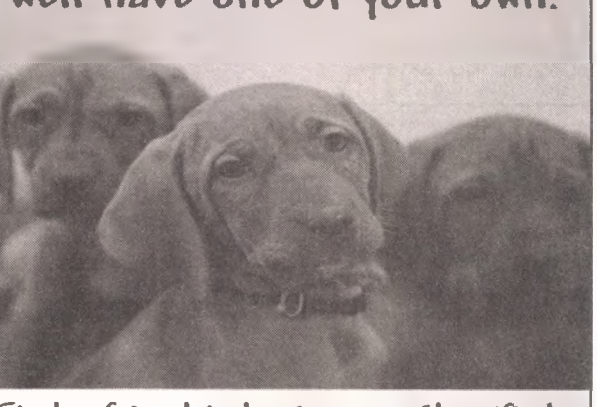
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