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Rezoning decision for 10 Mile and Beck parcel put on hold

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

A decision on rezoning 43 acres of land at the corner of 10 Mile and Beck roads has been put on hold as the developer goes back to make possible changes to the plan.

The Novi City Council was faced with the decision June 22 as to whether or not to change the property's current zoning from R-1 (one-family residential) to R-3 (one-family residential) with a planned rezoning

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The property totals 43.11 acres and the developer, Beck South, LLC, is proposing a 66-unit, single-family residential development.

"Close, but no cigar," was how Novi Mayor Pro Tem David Staudt put it at the meeting to developer representative Howard Fingeroot, managing partner of Pinnacle Homes.

Staudt said he went into the meeting thinking the plan might get approved because it was a fairly good one. However, after

hearing the various concerns and issues expressed by the council and citizens, he said the developer needs to consider changing some details to better fit what's desired by the com-

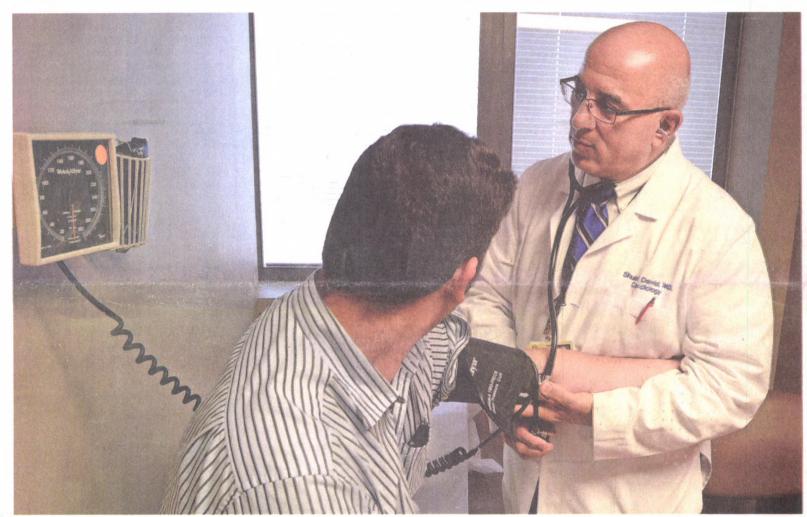
He said he's looking for a win-win for all involved, but at this point, the plan is not there.

Prior to council members giving their thoughts on the proposal, Novi citizens had a chance to voice their opinions.

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The proposal for the 43 acres calls for 66 homes to be built at the corner of 10 Mile and Beck roads.



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Providence Park Novi cardiac care Dr. Shukri David will be organizing an FDA-sponsored blood pressure study at the hospital involving renal denervation. It will try to see if heating some of the nerves within the kidneys can reduce, without the use of excess medication, a patient's blood pressure.

Providence Park Hospital studying potentially revolutionary medical device

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Providence Park Hospital is conducting a study that could change how high blood pressure is treated.

At its locations in Novi and Southfield, Providence Park Hospital is now instituting a study investigating a medical device to help lower blood pressure in patients with uncontrolled hypertension. It's one of the first institutions in the U.S. enrolling patients to participate in this clinical trial that has the green light from the U.S. Food and Drug Adminstration.

"This could have huge implications that could change how we treat high blood pressure," said Shukri David, M.D., system chair of cardiology at the Providence Heart Institute and principal investigator of the trials at

Providence.

What Providence is doing exactly is participating in two new global clinical trials investigating the effect of renal denervation with the investigational Symplicity Spyral catheter and Symplicity G3 radiofrequency generator.

The study involves the chronic condition defined as an average systolic blood pressure at or above 140 mmHg. If left un-

treated, it can significantly increase the risk of heart attack, stroke, heart failure, kidney disease and death, according to David.

"Uncontrolled high blood pressure is one of the greatest threats to patients in metro Detroit," David said. "We are proud to have been selected to take part in these groundbreaking

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HOSA, Medical Career Explorations and Pohlonski all excel

By Lonnie Huhman

Novi Community School's HOSA organization, its Medical Careers Explorations program and high school teacher Emily Pohlonski all had a great school year.

From national competitions

and honors to learning in realworld environments, the district reached new heights this year, making it a memorable and very educational one in learning to be leaders

HOSA is composed of high school students interested in being a future health professional. Formerly known as Health Occupations Students of America, the national career and technical student organization is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Health Science Technology Education Division of ACTE.

The program has grown by leaps and bounds in Novi, with 225 students enrolled this year. HOSA students get an opportunity to demonstrate their learning through a variety of competitive events in both written and role-playing events.

Thirty-five Novi High School students qualified for and attended HOSA nationals June

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Summer kickoff



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Aryan Sandhu, 9, looks like he's getting pretty intense June 17 as he squirts coloring on his T-shirt during the Novi Public Library's tie-dying session for kids to kick off a summer of activity at the library while they are out of

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Some were for the plan, but some were against it.

Support

The side in favor said Novi is about progress and development has always been part of that. They say the property is ready for a residential development and this is the right plan. In the past, other proposals for the property have gone before the city, mostly commercial developments, but they were shot down.

Longtime Novi resident Paul Albanelli said he would like to see the property stay as it is, but added that one of the cornerstones of Novi has been to support responsible development.

He noted there will be a 15-foot conservation easement, a 15-foot tree preservation easement and 35-foot setbacks. He added that it is 65 feet to the property line before there are any buildings and the residents may not see that with an R-1 zoning plan. He thinks residents deserve to have their wells and septic tanks protected and to know what will go in the conservation easement with privacy from the new homes. He said if all the conditions are met, he thinks it would be a good development and is in support of it.

As part of the proposal, the developer has an agreement to buy out the homeowners currently residing on parts of the

43 acres.

Opposition

The opposing side, which is mostly made up of homeowners from adjacent neighborhoods like Echo Park and Andover Pointe, say the proposal is not a good one because they believe it will destroy the woodlands on the site, hurt property values, deviates from the master plan and might negatively impact their well water.

The opposing group has started a MoveOn.org petition with a goal of reaching 200 signatures in order to show their disapproval. It had 170 as of Tuesday afternoon.

One statement on the site is from resident Kathi Kuehnel, who wrote: "I agree wholeheartedly that the residents of Novi have been sold out to the highest bidder. People purchase property inexpensively because of its zoning. Then they try to make a fortune by rezoning it. They intend to make a fortune and leave the rest of us with their mess and our reduced property values. I hope the city council and mayor start representing the people who elected them and say no to the rezoning."

Beck South has indicated the rezoning request is necessary to allow development with smaller and narrower lots, but at the same density that is permitted within the current R-1

zoning R-1 districts are meant to have larger lots than other residential dis-

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KATHI KUEHNEL

Novi resident

The PRO concept plan, as presented Monday, gives the city flexibility in dictating how the plan is shaped. As of Monday, it showed that it would have two on-site detention ponds, preservation of open space, including a 4.5-acre area of mature trees, and increased open space along both the 10 Mile and Beck Road frontages. Nearly 30 percent of the site would be open space, according to the proposal.

City planners said Beck South has added a 15-foot-wide open space buffer along the south and west property lines adjacent to the existing Andover Pointe and Echo Valley subdivisions along the back part of the proposed lots.

The plan also calls for two access road points onto Beck Road, but not on to 10 Mile.

Planning commission approved

The Novi Planning Commission did give the plan its approval. Fingeroot said it took into consideration much of the concerns. He said planners determined that there would be no well water issues because of

the distance and depth of the current neighboring wells in relation to what would be dug, the developers provided for a bigger yard setback and added to the buffer. He said changing the plan to R-1 would not work as well and may cause more of an issue for the neigh-

The rezoning proposal needs five council votes out of seven to move forward, but at the meeting it appeared as though members Andrew Mutch, Gwen Markham and Laura Marie Casey had too many concerns to give it their approval. Their concerns ranged from woodland preservation to increased traffic on Beck and 10 Mile.

On the whole, the council wants to see the site residential, but members are in agreement that the current plan needs to be altered a bit to take into consideration some of the concerns expressed by them and the community.

Fingeroot told council he would try to bring back a better plan.

The altered plan is expected to appear before council again July 17 at its regular meeting.

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trials and look forward to helping identify which patients might be the most appropriate for this investigational treat-

The two separate trials happening at Providence are investigating the

effect of renal denervation on high blood pressure in patients who are and who are not taking medications to lower their blood pressure.

Together, these trials are part of Medtronic's SPYRAL HTN Global Clinical Trial Program, a unique, multi-phased clinical study to understand the effect of renal denervation on uncontrolled hypertension.

David said renal denervation is a minimally invasive, catheter-based procedure that may potentially calm the activity of nerves within the arteries leading to the kid-

neys.
"These nerves are part of the sympathetic nervous system, which helps the body control blood pressure," David said. "In

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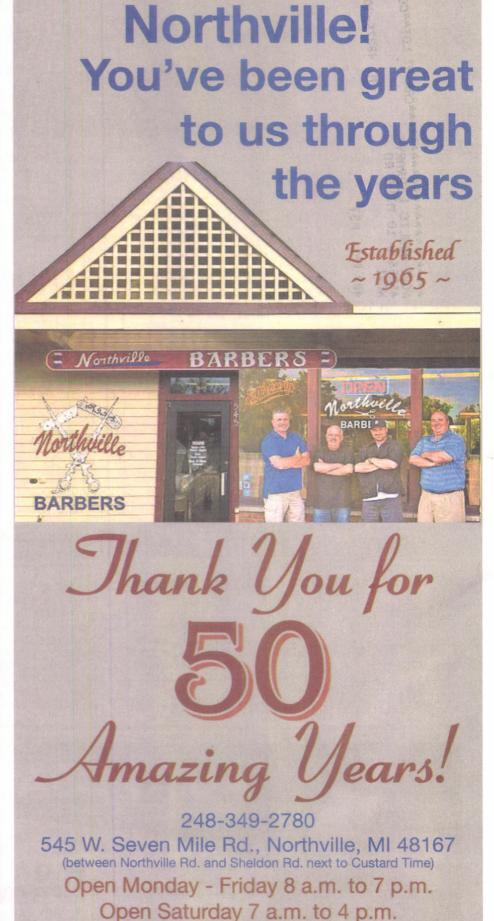
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Novi police and fire departments offer fireworks reminders

Fireworks are a common form of celebration around Independence Day, yet require careful handling to prevent tragedy. The Novi Police Department reminds residents of the dates consumer fireworks may legally be used and the Novi Fire Department urges residents to use great caution with fireworks during this year's celebrations.

The city of Novi regulates the ignition, discharge or use of fireworks by local ordinance. The ordinance includes the following restrictions:

It is prohibited in Novi to ignite and discharge consumer fireworks except on the day before, day of and day after a national holiday,



including New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

The ordinance also prohibits the ignition, discharge or use of consumer fireworks on public property, including streets and rights-of-way or on school property, church property, city parks or private property owned by others, without written permission.

The Novi Fire Department recommends you enjoy fireworks at a professional event. If you do purchase consumer fireworks for private use, please consider following some safety precautions.

Fireworks shall not be ignited, discharged or used by a person under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance

Public Act 65 of 2013 allows for time restrictions on the discharge of consumer fireworks on the aforementioned days between midnight and 8 a.m. or between 1-8 a.m. New Year's Day. We ask community members to honor the time restraints and think of the impact fireworks have on the peace and tranquility of neighborhoods.

The Novi Fire Department recommends you enjoy fireworks at a professional event. If you do purchase consumer fireworks for private use, please consider the following safety precau-

» Before using any legal fireworks, read and follow all warning in-

structions printed on the label.

» Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks. Adults should always supervise fireworks activities. Sparklers burn at temperatures of approximately 1,800 degrees; hot enough to melt some metals.

» Never point or throw fireworks at another person.

» Never have any portion of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse. Move back to a safe distance immediately after lighting.

» Never try to relight or pick up fireworks that have not fully

functioned. » After fireworks fully complete their

functioning, place the device in a bucket of water and leave it overnight to prevent a trash fire.

» Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers. Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mis-

» Never use, ignite or discharge any fireworks while under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances.

For information on the Novi Police and Fire departments, go to www.cityofnovi.org.

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HOSA

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24-27 in Anaheim, Calif. They competed against 8,500 students from around the world, with 21 NHS students placing in the top group.

The Medical Career Explorations class was composed of 52 students. The big resource for them just down the road from the high school the world-class St. John's Providence Park Hospital. Students got firsthand experiences there and learned about things like the cardiac catheter lab, casting, suturing, injections, neurology, imaging and laboratory

"This program has been so successful because of the great community resources we have at our disposal and the help we've received that has helped make it the best it can be," said Pohlonski, who coordinates the program, as well as HOSA.

In the last year, surveys were sent out to 390 former Medical Career **Explorations** students who took the course between fall 2007 and spring 2015; 92 former students responded and 94 percent of responding field or are training to enter the medical field.

Pohlonski was recognized as one of Novi's teachers of the year and was one of the five finalists for Michigan Teacher of the Year. She joined the high school staff in 2001. She has completed two master of arts degrees from Michigan State University in curriculum and teaching and education and technol-

She is a national board certified teacher. She's also a science content area leader, vice president of the Network of Michigan Educators and serves on the Curriculum Committees for Oakland Schools and the Michigan Department of Education, plus is helping to prepare for the implementation of the Next Generation Science Stan-

"Mrs. Pohlonski is very important to the students and this school."



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Novi High School teacher Emily Pohlonski is proud of her involvement in the school's health careers program, HOSA and the many students who are involved, including (from left) Tanaz Naterwala, Sacha Tretyakova and Gautham Ravi.

said Tanaz Naterwala, a student who was mentored by Pohlonski over the past few years. "She's

an awesome teacher." The winners at the HOSA nationals included Aria Thakore (second



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place in medical reading); the team of Arun

Annamalai, Rohan Batra,

This year's HOSA team.

Raj Bramhane, Pratik Goswami, Sachit Grover and Jasmeet Chahal

(third place in public service announcement); and two of the top 10 HOSA biomedical laboratory science students in the country, Tanaz Naterwala and Gautham Ravi.

After a hard-fought battle, Novi's HOSA Bowl Team placed top 10 in the country, consisting of Ramasahitya Karra, Cody Renton, Nastaeen Tajin and Siya Takawale. Also placing in the top 10 were Aditya Ravi (pathophysiology) Ronit Tiwary (researched persuasive speaking) and the public health team of Aastha Dharia, Kamal Khan, Rishik Marneni, Pooja Panguru, Kaushik Ravi and Swathi Sampath.

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Schoolcraft College asking for millage increase in November

By David Veselenak

Schoolcraft College will ask voters in November for a millage increase for residents living in the district, which covers the Livonia, Clarence-ville, Garden City, Plymouth-Canton, Northville and part of Novi school districts.

The college's Board of Trustees voted unanimously Wednesday to ask voters for a 0.6-mill increase starting next summer. If approved, the increase would mean an annual increase of about \$60 on a home worth \$200,000. The millage would expire after 10 years

Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress said it's become increasingly difficult to sustain programs on tuition and current taxes collected, which have decreased since the recession began seven years

"We finally got to an agreement and decided a regular millage at 0.6 (mills) was the most ideal from the college standpoint, but also for the



FILE PHOTO

Schoolcraft College is requesting a 0.6-mill increase on a ballot proposal set for November

public," Jeffress said. "Look at what you want to do in the future. The things that people need in the future are costly."

Schoolcraft College has collected significantly less revenue in recent years compared to years prior to 2008, which has had an impact on the college's bottom line, said Brian Broderick, chairman of

the college's board.

"Since 2008, funding received through local property taxes has decreased nearly 22 percent," he said in a statement. "Because of the economic downturn beginning in 2008, the decline in property values meant that the college received \$6.3 million less in 2013 than it had in 2008. Adjusted

for inflation, that is more than a \$9 million impact." Schoolcraft College last

Schoolcraft College last asked for a millage increase 29 years ago, officials said.

Affects more than just students

While property values have continued to rebound in western Wayne and western Oakland counties since the recession, Jeffress said because of measures such as the Headlee Amendment, increases are limited and it would take nearly a decade to regain the amount it was before 2008.

The board voted to authorize the millage rate for 2015-16 to be 1.7967 mills, which will bring in more than \$24 million this upcoming year. That amount doesn't included the increase, if approved by voters

Officials say the increase is needed to continue offering services at top-notch levels for students in areas such as science, technology and engineering programs, as well as area businesses that use the college for training and other purposes

Because of that increased community involvement, Jeffress said it made more sense to ask for a millage increase from the community than to just raise tuition significantly on students.

"We've helped local businesses in our areas," he said.
"I think you have to have a broader view of who profits when you look at Schoolcraft."

Tuition per credit hour for in-district students this fall is \$96. Out-of-district Michigan residents will pay \$139 a credit hour, while out-of-state and international students will pay \$205 a credit hour.

Without the millage, college officials say capital and technological improvements will be deferred and services for students will be challenged.

The request will be on the Nov. 3 ballot in portions of several communities spanning the three counties in the college's district.

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Albion College

The following local students recently received honors for outstanding achievement at during the 2014-15 year:

Margaux Kabodian was named to the dean's list for the spring semester. Kabodian is pursuing a self-designed major and minoring in communication studies. She is the daughter of Armen and Belinda Kabodian of Novi and a graduate of Mercy High School.

Sydney Martin was named to the dean's list for the spring semester. Martin is a firstyear student at Albion College. She is the daughter of Jennifer Martin of Wixom and a graduate of Walled Lake Western High School.

Joshua Massab was named an Albion College fellow, an honor given to students named to the dean's list for three consecutive semesters. Massab is majoring in business and organizations and finance. He is the son of Dean and Martha Massab of Novi and a graduate of Novi High School.

Christian Pederson was named to the dean's list for the spring semester. Pederson is a first-year student at Albion College, with a concentration in the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Leadership in Public Policy and Service and is a member of the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program. He is the son of Kent and Pamela Pederson of Novi and a graduate of Univer-

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sity of Detroit-Jesuit High School.

Bepin Serraj was named to the dean's list for the spring semester. Serraj is a first-year student at Albion College. He is the son of Pashko and Taze Serraj of Novi and a graduate of Novi High School.

Taylor Shrader was named to the dean's list for the spring semester. Shrader is majoring in business and organizations. She is the daughter of Dennis and Mary Shrader of Novi and a graduate of Mercy High

Sabrina Silvestri was named to the dean's list for the spring semester. Silvestri is a first-year student at Albion College. She is the daughter of Guiseppe and Josephine Silvestri of New Hudson and a graduate of Novi High School.

Jonathan Takeshita was named to the dean's list for the spring semester. Takeshita is majoring in music and combined engineering-physics. He is the son of Shinichiro and Kathleen Takeshita of Novi and a graduate of Novi High School.

Michael Tolkacz was named to the dean's list for the spring semester. Tolkacz graduated in May with a degree in biochemistry and a minor in cell and molecular biology and French. He is the son of Joseph and Nancy Tolkacz of Novi and a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School.

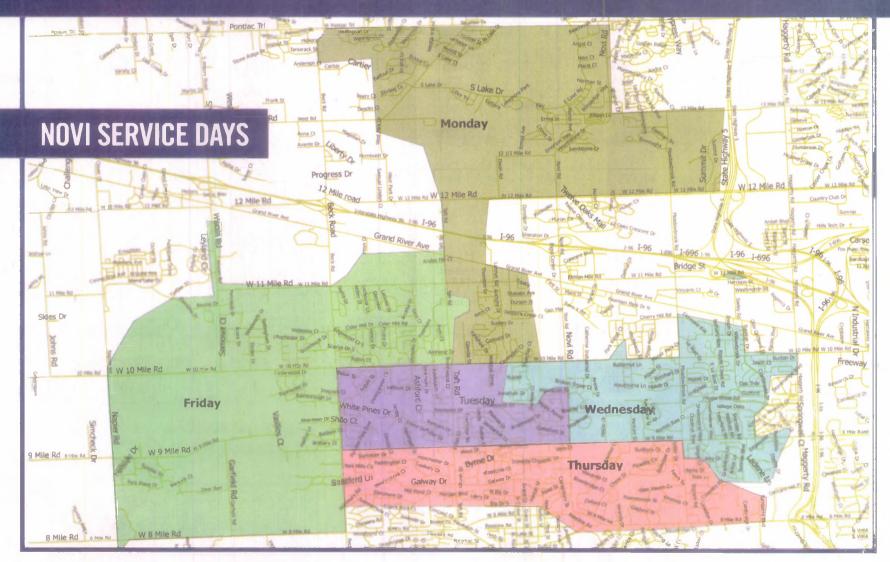
Xueying Yang was named to the dean's list for the spring

semester. Yang is majoring in economics and management and minoring in statistics. She is the daughter of Hongyi Yang and Hongmei Li of Tianjin and a graduate of Novi High School.

University of Wisconsin

The university has recognized two Novi students – Nicole Greenhalgh and Michael Pesendorfer – named to the dean's list for the spring semester of the 2014-15 academic year. Students who achieve at a high level academically are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester. To be eligible for the dean's list, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester.

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W.L. Western players help others live out baseball dreams

Members of the Walled Lake Western High School baseball team volunteered during the recent Miracle League of Michigan games June 21 at the Southfield Municipal Complex. Ten players, three coaches, six parents and five family members represented Walled Lake Western at this event, which aims to give those with disabilities the opportunity to enjoy the game of base-

"This program provides children who don't participate in sports a chance to not only play, but be a star despite all their physical challenges. It is truly amazing," Western player Noah Christie said.

Each Western player was assigned a Miracle League player to help them participate in baseball-related drills. Miracle League players were able to field, hit and even run the bases. The Western players were on hand to help the Miracle League players and share the game they

love with those that need a little extra help to enjoy the game.

"Working with the Miracle League was a fantastic experience. Seeing all the smiles on everyone's face is something I'll never forget," Western player Connor Kin said.

The Miracle League is a charitable organization that provides children with disabilities an opportunity to play baseball as a team member in an organized league.

"It was the most amazing thing I have ever been a part of and I am so proud of my team, family and everyone that came out to help," Western baseball coach Mike Larges said. "It was great watching the joy of the Miracle League players and the Western baseball players. Thank you everyone that came out to support these great young athletes."

For more information, go to www.michigan miracle.org or contact Larges at mikelarges@yahoo.com.



Noah Christie plays catch with a Miracle League player.



Shown are (front, from left)
players Dakota Turner and Ben
Bruce and (back, from left) Chase
Williamson, Zachary Megysi, Joey
Bruce, Liam Dooley, Zachary Acero
and Connor Kin. Also participating
were Noah Christie, Adam Lazich,
Bret Heglin and former Western
baseball player Nik Heglin.

Hole-in-one sunk at annual W.L. foundation golf outing

A roar of excitement echoed throughout Edgewood Country Club in Commerce Township at the Foundation for Excellence's sixth annual golf scramble June 22. when Sharkey Haddad sunk a hole-in-one to win a 2015 Jeep Renegade Latitude from Shuman Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM. That topped off the fundraiser sponsored by more than 30 businesses and attended by more than 130 golfers to

benefit the students and faculty of the Walled Lake Consolidated School District.

The golf scramble helped raise more than \$22,000.

Haddad of West
Bloomfield proudly
shared that he was an
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James Geisler, retired
WLCSD superintendent,
and said, "Every time
you support a good
cause, good things hap-

pen." This was the first hole-in-one for Haddad.

Bob Shuman of Shuman CDJR and a foundation trustee, also attended outing and shared in the jubilation of Haddad's big win and said, "We are very happy to help our community and think today's hole-in-one is wonderful."

Haddad's win marks the third time in the 32-year history of the Shuman dealership in which a car has been won through its contest sponsorship.

Over the course of five years, the foundation's golf scrambles have netted a profit of more than \$78,000 to support technology, literacy, leadership and community within the WLCSD. Funds raised are channeled back into the school district annually through its minigrant program. This past school year, 24 grants were awarded totaling \$36,376.20 to benefit the district's 19 schools. During the foundation's

tenure more than \$730,000 in grants have been awarded.

Go to the Foundation for Excellence website www.wlcsd.org/ foundation.org or contact its office at 248-956-2116 to learn about programs and opportunities.

Bob Shuman (left) of Shuman Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM presents Sharkey Haddad with the 2015 Jeep Renegade Latitude which he won June 22 through the hole-in-one contest at the FFE Golf Scramble.



CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONSIDERATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UNDER ACT P.A. 198 OF 1974, AS AMENDED

Notice is hereby given that HCP Land LLC and MSA Technology Partners LLC have submitted a request to the City of Novi for the establishment of an Industrial Development District under the "Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial Development Act P.A. 198 of 1974."

The proposed project is part of Parcel ID No. 50-22-01-400-030, located at 13 Mile Road and Haggerty Road, described as follows:

PART OF THE EAST 1/2 OF SECTION 1, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, CITY OF NOVI, OAKLAND COUNTY MICHIGAN, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 1; THENCE N02°30′06″W, 632.02 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION; THENCE S85°30′21″W, 60.04 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF HAGGERTY ROAD (120′ WIDE); THENCE CONTINUING S85°30′21″W, 215.71 FEET; THENCE N02°02′32″W, 467.58 FEET; THENCE S87°57′28″W, 162.89 FEET; THENCE S13°30′29″W, 174.90 FEET; THENCE S41°04′28″W, 75.81 FEET; THENCE S87°29′56″W, 312.43 FEET; THENCE S44°08′59″W, 370.51 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF CABOT DRIVE (60′ WIDE); THENCE 179.14 FEET ALONG SAID EAST LINE ON THE ARC OF A NON TANGENT CURVE TO LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 455.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 22°33′27″, AND A CHORD WHICH BEARS N25°41 '38″W, 177.98 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING: THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID EAST LINE 165.56 FEET THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 455.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 20°50′53″, AND A CHORD WHICH BEARS N47°23′48″W, 164.64 FEET, THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID EAST LINE 387.27 FEET THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 395.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 54°52′08″, AND A CHORD WHICH BEARS N50°23′12″W, 363.98 FEET; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID EAST LINE N02°57′07″W, 476.01 FEET; THENCE N87°02′53″E, 69.71 FEET; THENCE S02°57′07″E, 344.50 FEET; THENCE S87°02′53″W, 27.77 FEET; THENCE S02°57′07″E, 203.77 FEET; THENCE 246.05 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A NON-TANGENT CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 360.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 39°09′34″, AND A CHORD WHICH BEARS S51°16′46″W, 241.29 FEET; THENCE 117.06 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 360.00 FEET, THENCE 117.06 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 26°49′44″, AND A CHORD WHICH BEARS S45°06′50″W, 116.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 26°49′44″, AND A CHORD WHICH BEARS S45°06′50″W, 116.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 26°49′44″, AND A CHORD WHICH BEARS S45°06′50″W, 116.00 FEET, THENCE S58°31′42″W, 86.31 FEET, THENCE S58°01′38″W, 25.75 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEG

CONTAINING 11.68 ACRES OF LAND MORE OR LESS

Pursuant to Section 4 (4) of said Act, a public hearing shall be held on Monday, July 13, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Novi City Council Chambers, located at 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, during which any property owner within the proposed Industrial Development District, and any resident or taxpayer of the City of Novi may appear and be heard in relation to the consideration of the aforementioned Industrial Development District.

If you have any comments regarding this proposal, they may be presented in writing to the City Clerk's office or at the public hearing.

. Maryanne Cornelius, M

Maryanne Cornelius, MMC City Clerk



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Hunt will miss Silver Springs Elementary

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

After three great years at Silver Springs Elementary School, Principal Melissa Hunt is leaving.

"It is with great emotion that I write to tell you that my husband and I will be relocating to the Washington, D.C., area with Ford Motor Company," she wrote via an email blast sent out to the school community. "Although email is not the ideal form of communication for this message, we did not foresee this move and it will result in a change of administration for the 2015-16 school

During her tenure at Silver Springs, the culture of learning and lead-ership at the school has flourished, according to Northville Superintendent Mary Kay Galla-

Gallagher said as a result of the collective work of an entire community - staff, together with students, parents and families - Silver Springs



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Silver Springs Elementary School Principal Melissa Hunt gives a high-five to a student as she shares a hug with Taylor Sweidan at the start of the school's kickoff to its Leader in Me rally in

achieved The Leader in Me Lighthouse status, has strengthened its school improvement processes and has cre-

ated a culture of student empowerment that continues to grow.

"We wish Ms. Hunt all the best as she begins a

new journey, appreciate the opportunity we've had to learn from and with her and know that the powerful work underway at Silver Springs will continue to shine,' Gallagher said.

Hunt said it has been a privilege serving the school families and witnessing the transformational changes of Silver Springs as it became the 62nd Leader in Me Lighthouse School due to a process of vision and hard work. She said at Silver Springs they believe every child is capable and is a leader. "I have been humbled

to watch your students grow as leaders and accept challenges with confidence. Our students are incredible and are being provided unique opportunities to develop lifelong leadership tools." Hunt said. "Although I will miss witnessing their upcoming accomplishments, I have no doubt that through our staff's continued dedication and partnership with your family, The Leader in Me process will continue to 'SOAR' towards our common vision. Great things will continue to happen one leader at a time.

She said the school is a

special place and there is a true synergy among the entire school community. Staff provides engaging learning opportunities and is passionate about making sure all students reach their maximum potential, she added.

"Our 2015-16 goals are in place and reflect our continued journey of excellence. Parental support at Silver Springs is a great contributor to reaching our school goals and I appreciate your commitment. It has been an honor being a part of the Silver Springs community and an experience that has left an indelible mark upon me," she said.

Going forward, the district has started the replacement process and expects to fill her position in the next two months. Hunt said she can't leave without one more school-wide hug. There will be a going away celebration at 6 p.m. July 22 at the school.

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Northville's Thornton Creek Elementary gets a new principal

A strong instructional leader with a solid foundation in best practice teaching, technology integration and collaborative planning has been named principal of Northville Public Schools' Thornton Creek Elementary School.

The Northville Board of Education unanimously approved Jennifer L. Bennett's appointment at its June 23 meeting. She succeeds Alison Epler, who has requested to return to classroom teaching and is anticipated joining the Silver Springs Elementary School staff in the fall.

Bennett, who assumed

post July 1, comes to Northville from Monroe Public Schools, where she most re-

Bennett

served as principal for three years and assistant principal for two years at Custer Elementary School

"At the heart of my work over the past 14 years is my love for watching students grow and develop into creative and independent thinkers," Bennett said. "I am excited to bring this

passion for education to Thornton Creek Elementary and Northville Public Schools and look forward to helping to build on the district's strong commitment to 21st century learning that puts students in the forefront of the learning experience. I am eager to work in partnership with the many dedicated teacher leaders, staff, students and families at Thornton Creek to ensure every student has an opportunity to succeed.

In her 14 years with Monroe, Bennett also has served as district social studies consultant, a

teacher for grades 4-6 and as a K-8 technology media specialist. In addition, Bennett has extensive experience in professional development at the school, district, state and national levels. In her roles as principal, assistant principal, consultant and teacher leader, she has used her ability to act as a change agent to positively impact student learning. Bennett also has extensive experience in technology integration in the learning process including working with classroom teachers and students to create digital portfolios.

"Jennifer Bennett is a forward thinking educator with vast experience in teaching, facilitating professional learning communities and actively engaging students, staff and the community in the school improvement process, all with the goal of ensuring success for all students in the 21st century world," Northville Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said. "Jennifer is a compassionate and skilled leader who will continue to build on the collaborative school community and positive culture that already exists among the stu-

dents, teachers, staff and families at Thornton Creek. We are fortunate to have Jennifer joining our administrative team."

Bennett has a bachelor's degree in language arts (K-8) and elementary education (K-5) and a master's in education from Siena Heights University.

She has her state of Michigan K-12 School Administrator Certification from Eastern Michigan University.

Bennett lives in Monroe with her husband Steve and their three children: Reganne, 10, Brendon, 9, and Colin, 7.



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Hillside students Skype with author

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

It was a first for Hillside Middle School students Skyping with an author whose book they read as part of their International Baccalaureate and Common Core curriculum.

Haya Leah Molnar, the author of Under a Red Sky, sat down late last month for a Q&A through

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a web camera with sixthgraders to talk about her a memoir about her Jewish family's story of living in Romania after the Holocaust and trying to get to the U.S.

the students read as part of an interdisciplinary unit, including social studies and English classes. They explored their own culture/heritage and

This is a novel many of

did presentations and

City of Novi

Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Construction

Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public

hearing on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the

Mayors Conference Room, Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten

ROBERTSON CHARNETH FEN (CASE NO. PCB15-0003),ROBERTSON CHARNETH FEN, L.L.C., 28577.

28585, & 28593 MELANIE LANE, PARCELS #: 50-22-

The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 11-216 (e) (8), to

allow construction of an existing driveway slope as follows; Bldg. 1, Unit 30 driveway slope of approximately 10.5 %; Bldg. 1, Unit 31 driveway slope of approximately 11.5 %; &

Bldg. 1, Unit 32 driveway slope of approximately 11.2 %.

Mile Road, Novi, MI, 48375 to consider:

many other fun things in this six-week unit while reading Molnar's novel as well as another selected novel, Esperanza Rising.

Sixth-grader language and literature teacher Meaghan Monk said the visit was a great way for the students to able to learn even more by questioning the author.

"It is very rare that students, today, get to meet the authors of the books they are reading, especially when they are biographies and memoirs," Monk said.

Molnar said she was honored to be part of this learning effort.

"I'm touched that my book sparked so many thoughts and questions," she said.

She encouraged the students to read, write and create what they

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville Planning Commission has prepared draft text amendments to modify Section 15.02 of the Zoning Ordinance that describes how front yard average setbacks are calculated for residential buildings in the R-1A and R-1B zoning districts. The proposed language will eliminate the multiplier, add one foot to the front yard average setback, and clarify how the average is determined.

The proposed text amendments will be considered at a public hearing conducted by the Planning Commission on July 21, 2015 at 7:30 pm at the City of Northville Municipal Building - Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public input on these proposed changes.

The complete text of the draft ordinance amendment may be reviewed at the Building Department during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us (go to Services/Building Department/Planning Commission). Written comments will also be received at the above address.

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DIANNE MASSA, CMC, CITY CLERK

CITY OF NORTHVILLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINE 4:00 P.M. ON JULY 21, 2015

In accordance with PA 44 of 2010 and PA 276 of 2012, all city level candidate filing deadlines are now governed under State law. The Public Acts supersede the City of Northville's Code of Ordinances and City Charter deadlines for filing for local office. As such, the Code of Ordinances and City Charter's language pertaining to the deadline to file nominating petitions for Mayor and City Council is no longer applicable.

Per Michigan election law amendments, the non-partisan candidate filing deadline for the November 3, 2015 election (no primary) is 4:00 p.m., July 21, 2015. Candidate packets are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

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Schoolcraft bachelor's degree receives approval

The Higher Learning Commission has made it official - Schoolcraft College will begin offering a bachelor's degree for the first time in its history. College officials recently received word from the HLC that ts new program was approved. The bachelor of science in culinary and dietary operations management will be available to qualified applicants starting in August 2015.

The culinary and dietary operations management program is designed for experienced culinary students interested in pursuing a bachelor's degree that will lead to positions of increasing responsibility in culinary and dietary operations. This degree program combines business and science courses to provide the culinarian with knowledge and expertise in management, food science and nutrition. Completion of the degree requirements will also help students prepare to successfully complete exams for the Certified Dietary Manager credential from the Association of Nutrition and Food Service Professionals, an important credential for students interested in food service opera-

Prospective students can find more information at www.schoolcraft.edu/major/culinaryarts and are encouraged to confer with a Schoolcraft College counselor or adviser to discuss admissions requirements.

Host families needed in Novi

Novi School District participates through Oakland Schools in a Foreign Exchange Program with Educatius International for a select group of international students to join Novi

SCHOOL BRIEFS

High School for the 2015-16 school year. There is a need of host families for these students that can provide a private room, three meals a day and a supportive home environment.

To ensure that this initiative is a success, Educatius International is providing a monthly stipend to host families to offset the costs for hosting international student(s) into your home; depending on how many students, a referral bonus of \$100 to any individual that refers a family that hosts; an orientation program for the international students, host families and the school; access to a local residential coordinator who will be available 24 hours a day; support as needed from Educatius International staff; and 24/7 emergency line.

Contact Melanie Smith at Melanie.smith@ educatius.org or 602-820-6642 or Susan Reinhardt at susan.reinhardt@ educatius.org or 312-206-8749 for more information.

Summer C.A.M.P.

Students entering grades second through fourth this fall will celebrate their writing skills through writers' workshop mini-lessons, mentor text investigations and will utilize a writer's notebook to collect author's craft techniques and learn strategies for more structured writing tasks that may be used in assessment.

C.A.M.P. (Creative **Authors Meeting Place)** will be team taught by credentialed Novi teachers. These teachers are committed to providing an exciting, challenging and rewarding learning experience for all partici-

Workshops will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, Aug. 10-14, at Orchard Hills Media Center. The

fees are \$159 resident; \$164 non-resident. Make checks payable to Novi Community Education. Register online at www.novicommunityed.org.

Cheer clinic

The Novi varsity cheerleaders are hosting a three-day cheer clinic for girls ages 5-12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 13-15 at Village Oaks Elementary, 23333 Willowbrook Drive.

Learn chants, gymnastics, stunts, dance, stretches, jumps and flexibility. T-shirts are available on a first-come, first-serve basis, but are not included in the price of the clinic. The fee \$100 for all three days (includes lunches and snacks; pizza first and third day, Subway second

To register, go to http://www.novi. k12.mi.us/ and click the Athletics tab; select Sports Camp for the Summer Cheer Clinic link. Email coach Ashley Karinen with any questions: AKarinen07@gmail.com.

WLCSD offers summer meal program

Walled Lake Consolidated Schools will participate in the Summer Food Service Program through Friday, Aug. 21 (except July 3). This program provides meals to children ages 1-18 without charge. Young adults ages 19-26 are also eligible if they're enrolled in programs for the mentally or physically disabled. These programs must be recognized by a state or local public agency.

Breakfast will be served 8:15-8:45 a.m. and lunches will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Walled Lake Community Education Center.

615 N. Pontiac Trail. For more information,

Together again



Five members of the Novi High School Class of 2011 recently graduated from Kalamazoo College: (from left) Alan Mencer, Madeline Sinkovich, Lauren Drew, Sean Bolourchi and Ben Abreu

call 248-956-3080.

Northville accepting kindergarten registration

Northville Public Schools is now accepting kindergarten enrollment for fall 2015. If you have a child who will be 5 years of age on or before Sept. 1, schedule an enrollment appointment to register your child using the appropriate school link below and complete the online pre-enrollment process prior to your

scheduled appointment. Enrollment forms and information regarding which documents you will need to bring to your scheduled appointment are listed on the district website at http:// www.northvilleschools.org/node/584.

Developmentally delayed students

If you have a child that will be under the age of 5 years old on or before the first day of the 2015-16 school year and you suspect that your child may have speech and language difficulties

or overall developmental delays, call Nadine Harris, director of Northville Public Schools Office of Special Services, at 248-344-3530.

Preschool programs

Northville Public Schools is currently assessing the need within the community for a no-cost or reduced-cost preschool program. Recruitment has begun for a preschool program to be funded through the **Great Start Readiness** Program. The district is recruiting 4-year-old children for a state-funded preschool class it hopes to offer in the fall. Income eligibility and admission criteria applies.

See the website link at www.earlychildhood. northvilleschools.org for more information.

Novi kindergarten roundup

In September, the Class of 2028 will officially begin their educational career at Novi Schools. Registration paperwork is now available in all elementary

offices. If you have a student or know someone who has a child who will be turning 5 prior to Sept. 2 and is within the Novi Schools attendance boundaries, have them call the school office: Deerfield (248-449-1700); Novi Woods (248-449-1230); Orchard Hills (248-449-1400); Parkview (248-449-1220); and Village Oaks (248-449-1300.

Novi offering Great Start Readiness Program

The Novi Community **Education Preschool will** again be offering the **Great Start Readiness** Program for 4-year-olds starting in September.

To qualify for this state funded program, children must be age 4 by Sept. 1 and meet two of seven criteria set by the state. The GSRP program is a free preschool and includes lunch and snack. Parents provide transportation. The all-day class will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and follow the Novi School District calendar.

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This car crashed late night June 23 into a ravine off of Griswold Road.

Two hurt in Northville automobile accident

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Two people were knocked unconscious and laid in a ravine outside of downtown Northville for eight hours after their car crashed late June 23.

According to Northville Township Police, at 6:35 a.m. June 24, the Northville Township Dispatch received a 9-1-1 call from a female who stated that she had been involved in an accident sometime during the night. Officers located the caller and a male passenger in the area of Eight Mile and Griswold

Northville Township Public Safety Director John Werth said their vehicle left the roadway in a heavily wooded area and struck a tree.

Police said the 40year-old male passenger from Ferndale was unresponsive at the scene and was immediately airlifted to St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor. The 40-year-old female driver from Northville was transported to Botsford Hospital by Northville Township Fire Department.

The two people involved have not been named by police at this time.

Werth said the acci-

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dent investigation is ongoing by officers from the Northville Township Police Department and Michigan State Police.

"There is evidence to believe that alcohol was a factor in this crash," Werth said.

As of June 25, the female driver was still in Botsford Hospital, but may be released at any time. The man is still in St. Joseph Hospital in serious condition, but is expected to survive his injuries, according to police.

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Police seek hit-and-run driver who struck bicyclist

The Northville Township Police need help finding a hit-and-run perpetrator.

At approximately 5:15 p.m. June 26, the Northville Township police and fire departments responded to a bicyclist who had been struck by a vehicle in the area of Cross Road and Six Mile Road, near the entrance to the Barnes & Noble

bookstore.

According to Northville Township Police, the vehicle involved in the incident was described by witnesses as a black Ford Edge, which fled the scene through the shopping center parking lot. The vehicle should have damage in the area of the driver's door.

The bicyclist was transported to St. Mary's

Hospital in Livonia, with serious but non-lifethreatening injuries.

The Northville Township Police Detective Bureau is seeking assistance in identifying the vehicle and driver related to this incident.

Anyone with any information can reach the police at 248-349-9400 or stop by the station at 41600 Six Mile Road.

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Thong stolen

Two women were arrested by Novi Police for pocketing a handful of items, including thong underwear and a push-up bra, without paying for them at the JC Penney

The attempted thefts happened May 28. The suspects were spotted on camera by store security grabbing items like jewelry and clothing and then entering a fitting room. They reportedly exited the room, but the items were not left behind and not visible in their hands.

Store security stopped them as they left the store, with the items later found in their purses.

Cash stolen

A woman had \$1,000 in cash stolen from her vehicle while it was parked outside Twelve Oaks Mall.

The woman told Novi Police that May 22 she

parked outside Nordstrom's and left the cash hidden under some papers on the seat. She was not sure if she had locked the doors and police reported to sign of forced entry. The mall security cameras did not capture the theft, so there is no suspect at this time.

Heroin possession

A man was arrested for heroin possession after Novi Police responded to Rotary Park and then sent for medical help for a possible overdose.

Novi Police reported that May 22 they were called about a suspicious car parked at park on Ashbury Drive. Police made contact with two people, a male driver and female passenger. The man responded to questions, but the woman was non-responsive. The man said she may have used heroin, so the police called for medical help.

As the man exited the car, a baggie fell out of

his shorts onto the ground. The police report identified it as heroin and a needle was later found in the car. Some prescrijtion pills were also found on the man. The woman was later able to talk with police and said the man had injected her

with the drug. **GPS** stolen

A Novi resident's Sirius/GPS radio was stolen from her car while parked outside her residence on Pheasant Run.

The woman reported the theft May 22 after finding her car window broken and the equipment stolen. She had parked the car outside the apartment complex and then found it damaged the next morning. Police said it appeared as if the GPS/radio had been ripped from the dashboard.

There was no evidence to connect a suspect.

- By Lonnie Huhmai

NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Speeding leads to arrest

A Southfield woman was arrested on a felony warrant after being stopped by Northville City Police for driving too fast June 15 at North Center and Randolph streets. Police clocked the 28-year-old woman going 43 mph in a 25 zone. She did not have a valid license and, after a background check, it was revealed that she had a warrant out for her ar-

Drunken driving

rest.

A customer at a downtown Northville eatery called police to report a drunken man leaving the location June 23 and

driving away.

Northville City Police
caught up with a Novi man fitting the description and stopped him after observing him speeding at Wing and Cady streets. The police reported the man was exhibiting signs of being drunk, so he was asked to step out of the vehicle for field sobriety tests. During the tests, he had trouble counting. He refused a preliminary breathalyzer test and was was arrested on suspicion of drunken driving.

Crash leads to arrest

A Dearborn Heights man was arrested for leaving the scene of an accident and driving on a suspended license.

A woman reported

the Northville Township Police that June 26 she had been rear ended on Haggerty Road by a car that quickly left the scene after passing her. She snapped a photo of the license plate of the car. Police were able to trace the car to a residence in Dearborn Heights, but the 25-yearold man denied being involved with the accident and said he had been at work during that day.

A follow-up by police had them asking the man's supervisor if he

had left work at all that day, which he reportedly did. Police also found damage on the man's car fitting that of a rear-end crash. The man also had a misdemeanor warrant out for his arrest.

Drunken accident

A Howell man was arrested for drunken driving after getting into an accident with a semitruck at the entrance of the Meijer store at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads.

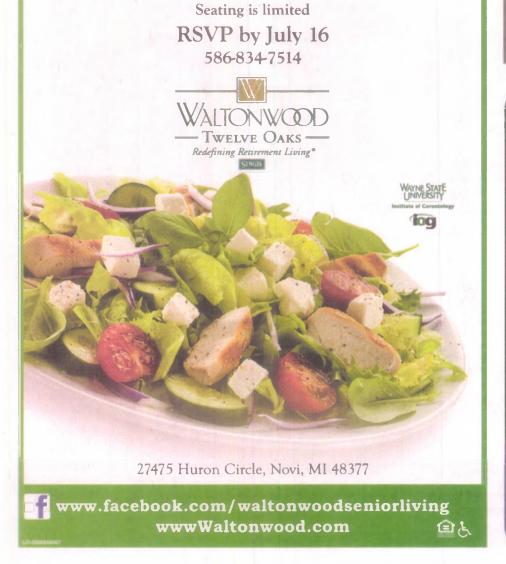
The incident happened June 23 during a rain storm. Novi Police initially responded to the scene, but Northville Township Police quickly arrived thereafter to find the man's car blocking an entrance. Police reported smelling marijuana on the man, as well as alcohol on his breath.

He was arrested after his preliminary breathalyzer registered a 0.10 percent blood-alcohol content.

- By Lonnie Huhman

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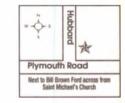
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Rusty Bucket opens at Northville Park Place

The third location of the popular Rusty Bucket Restaurant and Tavern in Michigan and the 18th in the country opened this past week in Northville.

"We are excited to open our third Rusty Bucket location and further expand our roots in the Michigan community," said Gary Callicoat, president and founder of Rusty Bucket. "We've become a true 'meet you there' neighborhood restaurant and our team can't wait to develop relationships with more guests and make regulars out of business leaders, community members and families."

Proceeds of \$1,668 from Rusty Bucket's grand opening are benefiting the Northville **Educational Foundation** to support enrichment programs for Northville students

Rusty Bucket's Northville Park Place location is 4,970 square feet, with seating for more than 60 guests in the main dining room and a bar area, which seats 54 guests. There is also a private

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IOHN HEIDER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Rustv Bucket executive chef Nate Macheske (left) teams with cook Dan Duwerkerk on the grill

at the chain's newest location at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads.

dining room, which can accommodate up to 24 guests. The restaurant also has a patio with a stonewall fireplace, which seats 62 guests

and features garage-style doors that open to the dining room for an openair ambiance.

The restaurant delivers familiar favorites as a classic chef-driven American restaurant and tavern. Serving every dish with fresh ingredients, Rusty Bucket offers guests comfort food like

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A Rusty Bucket cheeseburger with grilled onions, melted cheese is paired with herb-flavored fries.

deep-fried pickles, nine different sandwiches, main plate items, including fish 'n' chips and chicken Parmesan, handpattied burgers and several pizza choices. There are more than a dozen signature items.

Lunch and dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through

Friday, 11 a.m. to mid-night Saturday and 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday. Happy hour specials can also be enjoyed in the bar area 3-6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

It's located at 18785 Traditions Drive, which is at the corner of Haggerty and Seven Mile roads.

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Ponder honored

Northville resident Dan Ponder, CEO of Detroit-based Franco Public Relations Group, was recognized as Michigan State University Broad College of Business Executive MBA Program's Alumni of the Decade.

The Alumni of the Decade honor is bestowed upon distinguished alumni who have made a significant and lasting impact on the program, their industry or in their communities. Ponder was one of 10 alumni from throughout the MBA program's 50year history to be recog-

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Ponder

ored by the Michigan Youth Appreciation Foundation with the Corporate Hero Award for his

support of Metro Detroit Youth Day and was named one of 2015's Most Valuable Professionals by Corp! magazine for his leading work at Franco.

Ponder is a driving force behind Franco's business development and operations. He has also dedicated his time

and talents to a number of civic and charitable causes over the years, including the Detroit Regional Chamber, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, St. John Providence Health System, Crime Stoppers of Michigan, The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division and the U.S. Army-SE MI Advisory Council.

Ponder holds a bachelor of arts degree in accounting from Michigan State University and an executive MBA from MSU's Broad College of Business

He and his wife Cathy reside in Northville.







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Miss Novi Teen USA

Miss Novi Teen USA, Jasmina Cunmulaj of Novi, will compete for



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the title of Miss Michigan Teen USA 2016, slated for Sept. 25-26 at McMor-

ran Place Entertainment Center in Port

Huron. The final competition consists of three proportional segments: evening gown, fitness/ swimsuit and the final question.

The winner will be announced claiming the title and prize list which includes, travel, wardrobe, college scholarships and, most importantly, the honor to represent the state of Michigan in the Miss Teen USA pageant, which is scheduled to take place in summer 2016.

Werth to lead association

John Werth, Northville Township's director of public safety, will be sworn in as the 89th president of the Michigan Association of Chiefs

of Police. The MACP was founded in 1924; it is governed by an 18-member Board of Directors representing all geographical areas of the state. The purpose of the association is to advance the science and art of police administration and crime prevention.

Werth's election demonstrates his tremendous commitment and adherence to the highest professional standards within the police profession. He will lead more than 1,000 law enforcement executives representing municipal, township and state agencies.

Garden Walk

The annual Garden Walk, hosted by the Country Garden Club of Northville, will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 8. Proceeds from this major fundraising event will go toward supporting local and national organizations that promote environmental and horticultural causes and to scholarships for local high school seniors who will be going into college

science careers. Seven private gardens in and around Northville city and township will be featured this year.

The club has maintained ticket prices at \$10 once again and that includes the options to experience a garden market, live music, a member plant sale and a stroll through the 19th century village setting at the Historic Mill Race Village in downtown Northville (215 Griswold Street).

The non-refundable

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tickets are currently available at Gardenviews Garden Gallery (117 E. Main Street; 248-330-8881), and can also be purchased the day of the walk at the Mill Race Village gate.

Palette & Brush Club display

City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services presents the works of the Palette & Brush Club in the Novi Civic Center Atrium Gallery, 45175 10 Mile Road, through July 31.

More than 20 metro Detroit artists will display their pieces, ranging from oil and watercolor to glass and mixed media as part of the exhibit. Pieces from the exhibit will be available for purchase through the Novi Parks' office.

For more information about the upcoming show, contact Rochelle Vallance, recreation supervisor-cultural arts, at 248-347-0509.

NoviParksRX will promote active lifestyles

In its second season, the NoviParksRX program promotes healthy. active lifestyles for community members and visitors by allowing health care and recreation professionals to write a "prescription" for activities in Novi's parks and on the Providence Park Hospital Campus. The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department has partnered with St. John Providence Health System to offer the program through Sept. 30.

Prescriptions include swimming or biking at Lakeshore Park; climbing on the playground at Rotary Park; fishing at Pavilion Shore Park; biking, running or walking on the Providence Park Hospital Campus; and many more. Prescriptions are provided at Novi Parks programs, in the Novi Parks office in the Novi Civic Center and at the Providence Park Hospital main lobby information desk. Additionally, a select number of Providence Park Hospital physicians are issuing the activity prescriptions.

Shredding Days

Shredding is available from 9 a.m. to noon the first Saturday of each month at Corrigan Record Storage, 45200 Grand River Avenue. The fee for Novi residents is \$5 up to 300 pounds.

Novi Choralaires

The Novi Choralaires are seeking new members for all voice parts. Open rehearsals for the 2015 season, September through December, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 8 and 15 in the Novi Middle School choir classroom (4900 W. 11 Mile

Market.

Road at Wixom Road). For more information **Crafters sought for** about the Choralaires and **Bizarre Bazaar** their concerts, go to www.novichoralalires.org or www.face-Bizarre Bazaar is set for Saturday, Nov. 7, at the book.com/novichora-First United Methodist

Art classes for older

City of Novi Older Adult Services invites those ages 50 and above to socialize, relieve stress and lift moods by taking part in the upcoming Color Your World art class series. The classes are led by volunteer Novi High School art students who want to share their love for art. No previous experience is necessary.

Pre-registration is required and can be completed online at www.cityofnovi.org, at the Novi Civic Center (45175 10 Mile) or Meadowbrook Activity Center (25075 Meadowbrook Road).

Classes are held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday at the Meadowbrook Activity Center. There is no cost to register, but a \$3 supply fee will be due to the instructors at each class. For more information, call 248-347-0414.

Northville Farmers Market

Bright colors, summer smells and delicious treats are all part of the Northville Farmers Market with more than 100 stalls of fresh produce, plants and flowers available for purchase each Thursday through the end of October.

The market is located at the corner of Seven Mile and Center Street and is open rain or shine from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., with free parking.

For more information, contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce at 248-349-7640 or go to www.northville.org

Novi Farmers Markets

The city of Novi Parks. Recreation and Cultural Services Department and the MSU Extension Tollgate Education Farm are partnering to host two farmers markets per week at two locations.

The Novi All Seasons Market (formerly the Novi Farmers Market) will take place on from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday through Oct. 24 at the Novi Civic Center Campus (45175 10 Mile

Road). The mid-week market at the MSU Extension Tollgate Education Farm will be 4-7 p.m. each Wednesday through Oct. 21. The farm is located at 28115 Meadowbrook

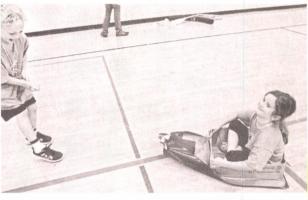
Road. For more information regarding the Novi All Seasons Market, vendor or sponsor opportunities call 248-347-0588, email rtwitchell@cityofnovi.org or go to facebook.com/NoviFarmers-

Camp Invention



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Carson Lloyd, 9, displays his invention, a robot dog that dispenses medication, during the finale of the week-long Camp Invention gathering at Novi Middle School.



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Amelia Maresh, 6, is pulled around the Novi Middle School gym by Colin Lloyd, also 6, on a sled they and their fellow Camp Invention campers created during a week-long session that ended June 26. The young inventors got the chance to create things using scavenged electronic devices, electrical wire, rolls of duct tape and hundreds of other donated spare parts.

recycling clothing, Simple Recycling will also accept shoes, accessories, toys, books and small home goods in working condition such

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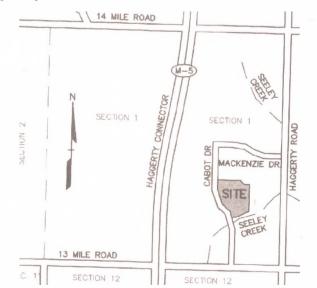
cycling program are encouraged to donate unwanted clothing to their favorite charity or thrift shop. A list of local organizations, including those that offer pickup, is available on the RRRA-SOC website at www.rrrasoc.org

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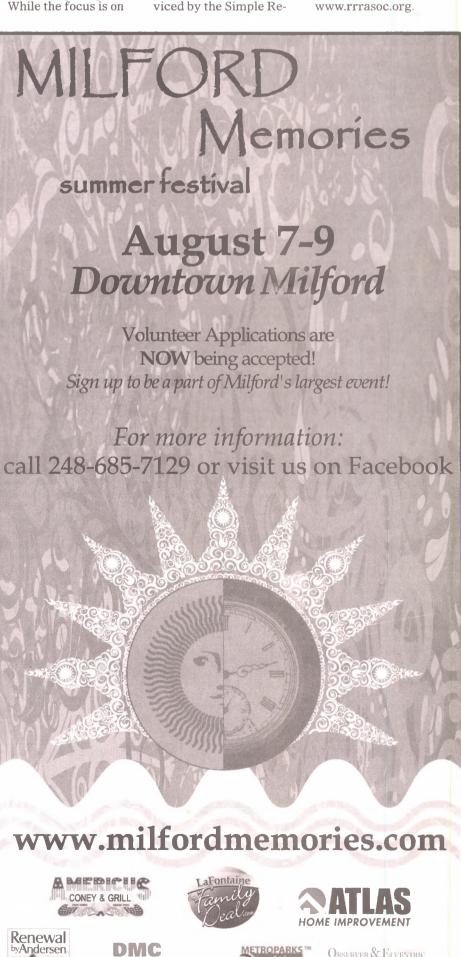
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider MAGNA SEATING OF AMERICA. SITE PLAN NUMBER <u>15-46. FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN. WOODLANDS PERMIT AND STORMWATER</u> MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 1 NORTH OF THIRTEEN MILE ROAD AND EAST SIDE OF CABOT **DRIVE.** The subject property is approximately 11.68 acres and the applicant is proposing to construct a 3-story office building, consisting of 130,000 square foot office space, 35,000 square foot laboratory space and 15,000 high bay space and associated site improvements to house Magna Seating headquarters.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the cities regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8 A.M to 5 P.M. Written comments must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, July 8,

Novi Planning Commission Michael Lynch, Secretary

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Send calendar information to cstone@hometownlife.com by noon Monday to be included in Thursday's publication. The calendar is also available online at www.hometownlife.com.

Brightmoor Christian

Location: M-5 and 13 Mile, Novi Contact: 248-668-7014; CelebrateRecovery@brightmoorcc.org

Web: www.brightmoorchurch.org

Celebrate Recovery Time/Dates: 7 p.m. Monday Details: Worship, teaching or testimony and open-share recovery groups. Organizers offer the principles and tools to bring healing for the hurts, deliverance from life-controlling habits and freedom from the hang-ups that keep us from developing strong and healthy relations with God and others. Enter at Door D on the south side of the building. No cost: free child care is available for

Church of the Holy Family

children birth through fifth

grade. Pre-register.

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi

Contact: 248-349-8847 Web: www.holyfamilynovi.org Mass Schedule: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday through Friday; 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish)

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

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

AA: 8 p.m. Wednesdays

Crosspointe Meadows

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile, Novi Contact: 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday Web: www.crosspointemeadows.org

Sunday worship: 11 a.m. Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages

Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship

Vacation Bible School: Fun Run! 9 a.m. to noon July 20-24. Parents in the Novi community as well as throughout metro Detroit are encouraged to bring their children from ages 5 years through completion of sixth grade.For more information or to pre-register, you may call

RELIGION CALENDAR

Renee Langley at the church. **Destiny Worship**

Center Location: Ridge Wood Ele-

mentary School, 41355 Six Mile, Northville Contact: Desti-

nvW3C@Gmail.com Web: www.DW3C.org

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Christian Fellowship

45301 Eleven Mile Road, Novi Reverand: Kanji Fuki Contact: 248-756-3336

Dominion Church

Location: P.O. Box 605, Novi Contact: 248-767-1366 Pastor: James H. Moseley Jr. Asst. Pastor: Ashaki M. Mose-

Emmanuel Lutheran

Location: 34567 Seven Mile,

Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org

Contact: 248-442-8822 Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednes-

Special Needs Ministry: Judy Cook, 248-442-8822 Women's Coffee Break Bible Study: 10-11:30 a.m. Monday --"WHY? Making Sense of God's Will" by Adam Hamilton Adult Bible Class: 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, and 7 p.m. Wednesday – "WHY? Making Sense of God's Will" by

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Adam Hamilton

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Contact: 248-349-2345 Web: www.faithcommunitynovi.ora

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Bible Study: 9 a.m. Sunday -Christianity - The First Three Centuries*

Women's Group: 12:30 p.m. third Thursday VBS: Aug. 10-14

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing, North-

Contact: 248-348-1020 Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday

First Church of the **Nazarene**

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile Contact: 248-348-7600

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

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

Tuesday: 9:25 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study -- the Books of Ruth and Esther

Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. family dinner; 6:30 p.m. Caravan Scouting program for ages 4 through fourth grade; Club 56 for fifthand sixth-graders; Surge Youth Group, Bible Study with Pastor Troy Ogle; and Little Critters for

Sunday Services: 9:30 (classic) and 11 a.m. (contemporary) Sunday School: 9:30 and 11

preschool age

Children and Teen Sunday Worship at 11 a.m.

Summer FAMILY VBS: July 7-9; register at www.dfcnazarene-

Bible Study: Thursdays at 6 a.m. - Men of Purpose Prayer Group and Bible Study; and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. (through the summer) in Room

Everest Vacation Bible School: Family VBS is about kids and their grownups experiencing God's Power together. Children must be registered with at least one adult who will accompany them on this adventure. A preschool experience is offered for 2- and 3-year-olds. Childcare is available for children under 2 years. Little ones are also welcome to stay with their families in the main event. Times are 6:30-8:30 p.m. July 7-9; doors open at 6 p.m. Pre-registration is required at www.dfcnazarene.org/kidventure. Attendance will be capped to maximize the experience for participants. The first 20 get a free Everest sound track.

First Free Will Baptist Church

Location: 51395 10 Mile Road,

Contact: 248-348-2380

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main, North-

Contact: 248-349-0911 Web: www.fpcnorthville.org Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. (for all ages)

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 205 E. Lake Street, South Lyon Contact: 248-437-2875

Church Location: 26165 Farmington

First Presbyterian

Road, Farmington

First United Methodist Church of Northville

Northville Contact: 248-349-1144

Web: www.fumcnorthville.org.

Frank Turner Ministries

45175 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: 810-599-7392 Web: www.FrankTurner.org

Sunday Gathering: 10 a.m. The Believers Congregation in Novi receives all desiring God's love, grace, healing and acceptance, regardless of faith background, gender identification or sexual orientation. The atmosphere is warm and loving. The attire is casual. Experience an entirely

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ing the love of the Lord Jesus

Location: 41415 Nine Mile, Novi Contact: 248-349-0565 Sundays: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible study; 10 a.m. worship

Grace Immanuel Bible Church

Location: 21900 Meadowbrook Road, Novi

Pastor: Charles Sexton Contact: 248-344-4465

Holy Cross Episcopal

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile, Novi Contact: 248-427-1175; ho-

lycrossnovi@gmail.com Web: www.holyCROSSnovi.org Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10

Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. worship service **Alzheimer's Support** Group:10 a.m. second Saturday

Hope Lutheran Church

Location: 39200 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

Legacy Church

(formerly First Baptist Church and Orchard Hills Baptist

Location: 23455 Novi Road,

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

Sunday School/Small Groups for all ages: 9:45 a.m. Worship Services: 11 a.m.

Bible Study/Prayer: Wednesday 7 p.m.

Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman. Livonia Contact: 734-427-8743

Web: www.livoniachurch.net Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.;

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi Contact: the Rev. Arthur P.

Ritter, senior minister; 248-348-7757; office@mbccc.org Web: www.mbccc.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Church School and Nursery Care: provided during worship Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. Vacation Bible School: Come to Avalanche Ranch Vacation Bible School - an exciting celebration of God's love filled with amazing Bible stories, exciting games, wonderful crafts, tasty snacks and toe-tapping music. VBS runs from 6-8 p.m. Sunday, July 12 through Thursday, July

Memorial Church of Christ

16. Sign up today by calling

cfoster@mbccc.org. Suggested

248-348-7757 or email

donation is \$10 per child.

Location: 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia

Minister: Mark McGilvrey Web: www.5milechurch.org Contact: 734-464-6722; churchoffice@5milechurch.org

NorthRidge Church

Location: 49555 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Contact: 734-233-3621; pheaton@northridgechurch.com

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile Contact: 248-348-9030 Web: www.ncalife.org Sundays: 9-10 a.m. Sunday School for adults/youth/children; 9 a.m. Contemporary service in sanctuary; 10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the

second level (208/210).

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

grade); call 248-348-9031.

Novi-Northville Center for Jewish

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

Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom and Leah Susskind; 248-790-6075; rabbi@novijewishcenter.com Web: www.novijewishcenter-

Novi United Methodist

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile, Novi

Contact: 248-349-2652 Web: www.umcnovi.com Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Novi-United-

Methodist-Church/59782031433 Sunday Worship: 9:45 a.m. **Healing Service and Holy** Communion: 9:45 a.m. first

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

OakPointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile,

Contact: 248-912-0043 Web: www.oakpointe.org/ lifegroups

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

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

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

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

Oakland Baptist Church

Location: 23893 Beck Road,

Contact: 248-982-4041 Web: www.oaklandbaptistnovi.org

Orchard Grove Community Church

Location: 850 Ladd Road,

Walled Lake Contact: 248-926-6584

Web: www.orchardgrove.org Author Donald Miller speaking: 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. Nationally known author Donald Miller will be the featured speaker at both services. Miller authored several New York Times bestsellers, including "Blue Like Jazz", "A Million Miles in a Thousand Years", and "Scary Close." He co-wrote the major motion picture "Blue Like Jazz", which was listed by USA Today as one of the top movies to help incoming college students get

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

through their freshman year.

Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township Contact: 734-453-0326, ext. 221

Our Lady of Victory

Location: 132 Orchard Drive, Northville

Contact: 248-349-2621 Web: www.olvnorthville.org Saturday Worship: 5 p.m. Sunday Worship: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church Location: 54899 Eight Mile,

Northville Contact: 248-374-2268

Children (5-10) & Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m. Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7

Our Shepherd **Presbyterian Church**

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon, Plymouth

Contact: pastor Bill Burke; 734-927-0891 Wednesday Bible Study: 7

Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service

Pentecostals of Novi

Location: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Contact: 248-697-8158

Web: www.thepentecostalsof-

Plymouth St. John's **Episcopal Church**

Location: 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth Contact: 734-453-0190, ext. 16

Web: www.stjohnsplymouth-

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Passages Oblituaries, Memories & Rememberances 1-800-579-7355 · fax 313-496-4968 · www.mideathnotices.com Deadlines: Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. for Thursday papers Holiday deadlines are subject to change. **BREVIK, JOHN OLIVER, NANCY LEE** CRAMER, DANIEL L. Nancy L. Oliver, age 82, long-64, of Northville left this earth to Age resident of Northville,

go back home to God on June 22, 2015. It is now time to say, you later and to wish him well on this new journey with God. He was a practicing Catholic and a member of Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville. John was born Feb 27, 1951. He grew up in Detroit and moved with his parents to Northville in the 1950s where he has since resided. He was an avid classic car lover and would frequently tell stories of racing his Chevy Nova on the drag strips. John was also famously known for his dry humor, witty one liners, and paying it forward. His face would light up every time he see his grandkids and family. He was preceded in death by his parents Merton and Cecelia Brevik. He is survived by his loving wife, Jeannette Brevik; his Marino) children, Erica Brevik and Eric (Erin) Brevik II; his grandchildren, Maia and Nathaniel; his Ward; his niece Joan Christina (Russ) Kennedy; and many other loving family members and friends. A funeral mass was held Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to National Foundation and The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. www.parkinson.org www.a

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DOUGLAS R. Age 77, formerly of Salem Twp., passed away June 28, 2015. He was born on February 9, 1938 in Dearborn, son of the late Jesse Flora Waters. Douglas loved being outdoors and for many years had a small farm in Salem Township. He loved to hunt and never passed up the chance to go fishing. Douglas was a gifted gardener and enjoyed canning vegetables that grew in his gar-den. He is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, Beverly; his loving children: Lisa Waters, Christine Waters and Daniel (Michelle) Waters; his brother Gill (Sue) Waters; and his sister, Nancy (Tim) Southwick. He is also survived by his nieces and nephews and many loving extended family members. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 1 from 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, July 2 at 11:00 a.m. at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 24155 Griswold, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Alzheimer's Associa-tion. www.phillipsfuneral.com



passed away peacefully June 24 2015. She was born March 15, 1933 in Bellaire, Ohio, to Darrell and Katherine (nee McClain) Beveridge. While in school, she was always an honor student and was captain of the basketball team. Nan received a Bachelor of Arts from Bethany College in West Virginia, graduating with a double major in Biology and Physical Education. She was an employee with Northville Public Schools for many years; most of her career was spent as the secretary to the Principal of Northville High School. Nan was a member Methodist First United She was an avid bridge player and enjoyed playing in multiple groups in Northville. She also enjoyed music. Nan, a supporter of the Diane Fossey Gorilla Fund International, traveled to Africa on a three week safari and gorilla

Church in Northville. trek. One of her favorite places to visit and spend time was Leelanau Peninsula. She loved dogs; one of her hobbies included trimming dogs for the Westful sense of humor, and a dry Dayton; and her grandchildren,

preciate memorial contributions to Arthritis Foundation, 1050 Wilshire Drive, Ste. 302, Troy, MI 48084 or American Heart Association 40 Oak Hollow St., Ste. 200, Southfield, MI 48033.



minster Dog Show. She always had a positive attitude, a wonderwit. Nan had a great sense of adventure and was always willing to try new things. She cherished the time she spent with her family and her experiences with them were always grand; she appreciated each day as a true blessing. Her daughters describe her as a kind, compassionate, patient, fun, strong, confident, optimistic, intelligent woman who had high standards and did everything well. Nan is survived by her lov-ing daughters, Lynne (Greg) Gochanour, Leslie (Scott) Stoner, and Lauren (Scott) Cooper, Cameron, Colin, Kyle, Amanda, and Alyssa. She was

preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Joyce Kady. A Celebration of Life was held Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at Casterline Funeral Home of Northville. Rev. Monica William from First United Methodist Church of Northville officiated the service. Ms. Oliver was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. The family would ap-

FREDERICKS.

ROBERT ERIC

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56, passed away June 26, 2015. He is survived by his wife Suzanne, his children: Jennifer, Jessica and Jack; his granddaughter Zoe and brothers: Tom, Jim and Ron. He is preceded in death by his parents Arnold and Adeline. A memorial gathering will take place on Friday, July 3rd from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service at 11:30 a.m. at PHILLIPS 11:30 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W Lake St., South Lyon. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Robert's name to Sarcomafighters.org. visit www.phillipsfuneral.com to leave a special memory or story

of Robert.

www.hometownlife.com

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65, passed away peacefully on Saturday the 20th of June, 2015 in the loving care of his Daniel was the loving husband of Linda (Fawcett) Cramer; father of Evan Cramer and Elaine Cramer. Besides his immediate family, Dan Francisco: sister Florida; brothers-in-law Fawcett of (Gayle)

survived by his brother, Michael (Dulce Ramos) Cramer of San Virginia (Edward) Virt of Summerfield, David West Bloomfield, MI, Kim (Diana Huang) Fawcett of Chicago, Illinois; and sister-in-law Janis (Timothy) Casai of Bloomfield Hills, MI. He is also survived by nephews. friends. Memorial service and interment of ashes will take place on July 20, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford, Holly. Donations may be made to the veterans organization of your choice. For further information

please call, 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirector LYNCH & SONS

s.com

Funeral Directors CHAPMAN, JEANNE

"HONEY" A longtime resident of Milford passed away in the loving care of her family on June 26, 2015 at the age of 95. Honey was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Wilfrid "Wilf" Chapman; her daughter, Marian Chapman Woith and son, Richard Lee Cunningham. Honey is survived by her son, Charles William (Cherie) Chapman and daughter, Pamela Rae Chapman (Michael) Polcyn; 13 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and five greatgreat-grandchildren and one on the way! She is also survived by her sister, Barbara Shultz. Funeral Service was held from St. George Episcopal Church, Milford with burial at Milford Memorial Cemetery. Memorials encouraged to: Hospice of Michigan. For further information, please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit

SCHRAMKE, ROBERT BOB "DOC" SCHRAMKE Age 81, June 22, 2015. Beloved husband of Elaine for 61 and half years. Dear father of Roni (Bob) Travis and the late Jane Popeney and Judy Zammit. Proud grandfather of David, Kelly, Erik and Benjamin. Great- grandfather of Dylan and Robert. Dr. Schramke was the principal at Redford Union High School for 21 years. Arrangements entrusted to the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Services were held on June 26th at St. Genevieve-St Maurice, Livonia. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Donations in memory of Bob can be made to St Jude Childrens Hospital. www.stjude.org

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O'BRIEN* SULLIVAN FUNERAL HOME

DOROTHY J. Age 91 of Plymouth, June 23, 2015. Share online condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com

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Location: 777 W. Eight Mile,

Location: Novi Civic Center

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Praise Baptist

Location: 45000 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Contact: 734-748-3898

Prince of Peace Lutheran

Web:

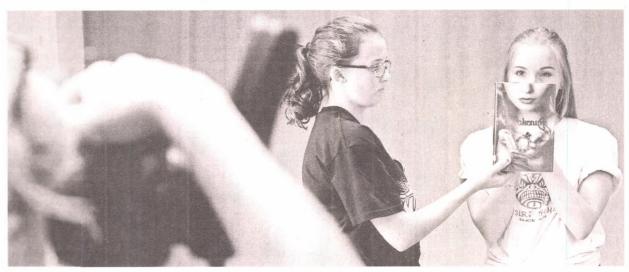
Fall Support Groups: Hosting two separate fall support groups: "Hope for Tomorrow the Fire" for those needing divorce recovery. These free support groups will meet at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the fellowship hall area. These classes will offer

strength, courage and hope to individuals as they go through the process of grief and/or divorce. Space is limited. Please call the church office to preregister or for more informa-

Fine Arts Camp/Vacation Bible School: for ages 3 (pottytrained) through 12, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. July 6-10; music, art, and Bible time around the theme of "God's SUPER Heroes." Registration forms (with fees listed) are now available on-line at www.princeofpeacefhills.org

or by calling the church office **Third Annual Classic Car** Show: noon-5 p.m. Sunday, July 19. Enjoy a large variety of vintage cars, doo wop music, refreshments, and 50/50 raffle. The registration form to register a classic car or truck is now available on the church website. Admission is free; proceeds will support Another Way Pregnancy Center. Please contact Ron Donoghue at 248-892-7201 for more information

Book-Face



With the help of Madeleine Grossi, 14, (left), Hailey Gross has her photo taken June 19 as part of the Northville District Library's Book-Face craft day. Readers took their favorite books and blended their faces into the cover illustrations. Teen Services librarian Suzanne Schimanski-Gross then had the photos printed onto T-shirts for the young readers. The photographer is library employee Lisa Bachman.

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680 W. Livingston Rd. . Highland, MI 48357 248.887.1311 • www.myhumc.com Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Kids Church; 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. MS & HS Youth: 11:00 a.m

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MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

21355 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi at 8 ½ Mile 248-348-7757 • www.mbcc.org

Sunday Worship 10 a.m. Rev. Arthur Ritter. Senior Ministe

ST. JAMES ROMAN **CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

nturday: 4:30 p.m. (English) & 6:30 p.m. (Spanish Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Fr. Bob LaCroix, Pastor

Fr. Beto Espinoza, Associate ish Office: 349-8847 • www.holyfamilynov

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40700 W. Ten Mile Rd. 248-427-1175 An open, affirming & welcoming Sunday Worship 7:45 am & 10 am Rev. Ann Webber. Rector www.holycrossnovi.org

OAK POINTE CHURCH

50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi Saturday Worship 5:15 p.m., Sunday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Casual, contemporary service Phone (248) 912-0043 www.oakpointe.org

NOVI UNITED METHODIST

CHURCH A1671 W Ten Mile Road e Novi MI 4837 Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m. Rev. June M. Smith, Pasto 248-349-2652 www.umcnovi.com oving God, loving each other and living our core

BIBLE BELIEVERS CHURCH

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Wednesday 7:00 p.m

Mike Ragan, Pastor

734-347-1983 pastor cell

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

www.fpcsouthlyon.org

The Church of Christ

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship Wednesday Midweek Ministries 7 p.m Troy Singleton, Minister

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Presbyterian Church 22200 Pontiac Trail (S of 9 Mile) Sunday Worship @ 9:30 am Sunday School @ 11 am Wednesday mid-week programs Rev. David Brown, Pastor 248-437-2222 • www.fellowshipepc.org

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10:00 am, 10:45 am & 7:30 pm

Rev. Sondra Willobee, Lead Pastor

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SOUTH LYON 60820 Marjorie Ann St., South Lyon 48178 Phone: 248-437-2983 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. . Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m Senior Pastor: Rob Freshour / Assoc. Pastor: Randy Weak Website: www.fbcsouthlyon.com Email: fbcsouthlyon@sbcglobal.net

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248-486-0400

www.ecrossroads.net Service Times 8:45am, 10:00am & 11:30am

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248-560-7507

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(248) 437-0760

Rev. Thomas Scherger 248-573-7320

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www.hsrcc.net at the corner of Winans Lake & Musch Rd. 810-231-9199 Fr. John Rocus, Pastor Weekend Liturgies Saturday 4:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. visit our Shroud of Turin Display and Book & Gift Sho

For more information regarding this Directory, please call Sue Sare at 248-926-2219 or e-mail: ssare@michigan.com

tion. Church

Location: 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills Phone: 248-553-3380

www.princeofpeacefhills.org for those grieving and "Through

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Rev. M. Lee Taylor • 449-2582

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iday Celebration of Life Service 10:30 a.m

Rev. Suzanne Paul, Minister

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Milford

Milford United

Methodist Church

Atlantic St., Milford, MI 4 Sunday Worship: 9:30 am

Children's Church: 9:40 am Groups for Children, Youth and Adults

248-684-2798

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The 707 (High School) Sundays 6:30-8:30 pm

Women, Men and Life Groups: Various Schedules

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BAPTIST CHURCH

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Pastor Bryant Anderson 238 N. Main Street, Milford MI (248) 684-2805 www.mitfordpc.org Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School age 3 thru 5th grade @ 10 a.m.
Youth Group 10 am - Grades 6-12

116 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48380 Sunday Worship 9 am & 11:15 am

Wednesdays, 6.45-8115 p.m. Awana, 3 yrs old thru 5th grade (Sept.-March) and youth Group for 6th grade and older Website: miltordbaptist.org

CHURCH

Freedom Life Church

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Freedom Cor 3:7 1208 E. Commerce, Milford Worship: Sun 11am, Wed 7pm We are here through Christ Jesus to provide Freedom to the who are hurting, diseased, addited 0000219863 and depressed.

Northville

First Presbyterian Church of Northville www.fpcnorthville.org 200 E. MAIN ST. AT HUTTON

Worship, 9:30 am. day School for all ages, 10:30 am. 248-349-0911

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WARD 40000 Six Mile Road Northville, MI 48168 248.374.7400

Worship Times: September - May 9:15 & 11:00 a m.

Memorial Day - Labor Day 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Marsha M. Woolley, Lead Pastor

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OUR VIEW

Remind your neighbors to lock doors, hide goods

There are plenty of seasonal stories running in this newspaper. Whether it's covering the various parades through downtown, summer sports or the schedule of events for the next festival.

Not everything, however, is something to look forward to.

We've published several stories this spring of missing wallets and purses, cellphones and laptops, loose change and more. It's happened near downtown and in subdivisions. Even along the dirt roads crisscrossing the community, you're not completely im-

Reports of thefts from cars climb with the temperature. With spring, there's a jump in police reports. As June arrives and school lets out for the sum-mer, the larcenies come in fits and waves.

Stealing from cars is easy. Anyone can do it (although we have our doubts people reading this would actually do so). It's quick and windows on all four sides reveal to a would-be



PHILIP ALLMEN

An easy way to dissuade would-be thieves is to lock your car doors

thief just what potential fortune waits inside.

Sometimes the culprits are drug users looking for anything to sell to get their next fix. Other times, it's juveniles rebelling or just plain bored. There's not one set profile for the suspect, but usually there are similarities in the circum-

It appears those unlawfully

taking items from cars in west Oakland County are opportunists. Police officers and sheriff's deputies aren't noting on the police reports that the suspect broke a window to gain access. The car was left unlocked - sometimes on the street, but usually parked on the drive-

Most would-be criminals are looking for the easy target.

A locked door usually is deterrent enough. Why risk breaking a window and having someone hear that distinctive sound and coming out to investigate? Better off to move along to see if that next car poses a better opportunity to take quietly what you want.

"People going into unlocked cars is nothing new," Oakland County Sheriff's Sgt. Matt Snyder said. "Don't keep your valuables in the car and keep your car doors locked and your garage door closed at night."

Pretty simple advice. And obvious, we think. But, unfortunately, people aren't taking heed, as we continue to see similar reports.

We're sure you already double-check to make sure your car doors are locked and garage door is closed before you go to bed. But do us a favor. Ask your neighbors to do the same thing. And remind them a week later. After all, they might not have the common sense you do. Or the memory to do it every day.

And while you're at it, suggest they pull out the golf clubs sitting on the back seat or re-move the GPS affixed to the front windshield. Or anything else of value like a wallet, purse, cellphone or laptop commonly left out in the open. Those things can also encourage such crimes now and in the future. It's a non-verbal indication homeowners consider the street or neighborhood safe and that more unlawful opportunities may be a driveway or

Luckily, we live in safe communities, which allows more time to worry about the small stuff. No one wants that to change.

Preventing theft is good for neighborhoods. It helps reduce insurance rates, builds home values and enforces the sense of community. You should be keeping an eye on your neighbors' homes - and they yours - in case anything appears to be amiss. And if something is wrong, make sure you call 9-1-1.

LETTERS

Stop the negative campaigning

A few days ago, I learned about several "robo phone calls," which are push poll calls asking Novi residents if they would vote for Mayor Bob Gatt if they knew that he was deliberately trying to change Novi's Master Plan and cave in to developers.

Of course, for those who know our mayor, it's no secret that Bob Gatt caves in to no one. During his 40 years of service to the community, Bob Gatt has always done, and will always do, what, in his opinion, is the very best thing for all of

Mayor Gatt knows that the Master Plan is an important document created to help plan Novi's future. However, it also is something that learned people call a "living, breathing document," meaning that it can be changed, when appropriate, to enhance our great communi-

What is a "push poll"? Webster's dictionary defines a push poll this way: "noun ... an ostensible opinion poll in which the true object sway voters using loaded or manipulative questions.'

Wikipedia says: "In a push poll, large numbers of voters are contacted briefly (often less than 60 seconds), and little or no effort is made to collect and analyze response data. Instead, the push poll is a form of telemarketing-based propaganda and rumor mongering, masquerading as a poll. ... Push polls may rely on innuendo or knowledge gleaned from opposition research on an opponent.

"Push polls are generally viewed as a form of negative campaigning ... the pollster asks leading questions or suggestive questions that 'push' the interviewee towards adopting an unfavorable response towards the political candi-

The person who paid for the push poll has ignited negative campaigning. And I, as a Novi resident, know and understand that the people of Novi will never embrace negative campaigning.

During Mayor Gatt's 40 years of service to the Novi community, he has never known us to be politically motivated by anything. On the contrary, we always have been "Novi Motivated" on every

The person who paid for and authorized the recent push poll to try to sully our mayor's name is engaged in something other than being "Novi Motivated.'

Novi residents and voters will not support this type of negative behavior.

Dennis O'Connor

Gas station could've been improved

Last year, I had a client that was in negotiations to buy the Asher's CITGO gas station. He is a Northville resident who wanted to make a positive contribution to the community. He owned many businesses and did not need to have this business for any form of income, he just wanted to plant roots in the town he was now living in. His intentions were to try to keep the business as close to the original as possible, ride the coat tails of Mr. Asher's legacy, but also cater more to the surrounding neighborhood. He talked about having his kids work there, sharing in the history of Northville. He proposed to change very little, but modify the building to accommodate a small convenient store, along with the original gas and repair ser-

Going through the planning process, we put together all the required plans, paperwork and fees to get this project into the city for site plan approval. Upon public notice of our backlash that was insolent and just short of discriminating. My client pulled the plug on his plans, feeling he could never get through the gauntlet of heretics. We all know who was the leader most vocal of this proposal.

Well, I hope he is happy, having to go by what looks like a junk yard. Dilapidated cars, barrels of grease, parts strewn all over the parking lot, greasy mechanics hanging out the front smoking. Yeah, this is a huge improvement to what could have been. There is no resemblance of what Mr. Asher's establishment used to look like. All my client wanted to do was add an area where somebody could buy some milk, a soda or a candy bar, keeping the business as close to the original as possible. I sure will miss the hanging baskets and the antiquated charm that corner used to have. Mr. Asher would be rolling in his grave if he could see it now. Shame on the neighbors that opposed the proposed change.

Stephan M. Hoffman, AIA Northville

Sen. Biden's joke unnecessary

Last month, Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas made his first ever visit to Michigan. Cruz was at a Republican dinner in Howell in front of some 600 Republicans for a GOP fundraiser.

During his keynote speech, Cruz felt compelled to crack jokes about Vice President Joe Biden. This was before Biden's deceased son, Beau, was even buried. These jokes seem not only very poor taste, but also completely unnecessary. Biden is not running for anything.

Cruz's purpose in such obnoxious behavior can not be fathomed. His chief Michigan apologist, Saul Anuzis, admits the timing could have been better. State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, another Cruz apologist, says Cruz was using "old jokes."

I guess our question would be when is it ever timely and proper to tell "old jokes" about a vice president who has just lost his son to brain cancer?

If Cruz is marketing himself to appeal to Christian evangelicals, this seems to be a strange strategy. We cannot see how such tasteless and arrogant rhetoric will help Cruz in his "crusade to build a grassroots army across Michigan."

Gerald Maxey Farmington Hills

Pack up party puffs

Another Mackinac Policy Conference has come to a conclusion and it is time to pack up the balloons, the party puffs, the togas and cheese curls. For a week we heard talk about Detroit schools, roads, race relations, Presidential the Wayne County budget struggle, the future of the automobile industry in Michigan and something called "recalibrating how our government works."

A successful conference or meeting has measurable results that are quantified and given completion time frames along with weekly or monthly updates. Let's hope the Detroit Chamber, the sponsor of the event, comes up with such a plan and then publishes it for the attendees and all of us the "unwashed" who did not attend the Conference. Of course that would be a stretch and it would be more productive and fun to just stop at exit No. 326 and wrestle with the giant clam!

Bill Kalmar Lake Orion

Keep pets inside during fireworks

I feel it's important that I write this letter to make people aware of my concern:

Some years ago the Fourth of July fireworks were set off at the park at Five Mile and Inkster. Some people sat on their roofs, many on their lawns. It was a fun festive time, but not for our pets. The

noise scared them to death! What happened to one pet has stuck in my memory. Neighbors down the street had company over to join in the festivities - they had brought their dog with them. When all the booming began - and it was really loud - the dog ran down the street and into the woods at the corner. Our street ends at Puritan - the woods run all the way to Six Mile Road. The owner was upset and crying beyond control. As far as I know, her dog was never

I strongly urge people to keep their pets in their yard or better yet - inside their house. I have a cat so he is always inside.

G. Pullum

Produce for sale



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Novi 4-H Sun, Water and Seeds members (from left) Gwen Klenke, 15, and Emily Wittman, 16, display some of their farm group's products at the June 24 farm market at Tollgate Farm. The group is raising a lot of different produce, including spring onions, kale, turnips and even goat's milk soap (not pictured) to sell at the Wednesday evening market at Tollgate. The farm market will continue through the summer and features other vendors in addition to the 4-H group.

Raise Alzheimer's **Awareness**

June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month. We often don't think about our brain health, but we should. Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United Sates, and the only one in the top 10 causes of death that cannot be prevented, cured or slowed. The Alzheimer's Association estimates there are more than 5 million Americans living with Alzheimer's and 15.7 million Alzheimer's caregivers.

Families of Alzheimer's patients need support! Care planning following diagnosis is critical, especially if the everincreasing needs of the Alzheimer's patient are to be met. However, for a number of reasons, physicians and other health care providers are often unable to help with this planning. That is why I'm asking Senator Gary Peters to join other Michigan legislators, including Sen. Stabenow, and Reps. Candice Miller, Dan Benishek, John Conyers and Dan Kildee to co-sponsor the HOPE for Alzheimer's Act (H.R.1559/S. 857), which will support families by giving health care providers the time and tools they need to provide care planning.

Alzheimer's is a devastating disease. Without a cure or treatment we must do everything to support families facing Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

Join me this month in taking the pledge to raise Alzheimer's Awareness by visiting www.alz.org/purplepledge.

Lindsay Brieschke Okemos

Reap what you sow

I see where the Republican politicians in Lansing are continuing their assault on the working people of this state. The latest attack occurred when the Senate approved a bill to abolish the prevailing wage law. The PWL assures that workers on public projects

receive a livable wage. The backers of the recently passed bill say it will save government bodies money. These people are very naive or flat-out liars. In my opinion, most fall in the latter category.

The corporations that work on these projects will not drop their bids by one centavo. The difference being that the workers' wallets will be lighter and the company coffers fatter.

Since Gov. Snyder has stated that he wants to keep the PWL on the books (true or not), the rich and powerful honchos are making a back-door run to make sure the bill they paid for is veto-proof. They are hiring circulators to gather signatures in the Republican districts. Once they have a small portion of the total number of our state voters sign, they present it to Lansing and, presto, no veto. The Senate has already made sure its bill is safe from being placed on the ballot by adding a couple of dollars and calling it an appropriation bill.

All this evil coming from those hallowed halls is mainly due to moderates and Democrats deciding to sit out the last election. You reap what you

James Huddleston

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Senseless gun violence is killing our nation

n act of domestic terror. Nine people gunned down in a church. When is enough enough? A great civilization is not conquered from without until it has destroyed itself from

Yet another sad and tragic day in America. The country is in mourn-

We are also angry these mass murders continue, with little or no response to prevent them going forward.

With a burst of gunfire in Charleston, S.C., the nation's innocence is once again shattered and nine people lie in their own blood dead, in their place of worship. Yet another twisted young man snuffed out innocent lives with a handgun.

If this mass murder of people of God in a church is not a wake-up call and shakes our moral sensibilities to our core, I am uncertain what will.

Today and for eternity,



Tom Watson **GUEST** COLUMNIST

we are stuck with the memory of this unimaginable massacre of innocence, as they prayed to their God.

As a nation, what will be our response?

Hopefully, doing nothing will no longer be tolerated.

Before the tears have dried, the dead are buried and the family and friends have had the time to absorb the magnitude of their loss, let alone grieve, the politicians are debating who is at fault. Let me make it easy on them - we all are at fault!

When will enough be enough of the senseless gun violence - be it on the streets of Detroit, L.A., Chicago, our nation's capital or the similar Newtown and Charleston massacres

that have become all to common?

Our national pain should not fade until our nation's leaders take decisive action on multiple fronts to address this horror in our midst.

If we do not come together now to address this madness, we our giving up on the very soul from which this great nation sprang.

A call to action

Our response needs to be grander than shrugging our shoulders. We need a collective call to stop the lunacy!

We need to de-claw the National Riffle Association with its nonsensical response that "People kill people - guns don't pull the trigger!" Assault riffles are meant to as-

Guns do kill. New York Times columnist Nicholas D. Kristof points out that, according to David Hemenway, a public health specialist at Harvard

who has written a book on gun violence, "Children ages 5-14 in America are 13 times more likely to be murdered with guns as children in other industrialized countries.

Finding a sensible policy, law or regulation that keeps these weapons off our streets and out of the hands of deranged people is not a violation of the Second Amendment and does not interfere with the rights of any legitimate gun owner. It would stop people from hunting other people within our communi-

Legitimate gun ownership for sport, self-protection or collection purposes is not at issue. Making it easy for anyone to obtain assault weapons with ammunition clips capable of shooting dozens of highpowered bullets in seconds is pure lunacy.

Sensible people can develop laws that can

help reduce, if not prevent, these senseless mass killing while protecting Second Amendment rights.

We need to challenge and eliminate the culture of violence we tolerate in movies and video games that is corrosive to a healthy society.

When is enough enough?

When are we willing to recognize that senseless slaughter can be minimized and prevented if we mesh quality mental health services with sensible, enforceable, strong gun ownership laws and a demand that violence is not sold as entertainment?

President Obama has been the relegated to "Commander In Grief" in yet another aftermath of a senseless slaughter of innocent life after a disturbed person had access to guns. He expressed "sadness and anger" at the continued violence,

as well as impatience with the refusal of lawmakers to tighten the nation's gun laws.

Our national response must address easy access to guns and appropriate treatment for people with mental illness, at a

minimum. More deaths, more talk. Where is the outrage and action?

Congress and Mr. President - stop allowing people to die in vain. The innocence of our nation was gunned down in Charleston at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, one of the oldest black churches in the nation.

For God's sake - do something!

Northville resident Tom Watkins served the citizens of Michigan as both state mental health director and state superintendent of schools. He is president and CEO of the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority. Follow him on Twitter at tdwatkins88.

Our very lives depend on addressing racism in our country

e were never meant to survive." That was my first thought when I heard about the attack at **Emmanuel African Meth**odist Episcopal Church.

Then I thought about Sept. 16, 1963, when four children - Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson and Cynthia Wesley - were killed when a bomb exploded at the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala.

And also July 1, 1974, when Alberta King, the mother of Martin Luther King Jr., was shot as she played the Lord's Prayer on the organ during Sunday service at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

And 1996, when Congress held hearings after more than 70 black



Sommer Foster GUEST COLUMNIST

churches were set on fire across the south.

And Nov. 4, 2008, when The Macedonia Church of God in Christ in Springfield, Mass., was torched with gasoline as a response to the election of President Barack Obama.

That phrase, "We were never meant to survive. which is part of Audre Lorde's Litany for Survival, was the recognition that hate crimes and terrorist attacks have targeted our places of worship since slavery when black churches were often forbidden or

dismantled, sometimes burned — and stretches over generations to the brutal killing of nine people that happened last week.

Although we know that this type of tragic incident has played out over and over again since the founding of this nation, we are angry, we are mournful, but we are dedicated to moving forward.

We know that we will never end the phenomenon of racist violence if we keep waiting until a tragedy occurs to acknowledge and deal with our history of oppression. We know that racism is built into the very fabric of this nation and that does not go away by denying what lies in front

Racism is the birth defect of our nation and we consent to its existence every time we turn a blind eye and remain silent when we hear a racist joke or a comment about "those people" or accept the very stereotypes that seek to separate us rather than bring us together.

When this tragic incident occurred, we immediately said that the murderer who committed this atrocity needed to be brought to justice and he was arrested within 24 hours.

Although the perpetrator of this crime has been caught, the killer remains at large.

Where is the accountability for those who taught this man to harbor such a serious hatred for

black people, for those who made him believe that he needed to take his country back from the black people who were taking it over? Where is the accountability for a nation that has racism in its very DNA?

We know that racism exists; it is an epidemic that plagues our existence. The choice we

have to make as a community is whether or not we are willing to take it on in a real way.

I hope we are, because our lives, quite literally, depend on it.

Sommer Foster is legislative director of Equality Michigan, co-founder of The Beloved Community and a Canton resident.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Northville concerts

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Friday, July 3, North Country Flyers Details: Music will fill the air all summer long at the Friday Night Concert Series in downtown Northville's outdoor stage in

Town Square, presented by Tom Holzer Ford and managed by the Northville Parks and Recreation Department. All concerts in the series are free to attend. Early arrival for the concerts is suggested and guests are encouraged to bring their own

For more information, contact the Northville Parks and Recreation department at 248-349-0203 or go to www.downtownnorthville.com or www.northvilleparksandrec.org.

Summer heats up with Novi's Sizzling **Summer Art Series**

Time/Date: July 8, Crazy Craig (juggler)

Details: Novi Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services is turning up the heat with family friendly entertainment all summer long. Eleven events are scheduled throughout the summer at Fuerst Park. Spend each Wednesday morning enjoying free children's entertainment and select Friday nights with a family-friendly band and movie. The Sizzling Summer Arts Series is presented in partnership with **Community Financial Credit** Union and sponsored in part by St. John Providence Health System, Novi Public Library, Michigan State Fair, Town and Country Eyecare, Novi Youth Assistance and Menchie's Frozen

Fuerst Park is located at the corner of 10 Mile and Taft roads. In the case of inclement weather, call the Novi Parks hotline at 248-347-0473 for updates. For more information about the Sizzling Summer Art Series and family-friendly summer happenings, go to www.cityofnovi.org.

Garden Walk

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 8

Details: All are invited to enjoy the Country Garden Club of Northville's 22nd annual Garden Walk, featuring seven private gardens in and around the city of Northville and Northville Township. Included in the ticket price are the options to experience a garden market, live music, a member plant sale and a stroll through the 19th century village setting at the Historic Mill

Race Village. Non-refundable tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Gardenviews Garden Gallery (117 E. Main Street) and on the day of the walk at the gate at Mill Race Village.

Proceeds from this major fundraising event will go toward supporting local and national organizations that promote environmental and horticultural causes and to scholarships for local high school seniors who will be going into college sci-

Colbeck office hours

Time/Date: 7-8 a.m. Friday, July

Details: State Sen. Patrick

Colbeck and District Manager Penny Crider will hold his monthly office hours for July in Northville at the George's Senate Coney Island (39430 Dun Rovin Drive) and will be open to the public. Colbeck will be on hand to answer questions and respond to concerns any residents of his district may have. No appointment is necessary. Colbeck represents the 7th Senate District, which encompasses the cities of Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and Wayne, as well as the townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth. For more information or to contact Colbeck, go to www.SenatorPatrickColbeck-.com or call 517-373-5713.

Novi Summer Luau

Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16

Details: Oakland County Parks and Recreation will hold the Novi Summer Luau for individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Novi Community Center (45175 W. Ten Mile). The event will include Hawaiian pizza, music, dancing and a limbo contest

The cost is \$8; no charge for caregiver. Participants must be pre-registered and pre-paid by July 10. Contact 248-424-7081 or adaptive@oakgov.com for more information. Registration form is available at DestinationOakland-

Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra goes to market

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, July 16 Details: Join in on a Taste of

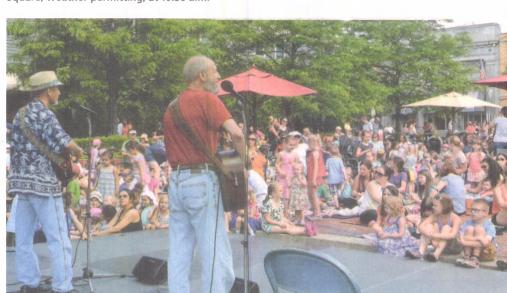
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Tunes on Tuesday



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Emma-Kate Stewart, 2, points to the Northville Town Square stage June 16 at the kickoff Tunes on Tuesday concert featuring the Gemini Twins. Katherine Stewart, Emma-Kate's mom, is at left. Tunes on Tuesday continues through early August at Town Square, weather permitting, at 10:30 a.m.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER The Gemini Twins musical group, Laszlo (left) and Sander Slomovits, entertains June 16 at the Tunes on Tuesday event at **Northville Town** Square.

Arbor Symphony Orchestra that includes a small ensemble performance and an Instrument Petting Zoo at the Northville Farmers' Market with an ensemble performance at 11 a.m.

The market is located corner of Seven Mile and Center Street. The A250 Instrument Petting Zoo will be held for the duration of the market. Children of all ages will have the opportunity to try out real violins, cellos, trumpets and clarinets. Childsized instruments, along with trained "zookeepers", ensure that even the smallest child will have a successful first instrumental experience.

52/1 Specialty Court Golf Outing

Time/Date: 10 a m July 30

Details: The 52-1 Specialty Court's ninth annual golf outing will be at Brentwood Golf Club, White Lake. The four-person scramble cost \$100 per player (\$350 per foursome) and includes 18 holes of golf, riding cart, lunch, dinner and chance to win various prizes.

Make all checks payable to Sobriety Court Advisory. To register, contact Justin Barnett, P.O. Box 1235, Clarkston, MI 48347 (ibarnettlaw@ hotmail.com). Event and sponsorship money must be in by July 17. Please be advised that this is a sober event.

Grub Crawl

Time/Date: 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 21

Details: The Northville Chamber presents the 10th annual Northville Grub Crawl. Indulge in Northville's unique collection of restaurants as you sample their signature specialties. Participating restaurants include Brann's

Sizzlin' Steaks & Sports Grill, Claddagh Irish Pub, Edward's Café & Caterers, George's Senate Restaurant, Northville Sports Den, Poole's Tavern, Rusty **Bucket Tavern and Village** Workshop, with more to come. A grand prize drawing for a barbecue gas grill is courtesy of Home Depot.

Tickets are \$30 (must be 21 or over) and are now available at Gardenviews, Good Time Party Store or the Northville Chamber of Commerce. New this year submit a ticket order form and the chamber will mail you your tickets. The order form is available on the chamber website at www.northville.org

Novi Older Adult Services

Time/Date: 1:30-3 p.m.Thursday, Aug. 20 - "Celebrating 85 Years and Beyond" Birthday Celebration; Meadowbrook Activity Center; no cost for participants 85-plus years old (pre-registration still required); \$3 for Novi residents and \$4 for non-residents; deadline is Aug. 14. Birthday celebrants are asked to submit a personal history form that will be compiled into a keepsake booklet. Forms are due by Aug. 6.

Details: Join Novi Older Adult Services to stay active, celebrate and socialize with friends at a variety of special events designed especially for those 55 years and above. Tickets are required and are available now at the Older Adult Services Office, 45175 10 Mile Road, and the Meadowbrook Activity Center, 25075 Meadowbrook

Road. For more information or to learn about additional older adult social and educational programs, call 248-347-0414 or go to www.cityofnovi.org.

Wildcats '95 reunion

Date: Saturday, Aug. 22 **Details:** The Novi High School Class of 1995 will have its 20-year reunion at the Embassy Suites in Livonia. Contact melissacohn8@ gmail.com for more information or go to facebook.com/groups/ Noviclassof95/.

Get Pop-Cultured at Barnes and Noble

Dates: Throughout July Details: Barnes & Noble (17111 Haggerty Road, Northville) is launching the second annual Get Pop-Cultured celebration, a month-long series of events was first established in 2014 to bring to life customers' favorite books. characters, movies, artists, illustrators and pop-culture icons with themed events, author signings, panel discussions, contests, exclusive content, giveaways and prizes, sneak peeks, activities, and more. This year it continues and features an even more expansive lineup of events, appearances, giveaways and more, including weekly Throwback Thursdays celebrating a different decade every week from the '50s through the '90s, a Minions Fun event, Manga Mania, Fan Girl Friday, Vinyl Day, James Patterson Day a Dr. Seuss Spectacular and many more unique events and promotions all throughout July.

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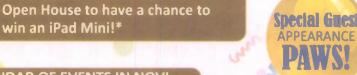
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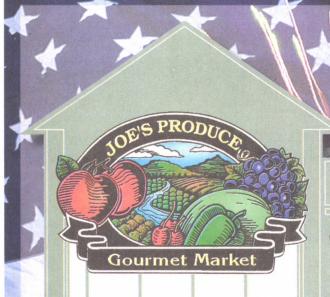
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NFL TRAINING CAMP

Novi to host Lions training camp practice Aug. 5

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Megatron is coming to a high school near you.

The Detroit Lions announced Monday they will stage their third practice of training camp, which will be open to the public, during the evening of Wednesday, Aug. 5, at Novi High School.

"The Lions contacted us regarding possibly doing this and what we might need to do for this thing to happen for the community," Novi athletic director Brian Gordon said. "They like the idea that our facility has a new surface. The surrounding area and the parking area is very good. And the proximity of Novi and Allen Park would enable them, if they needed to, to go back and forth,

get things that they need and whatever they may be."

The Lions have also scheduled an-

other practice later in the preseason at Dearborn Edsel Ford High School.

There will be crowd control measures in place for the free practice at Novi's Wildcat Stadium, which can accommodate anywhere from 3,500-4,000 fans for seating (not including standing room).

Last November, Novi hosted a Division 2 state semifinal playoff football game between Warren DeLaSalle and Southfield.

"Novi has proximity to the expressways and those things and is a great place for this to happen," Gordon said. "They also understood that we've run

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BRAD EMONS

Novi's Wildcat Stadium will host a Detroit Lions training camp practice the evening of Wednesday, Aug. 5.

COLLEGE CLUB LACROSSE

Novi's Mikkelsen stalwart for MSU

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Although his four years flew by quickly, Joe Mikkelsen believes his collegiate lacrosse career served the best of both worlds.

The 2011 Novi grad was a high school All-American, only the second Wildcats athlete in school history to gain that honor, but he took a slightly different path, opting to play club lacrosse at his dream school - Michigan State - where he earned Men's ollegiate Lacrosse Association : All-America honors four straight seasons and ranked No. 1 nationally as a face-off specialist.

Mikkelsen also helped MSU capture four straight Central Collegiate Lacrosse Association 1 championships and earn four consecutive MCLA 1 tourney berths.

In his final season, the Spartans finished 6-1 in the CCLA 1, which consisted of club teams from Western Michigan, Central Michigan, Davenport, Toledo and Pittsburgh. MSU, ranked 21st overall, posted an 8-7 record before being eliminated in the national tourney May 11 in Irvine, Calif., by Chapman (Calif.) College, 16-2.

The team captain capped his senior season by earning several honors, including first team all-Central Collegiate, Encore National Player of the Month and team MVP.

"It was really a great time. I made a lot of friendships, had a lot of great experiences traveling the country, great group of guys," Mikkelsen said "It was definitely something where I wanted to take my lacrosse career to the next level and it was great to be able to continue at Michigan State at such a big college and where they had a great team before. It was just a different dynamic than a lot of sports, rather than playing at a (NCAA) Division III school or something like that. You really go and play Arizona State, Colorado, all across the country. You

MARIANNE MIKKELSEN

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Novi's Joe Mikkelsen was a four-time club lacrosse All-American at Michigan State.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Shamrocks' Tibbits on comeback trail again

CC graduate playing in Southern Collegiate circuit

> **By Brad Emons** Staff Writer

With a chance to play this summer in the Southern Collegiate Baseball League, Madonna University outfielder Mike Tibbits hopes to prove he can literally shoulder more

of a load. The Plymouth native and 2011 Novi Detroit Catholic Central High grad is trying to

bounce back from a pair of surgeries performed on his right shoulder, which kept him out for a majority of the 2014 season with the Crusaders

Tibbits

Two separate surgeries were performed by Dr. Sean Bak at Novi's Providence Hospital, the first in March 2013 for a torn labrum and partial rotator cuff tear, followed another in May 2014 to repair the same labrum.

Tibbits returned this spring to appear in 42 games (33 starts), batting .253 as MU made the NAIA national tourney after going 37-17 overall and 26-6 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

"This spring it was a little sore; it was tight," Tibbits said. "There were some days where I had to take throwing off, just get back into throwing every day, just trying to strengthen it. It was pretty sore, but it's a lot better now.

In 21 games (through Monday), the 6-foot-2, 170-pound Tibbits is batting .313, while alternating between right and center field for the Statesville (N.C.) Owls, who lead the Northern Division of the SCBL with a 10-11 record.

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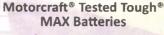
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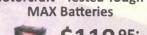
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BOYS HOCKEY

Northville-Novi to stage outdoor hockey game

Staff Writer

It's not to early to start thinking about the upcoming high school boys hockey sea-

At least not in the eyes of Northville athletic director Bryan Masi and his Novi counterpart Brian Gordon.

The two have teamed up to take one of their two rivalry games on the road as the **KLAA Central Division rivals** will stage their own Winter Classic-style outdoor game Saturday, Jan. 16, at Detroit's Clark Park.

"I had the idea when the Winter Classic was in town a couple of years ago and we were hoping to get one of those games at Comerica Park, but we didn't get it, so I had kind of a desire to do an outdoor



Novi athletic director Brian Gordon (left) and Northville A.D. Bryan Masi helped put together a winter hockey game Jan. 16, 2016, at **Detroit's Clark Park.**

game," Masi said. "I thought it would be really cool and Clark Park is the only one around that is outdoor. I thought we could kind of tie it in with doing something in their commuMasi and Gordon, along

with head coaches Clint Robert (Northville) and Mark Vellucci (Novi), met last week in Detroit to go over the details.

"The coaches are running with it, too," Masi said. "It was originally my idea, but all four are really excited about it and working together. All four went down there (June 25) and checked out that everything was good as far as planning and what we need to do. We're going to have to bring some bleachers in. Kind of excited about it and I think the whole atmosphere is going to be

Novi Detroit Catholic Central and University of Detroit-Jesuit played an outdoor game four years ago at Clark Park, which is located in southwest

"Bryan and I are always looking for ideas to try to spice up the rivalry between our two schools and provide a really nice experience for teams, kids and families," Gordon said. "Jokingly, we entertained the idea of putting it on a football field, but the price is just ridiculous.

The two schools normally meet twice during the regular season, with the Novi Ice Arena as their home venue.

"It was (Masi's) idea and I give him the credit," Gordon said. "We decided to take it down there on the road and play in the cold and, hopefully, it's cold. We always look for different ideas in all the sports to try to make the whole Novi-Northville thing a special thing.

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JUNIOR TENNIS

Wang's run in Midwest Closed ends in quarters

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Novi High graduating senior Tim Wang, the MHSAA Division 1 singles state champion, reached the quarterfinals of last week's U.S. Tennis Association Midwest Closed Boys 18 singles tournament in Indianapolis before falling to second seed Martin Joyce of Hinsdale, Ill., in straight sets, 6-3,

Wang, the 15th seed, reached the quarters with a 6-2, 6-2 round of 16 victory over Franklin Brzovich (Fort Gratiot). Ninth-seed Eddie Grabill (Hinsdale, Ill.) then ousted Wang in the consolation quarterfinal.

Wang, headed to Columbia University this fall, finished 4-2 overall in singles and 1-1 in

Northville's Connor Johnston, the MHSAA Division 1 runner-up in singles to Wang last fall, teamed with doubles partner Daniel Boussom (Goshen, Ind.) to reach the semifinals of the Boys 18s before falling to second seeds Sameer Kumar (Carmel, Ind.) and Vincent Lin (Schaumburg, Ill.), 7-5, 6-2

Johnston and Boussom, the 13th seeds, went 4-1 overall. Also in the Boys 18s, Novi's

Wang

Maxx Anderson finished 1-2 in singles and lost his openinground doubles match with partner Zachary Le Vene (Manitowec, Wis.)

In the Girls 18s, Novi's Reeshma Kumar

fell in a pair of three-set matches in singles, while Northville's Emma Worley finished 1-1 in singles and 1-1 in doubles.

Hurley goes 5-2

Novi's Marybeth Hurley reached the round of 16 in the Girls 16s singles draw before falling to top seed and eventual champion Meg Kowalski (La Grange, Ill.) in straight sets,

Hurley, who captured five of seven singles matches during her week in Indianapolis,

went 2-1 in the back draw before being ousted by Lauren Gillinov (Moreland Hills, Ill.) in a three-set super-breaker. 6-3, 1-6, 1-0 (11-9)

The 10th-seeded Hurley also defeated Gabriela Schoenberg (Ingleside, Ill.), 6-2, 6-4, and Madison Tattini (Lexington, Ill.), 6-2, 6-0, in the consolation

Hurley and doubles partner Zoe Taylor (Long Grove, Ill.), the second seeds, were ousted in the round of 16 by Briana Crowley (Battle Ground, Ind.) and Peyton Stearns (Mason, Ohio), the ninth seeds, 6-4, 6-1.

Also in the Girls 16s, Novi's Shanoli Kumar went 3-2 in singles and lost her first-round doubles match with partner Joanne Gao, also of Novi, 6-4, 6-1, to eighth seeds Erika Oku (Hinsdale, Ill.) and Lahri Yelamanchill (Burr Ridge, Ill.).

Gao, meanwhile, finished 1-2 in singles.

Kim makes charge

Milford's Aidan Kim got plenty of action in last week's **USTA Midwest Closed Boys** and Girls 14s and 12s tournament, held in Okemos.

Following a 1-1 start in the main draw of the Boys 12 singles, the 14th-seeded Kim captured seven straight matches before falling in the consolation semifinals to third-seeded Nishesh Basavareddy (Carmel, Ind.), 6-0, 7-5.

Kim, who finished 8-2 overall in singles, also went 2-1 in doubles with partner Michael Ross (Winnetka, Ill.) before losing to top seeds Joseph Stafford (Livonia) and Eric Perkowski (Lincolnshire, Ill.) in the quarterfinals, 6-2, 6-3.

Meanwhile, Novi's Daniel Stojanov went 0-2 in the Boys 12 singles draw.

In the Girls 12s singles draw, Novi's Isabelle Kouzmanov, the 14th seed, went 4-2 reaching the round of 16 before falling to seventh-seed Eleana Yu (Mason, Ohio), 7-5, 6-0.

Also in the Girls 14s, Northville's Victoria Mady posted a 1-2 singles mark, while losing her doubles opener with partner Allison O'Connell (West-

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Maybury Classic

The 10th annual 2015 Road Runner Classic will be Saturday, July 25, at Maybury State Park (use the Eight Mile Road entrance, one mile west of Beck).

The event, presented by the Northville Road Runners, will benefit the Friends of Maybury. A recreation passport is required for entrance (passes also available at the gate for \$11).

The one-mile run-walk will start at 5 p.m., followed by the 8K run-walk (half-paved, half-trail) at 5:30 p.m. and the new 5K (paved course) at 5:45

Entry fees are \$5 (onemile) and \$20 (5K and 8K) by July 1. Race fees (through July 23) are \$6 and \$25, respectively, while race day fees are \$7 and \$27

The family fun event includes pizza, beer, raffle and homemade baked goods. Male and female overall race winners will receive \$75 Running Fit gift cards. Masters male and female winners will receive \$50 gift cards.

For more information, go to www.northvilleroadrunners.org or call Gary Haf at 248-231-6114.

Novi cheer clinic

The Novi High varsity cheerleaders will stage a three-day summer cheer clinic (girls ages 5-12) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, July 13-15, at Village Oaks Elementary, 23333 Willowbrook Drive, Novi.

The \$100 fee includes all three days, including lunches and snacks (cost does not include T-shirt).

To register, go to www.novi.k12.mi.us (click on athletics tab and select sports camp).

For more information, email coach Ashley Karinen at AKarinen07@gmail.com.

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ALL-AREA GIRLS LACROSSE

South Lyon's Burczyk Player of the Year

Versatile midfielder first team all-stater after big senior year

By Brad Emons

South Lyon United's Hannah Burczyk proved this season she had an all-around game.

The stats bore it out as the senior midfielder finished with a team-best 67 goals and 45 ground balls to go along with 25 assists, 42 draw controls and seven caused turnovers.

The two-year captain, named girls lacrosse All-Area Player of the Year, also earned all-KLAA, first team Division 1 all-state and U.S. Lacrosse All-America honorable mention honors.

Burczyk is on her way to play next year to play for NCAA Division II University of Indianapolis for coach Jillian Howley.

"Hannah is a fantastic player with some excellent stick skills," South Lyon coach Aaron Skomial said. "She has been awesome all year for us and helped some of our other players shine at times by sharing the ball. She will do well at Indianapolis and we look forward to seeing her grow as a person and a player in the coming years."

First team **Audrey Tatge, C-MF** Northville

The senior captain, bound for NCAA Division I Stetson (Fla.) University, finished with 38 goals and 15 assists en route to team MVP, all-KLAA and Division 1 honorable mention all-state honors.

"Audrey knows the game inside and out, really understands where to go, what pass to make and was the quarter-back of the midfield," Northville coach Amanda Asher said. "She was the team's center and truly did it all on the offensive and defensive ends. Audrey was outstanding on draw controls, directing the ball to the midfielders, and often coming up with possession herself."

Gina Salemi, F

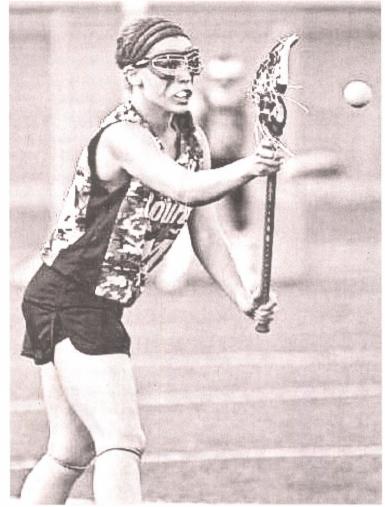
The junior scored a teambest 57 goals while earning all-KLAA and Division 1 honorable mention all-state honors.

Salemi, who is committed to play at NCAA Division 1 school LaSalle (Pa.) University, is also a member of the Israeli Under-19 national team that will play two tournaments later this month in Scotland.

"Gina has incredible change of speed and quickness," Novi coach Amy Kilgore said. "She has a lethal shot; it's incredibly hard and deceptive. She's got a lot of experience, both locally and nationally, as well as internationally.

Natalie Williams, MF **South Lyon United**

The first-year junior captain, who made all-KLAA and second team all-state, paced



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South Lyon United's Hannah Burczyk was named All-Area Player of the

the team in draw controls (45) and assists (26) to go along with 35 goals, 30 ground balls and 11 caused turnovers.

"Natalie continues to grow as a player and her lacrosse IQ is growing with each year," Skomial said. "She has been good for us on the draw and she was a key piece to our offense and transition offense this season. We look to her to return next season and lead the team to more success.'

Grace Guibord, F **Northville**

The senior attack led the Mustangs with a team-high 53 goals to go along with 13 assists as she earned all-KLAA accolades.

"Grace was never afraid to go to the goal and this is the mind-set you need to have as an attacker," Asher said. "While Grace was a great goal scorer, she was also second on the team in assists and was great at causing turnovers. Grace was very consistent in her goal-scoring output and could always be counted on for multiple goals each game.' Amanda Tuckey, D

South Lyon United The first-time junior captain and all-KLAA pick anchored a defense that allowed just 6.8 goals per match.

Tuckey finished with 36 draw controls and 10 caused turnovers while twice.

"Amanda is a not only a fantastic defender, she's a leader on our defense," Skomial said. 'She was critical to our success by directing our players and it showed in the amount of goals we allowed this season.

Alanna Clark, MF Novi

The senior racked up 42 goals, while earning Division 1 honorable mention all-state and all-KLAA honors.

"Alanna is steady, athletic and strong leader," Kilgore said. "The team looks to her and she can set the pace for an entire game. She has exceptional athleticism." Emma Dietrich, MF

Northville The sophomore tallied 35

goals and contributed five assists on her way to all-KLAA recognition for the Mustangs.

"Emma only knows one way to play – 100 percent," Asher said. "She has unbelievable speed, stamina and love for the game. As talented as she is, she is even more coachable and has a great attitude. She was extremely important to Northville's team's success through her ability on draw controls and as a great two-way player in the midfield. Emma had some big scoring games this year, but even if she wasn't scoring goals, she always found ways to impact the game.

Morgan Statetzny, MF Novi

The senior racked up 49 goals, while earning a spot on the all-KLAA team.

'Morgan is a fiery competitor and she has a great shot and a nose for the goal," Kilgore said. "She is incredibly hard-working and leads for example. She also had great athleticism."

Shayla Croteau, D Northville

The senior captain, who will

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play club lacrosse at Michigan State, was a defensive ace, finishing with 28 ground balls and 10 turnovers while earning all-KLAA honors.

"Shay is really the perfect defender," Asher said. "She was always in position on the ball - cutting off driving angles, off the ball, always picking up the right assignment and her teammates could always rely on her to be in the right place. Shay's ability to stop a fast break is remarkable. She also led the team in interceptions. And when she forced turnovers, she was excellent at pushing the ball to our midfielders with strong passes to trigger the break.'

Caroline Perry, MF **South Lyon United**

The sophomore, an all-KLAA selection, paced the team in caused turnovers (19), contributing adding 26 goals, five assists, 38 ground balls

and 10 draw controls.
"C.J. is a great young player that plays very hard," Skomial said. "She had a breakout year on offense and is looking to improve. She is an exciting player for our program. She brings size, speed and a willingness to get better. We see C.J. getting better and being a force on the field for us next season."

Mariah Smythe, G Novi

The sophomore stood out, leading the Wildcats to a 12-5-1 overall record while making the all-KLAA squad.

"Mariah is fearless in the goal cage," Kilgore said. "She's gritty and tough. She's one of our hardest workers, puts in tons of time and, really, not only for lacrosse, but lacrosse goalkeeping and it really shows through in her the way she approaches the game.'

MIKKELSEN

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really just get the whole experience at a very competitive level."

At Novi, Mikkelsen was a two-sport captain, playing football as a 6-foot-2, 245pound lineman, while also playing midfield in lacrosse.

A slimmed down Mikkelsen, who lost 20 pounds, then became a face-off spe-cialist at MSU, where he won 75 percent of his draws during his career.

"It's definitely being fast

and light with your hands,' Mikkelsen said regarding the key to his success.

Although Mikkelsen drew interest from several colleges in lacrosse and football, he always had his sights set on East Lansing, where both of his parents, Bill and Marianne, are alums.

"I talked to some different schools, but really didn't express any interest other than going to Michigan State," Mikkelsen said. "I've always been up at State with my parents and I've always been in love with it. It was an easy decision for me."

And Mikkelsen was pleasantly surprised with the caliber of play in club lacrosse when he arrived at MSU. He was first exposed to the MSU club program by his coach Dwayne Hicks of Total Team Lacrosse in Wix-

"Not enough people know how competitive club lacrosse is and I was very shocked when I came in to see," Mikkelsen said. "I went to their games before and saw the players that they had. There's a lot of Division I guys that transfer in. They transfer in to bigger schools from smaller Division I schools or Division III schools.'

And being a club player at MSU provided plenty of

"There's still that Big Ten (football) Saturdays and what not," Mikkelsen said. "You become more of a well-rounded college student. It's just not lacrosse, lacrosse, lacrosse. You still go to school and get a job outside of that and you do a lot of other things.

And for the second straight summer, Mikkelsen is doing an internship with Ford Motor Co. before he graduates in December with a degree in packaging engineering.

Mikkelsen is helping out at the Novi Parks and Recreation summer youth camps and teaches private lessons. He wants to become a coach as well and plans to apply for the recently vacated varsity boys position at Novi H.S.

'That would be my ultimate goal, to be the coach at Novi," he said. "Beyond that, just stay involved summer camps, summer teams – whatever I can get into and just stay involved in the sport."

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Skating champ



South Lyon's Emma Wolak, 14, recently captured the Novice Ladies skating title with 120.44 points in the Broadmoor Open held at the World Arena in Colorado Springs, Colo. Wolak placed first in both the short and long programs with personal-best scores of 42.57 and 77.87, respectively. She also placed first in the Novice Ladies C initial

HIGH SCHOOL

Hoffman won't return as Novi boys lacrosse coach

Wildcats search for new hire after three seasons

By Brad Emons

Eric Hoffman, who played on Novi's first varsity boys lacrosse team in 1993, will not be returning for a fourth season as the school's head

Hoffman, 37, who guided the Wildcats to a 35-18 record in three seasons, confirmed recently that he will not be retained.

As of Monday, the job vacancy had not been posted yet on the Novi Community Schools district website.

Novi athletic director Brian Gordon declined to elaborate on the reasons why Hoffman will not return for

the 2016 season. "It's a personnel issue which I'm not a liberty to discuss," Gordon said. "Our coaches don't have year-tovear contracts. They don't sign anything. Coaches go through an evaluation process every year at the end of the season ... and then our head coaches evaluate our sub-varsity coaches. Right

there, during the evaluation process, is when we determine if they will be returning. And that's kind of how it

After spending three seasons as Salem's head coach, Hoffman returned to his alma mater in 2013, guiding the Wildcats to an 11-6 record, which included Kensington Lakes Acitivites Association and Kensington Division

In 2014, Novi went 12-6 and shared the Kensington Division title with Northville and South Lyon Unified, all at 5-1.

This season, Novi finished 12-6 again, falling to Grosse Pointe South, 13-6, in the first round of the MHSAA Division 1 regional.

"I guess it was time for a different view for Novi lacrosse, I guess, at least for Mr. Gordon," said Hoffman, who teaches at Hamilton Academy, a charter school in Detroit. "It was a school that I started the program with. I played for the first team at Novi and I grew up in Novi. That was nice to come back to my alma mater and coach my team."

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Northville Broncos win LCB Summer Bash title



The under-12 Northville Broncos baseball team bounced back June 28 from an 4-2 opening-round pool play loss to the Michigan Red Sox to capture the LCB Summer Bash in Commerce Township. The Broncos defeated the Western Wayne Crush for the title, 11-5, after downing the LCB Legends, 7-6, in the semifinals thanks to a final inning diving catch by right fielder Henry Chen. The Broncos return to action this weekend in a tournament in Cooperstown, N.Y. Other members of the Broncos include: Collin Breen, Carson Breen, Chris Bogenhagen, Brett Rudolph, Brett Rankin, Cole Patterson, Billy Shields, Danny Cape, Josh Lutz and Tommy Ryding.

ALL-AREA GIRLS SOCCER

Maresh proved to be game-saver for Mustangs

Northville goalie honored as area Player of the Year after banner senior season

By Brad Emons

It would be hard to argue against Northville senior goalkeeper Emily Maresh as the girls soccer All-Area Player of the Year.

With ton of statistical evidence in her favor, it can only be categorized as pretty much an open-and-shut case.

Maresh earned first team Division 1 all-state honors for the second straight year after going 15-3-4 while leading the Mustangs to a co-KLAA Central Division, Kensington Conference, KLAA Association and district titles.

The all-district, all-region and all-KLAA selection allowed just 10 goals, while recording 130 saves and 15 shutouts. Three different times, she made penalty kick saves in a shootout to win games, as well while being voted the team's outstanding defender.

A four-year varsity player, Maresh played in 60 matches, going 50-4-6 overall with only 23 goals against and 41

As a junior, she helped the Mustangs capture the MHSAA Division 1 state championship with a perfect 23-0 record, highlighted by just four goals against with 116 saves and 18 shutouts.

Maresh was also a three-year varsity player in basketball.

"Emily is an amazing athlete and even better person," Northville coach Eric Brucker said. "She makes every team better. She likes to keep everything loose and fun, but is a fierce competitor. She was the heart of our defense. She is going to do great things at Grand Valley State."

First team Sydney O'Donnell, MF **South Lyon East**

The junior, who tallied 24 goals and six assists, set both career and singleseason goal records for the district champion Cougars as she earned All-KLAA honors and second team Division

O'Donnell, committed to Vanderbilt, tallied four goals in a 6-1 district semifinal win over Dexter.

"Sydney was our offensive engine all season," East coach Jon Cadwallader said. "She is amazing with the ball on her feet and is able to create shots and goal-scoring opportunities whenever she gets the ball. She continuously scored huge goals for us when we needed them and, for the second year in a row, scored the game-winning goal in district finals.

Chloe Allen, F

The junior finished with 12 goals and five assists while making all-KLAA, all-district, all-region and third team

"Chloe was our biggest offensive weapon this season, which is why she found herself constantly being manmarked by her opponents," Novi interim coach Todd Pheiffer said. "Chloe is not only incredibly fast and technical, she reads the game very well and is consistently putting herself in a position to help her team create offense.'

Tara Pawloski, D **Northville**

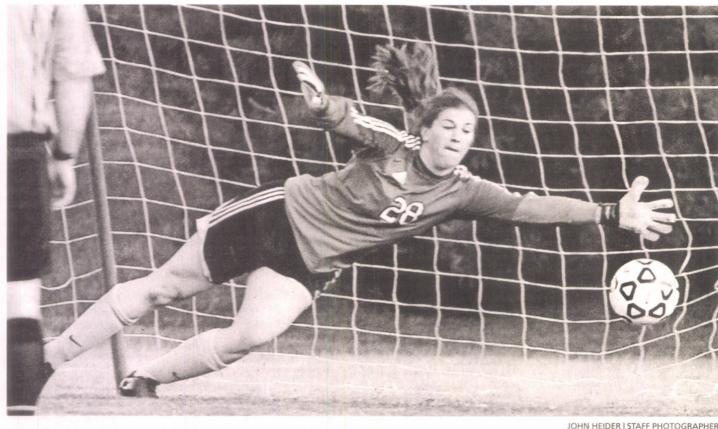
The senior, headed to Oakland University, was named the team's MVP while also earning all-KLAA, all-district, all-region and Division 1 honorable mention all-state honors.

Carrying a 3.65 grade-point average, Pawloski was also a KLAA and MHSSCA scholar-athlete honoree.

Tara was the leader of our defense," Brucker said of the three-year varsity player. "She has an outstanding soccer IQ and plays the game with a quiet confidence. She is not afraid of contact and always looked at the best interest of the team first. Her anticipation and quick thinking set her apart.'

Megan Riley, MF

The junior, who has committed to Central Michigan, wound up with seven



Northville senior goalkeeper Emily Maresh earned All-Area Player of the Year honors.

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR Emily Maresh, Northville

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Northville: Erica Gumkowski, sr.; Alana Dorfstatter, sr.; Novi: Jacalyn Schubring, soph.; Gracie Backus, soph.; Aastha Dharia, jr.; South Lyon: Rachael Sweigard, fr.; Megan Pfile, fr.; Caylin Sullivan, sr.; Sarah Ash, fr.; Mackenzie Flannery, jr.; Kendall Skore, fr.; South Lyon East: Jenny Caudill, sr.; Lauren Kuznicki, fr., Alex Callan, jr.; Milford: Jenna Smith, jr.; Lakeland: Marie Haney, sr.; Kelsey Lechner, sr.; Cailin Shalman, sr.

goals and five assists en route to all-KLAA, all-district, all-region and Division 1 honorable mention all-state hon-

"Megan was our most versatile player on our team, filling many roles this season on the field," Pheiffer said. "When we needed offense, she played as our attacking center midfielder, where she kept the offense organized and helped generate and build up our attack. She has great field vision and has a knack for finding the best option on the field to help us keep possession and create scoring opportunities."

Kelly McHugh, F-MF Northville

The senior played and started in every game, scoring four goals and adding 10 assists en route to all-KLAA and all-district honors.

McHugh, bound for Michigan State, was also named a scholar-athlete with a

"Kelly's intensity and never-quit attitude is what sets her apart from other players," Brucker said. "She plays every game with the same energy. Her high effort is infectious to the players around her. Her unselfishness was shown with 10 assists on the sea-

Maddy Westenberg, MF **Northville**

The three-year varsity player finished her senior season with five goals and one assist while earning all-KLAA honorable mention honors

"Maddy continues to grow on the soccer field," Brucker said. "Her presence in the midfield brings control and feistiness. Her distribution of the ball is excellent and (her) quick shot generated five goals.

Amanda Minissale, D Novi

The senior, committed to Saginaw Valley State, earned all-KLAA, all-district and all-region honors while contributing two goals and a team-best

Even though her main focus is shutting down the other team's attack, Amanda was also a vital part of our offense, frequently making runs out of the back and setting up many scoring opportunities for the team," Pheiffer said. "As the only returning starter from last year's back line, Amanda was

instrumental in helping lead the team to their co-divisional championship." Jenna Baughman, MF Northville

The senior all-KLAA pick controlled the midfield, where she picked up one goal and one assist. Headed to MSU, Baughman also earned scholar-athlete honors with a 3.86 GPA

"Jenna is a great example of growth and maturity through the program," "As a senior midfield. Her ball control helped to transition out of our defensive third and she looked to switch the field of play as much as possible. A very heady player with a hidden mean streak.'

Christina MacMillian, MF

The senior, who had four goals and three assists, was named all-KLAA and honorable mention all-district.

"Christina is one of the most competitive players on the field, which is why she is constantly pushing herself and her teammates to work as hard as they can when they step on the field,"
Pheiffer said. "As one of the two starting defensive central midfielders, she was usually tasked with marking the other team's best player and, when you play in the KLAA, that is no easy task."

Alyssa Sawyer, G **South Lyon East**

The senior, who allowed just 12 goals in 12 games, posted seven shutouts for the district champions while earning all-KLAA, all-district, all-region and third team Division 2 all-state honors.

'Alyssa is one of the best teammates and players that you could ask for,' Cadwallader said. "She came up with huge saves game after game and was a

calming element for a back line that had two freshman starters.'

Second team **Devon Powers, MF**

The hard-working senior, headed to Schoolcraft College, won the Wildcats' Teamwork Award while also being named all-KLAA and honorable mention all-district.

Amber Hamers, F **South Lyon East**

The junior, who scored six goals and added nine assists, earned all-district, all-region and Division 2 honorable mention all-state recognition.

Riely Schultz, D

The freshman, who had a goal and assist, played beyond her years while making honorable mention all-KLAA and all-district.

Alissa Moore, MF

Northville

The all-district and all-KLAA honorable mention pick showed her versatility throughout her junior season scoring four goals and adding two assists. Sydney Schembri, F Northville

The first-year varsity starter as a sophomore finished with three goals, including the game-winner in the district final, along with four assists, while earning all-district and all-KLAA honorable mention honors.

Kendall Dillon, MF

The freshman starter finished the year with four goals and three assists while earning a spot on the all-KLAA

squad. Sydney Zeese, D

Milford The senior reaped all-KLAA and honorable mention accolades in her

final season for the Mavericks. Renee Cloeter, F

South Lyon The senior, headed to Grand Valley State, made both the all-KLAA and all-district teams, scoring three goals and adding five assists. Cloeter also

excels in the classroom with a 4.2 grade-point average. Morgan Gozdor, D

Northville The senior third-year varsity player and two-year starter, bound for MSU, earned all-KLAA honors while also making scholar-athlete laurels both in the KLAA and MHSSCA (3.82 GPA).

Amanda Berci, MF Lakeland

The senior and team captain was the Eagles' assist leader and also earned all-KLAA honors.

Hannah Emerson, G Lakeland

The senior and team captain proved to be an outstanding leader for the Eagles while earning all-KLAA honors.

Bronze medalist



Livonia's Nick Joseph (right), an rising senior at Novi Detroit Catholic Central High School, captured a bronze medal June 20 in the IFJ Division (ages 18-20) at the USA Judo National Championships in Irving, Tex. The 17-year-old Joseph, who trains under coach Noboru Saito out of the Birmingham YMCA, posted a 3-2 record, including three ippons (major wins). Last year, Joseph was ranked No. 1 in the Junior B Division (ages 15-17) at 66 kilograms before moving up to the 73-kilogram class. Joseph is also a member of CC's varsity wrestling team.

USSSA champions



The Madness '02 girls softball team capped a 6-0 tourney run with a 13-4 victory over the Michigan Sabercats to repeat as USSSA 12-and-under champion, June 25-28, in Canton. It was the second consecutive crown for Madness '02 after winning the NSA crown the previous weekend. Members of the Madness '02, who outscored their opponents 67-7, include (front row, from left) Abbey Barta, Grace Nieto, Cassidy Brendtke, Kylie Millhorn and Gaby Cummings and (back row, from left) McKenna King, Chelsea Collins, Angela Schmidt, Olivia Vitale, Maggie Murphy, Stephanie Schmunk and Sierra Kersten.

LIONS

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some pretty big events in the past. This year, we hosted state semifinals for football. We host a lot of MHSAA events each and every year that usually brings some pretty big crowds. But more importantly, I think this is a supportive community when it comes to athletics and our facility is one of the best. And I think that's the reason

they chose Novi." Last year, a Lions training camp practice drew approximately 9,000 fans at Wayne State University. Gordon said there will be a voucher

system used to distribute the free tickets through the Detroit Lions web-

"They'll staff it and they'll be scanning people as they go in and out," he said. "The (ticket) procedure is still in the makings. It's a free event that's open to the public, but it will be through them, not Novi athletics.'

It's also an opportunity for area fans to get a closer look at an NFL team and players like Calvin Johnson, which makes the event that much more attractive.

"It's training camp, which will be kind of cool," Gordon said.

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TIBBITS

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"The caliber is real good," Tibbits said. "We just played a couple of kids from (University of North Carolina), Alabama and Clemson. We faced the Mississippi State closer two weeks ago. I'm seeing some really good pitching and a high-caliber player."

Tibbits has also had to make a big adjustment to the wood bat-only league.

"Hitting with the wood bats is a lot different," he said. "You definitely have to hit it on the sweet spot for it to go anywhere. I think overall, coming into the next (Madonna) season, it will make me be a better hitter.

The seven-week league consists of nineinning games each Monday and Wednesday, followed by a pair of seven-inning doubleheader Friday and Saturday.

Tibbits lives with a host family in Statesville (population 24,633), located about 50 miles north of Charlotte. It's the hometown of NASCAR driver Ryan Newman.

"It's a small town, kind of everybody knows each other," Tibbits said.

"They have a nice downtown area of southern food with barbecue. It's a nice area. They get around 150-200 people, so it's a lot of fun to play in front a couple hundred people like that in a summer league game."

Tibbits is currently siding with team ov Brian Suarez.

"My host family has a pond in the back, so I'll go fishing," he said. "On Thursdays, I'm coaching a baseball team for an organization, Power Cross (Ministries), for underprivileged kids. Just trying to fill my time with that and, I guess, fishing.

After lettering in three sports at Catholic Central, Tibbits went on to play for Holy Cross (Ind.) College, an NAIA school, where he hit .281 as a freshman starting 31 games before deciding to transfer and come back

'There was a coaching change," Tibbits said, "I was fine with that, but never really heard back from the new coach at Holy Cross. Coach (Greg) Haeger (of Madonna) saw me play a couple of times and saw what he liked, kind of gave me an offer that was hard to refuse. It also helped that Madonna was a better program and had a chance to win an (NAIA) national championship.

After red-shirting his first season (2012) at Madonna, Tibbits appeared in 41 games, making 12 starts, in 2013 as he hit .333 in spot duty, while specializing as a base stealer, going 21for-23.

But after just five games in 2014, his season was cut short by the re-occurring shoulder injury. He underwent the knife in May that season before coming back this spring.

"It was frustrating, for sure, not seeing pitching for almost two years," Tibbits said "Trying to compete at that level is really tough. It was a frustrating season (2015), but I think I grew as a player and it definitely helped my mental game, that's for sure, so hopefully this

year help me as well."
And although his baseball career had been curtailed, Tibbits didn't let it affect his standing in the classroom. The criminal justice and theology major was one of five MU baseball players and among 354 nationally who received the 2015 **Daktronics Baseball** Scholar-Athletes award for maintaining at least a 3.5 grade-point average (on a 4.0 scale).

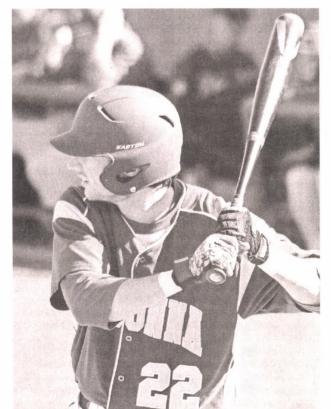
And with one more eason of eligibility left Tibbits sees better days ahead at MU going into

"It was kind of tough having two shoulder surgeries and trying to stay up on my strength and conditioning and everything," he said. "I'd say, overall, I'm the same player as I was before the surgery. It's starting to feel a lot better and hopefully I'm improving as well.

And with his shoulder close to 100 percent, Tibbits feels he can shoulder more responsi-

"It feels great, actually the best it ever felt," he said. 'I think I can throw the ball a lot harder now. It's not sore anymore. It feels good."

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Madonna University and Catholic Central grad Michael Tibbits is playing outfield this summer for the Statesville (N.C.) Owls in the Southern Collegiate Baseball League

Mustangs frosh excel



The Northville High freshman baseball team recently finished with 24-9-1 record, including 22 wins in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association. "We were a very strong defensive team, which usually translates into a successful season at the high school freshman level," coach Tim Cain said. "Our pitching was outstanding for the entire season, no matter which player took the mound." Team members include (front row, from left) Robbie Yanagi, second base; Evan Carson catcher; Brendan Rudolph, catcher; Jackson Stegmeyer, second base; and Owen Finkbeiner, outfield; (second row, from left) Ben Bradv. pitcher: Janak Mukherji, second base; Jake Moody, third base; Joe Tobon, third base; Nick Broda, outfield; Ryan Perkins, shortstop; and Matt Weber, catcher; (third row, from left) Jack Sargent, pitcher; Christian Aulepp, outfield; assistant coach Jeremy Kucera; head coach Tim Cain; assistant coach Nick Grosz; Ben Schmidt, outfield; and Jason Hesse, pitcher; and (back row, from left) Tyler Troyer, pitcher; Cole Smith, first base; Erik Sparschu, first base; and Alex Garbacik, shortstop.

Rebels victorious



Huron Valley's 12-and-under Rebels captured the Duck Lake Shoot Out for Lakeland-Milford travel baseball during Memorial Day weekend at Milford High School. Team members include (front row, from left) Sam Colone, Erik Kramar, Brendan Shaw, Jacob Hughes and Dawson McBride and (back row, from left) Matt Zaremba, Logan Shindorf, Donny Hilla, Nate Rand, Ben Morgridge, Dustin Cummins and Matt Brown, along with coaches Chris McBride, Brian Rand and Mike Shaw



Thunder reign

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The South Lyon Thunder, a 10-and-under baseball team, Warriors, 5-3, to capture the **FAAST End of June Classic** Tournament, June 27-28, in Whitmore Lake. Team members include (front row. from left) Kyle Mitchell, Braden Fracassi, Owen Mitchell, A.J. Galardi and Ben Anderson, (middle row, from left) Brady D'Angelo, Luke Lassan, Cameron Lewis, Jacob Grace and Cameron Korpil and (back row, from left) coaches Todd Fracassi, Mark Galardi and Todd Korpi. Also on the team were Tommy Donovan and coach Ed Donovan.



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ZF North America expanding operations in Northville Township

ZF North America is expanding its Michigan tech center operations in Northville Township, investing up to \$71 million to add almost 210,000 square feet and create 571 jobs.

The company will receive a Michigan Business Development Program performance-based grant through the Michigan Strategic Fund, approved June 23.

"ZF is a global leader in the automotive space, one that is long-known for its top-tier transmissions," Gov. Rick Snyder said. "This new expansion



adds to Michigan's standing as the automotive leader of North America. This decision speaks to Michigan's greatly improved business climate and our focus on improving our state's skilled trades capabilities for the auto industry.'

The Michigan Strategic Fund approved the MBDP incentive of up to \$4 million to support the expansion in Michigan rather than South Carolina. The move was announced by the Michigan **Economic Development**

Corp.
"This is an exciting development," said Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township. "I'm grateful for the partnership between ZF North America and the township of Northville and I thank the Michigan Economic DeMichigan Strategic Fund for seeing the great value in this hard-working American community."

ZF North America. Inc., a subsidiary of ZF Friedrichshafen AG headquartered in Friedrichshafen, Germany, is a worldwide leader in drive line and chassis technology. The company has more than 8,300 employees in 20 facilities throughout North America and plans to expand its technical center in the Northville Township to allow for additional research and development

services to design, develop and test new vehicle

components and systems. 'The ZF North America expansion will add significantly to the company's base of more than 1,200 Michiganders and signals once more that Michigan is the place for serious automotive investment," MEDC CEO Steve Arwood said. "Gov. Snyder met with ZF executives in Germany and easily sold them on Michigan's reinvention and our commitment to building our state's world-class workforce.'

The project will gener-

ate a total capital investment of nearly \$71.2 million and create 571 jobs. Northville Township has offered support in the form of property tax abatement. People interested in career opportunities with ZF should visit the company's web-

"Michigan has been home to ZF's North American headquarters for more than 15 years and we are excited to continue our growth in the state and in the industries we serve," said Julio Caspari, president, ZF North America, Inc.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Two new leases at **Northville Park Place**

Livonia-based Schostak Bros. & Co. has completed leases for two new tenants at Northville Park Place. The joint venture between Schostak and Bloomfield Hillsbased REI Investment Group Inc., a 65,924-square-foot mixed-use development located at the southwest corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads, is set to welcome:

» Orangetheory Fitness: A fitness studio constructed for individuals who enjoy a group workout in a fun and fast-paced environment.

» SVS Vision: A vision center that provides customers with a large selection of top designer frames and contact lens-

Additionally, the Seattle-based MOD Pizza, a



Several new tenants at Northville Park Place will be joining previously announced retailers and restaurants, including Granite City Food & Brewery, Rusty Bucket, Sherwin-Williams, BurgerFi, Chipotle, Jimmy John's, Tom + Chee, Red Olive, Sports Clips and Gazelle Sports.

new restaurant concept introduced by Livoniabased TEAM Schostak Family Restaurants, will open one of its first Michigan locations in Northville Park Place this summer.

A grand opening cele-

bration for Northville Park Place will be held at 10:30 a.m. Aug. 29.

Fresh Thyme coming

Fresh Thyme Farmers Market is set to rock metro Detroit July 22 with three store locations

staging grand opening celebrations and bringing grocery giveaways, live entertainment and fun activities for the whole family. Fresh Thyme will support local charitable organizations by donating a total of \$15,000 during check presentations and ribboncutting ceremonies just prior to the scheduled 7 a.m. door openings.

Three Detroit area locations include 901 E. Big Beaver Road, Troy; 2025 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills; and 15480 Sheldon Road,

Northville. Fresh Thyme Farmers Market reusable shopping bags packed full with healthy groceries valued at \$50 will be given to the first 250 shoppers through the doors at each store. Throughout the day, attendees will be treated to live entertainment, face-painting, food sampling and other activities.

Kroger supporting autism research

Novi-based Kroger customers can help fight autism during Kroger's seventh annual Puzzle

Pieces fundraising campaign through July 28. Customers can help solve the autism puzzle by purchasing an autism puzzle piece for \$1, \$5, and \$10. They can also donate spare change in a coin box at any Kroger register through July 25, with all proceeds benefiting the Ted Lindsay Foundation.

Autism is a developmental disorder that appears during the first three years of life, affecting the brain's normal development of social and communication skills. About one in 68 children has been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, with ASD occurring in all racial. ethnic and socioeconomic

INNO-VATOR of the **Year nominations**

Michigan-based businesses and organizations have a chance at \$10,000 in cash and services as nominations are now being accepted for the 2015 Medical Main Street INNO-VATOR of the

The award, now in its fourth year, recognizes a Michigan business or organization that has created a device, technology or process which significantly impacts the medical device, biotech or life science fields.

The deadline to submit an entry is Aug. 31. Application instructions and reception registration can be found at MedicalMainStreet.com.

Avoid layoffs under Work Share program

Michigan's Work Share program, administered by the Unemployment Insurance Agency, offers businesses an alternative to layoffs. An employer can reduce the hours of at least two full-time employees, who can then collect partial unemployment benefits to replace a portion of their lost wages.

For more information about Work Share requirements and eligibility, contact 967-5747 or go to the UIA website at michigan.gov/uia. For more information about the Talent Investment Agency, go to www.michigan.gov/tia.

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Local sales representative among Avon's top American sellers

South Lyon resident Kayla Barduca has been recognized by Avon Products, Inc., as one of the beauty company's top representative in the United States.

Barduca owns the Avon Beauty Center in West Oaks Shopping Center in Novi

In honor of this recognition, the company recently rewarded Barduca, along with other top Avon representatives at the company, a trip to Los Angeles to celebrate their success during the annual President's Recognition Program Celebration.

Barduca just completed her 15th year as an Avon representative. She studied for a bachelor's degree in business, but says degrees are not needed to succeed in direct sales.

"I wish I knew 20 years ago what I know today about direct selling companies," Barduca said. "The opportunity they offer is limitless and I am in competition with no one except myself. With hard work and dedication, one can achieve their dreams, no matter where they are in life. Everyone has the same playing field; it's what you do to play the game that counts. I have earned more trips, prizes and cash and I feel rewarded for my achievements I love working from home, setting my own schedule and being my own boss. I will remain an entrepreneur and love owning my own business, which also affords me the opportu-



Kayla Barduca of South Lyon (right) is pictured with Avon district sales manager Vicki Miesle after finding out she won trip to California for her business success. Barduca operates an Avon store in Novi.

nity to give back to my community.' Avon's President Rec-

ognition Program Celebration is an annual event, bringing together the nation's top Avon representatives who have distinguished themselves as top performers in sales or leadership.

'The extraordinary Avon representatives who have achieved this distinctive honor this year make me extremely proud each day," said Pablo Muñoz, senior vice president, North America. "These individuals embody the entrepreneurial spirit that has been at the heart of Avon since the company's beginning, demonstrating first-hand how Avon

representatives can achieve financial empowerment, the flexibility to run their business on their own terms and the opportunity to lead a team and mentor oth-

In recognition of their success, the elite group of Avon representatives, including Barduca, celebrated their accomplishments with a five-day, four-night trip to Los Angeles. During the trip, they enjoyed a guided tour of Hollywood from Rodeo Drive to the Sunset Strip, as well as a day of fun in the sun at Santa Monica Beach. They were also recognized for their achievements with a dinner, hosted by Avon executives.

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Realtor explains Aug. 1 pre-approval change, hails better local market

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Local Realtors are pleased with the upswing in the housing market.

The market is picking up," said Tony Schippa of Remerica United Realty in Novi. "Right now, we do have a shortage of inventory."

Schippa, a Plymouth resident, has seen homes sell in one to two weeks. "We're definitely seeing an upswing," said Schippa, in the field since December 2000 and having grown up in Milford.

New construction of homes is also improving, Schippa

Michael Stoskopf, CEO of the West Bloomfield-based Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan, said a total of 373 single-family home permits were issued in Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair and Wayne counties in May 2015. Activity in May fell by 7 percent compared to a revised April 2015 total of 400 permits. Oakland County still led the way with 173 permits in May, but that total was down 14 percent from April and down 23 percent compared to May 2014 (225).

Stoskopf, a resident of Williamston, Mich., noted a decline in Macomb County building, specifically Shelby Township, but said Oakland has boom areas such as Lyon Township and Novi and west-ern Wayne such as Canton Township.

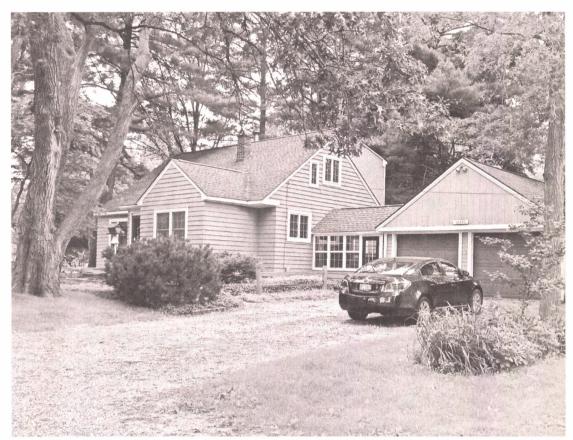
Schippa cited a trend toward smaller homes, some in urban downtown areas like Detroit.

"I know some of the young Realtors down there who believe in the city," he said, and are aiming to revitalize Detroit. Homes in downtown Plymouth and Northville are also selling fast.

"We're seeing it across the state," including Grand Rapids, Schippa said. On square footage, buyers often now seek 1,200 to 1,600 rather than larger homes.

The city of Plymouth has seen some tear-downs of smaller homes replaced by larger ones, he noted. "I don't know if that trend's going to continue." he added, an issue that has raised some local controversy with residents there.

"It's challenging to find stuff," he said of local inventory. "People are starting to get equity in their homes



Existing home sales are on an upswing in metro Detroit.

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He works with many seniors who want ranch homes or condos as they downsize and there's a shortage of those locally. Locally, younger millennials are also entering the market, he added.

Schippa urges buyers to get their pre-approval by meeting with their loan officer, noting extensive changes coming Aug. 1. Some local residents have lost jobs that pay in the range of \$25 an hour, he said, and are earning less now as their former employers went out of business.

"We've been doing an awful lot of training on it," Schippa said of pending preapproval changes, including work with banks and title companies, "to make sure everything is in place and ready to go.

"The best thing is to sit down, be truthful, get all your documents in order," he said. A credit check will reveal detailed information. If a potential buyer forgets something, he or she may lose a chance to buy.

"That's the hard part, especially if you've found a house you like," Schippa said.

Stoskopf said the top four municipalities in his area are Macomb Township, Lyon

Township, Canton and Novi. "The activity is actually steady (there)," Stoskopf said.

Macomb County's Shelby Township is down 107 permits this year compared to last, he said: "One community has really affected the numbers."

For new homes, 2013 came on strong following the recession, Stoskopf noted, with some subsequent decline, only 25 municipalities with 20 or more permits this year, compared to 35 such municipalities in 2014.

"There's been a contraction in the market of where this is going on," Stoskopf said. "Existing home activity is picking up. We track some of those

Existing homes are seeing values rise, Stoskopf said, and inventory improve. He noted the housing cycle which encourages some residents now to mull selling a home.

'It sort of goes back and forth," Stoskopf added.

Nationwide, the existing real estate market is also improving. The National Association of Realtors reports May sales are up regionally and nationwide, with firsttime buyers a major factor.

Total existing-home sales, which are completed transactions that include single-

family homes, townhouses, condominiums and co-ops, rose 5.1 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.35 million in May from an upwardly revised 5.09 million in April. Sales have now increased year-over-year for eight consecutive months and are 9.2 percent above a year ago (4.90 million), according to the NAR

Total housing inventory at the end of May increased 3.2 percent to 2.29 million existing homes available for sale, which is 1.8 percent higher than a year ago (2.25 million). Unsold inventory is at a 5.1month supply at the current sales pace, down from 5.2 months in April.

The median existing-home price for all housing types in May was \$228,700, 7.9 percent above May 2014. This marks the 39th consecutive month of year-over-year price gains, according to the NAR

In the Midwest, existinghome sales rose 4.1 percent to an annual rate of 1.27 million in May and are 12.4 percent above May 2014. The median price in the Midwest was \$181,900, up 9.4 percent from a year ago, the NAR reports.

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Santa Fe commercial area pricey

Q: I am interested in buying a building on Canyon Road in Santa Fe, N.M., to rent out an art studio. Can you give me some idea of the prospect of being able to secure same?

A: Most every space is taken up on Canyon Road for galleries and a restaurant or two. There are particular areas that are available for purchase with respect to raw land. The price, as you might expect, is extremely high. For example an

area in the downtown riverfront area of Santa Fe of approximately 2138 square feet or 28 of an acre is being offered for \$1,050,000. Obviously, the

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cost of same on Canyon Road would be even greater. It may be possible for you to rent or co-own a place where the gallery is closing out business or wants an additional co-partner. See an experienced real estate broker who specializes in commercial property.

Q: Do you have any resource for determining the real estate market and the cost of buying homes in southwest Colorado, partic-ularly around Durango?

A: Yes, most real estate companies publish their own brochures including a magazine called Homes & Land in SW Colorado located at homeandland.com. While the prices do not command the same premium as in other ski resorts in Colorado, their nearness to New Mexico, plentiful mountain skiing and canoeing areas, and the relatively competitive pricing make this area an ever popular place for retirees as well as families. The rental market is also very strong there because of the amenities including the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad.

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6139 Eastmoor Rd	\$525,000						
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211 N Williamsbury Rd	\$400,000						
234 Tuckahoe Rd	\$394,000						
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A difficult relationship with your boss can make every aspect of your work more challenging. It's a tough situation, but it's not necessarily a hopeless one.

Yes, in cases of true ineptitude or incompatibility, it might be best to seek employment elsewhere. But in many others, learning to make the best of the predicament can be the smartest move. Whether your manager is inconsistent, authoritarian or simply doesn't mesh with your personality or work style, the characteristics that make him hard to work with are often the ones that can teach you the most.

Here are five valuable skills you can learn from having a difficult boss:

1. What not to do: Modeling yourself after someone you admire is useful, but there's nothing like a front-row seat on unproductive behavior to help you crystallize your own professional values and style.

Learning what not to do is especially helpful if you currently manage others or hope to do so in the future. Taking note of the effects of the behavior on staff can yield leadership lessons more memorable than any business school could provide.

2. Self-reliance: A manager who doesn't always provide you with adequate resources or direction can force you to become more resourceful and assertive. You may need to learn to gather the information or support you require from others or figure out how to move forward with a project when details are fuzzy.

Similarly, a boss who doesn't adequately recognize or

appreciate your efforts can lead you to develop your own sense of the value of your contributions. The result can be a sturdier sense of satisfaction and confidence.

3. How to choose your battles: When working for a challenging boss, everyday conversations can seem like combat. From requesting feedback to defending a decision you made to explaining why you think a certain course of action is the right one, you know to expect a tense and difficult discussion.

View these interactions as learning opportunities -when it's worth bringing up an issue, when to push back and when to let a matter drop. Being able to distinguish between a garden-variety difference of opinion and a significant concern can help you establish effective working relationships with colleagues.

4. Diplomacy: Some of the most professionally valuable interpersonal skills, such as working toward compromise and building consensus, can be learned only by dealing with difficult people. That's why a little incompatibility with your manager can be a good thing. In an ever-shifting work environment, the ability to communicate with those who see things differently than you is indispensable.

5. Team building: When your supervisor isn't as supportive as you'd like, it can motivate you to seek out and cultivate nurturing professional relationships with others. A mentor, for example, can be especially valuable for those who don't find their boss to be role-model material. The situation might also spur you to form closer relationships with colleagues who may be struggling with some of the same issues you do.

None of this is to suggest that a contentious relationship with your manager is an enviable state of affairs. It's all too easy to let a difficult boss discourage you, cause you to question the value of your work or serve as an excuse not to deliver your best. But by treating the situation as a growth opportunity rather than a hardship, you give yourself a chance to emerge from the experience stronger and better prepared to meet the next challenges your career brings your way.

When that happens, don't be surprised if your opinion of your former boss changes. Years from now, you might realize that a manager who seemed hypercritical or overly demanding was simply trying to bring out your best or force you out of your comfort zone.

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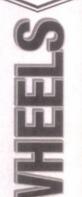
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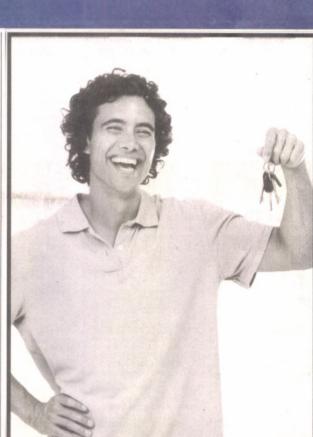
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