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

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Novi police seek suspect in Saturday robbery of Flagstar

Novi Police are looking for the man who robbed a Flagstar Bank on Saturday morning.

At approximately 10 a.m., a lone male entered the bank at 39900 Eight Mile Road and approached an employee in her cubicle. The suspect advised that he wished to make a cash withdrawal before stating it was a robbery and demanding the employee open the cash drawer. He then reached into the drawer and proceeded to take an undisclosed amount of money before fleeing the area on foot. A weapon was neither seen nor implied.

The suspect is described as being a black male, 32-37 years old, approximately 6 feet, 4 inches to 6 feet, 5 inches tall, 200-230 pounds, black hair, brown eyes and a thin beard. He was last seen wearing a black T-shirt, black basketball-style shorts with white sides, an unidentified baseball cap, white socks and white gym shoes.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Sgt. Scott Baetens at 248-348-7100 or remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at 800-SPEA-KUP.







Police are seeking the identity of this man in connection with a robbery at the Novi Flagstar Bank the morning of Aug. 1.

A HEAPING HELPING OF HISTORY

Rosewood sold, but will remain a restaurant

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

The Rosewood Restaurant, a Novi landmark on Grand River near the Suburban Collection Showplace, has changed hands.

"We have sold it. We owned it for 40 years," said Sally Zdravkovski, former owner with her husband and family. "It was built in the 1950s."

Her husband has health issues, said Zdravkovski, who continues to work for a Wixom firm. "It's time to let it go and let somebody else bring it back."

She recalled being just 17, her

husband 21, and buying the restaurant with family members from its original owner. "A lot of memories there," Zdravkovski said.

The restaurant has been purchased and will become Ahmo's, she said. "It's going to stay as a restaurant," Zdravkovski said, adding the new owners own five or six other restaurants, including one in Twelve Oaks.

"They're going to remodel everything inside" to prepare for a grand opening, she said. "Breakfast will still be served there. They are very good people." She anticipates lunch and dinner being served, too.

Lee BeGole of Novi, who was Novi's first police officer and a full-time fireman, said, "The Rosewood Restaurant was a nice place." BeGole, who was hired in 1953 and retired in 1991, recalled original owner Florence Harris.

"Florence Harris ran it for many years," he said. "Florence Harris was a very civic-minded lady." Many of the early meetings to incorporate Novi took place at the Rosewood.

"She participated all the way," he said of Harris, who died about 10 years ago.

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Novi's Rosewood Restaurant on Grand River Avenue will have new owners and a new name.

Opioid overdose prevention program saves Novi man

Twenty-four-year veteran police Officer Scott Tewes was trained July 28 on a new life-saving piece of equipment – a Nasal Naloxone kit – recently deployed by the Novi Police Department. Three days later, his first shift since being trained on its use, Tewes and Novi Fire Capt. John Martin used the kit to save the life of a 31-year old Novi

The incident took place in the 25000 block of Jackson, near the

intersection of 11 Mile and Seeley roads. First responders were sent to the residence at 6:31 a.m. upon receiving a 9-1-1 call about an unresponsive man who may have overdosed. The kit was used by Tewes and Martin within five minutes of the 9-1-1 call. The man immediately responded to the treatment, regained consciousness and was transported to a local hospital for additional

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Novi Fire Capt. John Martin (left) and Officer Scott Tewes with the life-saving



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Quake on the Lake event boosts charities that help kids

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

The 16th annual Quake on the Lake brought hydroplane racing July 18-19 to Pontiac Lake. The beach was lined with fans, but the real winners from that weekend are two local charities.

The Rainbow Connection, which touts "Making

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"I am very pleased

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of drug abuse," said David E. Molloy, Novi's

treatment.

dreams come true for Michigan children with life-threatening illnesses," benefits from the Quake proceeds.

'We appreciate all they do for us in sharing the message of the Rainbow Connection," said Mary Grace McCarter, executive director. The Rainbow Connection is the main Quake charity

save represents another opportunity for a community member to seek help for their addiction."

The \$60 Nasal Naloxone kit, which contains personal protective equipment, a CPR mask and a Naloxone mucosal atomization device, was recently purchased by the Novi Police Department due to a regional increase in heroin overdoses. Once trained, each officer is assigned their own kit to carry while on patrol.

and has been for a number of years. The Joe Kocur Foun-

dation for Children, founded by the former Red Wings player and several of his friends, also benefits from the event.

The Rainbow Connection (www.rainbowwishconnection.org) was founded in 1985 by L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County executive, in memory of Patterson's best friend and two children who died in a plane crash. It grants wishes to children ages 2-18 with life-threatening sicknesses, as well as assisting their families. The Rainbow Connection can be reached at 248-601-9474.

"Everyone who supports Rainbow Connection is important to us. We love the fact they help spread the word," Rochester resident McCarter said of the Quake. "We certainly appreciate being the charity for the proceeds. It really does make a difference."

The Joe Kocur Foundation for Children supports myriad groups, including Wings of Mercy, which flies ill children where they need to go; Orchard Children's Services; Huron Valley Special Olympics; FAR Therapeutic Arts and Recreation; and others.

Kocur's foundation has supported specific needs in the Huron Valley area and gives a scholarship each year to a Lakeland High School student planning a career in law enforcement or firefighting. The Kocur foundation was founded when one man's wife passed away and began as a tribute to her.

The Rainbow Connection had a wish child, a 5-year-old Highland girl, at Quake on the Lake. She and her family will visit Disney World in Florida in September.

Both charities have benefits coming up.

The Rainbow Connection will sponsor a Walk-Run for Kids at Kensington Metropark on Saturday, Aug. 22. Check-in will be 8 a.m., the run 9 a.m. and walk 9:15 a.m. There will be games, crafts and a lunch, which is included in the \$35 fee for the 5K run and \$25 fee for the walk.

"We would love for people to join us," McCarter said, noting the run portion is new this year, the 13th for the benefit.

McCarter noted this time of year there are 52 more children on the nonprofit's wish board than last year at this time. "Children wish for all kinds of things," she said, including visits to

JULIE BROWN

The Flaming Pistons Car Club show was a big hit during Quake on the Lake.

the Super Bowl. "We really, really seek support from our generous neighbors in Michigan to help make these dreams come true for children."

The Rainbow Connection serves children and families throughout Michigan.

Kocur's foundation will host its seventh annual Charity Softball Series on Saturday, Aug. 22, at Duck Lake Pines Park, 1241 N. Duck Lake Road, Highland. Gates will open 10:30 a.m. that day. The foundation events feature a number of Red Wings alumni, as well as other area athletes and celebrities.

With the support of law enforcement and firefighters from Milford, White Lake, Highland Township and Oakland County, this year's Kocur event proceeds

will benefit Team Kendal Kidz, Huron Valley Special Olympics, Wings of Mercy East Michigan, **FAR Therapeutic Arts** and Recreation, Play Like Jackson Foundation and the Shannon Gaber Silverthorn Lakeland High School Public Service Scholarship.

Both charities welcome donations and sponsors, with the Kocur foundation's mailing address at 2817 S. Milford Road, Suite 026, Highland, MI 48356.

At the recent Quake on the Lake, fans enjoyed a classic car show courtesy of the Flaming Pistons Car Club. Cars ranged from the 1940s to more recent models such as the Ford Maverick and Chevy Impala.

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The local police department had its meetings at the Rosewood in those days. "We had no real police station," Be-Gole said. "We worked out of the fire hall. We had our monthly police meetings there before Novi became a city.'

The Rosewood was originally a car from the **Detroit United Railway** interurban line, he said, brought to Novi with its wheels removed.

"They did a nice job,"

BeGole said of longtime owners Dave and Sally Zdravkovski. "Sally and Dave carried out the good food tradition." He's saddened they're leaving.

He recalled the Saratoga Farms as Novi's other good restaurant in earlier times. "Mostly Novi then was agricultural," with about 3,500 residents, he said. "I had an apartment above the fire station.

The DUR interurban served Novi then along Eight Mile. "When I started, the tracks were still there," he said. Of Novi's tremendous growth, BeGole said,

"Oh, it's amazing. I still don't believe it.

"The Rosewood Restaurant has a big place in the history of Novi, added BeGole, who recalled Harris serving coffee and doughnuts to police officers.

"It was the first restaurant that served pizza in Novi. Florence got a big pizza oven and went to school and learned to

make pizzas," he said. Sally and Dave Zdravkovski also have seen great growth. "When we got there, there was nothing there," she said, adding it's now "growing into a beautiful city. We would

like to thank all of our customers for 40 years of wonderful memories. Everybody we know, for 40 wonderful years of memories.

"They were all like family. I hope Novi is good to the new owners. We wish them all the best," she added. "We are going to go into our next chapter of life. Best wishes to everybody. We've made lots of friends."

The Zdravkovskis appreciate city of Novi support as well.

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A textbook case on how to get 'r done in Novi



n my 28 years of working at community newspapers - from Perry to St. Johns; Charlotte to Grand Rapids; Brighton to Northville I've talked with countless individuals who have similar complaints:

"No one listens to me at city hall."

"You can't get anything done in this town." "Politicians don't understand the average

citizen's concerns.

"Don't you ever print any good-news stories in the newspaper?'

Well, I've got a story that addresses every one of those issues - and proves each false here in Novi.

Let's begin June 1, when I received a phone call from city resident Paul Thal. It wasn't the first time we had chatted. He calls every once in a while with a story or emails me a quirky photo he thinks readers might

This time, however, it was much more serious. I could tell from his voice that he was frustrated and wanted action taken. I, too, was worried after listening to him. I thought I'd go right to the top and see what happens and immediately fired off this email to Mayor Bob Gatt:

"Hey, Bob. Hope all is well. I got a phone call from a Novi resident, Paul Thal. He is concerned about this fence (see attached photo) blocking drivers from seeing pedestrians, bicyclists, etc. at the 7-Eleven on the southwest corner of Haggerty and 10 Mile. He said he got no satisfaction when he went to the city. Thought I'd reach out to you before doing anything with it. His number is 734"

Within a few hours, I was cc'd on this email from the mayor to Pete Auger, city manager.

"Pete ... would you be so kind as to have staff look into this Tuesday and get me a report so I can call Cal. I just drove there and in my opinion [it] very well could obstruct vision of drivers .. jeopardizing walkers and bikers, etc., but I would welcome city's viewpoint. Thanks!"

Wow - that was quick, I thought. Almost as speedy was Mr. Auger's reply June 2:

"Mayor: The Ordinance Officers have looked into this existing fence at Meadowbrook and Ten Mile, between the 7-Eleven and Peachtree Plaza. The information offered to the resident, when he stopped in, was that the fence has been existing on the Peachtree Plaza property as installed and approved as a part of that development dating back to the late 1980s. The Ordinance Officers reviewed the situation and cannot find any ordinance or city code basis to require the removal or relocation of the fence.

"Additionally, the officers went out to review the situation, and saw the concern for visibility for pedestrians and bicycles using the sidewalk, so they did contact the owner to see if the owner would voluntarily move the fence back from the sidewalk to increase the visibility. Unfortunately, the owner declined to do anything about the fence.'

Another bad-news story?

At that point, I figured I might be on my way to writing one of those stories that hit on all four negative issues. But the emails between the mayor and city manager, with myself being cc'd, continued:

"Here's my concern," Gatt wrote. "If the ordinance officers and the mayor each saw the danger to pedestrians and bicyclists ... isn't there

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set a date to meet with

him during the week of

June 22nd to discuss a

solution to this concern,"

the city manager wrote to the mayor. "We hope

that we can convince him

to remove the fence pan-

Originally (left), the fence partially blocked the view of drivers exiting the parking lot of the 7-Eleven store on the southwest corner of Haggerty and 10 Mile roads, making it difficult to see bicyclists and pedestrians heading north on the sidewalk. One full panel of fencing was removed (right), giving drivers a much better view.

some way we can act out of public safety or public concern? Auger: "We will have

to work on this to gain some voluntary compliance."

"OK ... let's put our best people on it," the mayor wrote. And he ended the evening's correspondences around 7 p.m. with a final email to me, indicating he would "keep working towards a positive resolution."

All right, I thought, maybe this could end up being a positive-outcome story. Let's see what happens.

The next day, Gatt emailed me once more and said he'd keep me posted.

"Awesome," I replied. "I could tell Paul was frustrated. Hope it works out ... and nobody gets hurt over there.

"I agree totally ... you read the city's report on it ... appears to meet our ordinance, etc. ... and appears that the owner of the fence is not cooperating ... I think it's a safety issue ... hopefully, city staff will be able to persuade the owner to do something ... If not, I am going to meet with Pete and Tom Schultz (attorney) and consider any legal options.'

Now I know it's serious. Anytime lawyers are mentioned, things start getting real – and real

Later that week

By that Friday, Auger's update to the mayor indicated the city had spoken with the property owner, Mr. Arman, who was out of town but asked the city to call him the following Friday to set up an appointment to meet him on site.

"Maureen Underhill [ordinance enforcement officer] has the best relationship with Mr. Arman (she will be out of the office the week of June 15-19) so she will call him next Friday and

or a part thereof." That was at 7:29 a.m. June 5. Two minutes

el closest to the sidewalk

later, Gatt replied to Auger: "... it's only the last panel ... either remove it altogether or reduce its height by about half.'

Fast forward to July 15. That's when Underhill let Charles Boulard, the city's community development director, know via email that Mr. Arman had complied with the request to remove the panel blocking the vision of drivers exiting the 7-Eleven property.

"I thanked him on all of our behalves," Underhill wrote. "Case closed."

No battle lines drawn. No lawsuits with a long, drawn-out court battle. No animosities between any of the parties involved. And, most importantly, no bicyclists or pedestrians injured by a driver whose vision was impaired by that fence.

To each story, there is an ending. Sometimes, it isn't a great ending. Sometimes, it is," the mayor wrote to me July 15. "Kudos to the wonderful, tenacious staff [at the city of Novi] for their dedication, and to the owner who saw the light and did the right thing.

Thank you, Paul Thal, for that phone call that showed you can get city hall to listen, you can get something done in this town, there are politicians who understand vour concerns - and we do report good news!

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New PPL board



Providence Park League, the volunteer membership organization of Providence Park Hospital-Novi, recently installed new board members (from left) Doug Drobnis, Carole Pavelich, Pat Kaercher, Michele Robinet, Pat Poirier, Kathy McGuffin, Nancy Gormley, Candy Litman, Lou Grieshaber and John Ruttenberg. Also on the board are Dorisel Boggs, Tejaswi Akkineni and Louise Heyza. PPL provides leadership in both volunteering and philanthropy. The volunteers at the hospital contributed more than 45,000 hours this past year and donated \$83,000 to a \$1.5 million pledge, student scholarships and artwork for the hospital. Anyone interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities at the hospital, contact Volunteer Services at



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Walled Lake teacher has out of this world experience

Melody Arabo, Keith Elementary teacher, recently attended Space Camp at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, NASA's official Visitor Information Center for Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, Ala. This was one of Arabo's concluding activities as the Michigan Teacher for the 2014-15 school year.

The Space Camp educational program promotes science, technology, engineering and math, while training students and adults with hands-on activities and missions based on teamwork, leadership and decision-making.

Arabo was part of the Space Academy for Educators Program, which is designed for teachers who want to advance education in the STEM fields.

Arabo experienced astronaut simulators and took a virtual tour into space to save the International Space Station. Trainees also followed lesson plans based on NASA content (which is correlated to the National Science Education Standards) and received content and knowledge to pass on to their students in the class-

"Space Camp was an opportunity to reconnect with state Teachers of the Year and to connect with educators from around the world, including Austria, Australia, Germany, India and Norway," Arabo said. "It was an extraordinary experience that renewed my love of science instruction and sparked an interest in space history and exploration that I

never had before. I look forward to taking the activities and lessons I learned there back to my students and staff members.'

Space Camp operates year-round and uses astronaut training techniques to engage trainees in real-world applications of STEM subjects. Trainees sleep in quarters designed to resemble the ISS and train in simulators like those used by NASA. Nearly 700,000 trainees have graduated from Space Camp since its opening in 1982, including STS-131 astronaut Dottie Metcalf-Lindenburger and European Space Agency Astronaut Samantha Cristoforetti. Last year, children and teachers from all 50 states and 64 international locations attended Space Camp.



Walled Lake Keith Elementary teacher Meloday Arabo recently attended Space Camp at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center.

Resurfacing and more



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Resurfacing continues Aug. 3 on the tennis courts at Novi High School. The courts were closed in mid-May and should be open and ready for players by the end of August. Courts will feature new fencing, nets and playing surfaces.

W.L. welcomes two new administrators

Cynthia Nickel, a more than 15-year educator and administrator, has been named principal at Walled Lake Elementary School, while Julie Rader, a veteran in the food service industry, has been named supervisor for Food Services.

Nickel replaces Linda Day, who retired in June.

Nickel was an elementary principal in the Crestwood School District in Dearborn Heights for the past five years and was an elementary teacher in the Northville Public Schools for 11 years.

She earned an education specialist degree in administration from Wayne State University, a master's from Marygrove College and a bachelor's from Western Michigan University.

'Ms. Nickel believes in the critical role collaboration plays with teachers, parents and the community. She has the essential skills, passion, communication acumen, and



Nickel

Rader

leadership expertise to successfully serve the Walled Lake Elementary School community," Superintendent Kenneth Gutman said.

"I am honored to join the Walled Lake Consolidated School District," Nickel said. "It is evident that the teachers, staff and families of the Walled Lake Elementary School community are committed to providing students with an exceptional educa-

Rader replaces Janet Allen, who accepted employment elsewhere.

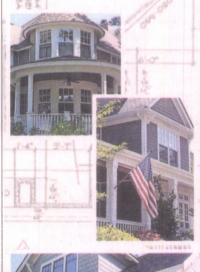
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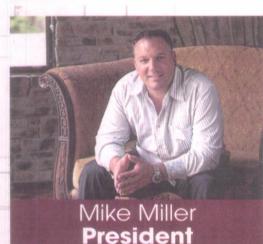
dinator for CS Partners in Brighton, where she coordinated the food service operations for schools under management by CS Partners. Prior to that, Rader was the food service director and staff accountant at Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Rader has a bachelor's degree in accounting from Baker College and she has two master's of business administration degrees from Baker, one in finance, and one in leadership studies. She also holds a Serv-Safe certification in food handling. "Ms. Rader's knowledge of

the food service industry and her nutrition expertise, coupled with her collaborative supervisory approach, will create an exciting direction and vision for the food services program and the students, staff and community of Walled Lake Schools," said Bill Chatfield, director of opera-

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ON CAMPUS Saint Mary's College Novi's Jacqueline Kjolhede received a bachelor's degree in communicative science and disorders May 16. **University of Central Oklahoma** Northville resident Michael Moore graduated with an associate in applied science degree in contemporary music performance as a part of

the summer 2015 class,

which included 562 stu-

Eastern Michigan

Student teams from EMU recently won first and third place and honorable mentions in a prestigious marketing contest against other college teams from around the world. Novi's Catherine McMacken was a member of the third-place team. In the competition, students are challenged to combine their knowledge, research and creativity as they work in teams on a marketing assignment from a corporate leader, who is their client. Faculty advisers

University

Expanding



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Work continues Aug. 3 on the classroom expansion project at Novi's Deerfield Elementary. All told, the district is adding 14 classrooms to three elementary schools for the 2015-16 school year.

Four more



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Work continues July 28 on the addition to Novi Meadows Elementary School. The construction, taking place on the school's south side, will include four additional classrooms and special projects areas and another entrance and driveway to the school.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

W.L. schools offer Preschool in the **Park**

The Walled Lake School Preschool Program is offering families of preschool aged children opportunities for some summer fun. There will be three opportunities for children ages 3-5 and their parent to join in the fun through reading, singing, dancing, playing and moving with some new friends. Each day will include stories, songs, crafts, games and a snack. The dates and locations are listed be-

» Thursday, Aug. 6 – Bloomer Park (7581 Richardson Road, West Bloomfield) 9:30-11 a.m. The theme will be "nature." Special guest will be a West Bloomfield naturalist.

A free summer preschool for income eligible children who will be enrolled in kindergarten in fall 2015 is available now. Classes are at the Walled Lake Community **Education Center and** run Monday through Thursday, through Aug. 18. Enrollment is ongoing; call 248-956-5080.

Northville Rotary offering Youth **Exchange Program**

The Rotary Club of Northville announced that applications for the Rotary Youth Exchange Program are now available to current high school students and students graduating in 2016. The Youth Exchange Program is for the 2016-17 school year and students would leave in August 2016. The applica-

tion deadline is Sept. 15. "The Rotary Youth Exchange Program is one of the premier programs of Rotary International and it is supported by Rotary Clubs all around the world," club presi-

dent Mark Ernst said. Students who participate in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program will spend one year abroad living and learning a new culture and new language. Students will be sponsored by a local Rotary Club here in the United States/Canada and in their new country and will attend high school in

their new country. The Rotary Youth Exchange Program provides students ages of 16-18 the opportunity of a lifetime.It's a chance to spend 11 months in another country learning the

language and culture. Students apply through their local Rotary Club and district. Students generally apply in September to go on exchange the next year. Outbound students and their parents are guided

through months of orientation and information about the country of their exchange year. Outbound students typically stay with two or three Rotaryapproved families and receive a monthly stipend for incidental expenses.

Rotary Youth Exchange outbound students need to be above average students who are eager for the chance to try new things and meet new people. You will learn about other cultures, about other people and about yourself. Students and families who may be interested in the Rotary Youth Exchange experience should check out this You Tube link at http://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=pGdwpF2BBp8.

Novi preschool registration

The Novi Community Education Preschool is now taking registrations for the Great Start Readiness Program for 4-yearolds starting in Septem-

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 trans-

portation. The all-day class will be held Monday through Thursday and follow the Novi school district calendar. The GSRP program uses the High Scope Curriculum. This curriculum supports the children learning through hands-on activities and follows the state of Michigan Early Childhood Standards. Lesson plans reflect social, emotional, physical, cognitive and language development.

Registration is ongoing. Space is limited and enrollment is not guaranteed. Parents or guardians should contact the Community Education Preschool office at 248-449-1713.

The following documents are necessary for pre-registration: Child Information Record form, 12-month proof of income of all house-hold members (2014 tax forms, FIA statement), child's birth certificate, health insurance, copy of child's immunization records and three proofs of Novi residency (one proof must be a mortgage or lease).

Host families needed in Novi

The 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

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.

WLCSD offering free preschool

A free summer preschool for income eligible children who will be enrolled in kindergarten in fall 2015 is available now. Classes are at the Walled Lake Community Education Center and run Monday through Thursday through Aug.

The district is also offering free preschool for children living in the Walled Lake area for the upcoming school year. Families of four earning up to \$60,625 per year are always eligible and those earning up to \$84,875 per year are sometimes eligible.

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

To enroll, children must be 3 or 4 years old on or before Sept. 1.

Call 248-956-5080 or go to www.wlcsd. org/webpages/preschool for more information.

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.

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 participants.

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.novicommunitved.org.

WLCSD summer meal program

Walled Lake Consolidated Schools will participate in the Summer Food Service Program through Friday, Aug. 21. 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, call 248-956-3080.

Northville 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

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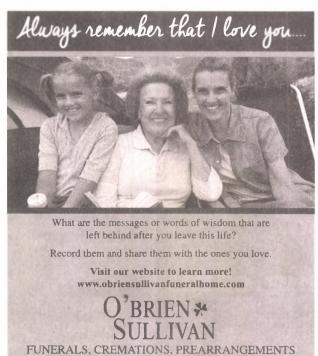
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Self-taught photography teacher shares creativity with kids, adults

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Amber Valentine of Northville is looking forward to teaching a photography class at the Northville Art House.

'I've been dabbling in it my whole life," said Valentine, 31, who has pursued photography professionally for more than a year. She's been having gallery shows monthly since November 2014.

The Northville Art House will host her first multimedia show in August. "My shows are actually all over the country," she said. "I'm completely self-taught in photography. I just picked up a camera and took to it."

She's worked part time at The Northville Gallery, doing such things as data entry, but that's taking a back seat now.

"I started teaching at the Art House and that is taking more of my time. The teaching is my priority," Valentine said. "I've taught for nonprofits in the past. That's been my passion for about six

She worked with Youth Empowerment Though Arts and Humanities, a Nashville, Tenn., nonprofit with a focus on music. "It's just amazing," she said. "It was life-changing for me. My passion is definitely with



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Amber Valentine will be teaching an upcoming 35mm SLR camera photography course at the Northville Art House.

nonprofits and working with children.

She especially enjoys the "creative peak" of ages 7-12 or so. "It's sort of before middle school gets you down," she said with a chuckle. "Adolescence is a hard time. I just love the creative age when you have your own imagination.

She tells kids, "Real life can be creative, too." Valentine studied

dance at Eastern Michigan University, ballet specifically. She later thought about attending the College for Creative Studies.

"Life always gets in the way when you make plans," she said. She came back for her father's wedding at Genitti's and he unfortunately died shortly after his wedding. He wasn't from Northville.

"I have some friends here," she said of Northville, and moved back with them, having earlier lived with them right out of school.

In addition to her experimental photography, she does handmade collages with vintage source

materials such as pieces of books.

'Some of them I find at vintage stores," Valentine said. She also preserves insects that have died naturally in hardcast plastic, carrying a canister with her when on nature walks.

Her Northville Art House class will be 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, 19, and 26, and requires advance registration. "That's going to be really fun," Valentine said. "I am completely open about my techniques."

She'll teach students that 35 mm doesn't have to die and will work on multiple exposures and even boiling film. "You can do all of this in your kitchen at home," without a darkroom, she said.

The class is geared to teens and young adults. Valentine noted there is no upper age limit "as long as you are interested and have a camera."

"I just want to impart my own creativity. I feel everyone has that side even if they don't recognize it," Valentine said.

For details, go to www.northvilleart house.org or call 248-344-0497. The Northville Art House is at 215 W. Cady, next to the post office and across from the Northville District Li-

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Novi's Sizzling

Time/Date: Aug. 12, The Music Lady (Beverly Meyer). Details: Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services is turning

Summer Art Series

up the heat with family friendly entertainment all summer long. Eleven events are scheduled throughout the summer at Fuerst Park. 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 Yogurt.

Movie: 'Inequality for All'

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18

The Dems of West Oakland County are sponsoring a free screening of the film Inequality for All, featuring Robert Reich, at the Novi Library (45255 W. 10 Mile at Taft Road); the public is

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/

Mustangs '90 reunion

Time/Date: 6:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22

Details: The Northville High School Class of 1990 will have its 25-year reunion at Genitti's Hole-in-the-wall (108 E. Main Street, Northville). Buy tickets early for an accurate count. Ticket covers food, space and administrative costs. Tickets will be priced higher at the door. For more information, go to www.nhs1990.org

'Invasive Species'

Dates: Through Aug. 23 **Details:** Joseph Zettelmaier's Invasive Species, starring Aral Gribble and Melynee Saunders Warren, makes its world pre-miere at Northville's Tipping Point Theater (361 E. Cady Street). The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. A special matinee performance has been added Wednesday, Aug.12, at 3

King of Cabs event

Date: Aug. 26 **Details:** Bottlz is hosting Nils

Venge, owner and winemaker of Saddelback Cellars in Napa, for a wine dinner. The "King of Cabs" is the first American winemaker to produce a 100-point wine. He will personally be presenting his latest wine lineup paired with a five-course dinner by chef Tom

Seating is limited to 80-90 peoole and about one-third tickets have already been sold. Bottlz is located at 31260 Wakefield (south side of 14 Mile Road, just east of Novi Road). For more information, call 248-519-4444 or go to http://www.bottlz-novi.com/Files/nils venge.pdf.

New Horizons exhibit

Time/Date: noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; noon to 4 p.m. Saturday through Aug. 29

Details: As a life-long landscape artist in the Midwest, Barbra White tells a story with her works to reveal images that flow through the composition. New Horizons, a solo exhibit by White, is open during Art House business hours. In addition, White will hold a Plein Air Workshop at the Art House; go to www.northvillearthouse.org for more information. The Northville Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the Northville Art Commission. Admission to Art House exhibits is free and open to the public. For more information, call 248-344-0497.

'Little Red Riding Hood'

Date: Through Sept. 20

Details: Enjoy a musical version of the classic Little Red Riding Hood at the Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville, This story is about a girl who one day travels alone through the woods on her way to Grandma's house. When Little Red Riding Hood arrives, Grandma strangely resembles a wolf! What happened to Grandma? Come see this fun, not scary, musical with lots of singing and dancing. Showtimes are 10:30 a.m. Aug. 6-7 and 10-14; 2:30 p.m. Aug. 8, 15, 22, 29 and Sept. 12 and 19; and 2:30 p.m. Sept. 13 and 20. Tickets for all performances are \$9. No children under the age of Group rates and reserved seating for groups of 20 or more. Birthday parties and Scout Days available. For more information, call 248-349-8110, email marquisthe a tre@sbcglobal.netor go to www.northvillemarquis theatre.com.

CITY OF NORTHVILLE - NORTHVILLE HOUSING COMMISSION **ALLEN TERRACE** PAINT AND CARPETING PROJECT

The City of Northville, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, requests sealed requests for proposals to paint common corridors and replace carpeting for the City of Northville Housing Commission - Allen Terrace Apartment Building, located at 401 High Street. All interested bidders should see the application to submit a proposal. Proposal details may be received by contacting the Architect, David Mielock, Mielock Associates, Inc, 114 Rayson Street, Suite 2C, Northville, MI 48167 (248) 349-2708.

A Pre-Bid walk-thru will be held at the project site, Allen Terrace Apartment Building, located at 401 High Street, Northville, MI at 11:00 A.M., Thursday, August 13, 2015. Pre-Bid attendance is not required but is highly recommended

An original proposal and two (2) copies must be submitted by Thursday, August 20, at 2:00 p.m. at which time they will be opened and read to: Dianne Massa, City Clerk, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167. Proposals must be sealed in an envelope marked "PROPOSAL - Allen Terrace - PAINT AND CARPETING PROJECT". Faxed and emailed proposals will not be considered. The City of Northville reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all proposals and to waive any irregularities in the proposals that are in the best interest of the City of Northville.

Northville City Hall Chamber is handicap accessible. Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs including handicap accessibility or interpreter are requested to contact the housing director at the above number at least 72 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

SHERRY NECELIS, HOUSING DIRECTOR DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

An electronic version of this Request for Proposal can be obtained from the City's web site. http://www.ci.northville.mi.us/Services/PurchasingAndRFPs/ProposalsBids.htm.

Published: August 6, 2015

City of Northville Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance **Article 15 – Schedule of Regulations**

At its regular meeting on August 17, 2015, the Northville City Council will introduce for first reading proposed amendments to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendments would update the Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 15 Schedule of Regulations. The proposed amendment pertaining to the calculation for front setbacks for construction within established R-1A and R-1B neighborhoods would eliminate the 0.9 multiplier, add one foot to the front yard average setback, and clarify how the average is determined.

Public comments will be received at the City Council meeting scheduled for August

17, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building – Council Chambers, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300. Written comments may also be submitted to the above address. Complete text of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for review at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, local prevailing time and on the city's website at www. ci.northville.mi.us.

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DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

SUMMONS

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS DIVISION OF ST. THOMAS AND ST. JOHN

Captain's Command at Bluebeard's Beach Club Owner's Association, Inc. Plaintiff

William Bethune, et al. Defendant

CIVIL NO. ST-14-CV-382

TO: Christopher J. Bezaire, 2115E Glen Haven Cir., Northville, MI 48167

Within the time limited by law (see below) you are hereby required to appear before this Court and answer to a complaint filed against you in this action. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment by default will be taken against you as demanded in the first amended complaint; judgment will be entered against you for DEBT AND FORECLOSURE OF LIENS.

Witness my hand and the Seal of this Court this 5th day of August, 2014.

ESTRELLA H. GEORGE Acting Clerk of the Court

Carol A. Rich, Esq. DUDLEY RICH DAVIS LLP Attorney for Plaintiff 5194 Dronningens Gade Suite 3 (at Hibiscus Alley) St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands 00802 Tel: 340-776-7474 Fax: 340-776-8044

crich@dudleylaw.com NOTE: If served by publication the defendant is required to file his/her answer or other defense with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the attorney for the plaintiff within thirty (30) days after the completion of the period of publication or personal service outside of the jurisdiction.

Published: July 30, 2015

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **DIXON MEADOWS JSP 14-46 AND ZONING** MAP AMENDMENT 18.709 FOR PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR A PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY ASSOCIATED WITH A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT, FROM RA (RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE) TO RM-1 (LOW DENSITY, LOW-RISE MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) WITH A PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY (RPO). The subject presents is approximately 22 36 agree and is REZONING OVERLAY (PRO). The subject property is approximately 22.36-acre and is located on the east side of Dixon Road, north of Twelve Mile Road (Section 10) and the applicant is proposing a development of a 95-unit single-family residential detached site condominium. Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, August 26, 2015.

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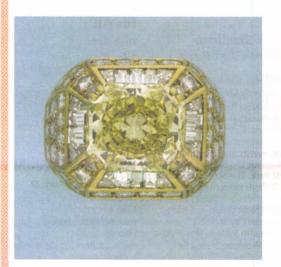
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Civil War replica cannons coming to state Capitol

Restoration of the state Capitol dome isn't the only change coming to Michigan's historic building

At noon Saturday, Aug. 8, the Capitol lawn will see the return of the famed Loomis Guns replicas of the historic Civil War cannons that Michiganders took into battle more than 150 years ago.

The project has been funded through private fundraising efforts.

Two 10-pound Parrott

guns once flanked the walkway that leads to the front entrance of the Michigan Capitol, according to state Sen. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake, who championed the plan with Sen. Steven Bieda, D-Warren. The Michigan Capitol was dedicated to the memory of Michigan's Civil War soldiers and the Loomis guns symbolically protected the building's main en-

It is believed that the original guns disappeared approximately 70 years ago during a World War II scrap metal drive. With the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War, the two spent the past two years raising money to bring exact replicas of the guns back to the state

"This project allows us to remember our Civil War soldiers and commemorate their extraordinary efforts - it's been a great and humbling experience for us," Kowall said. "It's amazing the

horrors these brave men went through. Michigan made a commitment to remember them and it's time we honor them by restoring their history."

The original cannons belonged to the renowned Loomis Battery, led by Gen. Cyrus O. Loomis of Coldwater and composed of local volunteer soldiers of the Coldwater Light Artillery. The Loomis Battery participated in many significant battles, including Perryville, Stones River and Chicka-

mauga.
"Like all of America's soldiers, Michigan's Civil War soldiers gave up so much for our nation and this is our way of thanking them," Bieda said. "Like many in Michigan, I have a passion for our history and when I found out these original guns went missing, I immediately agreed to work with Sen. Kowall to bring Michigan's history back to the Capitol's front steps to bring that legacy

A public ceremony is planned for Aug. 8 on the front lawn of the state Capitol as the Loomis cannons are restored to their rightful place. The event will include Civil War re-enactors, firing of cannons, an original Loomis cannon on display, a President Abraham Lincoln re-enactor and more. This historic and fun event is planned as a family affair.

For more information, go to www.capitolcannons.com.

Lessons

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Harini Kandi, 12, takes a swing at a ball during a July 24 group tennis lesson at Novi's ITC Park. The park is on Eight Mile Road, east of Napier, and has a playground, basketball and tennis courts, softball diamonds and

soccer fields.





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Dilip Sunkara, 8, works on his tennis game. Sunkara was at the courts with a bunch of other kids taking a private lesson.

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pairs often cost more than the original estimates. You may find yourself swindled and defrauded by transient/ traveling criminals performing scams. Do not become a victim.

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» One of the most common types of fraud involves asphalt paving. The perpetrator often tells the homeowner they have leftover asphalt

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Gazelle Sports is celebrating the grand opening of its store in the Northville Park Place shopping center, at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads.

Gazelle Sports celebrating grand opening of Northville location

Gazelle Sports is celebrating the grand opening of its store in the Northville Park Place shopping center at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads. The new store will welcome the community Aug. 12-16 with various free events, giveaways and more.

Gazelle Sports Northville - the fourth location and first on the east side of the state for the running, soccer and active lifestyle specialty retailer - will have an official ribbon-cutting as a part of the grand opening celebration, as well as a pub run featuring food and beer from new neighbor Granite City Brewery, an evening of yoga and giveaways and prizes throughout the weekend from vendors like adidas, Nike and New Balance.

"We hope the community will embrace the entire culture that is Gazelle Sports,"]store manager Christine Pedder said. "We're excited

to meet community members and build relationships that will help further our mission of promoting healthy, active lifestyles across Michi-

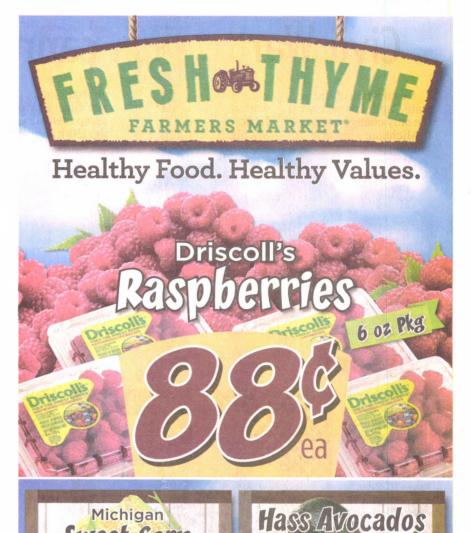
Gazelle Sports specializes in footwear and apparel and is committed to providing its customers with the best product and the "world's best customer care," as the retailer's mission statement promises. "Our new sales associates experience 50 to 60 hours of training before working independently on our sales floor, while continuing education averages two hours a week," Gazelle Sports co-owner Chris Lampen-Crowell said.

Gazelle Sports is already well known to many in greater Northville via its local soccer club involvement through Gazelle Sports' Team Division. Gazelle Sports will offer a unique soccer experience within the store along with its industry-leading running

expertise. Gazelle Sports was named one of the Top Four Running Stores in the nation in 2012 by Competitor magazine and has made its Top 50 list every year for nearly a decade

"We bring an amazing retail experience to active people and to those who want to get moving, in terms of our staff and their ability to help individuals at any fitness level, but also in terms of the breadth of our product assortment ... particularly apparel that isn't currently available in the area," Lampen-Crowell said. "It's a different kind of retail experience. Gazelle Sports builds on relationships - relationships with our employees and relationships with our customers, our vendors and our communities. We're more than just a transactional business."

Go to GazelleSports.com for all the grand opening details and a full schedule











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JOHN HEIDER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Owen Replogle, 10, helps hawk the stainless steel campfire grill named the Call of the Yooper.

JOHN HEIDER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Jody **Bustamante** and her husband Jim (not pictured) were selling wooden model car kits.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A good, steady crowd moves through downtown Northville for the Buy Michigan festival. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Renee Radke of Romeo checks out some Michigan-themed shirts Aug. 1 at the Buy Michigan Fest in downtown Northville. The festival celebrating Michigan-based products and ideas took over downtown Friday through Sunday.







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New Livonia medical building to include surgery center

Mendelson Kornblum Orthopedic & Spine Specialists opened a new, state-of-the-art health care center Aug. 5 in Livonia.

The Mendelson Professional Building, named in honor of orthopedic surgeon Herbert Mendelson, M.D., houses the Mendelson Kornblum orthopedic practice and an outpatient surgery center, run by St. Mary Mercy Livonia. The building, near the north-west corner of Five Mile and Levan roads, will also contain Lakes Urgent Care clinic. "We are very fortu-

nate to have the opportunity to build at Five Mile and Levan Road," said Mike Beaubien, CEO of Mendelson Kornblum Orthopedic & Spine Specialists. "The location is the former Frank's Nursery and has been without a tenant for many years. The city of Livonia has been a great partner in helping us achieve our vision of a new health care center. We hope the community is as excited



The Mendelson Professional Building will house the Mendelson Kornblum orthopedic practice and an outpatient surgery center, run by St. Mary Mercy Livonia. The building will also contain Lakes Urgent Care clinic.

about it as we are." This 42,000-square-

foot health care center was custom-designed with patient care in mind. The main level will be occupied by the Mendelson Kornblum and Lake Urgent Care clinics. On the second level, St. Mary Mercy Livonia

has leased 21,000 square feet of space for its outpatient surgery center and Michigan Bariatric Institute clinic, slated to open in late 2015.

The Mendelson Kornblum Orthopedic & Spine Specialists clinic space is 14,000 square feet, 2½ times the size of the

previous office space in the St. Mary Mercy Marian Professional Building. The clinic is equipped with state-ofthe-art equipment such as digital X-ray and wireless technology. Services offered at the clinic include orthopedics, spine, pain management and

fer physical therapy in its 4,500-square-foot gym with all new equipment. The Mendelson Professional Building is a \$13 million investment for the group.

With its new Outpatient Surgery Center, St. Mary Mercy Livonia will expand its surgical services offering select ambulatory procedures and surgeries requiring less than a 24-hour stay. The center will include three operating room (OR) suites, two procedure rooms, 19 spacious, private pre/post-operative patient recovery rooms, visitor waiting rooms and clinical office

"Opening this new outpatient center not only provides efficiencies and a better patient experience, it allows us to expand our surgical program, which was at capacity," said David Spivey, president and CEO, St. Mary Mercy Livonia. "With the expansion of the capacity of the capa sion of our ambulatory surgeries off-site, more

complex cases can occupy the hospital campus

operating rooms."
The new,\$6.9 million center's OR suites boast fully integrated surgical technology and digital equipment. The design and layout of the space was created for clinical efficiency, easy access, privacy and comfort for patients and guests.

The Michigan Bariatric Institute will soon move from the St. Mary Mercy Marian Professional Building to a clinic within St. Mary Mercy's space on the second floor of the Mendelson Professional Building. The new clinic features six exam rooms and classroom space. The classroom space will be used for Bariatric seminars and support groups.

In total, the Mendelson Professional Building will bring nearly 60 jobs to the community with staff additions at Mendelson Kornblum Orthopedic Specialists and the St. Mary Mercy Outpatient Surgery Cen-

Next-level drones, security cams, smart watch shakeup

he next generation of drones is here and this time they float, too. Parrot's new Hydrofoil Drone is a hybrid device that combines a flying mini-drone and a floating minidrone. Together, the components allow users to hit the open water as fast as 6 mph before launching a quad copter via a smart phone app turned remote control.

In the fall, the Hydrofoil will be available among a new line of minidrones that include the Parrot Jumping drone, which can drive up to 4 mph and jump more than two feet in the air. With each mini-drone retailing for less than \$200, price is not a barrier to this advanced remote control



device market.

Move over, home security companies

Tech company Netatmo may have just made the traditional home alarm system irrelevant thanks to its new Welcome Camera, which offers facial recognition.

The Welcome Camera retails for \$199 and eliminates the need for monthly fees and remote professional monitoring. With Welcome, users stream their camera's view remotely from their computer or mobile device. The camera alerts users to movement and recognizes faces of guests coming to your door - or anywhere else your camera is placed.

Facial recognition software detects new faces and flags them with a question mark, alerting the user to a new person in the camera's

In full disclosure, I work for a company that represents both Parrot and Netatmo, but that doesn't make their products any less noteworthy or groundbreaking. Their prices make drones and home security a possibility for the average consumer.

Smart watch shakeup

For months, talk about smart watches and tech wearables have revolved around the launch of the new Apple Watch. But after an initial sales boom in April, sales have decreased 90 percent as of July 1

It could be that Apple loyalists and consumers rushed to pre-order the device. Or it could be that many tech consumers already own smart watches, traditional watches or fitness trackers that have some similar functions and there is no need to double dip. Or it could be that the \$549 base price is a bit much for many consumers to stomach. While that's

within the going rate for a cellphone or computer, our cellphones are often subsidized through twoyear contracts with carriers.

As the Apple Watch's future is uncertain, one thing about tech wearables and mobile tech devices is clear: not every consumer will own one type of every device. It is expensive and illogical for manufacturers to assume each individual will own a smart phone, a

smart watch or wearable,

a tablet and a computer. This laundry list of personal gadgets seems more extreme when we realize why mobile technology was such a hit in the first place. Laptops removed the need for external keyboards,

printers and standalone towers and monitors. Smart phones combined watches, radios, MP3 players and cameras all in one. If you are like me and you think we are heading in the wrong direction by making computers smaller and less functional by placing them on our wrists or within our glasses, maybe you already know the destiny of the Apple Watch. It could be the next Google Glass which, as of January of this year, isn't being sold anymore.

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MAHLE Powertrain receives \$2.5 million energy grant

U.S. Sens. Gary Peters and Debbie Stabenow recently announced a \$2.5 million grant from the Department of Energy to MAHLE Powertrain, a global automotive systems supplier located in Farmington Hills, to develop and optimize a Combined Heat and Power generator.

The generator uses an internal combustion engine with a turbulent jet ignition, which enables the system to operate under ultra-lean conditions and increase thermal efficiency. Oak Ridge National Laboratory will work with the company to develop an innovative low-temperature, after-treatment system to reduce exhaust emissions.

"Making sure that our auto manufacturers and suppliers are equipped to lead the way in cuttingedge technologies will help the American auto industry continue to thrive and compete globally," Peters said. "It's fitting that an auto systems supplier in Michi-

gan is helping to pioneer these technological advances to figure out new solutions for cutting fuel costs and emissions while reducing our dependence on foreign oil. Investing in innovative research is key to developing the next generation of fuelefficient automobiles here at home, and this support from the Department of Energy will help make these cars of the future a reality for businesses and consumers."

"Today's announcement is another example of the innovation and leadership of Michigan's businesses who are leading the way in developing new technologies," Stabenow said. "This investment in auto manufacturing will help reduce pollution and improve fuel efficiency so families pay less at the pump."

"MAHLE Powertrain is pleased to have the opportunity to work with the Department of Energy and Oak Ridge National Laboratory," said Hugh Blaxill, head of MAHLE Powertrain

North America. "Combustion development is a key enabler to achieving future fuel economy and emissions targets. MAH-LE Powertrain's years in developing advanced combustion research utilizing a pre-chamber jet ignition combustion system will be a key factor in developing a low-temperature aftertreatment system that can be used to reduce exhaust emissions.

The grant is funded through the Department of Energy's Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy. ARPA-E advances high-potential, high-impact energy technologies that are too early for private sector investment, helping to develop entirely new ways to generate, store and use energy. The grant is part of one of ARPA-E's newest programs, GENerators for Small Electrical and Thermal Systems, to develop generator technologies that will improve efficiencies in CHP generation.

WEDNESDAY, August 26TH 5:30-9:50 PM

There will be Free Open Skating, Hot Dogs, Figure Skating Exhibition, Games, and Raffles!

For a full schedule of events visit

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SCAMS

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owner is aware of the poor work.

» Another common fraud involves painting the exterior of homes. The perpetrator paints the exterior of your home using a substandard water-based paint. When the homeowner inspects the job, it may look sufficient. The homeowner then pays the perpetrator and they leave the area quickly. A few days later, or after rain, the homeowner can then notice the low-quality job and the perpetrator has moved on to another city.

» Other frauds can involve the perpetrator partially completing a job, requesting payment and then never returning to finish the work. Or the perpetrator will give an estimate for work and starts the job without the homeowner's permission. The perpetrator performs part of the work, and demands payment for the entire job.

If you are approached by these types of persons in your neighborhood, call the Oakland County Sheriff's Office to help prevent you or your neighbors from becoming a victim of a scam at 248-858-4950.

WARNING SIGNS » The repair person drives an

unmarked truck or van with an out-of-state license.

» The worker has no business identification. local address or telephone number.

» You are offered a "special price" if you sign today.

» The worker wants upfront cost or fees or accepts only

cash. » No written estimates or contracts are provided.

» The worker does not have any references. » The offer sounds "too

good to be true."

» The worker cannot provide any contractor's license, permits, insurance or bonding information.

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 children birth through fifth grade. Pre-register.

Church of the Holy Family

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 appointment

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

Destiny Worship Center

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 41355 Six Mile, Northville

Contact: DestinvW3C@Gmail.com Web: www.DW3C.org

Detroit Japanese Christian Fellowship

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

Dominion Church

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

Emmanuel Lutheran

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org

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

Youth group: 7 p.m. 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 Adam Hamilton

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

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

novi.org 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: 9 a.m. to noon, Aug.10-14 --

RELIGION CALENDAR

Everest – Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power

First Baptist Church of Northville

Contact: 248-348-1020

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Saturday

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 Contemporary worship service Service and Adult Bible Fellowship classes. Cafe is open from

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

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

Children and Teen Sunday Worship at 11 a.m.

Bible Study: Thursdays at 6 a.m. at 6:30 p.m. (through the sum-

First Free Will **Baptist Church**

Location: 51395 10 Mile Road,

Contact: 248-348-2380

First Presbyterian

Location: 200 E. Main. Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing, North-

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

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

First Church of the **Nazarene**

Children's Sunday School; 11 a.m. with Kids Church, Teen Worship 9:15-11 a.m.; 6 p.m. Evening

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 preschool age

- Men of Purpose Prayer Group and Bible Study; and Wednesday mer) in Room 300.

Church of Northville

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

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington

First United Methodist Church of Northville

Location: 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville

Contact: 248-349-1144 Web: www.fumcnorthville.org.

Frank Turner Ministries

Location: Novi Civic Center 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 new way of sharing and receiving the love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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

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-

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

Hope Lutheran

a.m. second Saturday

Location: 39200 W. 12 Mile,

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

(formerly First Baptist Church and Orchard Hills Baptist Church) Location: 23455 Novi Road,

Web: www.legacychurch.us **Sunday School/Small Groups** for all ages: 9:45 a.m.

Worship Services: 11 a.m. Bible Study/Prayer: Wednes-

Livonia Church of

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.;

Wednesday 7 p.m. Meadowbrook

Ritter, senior minister; 248-348-7757; office@mbccc.org Web: www.mbccc.org

Church School and Nursery Care: provided during worship Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.

Memorial Church of Christ

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

Northville Contact: 248-349-2621

Saturday Worship: 5 p.m. Sunday Worship: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church

Global Leadership Summit:

Aug. 6-7. Hosted at both the

Plymouth and Brighton loca-

in North America, with an ex-

pected 260,000 leaders from

all walks of life - education.

around the world. Leaders from

business, faith-based organiza-

tions, non-profits, churches - will

gather for two days of high-level

training at The Global Leader-

Willow Creek Association and

broadcast live in HD from the

Chicago location, this annual

conference brings in a world-

class faculty to leaders and teams

of leaders who are committed to

developing and strengthening

www.NorthRidgeChurch.com/

Northville Christian

Location: 41355 Six Mile

Contact: 248-348-9030

Web: www.ncalife.org

second level (208/210).

Sundays: 9-10 a.m. Sunday

School for adults/youth/children;

sanctuary; 10:15 a.m.: Contempo-

9 a.m. Contemporary service in

rary service in worship center;

children's super church on the

Wednesday Family Night: 7

junior and senior high ministries;

children's programs, Nursery and

Preschool Program on Sundays

Northville Christian School (day

care; preschool through eighth

p.m.; Adult elective classes;

and Wednesdays Home of

grade); call 248-348-9031.

Novi-Northville

Life

Center for Jewish

Details: Events, programs and

activities for all ages throughout

the year - children's programs,

Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom and

Leah Susskind; 248-790-6075;

rabbi@novijewishcenter.com

Novi United

Contact: 248-349-2652

Web: www.umcnovi.com

Facebook: https://www.face-

book.com/pages/Novi-United-

Sunday Worship: 9:45 a.m.

Healing Service and Holy

Communion: 9:45 a.m. first

Peace Vigil: noon first Sundays

in front of the church. Members

community will stand united in

of the congregation and the

OakPointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile,

Web: www.oakpointe.org/

Worship Services: 5:15 p.m.

Saturday; 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

ReNew Life Group Ministries:

7-9 p.m. Monday (groups meet

Women's Life Groups Minis-

tries: 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9:30 a.m.

Men's Life Groups Ministries:

6 a.m. Friday; at the church and

Oakland Baptist

Location: 23893 Beck Road,

Web: www.oaklandbaptist-

Community Church

Web: www.orchardgrove.org VBS Kids Camp: 9 a.m. to noon

Aug. 3-6; free for children 4

years old through third grade

and \$10 for fourth-through

sixth-graders; a sports camp

where kids will enjoy multiple

flag football and cheer/dance)

sports (basketball, soccer, karate,

throughout the week along with

a specifically designed camp for

grades 4-5-6. For more informa-

tion, contact Shawna Schwan-

schwaninger@orchardgrove.org.

inger at shawna.

Contact: 248-982-4041

Orchard Grove

Location: 850 Ladd Road,

Contact: 248-926-6584

Contact: 248-912-0043

lifegroups

Sunday

weekly)

Wednesday

Church

novi.org

Walled Lake

various locations

prayer for peace.

Methodist-Church/59782031433

Methodist

Sunday

Web: www.novijewishcenter-

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile, Novi

Sunday school, adult Jewish

classes, youth clubs, holiday

services and programs and

community social events.

their leadership skills. Regis-

tration available at

Assembly

ship Summit. Organized by

tions, the Summit will be seen in

more than 375 satellite locations

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville

Contact: 248-374-2268 Children (5-10) & Adult Sun-

day 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

Pentecostals of Novi

Location: Novi Civic Center. 45175 W. 10 Mile

Contact: 248-697-8158 Web: www.thepentecostalsofnovi.org

Plymouth St. John's

Episcopal Church Location: 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth

Contact: 734-453-0190, ext. 16 Web: www.stjohnsplymouth-

Praise Baptist Church

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

Prince of Peace Lutheran

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

www.princeofpeacefhills.org Fall Support Groups: Hosting two separate fall support groups: "Hope for Tomorrow" for those grieving and "Through 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 pre-

register or for more information. St. James Catholic

Location: 46325 10 Mile, Novi Contact: 248-347-7778

Web: www.sjnovi.net Pastor: Monsignor John Kasza. Mass schedule: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m.

Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday. St. John Lutheran

Church

Location: 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills Contact: 248-474-0584 Web: www.stjohn-lutheran.com Saturday Worship: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Worship: 9, 11:15 a.m. Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran

Location: 201 Elm Street, Northville (behind Hiller's) Web: www.stpaulnorthville.org Contact: 248-349-3140

Sunday worship: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; nursery care provided during worship services

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Sunday Youth Bible Study: 9:45 a.m. in the Youth House

across Elm street Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study: 10 a.m. Confirmation Classes: 7 p.m.

The Relational

Mondays. AA: 8 p.m. Fridays.

Church Location: 24139 Brentwood

Pastor: Michael Zerkich Contact: 248-767-8626

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Location: 40000 Six Mile, North-

Web: www.wardchurch.org Contact: 248-374-7400 Sunday Worship: 8 a.m. Liturgical in the Chapel; 9:30 a.m. Contemporary in the Sanctuary; 11 a.m. Traditional in the Sanctu-

ary; 11a.m. Post-Contemporary in

Knox Hall. **Sunday Groups and Classes:** Nursery, Children's and Middle School programs available on Sunday mornings. High School Sunday night at 6:30 p.m. Sunday Morning Adult Life Classes

also available. Service Broadcasts: Live at http://live.wardchurch.org at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays for live interactive video web-streaming. Also, the Traditional Service is broadcast every week on WRDT-

AM 560 at 11 a.m.

Market goodies



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www.hometownlife.com

JOHN HEIDER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Lynnet Slowinski of Fusilier Farms sells sweet and tart cherries July 23 at the Northville Farmers Market. The market will continue each Thursday through the end of October at the

assages

corner of Seven Mile and Center Street.

How to reach us: 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. ANGELL, JOHN S. Age 94, longtime resident of

obit: casterlinefuneralhome.com COLLINS, KATHLEEN February 24, 1964 July 18, 2015 www.obriensullivanfuneralhome

Northville passed away Aug. 2, 2015. Share condolences and full

DALIAN, ANTHONY September 13, 1929 - July 21, 2015. Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. www.phillipsfuneral.com

.com Thank you

Age 75, of Northville and Torch passed away July 28, 2015. Share condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com GABEL, RONALD

April 17, 1943 July 25, 2015

www.obriensullivanfuneralhome

DAVIES, ROBERT C.

HAMMON,

KATHLEEN March 17, 1920 July 28, 2014 www.obriensullivanfuneralhome · com

LINGLE, ANNA October 24, 1943 July 24, 2015 www.obriensullivanfuneralhome

LOPUS, JEAN 1934 July 23, 2015 www.obriensullivanfuneralhome

.com MEYER VIOLA November 10, 1937 - August 1, 2015. Arrangements b PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME.

POLOSKEY, GINGER August 11, 1943 July 31, 2014 www.obriensullivanfuneralhome

www.phillipsfuneral.com

THOMPSON PRESTON B. "BRAD" 90, of Northville, formerly of Farmington Hills and Knoxville, TN, passed away 08/02/2015 Share condolences and full obit at casterlinefuneralhome.com





WINGERTER, STELLA LUCILLE Age 88 passed away on July 31, 2015. Wife of Harry Wingerter

Jr. for sixty-nine years. Founder of gift store chain named Bon Ton Shoppe. Loving mother of Judith Drewitz (Howard), Janet (Charles), Wingerter (Yvonne), four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Celebration Memorial of Stella's life will be held at Cornerstone Church of Highland, 4995 N. Hickory Ridge Rd., Highland, on Saturday, August 8, at 10 a.m. For further information please contact Lynch & Sons, Milford, 248-684-6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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

Church

Farmington Hills

Legacy Church

Contact: pastor Jon Hix, 248-

day 7 p.m.

Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman. Livonia Contact: 734-427-8743 Web: www.livoniachurch.net

Congregational Church

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

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Location: 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia Minister: Mark McGilvrey

NorthRidge Church Location: 49555 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth

Contact: 734-233-3621; pheaton@northridgechurch.com

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

Our Lady of Good

Our Lady of Victory Location: 132 Orchard Drive,

Web: www.olvnorthville.org

OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars offered by the Oakland County One-Stop Shop Business Center.

Unless otherwise noted, all programs take place at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For pre-registration and location specifics, go to www.advantageoakland.com/ businessworkshops or call 248-858-0783.

Walk-In - Start-up **Thursdays Free Business** Counseling

Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1:30-4:30 p.m.: Entrepreneurs who want to start

a business but do not know where to begin can receive confidential, one-on-one advice from an experienced business counselor with no appointment necessary. Counselors will provide direct answers to startup questions, suggest next steps and provide guidance on business planning tools. Sessions will be limited to 15 minutes and available on a first come, first served basis. One-Stop Shop Business Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford. No fee.

CEED Lending Small Business Loan Orientation

9-11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug.

Many small businesses face obstacles when trying to obtain

a business loan. If your business is located in Oakland County and you have a need for alternative financing, consider learning more about the **CEED Lending Small Business** Loan Program. Discover the requirements and process necessary to apply for and obtain a Small Business Loan. CEED Lending is an initiative of Great Lakes Women's Business Council (formerly The Center For Empowerment and Economic Development).

Business Research: Feasibility to Expansion

6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12. Free.

For a startup or existing small business looking to research their business idea or find research for their business plan. This workshop will

show you ways to find your ideal customers, find your competitors, diversify your market base, perform competitive analysis and more.

Starting a Business

9-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 13. Free.

This workshop is designed for individuals who are at the beginning stages of starting a business. It will help aspiring entrepreneurs assess their abilities to lead and manage a company, as well as evaluate market and sales potential for their products/services. Startup costs, financing options, and business planning are introduced, along with necessary steps to getting started. Presented by the Michigan Small Business Development Center.

Team SBA Financing Roundtable

9 a.m. to noonThursday, Aug. 13. Free.

What's the secret to getting a business loan? Attend this free Financing Roundtable and find out how banks look at your application, what you can do to improve your chances for a loan, and how SBA loan guarantee programs can help you get the financing you need. This session is best suited to those who have good credit, a solid business idea, and some money to invest in their business. Because the SBA does not provide loan guarantees to real estate investment firms, including purchasing and rehabbing houses for resale, this type of financing is not discussed at the roundtables.

Your Invitation to

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HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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OUR VIEW

Forfeiture laws: Reform needed for justice

When law enforcement agencies raid a suspected drug dealer's home and confiscate property such as cars, money or other items, we support this. Police don't want criminals to benefit from their illegal activity.

What happens, though, if there is no conviction? That property should and would be returned, one would think.

That's not the case in Michigan and we're glad our state Legislature is working to reform civil asset forfeiture. The current forfeiture rules must be fixed because they allow police to confiscate items even if it's determined no crime was committed.

Michigan's Civil Asset Forfeiture laws allow police to take property from citizens if they suspect a crime was committed, even when there is not enough evidence to charge them. Homeowners must then prove they did not purchase their property with proceeds from criminal activity and sue to get the property back.

In many cases, police raid a home where there clearly is no drug dealing happening; instead, residents are involved with medical marijuana, which voters stated is a legal use here in Michigan

The following are a couple of examples of how regular citizens were caught in the unjust web of forfeiture laws.

Gin Hency and Annette Shattuck describe themselves as soccer moms, active in their communities and in their children's lives. Since July 2014, the St. Clair County women have shared another similarity: Both of their homes were raided by the St. Clair County Drug Task Force. Hency and Shattuck are registered medical marijuana caregivers. Among the things taken in the raid were their medical marijuana cards issued by the state, televisions, a bicycle and documents including driver's licenses and insurance cards. Another item reported taken was Hency's vibrator (yes, a sex toy).

"It was devastating," Shattuck said.

Hency and Shattuck were charged with marijuana-related counts several months after the raids. Three of the six charges against Shattuck were dismissed. Both charges against Hency were dismissed, but she has still been unable to reclaim her property.

Another example occurred with Thomas Williams, who was alone in November 2013 when police raided his rural St. Joseph County home wearing black masks, camouflage and holding guns at their sides. They broke down his front door with a battering ram.

"We think you're dealing marijuana," they told Williams, a 72-year-old retired carpenter and cancer patient who is disabled and carries a medical marijuana card.

When he protested, they handcuffed him and left him on the living room floor as they ransacked his home, emptying drawers, rummaging through closets and surveying his grow room, where he was nourishing his 12 personal marijuana plants as allowed by law. Some had recently begun to die, so he had cloned them and had new seedlings, although they were not yet planted. That, police insisted, put him over the limit.

They did not charge Williams with a crime,

Instead, they took his Dodge Journey, \$11,000 in cash from his home, his television, his cellphone and his shotgun — and are attempting to take his Colon Township home. And they plan to keep the proceeds, auctioning off the property and putting the cash in police coffers.

More than a year later, he is still fighting to get his belongings back and to hang on to his house. "I want to ask them, 'Why? Why me?' I gave

"I want to ask them, 'Why? Why me?' I gave them no reason to do this to me," said Williams, who says he also suffers from glaucoma, a damaged disc in his back and COPD, a lung disorder. "I'm out here minding my own business and just wanted to be left alone."

We ask the same question – why? There's no reason except that police have cer-

tain laws that allow for this type of forfeiture.

A bipartisan package of bills, approved by a House committee, would make changes, including raising the standard for forfeiture to the highest in civil court, one of clear and convincing evidence rather than a preponderance of the evidence. The bills would also require detailed reports from local police to the state police on property forfeited.

It's a good first step and we hope to see it approved so residents don't have to worry about property getting taken when they're broken no laws.

aws.

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Warning



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A warning sign from Savin Lake Services greets visitors July 22 to Novi's Pavilion Shore Park after Walled Lake was treated with various aquatic herbicides. It was advised that swimmers avoid the lake for two days after its treatment for algae and weed growth.

LETTERS

Stop abatements

Novi's City Council voted to give yet another tax abatement. This needs to stop.

Magna Seating asked for a real property tax abatement under Public Act 198.

Magna has been in Novi since 2000. I disagree with the notion that Novi has to give tax abatements to some companies or they will move to another location. There are many reasons for a company to come to a city to do business. Novi has much to offer businesses. We have an exemplary school system. We have an amazing library, beautiful neighborhoods and many recreational attractions.

If this isn't good enough, then I say go right ahead and relocate! The city can always fill the office space with another business that will pay its fair share

Council member Andrew Mutch pointed out that the land that Magna Seating wants is already tax advantaged for business. I admire that he stood strong in his convictions and voted not to approve this tax abatement. Businesses that get special tax abatements use our roads, police, fire department and city services. These services are not free. Our hardworking city workers deserve fair and just compensation. A smaller revenue stream means that city budgets get cut. It means that our energy grid and water infrastructure and our crumbling roads and bridges do not get repaired. Novi is a fastgrowing city and a great place to live. Our small businesses pay their fair share of taxes, so

Colleen Crossey

Feeling obligated

I normally won't comment on topics where I don't have a dog in the fight. But I feel obligated to after watching a news story about protestors on the steps of the South Carolina state house.

The KKK fools were shouting and waving the Confederate flag. A counter group was shouting and waving the green, black and red flag of the Republic of New Africa.

For those who don't know, the RNA was formed in 1968 by black radicals. They demanded the federal government turn over five southern states to them. They would then form a new country. The manifest to run the new RNA sounded like it could have been written by the Taliban of today. Their leaders were linked to violence and murder. Sure seems like the RNA and the KKK have more in

common then they think.

I have always viewed the
Confederate flag with disdain
and people who display it as
hillbillies and rednecks.

When I see that green, red and black rag being waved, I think of a Detroit police officer murdered by those separatists in 1969

in 1969.
The two groups of protestors should have joined hands, marched down Main Street carrying a banner that said "Idiots

James Huddleston

Cant

Ice cream, not roads

Parade.

The behavior of our state GOP-controlled House would be hilarious if their incompetent behavior was not so serious. After a two-week vacation, our state House representatives returned for duty Tuesday, July 14, when they confronted the

state Senate road repair bill. The GOP House leadership met for three hours behind closed doors and in secret deliberations.

After these deep and complex deliberations, they met briefly Wednesday, July 15, and declared July the ice cream month. They promptly adjourned and were out of town the next two weeks.

As already mentioned, this may be comical behavior except the state GOP-controlled House expresses cowardice and avoidance of a permanent solution to our crumbling roads and bridges. July is the official ice cream month by legislative decree, but no solution for repair of our roads.

The construction season is already half over and we are faced with the winter of poor and worsening roads. If not incompetence, cowardice and indifference, just what is the reason for this inexcusable behavior by our elected representatives?

What will happen when they return? Who knows? There better be a permanent fix to our crumbling infrastructure or they may be on vacation permanently.

Gerald Maxey Farmington Hills

Repeating history

It seems we have a nuclear deal with Iran. Has anyone studied history? If you do not it just may repeat itself. Who has heard of Neville Chamberlain, the great appeaser?

Gordon Peterson Highland

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should big businesses.

Michigan needs to encourage entrepreneurship and diversification

he Michigan House recently introduced two bills that would redirect \$135 million of Michigan Economic Development Corp. funding to address the state's road conditions. If passed, the proposal would cripple economic development efforts, including business development and attraction, community development, job training and entrepreneurship programs. House Speaker Kevin Cotter describes it as taking care of needs over wants, but isn't Michigan's economic future a need?

Michigan is becoming nationally recognized for its economic development ecosystem. At the Mackinac Policy Conference, Gov. Rick Snyder noted Michigan ranks second in National **Economic Health Rankings and** sixth in entrepreneurial climate. We've done great work identifying the best economic programs and helping them grow while eliminating ineffective initiatives. Shifting funding from these effective programs could have huge negative long-term impacts

Roads are important, but not at the expense of an economic development ecosystem, which

companies rely on for certainty.
As CEO of NextEnergy, a
leading accelerator of advanced
technologies, I've seen the results of MEDC initiatives first
hand. Since 2002, NextEnergy



has helped attract more than \$1.6 billion in new investment and we are one of more than 50 organizations contributing to entrepreneurial and acceleration services in Michigan. We work with hundreds of entrepreneurs, early-growth companies and research teams each year, serving as a catalyst by helping them commercialize their technologies and connect with larger companies.

companies. Through a recent NextEnergy Technology Challenge, one of our clients identified a new market and plans to expand its operations and hire 28 people. Just the hint that Michigan's economic development climate could change was enough to invite calls from Indiana and Ohio about moving to their states. Another client recently closed on \$1.7 million to expand its operations. These companies are examples of small to medium enterprises, the business size responsible for the bulk of our economy and new jobs, and represent the company size least likely to leave Michigan once they've established roots here. Imagine how many would get

courted to other states because our economic development volatility has signaled to the market that we no longer care to compete for this business.

A bigger question to ask is "What does Michigan want to be in 20 years?" Should we continue to rely on old-time approaches to economic growth or should we keep progressing toward an innovation-based economy? I believe the latter is essential to diversify our economy and keep the next generation of the auto industry - connected and autonomous vehicle solutions - growing in Michigan. To achieve this forward leaning, tech-based economy, we need more economic development investment to deliver talent and connectivity programs that help small companies and start-ups connect to the market.

Don't buy into the House road funding plan. Entrepreneurship and accelerated technology funding are critical to our economic growth. They're not "wants," they're definitely "needs" for Michigan if we hope to continue attracting and generating investment in the state. Michigan's roads need to be addressed, but this proposal is not the solution.

Jean Redfield is the president and CEO of NextEnergy.

Keeping Michigan families safe online

oday's technology is evolving at a rapid pace. Social media, mobile devices, the "cloud" and e-commerce have radically changed the ways information is used, stored and protected.

In a day and age when even young children can be found through a simple online search, families should be proactive in thinking about keeping themselves and their per-

sonal information safe. Our organizations, AT&T and the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning, have seen the best and worst of cyber security



Jim Murray GUEST COLUMNIST



online. whether they're studying, working or just surfing the web. As with any activity, common

sense is

practices.

We want

to help all

Michigan

families

stay protected

the key to Mark good cy-Smith ber security. Our GUEST grandpar-COLUMNIST ents' reminders "better

safe than sorry" and "if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is"hold true in the digital world.

With that in mind, here are some important online safety tips:

» Click carefully. Be wary of pop-up windows and stick to websites you trust. You're careful to avoid scams in your daily life, so just apply these same judgment skills online and you'll be way ahead of the game

» Use firewalls, passwords and security soft*r*are. It seems obv but many families don't take precautions to protect their home systems and data from hackers. Use multiple passwords and make sure your information is safe from prying eyes, malware and other threats.

» Monitor your kids. Be sure to keep track of the websites children visit. Their searches, activities and eagerness to click on pop-up windows can lead to some unexpected consequences, not just for your system, but for them. Your vigilance can help ensure their safety from online predators and cyber bullying, plus provide an additional layer of practical security for your

home computer system. » Be smart about managing your privacy. If you don't want your neighbors to see you doing it, don't do it online. People forget, but computers never do! This is an especially important lesson to consider when you're using social media. "Oversharing" can be tempting - especially for young people - but it's not usually a good choice. Parents should work with their children to help them understand that discretion is an

important part of safety. » Shut it down sometimes. It's not just good for your family to power down, it's also good for your computer system. Critical updates, virus protections and other fixes are often applied when you reboot, so be sure to disconnect frequently.

Jim Murray is president of AT&T Michigan and Mark Smith is executive director of the Michigan Association of Computer Users in Learning.

Mayoral candidates' views differ on tax abatement

Novi City Council approved July 27 a tax abatement for Magna, but it was not without debate. The only dissenting vote came from council member Andrew Mutch, but council member Gwen Markham and Mayor Bob Gatt had very different views on the issue. With both running for the mayor's seat in the upcoming November election, the Novi News offers their two viewpoints here.

Magna deserves city's support

am pleased that council member Gwen Markham followed my lead and supported the Magna Seating of America, Inc., tax abatement proposal at the July 27 public

This is a great opportunity for the city of Novi to increase and diversify its tax base. The Magna plan serves as the foundation for job creation and

Bob

Gatt

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business expansion in a large industrial corridor at the northwest corner of 13 Mile and Haggerty roads.

I challenged Markham and council member Andrew Mutch to support the Magna plan. According to a

report in the July 23 edition of the Novi News, Markham and Mutch both are concerned about offering the tax abatement to Magna.

Markham believes it's a fairness issue between corporations and small businesses who don't receive consideration for tax reductions. Markham said that tax abatements were no more than corporate welfare.

I reject that argument. First of all, city administration said the investment has been estimated at \$48 million, with Magna signing a 20-year lease. Over the next 12 years, the city will see a total of \$1.4 million in additional revenue and in year 13 the city will experience \$230,000 of new revenue going forward. The project will produce 164 new jobs that will average an annual salary

ranging from \$76,492 to \$86,164. I believe that the jobs created by this tax abatement will help small businesses in Novi. When we promote a business environment that creates more Novi jobs, it means that these new employees will eat in Novi restaurants and will patronize all the other small businesses in the Novi area.

As your mayor, I've always been in favor of attracting more business investments. Novi symbolizes the "heartbeat" of Michigan's economic rebound because of our great location in southwest Oakland County (I-96/I-275 corridor). The Magna plan represents an outstanding opportunity to capitalize on business growth and more jobs for Novi citizens.

Magna needs more space to build a new headquarters. Magna can build its headquarters anywhere in the state of Michigan, anywhere in the world, but it wants to stay in Novi - and most of my fellow council mem-bers want Magna to stay in

It's critical that Magna remains part of the fabric of our Novi community. Over the years, Magna has been a great corporate citizen to the Novi community. This corporation has been a long-time sponsor of the Novi Community School District's robotics program. Magna donates \$50,000 annually to Novi's Frog Force 503, one of the state's premier robotic teams. It is dedicated to the ongoing educational success of our Novi students.

I am proud that city council decided to give Magna the support it deserves.

Bob Gatt is mayor of the city of Novi.

Why I voted for Magna abatement

irst, let me state unequivocally that I think tax abatements are a terrible idea. They are a form of corporate welfare that picks winners and losers and penalizes other businesses that pay their fair share every day. Not all local businesses benefit when a tax abatement is granted to one company

According to a recent Detroit

News article, the state of Michigan is reporting a \$375 million shortfall in revenue this vear and attributes the vast majority of it to the tax credits (abatements) that are coming due. Instead of building new

roads with that \$375 million, our state government will now look for places to cut services once again.

Gwen

Markham

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The law that grants these abatements is a gift to big business and requires local government participation to be part of the package. A well-run business like Magna should take advantage of every break it can get and has met the state's requirements.

Local governments are dragged along in the process. The payout formula is set by the state. We are put into competition with other local communities. This time it was Troy; last time it was Oak Park; before that it was Farmington Hills. Each time, the Michigan taxpayer picks up the tab.

I want Magna to remain in Novi. It has been an important part of our local economy and I want it to stay here. And with such an exceptional investment by the community at large, I expect a relationship, a partnership, with the city.

Companies that are granted tax abatements can help enhance quality of life and infrastructure in ways that support the whole community. The taxpayers and businesses already here will wait 12 years before these companies contribute their full fair share oftax revenue, so partnership in other ways makes sense.

Many Novi companies that have never received an abatement provide miles of trails and park facilities. There are many options - support of the arts, support of Rotary's Feed the Need Program, funding the completion of critical sidewalk segments, enhancement of our parks and sports fields, etc.

I voted to do what is best for Novi. That's my job. I voted for the tax abatement because it wouldn't help Novi to lose such a valuable corporate partner.

I am a supporter of Novi's businesses, large and small. I am pro-growth. But I know that businesses want to be where the infrastructure is strong. That means good schools and roads. It means public services and public spaces. It means raising enough revenue to support our communities and spending it wisely, in ways that actually grow the economy and don't leave us vulnerable to these tax credits year after year. The \$375 million in state funding could fix a lot of roads this season. That's where I'd like to see that money spent.

Gwen Markham is a member of the Novi City Council.





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NATIONAL GOLF



Lakeland High School grad Jake Kneen has qualified for the 2015 U.S. Amateur.

Kneen keen on **U.S.** Amateur bid

Oakland University golfer headed to Olympia Fields C.C.

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Jake Kneen continues adding to an already impressive golf resume.

The 19-year-old White Lake native and 2014 Lakeland High grad is headed Aug. 17-23 to the prestigious the U.S. Amateur Golf Championship at the Olympia Fields Country Club in Illinois.

Kneen grabbed one of the three available spots during a U.S Amateur local qualifier held July 13 at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon, where he fired a two-round total of 73-67-140. He took runner-up honors to Rigel Fernandes of Tampa, Fla, who shot 137 in the stroke play event.

The third and final qualifying berth went to Canadian Turner Southey-Gordon, who defeated Novi's Ryan Johnson, the 2015 Michigan Amateur champion, in a playoff after both carded 141. Johnson and Holt's

Jacob Johnson, who shot 142, will be U.S Amateur alternates.

Top honors

Kneen, entering his sophomore season at Oakland University, was the 2014 Michigan Junior Amateur champion and was also named the 2015 Horizon League Freshman Player of the Year.

But earning a spot in this year's U.S. Amateur field of 312 ranks among his top three all-time performances.

"This summer it was definitely at the top of my list," Kneen said. "In the first round, I played OK; put together a 73. The second round, I had five birdies in a six-hole stretch. My putter got hot and I just rode the

Kneen was also in the field this past week at the Michigan PGA's Tournament of Champions, where he finished tied for 28th with a threeround score of 70-72-76-218 at Boyne's Alpine and Monument

"I played OK," Kneen said. "I feel like I played better than my score indicated. The first two rounds, I was hitting it really well, but couldn't make any putts. Then, in the final round, I started to miss some fairways and it's tough to hit out of the trees on the Alpine Course."

Complete game

The 6-foot-2, 185-pound Kneen combines the best of both worlds with accurate approach shots coupled with lengthy drives.

"Distance control with my short irons is probably the strength of my game," he said. "I hit the ball long and that doesn't hurt, either."

Kneen was exposed to competitive golf at an early age.

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GAM TOURNEY

CC's Piot captures Michigan Junior Am boys title

By Greg Johnson Correspondent

James Piot rallied from behind and then held on with great putting to beat fellow Canton resident and 2013 champion Donnie Trosper in the final match of the 37th Michigan Junior Amateur Championship, held July 30 at the Polo Fields & Country Club in Ann Arbor.

The 16-year-old Piot, a rising junior at Novi Detroit Catholic Central High, made a 25-foot par-saving putt on No. 18 to beat Trosper 1-up in the championship.

"It means a lot," said Piot, who was instrumental in CC's 2015 MHSAA Division 1 team state title. "It's my first win of the season, actually, and I thought I played pretty well and I've been working hard. Hard work pretty much pays off." Trosper, 18, the 2014 GAM Junior

Boys Player of the Year and the top seed because he was medalist in the 36-hole match stroke play at the start of the week (July 27), birdied two of the first three holes and had a 3-up lead through five holes. Piot rallied, though, with three

consecutive birdies - two of which won holes - and was just 1-down starting the back nine.

Trosper went 2-up at the par-5 No. 10 with a birdie, but Piot battled back, winning holes with pars at Nos. 14 and 15 where Trosper missed greens and par-saving putts. The two each birdied No. 16 and then, at No. 17, Trosper's shot flew right over the top of the flag and into a back bunker. He left the first bunker shot in the sand and ended up conceding the

Both golfers missed the green with approach shots at No. 18, then Piot calmly stroked in his 25-foot par putt to secure the match.

"I played pretty good this week. I mean I beat the whole field by six (shots) the first couple of days," said Trosper, who finished first in stroke play with 68-67–135. "If I made a couple of those par putts coming in, I probably win it. But James made a lot of putts. He made a great putt on

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GREG JOHNSON

Detroit Catholic Central High's James Piot, a Canton native, captured the 37th Michigan Junior Amateur.

RUNNING

Goodhue's career shows no signs of wear

Milford resident, 73, knows no limits in setting records

> **By Brad Emons** Staff Writer

He might be 73 years old, but there's plenty of tread left on Doug Goodhue's

The longtime Milford resident continues to defy the odds when it comes to his running accomplishments. The multiple age-group record holder shows little wear and tear as he has accumulated 43 USA Track and Field individual national championships.

The most recent record to fall came Nov. 17, 2014, when he set an American and world record in a 12-kilometer race in Alexandria, Va., with a time of 48:38, averaging 6:32 per mile.

August will serve as a big running month on Goodhue's calendar, as he's entered Aug. 15 in the Road Runners Club of America half-marathon in Parkersburg, W.Va. The following weekend Goodhue will do the Crim Festival of

"To be ranked (number) one, you've got to travel to the USA Track and Field championships and you've got to run the competition. I'm willing to travel, I love to compete and I'm fortunate enough to be pretty fast for a guy my age."

DOUG GOODHUE

Races in Flint, including both the mile, while he hopes to clock around 5:45, and the 10-miler on successive days "To be ranked (number) one, you've

got to travel to the USA Track and Field championships and you've got to run the competition," he said. "I'm willing to travel, I love to compete and I'm fortunate enough to be pretty fast for a

guy my age.' To prepare for his August slate, Goodhue is averaging around 50 miles per week. He specializes in workouts that include a day of tempo and another

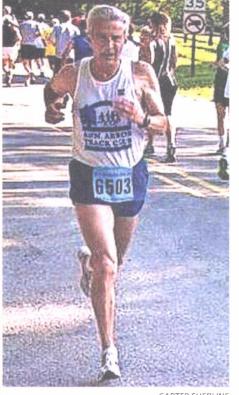
day that combines hills and speed work. "I'm always working on that leg turnover, those fast-twitch muscles."

said Goodhue, a member of the Ann Arbor Track Club. "I do a lot of work maintaining my speed. I gave up the longer stuff. I stopped running marathons 25 years ago. My longest run normally is maybe one half-marathon a year and then everything else is shorter - 5K, 8K and 10K, stuff like that. And that's what I train and that's what I concentrate on and that's where I've had my most success.

Goodhue's running resume is second to none for somebody who was born in

He has been named the USATF's

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CARTER SHERLINE Milford's Doug Goodhue holds several age-group U.S. and world running records.

PREP ATHLETICS

Shamrocks dig newly installed synthetic turf

Field will be dedicated in Tom Mach's name

By Brad Emons

It's the closest thing to grass and Detroit Catholic Central High's recent replacement of its existing synthetic turf football field should be able to combine the best of both worlds.

It was only 10 years ago when CC opened its doors in Novi and had its own home football stadium for the first time.

The estimated \$450,000 project started in June and was completed in early July by the Ohio-based Motz Group, which installed its Cross-Flex HP synthetic turf system.

The turf features a unique fiber-blend from two of its MVP systems while adding thatch for additional density.

"Basically, what you have here is two different styles of turf," Catholic Central athletic director Aaron Babicz said. "It's called the monofilament/slit film turf. It's a thatch-style turf, almost like a crab grass, along with a longer turf."

First in Michigan

Detroit CC is the first high school or college in Michigan to contract with the Motz Group, which is located in Cincinnati.

'A lot of the Catholic schools in Ohio have it," Babicz said. "I was blessed enough to talk to (Cleveland) St. Ignatius, Cleveland St. Edward's, Cincinnati St. Xavier, also Walsh Jesuit in Ohio. I talked to their A.D. Karl Ertle down there and they absolutely love it, but it's great for all sports - soccer, lacrosse. football ... everybody is using it as a multi-functional style turf. And I



BRAD EMONS

Catholic Central athletic director Aaron Babicz kneels on the new synthetic turf, which will be dedicated Aug. 28 in the name of head football coach Tom Mach.

know all the kids are excited about it, too. Everybody in Ohio loves

After doing a walkthrough and evaluation of the existing synthetic turf during summer 2014, Babicz knew it was time to change surfaces and began the process to obtain bids

"We put some good mileage on it," he said. "Obviously being in Michigan, the weather does a number on it. To be able to hold a lot of youth events out here, as well as our own athletic teams, we definitely put it through the rigors. It's amazing to see how vibrant this new turf is compared to what we had before. We're very blessed to have a new turf field, but first and foremost, we were able to replace it at the 10year mark. We feel very lucky.

Babicz said the project was completed ahead of schedule.

Quick work

"Just the amount of detail they put into it and the pride they took was unbelievable," he said. "They had us leave the lights on so they could work until 11:30 at night. It was unbelievable, the hand-cut hash marks ... all the designs are handcut and put into the field and they did a phenomenal job for us.

With an emphasis on horticulture, the Motz Group has been in the grounds care business since 1977. It recently installed a new natural grass turf at Cincinnati's Great American Ballpark in time for the 2015 MLB All-Star Game. It will also be involved with the natural turf in 2017, when the Atlanta Braves' new stadium is scheduled to

"This (synthetic turf) system combines two different types of fiber as well an underpile, like a thatch product," Motz Group president Zachary Burns said. "It provides a really dense product, which helps encapsulate the infill. It will provide maximum in wearability and also great level of performance for the

athletes.

"The infrastructure (at CC) was already in place, which is huge when you're generally talking about a summer that has been as wet as what we've dealt with. It makes the process a lot quicker. Instead of 10 to 12 weeks the first time, it can go three to four weeks on the removal and replacement."

Advancements

Burns said a lot has evolved over the years regarding the technology when it comes to synthetic turf.

"There's been improvements on how the systems have performed as opposed to the old Astroturfs that we played on 30 years ago," he said. "For the most part, they would drain horizontally like a sheath you'd see in a parking lot. These systems ... they drain just like a USGA green. It drains vertically down through a profile. This school has benefited. You don't get rained out. That's why you see so many baseball

fields going to this system, especially in this part of the country. You can literally have a thunderstorm, it's clear and you can walk out and

play the game. It's huge." The newly installed CC turf also has numerous safety components built in.

"We also put in a sand infill and tire infill in the turf as well, so with your G-Max test, which basically gauges your impact, this is definitely going to cut down on concussion-type injuries for us," Babicz said. "It's a lot easier on the athletes' legs.

And by recycling some of the existing materials of the old turf. the project became even more economical.

Used products

"What was nice is that the Motz Group was able to take our existing rubber and use a majority of it and that saved us quite a bit of money," Babicz said. "We were very lucky because we had a great sub-surface. Didn't have to spend a lot of

money there. We were able to save a little money on the tire rubber. I have to credit the school. We did a great job kind of looking ahead and saving for this project.

And while synthetic turf obviously doesn't need watering or fertilizing, there are necessary steps to take to keep the new surface viable.

"Maintainence-wise you have to comb the field with a special-type of tractor every two weeks if you really want to keep it up, which I know we plan on doing," Babicz said. "Making" sure there are no sharp objects on there, no colored objects like Gatorade, which would possibly stain the turf. I know opposing schools don't believe us when we tell them that, but that is true. In the high-traffic areas, where the lacrosse goalie stands or where you kick extra points, you want to make sure you're replacing tire rubber there. It's just taking care of it and really keeping an eye on it and doing the right things out there.

The new synthetic turf has a different look cosmetically as well. The blue-painted end zones bear the name Shamrocks, while a large Shamrocks logo adorns the midfield area.

And the new surface also bears the name "Tom Mach Field," which will be dedicated in the name of the Shamrocks' longtime head football coach Friday, Aug. 28, in the varsity season opener against Muskegon.

"It's just a perfect fit to get (Mach) on a new surface in 40th season and at Catholic Central." Babicz said. "We're just very blessed."

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Jays USSSA champs



The 11-and-under Michigan Blue Jays capped a 7-0 run July 26 to capture the USSSA World Series in Canton. The Blue Jays went 21-7 in tournament play and finished ranked No. 3 in the USSSA among 2,265 11-and-under teams. They also captured the WaCo Wolves Great Lake Shoot-out and the AA Canton Memorial Day Classic. Team members include: Luke Brodde (Northville), Matthew Williams (Romulus), Isaac Smith (Flat Rock), Alex Cardenas (Northville), Mason McGuire (Hamburg), Connor Apligian (Northville), Drew Backus (Northville), Joshua Golab (South Lyon), Andrew Kent (Livonia), Ashton Nowak (Flat Rock) and Chase Temple (Novi). Chuck Apligian (Northville) is the head coach, assisted by Eric Brodde (Northville), Rob Backus (Northville) and Mike Mockeridge (South Lyon).

Lightning take first



The South Lyon Lightning recently defeated the Northville Mustangs, 6-4, to earn in first place with a 10-4 record in the Kensington Valley Baseball-Softball Association's 15-and-under Advanced Division. Team members include: Kyle McCollum, Maxwell Denny, Ryan Skvarce, Roy Swartzinski, Anthony Salter, Hunter Elandt, Chris Sadler, Bobby Porter, Jake Schutz, James Beers, Logan DeCaluwe and Tyler Atwell. Tim McCollum is the head coach, assisted by Chris Sadler, Phil Atwell, Dave Schutz and Bobby Porter.

RUNNING

Naughton a two-time winner in Founders Fest race

U-M runner Shahrigian is women's winner

By Dan O'Meara Staff Writer

The annual Farmington Founders Festival four-mile road race undoubtedly will be on the 2016 calendar for Conor Naughton and Taleen Shahri-

Both have titles to defend now. The pair of young runners from Northville were the men's and women's winners in the July 18 event.

Naughton is a two-time defending champion, having competed in the last three races. Shahrigian was a firsttime participant and finished sixth overall.

The Founders Fest race is noted for its finish and the crowd lining both sides of Grand River Avenue, waiting for the annual parade to start.

Naughton and Adam Richmond, who was the 2013 winner and runner-up last year, gave people reason to cheer

with a foot race to the finish

"It was a battle the whole last mile," Naughton said. "With about 100 meters to go, he was still up on me, and I was able to find one more gear and move by him at the end.

"It was fun and people were really enjoying the race going on. The crowd gave us some extra energy. With a lot of people watching, I didn't want to lose.

Naughton, who will be a senior at Northville High School, was 32nd and just missed being all-state in cross country. He was a regional champion and 15th in the state in the 3,200 meters.

Still a 'good time'

He won the Founders race in 21:02.3, which was slightly off the pace of his 20:53 time a year ago. Richmond finished in

"It was a good time,"



Naughton **Shahrigian**

Naughton said. "It was a little slower than last year, but I think that was purely because of the heat. I think I ran pretty quickly for Julv.'

The length of the race suited Naughton well. A 5K is at the high end of his distance

range.
"I think I'm able to find a little extra at the end when it's a four-mile race," he said. "It probably plays to my favor more than a 5K.

Naughton knows the course well because of his father Keith, who was raised in Farmington and also ran the race.

"I've run it five or six times and always enjoyed it," Naughton said. "I know the neighborhoods and some of the old

stories my dad has told me about parts of the course that are fun.'

On pace to win

Shahrigian, who ran a time of 22:18.2, will be a sophomore at the University of Michigan. She runs cross country and track for the Wolverines.

"I've never done a four-mile race before, but my average pace was 5:34, which was one of my best, so I was happy with it." she said.

"I was looking up different road races and saw that one. I'm more of a long-distance runner, usually anywhere from the mile up.

"Our (college cross country) distance is 6K, which is 3.7 miles. I figured it was close, so I could compare times. It's similar to what I'll be doing this fall."

Shahrigian was all-state in both sports at Northville High School and helped the Mustangs win the Division 1 state championship in cross country as a senior.

'A great course'

The Founders Fest was her first road race this summer, although she had done one trail

"I really enjoyed it," she said. "I like having all different levels of competition, running with the boys as well and having people of all ages. I thought that was nice.

"I thought it was a great course. It was fast. It had some gradual inclines. The last 400 meters was kind of downhill; I liked that for a fast finish.'

Shahrigian trailed a former high school rival early in the race, but she moved ahead of her and even many of the male runners.

"That was pretty exciting," she said. "And they pushed me to go faster, so that was helpful to have them out there.

"The last mile and a half, I was alone to the end (among the women). I was just trying to pick off some guys in front of me and finish as strong as I

GOODHUE

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Outstanding Group Athlete of the year and has been the No. 1-ranked agegroup runner of the year eight straight times (2007-14).

Goodhue was also also selected the RRCA's Male Master Runner of the Year in 2010 and was Michigan Runner magazine's Senior Runner of the Year both in 2004 and 2007

Goodhue, a Detroit native, got his running start at Redford High School, where he was a member of the track and cross country teams. He went on to Lawrence Tech, but it did not have a track program

After a lengthy hiatus, Goodhue resurrected his running career at age 40 and entered the 1983 Detroit Free Press Marathon.

"I took over 20 years off to kind of work on my career and my family, Goodhue said. "I just came off the couch. Tim Emmett, a friend of mine, said, 'You have some potential.' I probably only trained nine or 10 months, then came out and ran. Then, I ran somewhere around four hours and 10 minutes. Within three years of that, I qualified for Boston. In 1986 I ran sub-3:10 and qualified for Boston. My

best marathon was a 3:04. Goodhue worked as a construction manager for a number of years before retiring in 2008 from the wholesale cabinet business, where he was a certified kitchen designer.

Once he retired, Goodhue not only amped up his training, but got more

involved in the business side of racing Almost 40 weeks a year, he and cocoaches Suzi Stock and Lee Mamola guide Running Fit's 501 Training Team program. He's also directs two popular area races, the Dexter-Ann Arbor Run (in June) and the John Rogucki Memorial Kensington Challenge (in September), while also serving as a consultant

for other local races. Meanwhile, Goodhue's wife Cindy, who turned 69 on Friday, lends plenty of support and serves as his co-pilot, as well as being part of Running Fit's 501 Training Team.

'She is not a competitive runner like I am, but she's had some great success and has run 16 marathons," Goodhue said. "She's qualified for Boston three times. I feel a little guilty with all my success, because she's an accomplished runner herself."

Goodhue has bounced back from an early-season knee problem and said he has no plans to slow down anytime

So who needs Goodrich or Goodyear tires when you have Goodhue?

"Now I'm only a year-and-a-half away from my new age group," he said. "In 18 months, I'll be in the 75-79. There's a bunch of records there. My goal is still to try and break 40 minutes for a 10K one more time. I'm not that far away and (I'd) like to break 19 minutes one more time for a 5K. And I think if I'm healthy this year and the situation is right, I can get close to those two times. I haven't been over 20 minutes in a 5K just a few times in my whole career, the 30 some years that I've been running. Most of my 5Ks have been under 20 minutes.'

For Goodhue, it's just a matter of rotating the tires.

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Doug Goodhue and his wife Cindy team up for Running Fit's 501 Training Team.

Yankees champs



The Yankees were recently crowned champions of the Bronco Division in the Northville Youth Baseball League. Team members include (front row, from left): Aidan Burr, Kyle Gilger, Torin Graver, Ryan Medendorp, Aidan Lukas and assistant coach Jason Burr and (back row, from left) head coach Andrew Giddings, Joseph Elwell, Max Rallis, Ethan Tunney, Alex Roznowski, Jake Giddings and assistant coach Bob Medendorp. Also on the team are Noah Patenaude and Jamil Guerrero.

Tigers win division



The Tigers closed out their Northville Youth Baseball League season recently by capturing the Mustang Division title. Team members include (front row. from left): Jack Morse, Andrew Kummer, Bryden Marshall, Ryan Kelly and Aidan Turner and (back row, from left) head coach Brad Leidal, Brett Leidal, Zack Kuzma, assistant coach Todd Kuzma, Preston Johnson, Tyler Donaldson, Matt Abraham, assistant coach Shawn Kelly, Noah Segerstrom and Scotty Haakenson. Also on the team is Jacob Gardner.

Cubs win Pinto title

The Cubs recently captured the Pinto **Division of the Northville Youth Baseball** League. Team members include (front row, from left): Cody Walker, Yu Okochi, Sanjeev Swarnam, Joey Harris, Matthew Trumpy and Greg Kopich; (middle row, from left) Chuck Frady, James Tobis, Michael Schave, Keegan Litkewycz, Alex Wilson and Jaden Vondrasek; and (back row, from left) coaches Matt Walker, Dan Litkewycz, Brian Wilson and Jon Vondrasek.



EXTREME SPORTS

Shamrocks' Joseph is a rising star in judo world

Senior-to-be at CC earns national ranking in demanding sport

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

Armed with a sharp mind, lean body and super-diligent work ethic, Livonia teenager Nick Joseph has rocketed to national stardom in the sport

Although just 17, the rising senio at Novi Detroit Catholic Central High School is currently ranked No. 4 in the country in the IJF division (18- to 20year-olds) 73-kilogram weight

Training under the supervision of Noboru Saito in Birmingham and coached by his father Ricardo, Joseph recently returned from the Junior U.S. Open Judo Championships and International Training Camp in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. where he earned a silver medal while competing against many of the most-accomplished athletes in the sport.

One week earlier, Joseph started his summer to remember by earning a bronze medal at the USA Judo Junior Olympics National Judo Championships in Irving, Texas.

Joseph's interest in the challenging sport — which re-

quires participants to deploy holds and leverage to separate opponents from their balance - came at an age when most of his young peers were taking their cuts at T-ball.

"When I was 5, I went to watch my sister (Alexandra) compete in a judo tournament and I told my dad, 'I want to do that," Joseph said.

"I talked to his initial instructor, Jerry Wee, and he told me, 'Well, 5 is a little early, but bring him down and we'll work on it'," Ricardo Joseph said. "He competed in his first tournament when he was 6 and he's been doing it ever since." And doing it well.

Intense training

By training up to six days a week — mostly at a facility in Birmingham, but he also has a mat in his basement - Joseph has risen to a level in his sport that could be compared to a five-star quarterback in foot-

"Judo has not only helped me with discipline, but it helps keep me in shape and it has increased my mental toughness," Joseph said. "It's a fun sport, a physical sport and it's

pretty intense, which I like."

Not surprisingly, given his national ranking — he was ranked No. 1 in his weight class last year — Joseph is being pursued by several collegiate judo programs, including Texas A&M, San Jose State, the service academies, the University of Michigan and Michigan State.

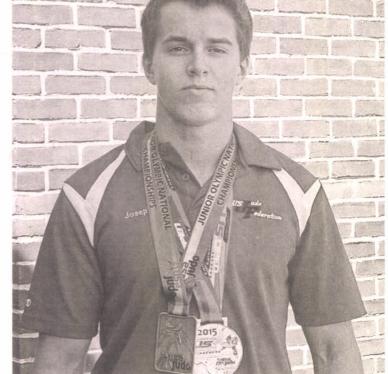
While he still has ample time to make his decision, Joseph admitted A&M is very appealing since he has a strong interest in studying engineering and/or business at the next level - two fields the Texas school is noted for.

Prep athlete

Joseph's passion for training and hard work has paid dividends on the wrestling mats at CC, where he was a Division 1 regional qualifier at 145 pounds as a junior.

An injury and a loaded regional field – three of the top five wrestlers in the state at his weight class were at the Saline region - halted his quest for a berth in the individual

Joseph is an outstanding student, having compiled a



ED WRIGHT

Novi Detroit Catholic Central rising senior Nick Joseph is ranked No. 4 in the country in judo.

cumulative 3.6 grade-point average at CC.

Once school starts, his weekday regimen includes attending classes, practicing wrestling or judo for up to three hours, then up to four hours of homework.

KNEEN

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"I started at Mystic Creek Golf Club in Milford," he said.

"I played in golf tournaments when I was 5 years old and won my first tournament when

I was 5. My grandfather (Rich-

ard Kneen) played for his high

At Lakeland under coach

Hugh Felt, Kneen lettered all

four seasons. As a senior, he

was regional champion and

helped the Eagles to a sixth-

He also lifted Lakeland to a

After graduating from

Lakeland's International Acad-

emy-West's accelerated bacca-

moved on to Oakland, where he

is pre-med major in biomedical

the Golden Grizzlies, Kneen

played a total of eight events

freshman was named Horizon

League Golfer of the Week on

210 at the Jackrabbitt Invita-

In the Horizon League

tourney's first-round leader with 1-under 71 before settling

for a tie for 17th, tops among

Championship, Kneen was the

and averaged 75.30 per 18 holes (for 23 rounds). The

March 23 after shooting 6under for a three-round total of

During his first season with

KLAA Lakes Conference

laureate program, Kneen

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place team finish in the MHSAA Division 1 state finals.

school team. My dad (Scott) didn't play on a team, but still

played in leagues.'

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

Shepler repeats as O&E women's golf champ

By Dan O'Meara

Twice was just as nice for Livonia's Jordyn Shepler, who repeated Saturday as the overall champion of the Observer & Eccentric women's golf tournament at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

Shepler, who turned 21 last week, shot the same score (77) as she did a year ago in the Championship Flight and finished four strokes in front of Southfield's Shelly Weiss.

Janina Jacobs, who had won four consecutive titles until being dethroned by Shepler last year, finished third

"Being the defending champion was a little nervewracking, because people are saying, 'Oh, you won this last year," said Shepler, who played a more balanced round this time.

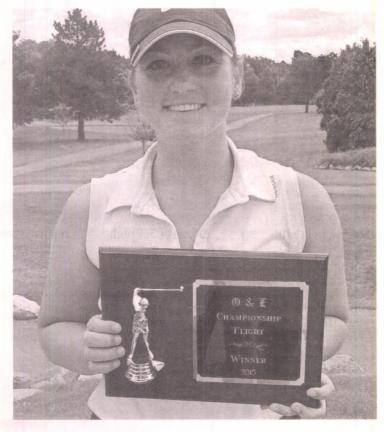
She shot 3-over-par 39 on the front nine and secured her victory with 38 on the back. That was in marked contrast to last year, when she posted 3-under 33 at the start and finished with 44.

"It might have been the same score, but not the same round," Shepler said. "I was more consistent this year. I was really good on the front nine last year.

"I was just hitting a lot of the greens. It helped to know the course and have played there so long and so many

Shepler said her nine-hole scores this year were more her average rounds, adding 33 is a really good round for anybody.

"And I got lucky last year," she said. "I eagled the (par-4)



Jordyn Shepler of Livonia won the annual O&E women's golf tournament for the second straight year Saturday.

ninth hole and that helped my score. This year, it was more fairways and greens and lot of putts made."

Repeat the feat

Shepler, who starred at Livonia Churchill High School and is a member of the Madonna University team, had another eagle this year on the par-5 10th hole.

"I hit a really solid drive and happened to catch the downward slope, so that gave me extra roll," she said. "I

made a solid second shot, which put me within six feet of the hole, and I hit a little slider to make eagle.'

Shepler had worked hard on hitting greens before the 2014 tournament and that was a major factor in both of her

"That's always a big goal of mine, because it makes it easier to score, obviously." she said. "I hit every green on the front nine this year and it helped to make my score low enough to win.'

Shepler had a bit of a rough start, however. She needed three putts to finish each of the first two holes.

'That put me into a different mindset, to get the ball to the hole on each hole," she said. "I was fine after the first couple holes, which knocks away the nerves, puts you at ease and gets you ready for the rest of the round."

Stays the course

Shepler had a nice lead more than halfway through the tournament and, though Weiss played well on the back nine, could afford to give away a couple of strokes on the last couple of holes.

Shepler, who said she most likely will return for a possible third straight title in next year, is looking forward to her senior season at Madon-

"I have one last year; I don't want it to end," she said. "We have some new recruits coming in, so that's going to make for a good season, hope-

"The fall season is a lengthy one. Being the last one, it will be nice to play in a lot of tournaments.'

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC WOMEN'S GOLF TOURNEY

Aug. 1 at Whispering Willows Championship Flight: Jordyn Shepler Livonia, 77; Shelly Weiss, Southfield, 81; Janina Jacobs, 86; Kathy Stellema, 87; Cindy Hill, 87; Olivia Bayagich, 87; Sue Dorr, 88; Shelly Manning, 91; Deb

Bayagich, 8/; Sue Dorr, 88; Shelly Manning, 91; Deb Horning, 93. Net winner: Bayagich: Closest to the pin: Bayagich, Long drive: Dorr.
First Flight: Pam Pritzl, 86; Suzanne Madej, 89; Yvette Gagnon, 96; Cynthia Pinkard, 97; Lu Stockton, 98; Barbara Coury, 98; Joan Cleland, 99; Ann Pearson, 99; Becky Tenerowicz, 100; Mary Warnick, 100; Denise Buechel, 101; Kathy Brennan, 101; Mary Washington, 104; Monica Oliver, 107; Pat Shelton, 124

Net winners: 1. Lu Stockton, Canton; 2. Denise Buechell, Walled Lake; 3. Kathy Brennan, Plymouth; Closest to the pin: Cynthia Pinkard, Southfield;

Looking ahead

all freshmen.

Kneen, however, is excited about the opportunity to play against some of the world's top amateurs later this month at Olympia Fields in suburban Chicago, which has been the host of four major championships.

"Not a lot of expectations; it's just a victory to be in field, in my opinion," he said. "My ultimate goal is to make it to match play (top 64), because anything can happen in match play. And it's really to fun make it that far.'

Kneen hopes he get a sneak peak at the Olympia Fields course as well.

"I know a little bit, I guess," he said. "It's an old-style country club. I know Jim Furyk won the U.S. Open there (2003). I'm looking forward to getting down there and getting a look at it, that's for sure."

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Oakland University's Jake Kneen was named the Horizon League Freshman Player of the Year.

O&E GOLF FIRST FLIGHT

Pritzl's never-give-up attitude provides payoff dividend adding she was chipping and putting and mak-

By Dan O'Meara Staff Writer

Nobody was more surprised than Plymouth's Pam Pritzl after she won the First Flight championship Saturday in the annual Observer & Eccentric women's golf tourna-

After an admittedly poor start, Pritzl worked her way back into contention and eventually first place, finishing three shots ahead of Suzanne Madej at Whispering Willows Golf Course, 86-89.

"I didn't think I had any chance at all after playing so poorly at the start," Pritzl said,



Pritzl

par after the first six holes. 'Things just started to click at seven and I was only 4-over on the last 12

10 strokes over

"Honestly, I don't know

what happened. I just started playing better. I hit a few good shots, some putts went in and things turned around. With several foursomes playing behind hers, Pritzl had

relation to the other players or

that she was even a contender

no idea where she stood in

until well after she had finished the round. "I was absolutely surprised

- and winning was a complete shock," she said. "I was very happy to win the tournament, because there were some really good players in the field." It was Pritzl's first time

playing in the O&E tournament and it was the first time she has won a tournament. Pritzl has been playing

quite well of late, she said, lowering her handicap from 17 to 14. Her average 18-hole score is in the low to mid-80s.

"Recently, I've been working a lot on my short game," she said. "I've worked a lot on

She received a trophy and an \$80 gift certificate to use in

last five.

the Whispering Willows pro shop for her victory, which she said is a statement about per-

ing some key putts was the

Pritzl, who played in a

league at Whispering Willows

several years ago, has been a

years and a serious golfer the

recreational golfer for 10

difference on Saturday.'

"I thought I was way behind because of my shaky start,' she said. "It's a lesson in never give up, because you never know what can happen.'

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Piot, who was tied for second with Alex Scott in stroke play with 74-67-141, said he figured the wind would be to his advantage at the start of the match, too.

"Donnie hits it really high and he might have used too much club at 17, too," he said. "I went for the middle of the green there. I didn't want to end up in that back bunker and my putter came back for me on the back nine. I was pretty confident with it and Donnie missed a couple of par putts he doesn't normally

Piot reached the final with a semifinal win over 2013 GAM Junior Boys Player of the Year Andrew Walker of Battle Creek in 19 holes, while

it took Trosper 23 holes and a 30-foot birdie putt to finally top Dylan Deogun of Orchard Lake in the morning.

Trosper, 18, is headed to the University of Central Florida to play college golf.

Piot, who was runner-up to Jake Kneen of White Lake last year, plans to defend his title next summer.

"It feels good to win," said Piot, who defeated CC teammate Nazir Jairazbhoy (Far-

mington Hills) in the opening round of match play 5 and 3. "It's a lot of golf and I was pretty consistent all week."

Piot's older brother Glenn Jr., a recent CC grad who will play for Michigan State, was tied for 24th in stroke play (78-72-150) and won his firstround match against Birmingham Seaholm grad Jack Moore, 6 and 5, before falling to Macomb Township's Martin Vanderhage, 3 and 2.

Lightning runners-up



The 10-and-under South Lyon Lightning, coached by Rob Quinn, recently finished second in the Kensington Valley Baseball-Softball Association's Community League with a 12-7 record. Team members include: Ethan Gaylor, Aiden Quinn, Jack Hubert, Cameron Aramian, Kevin Beers, Christian Stevens, Brenden Olesuk, Drew Scheuher, Dallas Phillips, Mason Hoisington and Connor Wallis. Coaches include Mark Gaylor, Dean Phillips, Todd Hoisington, Matt Stevens and Jeff Olesuk

Mustangs second



The Northville 9-and-under Mustangs travel baseball team earned runner-up honors in the Bavarian Blast Summer Tournament held July 24 in Frankenmuth. Team members include (front row, from left): Jared Lutz, J.J. Rickard, Ben Borchanian, Brady Wilson and Justin Brown; (second row, from left) Trevor Schueller, Dylan Jiddou and Dominic Bernardelli; (third row, from left) Luke Dieringer, Braeden Tomasak, Luke Vingren and Ben Thakady; and (back row, from left) head coach Sam Lutz and assistant coaches Brian Dieringer, Scott Schueller and Matt Brown.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

KLAA meeting in the program at www.wlcsd.org/coaches-The Walled Lake clinic. Schools Athletics De-For more informapartment will host its tion, email Brian Swinethird annual athletic

hart, Walled Lake athletic director, at BrianSwinehart@wlcsd.org; or call 248-956-2073

Lions at midnight

The South Lyon football teams will officially open their 2015 practice season at 12:01 a.m. Monday, Aug. 10.

For more information on the midnight practice, email South Lyon football coach Mark Thomas at thomasm@slcs.us, or call 248-345-5436.

Hole-in-one club

While vacationing July 19 in East Tawas, Milford's Rick Cuppetilli used a 7-iron to ace the 163-yard, No. 14 hole at Red Hawk Golf Course.

Lacrosse clinic

The second annual South Lyon United girls lacrosse alumni game and clinic (K-8) will be Saturday, Aug. 9, at South Lyon Stadium, 1000 N. Lafayette.

The free clinic will be 4-5:30 p.m., followed by the alumni game at 6

For more information, email slunitedlax@yahoo.com.

Fall youth hoops

The South Lyon Area Recreation Authority if offering its second season of co-ed instructional three-on-three (kindergarten-first grade) and four-on-four (grades 2-3) fall youth basketball leagues, beginning with practices the week of Sept. 21 at Hardy, Kent Lake and Sayre

Registration fees are \$87 (resident) and \$109 (non-resident) through Sept. 1. Late fees are an additional \$15.(T-shirts are not guaranteed after the deadline.).

Teams will play each Saturday, beginning Sept. 28 (eight sessions). A coaches meeting is scheduled for 7:15 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21, at Centennial Middle School (main gym). The meeting includes basketball instruction. Coaches are also want-

For more information, call the recreation office at 248-437-8105 or email John Hines at www.slrec.net.

PREP ATHLETICS

conference from 9 a.m.

to 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7,

at Walled Lake Northern

High School, 6000 Bogie

On-site registration

Lake Road, Commerce

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ference is free for any

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The cost to attend the

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Survey shows drop in pay-to-play schools

The percentage of Michigan High School Athletic Association high schools that assessed participation fees to help fund interscholastic athletics dropped 5 percent during the 2014-15 school year to its lowest since 2011-12, according to the most recent survey taken by the MHSAA.

The ratio of schools assessing fees remained above 50 percent of respondents for the fifth straight year, however.

A total of 522 high schools – or 69 percent of the MHSAA membership - responded to the survey for the highest feedback rate since 2010-11.

A total of 269 high schools, or 50.5 percent that took the survey, charged fees this school year, compared to 56.6 percent of schools that responded in 2013-14.

There were 753 senior high schools in the MHSAA membership in 2014-15. This was the 11th survey of schools since the 2003-04 school year, when members reported fees were being charged by 24 percent of schools.

The percentage of member schools charging fees crossed 50 percent in 2010-11 and remained at 50.5 percent in 2011-12 before making a nearly 5-percent jump three years ago.

Charging a standardized fee for each team on which a student-athletes participates - regardless of the number of teams remains the most popular method among schools assessing fees, although that rate fell slightly from 41 percent of schools assessing during 2013-14 to 39 percent this school year.



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Wayne County tops U.S. in new manufacturing jobs

By David Veselenak

A recent study shows Wayne County added the greatest number of manufacturing jobs in the nation last year, totaling 4,225. Schoolcraft College manufacturing instructor Gene Keyes believes that number should be higher.

"There's so many companies looking for help right now, it's unbelievable," he said. "Most of the companies are expanding. They need more help and they just can't find it.'

The study, released earlier this month by a company called Headlight Data, listed Wayne County as tops when it came to new manufacturing jobs. The list detailed several Michigan counties leading the way in new positions, with four counties in the top

10. Those included thirdplace Macomb, which added 3,727; seventhplace Kent, which added 2,492; and 10th-place Ottawa, which added 2,069. Oakland County was 13th, adding 1,938 jobs over the same time

Wayne County has seen explosive growth, Keyes said, and it's all based on different types of products and lines. Other counties rely specifically on one type of industry with manufacturing, such as Macomb County with many federal contracts, while Wayne County has a wide array of goods produced.

"We're really diverse here," he said. "Here, we have to survive every day on what we pro-

The trend in growth is one several western Wayne County compa-



FILE PHOTO

Schoolcraft College instructor Gene Keyes (from left) shows students Alexis Carlson of Commerce Township and Mike Guider of Livonia how to program a mill in this file photo.

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nies have seen recently, including Livonia-based Linear Mold and Engineering.

Paul Parzuchowski, director of marketing and business development, said the company, a provider of tooling for injection molds, compression molds and tool-

ing required for processing thermoplastic resins through means such as additive manufacturing, has seen a big growth spurt in the past six months. He said the company, which has been in Livonia since 2003, has brought in more than 40 new employees of all types of skill sets in 2015 and is looking to expand more in the future.

This area has seen successful growth in part because of the types of employees Wayne County has, Parzuchowski said. While there was a notion for many years that manufacturing was not a sustainable career path, that idea is beginning to change, especially with people in their teens and 20s.

"People here like to build things because it's our history and it's in our DNA," Parzuchowski said. "For years, we've been telling the generations following us that manufacturing is dead. We lost a generation of skill sets for that. The jobs we provide here at Linear kind of bridges those gaps.'

Dan West, president of the Livonia Chamber

ing that foundation, especially with so many autoworkers and an automobile culture, gives Wayne County an advantage in the future to continue expansion in the manufacturing field.

"Southeastern Michigan, built on the automotive industry, has the facilities, experienced workers and infrastructure in place," he said.
"Our region has the best foundation to add more jobs and auto companies, auto suppliers, and other supporting companies are prepared to make more investments to grow local operations if they can find enough qualified, quality workers to support added production capabilities."

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MD Preferred recognizes McLaughlin

Each year, US Medical Specialties, Inc., an international medical consulting firm, helps physicians and other health care professionals find community-

based, "doctor friendly" real estate professionals. Jeff McLaugh-

lin of RE/ McLaughlin MAX Classic has been recognized by MD Preferred for his service to physicians.

The physicians' real estate and relocation team at RE/MAX Classic is led by McLaughlin, Realtor®, Accredited Buyer Representative, and Certified Master

Negotiation Expert. McLaughlin has been in real estate and relocation for more than 22 years and takes a personal interest in each of his clients. He has access to specialized mortgage services, insurance and legal assistance. Most importantly, he understands the special needs of physicians and their families. Flexible scheduling, e-communication and community information are hallmarks of his high level of service.

"We are proud of the recognition we have received," McLaughlin said. "In an environment of critical physician shortage, we understand that most physicians considering a career in our community will make their decision based partly on lifestyle issues. The last thing we want to have happen is for that a prospective physician to go elsewhere because the local support services he or she needed were not available, were unreliable or did not meet the expectations of the phy-

Cooper Standard appoints Anthony as vice president

sician.'

Novi-based Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc., the parent Company of Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc., has appointed Brigit R. Anthony to vice president, engineering and technology, North America.

In this position, Anthony will lead the North American team of more than 300 engineers, scientists and technicians in engineering and tech-

nical centers in southeast Michigan; Auburn, Ind.; Bowling Green, Ohio; and Mitchell, Ontario.

Anthony Based at Cooper Standard's North American

headquarters in Novi, she will report to Bill Pumphrey, senior vice president and president of North America. "With her extensive

knowledge of automotive product development systems, advanced technical concept development, program management and engineering information technology systems, Brigit is the ideal candidate to lead our North American engineering and technology team," Pumphrey said. "Brigit has proven herself as an exceptional leader with more than 20 years of global automotive product and systems strategy development. Her appointment will help ensure our customers continue to receive the highest level of technical support they've come to expect from Cooper Standard."

Anthony served as senior director, Americas technical center for Halla Visteon Climate Control Corp., where she had North and South American engineering responsibilities, as well as led the regional customer executive technical interface to achieve new business development, growth, forward model launches and current model deliverables. She joined Halla Visteon in 2013 as senior director, global power train cooling systems and heat exchanger engineering, where she was responsible for global product design and manufacturing standardization, and core engineering.

From 1997 to 2013. Anthony was employed at Visteon Automotive Systems in a series of roles of increasing re-

sponsibility. She served as senior director, global HVAC and power train cooling product lines where she had global leadership and responsibility for profitability, new technology, business plan strategy, pursuit, development, launch, design manufacturing and purchas-

She began her career as a product, manufacturing, test and resident climate engineer at Ford Motor Co.

Anthony earned a bachelor of engineering degree and a master of engineering degree in thermal science from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She has also completed executive business training at the International Executive School in Barcelona, Spain, and completed the Menttium 100 Executive Professional Women Business Leadership Program. She is a member of the National Association of Professional Women. Anthony was named a Crain's Detroit Business Woman to Watch in 2008 and has earned a number of industry-related quality honors.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Novi approves temporary sign ordinance

The Novi City Council has approved a temporary promotional sign ordinance waiver allowing businesses in Novi to post one additional promotional sign during the Michigan State Fair. From Monday Aug. 31, to Monday Sept. 7, registered businesses can take advantage of the increased traffic from the fair by posting one additional sign. Signage must be placed on private property, must be temporary and cannot exceed 24 square feet in area and six feet in

height. In order to be eligible, applications must be submitted by Aug. 31. Applications can be submitted in person at the Community Development Counter at the Novi Civic Center or can be mailed to Ordinance Division, Community Development Department, 45175 10 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

Cooper-Standard second quarter highlights

Novi-based Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. (NYSE: CPS), the parent company of Cooper Standard Automotive, reported net income of \$36.5 million, or \$1.98 per diluted share, and adjusted EBITDA of \$97.0 million on sales of \$860.8 million for the second quarter of 2015. These results com-

pare to net income of \$13.2 million or \$0.72 per diluted share and adjusted EBITDA of \$91.8 million on sales of \$857.6 million in the second quarter of 2014.

For more details, visit http://www.ir.cooper standard.com/release detail.cfm?ReleaseID= 924950.

Kroger donates to food banks

Feeding hungry people in Michigan remained a Kroger priority as the grocer presented checks totaling \$25,000 to area food banks during the recent grand opening of five former Hiller's Market locations as Kroger stores.

Checks for \$5,000 each were presented to these food banks at these new Kroger stores: West Bloomfield (Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan); Commerce Township (Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan); Northville Township (Forgotten Harvest); Ann Arbor (Food Gatherers); and Lyon Township (Forgotten Harvest).

All of these stores will become part of Kroger's food rescue program, which provides nutritious food through local food banks. Kroger will reopen the former Hiller's Market location in downtown Northville as a Kroger store this fall after the facility renovation is complete. This store will likewise participate in Kroger's food

rescue program.

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 Year.

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, bio-tech 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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Realtors who know the market can help you find, or sell, a home.

JULIE BROWN

Home selling, buying help: Talk to a pro, friends, too

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Realtor Noel Derr-Johnson has been with Century 21 Dynamic Realty in Westland 17 years. She also calls Westland home.

"I feel this is my community," said Derr-Johnson, who enjoys building a sense of community in her real estate

She and other industry pros have sound advice when you're buying or selling. "Someone with a lot of integrity and an honest reputation,' she said. "I would say experience in the marketplace where you're looking and superior negotiating skills."

She agrees that asking trusted friends and family for referrals to real estate pros is sound. All Derr-Johnson's business is referral and repeat clients.

"I love working with firsttime buyers," she said. "They can rely on my faith that we're

going to get through this." She's able to "jump hurdles" for first-timers and others, "so they want to refer

There can be a lot of anxiety in finding the right person to help you buy or sell a home. Buyers will be spending a lot of time with them throughout the process in a major decision with financial and lifestyle implications.

According to the National Association of Realtors' latest Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers, potential buyers should talk to friends and family to get their agent suggestions. In fact, 40 percent of buyers found their agent through a referral of a friend, family member, or neighbor (while another 12 percent used an agent they had worked with before).

On the seller side, 38 percent found their agent through referrals and 22 percent went with an agent they had previously used.

Thirty-three percent of recent home buyers were first-time buyers, which is still suppressed from the historical norm of 40 percent among primary residence

For 43 percent of home buyers, the first step in the home-buying process was

Ninety-two percent of buyers use the Internet in some way in their home search process and 50 percent of buyers use a mobile website or application in their home search.

Real estate agents were viewed as a useful information source by 98 percent of buyers who used an agent while searching for a home.

The typical home buyer searched for 10 weeks and viewed 10 homes — this is two weeks shorter than the previous year's report.

Seventy percent of home sellers only contacted one agent before selecting the one to assist with their home sale.

The share of home sellers who sold their home without the assistance of a real estate agent was 9 percent. Fortyfour percent knew the buyer prior to home purchase.

Livonia resident Maria Mitter used a Realtor from RE/MAX on the Trail in Plymouth when she bought her

home five years ago.
"It was amazing," said Mit-University that works in

Wayne-Westland, Ypsilanti and Romulus district schools. "I'm quite happy where I am

Mitter looked for a home almost a year and appreciated the patience of Kim Belz, her Realtor. "She was the most patient person," Mitter said. "She got back to me right away. I was always impressed with her response back. She let me make my decision in what's best for me.'

Belz was the listing agent at that time on a Plymouth home, and Mitter found her that way rather than asking friends and family for a Realtor contact. Mitter has since made a number of referrals to Belz.

Realtor Derr-Johnson said of the current market, "It's been a very nice summer." She appreciates her brokers' contributing to her success.

Derr-Johnson's cousin gave her a business tagline, "Prepare To Be Moved.'

"He said it's really your personality that you move people," in both senses of that phrase, she said of her cous-

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looking online for properties ter, assistant director for in's brainstorm. people." and 12 percent of home buyers Bright Futures, a program first looked online for inforbased at Eastern Michigan mation about the home buying

Report: Down payments inch up for 30-year mortgages

Down payments ticked up in the second quarter of 2015, according to a new report

from LendingTree. The average down payment percentage on a 30-year fixedrate mortgage increased to 17.34 percent in the second quarter. The previous quarter down payments averaged 16.98 percent.

In dollars, the average down payment in the second quarter was \$44,204.

"The spring and summer home buying season naturally creates more demand in the housing market," says Doug Lebda, founder and CEO of LendingTree. "With a more competitive housing market, it is common to see down payments rise. However, we also saw volume for FHA [Federal Housing Administration] loans increase a little over 5 percent quarter over quarter, signaling more first time home buy-

ers entering the market. For potential buyers who have been sitting on the fence, it's still a good time to explore the housing market as interest rates remain historically low."

The average down payment on a FHA loan was 7.86 percent or \$13,350 in the second quarter. The average down payment on a jumbo mortgage, on the other hand, was 23.61 percent or \$215,909.

The following 10 states had

the highest average down payments for a 30-year fixedrate conventional loan, accord-

ing to Lending Tree: Florida: 17.58 percent; Ar-kansas: 17.74 percent; New Hampshire: 18.16 percent; Connecticut: 18.62; percent; Massachusetts: 19.15 percent; Hawaii: 19.75 percent; New York: 19.97 percent; California: 20.01 percent; New Jersey: 20.14 percent; Washington, D.C.: 21.03 percent.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OA

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 16-20, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities,

ddresses, and sales prices.		
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945 Chapin Ave	\$367,000	
1771 Cole St	\$310,000	
115 E Lincoln St	\$348,000	
719 Larchlea Dr	\$444,000	
2263 Manchester Rd	\$249,000	
1573 Penistone St	\$237,000	
1569 Pleasant Ct	\$650,000	
879 Randall Ct	\$200,000	
1557 S Bates St	\$816,000	
BLOOMFIELD HILLS		
4030 Fox Lake Dr	\$563,000	
2875 Franklin Rd	\$76,000	
1898 Hickory Bark Ln	\$278,000	
5840 Sutters Ln	\$330,000	
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP		

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6895 Castle Ct	\$350,0
1898 Hickory Bark Ln	\$210,0
2675 Robindale Ln	\$117,0
6940 Wing Lake Rd 1401 Woodglen Ln	\$325,0 \$261,0
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	\$201,0
1990 Alpha St	\$145.0
2385 Yasmin Dr	\$325,0
FARMINGTON	
33935 Alta Loma Dr	\$170,0
21043 Birchwood St	\$175,0
35591 Tall Pine Rd	\$271,0
FARMINGTON HILLS	
28881 Aranel St	\$200,0
34540 Bunker Hill Dr	\$226,0
22120 Cape Cod Way	\$69,0
25191 Castlereigh Dr	\$235,0
31178 Country Blf	\$117,0
34005 Edna S t	\$118,0
30227 Green Acres	\$40,0
29879 Indian Trl	\$136,0
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26196 Fieldstone Dr

\$177,000	27471 Harrington Way	\$295,000
\$195,000	23552 N Rockledge	\$114,000
\$105,000	24806 Olde Orchard St	\$101,000
\$115,000	25573 Portico Ln	\$162,000
\$176,000	24982 Samoset Ct	\$543,000
\$199,000	30208 Sterling Dr	\$517,00
\$258,000	SOUTH LYON	
	135 Harvard Ave	\$150,00
\$120,000	23531 Millwood	\$502,00
	59894 Mulberry Ln	\$382,00
\$550,000	825 Pepper Dr	\$231,00
\$60,000	22210 Quail Run Cir	\$142,00
\$165,000	24616 Rosemont Dr	\$315,00
	58849 Winnowing Cir S	\$103,00
\$641,000	58926 Winnowing Cir S	\$103,00
\$440,000	24839 Winnowing Ct	\$73,000
\$280,000	SOUTHFIELD	
	29550 Everett St	\$55,000
\$343,000	18849 Lincoln Dr	\$165,00
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\$210,000	28636 Regent Ct N	\$55,00
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\$310,000	9727 Cedar Island Rd	\$208,00

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-\

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 6-10, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses,

and sales prices.			
CANTON 43599 Abbey Cir 2457 Amber Dr 1825 Delancy Cir 43556 Fleetwood Ct 50152 Hancock St 5884 Hathaway Rd 39994 Hillary Dr 8231 Holly Dr 8272 Holly Dr 42376 Metaline Dr 41124 Northwind Dr 347 Patriot St 47648 Pembroke Dr 44331 Savery Dr 43851 Simsbury St 4275 Strathmore Ln 41591 Wayside Dr	\$234,000 \$243,000 \$492,000 \$185,000 \$175,000 \$210,000 \$131,000 \$18,000 \$78,000 \$211,000 \$69,000 \$136,000 \$73,000 \$220,000 \$194,000		

GARDEN CITY	
900 Douglas St	\$82,000
430 Henry Ruff Rd	\$63,000
5713 Lathers St	\$59,000
121 Radcliff St	\$85,000
29745 Rosslyn Ave	\$100,000
28315 Sheridan St	\$58,000
LIVONIA	
35963 Ann Arbor Trl	\$142,000
9619 Arcola St	\$130,000
15429 Ashurst St	\$250,000
32127 Barkley St	\$160,000
19343 Bethany St	\$286,000
29504 Bretton St	\$118,000
34246 Burton Ln	\$188,000
10035 Camden St	\$118,000
30740 Hathaway St	\$147,000
16851 Hubbard St	\$286,000
8863 Hugh St	\$140,000
8874 Hugh St	\$95,000
38542 Lapham Ct	\$250,000
9201 Lathers St	\$124,000
28731 Lyndon St	\$148,000
37979 Mallory Dr	\$250,000
32295 Meadowbrook St	\$146,000
20380 Milburn St	\$160,000
34366 Munger Dr	\$195,000
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	17139 Victor Dr		\$342, \$369,
	PLYMOUTH		\$305,
	8967 Briarwood Dr		\$197,
	184 Caster		\$360,
	40729 Newport Dr		\$90.
	51148 Plymouth Lake	Ct	\$467,
	11701 Sycamore Dr		\$137,
	9775 Tennyson Dr		\$313,
	1480 W Ann Arbor Trl		\$289,
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\$303,000	32680 Ann Arbor Trl	\$105,000
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\$73,000	7615 N Venoy Rd	\$140,000
\$82,000	37251 Norene St	\$145,000
\$78,000	38625 Northampton St	\$103,000
\$60,000	1533 Shoemaker Dr	\$52,000
\$113,000	38272 Timberland Dr	\$247,000
\$95,000	8340 Vista Ln	\$25,000
\$85,000	578 Worchester St	\$135,000

In a building mood? Be informed, cautious

Q: I notice that there is a condo project being built out of empty shipping containers. I note that the empty shipping containers have been used overseas, but I am not aware if much of it is used in the United States. Do you have any comments?

A: Just as in any new construction, you must ensure the quality of the project by ob-

taining the proper warranties and, investigate the developer to make sure that the developer can stand behind its project. As a result of the new changes

to the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation, Act, the developers and their first board of directors are much more immune from liability, which makes the purchase of any new property more risky, but being well informed is the

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answer. Q: I am part of a small nonprofit condominium association. I recently received something from the "Division of Corporate Services," offering their services to complete our annual meeting minutes. The letter does state that we should not confuse these minute reugirements with our obligation to file an Annual Report with the State of Michigan.

Are we required to file some sort of Annual Report with the State of Michigan?

A: If you are a nonprofit corporation, you are obligated to file an Annual Report regarding the nonprofit corporation with the State of Michigan once a year, which is due on Oct. 1 every year. You have received an advertisement from someone who wants to provide services to you.

Obviously, you are shrewd enough to recognize the need to consult with an attorney and that would be your best bet in terms of ensuring that the corporate affairs of the association are properly document-

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

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

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

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

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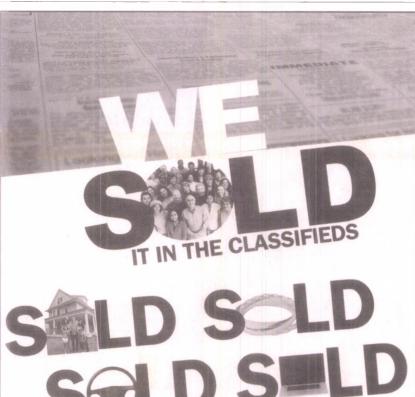
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Pros and cons of freelancing

BY MATT TARPEY **CAREERBUILDER**

ith the popularity of companies such as Uber and Instacart, there has been a rise in part-time workers who create their own schedules and work with very little oversight. And while your Uber driver may not technically be a freelancer, the freedoms these kinds of gigs provide show that the desire among workers to make their own way is still alive and well.

Think freelancing might be for you? Here are pros and cons to consider before making the leap.

Pro: Variety

For many, freelancing offers a way to break up the monotony — and not just in terms of the commute, office and schedule. Freelancers also often have more power over what kind of projects they work on, and the opportunity to work on unique projects they otherwise may never have encountered.

"I've learned so much about a huge variety of topics I would otherwise know nothing about — from tech to legal to pharmaceutical. I feel like I obtained so much interesting information about a huge variety of industries," says Abbey Finch, owner of ScribeSpace, LLC. "Plus, as a freelancer. I was exposed to differ-

ent mediums [and] different types of clients — some great, some difficult. Basically, it didn't get boring because my work was always changing."

Con: Job insecurity

However, with that freedom comes a degree of instability. "There are usually no contracts that determine your financial income as a freelancer," says Corey Barnett, founder of and consultant at Cleverly Engaged Marketing. "If you aren't putting in the hours, you won't get paid. Generally, you will have less job security than a friend employed at an actual company."

However, Barnett points out that you can create some job security by working with more clients. "If you are fired by a client or let go due to budget constraints, you should have 10 to 20 other clients you are doing work for. Give yourself more security by working with more clients, not fewer."

Pro: Better hours

One of the most common reasons workers choose to freelance is the ability to design a work schedule that fits their personal habits and lifestyle. "A definite positive of freelancing is the ability to set your own schedule and book yourself as solid as you want," says Craig C. Powell, CEO of design firm 5 Block Radius. "You can arrange your workday to whatever fits your schedule — even if that means



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nights and weekends instead of the traditional 9 to 5."

Con: Inconsistent income

Whereas full-time, salaried employees can count on regular and predictable deposits into their bank accounts, freelancers have no such luxury. As a freelancer, your income is entirely dependent on the number of clients you're working with at a given time — which can lead to some lean times when demand is down.

"This can be quite a challenge for someone who has relied on a steady paycheck for the better part of their professional career," says David Bakke, career expert at Money Crashers. "You have to be much more adept when it comes to managing your budget and making smart spending decisions. Also, paying taxes is typically your own responsibility, and you may not have the traditional option of saving for retirement through your employer's 401K plan."

Pro: Income potential

Of course, this system of payment can also work in your favor. Luck and economic conditions certainly play a role in how much work you can find as a freelancer, but so does determination. And if you're the type of person who dreams of blazing your own trail, odds are you've got that in spades.

"Your ability to make more money or less money in a month or even year is all on you," Barnett says. "It's on your skills, your contacts and your confidence to ask for higher rates."

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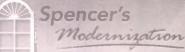
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